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Thread: [Which Linux Distribution?](#)

Cytax - September 19, 2017, 7:00 pm

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Faith Connors - September 19, 2017, 7:08 pm

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Thanks for the reply man, I'll look into them.

Deany - September 19, 2017, 7:33 pm

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bruh mint is good it's win7 clone

THC - September 19, 2017, 7:36 pm

I've always had issues with elementary installation, even though its a fucking beautiful linux distro.

I would recommend Ubuntu for now, super simple and clean. Good for a beginner. I use Ubuntu as my main OS currently with my other hard drive running windows (have not booted into windows in a couple months). If you have some usb drives laying around you can always create a handful of liveboot usbs to try out different distros, or create a couple VMs before you decide.

Check out...

Elementary

Mint

Ubuntu

Arch

opensuse

Asdethprime - September 19, 2017, 11:14 pm

Ubuntu for me. It's stable, been using it for nearly 2 years now. Never had a problem.

Super friendly for beginner.

allhellno - September 19, 2017, 11:46 pm

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If your goal is simply to learn/familiarize yourself with linux one option you could consider is the Windows Subsystem for Linux that can be enabled on Windows 10. This would provide you with a decent learning environment without going through the hassle of installing a new OS. Not to mention you get to keep your Windows installation which I would say hands down is more of a "daily task" OS than any linux distro. That being said Ubuntu is not a bad option either, but I've never really used linux as a desktop OS so I'm definitely no expert on which flavor is the best.

mstrmn - September 20, 2017, 12:01 am

It wasn't intended for daily use but I'm using Kali with non root user also for non pentesting tasks and it's working fine.

lonnyBeGude - September 20, 2017, 12:54 am

Ubuntu because any question you have about it or issue, you will find it answered somewhere on Stack overflow or Ubuntu Forums.

Asdethprime - September 20, 2017, 1:36 am

For the record, I use ubuntu for day to day operation. Being doing the same for 2 years now.

It's has OpenOffice where you can create MSOFFICE documents, it has built in Transmission (bit torrent) and has built in browser (firefox).

Personally, I did not quite like firefox so if you are like me try the following (once you install ubuntu)

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Code sudo apt purge firefox
sudo apt autoremove
sudo apt update
sudo apt install chromium-browser
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GlycoL - September 20, 2017, 8:13 am

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Faith Connors - September 20, 2017, 8:17 am

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Sorry to say that ubuntu just werks, while youll spend a week getting your sound to work on arch.

Also obligatory "mom, cancel my meetings, pacman fucked up my xorg.conf again!"

GlycoL - September 20, 2017, 8:19 am

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Links with info will suffice.

Faith Connors - September 20, 2017, 8:27 am

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Major distributions admittedly aren't that bad, but there are always issues with not widely used hardware, for instance I have an Archer T8 wireless adapter with a BCM4360 chipset. Despite having b43 and wl drivers available, they rarely just work; and it took me a while with reinstalling and reconfiguring it all to work. Not to mention b43 isn't usually installed by default.

To anyone with experience with Linux that doesn't sound too bad but for a beginner they'll get scared and shy away if they have to spend more time getting it to work than actually using it for daily tasks. Ubuntu has a bigger community as well making it easier to find answers to specific questions on their forum.

Shoe - September 20, 2017, 8:31 am

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Nope. Malware escapes that subsystem so easily. Let's stray away from Bash on Windows 10. At this point you may as well pop a Linux distro into a VM.

THC - September 20, 2017, 9:40 am

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Nvidia has a history of compatibility issues with Linux distros.

Getting my 950M to work with an Ubuntu install was a bit of work - I've currently got the GPU working, however I still have issues with stuff like glitched window borders when waking from suspend, etc etc.

Wireless can be a bit buggy as well.

Hell, I even had to spend a bit of time to get my trackpad recognized and working.

SIM-3615281 - September 20, 2017, 11:36 am

Ubuntu is good to learn with. It will teach you the basics and if you know them you can also switch to something a bit more difficult like Debian

J?son - September 20, 2017, 11:37 am

Go for Xubuntu if you want a good experience

LastSession - September 20, 2017, 11:47 am

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lwristis - September 20, 2017, 11:52 am

(Sep 20, 2017 11:47 AM)LastSession Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't rather Ubuntu for linux babies?
yes and no. linux boils down to preference and since ubuntu is such a favored distro it gets
suggested a lot and people stick with it. rinse repeat

Death - September 20, 2017, 11:54 am

Ubuntu is for babies, Debian is for men. ?

lwrists - September 20, 2017, 11:55 am

(Sep 20, 2017 11:54 AM)linuxdaddy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ubuntu is for babies, Debian is for men. ?
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(Sep 20, 2017 11:55 AM)oxid Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what's arch for? madmen?
Its whatever you like anyway

LastSession - September 20, 2017, 11:58 am

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iron men

MonetizeMaster - September 20, 2017, 12:00 pm

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It's doing the job

lwrists - September 20, 2017, 12:01 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 12:00 PM)RavenTail Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm using Kali and it's based on debian
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not the best daily driver unless you work in pentesting

LastSession - September 20, 2017, 12:03 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 12:00 PM)RavenTail Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm using Kali and it's based on debian
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lwrists - September 20, 2017, 12:05 pm

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which I am, but I doubt many are.

Wolf - September 20, 2017, 12:08 pm

Plan9 from Bell labs is cool and easy to use. Also lightweight.

sw0p - September 20, 2017, 12:08 pm

I fell in Love with Manjaro :) i love it!

lwrists - September 20, 2017, 12:13 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 12:08 PM)???t Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Plan9 from Bell labs is cool and easy to use. Also
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Upon doing some research, it seems as if Plan9 is really for diehard fans of computers ha. Not your
typical os

allhellno - September 20, 2017, 12:21 pm

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Real men use gentoo

Wolf - September 20, 2017, 12:33 pm

- From official website

lwrist - September 20, 2017, 12:33 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 12:33 PM)???t Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)
can i see a screenshot of your set up?

krys0ft - September 21, 2017, 5:29 am

After all these years I stayed at debian distros. I running some time on suse linux, but some software working only on debian distros or its closed source or just simply on debian exists faster way to make it work.. Why should I spend my time to compiling some dependencies and wasting my time? Okay I just compiling linux from scratch but its for fun and understanding how it works under the hood, its good for this purpose but not for everyday use and especially for developing or doing another some productive stuffs.. It's my opinion. I using before some time on older hardware crunchbang linux (now bunsenlabs) its very minimalistic distro with openbox running on pure debian. I loved this distro, fast as hell, clean environment, lightweight, but probably not for modern high power desktop, maybe next my os will be QubesOS, looks very effective with secured layers and I'm using many VM's and could be the good choice for it..

Kumara - September 21, 2017, 5:31 am

I personally use Backbox 5 for my main distribution.

It's completely open source, which is a huge plus.

Check it out here: <https://backbox.org/>

Cytax - September 21, 2017, 5:35 am

Thanks for all the replies guys. Nice to see the community help someone!

#Skyline - September 21, 2017, 6:10 am

I just use CentOS if I'm hosting a service on the net. Debian for my devices.

Jake???????????????? - September 22, 2017, 6:56 pm

I use Ubuntu as a noobie. :)

lwrist - September 22, 2017, 7:07 pm

(Sep 22, 2017 06:56 PM)Disinterested Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I use Ubuntu as a noobie. :)
Hi yes, is that your husky?