**CIS1300 – Week 1 Assignment 1**

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This assignment was to list a number of applications used by myself as an “ ordinary “ user ( assuming that was meant to be a Windows user ) and then find it's alternative in the realm of Linux. A table I created shows the primary applications used in the Microsoft world on one side and the alternative with Linux on the other.

Knowing what applications I use was not very difficult as I normally have them listed on a dock bar sitting on the desktop of my OS ( which happens to be Kubuntu ). For this assignment I did list what I would have used in the Microsoft world though. Generally even with Windows I tend to go the route of freeware / open source software for mainly one reason which is “ cost “. I've found that my transition to Linux took place once I reached a 75% mark of usable alternatives. Utilizing Kubuntu helps immensely as it's interface and applications are very much similar to Windows. So if someone ( such as myself ) is very new to Linux they do not feel completely lost by command line jargon.

There were no issues that arose during my research of alternatives. I came across a website that provided a better look into alternatives available to the Linux OS. The website is “ [http://alternativeto.net](http://alternativeto.net/) “ and I will likely use it in the future if I cannot find software in the management systems that come with the Kubuntu distribution. If for some reason I was really stuck and could not locate a suitable application I would proceed to make a virtual machine with the OS that could run the software.