

Why Linux?

- New computer – no operating system
- A hand-me-down (or up)
- Building a new computer
- Fun of trying a different operating system

Try Linux

- Getting Linux
 - Download an “.iso” file
 - Burn the iso image to disk to make “live CD”
 - Boot the live CD to see how it works
 - If you like it, click “Install”

Pros & Cons

- Pros

- The price is right – it's free
- Has most of the features of Microsoft Windows
- Attractive, intuitive interface
- Lends itself to much configuration
- Relatively resistant to malware

- Cons

- Some popular apps are missing
- Can be confusing
- More bugs than MS Windows

Two “Desktops”
Multiple “Distributions”

Desktops (GUIs)

→ KDE

→ Gnome

Distributions

Distribution	KDE	Gnome
PCLinuxOS <i>(Recommended)</i>	✓	
Mandriva	✓	
Mepis	✓	
OpenSUSE	✓	
Linux Mint <i>(Recommended)</i>		✓
Ubuntu		✓
Fedora		✓