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Thread: [Networking vs Operating Systems for Cybersecurity Beginners](#)

RednewCipher - January 16, 2026, 6:19 pm

Hi everyone,

For someone starting in cybersecurity, what would you recommend focusing on first: networking fundamentals or operating system internals (Linux/Windows)?

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Thanks.

descodificador - January 16, 2026, 7:17 pm

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casperr - January 17, 2026, 2:23 am

Start with Linux basics like ls, cd, cat.

Learn the fundamentals first, and make sure you understand how networking works.

Tyr - January 17, 2026, 3:02 am

(Jan 16, 2026 08:17 PM)descodificador Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) linux, always linux, and OS, arch, kali, parrot, are really good options

He's brand new. As good as it is, I wouldn't recommend Kali to him quite yet. Lol.

General Grievous - January 17, 2026, 3:06 am

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Start with Linux, dude

DramaKing - January 17, 2026, 5:36 am

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Both. Operating systems are probably more fundamental, though.

