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[Top 10 Ubuntu-based Distributions](#)

The good, the bad and the ugly!

You know what Ubuntu is, so we will not talk about it in this article. Instead, we'll talk about some of the most popular Ubuntu-based distributions. There are enough (or not) Linux distributions derived from Ubuntu, so we thought it will be a very good idea to make a list with all of them, or at least the popular ones. The following classification is based on popularity (read: number of downloads each distributions has on Softpedia) and it includes only 100% FREE and English-based distros. Moreover, the following list doesn't include distributions from the Ubuntu family, like Kubuntu, Edubuntu, Xubuntu, etc, because it will not be fair to include them. So, are you eager to see which one is the best and the most popular? Take a look below!

- 1. [Linux Mint](#)** Finally, the number one Ubuntu-based Linux distribution and the most downloaded is Linux Mint! Linux Mint's purpose is to produce an elegant, up-to-date and comfortable GNU/Linux desktop distribution. It offers out-of-the-box multimedia support, Microsoft Windows Integration (Dual-boot, NTFS read/write support,
- 2. [Fluxbuntu](#)** Fluxbuntu is an Ubuntu with Fluxbox window manager. Fluxbuntu is lightweight, swift and efficient compared to KDE or Gnome. These features make Fluxbuntu suitable for a vast range of computers, from low-end to high-end. FluxBox is very simple to use. With a right click everywhere on the desktop space, you can access all the applications installed and all the desktop settings.
- 3. [OpenGEU](#)** OpenGEU is a complete and fully functional operative system based on the popular Linux Distribution Ubuntu. OpenGEU, a project started and designed by the Italian artist Luca D.M. (aka TheDarkMaster), is perfect for any Desktop, Laptop PC or even for a Virtual Machine. OpenGEU mixes the power and simplicity of Ubuntu and parts of the Gnome Desktop with the wonder and astonishing eye-candy of Enlightenment DR17.
- 4. [Ubuntu Ultimate Edition](#)** Ubuntu Ultimate Edition is a Linux distribution based on Ubuntu Christmas Edition, released by the same author. This Ultimate edition contains a lot of pre-added software. It is yet another Ubuntu-based Linux distribution which aims to bring major modifications, especially in the installation process. According to its developers, the new version of Ubuntu Ultimate a.k.a Gnarly Gnome) incorporates a script which gives the distro a highly customizable level, as it will allow you to choose which software to install and which not.
- 5. [Freespire](#)** Freespire is a community-driven, Linux-based operating system that combines the best that free open source software has to offer (community driven, freely distributed, open source code, etc.), but also provides users the choice of including proprietary codecs, drivers and applications as they see fit. With Freespire, the choice is yours as to what software is installed on your computer, with no limitations or restrictions placed on that choice. How you choose to maximize the performance of your computer is entirely up to you.
- 6. [gOS](#)** gOS is an alternative operating system for the masses. Its goal is to be a simple, user friendly, beautiful desktop for normal people. Out of the box, just works! An OS ecosystem that is complete, gOS comes with all the software you need to browse the web, email, instant message... play movies, music, and connect to iPods... create and edit documents, spreadsheets, presentations, databases, images... out of the box. Plug and play!
- 7. [nUbuntu](#)** Similar to Protech, nUbuntu Linux distribution is a collection of network and server security testing tools, piled on top of the existing Ubuntu system. While aimed to be mainly a security testing platform, nUbuntu also operates as a desktop environment for the advanced Linux user.
- 8. [Protech](#)** Protech is a specially designed Linux distribution for security technicians and programmers, although it can be used normally as your default desktop system. Its incomparable usability and stability makes this a unique product. Protech can run from anywhere in a Live environment from a CD or USB stick or it can easily be installed in your hard drive in a few minutes. Protech ONE comes with a great variety of the best security tools for your use.
- 9. [Ubuntu Christian Edition](#)** Ubuntu Christian Edition is a free open source operating system geared towards Christians. Ubuntu Christian Edition is based on the popular Ubuntu Linux. The goal of Ubuntu Christian Edition is to bring the power and security of Ubuntu to Christians. Ubuntu Christian Edition is suitable for both desktop and server use.
- 10. [Mythbuntu](#)** Mythbuntu is based on the ever-popular Ubuntu Linux operating system and it's powered by MythTV. Mythbuntu makes it extremely easy to setup MythTV, so that you can quickly begin recording your favorite shows. MythTV is also well known for the selection of plugins that are available, as well as some themes.

Migration Assistant), one-click install system, easy file-sharing, amazing 3D effects, great configuration tools, and many many more. You should definitely try it! Other Ubuntu-based Linux distributions worth to mention are: [Ubuntu Muslim Edition](#); [gNewSense](#); [VoiceBuntu](#); [X-Evian](#); [Elbuntu](#); [Impi Linux](#); [Ulteo](#); [Minibuntu](#); [Kiwi](#); [CrunchBang](#)