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Thread: [Which linux you using as main?](#)

Thelazygeek - July 18, 2019, 12:01 pm

Hello

Planning to get back to linux in the past i had use platform like
Antergos linux
Majaro
Linux mint

Wonder a bit which linux do you guys use as main os i am looking for something which i can fully customized i be using it also i can setup all my privacy setup vpn proxy.and files encryption a

Cannot Compute - July 18, 2019, 6:57 pm

Antergos has been killed off, if you're wanting to customize your stuff you may as well just install Arch and call it a day.

Deathbox - July 19, 2019, 3:45 am

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Thanks a lot i give a try

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Gotta love Debian. I used to love FreeBSD as well but that was a very long time ago. I'm fond of the FreeBSD handbook, it taught me a lot. Yeah FreeBSD's network stack is probably why it's most used as hosting platform for large scale projects and websites. Arch is cool too, it was comparable to FreeBSD in the sense that it lets you build your own system. I liked FreeBSD's ports tree especially in FreeBSD 8.3 because the only way to get classic gnome 2.0 (not fallback, original) was to use the ports tree. They've probably phased that out now but I'm used to gnome 3 these days.

Good luck @OP, feel free to give me a shout.

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That's good to hear! I briefly used Linux mint as my introduction to Linux a long time ago. I was given a PC magazine and with it came a DVD. One side orange label, the other was green. It was Ubuntu 8 or Mint 8 and I couldn't get ubuntu to work but mint was flawless. I got to use mint on some laptops I've done for family as half my family use Linux mint as a Windows alternative because they would get riddled with viruses after not so long with a fresh windows installation.

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If you're having troubles with unmet dependencies, make sure you only add repos to the source list that are made for your distribution and version. Best to just avoid PPA all together in my opinion. Basically ignore ubuntu guides that tell you to add a repo via PPA or source list unless you know it's for your system. For example don't install a PPA designated for ubuntu trusty when you're using Debian buster. Best to always get the package from maintainer first in .deb format and tarball if you cannot find a .deb or package in the official repositories.

I prefer to install .deb, if it isn't available install a debian repo to the /etc/apt/sources.list that has said package. If that doesn't exist, I use a tarball. A lot of people have given snaps some good recommendations as well. This is how you generally avoid what's known as Linux dependency hell.

urns - July 22, 2019, 1:22 pm

Debian is the way to go ;))

GnosticPlayers - July 22, 2019, 2:02 pm

I was using Arch (Black Arch), but I moved to Ubuntu ^_^

smelltheglove - July 24, 2019, 2:37 pm

as many have said, debian ftw. I'd like to second the comment about only adding the needed repos to your source list. makes a world of a difference.

MavenGradle - July 25, 2019, 10:44 am

Depends on your needs. If you want to support older hardware, Debian or it's many forked distro's

are usually the way to go. If you're like me and prefer bleeding edge but still stable you'll probably want to look into Fedora.

On the other hand, if you want the latest and greatest you'll probably be looking at an Arch distro like Manjaro. Do keep in mind that installing updates will have a high probability of breaking your entire userspace or driverspace. If you're hardcore and want to do everything yourself, you could just fork Arch or hell, use Arch and build up from there. It's honestly not as hard as you might think to create your own distro fork.

pid999 - July 26, 2019, 10:43 pm

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it's simple & ez to me ?

pointandlaugh - July 30, 2019, 6:10 am

I use Arch, btw

Seriously though, I've been using *NIX long enough that I hate big bloated distros for my own machines, but I got the Gentoo silliness out of my system years ago. Arch is a nice in between option, minimal but with good binary packages and a fantastic wiki

SIM-3257834 - July 31, 2019, 5:40 pm

Just linux mint, have no reason to switch considering it just works out of the box. Tails is a good alternative for VMs use.

kawaii - August 1, 2019, 7:56 pm

I'm running Ubuntu on my laptop, Arch on my desktop at work and Debian for all my servers.

