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Thread: [how to learn to use kali linux???](#)

BADAEK - October 16, 2025, 6:28 pm

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Bastille - October 16, 2025, 6:43 pm

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Aeowulf - October 16, 2025, 6:47 pm

You just have to start using it. The more you use Linux in general, the more it helps. Learning just a few "hacker" things in Kali will not do it.

Tyr - October 16, 2025, 7:51 pm

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St. Jiberish - October 16, 2025, 9:00 pm

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Unironically was going to say this, defcon, overthewire and other compsec programs are amazing.

DramaKing - October 17, 2025, 5:21 am

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I came into this after nearly 6 years of IT. It really helped. Wanting to just push buttons without good technical knowledge is a bad idea.

Tyr - October 17, 2025, 1:32 pm

(Oct 17, 2025 05:21 AM)DramaKing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wanting to just push buttons without good technical knowledge is a bad idea.

Not to mention vmescape; esp with Kali depending on your cofnig. Issues can go on and on.

Leaderman - October 17, 2025, 3:37 pm

Linux is the way to go.

DramaKing - October 19, 2025, 3:27 pm

And OP has yet to return. Just an obligatory post.

Just4kickz - November 24, 2025, 2:47 pm

All I can say is, as I've said to most people.. Get a VM and run Kali / Linux before you fully commit to anything. Plenty of guides out there to navigate the basics on YouTube such as directories, tools, paths etc.

Just learn to walk before you run! The more you use it, it really doesn't seem so scary. Lol. Good luck.

Terry A. Davis - November 24, 2025, 6:33 pm

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Step 1: Correct... Ish, you don't ask a person who's never driven to hop into a performance car and expect them to win the Indie 500 or whatever else cool cats race in, but it goes a long way.

You will actually want to learn the Command Line first, and you don't need Linux as a daily OS for that, double so since a fair few beginner friendly ones hide the CLI try to. For this, I'd instead say learn the newer versions of PWSH, the idea of changing directories and understanding how parameters on commands and such work would be a fantastic start.

Failing the PWSH route, install WSL on your main machine, use it to execute tasks, learn what it means to navigate a CLI, lick the marble on it.

Step 2: Correct. There is no practical reason to ever install it as your main OS, to do so doesn't make you a hacker, it makes you look like an idiot, I don't care if you dual boot, having it on bare metal unless your drivers for some stupid reason need it, is dumb, it is built for hacking not for browsing the internet, so to violate it by installing whatever else you want on top of it like Steam goes a long way to make me think less of a person So, yes, VM away.

Step 3: Also correct, find resources online that are free and legal to try against, you're new, if you go out and think you can hack a WiFi and claim you can, then someone might take that the wrong way and look a little further into you, plus in 5 years when the FBI comes looking for you and they do what they did to Ross they'll find you personal email on this account then tie to you, and boom, you're in jail and we're implicated as people you know since we helped, then it becomes a whole thing.

Be smart, be safe, try not get into trouble, and learn.

You need to not start by running, maybe learn to crawl, or walk first.

(Oct 19, 2025 03:27 PM)DramaKing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And OP has yet to return. Just an obligatory post.

Trust that he'll come back (he won't, low post count users asking to hack or aim for the moon of hacking never do).

s0lo - November 24, 2025, 9:31 pm

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you will only learn it by using it, straight up, as other ppl have said

psickophant - November 26, 2025, 12:30 am

Like previously stated, I would not worry about which distribution of Linux you start learning on. I always recommend a website called Over-The-Wire. It is a gamefied approach to learning Linux. It is excellent for people that have very little to no experience with linux. I would then try to make linux your daily OS for everything. When you dont know something Google is your best friend. Learning linux is so worth it. Once you learn it you most likely never want to go back to Windows. Atleast that is my observation over the years.

BlackSoulZN5006 - November 28, 2025, 10:43 pm

I say explore all the tools and applications that Kali Linux has to offer and install new tools such as bloodhound, and rainbow crack after that. I think there is a documentation or a search box with Kali Tools when you load up the browser that comes pre installed on it. Take a look at those and you good to go.

HardwareLoss - November 29, 2025, 10:37 pm

Also new to the forum here, but honestly I just suggest learning from YouTube It's a great place for beginners and it's mostly where I learn a lot of stuff.