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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 01:00:32 GMT

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Should i go change from Windows XP Pro to Linux?

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Posted by [kopaka649](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 02:46:46 GMT

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if you dont really have any experiance then you should use it as a secondary os. I dont really recommend switching unless you have any idea what you are doing. Linux is really great and stable but practically, windows is better for everything.

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Posted by [spreegem](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 02:50:41 GMT

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It depends, what do you want to do with your computer? Play games, email, chat, other stuff, set up a webserver. What do you want to do?

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 02:53:39 GMT

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I use Windows XP for my website, runs like a charm. Of course, it doesn't use big clunky Apache.

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Posted by [MrBob](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 05:00:53 GMT

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Why do you want to switch? Is it stability? Freedom? Or just Curiosity? Try to figure out the reason if you don't know yet. Because there are so many distributions (or distros for short) out there for so many uses. Here're some examples: Red Hat, Mandrake, Debian, Gentoo, Slackware, SUSE, and many others. I'd reccomend Mandrake, since it's easy to install and use.

If you have a second computer, try installing a few distros on it. Try to get a general feel for the use of the system. If you don't have a spare computer, you can install a user-friendly distro (Like Mandrake) to co-exist with Windows. But if you do a dual boot install, make sure you back up your data first.

By the way, if you really want to understand the whole thing behind "Linux" (Which is more

correctly called GNU/Linux), you have to understand free software and the GNU Project.

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 05:58:45 GMT

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Dual boot. It's pretty hard to completely switch over for the first time. Also, try to use the GUI as little as you possibly can. Get comfortable with the CLI.

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 09:21:32 GMT

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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 21:32:16 GMT

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 22:33:54 GMT

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Posted by [Weirdo](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 22:48:46 GMT

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The Problem is, not every game runs on a Linux box and certain professional software only runs on Windows. OpenOffice might be a good solution, to Office. But In the End I rather use Office than OpenOffice.

Next to the fact that is a bit harder to fully learn how it all works. Not every program just has an easy setup program. It sometimes just includes having to manually change some settings in a text file.

At this moment I'm running for half a year only on Red Hat 9 Linux on one Pc. The pc it self is a bit dieing. It's my old Renegade pc. P3 450 326 MBRAM. And the Videocard is a voodoo 5500 PCI 64vram. I only use it to surf the web, MSN and as a SSH and FTP server. And some simple c++ and java programming.

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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2005 22:51:42 GMT

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Well i have decided to install linux, not dual boot but an entire kill of my partitions and redoing the entire thing in linux got any tips or why i shouldnt, by the way the gaming thing is no prob my friend found a prog that lets windows games work in linux.

Edit: ill be doing this on friday.

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Posted by [kopaka649](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 00:09:25 GMT

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wine/winex doesnt work for everything
(e.g.) last time i tried, renegade wouldnt install

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Posted by [liberator](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 00:15:39 GMT

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Give something like Knoppix a try before you frag everything.

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Posted by [A-DawG](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 00:19:21 GMT

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Dual Boot. Partition your drive, dont just format your drive. btw dont try to install Fedora Core 2 along with winxp..some problems may occur, this didnt happen to me but it happened to other people..you can try Knoppix that will run from a cd or you can get a SuSe 9.2 live cd(dvd) from the Linux Format Magazine issue 61

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 00:23:32 GMT

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are you Canadian, eh?

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Posted by [A-DawG](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 00:25:29 GMT

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i know eh?

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 01:00:08 GMT

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Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 01:14:23 GMT

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Like the other guy said, Try Knoppix first.

Maybe u dont like linux at all.

And there isnt many games u can play at. Unless u have emulators and stuff but stil

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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 01:31:15 GMT

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how do i use knoppix? like got a url where i can download it and what does it specificaly do, and i am pritty sure i will get linux no matter how friggin hard it is. Ovcourse u convince me otherwise. And is duel boot really worth it? Im not even exactually sure what duel booting is.

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Posted by [MrBob](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 02:29:48 GMT

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If you are going to wipe out your entire hard drive, make sure you want to do it.

Use Knoppix or another live CD distro first. All you have to do is burn a CD, put in in the PC, restart the computer, and that's it. (Good thinking Lib, why did I think of that?)

By the way, is your friend talking about WINE or TransGaming?

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 02:42:04 GMT

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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 02:45:52 GMT

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Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2005 05:04:21 GMT

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...and I'm sure Abyss would work perfectly for them. :rolleyes:

I'm talking about average server owners.

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Posted by [MrBob](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2005 01:32:56 GMT

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Here's the link: <http://www.knopper.net/knoppix/index-en.html> Make sure you download the .iso file. Burn the file as an "image" with a CD Burner.

Cedega is from TransGaming. Note that Cedega is NOT Free Software or Open Source.