Android 17 - August 1, 2019, 7:59 pm

I'm currently using Arch. I just like the whole "customize exactly what you want" idea.

No bloat and completely customizable.

Jadzia - August 2, 2019, 6:59 am

Ubuntu Mate on my main laptop and 2 of my RPi's, Manjaro on a small laptop I bought a few months ago. I'd like to get back to Arch at some point. Just like the idea of knowing exactly what's installed.

Yuulsako - August 2, 2019, 8:41 am

Fedora, both for work and home use, Lutris for games, and i3 as my window manager.

Anonz8 - August 4, 2019, 5:09 pm

trisquel os

its free and open source

Dead Presidents - August 4, 2019, 10:56 pm
Ubuntu.

I wish i could use Fedora but it has issues on my PC.

Tor - August 5, 2019, 4:10 am

Started from ubuntu then cantos, after that i tried to make a hackintosh burned like 20 dvd-s with no success on my pc. Tried backtrack linux then minOS.

What i liked about them the most was Compiz software.

Learning linux is really a cool experience. But if you don't know what your doing you might end up drinking wine with your neighbor.

Deathbox - August 8, 2019, 4:20 pm

I'm still using Debian as you'd expect but I'm receiving a new computer after years of just having this thinkpad T430. Screenshot playing oblivion:

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Going to install Debian on that as well I suspect.

AnonFawkes - August 14, 2019, 10:06 am

I think Any of the FOSS linux distros are good, Debian is always nice.

VIXV - August 14, 2019, 3:05 pm

Ubuntu, as that's what I started with and just never changed.

iKinky - August 17, 2019, 1:59 pm

If you're looking for complete customization, install arch. Although, if you're not familiar with the wiki I wouldn't bother.

Kappa - August 17, 2019, 2:38 pm

I'm not currently on Linux but as someone who has been using Windows for so long if I wanted an easy experience I'd probably go with ElementaryOS.

M1L3NK0 - August 26, 2019, 2:11 am

I enjoy using openSUSE as my daily. I'm new to Linux and have tried out a couple different distros. But in my opinion, openSUSE (I'm using Leap) looks good, is easy to learn, and is pretty fast and resource efficient. No other OS for me has used less than 1GB of RAM at idle.

Friedrich Nietzsche - September 8, 2019, 5:52 am

I have distro swapped for the longest time ever, then I installed Arch and realised distros literally dont mean anything and all of them are exactly the same underneath.

I just stuck with Arch because of the AUR and great support.

loomski - September 14, 2019, 11:38 pm

At home, CentOS 7 on my Desktop. Use it as my daily driver.

Cod3ing - September 15, 2019, 1:51 am

i use debian in server environments, no linux for personal use.

pastort - September 16, 2019, 10:18 am

Used Arch to learn the Linux FHS, then Fedora for having the latest versions of software, although it did break with backwards incompatibilities. Then Ubuntu for sheer simplicity. A Qubes machine runs all secured data and keys. Another machine has had a few years of Kali, a time with ParrotOS and currently runs Black Arch.

Ubuntu comes with bloatware, it would be great if there was a full distro without the bloat. Minimal is fine but having a default full install without an Amazon package would be preferred. Manjaro by default comes with Microsoft office web apps installed, for the compatibility of a migrating Windows user this is a good feature, but for those who live in an open source world it is bit unsightly.

Mint et al are Ubuntu compatable without Ubuntu as such and vary based on UI < never used them

Rsynced - September 19, 2019, 8:48 pm

Linux Mint MATE has been my desktop OS for several years now. I honestly dread having to use windows for things. I am so happy with this OS, It's my overall favorite distro for workstations.

Forensick - September 20, 2019, 3:20 pm

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Cannot Compute - September 21, 2019, 10:10 am

(Sep 14, 2019 11:38 PM)loomski Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) At home, CentOS 7 on my Desktop. Use it as my daily driver.

