

Apple

Windows

Windows provides User Experience Interactions Guidelines which are touted to

- Establish a high quality and consistency baseline for all Windows-based applications
- Answer your specific user experience questions.
- Make your job easier!

Linux

Unlike the first two operating systems, Linux's Ubuntu does not have a definite set of human interface guidelines. However, Ubuntu does provide community documentation and a basic philosophy as well as a wikibook link.

The word *Ubuntu* itself finds its roots in African culture. From Wikipedia, Ubuntu is defined as "*I am what I am because of who we all are.*" Such philosophy is reflected in the community documentation of the Ubuntu system. The community documentations, hosted by Ubuntu, tout that they are not the "official documentation," but rather a collection of "Howtos, Tips, Tricks, and Hacks." Though the document has been through many edits and many hands, it maintains consistency in its writing and formatting. It provides an easy to follow click-through experience that leads to How-To's. Though these are fairly easy to follow, it is apparent that the documents are geared towards those who are more than proficient with the computer. The document is in camel case, and each has a how to on the

These Ubuntu promoted boards reflect their philosophy which is based firmly upon the ideal that everything should be free and open source. Ubuntu remains very consistent in this, providing an entire library of programs that

are open source. The Ubuntu Software Center embodies this and provides a GUI for all of the open source software available on the Ubuntu system. Additionally, they have a help documentation that provides detailed instructions on accessing settings for all parts of the Ubuntu system. The help menu itself is a little confusing, and the documentation for everything provides no graphics