

## Important message from Director of Studies

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Dear All,

The winter months have passed very quickly and spring has arrived. Spring is a wonderful time when the world around us is brimming with new life. It is always a joy to be alive when the sun is shining and the flowers blooming and reaching up for the sky. I do hope that each of you finds joy in this season of spring.

Onto academic matters, the end of term 3 is almost here and it is important to remember that assignments need to be submitted on time, so that all results can be finalised by term's end. Only in this way can we begin the next term with a fresh start.

**In addition, commencing next term, October 1, 2012, GIT Australia will no longer monitor student attendance. Instead, satisfactory course progress only will be monitored. We hope that this change will benefit students by providing them with greater flexibility in meeting their educational obligations.**

I wish you every success in your studies for the remainder of this term and should you have any concerns, my door is always open.

Kind Regards,

**Lana Harasymiv**  
Director of Studies

## NYC Announcement

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### Dear NYC Students,

A trainer is available on Thursdays during **Weeks 8-10** from 9am to 5pm on level 6 to assist you with reassessments and NYCs.

**Students who come on Thursday, will be able to do NYC re-assessments for FREE.**

To register, please contact level 2 - Reception (8639 9000) or email to [kelvin@gurkhas.edu.au](mailto:kelvin@gurkhas.edu.au) .

**IMPORTANT:** After Week 10 students will pay a \$50 fine for each outstanding assessment.

To avoid a fine, you must come on Thursdays!

## Ubuntu is now available at GIT Australia



### What is Ubuntu ?

"Ubuntu is a complete desktop Linux operating system, freely available with both community and professional support. The Ubuntu community is built on the ideas enshrined in the Ubuntu Manifesto: that software should be available free of charge, that software tools should be usable by people in their local language and despite any disabilities, and that people should have the freedom to customize and alter their software in whatever way they see fit." (source : Ubuntu)

### Ubuntu is now available at GIT Australia.

Students can take the Latest Ubuntu for a test drive on one of the computers in level 5 located just outside the computer lab(at the entrance of the computer lab).

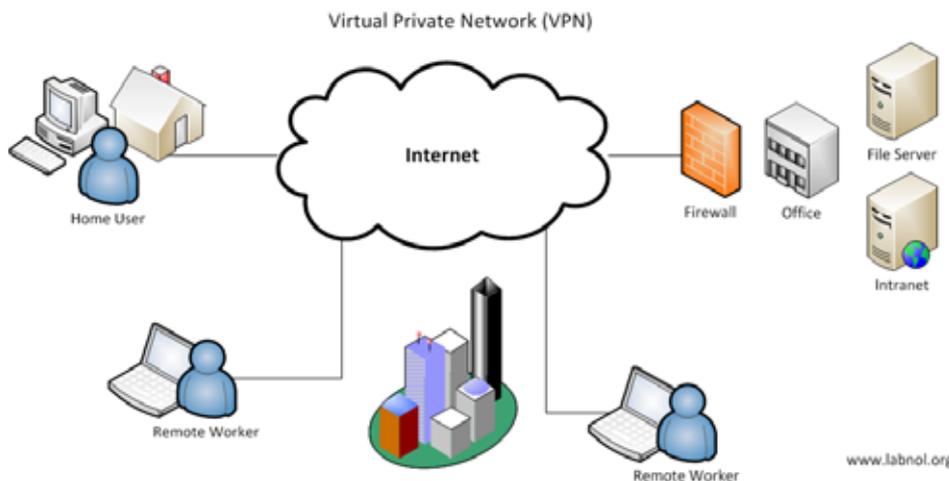
# 25 reasons to use Ubuntu

1. Ubuntu is Free and so any other Linux distro. (Saved ~ \$250)
2. You don't have to buy Office (Word, Power-point, Excel etc.) separately. It comes with OpenOffice preinstalled. (Saved ~ \$200)
3. You don't have to buy costly hardwares for the basic need. (RAM, Processor, HDD etc.)
4. Ubuntu is more stable.
5. You are free from Viruses so you don't have to buy another upgrade of Norton or any other Antivirus software. (Saved ~ \$75)
6. When you have installed Ubuntu, you don't have to install anything else to get you started with your productivity.
7. You don't have to wait for years for the bugs to get fixed. You can track them down in Ubuntu.
8. You can update everything on your system with just one update manager. No need to run separate Update manger for all the softwares you installed. (Saves your system resources.)
9. Don't get tired restarting your computer all the time. You do it almost never with Ubuntu.
10. You are free from Pirated softwares. With Ubuntu you can share it with as many people as you want and it is LEGAL.
11. Don't have to bother searching the web for new softwares. Ubuntu gets a whole lot of software free of cost to you.
12. Play hundreds of games for Free.
13. Your PC won't get slower day by day. It happens in Windows only.
14. Use MSN, AIM, ICQ, Jabber, Gtalk, Yahoo and many more with a single program. No need to install separate software for the same thing.
15. Tired of managing multiple windows on your screen. You can use workspaces to manage your work.
16. You old computer will get a second life. Because Ubuntu does not need those high resources as Windows.
17. Jump into the next generation of desktop themes with Compiz fusion and all with lot less resources than Windows Vista.
18. With Ubuntu, you are always free. Free as in Freedom and in Free Beer. Ubuntu is free and will always remain free. (Saves ~ \$200 every 2 years when Microsoft releases a new version of its operating system and you have to buy it.
19. All future upgrades of Ubuntu are provided free of cost. Upgrades are released every 6 months.
20. Upgrades are installed automatically. You don't have to bother about losing your data and redoing lots of personalization. \*Edit\* The updates are installed with your permission and only if you want them...not in the background without you knowing it. – Thanks freeber – A Ubuntu User
21. You can tweak your desktop wallpaper or any other setting the way you want it. You can make it look like Windows or Mac (if you want.). You can even get the sidebar you were fascinated in Vista.
22. You don't have to defrag your hard disk every now and then to boost the performance. Ubuntu does it for you automatically.
23. You don't have to go to a shop to buy operating system. You can download it anytime you want it and burn it on a CD. You can even burn it on a re-writable CD to save some CDs.
24. Thousand of user are there to help you with when you are stuck. Become a part of Ubuntuforums.
25. You will get free and Long Term Support (LTS) for Ubuntu. – Source ( Anurag's blog )



