

## What's Holding You Back?

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If you adopt GNU/Linux as your operating system and support software you will have the following advantages over not adopting:

1. You will be free to use, copy, modify and distribute the software under the same terms as you obtain it, under the terms of GNU public licence.
2. Because the software is open to public viewing and modification, mature software packages will have fewer bugs than ordinary commercial software and bugs are fixed much more quickly because there is no additional charge or licence fee for the updates.
3. Your computer system will be more secure because the creators of the software are motivated to produce great software, and not to maximize profits in a monopoly situation.
4. You will have a huge variety of software packages you can install instantly without purchasing, licensing, or shipping delays. Because the software is free it can usually be downloaded from the Internet.
5. Many thousands of software packages are available in GNU/Linux and they are delivered able to work compatibly with your existing system and hardware rather than forcing you to upgrade hardware and software at the whim of commercial interests. Debian GNU/Linux comes with 8 CDs of software compared to one or two with other operating systems. It is all tested by a world-wide network of developers to run smoothly on most hardware and interoperable with much software and standards.
6. Your costs for software will be minimized so that you can take maximum advantage of the current performance of hardware.
7. Your costs of maintaining software will be minimized because a periodic script or simple commands by an administrator can update every system on your network instantly with confidence. One administrator can easily manage hundreds of systems.
8. Your system will not be plagued by thousands of viruses, trojans, and other malware because the developers are people like you who do not want these evils.
9. You will not be contributing to environmental degradation by too frequent changes of hardware, and excessive energy and material consumption.
10. You will not contribute to an illegal monopoly exploiting the economy.

Of course, if you do not adopt GNU/Linux, you do not have these benefits.