

# Preparing Your Computer

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You are welcome to use your own favorite local install of Linux, using whatever distribution you are comfortable with. From time to time, you may find you are missing a particular program or package that we use in this course and will have to go get it and install it using your **Linux** distribution's usual methods.

If you have not already done so, you can [check online if your computer is ready for this course](#).

Because we are not using a graphical environment, you should also be able to do the course work on a remote machine that you remotely log in to.

You can use either a physical machine, or a virtual machine running under a **hypervisor** such as VMware, Oracle Virtual Box or KVM. Partly because we are not concentrating on performance tuning, a virtual machine should work as well as a physical machine; the lower performance will not be an issue on the one hand, and you can do much less damage on the other.



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