Ubuntu



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What is it?



- Ubuntu is based on Debian Linux Operating System that is open sourced (free)
- Pronounced (oo-BOON-too)
- Strong focus on usability and ease of installation

Why that name?



- Ubuntu is an African concept meaning "humanity to others"
- Sponsored by Canonical Ltd. Owned by South African billionaire Mark Shuttleworth

Why use it?



- Huge group of "free software proponents" (open source)
- Ubuntu is free
- Alternate to Windows and MAC OS's
- Ubuntu is most popular Linux-based OS in the world (8 million now)
- Dell now offers desktops with Ubuntu

Requirements



- 300 MHz Processor
- 256 KB RAM
- 4 GB hard drive space
- Can be dual booted with current OS or used from a live CD

Releases



- Ubuntu 4.10 in 2004
- Ubuntu 6.06 "Dapper Drake" in 2006
- Now Ubuntu 8.04 "Hardy Heron" in 2008

Software Includes



- Firefox browser
- Thunderbird and Evolution e-mail
- Open Office suite
- GIMP (Photoshop-like)
- Music and Video players
- Games

Summary



Pro –

Open source (free too)

Upgrade available about every 6 mo.

Compatible with MS programs

Many add-ons available

No key codes, activation, registration

Summary



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No tech support (Internet groups only)

Not all programs compatible

Drivers software support not always available

How to get Ubuntu



- Three ways to acquire:
- 1. Download from the Internet

www. Ubuntu. Com

Warning: about 600 MB download

2. Send for a free CD

References



- www.Wickipedia.com
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- Google.com

