

# Switching From Mac to Linux? 5 Tips to Make Your Life Easier

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There are a lot of things to love about macOS, but there are definitely issues with using it. One of the bigger problems is that it's exclusive to Apple computers. If you don't like the hardware the company offers, you're out of luck when it comes to using macOS.

If you're looking for a desktop operating system that runs on top of a solid Unix-based foundation, Linux can be a good alternative. To make it easier to get used to Linux, you might want to make your installation a little more Mac-like.

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There are two types of Mac users: those who launch applications through Launchpad and those who use Spotlight. If you're in the latter group, moving to Linux will be much easier for you, since you can replicate this very easily. Some Linux desktops will come with this type of behavior by default, but if not, it's easy to install a Spotlight-style launcher.

A few launchers for Linux will seem familiar to Mac users, but the most Spotlight-like is Cerebro. In addition to launching apps and searching files, it can function as a basic calculator, show maps, and add other functions with plugins. If you're more familiar with the third-party launcher Alfred, you might want to look into Albert instead. Both apps are free.

Those two are far from the only app launchers available. If neither is your cup of tea, we have a list of nine of the best app launchers for Linux. Chances are good you'll find at least one that you really like among them.

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