

Linux (Ubuntu)

After install you will find it's much like any windowing OS, although without the polish (for instance pinta, my MSpaint replacement, does not have a print function, openOffice and Libreoffice are not as good as MS Office). Desktop icons are a bit of a pain to make.

But its fast, free, customizable (different types of linux, different window managers (or none for servers) , setup for client use or server use, can be run from just the command line (low demand on your video card then) so you can ssh in to a remote machine and run the OS through a low bandwidth connection (just a few chars back and forth over the wire verses streaming all the graphics of a window manager over the wire).

To install software you need extra privileges, so most of the following needs to be preceded by sudo. You can get/install programs directly(like eclipse) but usually you'll go through package managers, the software may be a little older than the latest available, but its easier to install)

The following is from <http://www.control-escape.com/linux/lx-swinstall.html>

Debian, Ubuntu: APT

There is a broad array of tools for working with DEB packages, but the one you will commonly use is apt-get, arguably the easiest of Linux package management tools. apt-get is so easy because it not only keeps track of what packages are installed, but also what other packages are available. It will even download them from the Internet for you (if properly configured).

```
sudo apt-get install ${packagename}
```

To remove software is just as easy.

```
sudo apt-get remove ${packagename}
```

Although the repositories that contain installable packages might live on the Internet or on a disc somewhere, APT keeps a local database with a list of all available packages and where to find them. This database needs to be explicitly updated. The following command will update the APT database:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

A common idiom is to update your package database, and then upgrade all the packages that have patches or security updates to install. The following command will do this all at once.

```
sudo apt-get update; apt-get upgrade
```

For a more indepth `apt-get` tutorial and other resources, see [**Managing Software with APT and dpkg**](#).

[Open terminal \(can do everything from here\)](#)

Ctrl-alt-T

[Environmental vars](#)

`echo $PATH` #where the os looks for executables and other stuff if you do not specify a path

[some commands](#)

```
cd (dirname)      #change directory  
cd ~             #go to home dir /home/keith for me  
ls -la          #directory listing with permisions, owners, hidden files  
find . -name "*boo*"  #recursively search for any file with boo in name  
df              #disk usage  
ps -e           #all running processes  
kill processnumber    #from ps -e, choose process number and kill with this command  
alias            #way to simplify complex commands (demo alias and cd327)  
grep -R cos .     #recursively search all files for the letters cos from this directory on
```

[especially useful stuff](#)

```
locate  
which  
whatis  
whereis  
.executableprogram  #run program from current dir
```

See linux tutorials on course home page for help. My advice, just start using it, over time you will learn all this stuff.

Git

See course website for simple guide to git

Git keeps a local copy and remote copy, manages most of merges for you, very fast. You will use version control at your job, probably git, learn it now. This section follows an in class demo

Workflow (pull from my repo at github.com to your github.com account)

First fork the repo, then clone

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'kperkins411 / delme'. At the top right, there is a 'Fork' button with a red box around it labeled 'Step 1'. Below the fork button, there is a 'Clone or download' button with a red box around it labeled 'Step 2'. The repository statistics show 1 commit, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. At the bottom right of the main content area, there is a 'Clone with HTTPS' link and a 'Use SSH' link. Below these links are 'Open in Desktop' and 'Download ZIP' buttons.

Use above link to get a local copy

On your local machine,

```
git clone https://github.com/kperkins411/delme.git #make a local copy of remote repo
```

Workflow (create your own local repo, push to your github.com)

```
git init #now have a local repo with .git file
touch .gitignore #put all the files/dirs. You want to ignore in here
git remote -v #connected to a remote? not yet
#go and create a remote repo, I created one at github called delme with url
#https://github.com/CNUClasses/delme.git
#now tie local repo to remote
git remote add origin https://github.com/CNUClasses/delme.git
```

Workflow (change local repo, push to your github.com repo)

```
#create a local file  
touch file  
git status #see gits view of things  
git add file #or use interactive (great if you have many files that you cannot filter with .gitignore)  
git add -i  
    #probably use update (2) and add untracked the most(4)  
    #just choose the files you want to add from list, then hit return on empty line to quit  
    #presto you have a staged change to commit, but its not in yet  
  
git status  
git commit -m "informative message" #makes local repo changes  
git log --oneline #what have I commuted  
git push origin master #pushes those changes to remote
```

In depth tutorial at bitbucket (along with free private repos)

<https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/learn-git-with-bitbucket-cloud>