Sun City Computer Club

Linux – what is it anyway?

Seminar Series



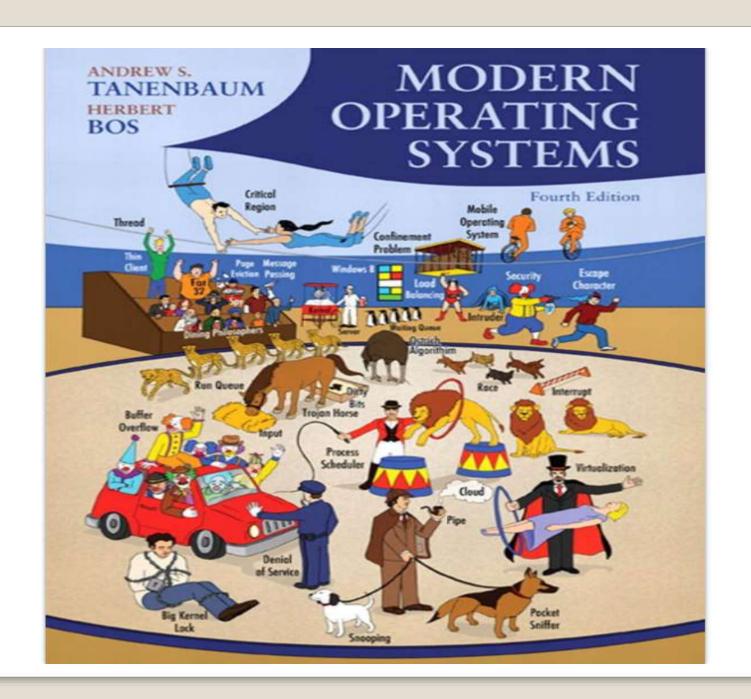
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- Linux is an operating system choice
- Windows
- MacOS
- ChromeOS
- Raspberry Pi OS
- Android
- ChromeOS

Many many others SunOS, RSX, COS, etc.







- Vacuum tube, relays, plugboards
- Transistors, batch
- Integrated circuits, multiprocessing
- Personal Computers
- Distributed
- Smart devices

Operating System



- Job & Job queue
- Batch
- Punch Cards
- Paper tape, Magnetic tape
- Disk drive block addressable
- Upward compatible
- Time Sharing
- Multics Multiplexed Information and Computing Service

Operating system concepts



- Security
- Virtual Memory
- Shared programs & data
- Crash detection & rollback
- Discretionary & nondiscretionary controls
- Hard to implement Expensive to fund

Multics



- Digital Equipment PDP
- UNiplexed Information and Computing Service
- Bell Labs licensed to universities
- Rewritten, enhanced, expanded, ...
- AT&T what? Our business is telephones

Minicomputer



UNIX PROGRAMMER'S MANUAL

K. Thompson

D. M. Ritchie

November 3, 1971



- CP/M, VM, and others
- IBM PC Unix & VMS -> DOS
- MS-DOS Microsoft
- Apple-DOS Basic
- Lisa -> MacIntosh MacOS
- Systems so Graphics, Sound, Disk, network, virtual memory, etc.
- Unix rewritten for microprocessors
- Linux Linus Torvalds
- Command Line interface



- Mach
- Kernel (always running) Layers for computer system control Peripheral control, languages, graphics, etc. Jobs > NeXT Open Systems Foundation OSF/1 Microsoft says "Hey" Windows Small memory 640kB, 8-bit CPU, PIO, SIO, Graphics like Apple Dynamically Linked Library (DLL) The Registry



- Kernel
 Windows micro kernel Fixed
 Linux monolithic kernel Variable
- Filesystem
 Windows Discrete C: D:
 Windows case insensitive
 Linux hierarchical
 Linux Case sensitive
- Elements
 Windows less control
 Linux build to suit customizable



- Cost
 Windows costs, license restrictions
 Linux Free, Open-Source license
- Boot partition
 Windows primary partition
 Linux primary or logical partition

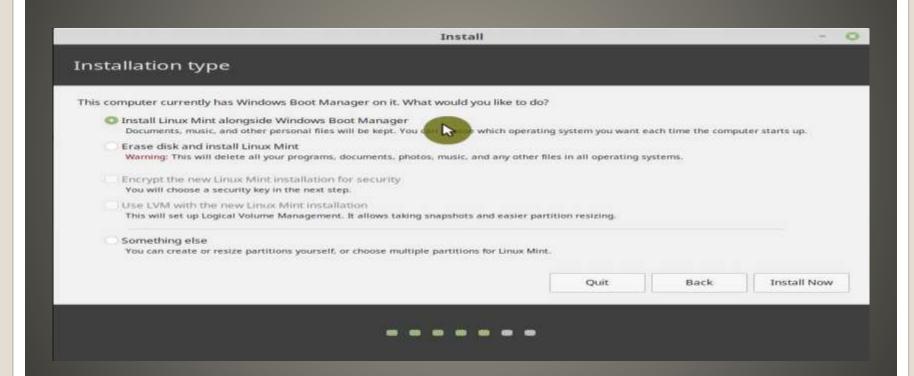


- Know your CPU
 Intel, AMD, PowerPC, M1, etc.
 Search -> sysinfo -> Processor
- BIOS Know your Brand
 Search documentation
 BIOS password know or set
 Change boot order
 Check boot options
 Secure boot vs Windows 11 vs security

Dual Boot Windows Linux



- Know your distro
 Know your disk sizes
- Create bootable Linux distro to Match



Dual Boot Windows Linux



- Shrink Windows partition the right partition
- Install Linux
- KNOW your options
- CAUTION
- Set default boot Double check boot order
- OPTIONS
- Old laptop/desktop Linux uses less resources
- Live distro
- WSL2, VM, Hosting service,

Dual boot Windows Linux



- Process creation is cheap in Linux
- Process pipes
 build a process from processes
- Process in Windows
 Use DLLs, registry, Microsoft provided libraries

Processes



- Advantages
 One hardware resource
- Disadvantages
 One hardware resource

Dual Boot





- Microsoft Licensing & product choice
- Linux Distribution (distro) choices
- Microsoft point & click drag & drop icons, click to open, etc.
 Full Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Linux command line, terse command names, more difficult to learn



- Linux is an operating system choice
- Windows
- MacOS
- ChromeOS
- Raspberry Pi OS
- Android
- ChromeOS



- Yeahbut
- I don't/won't learn yet another operating environment
- YouTube
- Windows Subsystem for Linux
- Virtual Machine
- Live system boot
- eBay
- Cygwin



- Not a product
- Entire ecosystem
- A kernel
- Free and open-source FOSS
- MANY choices
- MANY usages
- ONCE a desktop Hardly any indication

Linux



- Advantages
 Less resources, modular, ease of
 development & installation, key portions of
 app updated / features added,
 programming language independent,
 smaller installation files, etc.
- Disadvantages
 One vulnerability infects all.
 Computer virus

Windows DLL



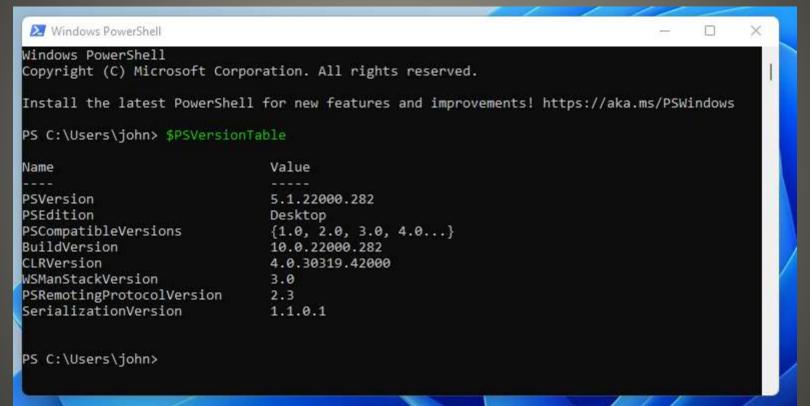
WSL2
 One Method
 PowerShell
 Install WSL2
 Initial distro

