

What is Kali Linux?

About Kali Linux

[Kali Linux](#) (formerly known as [BackTrack Linux](#)) is an [open-source](#), [Debian-based Linux](#) distribution aimed at advanced Penetration Testing and Security Auditing. Kali Linux contains [several hundred tools](#) targeted towards various information security tasks, such as Penetration Testing, Security Research, Computer Forensics and Reverse Engineering. Kali Linux is a multi platform solution, accessible and freely available to information security professionals and hobbyists.

Kali Linux was released on the [13th March 2013](#) as a complete, top-to-bottom rebuild of [BackTrack Linux](#), adhering completely to [Debian](#) development standards.

Kali Linux Features

More than [600](#) penetration testing tools included: After reviewing every tool that was included in BackTrack, we eliminated a great number of tools that either simply did not work or which duplicated other tools that provided the same or similar functionality. Details on what's included are on the [Kali Tools](#) site.

Free (as in beer) and always will be: Kali Linux, like BackTrack, is [completely free](#) of charge and always will be. You will never, ever have to pay for Kali Linux.

Open source Git tree: We are committed to the open source development model and our [development tree](#) is available for all to see. All of the source code which goes into Kali Linux is available for anyone who wants to tweak or rebuild [packages](#) to suit their specific needs.