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Thread: [Advice Needed: Next Steps for Learning Kali Linux](#)

myso - May 30, 2024, 3:34 pm

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Bastille - May 30, 2024, 9:43 pm

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Thanks for the suggestions. It's worth noting that I have no intentions of turning this into a career or anything of that sorts. This is mainly out of pure interest and wanting to learn and help out whoever I can along the way.

I'll check out the resources you mentioned.

Thanks again.

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7 - May 30, 2024, 11:45 pm

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Yeah because you can access more rooms and the most important are the learning paths, they will guide you and tell you what room / course to do and in which order. But you can still start with the free version and see later if it need it

Edit : oh and you may also check the following thread, I think you could find valuable infos :
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6263412>

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How I learnt linux commands was by setting up linux servers so I had no graphical interface to assist then I began installing and testing github releases

happygonutty - May 31, 2024, 5:54 pm

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Have you tried looking into CTFs? I think you should be looking at these kinds of challenges as it would make you use most of your Kali, programming, networking and other techniques that you have previously learned. Try out picoctf.com for a start as this is truly for beginners, you get to have points and unlock challenges. Best thing you do is try not to cheat, but its up to you OP. ?

jm0524895 - May 31, 2024, 9:59 pm

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Bry4n_1337 - June 3, 2024, 10:16 am

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