

A practical experience: Fedora vs Ubuntu

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Linux is out there. In the case of some highly specialized distributions, Linux is WAY out there. Thankfully there are a number of solid distros that make installing and using Linux as your every-day OS fairly painless. So ? Which Linux distribution is right for you?

That ultimately depends on your particular needs.

Ubuntu is based on Debian GNU/Linux. Debian is my favorite distribution it's rock solid and fairly universal; running on just about every architecture. There is no proprietary software shipped with Debian and that's the reason I don't use it on my notebook: I require proprietary drivers for my Wi-Fi and audio.

Fedora (formerly Fedora Core) is based on RedHat, which was my first (successful) experience with Linux. RedHat also gave us the RPM (RedHat Package Manager) which made installing software relatively painless for the first time. Fedora doesn't provide simplified access to a repository of third party and proprietary software.

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