

Chapter 13

Getting Help

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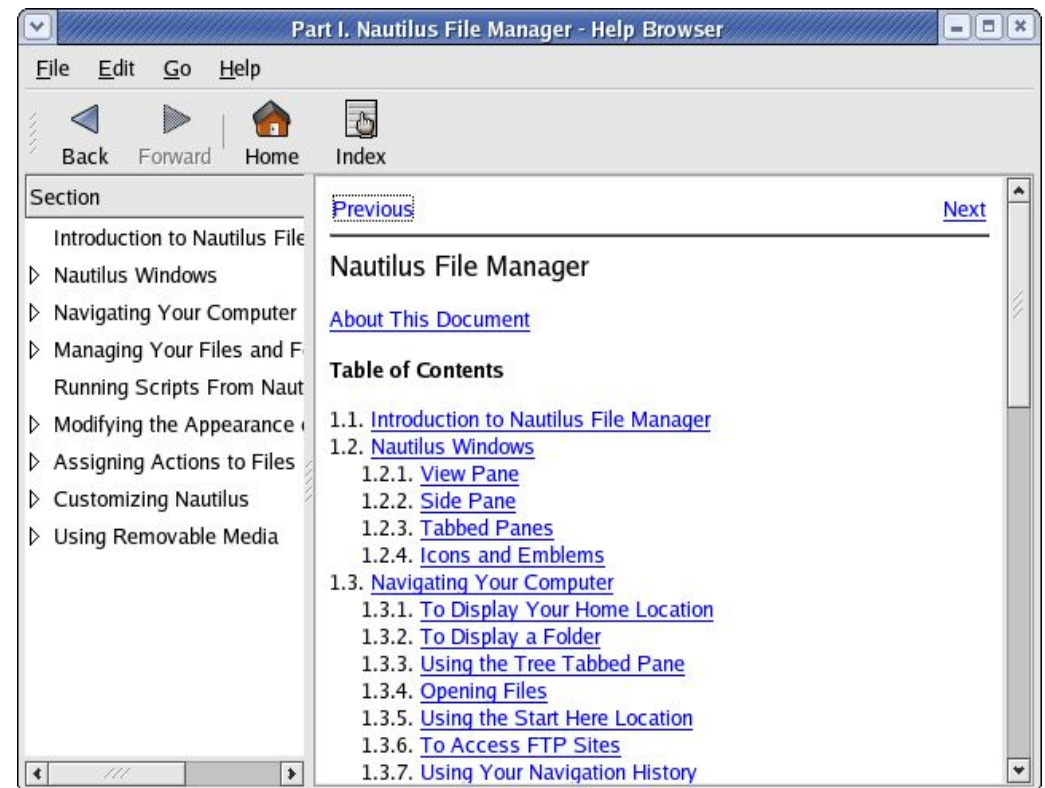
- Online documentation
- Help resources from the Internet
 - Applications specific
 - Linux distributions and vendors
 - Linux general
 - Free and Open Source Software

Online Help

- Much help available as online documentation on the system itself
- Online help documentation is available from,
 - the Help selection from the Main Menu
 - an application's Help system
 - *man* and *info* commands

