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Thread: [Best GUI Linux software for dev workflows?](#)

Hackers - January 17, 2025, 6:32 pm

I use Linux every day on CLI and via SSH or WSL but I don't use it as my personal OS as often,

What are the best picks for GUI software for the following?

FTP
SSH / Putty
Web browser
Torrents
IDE
Video editing
Audio editing
Adobe or equivalents ?

Any other types of recommendations are helpful. I just use CLI with apt packages mostly and grab the repos for anything I need... just not sure about GUI on Linux.

Bastille - January 17, 2025, 9:07 pm

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Web browser : I love Firefox, otherwise Brave for anonymity ?
Torrents : Qbittorrent
IDE : VSCode (but I'm not an advanced coder)
Video editing : KDenlive
Audio editing : Audacity ?
Adobe or equivalents : GIMP for Photoshop / Inkscape for Illustrator / Davinci Resolve for Video / Color

Klonopin - January 19, 2025, 9:30 am

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SFTP/SSH/SCP: Putty and normal commands
Editor: Visual Studio Code or nvim
Browser: LibreWolf or Firefox (Firefox can be hardened really easily) here's a [guide](#)
GFX: Gimp is very nice.

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Great answers...

Sounds like much of the GUI Linux options are my same picks for Windows. That's good to hear

This makes me feel much better about considering a full Linux rig for part of my setup. I'm adding a new machine and wanted to go with Mac but what I really need is Unix/similar - sounds like Linux distros have more than I thought. Been years now since I really used GUI Linux. Truly just daily CLI server work for me there.

I think you guys both gave me my answer. No need for a Mac, I can just refactor this PC

Infinity. - January 20, 2025, 11:09 pm

Screen Recording and Live Streaming - OBS Studio

FTP: Ranger file manager with curlftpfs

IDE? More like text editor neovim

SSH: ?? why?

Audio: Audacity

Adobe Photoshop --> GIMP

Yani - January 21, 2025, 7:58 pm

Don't be scared to just jump right into it. For me it felt different in the beginning and I had to google around sometimes, but after a while it becomes just as easy as Windows. For many things even much easier.

FTP : The default file browser (Gnome Files) for most such things as it supports FTP. (I think the default KDE one also has it). FileZilla just in case.

SSH / Putty : PortX. But personally I started just using the terminal and write 'ssh user@123.132.132.123'. (I have aliases for my common servers)

Web browser : LibreWolf (With a bit less strict settings)

Torrents : QBittorrent

IDE : VSCode. (I also use Qt Creator)

Video editing : I guess Kdenlive (but I have almost no experience with it so can't compare it)

Audio editing : Tenacity. It's an Audacity fork without tracking. I don't use anything more advanced.

Adobe or equivalents : GIMP, Inkscape, but also PhotoPea.com because I actually think it's a decent webapp that is easier to use than GIMP.

(I stole the markdown from Bastille, hihi)

Some others I think are worth mentioning:

- LibreOffice
- Vesktop (custom Discord client with Vencord. They even had Wayland screensharing for a long time before Discord finally added it)
- Thunderbird for mail
- PulseAudio volume control
- OpenSnitch (GUI firewall with popups asking if you want to allow connections. It has a little bit of a learning curve)
- DBeaver CE for database stuff
- VirtualBox
- Flatseal for managing flatpaks
- Nicotine+ (SoulSeek client)
- Piper (for logitech mouse profiles)
- Lutris (makes it much easier to play Windows games that are not on Steam)

If you end up using Gnome (desktop manager):

- ArcMenu (start menu like windows)
- Dash to Panel (taskbar like windows)
- Gnome Tweaks

There's a lot more, but those are the GUI ones I recommend.