What distro should I learn first?

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IT DOES NOT REALLY MATTER*

▶ Most distros will have the same core linux tools or a way to install them

▶ Distros can be made to look like each other

What makes a distro less "beginner friendly" for learners

- ▶ A lot of differences comes from installation/management of the OS or software
- ▶ Some distros have more available support than others online
- ▶ Some distros are purpose built to serve a function

Why not Kali/Parrot/Insert pentesting distro here

- ▶ Packed with a bunch of tools
- ▶ Not built for stability/home use
- ▶ Like driving a McLaren without a drivers license at 5mph

Why not Windows Subshell for Linux (WSL)

▶ It will not provide us a realistic experience with certain scenarios

▶ Differences in functionality/errors can get in the way of learning

For this course…

- We will use debian
  - Its lightweight
  - Well supported and documented
  - Likely to encounter it or its variants in the business world
- There will be no GUI at first
- You are free to follow loosely and pick any distro you want*