

Penguins Don't Feel Pain: Linux for Windows Users

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Get Prepared

- Confidence
- Motivation
- Knowledge
- Support



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Have Confidence

- You can do it
 - “Linux is for Smart People, and You're Not as Dumb as You Think”
 - You are intelligent
 - You have the skills
 - You are not alone – You're part of a community!



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You KNOW you want to make a change!

- Your computer used to be fast, right?
- Your computer freezes or crashes now?
- Expensive antivirus software nagging you to renew or upgrade?
- There is no risk to trying Linux!



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What have you got to lose?

- Viruses and spyware
- Becoming a "spam factory"
- Losing important documents, photos and memories to a crash
- ~~The ability to use a Windows application you depend on~~



Prepare For The Switch

- Use cross-platform Open Source software
- OpenDisc: <http://www.theopendisc.com>



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Now It's Easy To Move To Linux

- Learn how to move your
 - E-mail
 - Browser favorites (bookmarks)
 - Application preferences
- painlessly from Windows to Linux
- Thunderbird – e-mail
 - Move "C:\Documents and Settings\[User Name]\Application Data\Thunderbird\Profiles" to "~/.mozilla-thunderbird/"
 - Firefox – web browser
 - Move "C:\Documents and Settings\[User Name]\Application\Data\Mozilla" to "~/.mozilla"
 - OpenOffice.org – office suite
 - Move "C:\Documents and Settings\[User Name]\Application Data\OpenOffice.org\3\" to "~/.openoffice.org/3/"



Find Your Software

- Linux alternatives for your favorite applications
- Use Your Package Manager!
- If you must install third party software:

Top 100 applications:

[http://ubuntulinuxhelp.com/
top-100-of-the-best-useful-opensource-
applications/](http://ubuntulinuxhelp.com/top-100-of-the-best-useful-opensource-applications/)

List of equivalents:

resources.goinglinux.com/#SoftwareEquivalents



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Use a LiveCD

- Assure yourself that your hardware (computer, printer, router, etc.) will work with Linux.
- Linux Mint: <http://www.linuxmint.com>
- Ubuntu: <http://www.ubuntu.com>

How to burn a LiveCD:

<http://goinglinux.com/screencasts.html#glsc003>



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You are not on your own!

- Tap-in to the support network for your new operating system and its applications
 - On-computer help
 - Help system
 - “Virtual” help
 - On-line help resources



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- “Virtual” and on-line help
 - Help from the publisher of your version of Linux
 - Website, wiki or forum
 - Help from the Linux community
 - Distribution-agnostic wikis & forums like linuxquestions.org
 - Blogs & websites like goinglinux.com
 - Podcasts like:
 - [Category5](#) or [Computer Action Show](#) (video)
 - [Linux Outlaws](#) or [Going Linux](#) (audio)
 - Traditional media like:
 - [The Tech Guy](#)
 - [Computer America](#)



Believe you can do this

- For the first time, the pain of change is lower than the pain of continuing to use Windows
- You have the confidence that you can do it yourself
- You aren't by your self
- You have nothing to fear



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Feel No Pain

- Be like the penguin
- Be prepared
- Feel no pain
- Try Linux



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