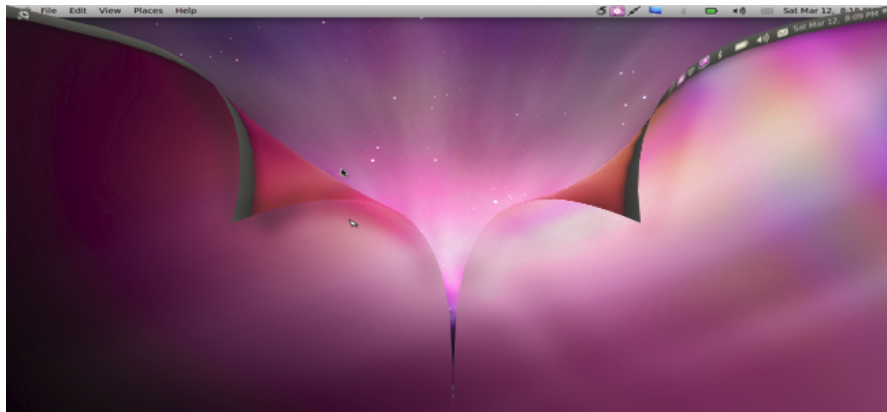


How to Make Ubuntu Linux Look Like Mac OS X

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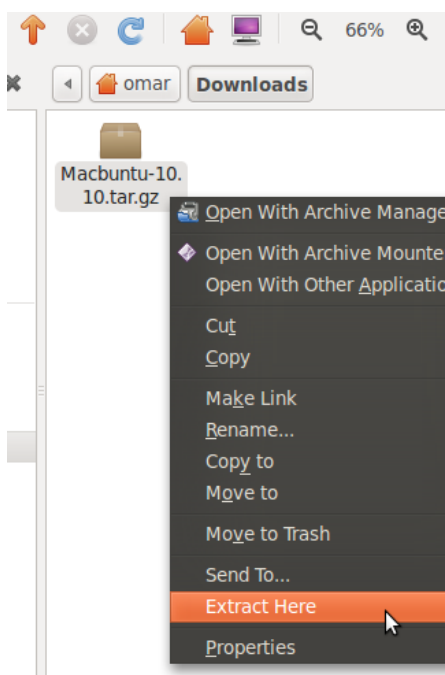


We've already shown you how to customize your Ubuntu installation and [make it look like Windows 7](#), and now we're back to show you how to turn Linux into a Mac OS X lookalike in just a couple of minutes.

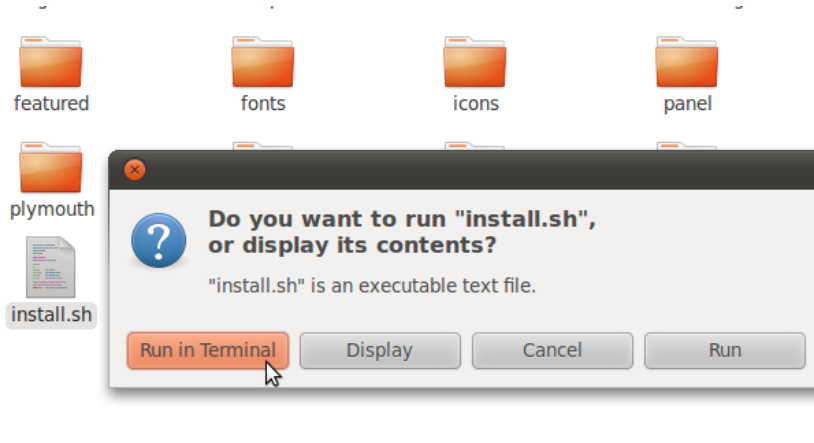
To accomplish this, we're going to use Macbuntu, an open-source program designed to transform the Linux theme into a Mac OS X environment. Although Macbuntu is dedicated to Ubuntu Linux OS, it could be used in other OS based on Debian/GTK.

Installing Macbuntu

First, grab a copy from the project's page at SourceForge. Once downloaded, right-click the file and press Extract Here.



When extracted open the extracted folder. You'll find a file named "Install.sh". You guessed it, it's the installation script. Now double-click it and choose Run in Terminal.



