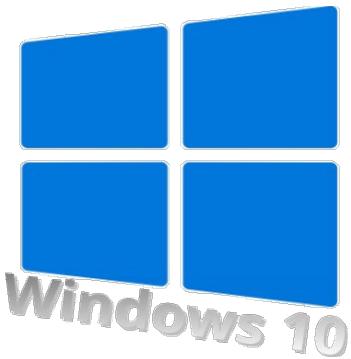
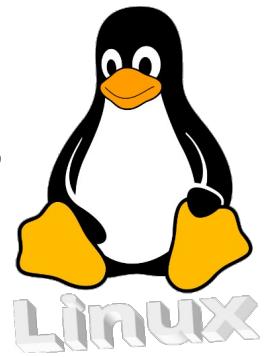


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From the middle of October 2025, Microsoft will no longer provide free software updates, technical assistance or security fixes for Windows 10.

Microsoft recommends upgrading to Windows 11. If you use an older computer, this might be not possible because Windows 11 has higher hardware requirements.

You can check the compatibility for Windows 11 on:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-11-specifications?r=1>

If your computer isn't compatible with Windows 11 and is not more than 12 years old, consider switching to a Linux operating system.

### **Linux offers following key advantages:**



- Most Linux systems are free to use
- Linux is an open-source operating system, which means its source code is available to everyone
- Linux is more secure because every program requires permission from the administrator
- Updating of system software and all installed programs is done easily and quickly
- Many Linux distributions (called distros) with various choices or looks are available
- Linux offers more flexibility because you are not dependent on just one vendor
- Linux works also on older computers, as it has less hardware requirements
- It offers a better privacy of users' data as it never collects much data from the user
- Community support in forums on the web is available to help and resolve problems

### **Disadvantages of Linux:**

- Software compatibility; not all popular programs for Windows are available in Linux

**In case you use a specific software only available for Windows, check first if you find something similar for Linux.**

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## List of Linux Distributions

News and feature lists for Linux distributions are available on <https://distrowatch.com/>

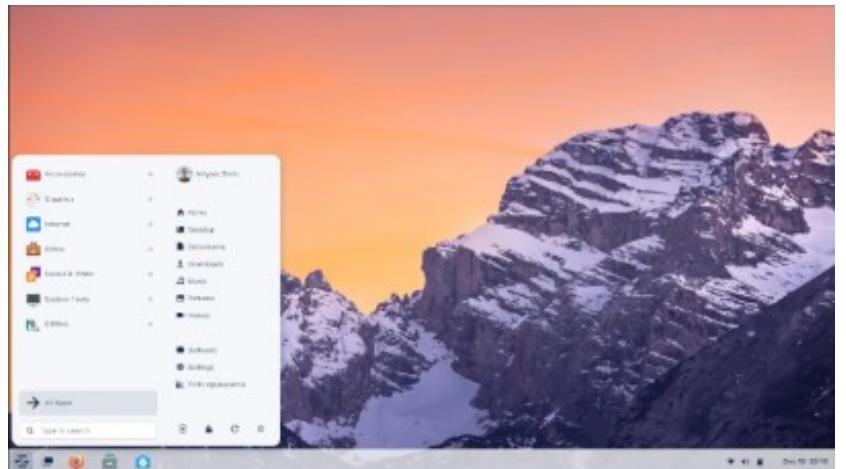
Some user friendly and easy to use Linux distros are:

### Zorin OS

It has a Windows-like graphical user interface and includes many programs similar to those found in Windows.

The distribution's ultimate goal is to provide a Linux alternative to Windows. It allows Windows users enjoy all features of Linux without complications.

In addition, Zorin comes with an application that lets users run quite many Windows programs.



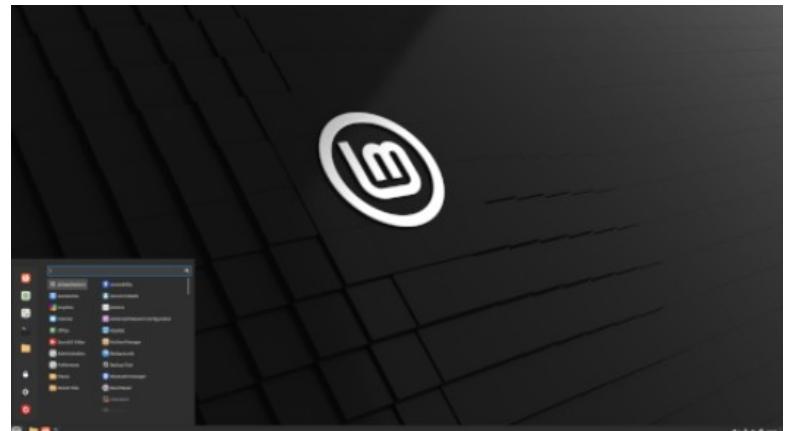
Zorin home page: <https://zorin.com/os/>

### Linux Mint

Linux Mint is an operating system for desktop and laptop computers. It is designed to work 'out of the box' and comes completely equipped with the apps most people need.

On top it comes with a custom desktop and menus, several unique configuration tools and a web-based package installation interface.

Linux Mint home page:  
<https://linuxmint.com/>



If you want to enjoy the features of Linux and have enough free disk space (40 – 60 GB) on your computer, it is possible to install Linux together with Windows.

Furthermore, several Linux distributions that require fewer hardware resources are available for even older computers.

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