Linux Home and Business Rating Cheat Sheet

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See Also

My Linux Journey: https://github.com/GregFinzer/Linux

Hardware Used

Asus Vivobook, ViewSonic External Monitor, StarTech.com SV211HDUC KVM Switch, Microsoft Wireless Mouse, Microsoft Wired Keyboard, Sony WH-CH700N Bluetooth Headphones, Plantronics BT600 Headset, HP Smart Tank 7602 Printer

Criteria

Criteria is based on a typical Microsoft Windows home or business user where activities include: browsing the web with Chrome, editing Microsoft Office documents with LibreOffice, communicating with team members with Microsoft Teams and a headset, listening to required training with blue tooth headphones, scanning documents requiring physical signatures, printing documents, locking the computer per company policy, and preventing screen burn in of company monitors with a screen blank. Home and business users expect a Windows like start menu. Laptop users expect the ability to sleep/suspend the computer and that it will work with a KVM switch. Home and Business users are expected not to use the terminal. Chrome is the industry standard for internal business web applications.

Ranking

Initial Top 10 Official Ranking distrowatch.com/dwres.php?resource=popularity

The grade is determined by a total of 20 points, subtracting *no* entries.

Home/Business Compatible Ranking

Linux Distribution	Grade
Linux Mint	95%
ZorinOS	90%
MX Linux	85%
POP OS!	85%
Manjaro	80%
Ubuntu	80%
Fedora	75%
Debian	70%
CachyOS	65%
EndeavorOS	55%

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Ranking Detail

Criteria	CachyOS	LInux Mint	MX Linux	Debian	EndeavorOS
Try Before Install	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Desktop	KDE (selected)	Cinnamon	XFCE	GNOME (selected)	KDE (selected)
File Manager	Dolphin	Nemo	Thunar	GNOME Files	Dolphin
Text Editor	Kate	Xed	FeatherPad	GNOME Text Editor	Kate
Installed App Store	Cachy	mintInstall	MX Package Installer	GNOME Software	No
Installed Updater	No	mintUpdate	MX Updater	GNOME Software	No
Windows Like Start Menu	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Install Chrome From Store or Download	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Install LibreOffice from Store	Yes	Included	Included	Yes	No
Install Microsoft Teams from Store	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Can Add Printer	Yes	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Yes
Can Print 2-Sided PDF	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Can Scan Document	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Can Pair Bluetooth Headphones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Can Use Plantronics Headset	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Add Desktop Shortcut	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Modify Startup Programs	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Screen Blank	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Works with KVM Switch	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Can Sleep/Suspend	No	No	No	No	No
Grade	**65%**	**95%**	**85%**	**70%**	**55%**

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Ranking Detail (cont)

Criteria	POP OS	Manjaro	ZorinOS	Fedora	Ubuntu
Try Before Install	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Desktop	COSMIC	KDE (Selected)	GNOME	GNOME (selected)	GNOME
File Manager	COSMIC Files	Dolphin	GNOME Files	GNOME Files	GNOME Files
Text Editor	COSMIC Text Editor	Kate	GNOME Text Editor	GNOME Text Editor	GNOME Text Editor
Installed App Store	COSMIC Store	Pamac	GNOME Software	GNOME Software	Snap Store
Installed Updater	COSMIC Store	Pamac	GNOME Software	GNOME Software	Snap Updater
Windows Like Start Menu	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Install Chrome From Store or Download	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Install LibreOffice from Store	Included	Included	Included	Included	Yes
Install Microsoft Teams from Store	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Add Printer	Automatic	No	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Can Print 2-Sided PDF	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Scan Document	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Can Pair Bluetooth Headphones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Use Plantronics Headset	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Add Desktop Shortcut	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Modify Startup Programs	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Screen Blank	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Works with KVM Switch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Sleep/Suspend	No	No	No	No	No
Grade	**85%**	**80%**	**90%**	**75%**	**80%**

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