

# Win4Lin Pro Desktop 4.0 lags behind free alternatives

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One of the oldest virtualization products, Win4Lin, is starting to show signs of aging. Win4Lin flourished in 2000, when competition was sparse and expensive. But seven years on, not only are there several virtualization products, but almost half a dozen are available for free. With no visible improvements over its previous version, Win4Lin Pro Desktop 4.0 is now outdated and outclassed.

Our review of Win4Lin Pro 2.0 highlighted a lot of issues, the biggest being a lack in performance when compared to VMware Workstation. At that time, VMware cost \$100 more than Win4Lin, which made Win4Lin a cost-effective option to run legacy Windows apps. By the time we reviewed version 3.0, Win4Lin had worked on its performance issues, but VMware Server had cut its price to free, and boasted features not available in Win4Lin Pro 3.0. Now, version 4.0 is available, but it lacks any eye-popping new features.

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