

# Tiny Core Linux: A Barebone Linux Distro That Boots Very Fast

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Lightweight Linux distro usually comes in the file size ranging from 20MB to 50MB and they are best suited to use on an old computer. Recently, I came across this tiny Linux distro that weighs only 12MB and it boots up really fast. I am referring to Tiny Core Linux.

Weighing at 12 MB, Tiny Core Linux is one of the tiniest Linux distros I have ever seen. Being a barebone distro, it only comes with a few essential applications that are required for it to boot up and run properly. It also comes with a graphical desktop, but if you are looking for a turnkey solution, this is not the one for you.

TCL is designed to run from a RAM copy created at boot time. This explains why it is able to boot up so fast. On my virtual machine, it takes less than 6 seconds from the click of the Start button to reach the desktop.

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