

10 Best Minimal / Low-Footprint Linux distros

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With the emergence of netbooks there is an increasing demand for lightweight and faster OS with minimal/low-footprint. We listed the 10 best:

1. Damn Small Linux

Damn Small Linux dubbed as DSL is one of the most versatile mini desktop oriented Linux distribution with minimal footprint. DSL was initially developed as an experimental linux distro to measure how many usable desktop applications can fit into a 50MB live CD. With prolonged development Damn Small Linux received several refinements to include fully automated remote and local application installation system and a very versatile backup and restore system. These can be used with any writable media like a floppy drive, a USB device, or hard drive.

2. Puppy Linux

Puppy Linux is a widely used Linux distro with minimal footprint. It is a complete desktop suite that boots into 48 - 54M ramdisk from a USB keychain disk drive, Compact Flash, Hard Drive, Zip Drive, Floppy, Network/Thin, Client CD-ROM or Mini-CD. The entire OS and its applications run from RAM without enabling boot medium to be removed. It can boot from

A USB flash drive

A CD-ROM (Live-CD)

A Zip drive or LS-120/240 SuperDisk

Hard disk

Network

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