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Thread: [How long you guys been using Linux as main os?](#)

happygonutty - June 9, 2024, 8:42 am

Title says it all. I was wondering if how long have you guys been using Linux as your main operating system without switching back to Windows or any other operating system. And why? Do you guys mind sharing your flavors and why you pick this distro? ?

webdev77 - June 9, 2024, 9:12 am

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Betty Blue - June 9, 2024, 3:59 pm

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We are on the same boat when it comes to work related matters as customers and clients would and will always prefer to use Windows over something advance and superior. Lol. Just kidding. But yeah, even if you use Wine, its still not enough especially if you are dealing with applications written for Windows that require high demand resources which would in turn kill Wine instantly.

Been there and have done that. ?

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Another friend who does the same thing. I primarily use Linux on my home servers but if I am on the go then either Windows or MacOS since I have both.

(Jun 9, 2024 11:25 AM)Tsundere Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A little under a year. Maybe 8 months?

I wanted to learn more about the CLI. I would read textbooks and practice in a VM but I would forget everything the next day. Because of that, I decided to full-send it and go bare metal.

The first Distro I tried was Debian. I had a lot of fun, but not having the latest software and features sucked. That's when I looked into Arch and decided to give that a go. The installation process was a lot of fun and it made me understand a lot more of what goes behind the scenes when you have an installer do everything for you.

Currently, I don't do much besides studying and browsing the internet, which is exactly what I did on Windows. I didn't game much at all on Windows, but now that I switched over to Linux, I cut out gaming completely. I know you can game on Linux, but I just don't see the need to play games if I never did much gaming anyway.

Wow, you remind me of my younger years. Especially the time that fuck this I am going to quit gaming, I am switching to Windows then after a few months and school came, I badly need to switch to Windows because school needs me this and that, and I need to save time from the hassles. ?

And in the end, I go back to Windows then the re-installation of games begin and self-discipline is instantly gone. ?

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And the sole reason why I have a Windows and a MacOS for on the go operations. I also do cross platform development and my customers have high demands which makes me not use Linux at all. But if it's all about servers then I go to Linux. ?

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Wow that is so much of a dedication! My longest spree with Linux until I go back to Windows was I think 8 or 9 years my friend. ??

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Ummm.

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happygonutty - June 10, 2024, 10:05 am

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As a matter of fact, I have used qubes before and it is really awesome to use as you can segregate each nodes and has complete isolation over the others. I think if its all about personal and work matters, linux really works best but if you ought to play games on a gaming machine then Windows os would be awe so fine. ?

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i think it's shaped my personality, I love FOSS and want all people using it.

blackrose_x0x0 - August 3, 2024, 12:10 pm

I use Windows and Linux between different computers but have been using Linux exclusively on one laptop for a couple of years. I keep windows on another PC strictly for gaming though.

I'm a big fan of Linux Mint as a daily OS.

shadowcrow - August 3, 2024, 1:23 pm

~16 years with Arch-Linux as main os on my private- and on my work-computer.

I have a windows partition for the 2-3 games that won't run under Proton/Wine but I boot it up 1-2 times a year...

Overl0rd - August 15, 2024, 7:48 am

Wow good question..

first time i use Linux was Slackware 1.2.13 long time ago... 13 diskettes drives 1.44 MB, old 80486 computer

To be honest Linux and windows a 2 different worlds. I have 2 PC's with windows, 1 old Microsoft surface 3 with Kali linux & 1 Laptop with Ubuntu for Mining some crypto's..

== Ovel0rd ==

== No System is Safe ==

sid robot - August 15, 2024, 5:27 pm

i use linux 2 years now i start using linux because i pc is like potato i use ubuntu like my first distro i don't like ubuntu because you need to pay to have prime i don't like this switch to mint and i use arch now i want to learn cli because is so cool and fun

T3n - August 16, 2024, 12:35 pm

Uhh, been a month since i'm using kali on my laptop. Keeping windows on main desktop because it has some things that i'm using to decompile/get data from unity games (web & windows versions). But though about switching my desktop to ubuntu, it looks more interesting and not that easy to use. Doing everything from linux's terminal feels great.

