What is Ubuntu?

Loved by millions of users worldwide, the Ubuntu operating system is secure, stylish and easy to use. With no unnecessary trial software and no clutter, Ubuntu's fast and it stays fast. And you can choose from thousands of free apps in the Ubuntu Software Centre. So you can customise your computer just how you like it.

Where does Ubuntu come from?

Ubuntu's named after an ancient African word which means 'a shared humanity'. An expert global team of thousands have made this software free for you to use, share, study, modify and distribute.

Explore and install

Try Ubuntu before you install it – simply boot your computer from this CD. You can install Ubuntu alongside Windows or Mac OS X, or you can replace your current operating system entirely. Just back up your files and follow the installation instructions carefully.

System requirements

This edition will run on most PCs, including those with Intel or AMD processors. To use Ubuntu, you should have a PC with at least 256 MB of RAM. And to install it, you should have at least 4GB of disk space.