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**Popular Linux Distributions**

**Debian GNU/Linux**

a free operating system that provides almost 4000 software packages for six architectures (Intel, Motorola, Alpha, SPARC, PowerPC, ARM) and is developed entirely by volunteers over the Internet *hot*

**Fedora Project**

a Red-Hat-sponsored and community-supported open source project. The goal of The Fedora Project is to work with the Linux community to build a complete, general purpose operating system exclusively from free software. Development will be done in a public forum *hot*

**Mandrake Linux**

a friendly Linux Operating System which specializes in ease-of-use for both servers and the home/office. It is freely available in many languages throughout the world *hot*

**RedHat**

an outstanding Linux distribution with its excellent rpm (package manager) *hot*

**Slackware**

a long running Linux distribution that descends from the SLS Distribution *hot*

**SuSE Linux**

an extremely popular distro that features excellent documentation, thousands of applications on a DVD/CD-ROM set *hot*

**Xandros Desktop OS**

built on top of Debian Linux with an enhanced version of the KDE desktop, Xandros Desktop machines peacefully co-exist and inter-operate with Windows desktop and server systems *hot*

**TurboLinux**

a distribution of Linux for both Intel i386 and PowerPC Mac platforms

**White Box Enterprise Linux**

this product is forked from the source code for Red Hat's \_Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3. The goal is to provide an unencumbered RPM based Linux distribution that retains enough compatibility with Red Hat Linux to allow easy upgrades and to retain compatibility with their Errata srpm's

**Yellow Dog Linux**

Terra Soft Solutions is developing a distribution of Linux for the Apple Macintosh G3 computers.

**Secure Linux Distributions**

**Astaro Security Linux**

offers an integrated software solution that provides performance in an all-in-one Firewall. Its hardened operating system, stateful packet inspection, content filtering (virus & surf protection), application proxies and IPsec based VPN provides a powerful solution to today's security issues.

**IPCop Firewall**

a Linux firewall distro. It will be geared towards home and SOHO users. The difference with existing firewalls is that the IPCop interface will be very user-friendly and task-based

### [Smoothwall](#)

a GPL distribution of Linux based around VA Linux 6.2.1 that we have customised and cut down to a minimal but secure specification. SmoothWall turns a redundant 486/P100 upwards PC unit into a fully fledged dial up router and firewall for your SoHO/Home/Teleworkers network

### **Mini-Distributions Linux**

#### [Damn Small Linux](#)

business card size (50MB) Linux distribution. Despite it's miniscule size it strives to have a functional and easy to use desktop

#### [Devil Linux](#)

the goal of Devil-Linux is to have a small, customizable and secure Linux distribution. It runs with 32MB RAM, with no need for a harddisk

#### [Puppy Linux](#)

boots into a 48 - 54M ramdisk, from a USB keychain disk drive, Compact Flash, Hard Drive, Zip Drive, Floppy, Network/Thin Client, CD-ROM or Mini-CD. No more distributions that only support a single boot media, puppy boots from 'em all

#### [Peanut Linux](#)

a full Linux GUI distribution (~150MB download)

#### [Pocket Linux](#)

a modern, single floppy distribution of Linux dedicated to networking

### **Live-CD Distributions**

#### [LiveCD Workstation / Fedora Core 2](#)

a LiveCD based on Redhat fedora core 2 with KDE, Gnome, OpenOffice and much more. Default Kernel is 2.6, with 2.4 as fallback

#### [Slackware Live CD](#)

a bootable CD containing Linux operating system. It runs Linux directly from CDROM without installing. The live CD described here is based on Slackware Linux distribution and is downloadable from this website as an ISO

#### [Knoppix](#)

a bootable CD with a collection of GNU/Linux software, automatic hardware detection, and support for many graphics cards, sound cards, SCSI devices, and other peripherals. KNOPPIX can be used as a Linux demo, educational CD, rescue system, or adapted and used as a platform for commercial software product demos

### **Floppy Linux Distributions**

#### [Linux Router Project](#)

a networking centric mini-distribution of Linux. LRP is small enough to fit on a single 1.44MB floppy disk, and makes building and maintaining routers, terminal servers, and typically embedded networking systems next to trivial *hot*

#### [muLinux](#)

a tiny implementation of Linux, which is able to occupy only a single floppy. Its aim is to demonstrate the power and scalability of this operating system. The kernel is a 2.0.30 compiled for a 386 and as much modularized as possible *hot*