Another Method
Enable WSL feature
WSL2 requirements
Enable VM feature
Update Linux kernel
Setting WSL2 as default

Windows Subsystem for Linux 2



- User Access Code UAC Please
- PowerShell version



PowerShell - An Aside



Microsoft Store

```
C:\Program Files\WindowsApps\Microsoft.PowerShell_7.2.0.0_x64__8wekyb3d8bbwe\pwsh.exe
PowerShell 7.2.0
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation.
https://aka.ms/powershell
Type 'help' to get help.
PS C:\Windows\System32> $PSVersionTable
                                 Value
Name
PSVersion
                                 7.2.0
PSEdition
                                 Core
GitCommitId
                                7.2.0
                                Microsoft Windows 10.0.22000
OS
Platform
                                Win32NT
PSCompatibleVersions
                                {1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0...}
PSRemotingProtocolVersion
                                2.3
SerializationVersion
                                1.1.0.1
WSManStackVersion
                                3.0
PS C:\Windows\System32>
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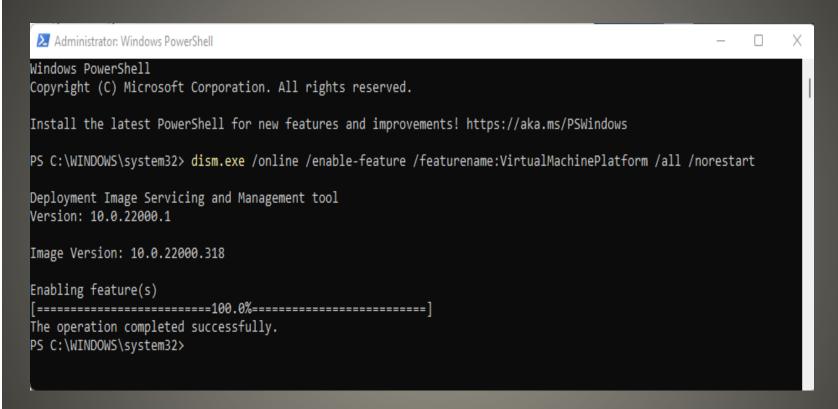
PowerShell



- PowerShell Two versions
- 5.1 and 7
 Works on MacOS, Linux, etc.



Enable Virtual Machine Feature

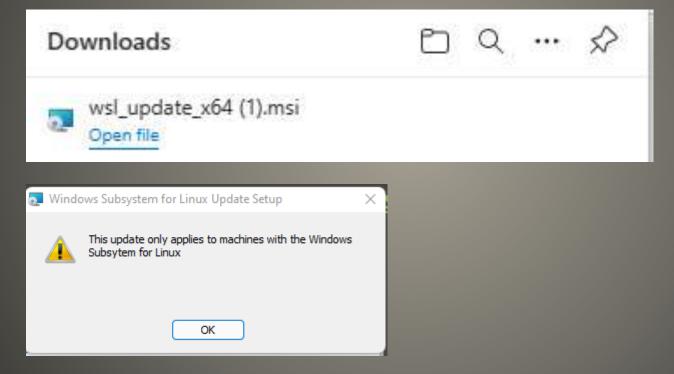


Aside Over





 https://wslstorestorage.blob.core.window s.net/wslblob/wsl_update_x64.msi





Administrator: Command Prompt licrosoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.318] (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --install Installing: Windows Subsystem for Linux Vindows Subsystem for Linux has been installed. Downloading: WSL Kernel Installing: WSL Kernel VSL Kernel has been installed. Downloading: GUI App Support Installing: GUI App Support GUI App Support has been installed. Downloading: Ubuntu

The requested operation is successful. Changes will not be effective until the system is rebooted.



Administrator: Command Prompt

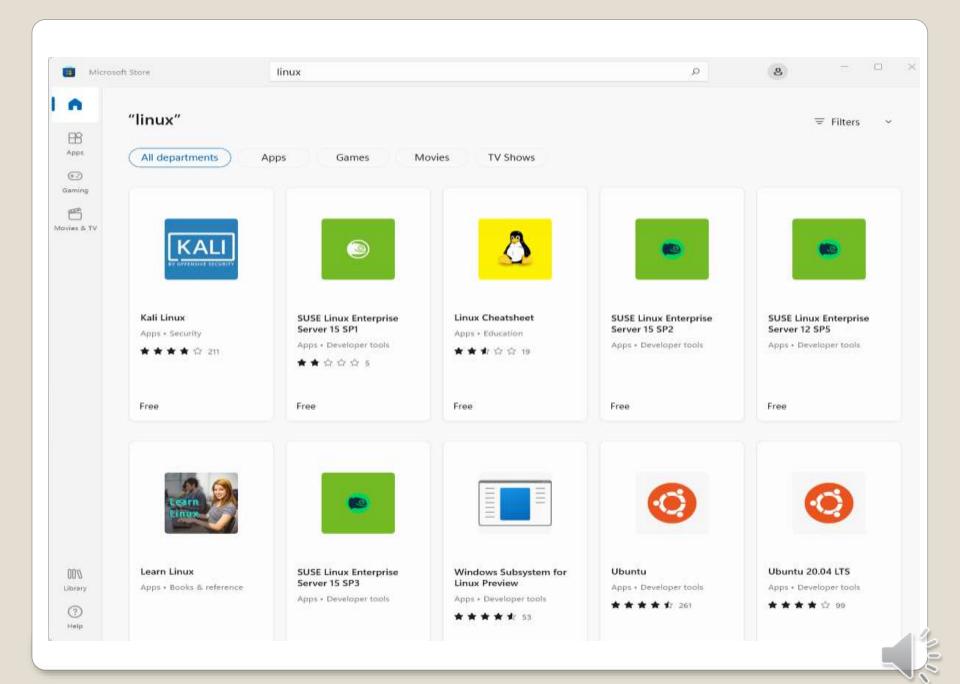
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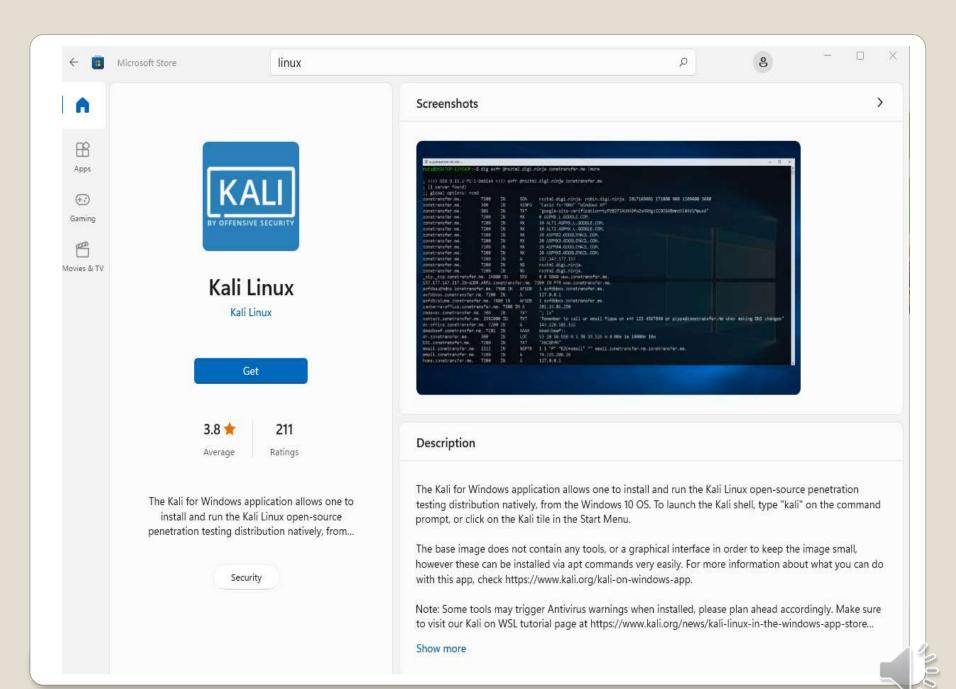
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For information on key differences with WSL 2 please visit https://aka.ms/wsl2
The operation completed successfully.

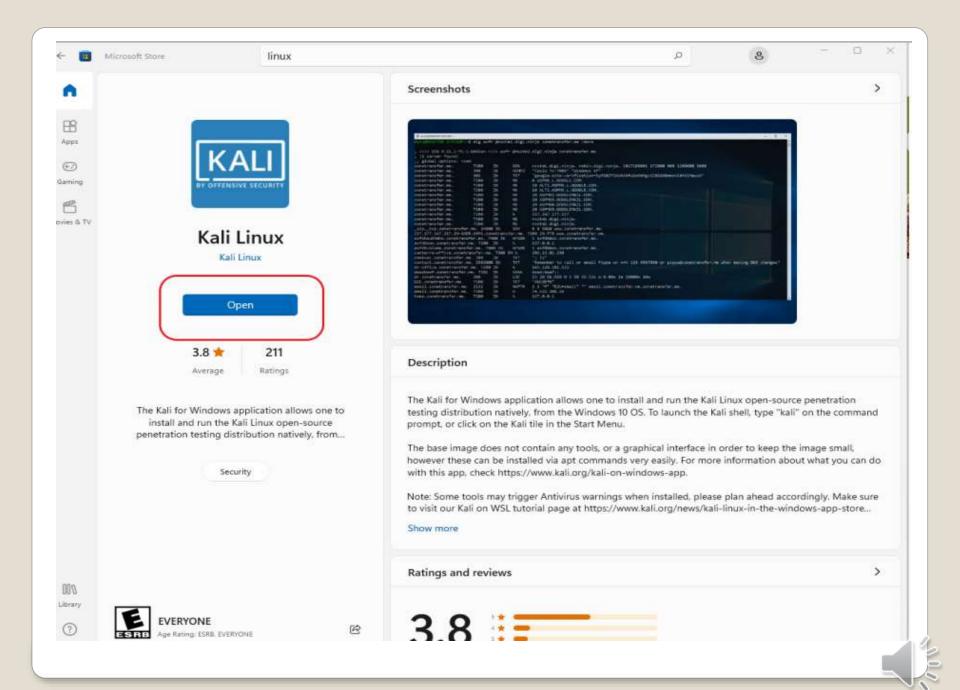
C:\WINDOWS\system32>