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0x3043 - September 21, 2019, 12:36 pm

Always Debian, using for a long time.

loomski - September 21, 2019, 9:38 pm

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MavenGradle - September 22, 2019, 7:28 am

(Sep 20, 2019 03:20 PM)Forensick Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Currently using Fedora with XFCE

Are you happy with XFCE? Heard good things about it but never tried it out myself.

Dys-functional - September 28, 2019, 7:37 am

I'm using Ubuntu, started with 8.04 version, ATM at 18.04, seems like 10 years on Ubuntu. Lol

Aussie - October 13, 2019, 2:00 am

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Betty Blue - October 13, 2019, 10:29 am

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The.Bronze.Shroud - November 6, 2019, 1:34 am

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ropslide - November 12, 2019, 1:29 pm

Linux mint. It's amazing.

sharanvarma0 - December 3, 2019, 5:12 am

From your list of distros I personally use Manjaro currently. If you want to move to linux, the background of linux desktop has changed. I am going to list a few well known distros with their strengths so you can decide.

Ubuntu: Out-of-the-box working and easy to use, most beginner friendly, tracks its users in limited capacity (Amazon app and non-free blobs of code in the custom kernel)

Linux Mint: Easy to use, similar to ubuntu, users can install non free software but not present by default

Manjaro Linux: Arch-based, regular but stable updates, medium knowledge of linux is helpful.

Debian Linux: High stability, Long time before updates, runs with very old but supported softwares. Very easy to use.

Arch Linux: Heavy linux knowledge required(even for installation), unstable, daily updates(unstable), runs latest and greatest softwares. (refer Archwiki for more info.)

Antergos has been stopped by its developers. You can still install it but the repositories have been switched to arch and you will have daily updates incoming.

I would recommend PureOS. It is debian-based privacy focused linux distribution that comes with 100% free software and strikes a very good balance between user interface, interactivity, usability and stability. Any debian based system is however very good for any user irrespective of expertise they have. If you truly want to go INSANE in everything, you can use gentoo.

programmer - December 11, 2019, 8:50 pm

I use Arch with KDE Environment.

Aeowulf - December 14, 2019, 8:39 pm

Linux Mint FTW! ?

SIM-2613601 - December 16, 2019, 5:31 pm

Mx Linux Desktop and AntiX fluxbox on laptop

Dotexe - December 16, 2019, 6:15 pm

I'm currently using ArchLinux, definitely one of my fav distros

yebbox - December 19, 2019, 12:44 pm

I like the Ubuntu OS, but also looking at trying out the Kylin OS

Shisho - December 21, 2019, 10:50 pm

I've always been a firm supporter of Debian and my daily driver is Debian 10 on unstable.

ITlorty - January 8, 2020, 9:48 pm

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Betty Blue - January 9, 2020, 2:27 pm

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ITlorty - January 9, 2020, 3:08 pm

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MadLabz - January 10, 2020, 1:58 pm

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headkrab - January 11, 2020, 11:21 am

Mint. I've used more advanced distros, but this one is easy to use and have everything I need, so why overcomplicate everything?

KnownSyntax - January 12, 2020, 8:06 pm

I've been bouncing between openSUSE and KDE Neon on my primary laptop for personal use. I've tried others but I tend to prefer the KDE interface, and so far the debian experience is far better than fedora (red hat) where I've always seemed to run into issues after preforming an upgrade to the latest release if I was a version or two behind.

Jam1e - January 13, 2020, 5:00 pm

I use Debian on my main work PC, Mint on my laptop, and Windows 10 at one of the offices I visit. Android on my phone.

As I'm learning more about security and encryption, I'll be using Kali a little more. I feel it's a little overkill, so I'll hunt around for a distro that's more suited to my needs.

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EDIT, nope, still kinda there. It's the set of scripts provided by the arch-install-scripts package.

CreedBraton - January 14, 2020, 7:01 am

Currently running manjaro in a VM, used to have it as my main OS but ended up having too many issues a couple months down the line. Looking at trying out Arch soon and seeing how I enjoy that.