

Welcome



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Easy Transitioning
From
Windows to Linux

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Reasons To Transition

- Windows 7 will no longer be supported by Microsoft after the middle of January, 2020
- Your current operating system won't be getting any security updates or feature updates
- You don't want to pay to upgrade to Windows 10

Reasons To Transition

- Your computer won't meet the specs of Windows 10
- You don't want to purchase a new computer as yours is working fine.
- You want more control over your operating system and better security.

Reasons To Transition

- Linux support goes on and on
- Some versions of Linux never stop getting security updates and feature updates
- Linux is FREE

Reasons To Transition

- If you don't like the version of Linux you're running, there's a ton of other choices.
- There's a Linux version that works with old or new computer specs as long as your computer runs
- Linux is open source and the most secure of the popular operating systems.

Easy Transitioning

- People are told that Linux is really different
- It's not, however there's the Command Line people think they have to use that has a learning curve
- You don't have to use it unless you want to

Easy Transitioning

- Actually Linux can look very much like Windows if you want
- The real key to easy transitioning is SOFTWARE
- My transition was very easy because the software I used in Windows was the same I was going to be using in Linux

Software “Areas”

- .Internet
- .Communication
- .Productivity
- .Audio/Video
- .Graphics

Software “Areas”

- Not showing all the possible cross-platform programs, just the ones that I used and helped me with the transitioning.
- Disclaimer: Currently it's possible that I'm not using all the programs I used to use, as I've found other programs I like better.

Internet: Browsers

.Firefox*

.Chromium, Chrome

.Opera, Vivaldi

Internet: Security

- As for anti-virus, not needed (but I have software to check external drives)
- Password, bookmark management:
 - Xmarks, Last Pass (both replaced)
- Extensions: what was used in Windows is being used in Linux, browser based

Internet: Search Engines

.DuckDuckGo*

.Google

.Bing

Internet: Storage

.Dropbox

Communication

- Thunderbird - client based mail
- Gmail – web based mail
- Teamviewer, Skype
- Lightning Calendar – client based
- Google Calendar – web based

Productivity

- LibreOffice*: Writer, Impress, Calc, Draw, PDF
- FoxIt PDF
- Scribus (publications)
- Inkscape (vector drawing)

Audio/Video

- VLC
- Audacity (sound editing)
- Handbrake (dvd ripper)

Graphics

- XnView/XnviewMP

- G.I.M.P.

The Results

- Very comfortable with the software that I was using
- Very pleased to learn that the new operating system had the same software
- Making the switch was like getting a new car; it works the same, may have controls in a different location

The Results

• Now let's take a tour of my current desktop and operating system to see how it works like any other operating system.

Questions?

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