

# The Linux Setup - Matt Hartley, Linux Action Show

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*A reader suggested Matt as an interview subject and I couldn't believe I hadn't reached out to him sooner. I'm most familiar with Matt's work from Linux Action Show, but as you can see, he has his hands in a lot of projects. I'm most impressed by Matt's ability to easily hop between both distributions and desktop environments. If I had Matt's setups, I feel like I'd constantly be apt-getting in OpenSUSE and looking for pacman in Ubuntu. Also, Matt strongly recommends Synapse as an application launcher/file finder. It wasn't on my radar but thanks to Matt, it now is (as is kupfer, another launcher that was recommended in the comments of this post).*

1. Who are you, and what do you do?

I'm just a long-time Linux enthusiast, currently working a variety of gigs including Jupiter Broadcasting (Linux Action Show) and at Datamation.com.

2. Why do you use Linux?

What started out as an adventure years ago became a matter of practicality today. It's fast, stable and I control the environment I choose to run with.

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