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I should preface this by saying I make my living supporting Microsoft Products. If the average user read and applied the lessons in this book I'd have to find other work to moonlight at. Work isn't going to change but the average user - not hard core gamers - average user could. Marcel GagnÃ©'s "Moving to Linux" is one of the easiest to read and easiest to follow books about Linux that I have seen and I've read a bunch of them. For me, as a Windows support person, most of the other introductory Linux books were too Linux biased. They didn't tell me how to Linux could make my life easier they just assumed everyone should understand that fact and proceeded to start by telling you how to format the partitions on your hard drive. Multiple partitions - wasn't that past that Windows had helped me escape? I wasn't starting with computers from scratch. I was starting with fairly deep background with Microsoft products. Marcel starts with the premise that one is used to Windows and simply tired of the issues in keeping it running properly. While he provides plenty of information about the command line, it comes in the back of the book after he has shown you the ease of an arguably better graphical user interface that simply works and keeps on working. I have no hesitation in saying that anyone moderately familiar with computers will be able to setup a machine that their grandparents can use and keep using. For me that has always been the test of any operating system or book on them. Will it let me set up a machine that my extended family can use that won't require me to spend my home time fixing. One of the huge advantages of Linux is live CD versions that allows one to try things out without reformatting their hard drive. Moving to Linux includes one.

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