

# Linux terminology jargon buster

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Something that can often confuse people who are new to Linux is all the terminology. For people who have been using Linux for some time, we often forget that a lot of this stuff can sound really really confusing.

The idea of this post is to provide a list of some of this terminology and to clear up all the confusion surrounding it. Obviously we'd be here forever if we went through absolutely everything, so here is just a small selection of the more common terminology.

Think of it as an answer to the question "what does this mean?". So, here goes:

## Distribution

Commonly known as "distro", a distribution is a complete set of all the software you need to make up a working operating system. There are many Linux distributions you can try out - some of the more popular are Ubuntu, openSUSE and Fedora.

## Desktop environment

A collection of graphical programs that work well together. For example, your file manager and your browser might be part of your desktop environment. The most common desktop environments are GNOME and KDE.

## Software repository

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