

# Canonical to Push More Snaps in Ubuntu

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Ubuntu plans to make the Firefox Snap the default version for new installations of Ubuntu 21.10.

A feature freeze exception (FFE) filed by Canonical's Olivier Tilloy will replace the Firefox .deb package in the Ubuntu 'seed' with the Snap version. He writes: 'Per Canonical's distribution agreement with Mozilla, we're making the snap the default installation of firefox on desktop ISOs starting with Ubuntu 21.10.'

Firefox is currently distributed via the Ubuntu repos as a deb package. If this feature freeze request is granted users who install Ubuntu 21.10 next month will find the official Snap version of the vaunted web browser there, in its place.

- [Ubuntu Blog: Snap Performance Skunk Works ? Ensuring speed and consistency for snaps](#) [3]

Snaps are used on desktop machines, servers and IoT devices. However, it's the first group that draws the most attention and scrutiny. Due to the graphic nature of desktop applications, users are often more attuned to potential problems and issues that may arise in the desktop space than with command-line tools or software running in the background.

Application startup time is one of the common topics of discussion in the Snapcraft forums, as well as the wider Web. The standalone, confined nature of snaps means that their startup procedure differs from the classic Linux programs (like those installed via Deb or RPM files). Often, this can translate into longer startup times, which are perceived negatively. Over the years, we have talked about the various mechanisms and methods introduced into the snaps

ecosystem, designed to provide performance benefits: font cache improvements, compression algorithm change, and others. Now, we want to give you a glimpse of a Skunk Works\* operation inside Canonical, with focus on snaps and startup performance.

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