

# An Interview With Larry Kettler President And CEO Of Linspire

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For those of you not familiar with Linspire it is a distribution of the Linux Operating System. But it has one very important distinction from the rest, it is aimed at the end user who has little or no Linux experience. I took Linspire out for a test drive last week, and I have nothing but great things to say about it. For a user like myself this is the ideal Operating System, I primarily use my computer for Web browsing and word processing.

One aspect that I thought was wonderful is that Linspire has licensed technology from Microsoft allowing it to handle Windows media files, Flash etc. This has some Linux purists up in arms, but from my perspective this is a great move, I want ease of use and flexibility, and this is what Linspire delivers.

I had the opportunity to talk with Larry Kettler, President and CEO of Linspire about his product.

**In the press release for Linspire 6.0 there was a claim made about speed, specifically the amount of time the average user would spend installing it. I popped the CD in, switched my rather old and tired computer on, and 13 minutes later I was online! How on earth do you do it that fast? The same hardware takes at least an hour to get Windows on it, and to get Office and the rest of the nonsense that I like loaded makes for an all day adventure.**

Linspire 6.0 combines the best of open source software using the popular Ubuntu distribution as its base line, and adds licensed proprietary software in order to provide users of all levels with the easiest and most dynamic desktop Linux experience available today.

**How long have you been working on 6.0?**

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