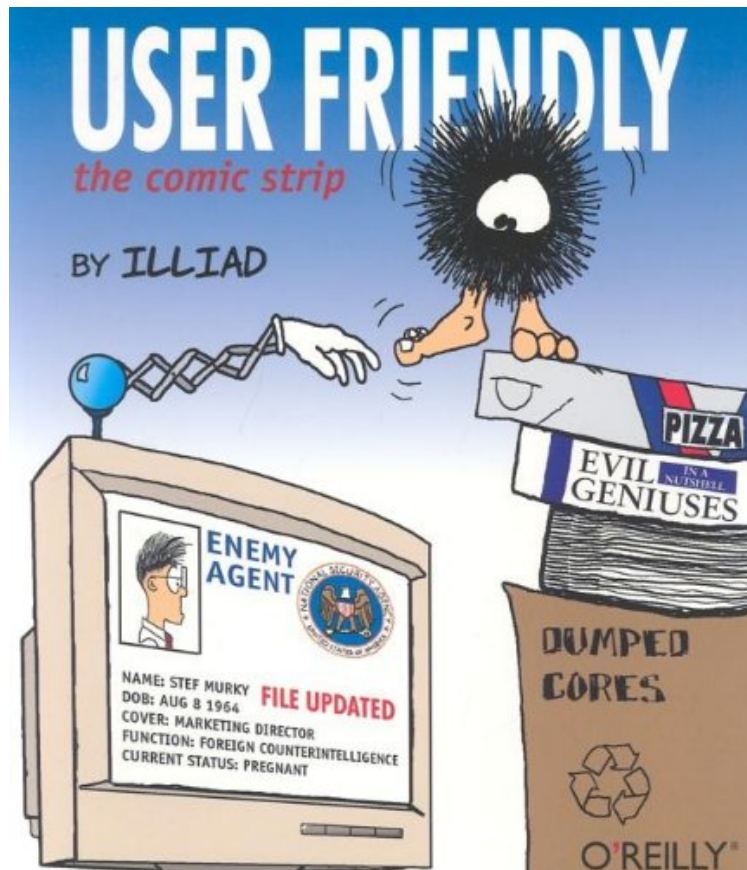


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of the bestBy John BergerThis book is a must not only for the computer geek (meant lovingly, of course) but also for the families that have to deal with computer geeks like me. After going through the first few pages, everyone will be able to associate with the hysterical situations that are placed before us: the incessant need to finish that computer game, talking with :) and :P instead of (horrors!) real words, how geeks pick up women, and other stereotypes (and also realities) of those of us who are infatuated with computers. Whereas Dilbert requires an understanding of corporate life to really understand the humor, User Friendly requires only someone who has to deal with people whose lives revolve around computers - at work AND at home. If there's a computer geek in your life, you need this book - for yourself as well as your significant cyborg. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mythical ISP accurately mirrors working in an ISPBy Maria JAfter running an ISP for 17 years, this has been my all time favorite comic strip. It's about a mythical ISP. The reason why it was so funny for my staff and myself was because a lot of the wacky out there situations in the comic strip actually happened in our world. And because these situations happened a lot, we decided to make it required reading for new hires before they

ever talked with a customer.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. User very friendlyBy Brett BydairkAn on-line comic strip for the computer geek, this is the first collection.

User Friendly tells the story of Columbia Internet, "the friendliest, hardest-working, and most neurotic little Internet Service Provider in the world." Take three techs, two salespeople, a designer, two executives, a couple of administrative staff, mix in a mischievous Artificial Intelligence and a "dust puppy" born from the innards of a mega server, put them all together in a crowded little office, and you have the makings of one of the most off-beat, original, and funny comic strips to come along in years. User Friendly reads like Dilbert for the open-source community. Already in syndication in The National Post, one of Canada's leading national newspapers, and with a massive online following, it provides outsiders a lighthearted look at the world of the hard-core geek, and allows those who make their living dwelling in this world a chance to laugh at themselves.

.com Yes, it's a cliché, but it's true enough to be worth repeating: User Friendly is to the open-source world what Dilbert is to swarming hives of Windows cubicles. Set in an ISP company that keeps getting bought and sold, the constant remains a team of cynical, hilarious techies. M.B.A.s and marketers drift in and out, as do CEOs, often making statements like, "I can't surf the Web. I think the Internet is broken." For anyone who's dealt with similar situations, User Friendly is the ultimate in-joke. To be fair, the comic is pretty basic in layout and execution. No one will confuse this book with a graphic novel, since the visuals basically exist only to further the punch line. (Think of a stripped-down Bloom County and you're getting close.) Lots of the jokes involve goofy, clichéd rants about the beauty of Quake, Linux, and Star Wars--the holy trinity for a white, wired, 18-26 year-old male audience. But when the author, Illiad, nails the bloated bureaucracy that exists in the tech working world, it's a laugh-out-loud payoff. In one comic, a new "suit" walks into the tech den and asks, What's "one thing that makes your job difficult, and we'll see about eliminating that." The chorus erupts: "Meetings." The new boss replies: "Very good. Now let's spend a few hours discussing why meetings make you unproductive." A comic that tilts at windmills and Windows, it's clear why User Friendly has developed such a strong online cult following. --Jennifer BuckendorffAbout the AuthorJ.D. "Illiad" Frazer is the CIO and Creative Director for userfriendly.org, the leading IT-oriented cartoon site on the Web today. J.D. is a frustrated elk-herder who fell into cartooning because nobody else is brave enough to make fun of some of the most intelligent, devious, and powerful people in the world. He is a member of the National Cartoonists Society and continues to fly all over hell's half-acre delivering keynote speeches and half-baked opinions to bewildered audiences at conferences. He is an advocate of open source computing, an opponent of anything that legislates what people should think, and gets into a lot of trouble when he's left alone in nuclear power stations.