A terminal window should pop up now which looks pretty much like this:

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Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Script significantly changes the desktop.
Not compatible with Ubuntu Netbook Edition.
If a previous version of Macbuntu-10.10 is installed it will be overwritten.

Checking Ubuntu version...
Passed

Checkin script user...
Passed

Checking currently installed version of Macbuntu-10.10...

This script will install and enable Macbuntu-10.10 now
You must have root privileges to be able to install listed components.

Attention!
Running scripts with root privileges is dangerous, if you do not trust the softw
are
or you are unsure about the origin of this software, please abort (Control+C).
Macbuntu guarantee the safe code only if the application comes from this address
https://sourceforge.net/projects/macbuntu/

Do you want to continue [Y/n]?
y

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Nothing interesting here so we'll just press y and hit enter. Afterwards, the installation will begin with a few questions you need to answer.

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Please, take a breath and answer a few questions

- Which font you want to install, otherwise a default (*) one will be selected?
* 1. Do nothing, I want to do it myself
  2. Latin
  3. Chinese

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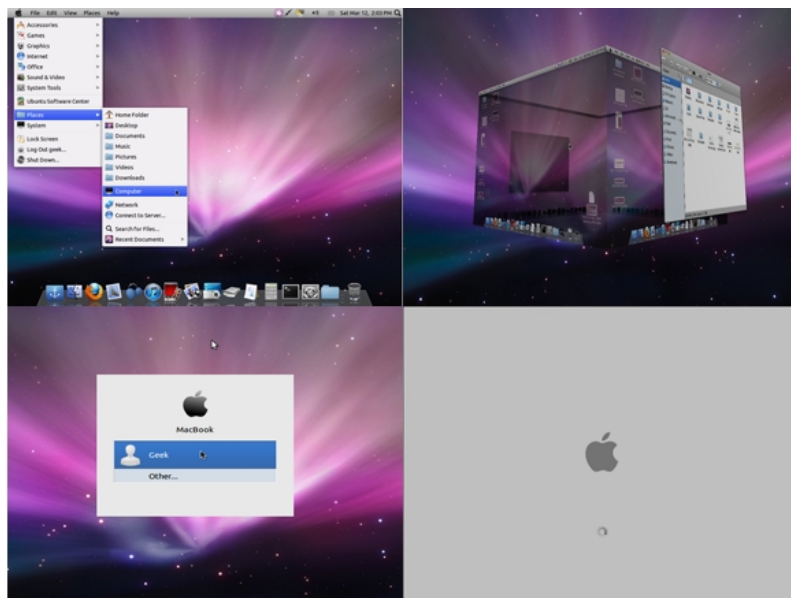
You can choose whatever answer you want or if you don't know what to do, just hit enter without any letter to choose the default choice. During installation, it may need to download some packages from the internet so please choose yes when asked. Now installation is done, you will be offered to download Mac OS X themes for FireFox, Thunderbird, and Chrome. If you want to, you can choose yes and browser window will open showing you where to download them. The theme links are provided in the end of this article. Your Ubuntu should have started to look a bit like Mac by now. Last thing to do is restarting. You will be asked to restart, so please choose yes.

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It is recommended that you restart the X server (Control+Alt+Backspace if enabl
ed)
Positively, if reboot the computer. Restart now?
Please, press any other key if you want to restart later [y/N]?
y

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After restarting you'll find out that you Ubuntu box looks almost identical to Mac OSX. The boot screen has changed, login screen, desktop, panels, icons, bottom dock, and even the mouse cursor has been changed. Have fun with your new Mac OSX. You can always use a different them without uninstalling Macbuntu. Just right-click on your desktop, click change desktop back ground from the context menu, a window will pop up, choose the themes tab and change the theme.



Uninstalling Macbuntu

If you don't like Macbuntu or you feel like you don't want it anymore you can revert your Ubuntu to default state. In the archive you downloaded and extracted there is the file "uninstall.sh" double-click it and choose run in terminal. Continue with the instructions within the terminal window to complete the uninstallation.

[Macbuntu homepage](#)

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