Ubuntu

Welcome to Dell Open Source

We're glad you found Dell's Ubuntu website. If you're not familiar with Ubuntu, or would like to learn more you've come to the right place.

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First and foremost, Ubuntu is an Operating System. Just like Microsoft® Windows® or Apple MacOS, you can use Ubuntu to surf the web, check email, or just about anything you might want to do. Here's a "Top Ten" list of things you should know about Ubuntu.

10) Ubuntu is simple and elegant

If you're the kind of person who likes your computer to simply work, Ubuntu is right for you. It's based on stable, secure, easy-to-use software that's been around for a long time.

9) Ubuntu is designed for the Internet

Do you spend most of your time on the Internet? Ubuntu connects you to the Internet in seconds. Firefox is a very popular browser and works well with practically every website you'll run across, e.g. news sites, social media sites, etc. It also works great with web-based e-mail sites like Yahoo or Gmail.

8) Ubuntu is "social from the start"

The people who make Ubuntu designed it to be very social-media centric. Do you use Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, or any of the other dozens of popular social networking sites? Ubuntu 9.10 works very well with these websites. And beginning with Ubuntu 10.04, these websites will be integrated into the Ubuntu OS itself for your convenience.

7) Ubuntu plays videos, songs, and movies easily

Do you like to watch videos on YouTube, buy songs from Amazon, pop in DVD's from the local video store? No problem! Dell bundles a multimedia player with Ubuntu to deliver a great entertainment experience.(DRM protected music not supported.)

6) Ubuntu is safer than Microsoft® Windows®

The vast majority of viruses and spyware written by hackers are not designed to target and attack Linux.

5) Ubuntu boots up fast

Beginning with Ubuntu 10.04, available on Dell systems this summer, boot times have improved dramatically over Ubuntu 9.10. Depending upon the Dell computer your purchase, boot times can be around 30 seconds!

4) With Ubuntu, you have access to 1,000's of free software programs

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	Ubuntu
Internet Browsing	✓
Email	✓
Listen to music	✓ (DRM protected music not supported)
Watch movies/videos	✓
Manage your photos	✓
Create word processing, spreadsheets, and documents with Open Office	✓ (included free, and MS Office compatible)
Instant Messenging	✓
Play Games	✓
Photo Editing	✓
Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware	Unwarranted
Operating System Updates	✓

3) Ubuntu with OpenOffice is compatible with Microsoft® Office and Adobe® Acrobat®

Do you need to open Microsoft Office documents? What about Adobe Acrobat? Ubuntu comes with the award-winning OpenOffice software. With it, not only can you create word processing documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and even drawings, but it can also open and save documents in Microsoft Office format. Do you ever get .pdf files emailed to you—no problem!

2) Ubuntu is based on Linux®

Linux has been around for nearly 20 years. The software itself is not only stable and reliable, but also pervasive. Linux is used on computers of all sizes ranging from the biggest to the smallest.

1) Ubuntu comes pre-loaded with select Dell desktop, notebook, and netbook computers

Beginning in 2007, Dell began shipping computers with Ubuntu. Since then, Dell has shipped more computers pre-loaded and pre-tested with Ubuntu than any other computer maker in the world. Every computer we ship with Ubuntu has been fully tested to ensure the best possible Internet and multimedia experience Linux has to offer.Two high-tech leaders—ensuring Ubuntu on Dell "just works."

Windows or Ubuntu?

	Windows	Ubuntu
Internet Browsing	✓	✓
Email	✓	✓
Listen to music	✓	✓ (DRM protected music not supported)
Watch movies/videos	✓	✓
Manage your photos	✓	✓
Microsoft Office	(extra cost) ✓	X
OpenOffice (link to www.openoffice.org or description above)	X	✓ (included free, and MS Office compatible)
Instant Messenging	✓	✓
Play Games	✓	✓
Photo Editing	✓ (extra cost)	✓ (included fee)
Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware	(extra cost) ✓	Unwarranted
Operating System Updates	✓	✓
Peripheral Support (e.g. printers, cameras)	✓	✓ (limited support)

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