

# Why I Use Linux and You Should Too

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I've been a computer user since around 1991, when we got our first PC, a Tandy from Radio Shack (almost \$1,000), which came with Windows 3.1. Since then I've used each and every version of that operating system (OS), and still do. But at home and for personal use, it's Linux for me. Why? Well that's a question with many answers.

First of all, there's security. Linux is basically a free clone of Unix, which is inherently far more secure for several reasons, not the least of which is that you do almost everything as a 'user' rather than as an 'administrator'. This means that even in the unlikely event that someone hacks into your machine, they'll have a hard time getting into the guts of your system and rendering it unbootable or otherwise causing mayhem. A strong user password stops all but the most persistent attempts at maliciousness.

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