

Tell us your primary reason for wanting to work at Canonical.
Why is this the right job:

As a long-time Ubuntu user and a developer, I would like to spread the Ubuntu gospel far and wide, but feel that the lack of easily readable end-user/developer documentation is one of the big impediments to this goal (and Linux on the desktop in general).

I already try to contribute to Ubuntu via AskUbuntu as much as I can.

My experience as a prolific contributor on AskUbuntu has shown me time and again that interpreting and “translating” information from a man-page--or a changelog, or a README--into something the user understands can make the difference between sticking with Ubuntu or getting frustrated and returning to Windows.

I think a home based position would enable me to continue supporting the AskUbuntu community as much as workload allows, given that some employers might have a desire to limit time a web browser is open on corporate networks. I also think AskUbuntu is a sort of vote based community documentation portal, so the experience there would help in performing desired job functions.

I have at least a basic concept of multiple programming languages.

I have at least one PPA (a discussion on askubuntu about packaging gave way to this application).

I want to make the world a better place(OSS and FOSS both do that).

Problems I see with current documentation:

They are built for people with advanced linux knowledge (e.g. man-pages)

They assume there is a knowledge base to work with (Even non-man-pages documentation does this...I have been guilty of the same from time to time.)

Solutions I see:

Linear tutorials on doing specific tasks -

Entirely too many tutorials or documentation assume either assume a partial configuration or an ability to get the particular task to that point. This should be fixed.

Linear documentation-

Any documentation should be “zero to hero”. In my opinion this means that someone should be able to copy-paste an example into whatever format is required and it just works. The example should also be relatively similar to a real world use case.

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We're looking for people who face challenges head on and deliver against the odds.
What are you proud of?:

I completed multiple degrees in a very short period of time from an accredited university straight out of WalMart employment (I have been a hobbyist for quite some time).

I have been a speaker at ToorCon and Defcon (directly following these educational achievements and related to some of the work I did on my thesis).

I built something I thought should already exist.
This one bears noting, because I wanted Ubuntu to do something it wasn't built to do. It wound up being useful enough to be posted on Webupd8.

<http://www.webupd8.org/2012/06/lens-toggle-quickly-enable-disable.html>

That's the link for the article on Webupd8.

I may put something like a packaging for ppa linear walkthrough or a gi.repository python "lots of widgets" thing in here

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We're especially interested in the things that you're passionate about.
What really motivates you:

I want solutions.

The problem doesn't really matter. It's the work-around, solution, fix that establishes gratification.

In every talk I gave at a conference I may have appeared relatively negative. In every instance, I provided solutions to the problems I encountered. I just want there to be accessible solutions.