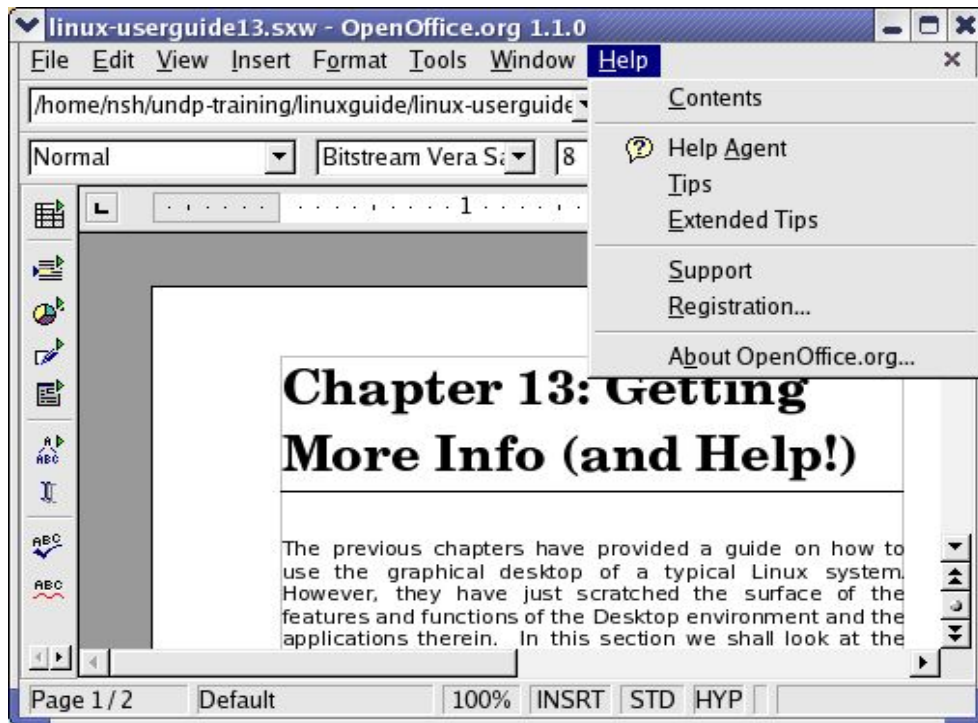
Desktop Help

- Main Menu --> Help
- Select category
- Desktop --> Nautilus File Manager



Application Help

- Top main menubar – help button



Man and Info Pages

- **man** and **info** commands from the command line
- Open a terminal to get a shell
 - Main Menu --> System Tools --> Terminal
- **man** *command* e.g.
 - man rm
- **info** *command* e.g.
 - info cp

The Internet (WWW)

- WWW contains a lot of information on the software and systems discussed
 - Websites of specific software projects
 - Websites of specific Linux distributions and/or vendors
 - General Linux websites
 - General Open Source websites
- Websites referenced above contain links to other resources:
 - other websites
 - mailing lists
 - discussion forums

Specific Software

- GNOME – www.gnome.org
- KDE – www.kde.org
- The Freedesktop Project – www.freedesktop.org
- OpenOffice.org – www.openoffice.org
- Mozilla – www.mozilla.org
- Ximian Evolution - www.novell.com/products/evolution/
- gToaster – gnometoaster.rulez.org
- Sane - www.sane-project.org
- XSane – www.xsane.org
- MPlayer - www.mplayerhq.hu
- Xine – xinehq.de
- XMMS - www.xmms.org
- gThumb – gthumb.sourceforge.net

Linux Distros

- Fedora Linux – fedora.redhat.com
- Debian Linux – www.debian.org
- Slackware Linux – www.slackware.org
- Redhat Linux – www.redhat.com
- SuSE Linux – www.suse.com
- Mandrake Linux – www.linux-mandrake.com
- ...
- ... many. many, many more
- ... (for links and information on many Linux and other OSS operating system distributions see the Distrowatch website below)
- Distrowatch – www.distrowatch.org

General Linux Websites

- Linux Online – www.linux.org
- Linux.com – www.linux.com
- Linux.net – www.linux.net
- Linux Headquarters – www.linuxhq.com
- LinuxHQ.org – www.linuxhq.org
- Linxu Today – www.linuxtoday.com
- The Linux Documentation project – www.tldp.org
- Linuxquestions.org - www.linuxquestions.org
- The Linux Standard Base Project – www.linuxbase.org
- Linux Journal – www.linuxjournal.com
- Linux Gazette - www.linuxgazette.com
- Linux Compatible - www.linuxcompatible.org

Free/OSS Websites

- The Open Source Initiative – www.opensource.org
- The Free Software Foundation – www.fsf.org
- Sourceforge – sourceforge.net
- Freshmeat – freshmeat.net
- Newsforge – www.newsforge.com
- Open Source Development Network – www.osdn.com
- Slashdot – slashdot.org
- International Open Source Network – www.iosn.net
- The Asian Open Source Centre – www.asiaosc.org
- OSNews - www.osnews.com

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