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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE HOSTS 20th ANNUAL LINUXFEST NORTHWEST APRIL 26–28; EVENT INCLUDES JOB FAIR

Free Event —LinuxFest Northwest is celebrating its 20th anniversary at Bellingham Technical College this April, with an expanded event that includes a job fair Friday, April 26, followed by sessions that cover hot topics in tech Saturday and Sunday.

LinuxFest Northwest is an annual Open Source event put on by the Bellingham Linux Users Group and BTC's Information Technology department. The event 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. Saturday and Sunday**, and admission is free.

This year, the event also will be paired with the **Technology Alliance Group (TAG) Expo & Job Fair on Friday, April 26, from 3–7 p.m.** in BTC's Settlemyer Hall. TAG has been putting on the Expo & Job Fair for 11 years as a way to bring together top tech employers in the Northwest, skilled tech employees and regional STEM education opportunities.

This year's event will feature more than 100 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, responding to data security events, home automation, gaming, coding and more, even a father and his 10-year-old daughter teaching command line for all ages. The Linux Professional Institute will be offering discounted rates on its exams during the festival for those who register in advance. For a complete list of sessions, go online to www.linuxfestnorthwest.org.

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

Where and when:

LinuxFest Northwest

Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

BTC's campus, 3028 Lindbergh Avenue

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.](#), Bellingham, WA 98225.

TAG Expo & Job Fair

Friday, April 26

3–7 p.m.

Settlemyer Hall (BTC's Campus Center building)

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 39 associate degree and 55 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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