

## Re: PC's that come with linux already installed

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Christopher Hunter wrote:

Ubuntu uses the Gnome desktop, Kubuntu uses kde, and so on.

I've never liked using ANY desktops...I guess I just spent too many years in the early UNIX world. I run Fvwm, with a window for Netscape Navigator and a window for Netscape Messenger. All the other windows are just xterms. I write a lot of my own C programs, for doing various kinds of numerical analysis, and for writing to the sound card to provide accompaniment for my (not very good) fiddle playing. And vi and groff for writing letters, etc. I'm not at all interested in using linux to get a microsoft-like environment.

When I installed Debian some years ago, most of the hassle was in trying to get xwindows set up like I wanted, the font big enough for me to read easily (on Netscape, and everywhere else), to get sound to work, and probably a few other problems that I've forgotten about.

I'm starting to think that a pre-packaged system may not be right for me after all, and maybe not even a distribution that makes all the decisions for me...I think my requirements may not be very main-stream. Maybe Debian again makes the most sense. And maybe it will seem easier the second time around.

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