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Dual boot 2 or 3 different Linux distributions on a laptop

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Q. I'm new to Linux and I would like to try out different distributions. Is there a way to dual boot 2 or 3 different Linux distributions on a laptop? I'm using Dell 6400 Laptop.

A. Yes you can dual boot 2-3 distribution on a Laptop. You don't need a special program. Linux boot loader GRUB can be used for the same. However you need to create more partitions to store data for each distro. I recommend a special software program such as VMWARE [2] workstation which can be downloaded (a trial version) and used to install and boot different Linux distribution without creating and managing hard disk partitions. You need at least 1 GB RAM and 20 GB hard disk space to test different Linux distributions under VMWARE.



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