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Posted by [genetix](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2005 05:13:30 GMT

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TheGunrunIm not even exactualy sure what duel booting is.

Just to give you more information on your options since its better to walk into a pool than an ocean.

Dual Booting is where on startup you have the option of starting your computer in a different operating system. So if you wanted to use some linux programs and you were in windows you would have to restart and start your computer on the linux partitian. A good thing to know about Dual Booting is that you can not have both operating systems running at the same time.

Dual Booting would probably be the best choice for you if:

- ~ You dont know a lot about linux.
 - ~ Your not completely sure on the programs you will be using.
 - ~ You only have one computer accessible for daily tasks.
 - ~ You have enough Hard Drive space to comfortable fit both operating systems
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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Sat, 08 Jan 2005 00:08:14 GMT

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Too late i allready installed linux all fully and shit! Its great but way to much required to use sufficently. Damn im killing lots of time installing this mofo! Im sorta done doing it.

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Posted by [genetix](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2005 02:40:19 GMT

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Hows it coming? Have you kept linux?

I brought this back because I myself am currently isntalling a dual boot of fedora

By the way. I read somewhere you can't just save iso files as normal files... How do you burn them?

* EDIT * I just noticed earlyer in the topic how to burn the files.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2005 03:35:26 GMT

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If you do realise that iw will take a lot of time to get used to it. Linux is good for many things but if you are gaming, don't go for it.

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Posted by [genetix](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2005 16:36:24 GMT

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Its going on a server thats why. I'm possibly moving the server to the major backbone in my area so I want to get everything running first.

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Posted by [SickOptometrist](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2005 16:49:22 GMT

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We use Linux in our office because of stability & relative security as my office completely "paperless". If the system goes down we are literally like deer caught in headlights...I have a question though, is it pronounced "len - ux" or "ly - nux". My associates laugh at me 'cuz I call it "ly - nux"... It's cool, but I prefer windows at home.

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Posted by [genetix](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2005 01:11:24 GMT

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its ly-nex (lin ux)

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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2005 01:22:23 GMT

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ok well... I ended up scrapping linux allthough i loved it, my ati radeon 9800 pro was incompatible making it worthless and gaming sucked, i would like to duel boot but i think i wasted enough time, when linux gets a better gui and ati support ill return. Man did i love linux....

Subject: Linux?

Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Wed, 26 Jan 2005 03:32:46 GMT

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Well you got the hard part down. Getting used to it at least. I just gave up on that nd reverted back to windows after 2 days of trying linux. I didn't really give it a good chance, but i'm also quite happy with windows 2000, so theres no need to change.

Maybe there are other distros of linux that will work with ATI cards. There are lots of distros out there.

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Posted by [genetix](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2005 04:45:40 GMT

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I'm pretty sure theirs a fix for that. ask on the linux help IRC channel.

I installed linux on a test machine no problem and its awsome. Now on my real server I would of had to reformat with new partitions to dual boot so I transfered to full linux. The things being a pain in the but and either freezes in install or just once everythings done hangs up

I think I got it working this time(6th time reinstalling on this box...)

Subject: Linux?

Posted by [MrBob](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2005 06:07:37 GMT

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Linux can be pronounced almost any way you like. There's no "right" way to pronounce it.

Before any more of you decide to wipe your hard drives and whine because you didn't like it, stop and think. You are installing an entire operating system. Are you sure you're going to like it. Believe me, it really sucks when you download burn, and install several CDs of a distro or another OS (like *BSD) that's too advanced, unstable, etc. Try a Live CD BEFORE you try to install Linux on your hard drive! Take a look at this list of live CD distros. You should be able to pick out at least one.

Also, just saying "linux" isn't going help people help you. There are hundreds or thousands of distros out there., each one is a different, more or less. Are you using Red Hat/Fedora? Mandrake? SUSE? Debian? Knoppix? Gentoo? Not only that but there are several GUIs available for Linux: KDE, Gnome, Fluxbox, WindowMaker, XFCE, etc.

There are alot of choices out there. You really need to take your time and make sure it's what you want or need. Check supported hardware, look at screenshots, ask for advice, and so on. I'd reccommend Mandrake for newbies, but you can still browse this list of distributions

PS

Make sure you take your time; don't rush. Are sorry if I sound snotty, it's late.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Thu, 27 Jan 2005 06:50:45 GMT

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Smoothwall & Slackware is good for hardware firewalls. That is, it you want to turn one of your computers into a big firewall/router.

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I personally reccomend SUSE for beginners. It's pretty easy to use, I reinstalled windows shortly ago due to a virus and now I need to reinstall Linux. I hate Windows. I only use windows for games, I use SUSE for everythign else chat, internet, programming, school work, and other stuff.
