



ubuntu

linux for human beings

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The not so hidden agenda

- What is it?
- What can it do for you?
- What can't it do?
- Advantages
- On the horizon
- How to get it
- Q and A



What is Ubuntu?

- User friendly
- Technically a community developed Linux distribution packaged with a collection of popular Free and Open Source applications
- Not about making a profit
- Much more than a word...



The philosophy

- Everyone should have the freedom to download, run, copy, distribute, study, share, change and improve their software for any purpose, without paying licensing fees.
- Software should be usable by people in their local language software in the language of their choice.
- People should be given every opportunity to use software, even if they work under a disability.



History in the making

- Birthed by the desire to make a difference
- Designed to fill the need for an affordable and user friendly Operating System
- First release 4.10 (“Warty Warthog”) was in October of 2004
- Since Ubuntu has become one of the most popular desktop Linux distributions



What it includes



- Ekiga Softphone
- Evolution Email Client
- Games
- GIMP
- Intuitive spell check
- Multi Media applications
- Many other applications available!



So what can it do?

- Internet
- Email
- games
- Create presentations like this one
- graphics design
- CAD
- web design
- Word processing
- Programming
- servers, desktops, laptops and cell phones
- run a business
- chat
- digital photography
- databases
- finances / taxes
- maintain high availability
- draw diagrams
- play media / movies
- user level administration
- telephony
- Much much more!



So what can't it do?

- Can't natively run applications or games developed for Microsoft systems
- Shockwave plugins are not available
- Can't support some oddball hardware out of the box



Advantages

- Community
- Long term support
- Documentation
- Easy to get / install
- 100% Free
- Easy to install additional software
- Available in most languages
- You can share it with others
- It's way cooler than the alternatives



Is it the right tool?

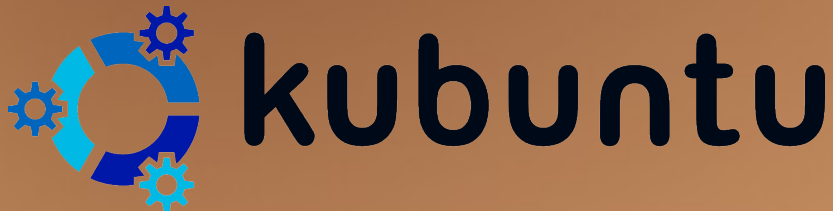
- Software dependencies
- Goals
- Support
- Ease of installation
- Enterprise deployment
- An ideal solution for business startups or people seeking alternatives



Introducing the family



- Specifically designed for classroom use.



- Uses an alternate window manager (KDE) and some applications



- Uses a super light window manager (XFCE)



On the horizon

- Unattended installation
- Improved server edition
- Improved window management
- Continuing to provide the very best in free and open source applications / technology
- A completely “Free” compliant version (yet to be named) is in the works



How to get it

- Order a computer with Ubuntu pre-installed through Dell @ <http://www.dell.com/open>
- Download or order free CD's from <http://www.ubuntu.com/getubuntu>
- I brought some CD's with me



Thank you!



<http://pnw.ubuntu-us.org>

