

# How to RICE Linux

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## 0.1 Who is this book aimed at?

This book is aimed at me, or at least the me in November 2025, who switched to Linux because he was bored. In my boredom I discovered the amazing customizations that could be done on a Linux machine, and I said "Hey, this looks cool!". And after a couple of hours I opened Debian 13 with GNOME installed, "How Linux Works by Brian Ward" on half of the screen, terminal in the other half and I started reading and practicing. Now, 3 days before Christmas 2025, I am running Arch Linux with Hyprland, having installed everything manually and starting 8/10 of my conversations with "I use Arch btw". I am a living meme, but I am happy that I have a fully functioning distro, and I know how to fix it when it breaks. Or at least I can google efficiently enough to keep my system running. My desktop looks amazing, my terminal is my pride and joy, and at the time of writing I am branching out on various stuff to learn, like LaTeX, or how to beat Simon, the Divergent Star. I cannot help anyone on the latter, but I have entry level knowledge on customizing my system, and I would like to put my knowledge on paper, for all that it's worth.