Bastille - August 23, 2024, 4:16 am

I started through a virtual machine (Ubuntu), then, when I felt comfortable enough, I installed a dual boot on my desktop (Windows 10 / Ubuntu). After that, I also installed Linux on my profesional laptop (Manjaro), I had both for like 1 year I think (during 2023).

Now, I've been using Linux as my main distro on my desktop for like 2 years. I was using Ubuntu 20.X, then upgraded to 22.X, then I tried to upgrade to 24.X and the system was completly fucked up, I tried lot of things to fix but I ended up by reinstalling Ubuntu but after that I thought that it would be better to try another one, so I installed Fedora 40. At first I tried with GNOME but Ubuntu's GNOME is way better and I was kinda limited, so I switched to KDE, besides the customization and the settings are more advanced. I've dedicated more time but once it's finish it looks better.

I keep Windows on a dualboot because sometimes I play video games, I also have some tools that are not available on Linux.

cybcat - August 23, 2024, 11:48 pm

Ever since Windows 7 lost most of its support from MS & the userbase had to migrate over to Win 8+. Yeah, ever since then I spiral right into a helpless fit of rage whenever I have to use Windows for some reason, and if I can, I just don't - hell, I avoid most of all Microsoft products like a blanket ban,

I realize that some of their shit like Azure can be pretty good in a way, but honestly? As long as I can counter having to use even that with ANY kind of powerful & non-MicroShit cloud solution, trust me that I will. Even if it's harder to learn & maintain, even if it's not open-source or even just a freeware, even if it has its own sets of flaws, I'll still feel the irrationally powerful urge of having to avoid/escape MS products and I don't find my peace till I can successfully find an alternative. If I can't? Like those few games studios that decide to chronically make playing some of their games an ABSOLUTE DISFUNCTIONAL PAIN IN THE ASS unless you're running them from WinShit 10/11, if they're half as evil though, they'll at least include some support for iOS, which still won't let me, a jolly little Linux user, play their game on this one OS just because of the game devs personal distaste/dislike for anyone being able to play their games on an OS that is practically free, open-source, customizable, flexible, powerful and just all the 9 yards, oh and I've forgot to mention, BASED ON UNIX, just like iOS, so some of these goon devs literally take the privilege and tell us Linux users to go fuck ourselves if we are such beggars that we don't even want to pay a single penny for the OS that runs on our PCs, and not even most of the free programs that run on our Linux distros, I guess it's just 1+1 sorta logic at this point from them, figuring that if we're mostly just sneaky beggar pirates who like to hack and develop FREE software for FREE on our fully FREE and open-source OSes, what would guarantee that we bring more money than trouble to their business? Or even numbers? Cuz, you know, fuck minorities basically is what they're saying with this. But hey at least we're probably the only ones who have statistically higher chances of hacking basically anything through research and Linux-doms, while we're the least likely ones to get hacked. And I guess just replace the word "hacked" with anything to your liking as long as it refers to doing any problematic things in IT for FREE. But on a sidenote, I truly appreciate Steam and the Proton Project for working as hard as they are to make a lot of the non-Linux comp games available to us even though the game devs themselves will continue adding support for iOS users most often than not, while still ignoring the Linux playerbase completely, leaving all the games-related challenges to be solved by Steam and the related Linux communities, obviously, sometimes absolutely for FREE, struggling with a single game for long days or even weeks just so that they can get it to work on their & other peoples' Linux PCs. And you know what? I absolutely could be one to be able to afford paying for software that actually turns out to be important with absolutely no alternatives to use in their place.

