

Major Linux distributions

DISTRIBUTION	VERSION	URL	COMMERCIAL/FREE	MAIN AIM	DESCRIPTION
Debian	3.1	www.debian.org	Free	Server	Solid and robust, but old software. Often used for servers
Devil Linux	1.2.9.0	www.devil-linux.org	Free	Firewall	Turn an old, low-powered PC into a powerful firewall
Fedora Core	5	http://fedora.redhat.com	Free	Server	Testing ground for Red Hat Enterprise, contains some cutting-edge features
Geexbox	1.0rc	www.geexbox.org	Free	Multimedia player	Less than 10MB in size to boot your PC and play videos and music
Gentoo	2006	www.gentoo.org	Free	Desktop and server	Source-based distribution, good performance but suited to experts
Knoppix	4.0.2	www.knoppix.com	Free	Live Desktop	The original live CD, boot up straight into a full KDE desktop
Kubuntu	6.06	www.kubuntu.org	Free	Desktop system	An official version of Ubuntu based on the KDE desktop
Linspire	5.1	www.linspire.com	Commercial	Desktop system	Commercial desktop system designed for Windows users
Mandriva One	2006	www.mandriva.com	Both	Desktop system	User-friendly desktop based around KDE
Mepis	6 (beta)	www.mepis.org	Free	Desktop system	A young distribution based on Ubuntu with a KDE desktop and some tweaks
Slackware	10.2	www.slackware.com	Free	Desktop and server	The oldest Linux distribution, with many fans, but not very user friendly
Slax	5.1.6.0	www.slax.org	Free	Live Desktop	Based on Slackware, a popular live CD also based on KDE
Suse	10.1	www.opensuse.org	Both	Desktop and server	Backed by Novell, a good all-rounder for all sorts of environments
Ubuntu	6.06	www.ubuntu.com	Free	Desktop system	Based on the Gnome desktop, polished and with great up-to-date features
Xandros	3	www.xandros.com	Both	Desktop system	Commercial desktop system with free version available for personal use