

General Information about Ubuntu

Look Ubuntu Desktop Guide: **Getting Started**

There seem to be a lot of Linux operating systems; which operating system do I choose?

The programs that a home user needs are email, web browser, pdf file viewer, video and music playback software as well as, office program including spreadsheet, word processing and presentation graphics. Today, cloud services, web calls and other social media programs are also often needed.

Although Linux has many different operating systems, the above mentioned programs can be found in all these systems and look the same. In this sense, the home user can choose any operating system.

There are plenty of tutorials of Ubuntu, as well as a very useful forum where you get advice very quickly.

The previously mentioned utilities are similar in appearance on the screen, whether you are running Windows or Ubuntu. Ubuntu does not need antivirus protection. The firewall has also been built inside Linux itself.

Ubuntu with all its programs is free.

Ubuntu needs much less memory compared to Windows.

When you start using Ubuntu instead of Windows, perhaps the most significant difference is the directory / folder structures. These differences are presented in this guide.

Ubuntu is updated annually and the so-called "Long-term support" (5 years) versions are published every two years with the symbol of year and month and the letters LTS (long-term support). For example, version 18.04 LTS has been released in April 2018 and will be supported until 2023.

Hint. If you have an old computer with Windows XP or Vista, you can install Ubuntu Mate. Ubuntu Mate is excellent with an old PC like XP or Vista.

You can work with XP or with Ubuntu Mate, and Mate can use files from the XP area.

Very useful! And you can use this guide with Mate too!

How to open Ubuntu?

To **unlock your computer**, raise the lock screen curtain by dragging it upward with the cursor, or by pressing Esc or Enter. This will reveal the login screen, where you can enter your password to unlock. Alternatively, **just start typing your password** and the curtain will be automatically raised as you type.

When you lock your screen, or it locks automatically, the lock screen is displayed. In addition to protecting your desktop while you're away from your computer, the lock screen displays the date and time. It also shows information about your battery and network status.



Hint! You can easily check out the Linux distro at **Manjaro**, which works with a web browser.