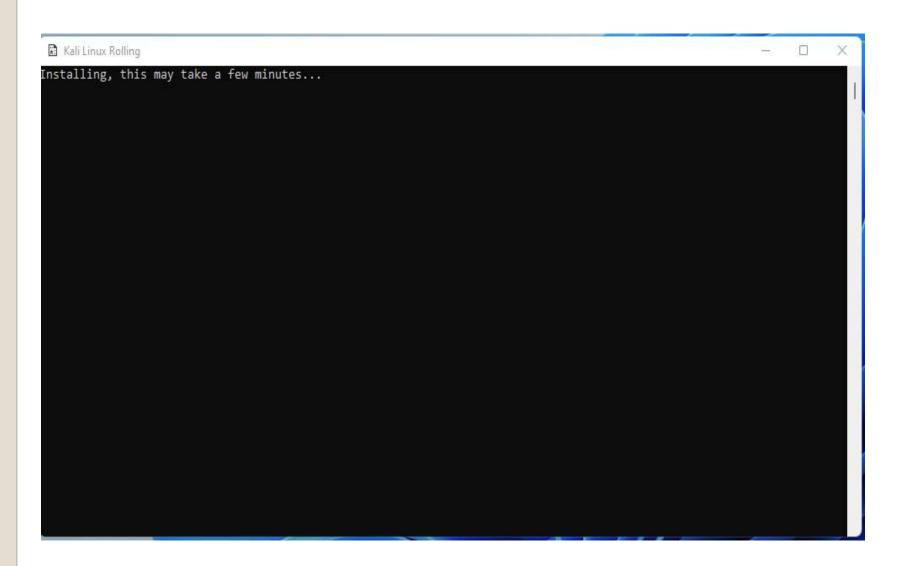
AFTER reboot set WSL default 2



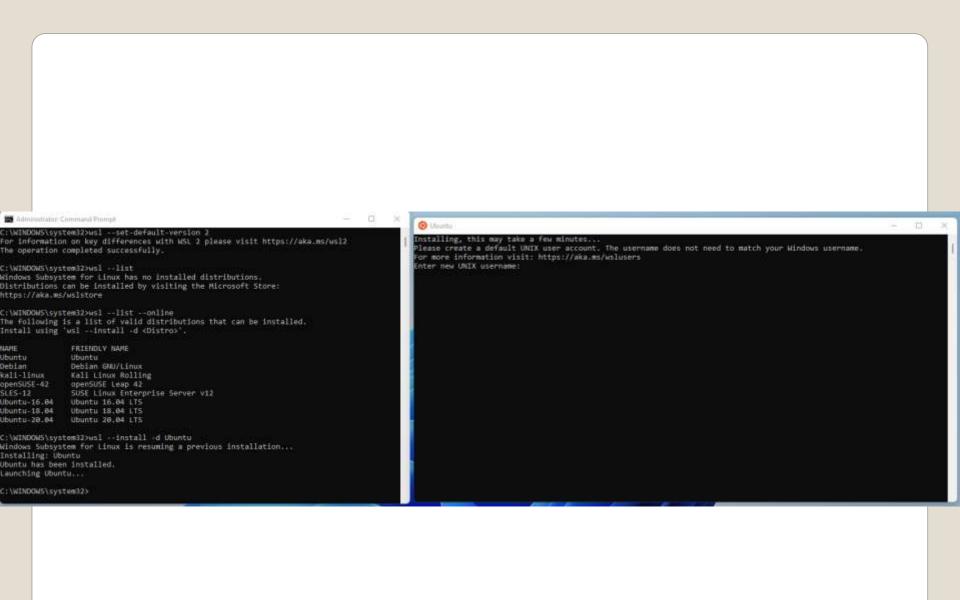








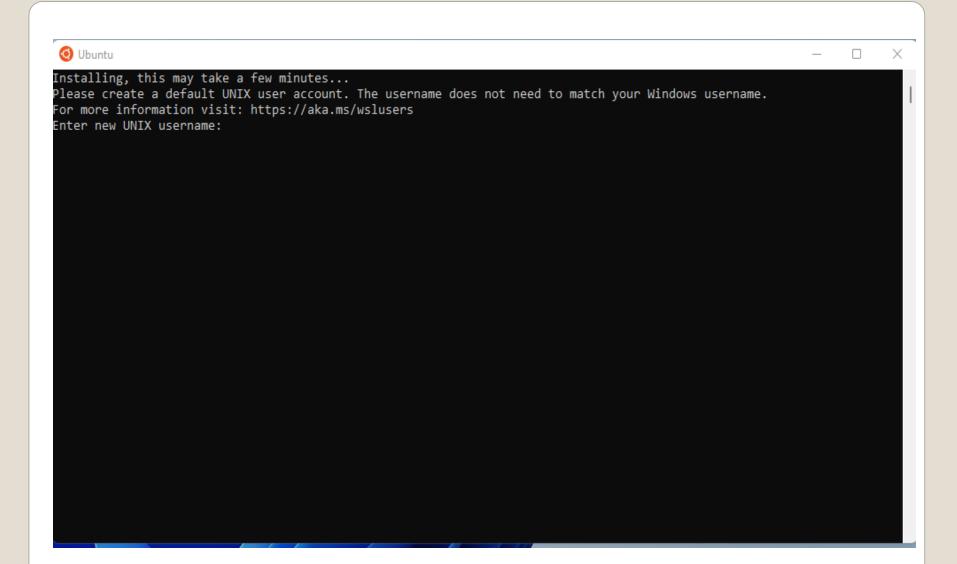




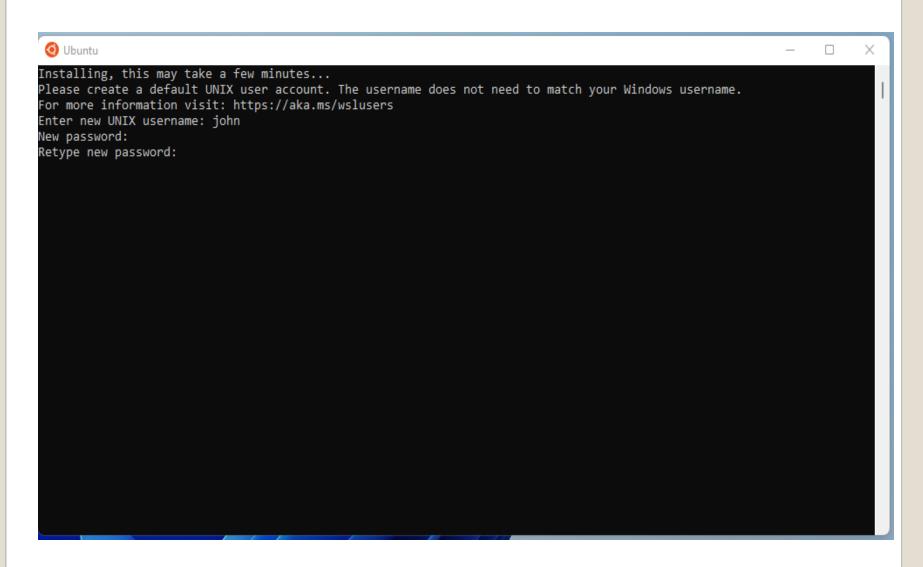


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Administrator: Command Prompt
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --set-default-version 2
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The operation completed successfully.
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --list
Windows Subsystem for Linux has no installed distributions.
Distributions can be installed by visiting the Microsoft Store:
https://aka.ms/wslstore
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --list --online
The following is a list of valid distributions that can be installed.
Install using 'wsl --install -d <Distro>'.
NAME
               FRIENDLY NAME
Ubuntu
               Ubuntu
Debian
               Debian GNU/Linux
kali-linux
               Kali Linux Rolling
openSUSE-42
               openSUSE Leap 42
SLES-12
               SUSE Linux Enterprise Server v12
Ubuntu-16.04
              Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
Ubuntu-18.04
               Ubuntu 18.04 LTS
Ubuntu-20.04
               Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --install -d Ubuntu
Windows Subsystem for Linux is resuming a previous installation...
Installing: Ubuntu
Ubuntu has been installed.
Launching Ubuntu...
C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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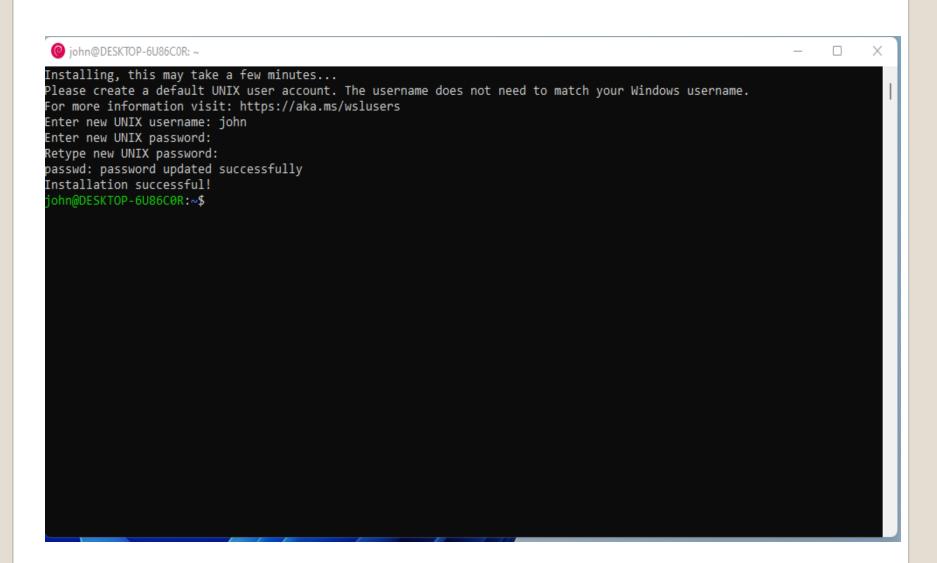




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iohn@DESKTOP-6U86C0R; ~
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Installation successful!
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo root" for details.
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.10.16.3-microsoft-standard-WSL2 x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 System information as of Fri Nov 19 19:13:51 CST 2021
 System load: 0.0
                                 Processes:
 Usage of /: 0.5% of 250.98GB Users logged in:
                                IPv4 address for eth0: 172.27.237.133
 Memory usage: 1%
 Swap usage: 0%
1 update can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
This message is shown once a day. To disable it please create the
/home/john/.hushlogin file.
john@DESKTOP-6U86C0R:~$
```

