Linux and the Operating System

Graphical Environments and Interfaces

Getting Help

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Sources of Documentation

- Linux is an open operating system which draws from a large variety of sources; as a result, the methods of getting help and obtaining documentation are myriad as well

- While the vast majority of the tasks one would pursue every day have extensive and well-made documentation organized in a relatively coherent way (already on your system), there are occasions where documentation is either missing or lacking in depth or clarity

  ○ Sometimes the developers associated with a project think everything is obvious
  ○ Sometimes it is simply that developers tend to push documentation and help facilities to the end of a project's development, and just never really get around to it before they move on to more exciting and new areas