

About CJ Fearnley
President & CEO, LinuxForce Inc. and
Executive Director, Synergetics Collaborative



Summary

CJ Fearnley was an early leader in the adoption and implementation of Linux and Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) in Philadelphia. In 1993, he recognized the emerging value of the Linux operating system. Through his leadership position in the Philadelphia Area Computer Society (PACS), he began introducing Linux to organizations in the Greater Philadelphia region. At PACS, he organized monthly presentations on Linux and FOSS and wrote 29 columns in the organization's print periodical, *The Databus*. He then founded and helped build Philadelphia's premiere Linux user group, the Philadelphia area Linux User Group (PLUG), where he continues to facilitate its first Wednesday meetings. After helping to establish a community and culture for Linux and FOSS in Philadelphia, CJ started building his first company, LinuxForce, to be the "go-to" firm for organizations wanting to realize the promise and power of Linux. LinuxForceSM is a leading technology services provider specializing in the development, implementation, management and support of Linux-based systems, with a particular expertise in Debian GNU/Linux. LinuxForce provides remote Linux systems management services to clients including The Franklin Institute Science Museum, the University of the Arts, and the Aker Philadelphia Shipyard.

In addition, CJ Fearnley has applied his organizational and leadership talent to building Buckminster Fuller's legacy. CJ published an essay "Reading Synergetics: Some Tips" to help students of Fuller's magnum opus, *Synergetics: Explorations in the Geometry of Thinking*, wade through that complex, multi-dimensional tome. He started maintaining "The R. Buckminster Fuller FAQ" on the Internet in 1994. His early work on Buckminster Fuller was featured in an extensive interview published by *Dome Magazine* in 1999. In 2002 CJ started building The Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC) as an organization to bring together people with an interest in Synergetics' methods and principles in workshops, symposia, seminars, and other meetings. In November 2005, SNEC organized its third international symposium "Synergetics in the Arts" held at the Noguchi Museum in New York City and attended by over 75 people from around the world.

CJ received his BA in Mathematical Sciences and Philosophy from Binghamton University in 1989 where he was a Regents Scholar and has done graduate work at Drexel University. CJ was named to the Philadelphia Business Journal's 2006 "40 Under 40" List as one of the region's most accomplished young professionals.

Basic Biography

- 1967** Born Christopher J. (“CJ”) Fearnley in Troy, NY.
- 1985** Graduates from Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, NY.
- 1989** Graduates from Binghamton University with a B.A. in Mathematical Sciences and Philosophy.
- 1991** Publishes an essay “Reading Synergetics: Some Tips” in *Trimtab*.
- 1993** Begins exploring Linux with kernel 0.99.13 and the SLS distribution.
Begins leading the Unix SIG leader at PACS (Philadelphia Area Computer Society).
Begins writing 29 columns on Unix/Linux for *The Databus* (1993–1997).
- 1994** Posts version 1.0 of the The R. Buckminster Fuller FAQ to the Internet.
- 1995** Initiates the formation of the Philadelphia area Linux User Group (PLUG).
Begins a Linux consultancy which later becomes LinuxForce, Inc.
- 1997** Publishes the first draft of the essay “Integrity: An Essay on God” on the web.
- 1998** Posts version 1.1 of the Buckminster Fuller FAQ
- 1999** Initiates the formation of the Philadelphia Area Debian Society (PADS).
Incorporates LinuxForce Inc. with Buck Fleming.
Posts versions 1.2 and 1.3 of the Buckminster Fuller FAQ.
Major interview published in *Dome Magazine* in the Winter 1999–2000 issue, pp. 18–25.
- 2001** Incorporates AdminForce Remote LLC with Buck Fleming.
- 2002** Begins organizing the Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC).
Presents an essay on “The Search for an Algebra or Calculus for Synergetics” to SNEC.
Presents an essay on “Synergetics and Linux” to SNEC.
Posts version 1.4 of the Buckminster Fuller FAQ.
- 2003** Assumes the position of President & CEO of LinuxForce, Inc.
Presents a talk “Linux and Synergetics” at a PLUG meeting.
Profiled in the July–August 2003 issue of *BU Alumni Connect*.
Begins writing out his Business Philosophy.
- 2004** Publishes a compilation, “The Triangle: A One-Page Primer”.
Publishes a paper with Jeannie Moberly on “Supercircles” in the Proceedings for the 2004 Bridges.
Delivers an invited presentation on Linux to Delaware Valley Chapter of the ICCA.
- 2005** Publishes “An Introduction to Linux and Open Source” in *Consulting Matters*.
Delivers a presentation “UNIX/Linux Overview For Law Enforcement Personnel” for the FBI.
Delivers a presentation “Open Source Software for Higher Mathematics” to PLUG.
- 2006** Named to the Philadelphia Business Journal’s 2006 “40 Under 40” List.

Current Positions

- President & CEO, LinuxForce, Inc., <http://www.LinuxForce.net>
- Executive Director, Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC), <http://Synergeticists.org>
- Meeting Facilitator / Emcee, Philadelphia Linux User Group (PLUG), <http://www.PhillyLinux.org>

Memberships

- Buckminster Fuller Institute
- Philadelphia Linux User Group (PLUG)
- The Philadelphia Area Debian Society (PADS)
- Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC)
- American Mathematical Society (AMS)
- GENI: Global Energy Network Initiative
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)
- IEEE Computer Society
- IEEE Engineering Management Society

Corporations and Organizations Founded

- LinuxForce, Inc., <http://www.LinuxForce.net>
- AdminForce Remote LLC, <http://www.AdminForce.net>
- Philadelphia Linux User Group (PLUG), <http://www.phillylinux.org>
- Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC), <http://synergeticists.org>
- The Philadelphia Area Debian Society (PADS), <http://CJFearnley.com/pads>
- The Bucky Fuller SpaceShip Earth Club, SUNY-Binghamton, 1989