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --set-default-version 2
For information on key differences with WSL 2 please visit https://aka.ms/wsl2
The operation completed successfully.
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kali-linux
               openSUSE Leap 42
openSUSE-42
               SUSE Linux Enterprise Server v12
SLES-12
Ubuntu-16.04
               Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
Ubuntu-18.04
               Ubuntu 18.04 LTS
               Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
Ubuntu-20.04
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --install -d Ubuntu
Windows Subsystem for Linux is resuming a previous installation...
Installing: Ubuntu
Ubuntu has been installed.
Launching Ubuntu...
C:\WINDOWS\system32>wsl --install -d Debian
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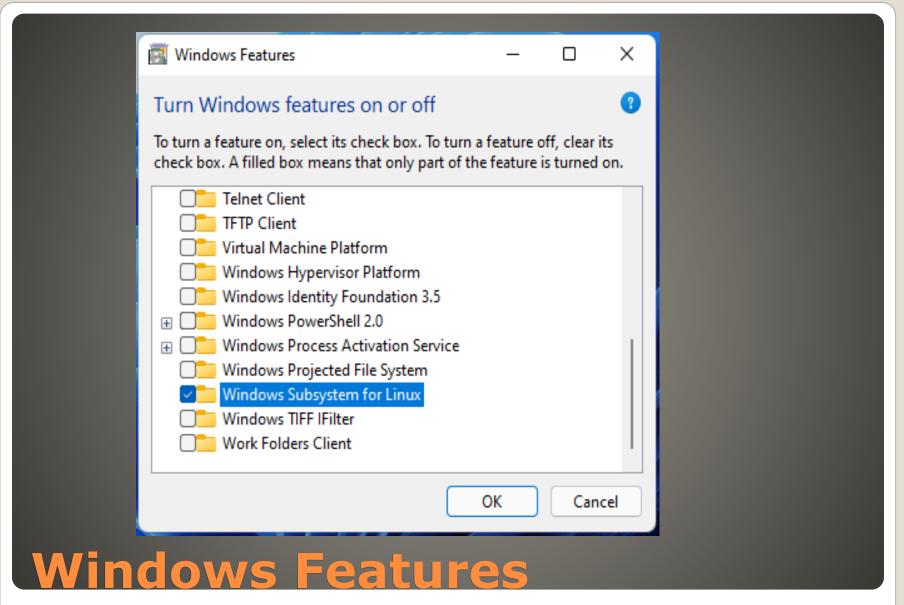
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iohn@DESKTOP-6U86C0R: ~
Installing, this may take a few minutes...
Please create a default UNIX user account. The username does not need to match your Windows username.
For more information visit: https://aka.ms/wslusers
Enter new UNIX username: john
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Installation successful!

