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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE HOSTS LINUXFEST NORTHWEST MAY 6-7

Free Event — Hot issues such as privacy, surveillance and security are among the many topics covered at this year's LinuxFest Northwest, taking place at Bellingham Technical College Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

LinuxFest Northwest is an annual Open Source event that usually draws 1,500 to 2,000 people interested in learning and sharing ideas about accessible technology. The Fest runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both days, and admission is free.

This year's event will feature about 65 presentations, with session topics that range in complexity so there are activities to interest novices and professionals alike. Topics for sessions include building Internet of Things devices, cloud security, automation, coding and more, as well as a panel with the ACLU and others to discuss online civil liberties. For a complete list of sessions, go online to www.linuxfestnorthwest.org.

In addition to the sessions, the event also will include robotics demonstrations, makerspace exhibits, great tech raffles and more.

BTC IT students build the network and help to staff the event in cooperation with the Bellingham Linux Users Group planning team.

Where & When:

Bellingham Technical College

3028 Lindbergh Avenue

Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Both days

Buildings: Campus Center Building, Settlemyer Hall (ground floor), Haskell Center Building, and G building (middle of campus)

The nearest street (in front of Haskell building) is [3000 Lindbergh Ave.](http://www.google.com/maps/place/3000+Lindbergh+Ave,+Bellingham,+WA), Bellingham, WA 98225.

About LinuxFest Organization Committee:

LinuxFest Northwest is a Washington state non-profit and Federal 501(c) (4) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. We have a lively organization committee and are always looking for new members. Please contact us if you're interested in donating to the fest, or becoming part of the organizing committee. www.linuxfestnorthwest.org

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 37 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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