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Subject: Linux?

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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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