─(Message from Kali developers)

 This is a minimal installation of Kali Linux, you likely
 want to install supplementary tools. Learn how:

  https://www.kali.org/docs/troubleshooting/common-minimum-setup/

 -(Run: "touch ~/.hushlogin" to hide this message)
  -(john⊡ DESKTOP-6U86C0R)-[~]
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Ubuntu as default







Another Way



```
john@DESKTOP-6U86C0R:~$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for john:
Get:1 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security InRelease [114 kB]
Hit:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal InRelease
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates InRelease [114 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main amd64 Packages [1025 kB]
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports InRelease [101 kB]
Get:6 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 Packages [8628 kB]
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Get:41 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/universe amd64 c-n-f Metadata [580 B]
Get:42 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/multiverse amd64 c-n-f Metadata [116 B]
Fetched 20.7 MB in 4s (5384 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
37 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
john@DESKTOP-6U86COR:~$
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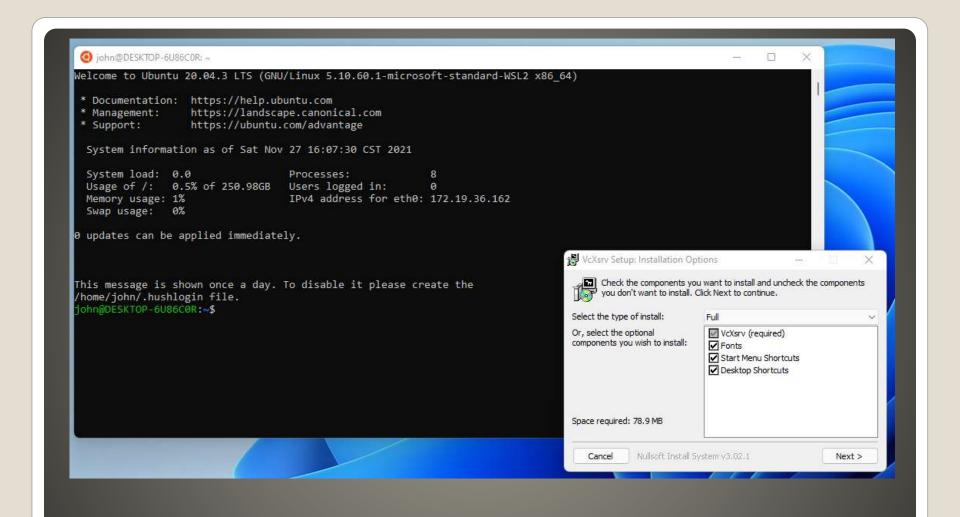
Ubuntu update & upgrade



john@DESKTOP-6U86C0R:~\$ sudo apt upgrade Reading package lists... Done Building dependency tree Reading state information... Done Calculating upgrade... Done The following packages will be upgraded: accountsservice alsa-ucm-conf apport bind9-dnsutils bind9-host bind9-libs ca-certificates cloud-init cloud-initramfs-copymods cloud-initramfs-dyn-netconf cpio curl distro-info-data git git-man libaccountsservice0 libasound2 libasound2-data libcurl3-gnutls libcurl4 libdrm-amdgpu1 