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Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 01:25:09 GMT
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Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Renx on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 02:26:13 GMT
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I used Ubuntu for a while so I could bounce traffic off of it in SSH from my university connection (to get around their packet filters). It worked great for what I used it for, but I didn't try to play any games or install anything fancy on it. It was just sitting in a corner in my home basement until the PC died, not even a monitor/mouse/keyboard attached to it.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 03:03:17 GMT
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Ummmm anyone else use it? I've read Wine reviews that renegade works fine, and others claim it has issues, I really dont know what to think unless I try it myself, I hate to install it but then have no use for it, then reinstall everything from scratch again, as it is annoying.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by cmatt42 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 03:09:01 GMT
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A good looking GUI with fancy effects is hardly a reason to switch over to a new OS. I would suggest dual-booting at first, and if you really, really like it, you can switch completely.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 05:38:58 GMT
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Have fun relying on fans written drivers.

Jamie

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by gendres on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 06:22:08 GMT
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I use Ubuntu 7.04 for all my college work and i've yet to encounter any problems with software compatibility. The fancy GUI (Compiz Fusion) is really easy to install and will run in really old systems too. I'm not sure about WINE and Renegade, but I don't think there would be any problems because I've ran WoW, Fifa and some other games.

I really encourage you to try it and if you have any problems, there are a lot of wikis with clear instructions and people on the forums are really helpful, just be ready to type a lot of stuff into the terminal, though most of it you can just copy-paste.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by light on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 07:13:36 GMT
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I ran Beryl on my laptop with integrated graphics, it ran very well for what it did, but was a little sluggish.

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It's different, which may be better depending on your needs.

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No, it's not as simple to get into, however the community is a lot more supportive.

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WINE stands for "Wine Is Not an Emulator". It's a library, not a virtual environment.

I would say run ubuntu inside VMWare for a week and try to set it all up as you want. The first week is by far the most painful, after that it's much easier.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by CarrierII on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 08:45:15 GMT
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I am going to install Ubuntu Linux, the moment I get another hard drive, cos Ubuntu has issues with my RAID.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by danpaul88 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 11:19:51 GMT
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I actually have Ubuntu setup on this machine in a dual boot setup with Vista, but I very rarely use it since it refuses to work with my wireless cards (apparently the ones I have are notoriously difficult to get working with Linux) and therefore to get it on the internet I have to get a 10 meter Ethernet cable out of the cupboard and trail it across the top of the stairs to the switch in the study to get it on the internet... and I don't like doing that as its a bloody trip hazard waiting to happen...

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by scguy318 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 11:53:34 GMT
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Posted by Ryu on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 12:39:31 GMT
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Doesn't Wine like ATi drivers? D:

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Ghostshaw on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 12:42:59 GMT
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Linux by defition doesn't like ATi cards.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Ryu on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 12:43:46 GMT
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Oh, that is just plain suckage. :\

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by scguy318 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 12:49:46 GMT
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ATI does bad drivers for all platforms tbh.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by sadukar09 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 13:23:52 GMT
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Better than no drivers like nVidia

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Aprime on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 13:25:27 GMT
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Jamie

Hey, as long as it's better than what Nvidia's been throwing at Vista users since its launch.

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Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 15:51:47 GMT
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Another question is, do i need any anti virus for Linux? I've never really seen one designed for it, and I didnt know if AVG free edition would work properly and scan the right directories on ubuntu.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by sadukar09 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:01:46 GMT
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If hackers or w.e. wants to hack Linux...they have no luck since Linux is open source and changes SO god damn rapidly.

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Posted by Ryu on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:07:48 GMT
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It's Linux, Not Windows!

And no, You won't need any, At all.

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Posted by danpaul88 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:12:36 GMT
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scguy318 wrote on Sun, 26 August 2007 12:53ndiswrapper? What chipset?

Yeah, tried ndiswrapper several dozen times now . The chipset is a Broadcom one, cant remember the exact chipset off the top of my head but its revision 1 of the Belkin 802.11g network cards.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:14:33 GMT
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This is like me back then as a mac fanboy "ya my mac doesnt need anti virus, cause none exist" then a few years later "OMG MY MAC DIED FROM A VIRUS" so then i try out windows, then fell inlove, I didnt care about the viruses because I dunno, I guess all my games ran on windows, and ......i dont remember why i switched actually...

But anyways, I will be trying the dual boot method...as soon as i see how you do it, and as soon as my download at 350kbps off this slow utah server is done.

EDIT:

I'm thinking of just installing ubuntu to a external harddrive and setting my bios to load from that at start up, I dont want to mess up my current harddrive which has all my precious data (renegade lol) so I will just try and install it to my 160 gig external HDD, it's 7200rpm so it's a fast hard drive, and if i love it sooooo much, i might just install over the main hdd in my laptop.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Goztow on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 17:15:44 GMT
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Renegade doesn't work very well under wine. A friend tried it and he had bad fps and sound problems.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 17:51:58 GMT
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I've read 4 people now saying it works good under wine, so i will try it, other than that I got linux to boot from my USB hard drive and it runs at full speed and loads up faster than windows itself, only issue I have it....MY INERNETS DONT WORK! so without internet I cant use updates, I cant download cp2 for renegade, and I cant use the fancy GUI interface like everyone else does

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Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by sadukar09 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 18:50:48 GMT
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Transfer the files manually over a flash drive :v

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Dave Anderson on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 19:11:15 GMT
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I used Ubuntu (thanks to Icedog for making me want to try it so bad), and I really liked it. It was a bit hard to setup for the first time since I had never used a Linux environment before hand, but after you get used to it there's nothing to it.

