

# Eric

Hi! I am Eric Hameleers.

I am a long time 🐧 [Slackware](#) user. My first experience with Slackware dates back to 1995, at which time it was used by my company as the OS for developer workstations where applications were written for Solaris... equipping the developers with Solaris workstations was too expensive, so we

used Slackware and a crosscompiler 😊 I had nothing to do with that project, however I used to peek at what the systems administrator was doing.

I then setup a workstation for the non-UNIX developers with a dual-boot configuration of Windows 95 plus Slackware. Windows 95 was just out and we did not even have a CDROM drive in any of our computers... and it was a nice way for people to get their fingers on two new Operating Systems... The rest is history, as they say. I became hooked to Slackware and it's underlying philosophy. I have been using it ever since on servers, desktops and laptops.

At a certain point in time, I started sending in feature requests, bug reports and general questions about Slackware. Seeing that Pat Volkerding responded and actually did something with my input was nice. I have continued to send stuff to Pat V. until present day. Try that with one of the 'popular' distros... the bugzilla's or user forums are the farthest you'll get. The reward: my own space at [Slackware dot com](#).

Anyway. Over the past years I have gained much knowledge about Slackware, Linux and UNIX in general. I have used many distributions in my daily job, and Slackware is still the distro that I'd stick onto any computer if I had it my way.

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## Some informational snippets about me that you would want to use:

- Here you will find my [GPG public key](#) (also [cached here](#))  
(Key ID: 0XA75CBDA0; GPG fingerprint: F2CE 1B92 EE1F 2C0C E97E 581E 5E56 AAAF A75C BDA0)
- [Linux registered user #199341](#)
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