

Flash Drives, Linux, etc.

- Linux as a Windows Replacement
- Linux for servicing and repairing sick computers – Linux flash drives
- Windows 8/8.1 – Taming the beast
- Windows-based “active” flash drives

Linux

- Various flavors
 - Ubuntu, Mint, Suse (heavyweights)
 - Xubuntu, Linux Lite, all XFCE versions (lightweights)
- Download .iso
- Burn image to CD
- Try out the live CD
- Install if you like it
- Customize if you want

Flash Drives vs. CD-ROMs

- CD-ROMs
 - The Good
 - Inexpensive
 - Can be booted when flash drives cannot
 - For computer repair, does everything a flash drive can do
 - The Bad
 - Bulky
 - Write-once

Portable Apps

- Use from within Windows
- Download and install the platform
 - www.portableapps.com

Customizing Windows 8.1

- Log in without password
 - netplwiz
- Log directly into Desktop (not Start screen)
- Sidebar gadgets
 - www.8GadgetPack.net
- “Real” Start button
 - www.ClassicShell.net

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