



Ubuntu is a complete Linux-based operating system, freely available with both community and commercial support. “Ubuntu” is an ancient African word, meaning “humanity to others”, and this Linux distribution brings the spirit of Ubuntu to the software world.

### Ubuntu makes the following lasting commitments to its users:

- Ubuntu will always be free of charge, and there is no extra fee for the “enterprise edition.” Our very best work is available to everyone on the same free terms
- Ubuntu is released regularly and predictably; a new release is made every six months. Each release is supported with free security updates for at least 18 months; selected releases are supported for up to 5 years
- Ubuntu includes the very best in translations and accessibility infrastructure that the free software community has to offer, making Ubuntu usable by as many people as possible
- Ubuntu is entirely committed to the principles of free and open source software development; we encourage people to use the software, improve it and pass it on

### Related Projects



Kubuntu is a community-driven project that builds on the solid base of Ubuntu, to provide a complete operating system incorporating the KDE desktop and the many applications that are available for KDE. For more information about Kubuntu, please visit <http://www.kubuntu.org>.



Edubuntu builds on Ubuntu to create an operating system to support classroom and laboratory environments in schools and other educational institutions. Edubuntu focuses on providing content delivery tools as well as administrative and management systems. For more information about Edubuntu, please visit <http://www.edubuntu.org>.



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# Ubuntu Features

## Quality software for desktops and servers

Ubuntu includes a full range of desktop and server applications. Once installed, Ubuntu provides software for virtually all of your computing needs, from web browsing and email to business presentations, from databases and programming tools to networking and security controls.

For the desktop, Ubuntu starts with the latest Gnome desktop and covers every standard desktop application (including games of course!). Highlights include:

- OpenOffice.org productivity suite, including document processing, spreadsheet, presentation and drawing applications all compatible with other application formats such as Microsoft Office to enable the fast and efficient sharing of information
- Evolution, the popular email and calendaring application, compatible with a variety of mail servers
- Firefox, an extremely popular, fast and secure web browser with many features to enhance the web surfing experience

For server installations, the CD includes specialised software for databases, web servers, Internet services and network file system services.

## Fast, easy installation

The Ubuntu installer asks a minimal number of questions, and the defaults will work for most people. On a typical computer, installation takes less than 25 minutes. In addition, Ubuntu supports upgrades via the network, so you never need to reinstall the operating system - just upgrade from each released version to the next when you want to.

## Support for multiple architectures

Ubuntu is available for PCs (Intel x86), Macs (Apple iBook and Powerbook, G4 and G5) and 64-bit PCs (AMD64, EM64T).

# Obtaining Ubuntu and Ubuntu Support

There are a number of ways to obtain Ubuntu:

- Download it from an Ubuntu download site. See <http://www.ubuntu.com/download> for a mirror near you
- Obtain a copy from a local distributor or local community team
- Have a pressed CD shipped to you free of charge from the Ubuntu CD distribution system at <http://shipit.ubuntu.com>

Technical support for Ubuntu is available from a variety of sources. Canonical Ltd and other organisations provide support on a global basis. You can contact Canonical or a local provider near you. See <http://www.ubuntu.com/supportoptions/marketplace> for a list of Ubuntu support providers.

Free community support from the vast Ubuntu community is available in web forums, mailing lists and IRC channels.

For more information about Ubuntu, available software, support options and community teams, please visit <http://www.ubuntu.com>.