It runs smoothly, and I used it to browse the web mostly, write school reports and whatnot.

If you truly don't have a solid reason for switching to a Linux OS, then don't, and as other suggested, start out with a dual-boot configuration first, and see how you like it.

Quote:Is it just as good or better than xp/vista?

Here we go again (nothing against you), but you can't really compare Linux to Windows. They both have their uses. Linux is widely used to run servers, and more network type applications, especially in a corporate environment. Windows is just all around easy to use, and most peoples cup of tea.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 19:33:27 GMT
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Ya right now i am stuck, I have windows XP and linux working, but for some reason, I cant boot windows XP unless the external hard drive is in, it wont ask what to boot unless i plug it in for some reason, if i start the laptop without the HDD inside, it will say error21 and sit there....

I dont mind booting XP this way, but what my main issue is....I cant learn to like ubuntu when I cant get the drivers and internet to work, I was told to use ndiswrapper, but I dont get realy how to use it, so i'm stuck with horrible looking GUI because my graphics driver doesnt work properly with linux....meh so many problems, dave you know how to fix?

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by scguy318 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 21:25:11 GMT
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What card? Restricted drivers? https://wiki.ubuntu.com/SetupNdiswrapperHowto and Google is your friend, so use it.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by danpaul88 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 22:12:57 GMT
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You wouldn't believe the number of different websites I have tried from Google searches to get the card working, is seems to half work sometimes but refuses to detect any networks, even though

Linux says its working fine. And I know its not a network problem as I had my laptop stood next to it showing full signal strength.

From what I can tell later revisions of the same card work on ndiswrapper, but the first revision, which I have, will not Maybe I will swap it with the later revision from the study pc and see if that works sometime

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Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by sadukar09 on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 22:26:35 GMT
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You should try Fedora Core, I heard its pretty good.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AmunRa on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 23:27:14 GMT
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vmware > dual boot

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 23:28:29 GMT
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Well I'm try OpenSUSE 10.2 now since my uncle brought me a acient toshiba tecra to look at, it had like 8mb video card and ran all the graphics and cool 3d things here and there at full speed, it loaded in like 10 seconds to, so if a laptop from like 10 years ago runs SUSE 10.2.....so can my hp zv5000....plus it's got a cool lizard logo!

The main reason I want to switch is because

1. wine can run most games fully, and if it runs all the games i play fully, then i will install over windows XP, plus linux can use compiz which looks awsome.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AmunRa on Sun, 26 Aug 2007 23:30:31 GMT
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pclinuxos is the best linux ive ever used, honestly.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux

Posted by scguy318 on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 01:51:36 GMT
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AmunRa wrote on Sun, 26 August 2007 18:27vmware > dual boot

Slower, since you're virtualizing . Can't play games in a VM anyway.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 03:27:37 GMT
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I downloaded the 3 main cd's for SuSE linux, looks to be about 2gig of data on those discs, Icould
have used a DVD, but i have too many old cd's never being used, so...i used them.
Welll...techically i havent burnt the iso images yet...they're still on my laptop.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Blazer on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 05:30:42 GMT
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I dual boot Ubuntu on my laptop. It works very nicely on laptops (and workstations as well). As for
whether you should switch to it, IMO it all depends on how much time you spend gaming. Yes you
can run some things under wine, cedega, etc...but if you are a hardcore gamer you are pretty
much bound to an MS environment. My suggestions to people are usually:

Gaming: Windows
Work: Linux
Coding/DTP/AV: Mac

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AmunRa on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 06:40:36 GMT
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i love windows too much to fuck with linux outside of vmware anymore

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Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:08:51 GMT
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Wow this is really interesting. I'm running ubuntu off the CD right now.

Question, If i install ubuntu on a removable hard disk it's going to partition it. I have a 250 gig USB

removable hard disk btw. Will i be able to view the content of the rest of the hard drive from ubuntu and will i be able to view the content of my internal HDD with windows on it?

edit I think i just answered my own question. Excuse my n00byness with Linux but this is friggin amazing.

New question, if i install ubuntu on a removable disk, what option do I use in boot setup?

