

# UbuntuFlavors



**Ubuntu Flavors** are a distinct experience relative to the "plain" Ubuntu Desktop, whether it be a particular desktop environment, a specific intended use case, or a particular theme. The difference between the flavors are in the set of packages installed.

However, all flavors of Ubuntu use the same repository for downloading updates, so the same set of packages is available regardless of which flavor you have installed. In other words, everything that's available on Ubuntu is available on all the other flavors. Similarly, all flavors share a core set of packages with stock Ubuntu.

In these two ways, each flavor *is* Ubuntu, while also being unique relative to it.

New flavors have to go through a **process** to become a Recognized Flavor.

These are not to be confused with *unofficial derivatives*.

## Flavors

### **More Information: Seed Management**

All of these flavors distribute installation images that are nothing more than curated groups of software packages to be installed over the Ubuntu base, producing unique computing experiences for users. The images remain in the form of ISO files sized to fit CD/DVD optical media, but are increasingly stored on USB flash drives or served via the internet. Each image is constructed from a master file listing the packages to be included, known as a **seed**, with robust tools that allow anyone to replicate them using a program called **germinate**.

Flavor	Seeds (21.10 "Impish Indri")	First Official Release
	kubuntu/desktop	5.04 "Hoary Hedgehog"

 <b>Kubuntu</b>	kubuntu/full kubuntu/live kubuntu/ship-live	
 <b>Xubuntu</b>	xubuntu/core xubuntu/desktop xubuntu/live xubuntu/ship-live	6.06 LTS "Dapper Drake"
 <b>Ubuntu Studio</b>	ubuntustudio/audio ubuntustudio/audio-core ubuntustudio/audio-plugins ubuntustudio/desktop ubuntustudio/dvd-live ubuntustudio/fonts ubuntustudio/graphics ubuntustudio/photography ubuntustudio/publishing ubuntustudio/ship-live ubuntustudio/video	7.10 "Gutsy Gibbon"
 <b>Lubuntu</b>	lubuntu/desktop lubuntu/live lubuntu/ship-live	11.10 "Oneiric Ocelot"
 <b>Ubuntu Kylin</b>	ubuntukylin/desktop ubuntukylin/live ubuntukylin/ship-live	13.04 "Raring Ringtail"
 <b>Ubuntu MATE</b>	ubuntu-mate/core ubuntu-mate/desktop ubuntu-mate/live ubuntu-mate/ship-live	15.04 "Trusty Tahr"
 <b>Ubuntu Budgie</b>	ubuntu-budgie/desktop ubuntu-budgie/desktop-raspi ubuntu-budgie/live ubuntu-budgie/ship-live	17.04 "Zesty Zapus"
Deprecated Flavors (with final release version)		
 <b>Edubuntu</b>	edubuntu/desktop edubuntu/dvd edubuntu/dvd-live edubuntu/live edubuntu/preschool edubuntu/primary	5.10 — 15.04 "Breezy Badger" — "Trusty Tahr"

	<i>edubuntu/secondary</i> <i>edubuntu/tertiary</i>		
 <b>Gobuntu</b>	<i>gobuntu/desktop</i> <i>gobuntu/dns-server</i> <i>gobuntu/lamp-server</i> <i>gobuntu/live</i> <i>gobuntu/mail-server</i> <i>gobuntu/openssh-server</i> <i>gobuntu/postgresql-server</i> <i>gobuntu/print-server</i> <i>gobuntu/samba-server</i> <i>gobuntu/server-ship</i> <i>gobuntu/ship</i> <i>gobuntu/ship-live</i>	7.10 "Gutsy Gibbon"	— 8.04 LTS "Hardy Heron"
 <b>Mythbuntu</b>	<i>mythbuntu/desktop</i> <i>mythbuntu/live</i> <i>mythbuntu/ship-live</i>	7.10 "Gutsy Gibbon"	— 17.10 "Artful Aardvark"
 <b>Kubuntu Netbook Remix</b>	<i>kubuntu/netbook</i> <i>kubuntu/netbook-live</i> <i>kubuntu/netbook-ship</i>	9.10 "Karmic Koala"	— 10.10 "Maverick Meerkat"
 <b>Kubuntu Mobile</b>	<i>kubuntu/mobile</i> <i>kubuntu/mobile-live</i> <i>kubuntu/mobile-ship</i> <i>kubuntu/ship-mobile-live</i>	11.04 "Natty Narwhal"	— 11.10 "Oneiric Ocelot"
 <b>Ubuntu GNOME</b>	<i>ubuntu-gnome/desktop</i> <i>ubuntu-gnome/live</i> <i>ubuntu-gnome/ship-live</i>	13.04 "Raring Ringtail"	— 17.10 "Artful Aardvark"

## Current flavors

### Kubuntu



**Kubuntu** offers KDE's Plasma Workspace experience on top of the Ubuntu core system. Built using the Qt toolkit it offers a modern, good-looking and stable system for home and office use.

