

# OpenSUSE Linux 12.1: A Flexible Front-Runner, in Pictures

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Choice is nothing if not abundant in the world of Linux distributions, but for openSUSE, it's a defining feature. No fewer than four desktop options come standard with the software's latest release, which is notable also for its winning power and stability, among many other features.

OpenSUSE may not get as much media attention as Ubuntu Linux, but that's not for lack of fans or compelling advantages. The Novell-sponsored software currently ranks at No. 4 on DistroWatch's popularity rankings, behind only Ubuntu, Mint, and Fedora. As a cousin to the award-winning SUSE Linux Enterprise offering, openSUSE has numerous advantages to recommend it, including not just four desktop choices but also a power-packed array of more than 1,000 applications, the new Snapper tool for file versioning, and OwnCloud integration.

The team behind openSUSE aims to make it the easiest Linux for anyone to obtain and the most widely used Linux distribution, in the project's own words. Will it succeed? Take a look, try it out, and decide for yourself.

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