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The 2012 Top 7 Best Linux Distributions for You

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It is the mystery of mysteries, the one that ranks up there with the Gordian Knot, crop circles, and how many licks does it take to get the center of Tootsie Pop: what is the greatest Linux distro of all?

This is a question Linux.com has tackled before. The key, of course, is understanding that the question itself is wrong: no matter what anyone tells you, there is no One True Distro. The reality is more complex: it's what you need that comes first, and what distro meets those needs is the best one for you.

To help users discover the Linux distribution that's best for them, I will definitively list the best distros for the various types of Linux users to try, based on my own experiences and reviews. The use-case categories will be:

Best Desktop Distribution
Best Laptop Distribution
Best Enterprise Desktop
Best Enterprise Server
Best LiveCD
Best Security-Enhanced Distribution
Best Multimedia Distribution

You may or may not agree with these assertions, and you are more than welcome to chime in with your own opinions. No matter what you think, though, the good news that by using Linux of any sort, you are already a winner.

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