

Gentoo Creator Daniel Robbins: Making Linux Free and Flexible

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Open source software is a passion for some and a business for others. Daniel Robbins became "Tuxified" early in his computing education and was driven by a need to make Linux better than he found it.

Robbins created two Linux distributions: Gentoo and Funtoo. He created Gentoo Linux during his time as a systems administrator at the University of New Mexico. He released his new distro in 2002 and found it created enormous interest almost immediately. It remains one of the most high-profile, source-based Linux distributions around, even becoming the basis for Google's high-end Chrome OS.

Funtoo, meanwhile, is a project that Robbins created to extend the technologies for Gentoo.

Bringing both of his creations with him, Robbins now serves as the community manager at Zenoss.

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