libdrm-common libdrm-intel1 libdrm-nouveau2 libdrm-radeon1 libdrm2 libgcrypt20 libgl1-mesa-dri libglapi-mesa libglx-mesa0 libicu66 libllvm12 libnetplan0 libnss-systemd libntfs-3g883 libpam-modules libpam-modules-bin libpam-runtime libpam-systemd libpam@g libprocps8 libpulse0 libpulsedsp libpython3.8 libpython3.8-minimal libpython3.8-stdlib libssh-4 libssl1.1 libsystemd0 libtdb1 libudev1 libudisks2-0 linux-base mesa-vulkan-drivers netplan.io ntfs-3g open-vm-tools openssl overlayroot procps pulseaudio-utils python-apt-common python3-apport python3-apt python3-problem-report python3-software-properties python3-update-manager python3.8 python3.8-minimal rsync snapd software-properties-common squashfs-tools systemd systemd-sysv systemd-timesyncd tzdata ubuntu-advantage-tools udev udisks2 ufw update-manager-core vim vim-common vim-runtime vim-tiny xxd 87 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded. 34 standard security updates Need to get 109 MB of archives. After this operation, 1233 kB of additional disk space will be used. Do you want to continue? [Y/n]

Ubuntu upgrade





Need an X Server



Some choices:

https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/bestlinux-desktop-environments/

Now a Desktop Environment





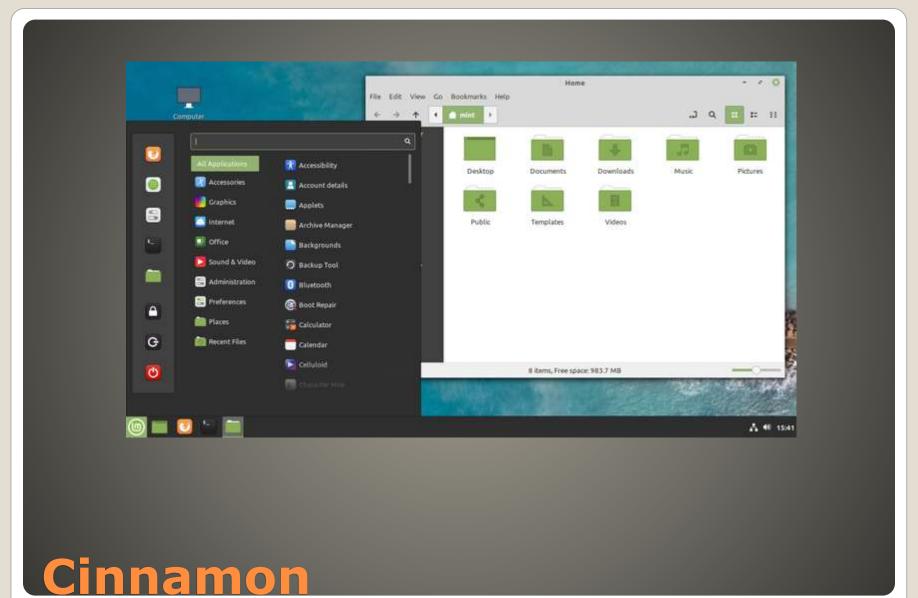
GNOME



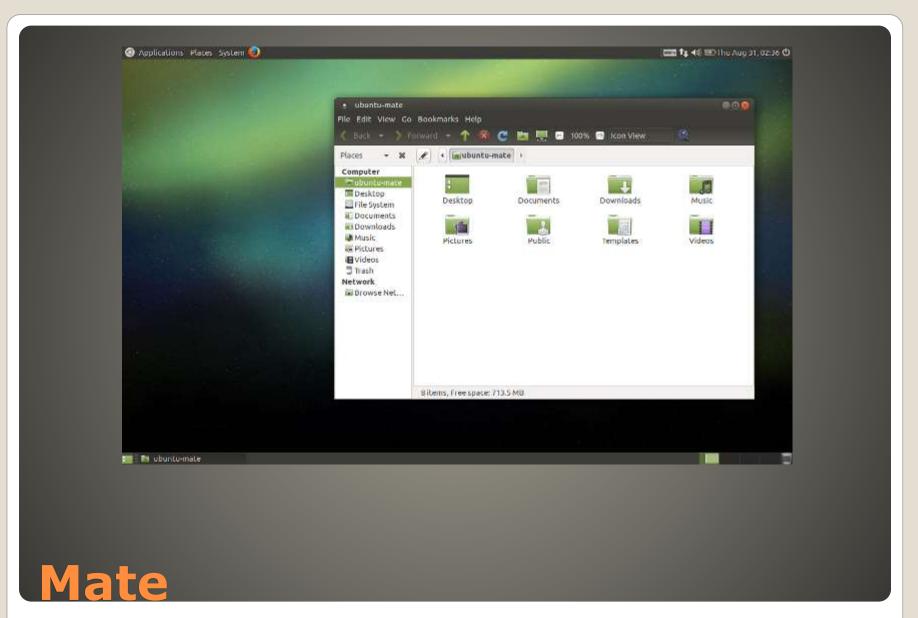


KDE Plasma

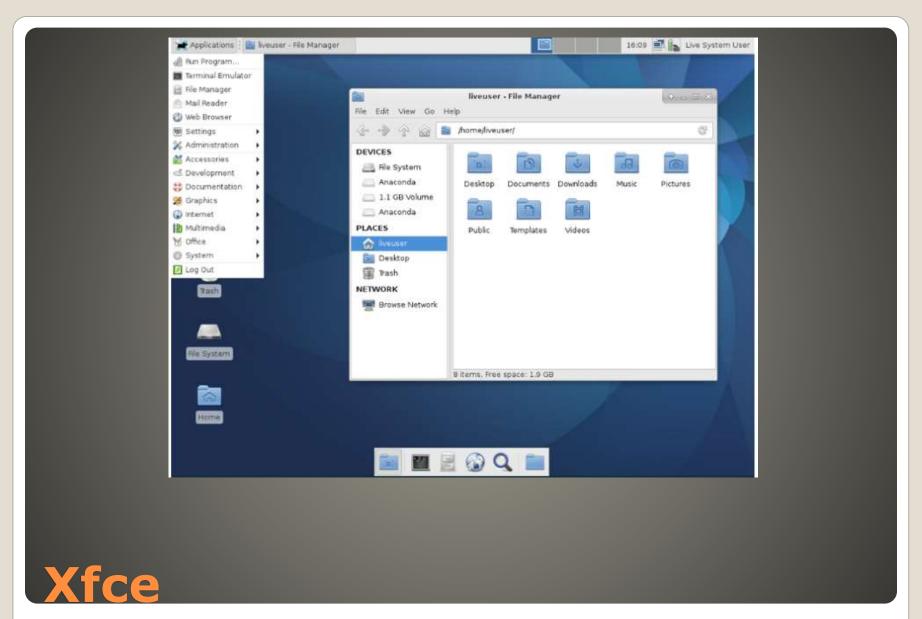




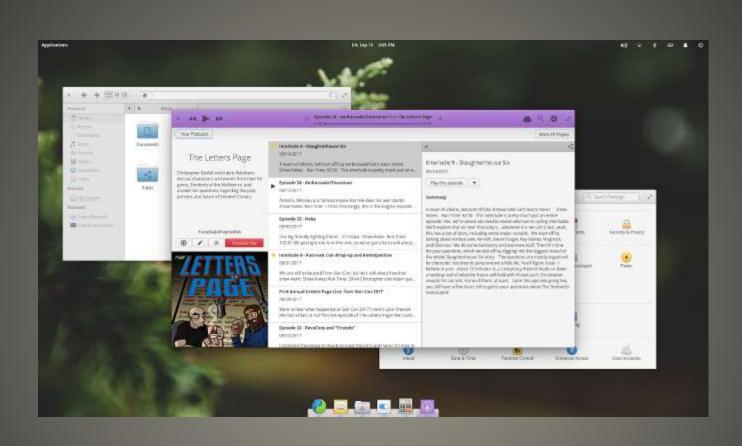






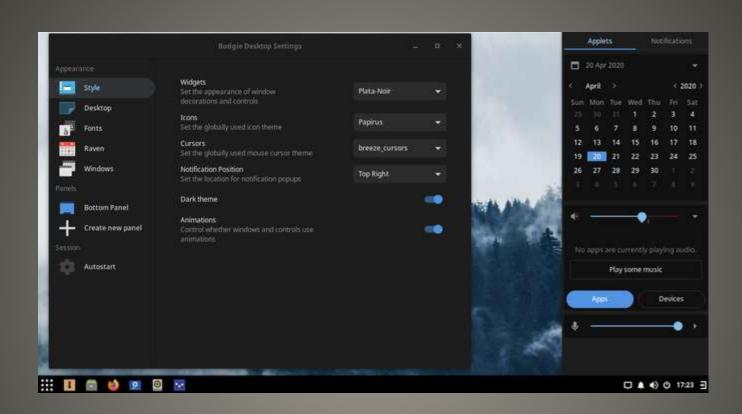






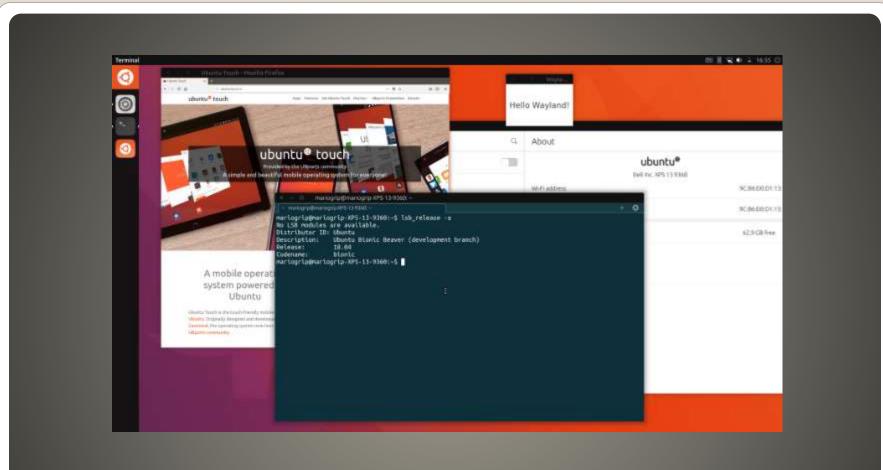
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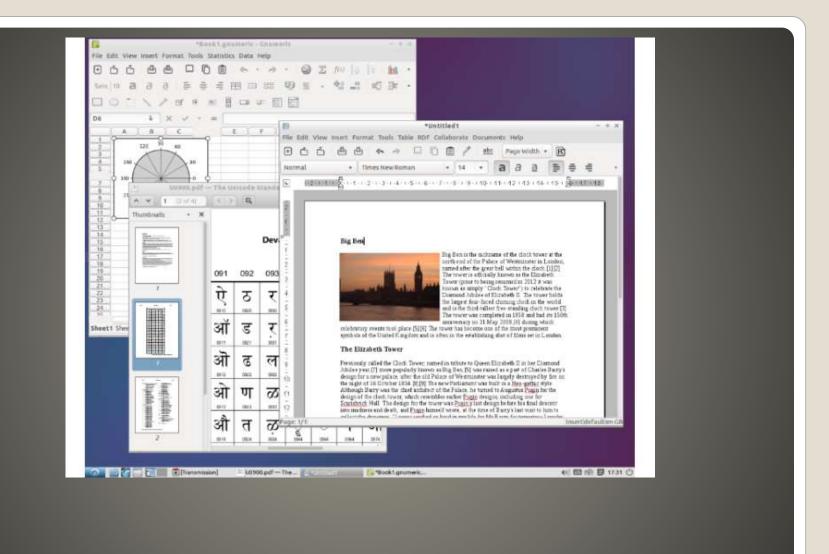
Budgie





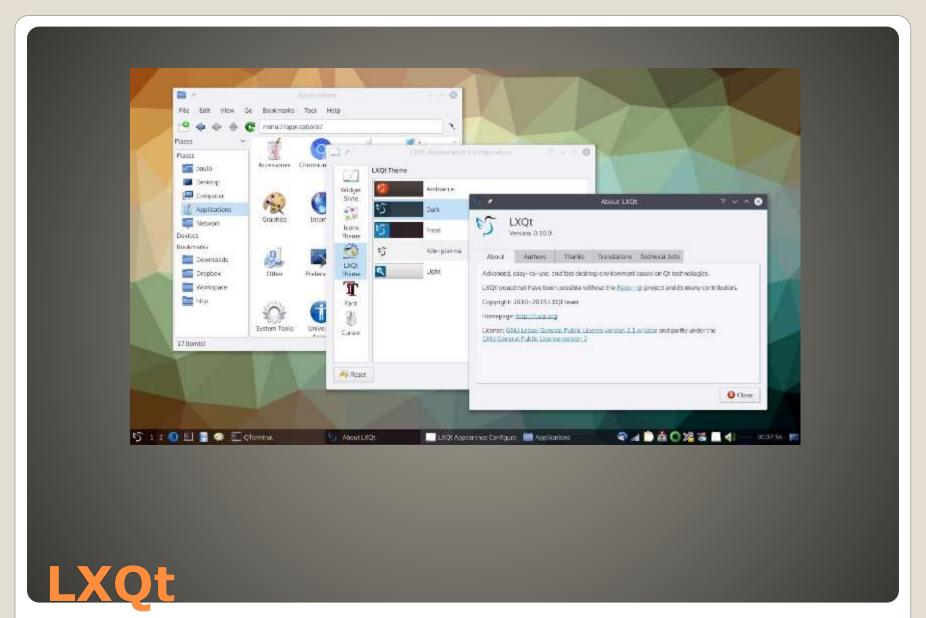
Unity



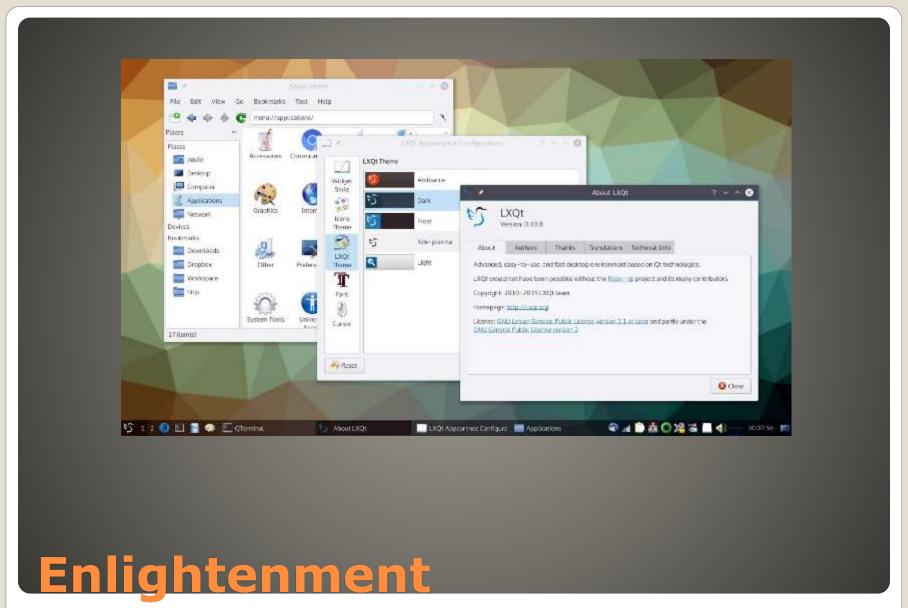


LXDE

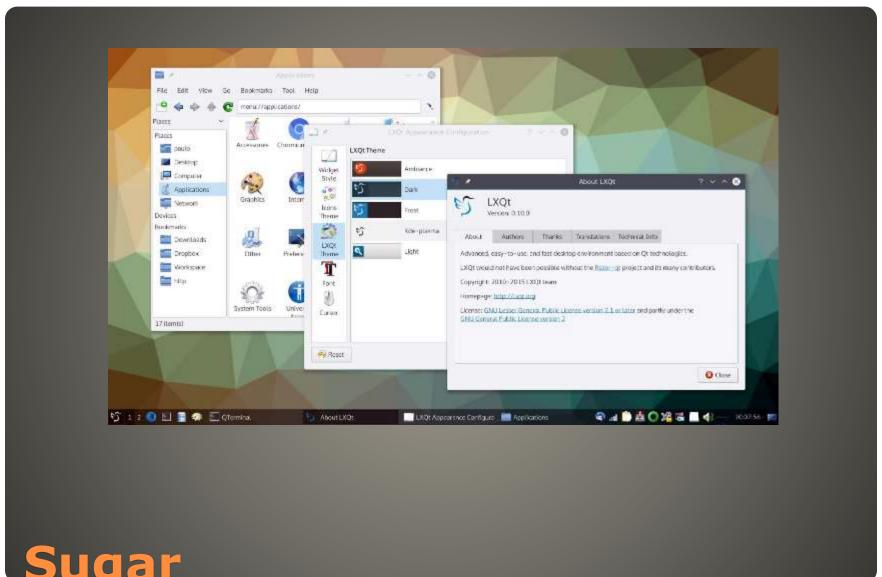






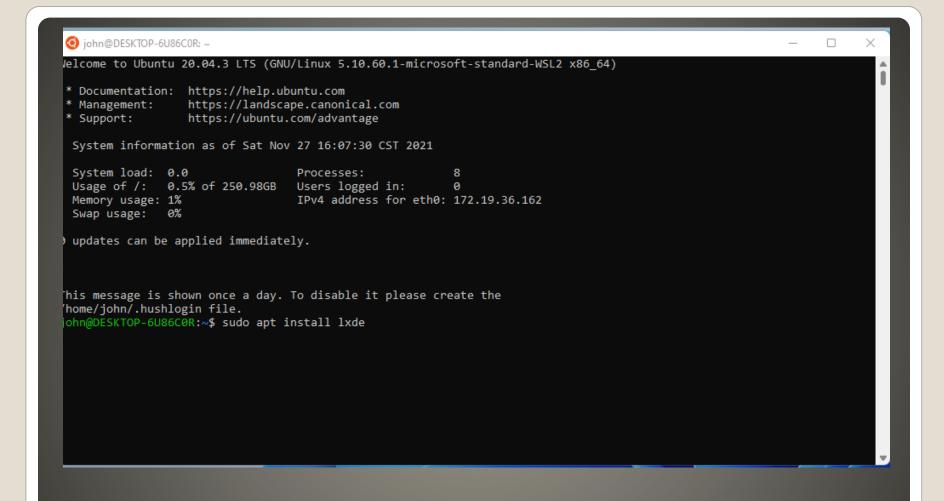






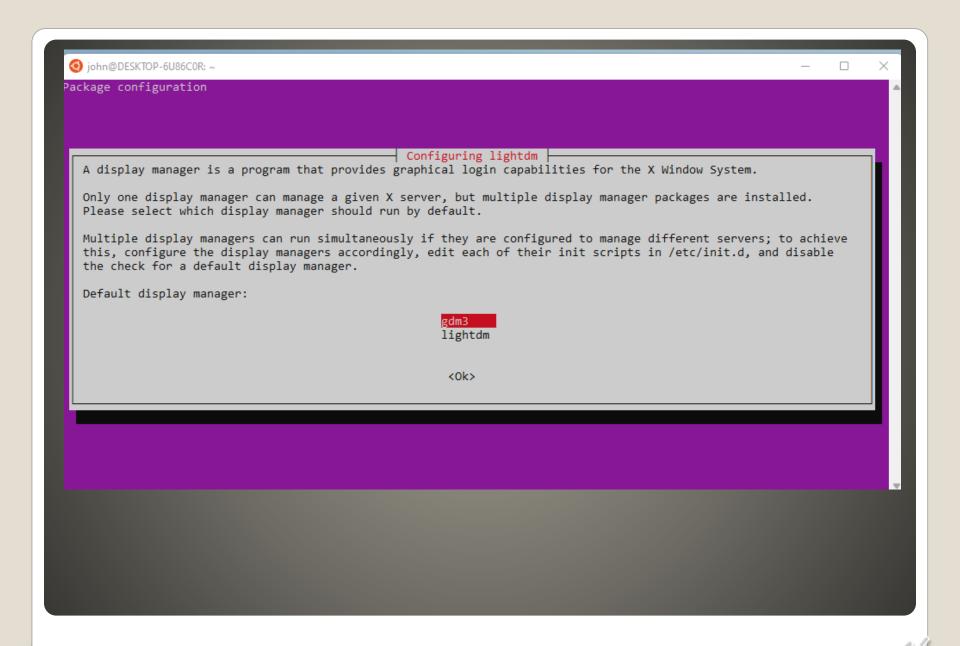
Sugar





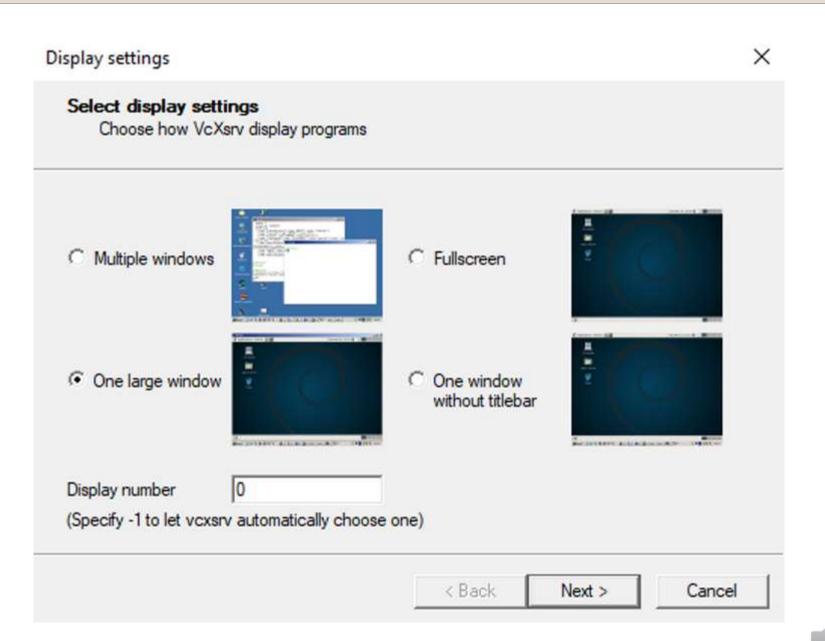
Install Desktop Environment





