Setting up your first Linux machine on your own computer

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Introduction

Linux is an operating system alternative to Windows and MacOS. There are countless types and versions of it, each has its own unique quirks and differences, most are free to download and use at your leisure. On top of it all, for people who are more technologically oriented, you can modify these as much or little as you would like as the developers leave them to be open-sourced. Linux offers as much security as Windows and MacOS, and even more for versions that are open source, as when developers find and fix issues, the patches roll almost instantly, there is no true need to get antimalware software. There is also a significant more customizability you can do with the operating system, the combinations and options are limitless. For this set of instructions, we will be setting up Ubuntu 20.04.

You can get your own Linux system through the following steps:

**Step 1:** Downloading Ubuntu 20.04

**Step 2:** Setting up to load Into Ubuntu

**Step 3:** Navigating Ubuntu

**Step 4:** Running Updates and terminal basics

**Step 5:** Pre-installed and open source software that parallels paid-software