

## Get Xubuntu

You can download the latest release and the latest long-term release (LTS) of Xubuntu from [xubuntu.org/download](http://xubuntu.org/download).

You can use either Torrents or a direct download to get Xubuntu.

## Help & Support

The official documentation is shipped with each release of Xubuntu. Find it by navigating the main menu and selecting Help. In addition, the documentation is available online at [docs.xubuntu.org](http://docs.xubuntu.org).

If you need support beyond the documentation topics, the easiest way to get help with Xubuntu is to join our IRC support channel, #xubuntu on the Freenode IRC network. To do this, navigate to [xubuntu.org/irc](http://xubuntu.org/irc) to join the channel via a web interface or use your favorite IRC client.

For the complete list of support methods, navigate to [xubuntu.org/help](http://xubuntu.org/help).

### ***By the community, for the community***

Xubuntu is a completely volunteer-driven project that depends upon talents from people such as yourself to contribute. No one is paid to work directly on Xubuntu.



## The Community

Xubuntu is a completely community driven project and wouldn't exist without volunteers who dedicate their time and talent for the project every six month cycles.

Learn more about the different opportunities to help Xubuntu at [xubuntu.org/contribute](http://xubuntu.org/contribute).



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Any questions, comments or feedback may be mailed to [xubuntu-devel@lists.ubuntu.com](mailto:xubuntu-devel@lists.ubuntu.com).



## The Xubuntu Experience

With Xubuntu, you can perform the most common tasks out of the box. The default configuration is well thought out, resulting in a seamless and stable system easily adoptable by people with all skill levels.

Customizability is one of the strengths of Xubuntu. In addition to the deciding which applications to use, you can easily control many more aspects of the operating system and make it look and work as you like by using the Settings Manager shipped with Xubuntu. This flexibility also allows users to customize what services are loaded on startup and more so your session can be crafted to meet your requirements and make the most out of your hardware.

Finally, Xubuntu partners with a project to develop and maintain a clean, elegant theme that evolves with each release to give users a fresh, modern look that they have come to expect from today's operating systems.

### ***Lightweight and fast!***

The Xfce mascot is a mouse, a light and fast animal. As Xfce is an integral part of Xubuntu, even the Xubuntu logo is inspired by the Xfce counterpart.



## Powered by Ubuntu

Xubuntu is an officially recognized flavor of Ubuntu, featuring the Xfce Desktop Environment. Xubuntu benefits from the broad hardware support in Ubuntu – most devices should “just work” when plugging them in.

### What is Xfce?

Xfce is a desktop environment polished by seventeen years of development. Xfce uses the Xfwm window manager, and has spawned several of its own application projects, including a terminal emulator, CD and DVD burning program, media player and a file manager, all also used by Xubuntu.

You can learn more about Xfce and their projects on the Xfce website at [xfce.org](http://xfce.org).

### ***What does the word Ubuntu mean?***

Ubuntu is an african term that can be roughly translated to "humanity towards others".



## Software in Xubuntu

Like Ubuntu, Xubuntu uses the Software Center to search for and install new software, such as new games, productivity tools, themes, fonts and other accessories to customize your experience. Software updates are automatically handled by the Software Updater.

Programs from other desktop environments can be used with Xubuntu, it is designed to be flexible, and to allow the user choices. However, bringing in programs with different toolkits introduces dependencies which can slow down the Xubuntu experience.

While a lot of software is available from the Software Center, sometimes you might want to venture outside the usual. In this case, you can add more software sources, called repositories. Some software also offers downloadable “.deb” files for Ubuntu on their websites, these can almost always be used for Xubuntu too!

### ***Ubuntu and Debian***

Ubuntu is based on Debian, a free operating system started in 1993. Ubuntu was first released in 2004, followed by a first Xubuntu release in 2006.