```
iohn@DESKTOP-6U86C0R; ~
aspell-autobuildhash: processing: en [en-variant 0].
aspell-autobuildhash: processing: en [en-variant 1].
aspell-autobuildhash: processing: en [en-variant 2].
aspell-autobuildhash: processing: en [en-w accents-onlv].
aspell-autobuildhash: processing: en [en-wo accents-only].
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Processing triggers for libgdk-pixbuf2.0-0:amd64 (2.40.0+dfsg-3ubuntu0.2) ...
Processing triggers for rygel (0.38.3-1ubuntu1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9.2) ...
Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.16-2ubuntu2.1) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (245.4-4ubuntu3.13) ...
Processing triggers for sgml-base (1.29.1) ...
iohn@DESKTOP-6U86C0R:~$ export DISPLAY=:0
john@DESKTOP-6U86C0R:~$ export LIBGL ALWAYS INDIRECT=1
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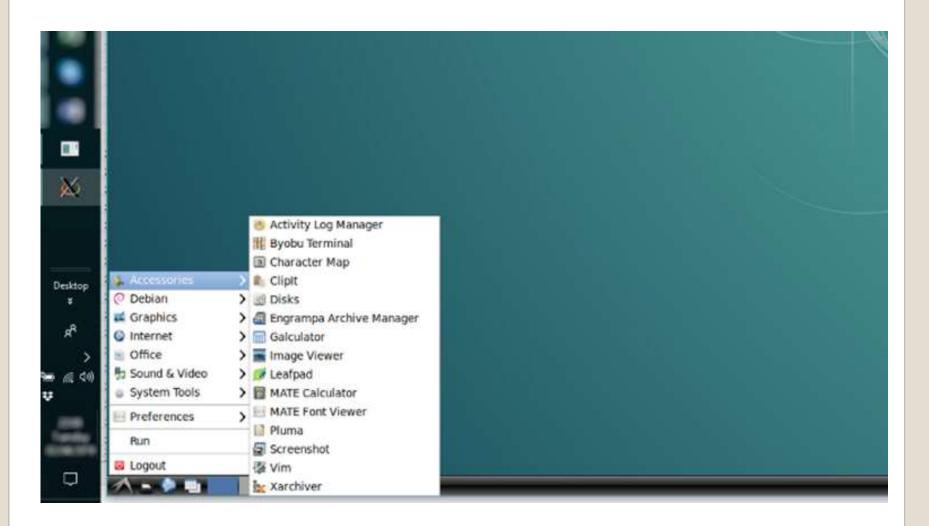


