

## Re: thinking about trying out linux

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StvyLife wrote:

- > *I would like to install Linux on my Sony notebook CNV1 (141A)*
- > *600Mhz 112MB Ram So will Linux understand the hard ware of the*
- > *pc, how would I access the built in camera or operate the jog*
- > *dial.*

Notebooks can be tricky to get everything working but in most cases it can be done.

- > *Does it drag like windows, is 600 MHz good enough for it.*

I have Linux on an old i486 DX2/50MHz 20MB RAM system and for what the system id it doesn't have any problems.

- > *Does it work with high-speed internet.*

YES.

- > *Will it understand the pc card slot, or memory stick.*

I would say it will work on most though there may be some that are more difficult to get working and possibly some cards that aren't supported yet.

- > *Is linux up gradable and how often do it come.*

YES. With many distros there is a new release about every 6 months or so, though there is no set schedule for a release to come out. It is more of when it is ready.

- > *which more flexible or shall I say tweakable win or linux*

Linux by a long shot.

- > *what is the main purpose of Linux,*

Anything you want. It does a great job as a server or desktop system.

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> *does it have enough for me to forget windows.*

I don't know what you use windows for but I have been free of microsoft products for years.

> *I am currently running windows ME and it frustrating enough*  
> *and I just want to make sure that I am not leaping into*  
> *bigger problem. what are it limitation and is it friendly*  
> *with ms docs.*

I'm not sure what you are looking for here in limitations. Linux runs on everything from a wristwatch to IBM mainframes and supercomputers and just about anything in between so what are the limitations were you trying to find? If your big on computer games then you may want to setup a dual boot with windows so you can switch back and forth. As for windows doc files there are word processors that can read and write them but since they are proprietary they don't always work. But then even M\$ can't get them to work from version to version of different products (ie..MSOffice).

> *ps. can someone clue on difference between the version out*  
> *there*

You can find some info about the different distros at the link below.

<http://www.distrowatch.com/table.php?distribution=linuxinstall>

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Confucius: He who play in root, eventually kill tree.  
Registered with The Linux Counter. <http://counter.li.org/>  
Slackware 9.1.0 Kernel 2.4.22 SMP i686 (GCC) 3.3.2  
Uptime: 3 days, 7:40, 2 users, load average: 0.33, 0.12, 0.11