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Thread: [Most stable Ubuntu version](#)

Chronocide - September 21, 2012, 9:52 pm

I'm wanting to switch from Mint OS over to Ubuntu, I used Ubuntu years back (before they made the default background purple, I believe it used to be orange?) Anyways. What do you guys think is the most stable version of Ubuntu? Is the latest version stable or should I get an older version?

Any suggestions?

EDIT: i've also been considering going to Debian instead of Ubuntu..yay?nay? :p

Ignition - September 21, 2012, 9:54 pm

Just get the new one, and install a light weight desktop, or WM. I have the new one with that and it's not all bad :P

Chronocide - September 21, 2012, 9:55 pm

would you mind briefly explaining what a light weight desktop / WM is? :p

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J_rock - September 21, 2012, 10:38 pm

Give Lubuntu a try! It's an LXDE variant of Ubuntu and is very light weight! No unity or bloat.

Mehow - September 21, 2012, 11:35 pm

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WM is a window manager.

Here's some info: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X_window_manager

Processor - September 21, 2012, 11:51 pm

I have used debian forever and will love it forever <3

The.Bronze.Shroud - September 22, 2012, 1:49 am

Ubuntu 10.04 is the most stablest out of all of them. However most things on it are out of date like Gnome2 and i think the GDM Login Manager has reached end of life too.

If you want a truly light weight distro give bodhi a shot. You hardly get anything installed just the e17 window manager and midori and lterminal and synaptic. Its a very light weight distro yet what it can do rivals KDE.

Your mum - September 22, 2012, 3:10 am

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tejasnmchavan - September 22, 2012, 5:29 am

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Ubuntu can be classed as a stable distribution, just like windows is considered stable although it's a nightmare due to its insecurities. Compared to Debian, Ubuntu doesn't know the definition of stability.

23732 - September 22, 2012, 6:43 am

I have Ubuntu as main OS on my laptop, and it has had it's problems, but I like it.

But if you are a inexperienced Linux user, you're better of with Ubuntu. I've been a Linux user for about 4 months now, and trying Debian for the first time was hard.

Chronocide - September 22, 2012, 8:16 am

Well I've been reading a book on linux os and I think I'm starting to get it :D would debian run WINE smoothly (I have a cusom built gaming rig and would like to only use Linux, but sadly I need Windows for steam/gaming)

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Chronocide - September 22, 2012, 10:24 am

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Stick with Debian, by far in my opinion the best Linux distribution out there. Debian is incredibly stable, which version did you get? I just installed Debian 6.0.5 with the FreeBSD kernel on my new laptop. Gnome on Debian should be 2.x which is my favourite version even if I don't use it that would be my preference over 3.x and it's also one or two releases forward from when gnome introduced theming.

You could use fluxbox WM, or any other WM like I said but I was only stating that because I didn't think the OP would be able to use Debian. On debian you don't have gnome 3 hogging everything and if gnome 2.x is hogging for you then you'll have to back up onto a WM instead of using a DE. It's only essential if you are paranoid about memory usage or if you are running servers.

Zero_Luffy - September 22, 2012, 10:40 am

Ubuntu Ultimate :) is most stable and very few bug

pac - September 22, 2012, 11:05 am

Do not install Ubuntu(neither version) although elderly ones are more stable. If you are inexperienced linux user and you don't want/don't care to learn, go for Mint.

Debian is the best choice.

And, btw, listen to Robby, he's very experienced and very trust able when it comes to linux. :)

Chronocide - September 22, 2012, 12:00 pm

(Sep 22, 2012 11:05 AM)pac Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you are inexperienced linux user and you don't want/don't care to learn, go for Mint.

I've been using Mint like the last week and I don't believe its very stable :/ and it was easy, made me feel like a pro at Linux and I, by no means, am a pro at Linux. So I decided to switch to another distro xP

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Well I have a custom built gaming PC so I should be fine xP But I do want to use somewhat of a lightweight DE if it will have better performance because I am trying to be able to run my games on Linux via wine (while keeping a framerate of at least 60 FPS -that is, until VALVe ports over Steam to Linux). But then again, I want something that also looks decent because if I could get my gaming working on Linux at a decent framerate, I would be getting rid of Windows completely xP

ps: im on a dualboot atm w/ Debian / Windows7

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Remember to get winetricks and playonlinux, they will assist you when trying to get certain games working. It's only really a matter of CPU and RAM usage, if you can do gnome 2.x fine that's alright since most people do. Only got one core and 200MB RAM then yeah i'd say head over to a WM and grab a 3-4GB Swap space partition. SWAP acts as virtual RAM and is also used for hibernation mode so theoretically if you have 4GB+ of ram and don't intend on using the hibernation feature like myself then you don't need a swap partition.

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Space Ship Rider - September 22, 2012, 12:38 pm

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Chronocide - September 22, 2012, 12:42 pm

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The early Crunchbang releases were based on Ubuntu and the later were based on Debian. So the current 10.x release is based on Debian. Ubuntu is based on Debian, but made shit and bloated.

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You'll be fine, you can't have too much. At least you won't have to worry about being RAM fucked.

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I did but unfortunately everyone in here has massive cocks, it's an unfortunate distraction that keeps me clinging on.