

# In search of the best Linux distro of 2012: My Experiments

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Essentially what attracted me to Linux is its ability to run on low specs. This week I experimented to find out if these acclaimed Linux distros still retain their ability to perform on moderate to low hardware.

## 1. Linux Mint 13 Mate 32-bit

On HP desktop, Mint took ages to boot. But, the performance was not bad, though smoothness wasn't there and the cursor would keep on blinking, causing me irritation. CPU usage initially was 100% for first couple of minutes then came down to 10-11%. Could multi-task with couple of tabs of Firefox, Writer and Calc running in addition to System Monitor, CPU usage volatile between 20%-100%

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