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Cancel









- VM more efficient
- VM have more choices
 Linux, Windows 7, 8, 8.1, Vista, etc.

Linux in a VM



- Knowledge of disk partitioning
- Knowledge of BIOS
- Knowledge of Linux installation
- Getting files & directories back and forth

Dual Boot



- Usually no file persistence
- Perhaps a BIOS setting

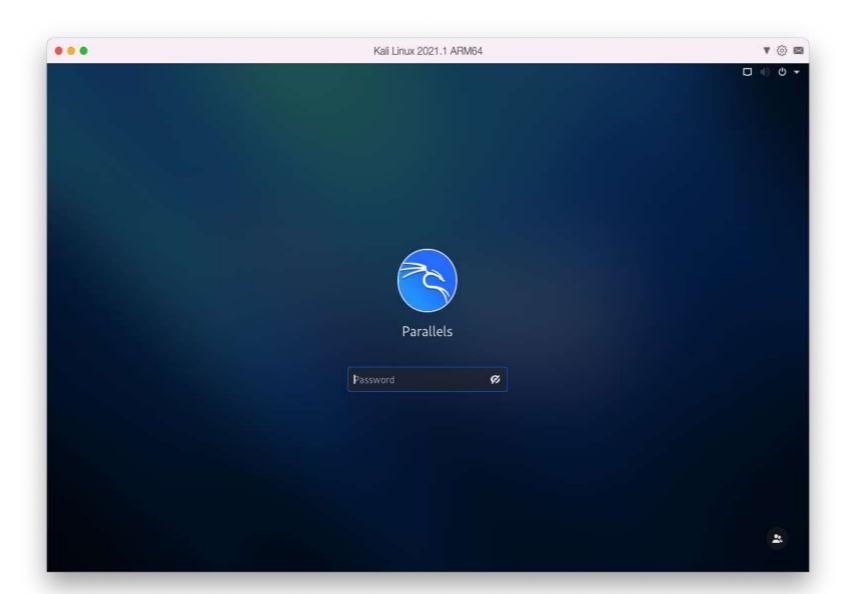
Live boot



- What kind of MAC?
- PowerPC, Intel, M1,
- VM
- MacOS is Linux
- Parallels (cost)

But I have a MAC







- Linux is an Operating system
- Linux can offer a more secure/safer environment
- Linux options abound
- Virtual machines
- WSL 2
- Dual boot
- Trash machine
- Cygwin
- Wubi
- Compiled apps
- Free shell
- Live Linux
- Raspberry Pi
- Container

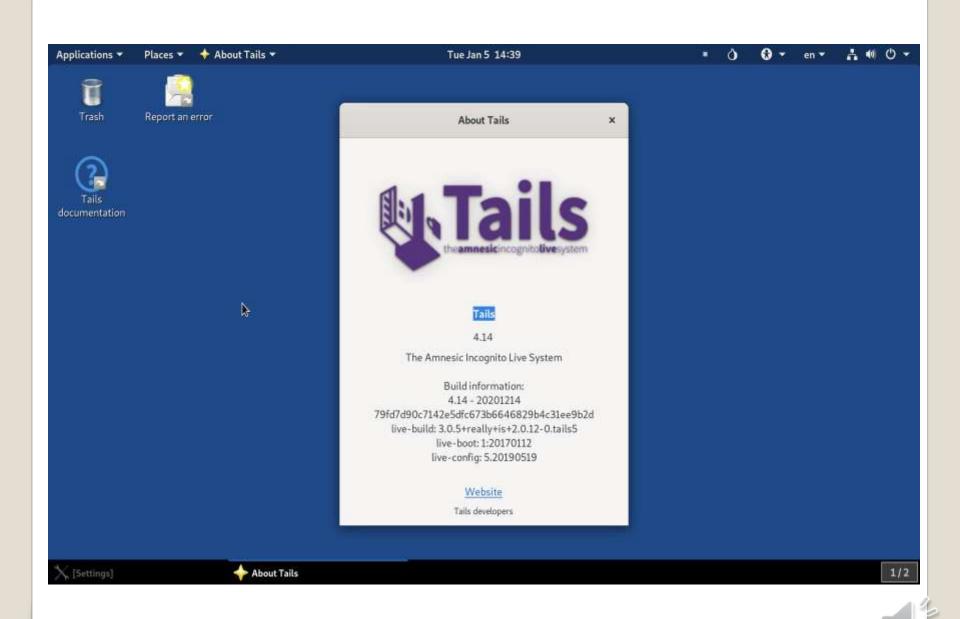
Review



- The Amnesic Incognito Live System
- Goal Preserving privacy & Anonymity
- Activists, Journalists, you
- Snowden, Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Safer NOT safe not magic
- Encrypted Persistent Storage Option
- USB, DVD, VM

TAILS





- Security on the go
- Leave no trace

TAILS Advantages



- Helpful < > Harmful
- Awareness, Preparedness, Understanding

Computer Club, Help Center, SIGs, Presentations, FirstTime, classes Cyber Security SIG meetings, NEWSBLOG Internet

• Questions, suggestions, comments?

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