## Are you safe on the internet?

# A Secure network connection over a public network (eg: internet) = VPN



Virtual Private Network, better known as VPN is attracting more users these days. The rate of growth in the IT Sector has been overwhelming and with that also comes security threats and issues. Viruses, worms, trojans, keyword tracker are plenty out there on the internet and they have been disguised to crawl into your computers.

Imagine, if all your emails that you are sending, the websites that you are visiting, the things that you are downloading and what if you are being monitored ?

VPN technology enables remote users to securely connect to a private network (eg: internet).

## Why VPN?

### 1. Security

VPN connections are, of course, encrypted, with levels ranging from 128-bit to 256-bit, depending on your provider.

### 2. Bypassing Blocked Websites

Surely you have come across videos on YouTube or other Web services like Hulu, Netflix etc that you couldn't access just because you're not located inside the US.

### 3. Cost

This might be the deal breaker for some. There are some free solutions out there.

«Unless you're on the list of most wanted men, and an army of hackers are after you, a VPN service will strengthen your computer against intrusions — especially when connecting to public hotspots; a VPN can minimize threats. You're practically immune against hotspot sniffing.- Eskay (a regular blogger)».

## List of FREE VPNs

1. **PD-Proxy VPN:** Free 100MB/day - Browse securely and anonymously using PD-Proxy VPN.
2. **DroidVPN:** The Best VPN App for android phones and android tablets.
3. **Hotspotshield VPN:** Anchor Free's free VPN service is one of the more popular free VPN services.
4. **ExpatsShield VPN:** Browse anonymously and take full control over who can see your personal information.
5. **ProVPN:** Get your free account instantly and start connecting to the Internet securely with proVPN.
6. **SpotFlux:** Spotflux is a more private, safe, and free internet experience.
7. **SecurityKISS Tunnel:** SecurityKISS Tunnel redirects all your online traffic through an impenetrable tunnel to their security gateway.
8. **RealVPN:** They are currently giving free beta accounts so what are you waiting for? Get one now!
9. **Mullvad VPN:** Communicate anonymously and without getting spied on.
10. **HideMan:** They provide a free 5 hour VPN connection every week.



**RESUME WORKSHOP**

**Workshop will be organised soon for our students.**

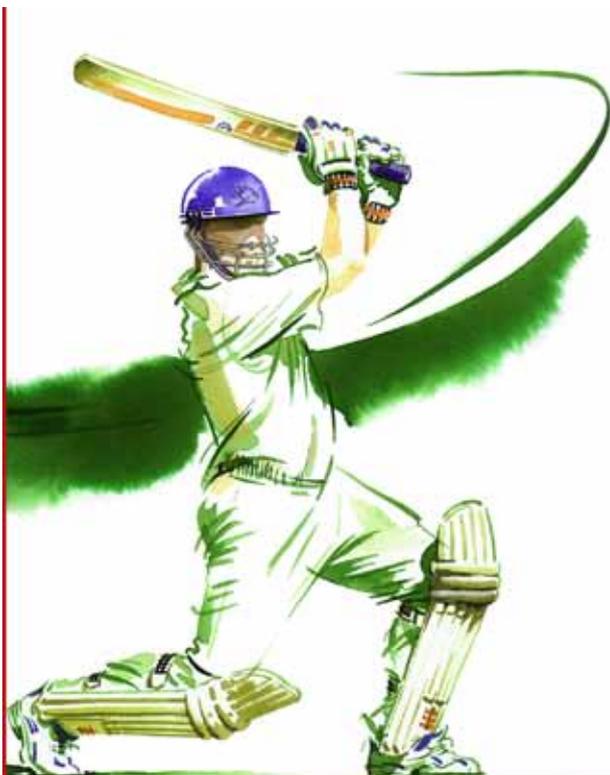
**Please feel free to register your name in Level 8 (library).**

We will decide on dates according to maximum availability days of all registered students.

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**Come hit a sixer in GIT Cricket Tournament**

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**Dear Students,**

We are organising Internal Cricket Tournament soon.  
If you are interested, please register your name at Level-8 (library),  
alternatively, you can email to [evolve@gurkhas.edu.au](mailto:evolve@gurkhas.edu.au) .

We will be making a total of 3 teams.  
2 GIT students team and 1 GIT staff team.

**GIT STUDENTS' CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2012**

**Register now  
at Level - 8 (Library)**

**\*ONLY FOR CURRENT & PAST GIT STUDENTS**



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