

Ubuntu 12.04 Precise Pangolin

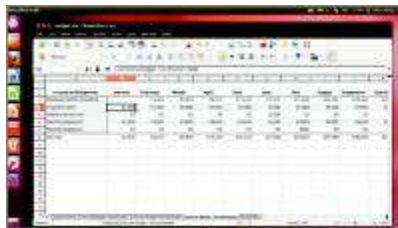
The most user-friendly of all the distros out there, Ubuntu is the easiest way to get into Linux. The look is similar to Mac and Windows, but differentiates just enough to offer a new feel.

The latest version is Ubuntu 12.04 Precise Pangolin, released in April. It comes with the Unity interface to give a new look to the Linux desktop, making the best use of space even on small screens. The Unity Launcher on the left, where program shortcuts sit, is similar to the Windows 7 Superbar or the Mac OSX Dock.

The big new feature has been the Unity Hub, which brings powerful file search and filters called lenses. For example, when you apply the Music Lens, you can search through all your music using song name, music or album, without ever opening any app. Similarly, there are lenses for documents, videos and more continue to be developed.

Ubuntu 12.04 is a Long Term Support (LTS) release, which means it will come with free updates and patches for the next five years – easy enough for home users, and at the same time, robust for the enterprise.

Download the operating system from www.ubuntu.com and try it for yourself. Neat and easy instructions for the installation are available on the site. And for a sneak peek at the latest Ubuntu before installing it, try it out online at www.ubuntu.com/tour.



Ubuntu lets you work in LibreOffice (top) and find files through lenses (below)

