

Ubuntu is built on [Debian](#)'s architecture and infrastructure, and comprises Linux server, desktop and discontinued phone and tablet operating system versions.[\[29\]](#) Ubuntu releases updated versions predictably every six months,[\[30\]](#) and each release receives free support for nine months (eighteen months prior to 13.04)[\[31\]](#) with security fixes, high-impact bug fixes and conservative, substantially beneficial low-risk bug fixes.[\[32\]](#) The first release was in October 2004.

Current [long-term support](#) (LTS) releases are supported for five years, and are released every two years. Since the release of Ubuntu 6.06, every fourth release receives long-term support.[\[30\]](#) Long-term support includes updates for new hardware, security patches and updates to the 'Ubuntu stack' (cloud computing infrastructure).[\[33\]](#) The first LTS releases were supported for three years on the desktop and five years on the server; since Ubuntu 12.04 LTS, desktop support for LTS releases was increased to five years as well.[\[34\]](#)[\[35\]](#)[\[36\]](#) LTS releases get regular point releases with support for new hardware and integration of all the updates published in that series to date.