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Thread: [How to enable WSL and install a distro on Windows 10](#)

K1. - March 15, 2021, 9:40 am

WSL stands for Windows Subsystem for Linux

This allows you to run Linux distros on your Windows 10 machine without having to overwrite your entire machine or create a dual boot

WSL is disabled on Windows by default so we need to follow the below steps to first enable WSL:

Go to Settings

Go to Apps and Features

On the right hand side under "Related Settings" you will see Programs and Features

On the Programs and Features page you will see down the left hand side "Turn Windows features on or off" select this

A list of features will show alongside checkboxes, scroll down and find Windows Subsystem for Linux and check the box

Hit "OK" and restart your machine

WSL is now enabled but you still need to install a distro of Linux to make it work:

Open the Microsoft Store from the Start Menu

Search for the Linux distro you are wanting to install and hit the "Get" or "Install" button

Then hit the "Launch" button

You will then be prompted to create a username and password for the distro

You will now be able to run the WSL terminal whenever you like!

Have fun!

preddt - November 25, 2024, 8:17 pm

Very interesting, thanks for the info.