Jamie

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:22:44 GMT
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DONT DO IT JAMIE! DOOOONNNNTTTT

Ubuntu ran good from the CD, but after installing, I got screwed there, luckily i installed on a external HDD, Parition your HD to like 100 gig for linux and the other for file storage if you want to use it as a HDD still, otherwise if you partition the entire drive and install linux over it all, then your screwed, cause it's file format will be unrecognized by windows as a external HDD. I am using the entire HDD because i myself dont use it as a external drive much at all, i will warn you though, if you do this, it will rewrite your master boot record with GRUB loader, if you dont have your HDD plugged in, then your PC wont load windows XP or linux, the only way to fix this is to redo the boot record with your XP cd and type fixmbr it will say danger, may screw blah blah, hit yes and it will instantly say mbr restored, restart and windows will load right away.......or delete GRUB and use your LiveCD from linux, as a boot disc, your PC will load the disc then you can install, partion, or boot linux from a HDD of your choice...I like this better because when i dont have my HDD plugged in, it loads window, when i do, it will ask if i want to load linux...very helpful...oh and with ubuntu, I hated it, I use suse now, it rox.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:27:43 GMT
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Frig, thanks AoB I almost made a huge mistake!

I like the whole idea of linux. I think it's just because i like the idea of being able to plug in a removable drive into someone's computer and booting an OS that gives me control of their data. I'm an evil some bitch.

Anyways, thanks for the tip. I'm going to do way more research into this.

edit Ideally this is what I want to happen. I have 2 hdd's. One is a 30 gig that i use for windows and application data etc. Then i bought a 250 gig removable usb drive. I want to install some sort of linux on the removable hdd but still have 200 gigs for my windows data. That would leave linux

with 50 gigs. Then at boot time if the removable drive is plugged in i want it to ask me weather i want to boot windows or linux and if it isn't plugged in it should just boot windows. Is that possible? Also, best linux distro out there?

Jamie

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Ryu on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:40:43 GMT
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Ubuntu seemed choppy on my PC, Though Debian ran great!

<3 Debian!

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:47:35 GMT
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Debian eh?

And Suse eh?

I have a feeling there are many distro's of linux.

Jamie

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Posted by AoBfrost on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:04:46 GMT
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Suse seems more like windows XP in terms of the way it's laid out, I like it, but tell you the truth, using it now for 7 hours stright...I dont like it......same for all others like fedora, ubuntu, suse, cause alot of my hardware didnt work, and the way it's laid out, I just feel like using windows XP/vista is much easier for me, plus since I am a windows nerd already, I should stick with it.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Ryu on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:21:44 GMT
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Jamie

You'd be surprised!

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:24:52 GMT
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The most stable ubuntu is probably from dell, since they make their own drivers for ubuntu, all their hardware works 100% fine, some other computers may work fine also, but most need to be messed with to work properly.

Well for now I'm staying with windows after this experience.

Windows ftw

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:40:36 GMT
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Wasn't it Ubuntu that had soft-core porn as a desktop picture, that came with the download? Something about celebrating 'human community' or some bu11shit.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:50:34 GMT
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Ummmmm no?

Downloading the newest version shows nothing but like 3 wallpaper choices, a blue defealt one, a orange one, and a red one...no pr0nz

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Posted by jamiejrg on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:55:17 GMT
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He's right.. *Sigh*

Jamie

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 20:10:00 GMT
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I guess they don't do it anymore.

http://robitaille.wordpress.com/2007/04/14/the-naked-people-artwork-in-ubuntu/

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Posted by cmatt42 on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 22:41:29 GMT
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There are more distributions of Linux than the number of underwear you own.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jnz on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:44:37 GMT
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Renegade not only works good on my linux distro, it works better than in windows.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 15:29:16 GMT
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What version of linux do you run?

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jnz on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 15:40:23 GMT
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suse 9.1

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by AoBfrost on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 16:00:57 GMT
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newer HP laptop, only touchpad and sound controls were recognized...

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Posted by jnz on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 16:08:03 GMT
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I think they messed up after 9.2, anything after is too much like windowz

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What wlan card you running. Because if it's not 802.11b then many linux distro's don't like it.

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux

Posted by AoBfrost on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 03:16:14 GMT
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It's a G card, but I have read many people using the same laptop as me (same model number and hardware) have a good time installing crap and drivers, the main one is wlan which kills people over, then theres graphics driver which is a bit easier, then everything else...meh...

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by scguy318 on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 03:41:09 GMT
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Would help if you posted the output of lspci and installed restricted drivers?

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 21:40:29 GMT
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AoB your using debian right?

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by Jonty on Thu, 30 Aug 2007 21:34:00 GMT
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That's the problem with Linux, things don't work the right way straight away, and new users don't know how to make them right.

For instance, I daresay your bitdepth and resolution problems were simply because the wrong defaults were set in the xorg.conf file. I know this because my first experience with Ubuntu had the same problem, and I had to search the internet for a good while to find out the solution.

But don't give up! I'm sure there will always be people here to help if something doesn't work right.

Interesting note: I'm posting from a Hackintosh, and that setup fine. Maybe you should try MacOS too!

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by scguy318 on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 05:39:49 GMT
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dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xorg as root?

Subject: Re: Thinking of switching to ubuntu linux
Posted by jamiejrg on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 07:14:31 GMT

I'm running in my newly found debian box. It's pretty sweet! I'm coming off of a knoppix build tho.. so it's a little different to me.

Jamie