Also: sticking to the mere personal rule of where people should NOT be forced into paying for digital stuff like that is the core driving force for other Linux/OSS guys as well, who go on to successfully develop freeware alternatives for everyone to use, to all of these shamelessly spineless devgoons with their one and only true and usable piece of software for all the purposes that they made it for, them being not unique enough to prevent a free alternative from popping up and ruining the moneygoons who keep making expensive software that'll end up being much worse real fast once a free alternative is introduced for all of its goals, it'll take the competition because in the end, the free alt doesn't really have to fall full swing into a commercialist style ad-campaign and still it is going to be used by more people who also give feedback, provide support and provide actual workforce/development for the free alternative's triumph that they'll just continue to grow their love for, while the original paid software is going to exist in store fronts at most, being known as "that expensive ass program that contributed to the outrage which became motivation and thus more successful than its paid counterpart which actually has more bugs in it than features", while our Linux using comrades will cry out a well-deserved hurrah as they proceed over to rubbing out a stale one to some VR hentai in a much more primal form of celebration than the money-hungry goon devs who'll resort to doing cocaine and beers together, talking about football while secretly each and every one of them proceeds to fuck their buddies wives, just all a huge circlejerk with no sights on stopping their fake ways of conducting their whole lives, quite a bit like the popular Autistic rabbit, who'll just keep on going Forward (W) until they drop from exhaustion and hunger, AS LONG as there is a carrot shaped dick hanging in front of them from wherever their overlord Conglomerate company owning masters decide to bait them once again with the same rewards being rotated around like money, women's genitals, soccer matches in expensive TVs, cheap-er beer and

absolutely stepped on coke that everyone'll still say is good just because they cannot deal with the cold fact that they throw out a bunch of their "hard-earned" money they get as they basically fuck people over just so they can spend THEIR money on buying more stepped on coke that's actually cow devormer and then once again being able to seduce their colleagues' loosely worn and over-used wives attention for a day, after which she'll gladly take the remainder of their cash just so they can raise the prices on their software products next month while actively cucking together for their conglomerate MS-like raptor-afflicted overlord CEOs who at least get to have real cocaine and actual hookers, but I'm not going to support any MicroSoft efforts just so they can get high and do a Thailand run instead of letting Linux and our little virgin userbase have a moment of true calmness and serenity where we may get to exhale and forget about even basic necessities like LQ food costing a bunch of money, not to mention soaring high rent prices, in the same cursed world where goony software devs will forever just keep on asking surreal amounts of money for software that basically steals your whole family's personal data, introduces life-changing exploits and keeps bugging out worse and worse after each Windows Update that will keep finding the literal absolute best opportunity to ruin your whole week as it pops up unexpectedly and blows out your whole unsaved progress from the PC so bad that you'll put a rope into your neck as you find yourself downloading and flashing up the latest Fedora iso onto a LiveUSB just so you can prevent a paid and unstoppable updater service forcing itself all over your everything that you've very foolishly placed into the hands of MicroSoft products for safe keeping, although why you did that becomes more of a question to you than ever before until you get to the finishing up segment of your Fedora USB installing itself onto your PC after it's wiped out any and all traces of a Windows OS ever taking foot on there, then as your PC reboots and flashes up with Fedora smiling at you from the monitor as it's finally ready to use, you finally ditch the rope from your neck, give the screen a little kiss as you shed an unexpected tear of joy, and the world starts fading back from grey to full-HD color mode again, as slowly but surely, your crippling anxieties and chronic nightmares involving MicroSoft devgoons & products that eat away at your soul as they keep fishing every last penny from your pocket, they absolutely and definitively clear up and disappear from your darkest nights, as you spend more healthy time developing a genuine romantic interest with your new Fedora as the traumas and abuses suffered at the hands of MicroSoft and non-free programs disappear right away into fading and broken memories, which haunt you no more, and you forget that MicroSoft ever even existed. And long story shorts, that's simply the reason why I will always prefer Linux-based, free & open-source projects definitively in any and all given situations, and will probably go on to starve and eat my fellow Linux using comrades kidneys if I ever have to choose between them and a delicious pizza that has the word "MicroSoft Corp." written onto it, and that's an absolute right there, folks.

HALx86 - August 24, 2024, 12:27 am

I've use ubuntu typically for personal projects and PopOS for my main machine.

The advances in linux gaming make Pop pretty great. Unfortunately, still have to use Windows for work or school