

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.



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!