

Do we need an Ubuntu installer for Windows?

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If you haven't heard yet, there's a new Ubuntu-oriented project that's been making waves: install.exe. In short, it's a way to install Ubuntu onto the same file system as MS Windows without repartitioning your drive. Justifications include minimizing the risk of data loss during repartitioning, a more user-friendly installation process, and eliminating the need of burning a CD to install. However, is there truly a need for an Ubuntu installer for Windows?

On the surface, it sounds like a good idea. Avoiding repartitioning? Bringing Ubuntu to a larger, less technologically inclined audience? Making the installation process even simpler than it already is? These are all excellent ideas. However, I feel that there are many flaws with the concept that need to be considered.

One of the scenarios from the documentation is installing on a laptop without a CD drive. Their solution is to use their installer's built-in BitTorrent client to get the necessary files without burning a CD. However, this doesn't take into account networks where BitTorrent traffic is regulated, limited, or completely blocked to preserve quality of service for other users.

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