### Lubuntu



**Lubuntu** is a faster, more lightweight and energy saving variant of Ubuntu originally using LXDE, the Lightweight X11 Desktop Environment. Starting with **18.10 "Cosmic Cuttlefish,"** the desktop environment was switched to LXQt and a set of Qt-based applications. It is targeted at everyday PC and laptop users running on low-spec hardware.

## Ubuntu Budgie



**Ubuntu Budgie** provides the Budgie desktop environment which focuses on simplicity and elegance. It provides a traditional desktop metaphor-based interface, utilizing a customizable, panel-based, menu driven system.

## Ubuntu Kylin



The objective of the **Ubuntu Kylin** project is to create a variant of Ubuntu that is specifically suited for Chinese speakers across the globe, especially those without any experience using operating systems other than Microsoft Windows. Development is driven by a commitment to providing a simpler and more enjoyable experience out-of-the-box.

## Ubuntu MATE



**Ubuntu MATE** aims to bring the simplicity and elegance of the Ubuntu operating system through a classic, traditional desktop environment: the MATE desktop. MATE is the continuation of the GNOME 2 desktop environment, which was used as Ubuntu's default desktop until 10.10 "Maverick Meerkat".

## Ubuntu Studio



**Ubuntu Studio** is a community supported multimedia creation flavor of Ubuntu. Ubuntu Studio is aimed at the GNU/Linux audio, video and graphic creators, be they enthusiasts or professionals.

## Xubuntu



**Xubuntu** is an elegant and easy to use operating system. Xubuntu comes with Xfce, which is a stable, light and configurable desktop environment.

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## Deprecated flavors

### Edubuntu



The **Edubuntu** flavor is targeted at schools. It includes applications and games appropriate for children. Edubuntu is designed for a teacher or network administrator to be able to setup a complete classroom quickly and easily. The final release of Edubuntu is 14.04 Trusty Tahr, supported until April 2019.

### Gobuntu



**Gobuntu** was a flavor of Ubuntu consisting entirely of free software.

### Mythbuntu



**Mythbuntu** was a community-supported project focused upon setting up a MythTV-based PVR system on common consumer computer hardware, atop the framework of a minimal Ubuntu installation. It can be used to prepare a standalone system or for integration with an existing MythTV network. Starting with the release of version 12.04 the **developers announced** that going forward they would only be publishing official installation images for Ubuntu LTS releases, though the image seeds and underlying packages needed to install the flavor would be updated and included in the non-LTS Ubuntu package repositories as before, allowing users to upgrade their LTS installations to newer non-LTS versions if

they wished.

The project leaders announced the end of development on the project as an Ubuntu flavor on Friday, November 4, 2016, making the final official release of Mythbuntu version 16.04 Xenial Xerus, supported until April 2019.

## Kubuntu Netbook Remix



**Kubuntu Netbook Remix** was a flavor of Ubuntu with a layout of the KDE Plasma 4 desktop environment optimized for netbooks.

## Kubuntu Mobile



**Kubuntu Mobile** was a flavor of Ubuntu with KDE desktop for mobile devices.

## Ubuntu GNOME



**Ubuntu GNOME** is a community supported flavor of Ubuntu that uses GNOME Shell instead of Unity, along with a plethora of GTK+ 3 applications associated with the GNOME Desktop Environment. As of 17.10 Artful Aardvark, GNOME became the default desktop environment of vanilla Ubuntu, making the final release of Ubuntu GNOME 16.04 Xenial Xerus, supported until April 2019.

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## Communications

For cross-flavor discussion, please use one of the following options.

### Mailing List

Contact the mailing list at [ubuntu-flavors@lists.ubuntu.com](mailto:ubuntu-flavors@lists.ubuntu.com).

### IRC Channel

Join the [#ubuntu-flavors](#) channel on Libera.Chat IRC network.

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