



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

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

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

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

There are also a number of graphic design/illustration software freely available for you to download, use and distribute such as: GIMP(Image editing), Inkscape(Illustration) and Scribus(Desktop Publishing).

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

Great for Home/Small Businesses!

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).

System Requirements (Ubuntu Gutsy 7.10)

The minimum memory requirement for Ubuntu 7.10 is 384MB of memory for desktop CDs, and 256MB for other installation methods. (Note that some of your system's memory may be unavailable due to being used for the graphics card.)

With only the minimum amount of memory available, the installation process will take longer than normal, but will complete successfully, and the system will perform adequately once installed. Low-memory systems may be able to use the desktop CD to install by adding the only-ubiquity boot option to run just the installer rather than the whole desktop.

For more information on systems requirements visit: <http://www.ubuntu.com/getubuntu/releasenotes/710>

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(Florida LoCo Team - <http://florida.ubuntu-us.org/>)

Have a pressed CD shipped to you free of charge from the Ubuntu CD distribution system at <http://shipit.ubuntu.com>

FREE Technical Support

You can obtain FREE technical support from any of your local community teams (Florida LoCo Team) through IRC Channels or by visiting the Florida LoCo Tema web site <http://florida.ubuntu-us.org/>.

Paid Technical Support

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.

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