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I decided to investigate Linux myself, and attempt to install it on my old laptop computer. This article describes the process I've been through and the results, which have been interesting to say the least.

I chose Ubuntu Linux because it is reviewed as being quite simple to install and includes some productivity applications. Not knowing a thing about Linux myself, I thought this would be a good choice.

Compared to any version of Windows prior to Windows XP, Ubuntu was extremely adept at detecting the various hardware components in my laptop and configuring them.

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