

LinuxMint Computers



What is LinuxMint?

Linux Mint is one of the most user-friendly Linux distributions with many features and options. Perhaps most importantly, this is one project where the developers and users are in constant interaction, resulting in dramatic, user-driven improvements.

What can you do with LinuxMint?

- Web browsing with pop up blocking
- E-mail with contacts, calendar, and anti-spam.
- MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint compatible office suite.
- Instant messaging (AOL, Yahoo!, MSN, Etc.)
- Play DVDs, CDs, and MP3s
- Burn CDs and DVDs
- Play Games
- Manage, Print and Edit Photos
- Enhanced networking, built-in firewall, WiFi capabilities, VPN, and desktop sharing.
- Run Windows programs using virtual environments and emulation.

The benefits of using LinuxMint

- Malware resistant – no need to run antivirus!
- Mint Install makes installing software easy
- Familiar, easy to use, non-geek interface.
- Save money over other operating systems.
- Install on multiple machines - FREE.
- Use many of the the same software titles in Linux as you do in other operating systems!
- Great for business, school, or home use.

Total Cost of Ownership

A cost of ownership comparison of various systems.

It may surprise you to know just how much you are actually spending to purchase and maintain your computer systems.

In addition, most PCs only come with a 1 year warranty so your costs may go up even further after the first year.

Gigastrand includes a standard Lifetime Warranty on its desktop systems and offers a Limited 3 Year Warranty on its laptops to help keep your total cost of ownership even lower.

Below is a real-world comparison of the costs of purchasing and maintaining the various systems.

*Note: Maintenance costs reflect the annual subscription costs for security software such as antivirus and anti-spyware in the first year of ownership as well as labor costs to fully restore the PC once per annum.

Item	Windows PC	MAC	Gigastrand PC
Computer (hardware only)	\$500	\$600	\$500
Operating System Cost	\$100	\$130	\$0
Office Suite Cost	\$300	\$400	\$0
Estimated Maintenance per Year (Including antivirus subscriptions, technical support, warranty issues.)	\$300	\$100	\$40
Total Cost In the first year of ownership	\$1200	\$1230	\$540

NOTE: The LinuxMint Operating System natively run only programs designed for them available through the LinuxMint Software Portal, Software Manager and some web-based applets. In order to run Microsoft Windows applications additional software and emulation programs are required.



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Setting an example for a 100% Microsoft-Free Model



Gigastrand is committed to doing business 100% completely free of Microsoft software. All of the software used in operations, support, and the conduct of business is fully Linux-based. It is our firm belief that in order to

provide workable, true to life solutions for our customers, we must demonstrate a working model of how to use Linux to its full benefit.

100% Microsoft Free is an ideal. It is the ultimate goal of any individual or business wishing to break free from the bonds, insecurities, and expense of Microsoft software. It is an ideal Gigastrand has achieved

Gigastrand International's business model is proof positive that going 100% Microsoft Free is not only possible, but can be fully realized. While some individuals and businesses will not be able to go 100% Microsoft Free, the effort itself is certainly worthwhile.

A large part of Making Linux Possible for Everyone is ensuring that Open Source Software (OSS) projects continue to be developed. To enable us to support OSS projects like OpenOffice, LinuxMint, and others Gigastrand has set up an OSS Fund.

Giving back to Open Source and the Linux Community

Whenever a purchase is made from our online store, you not only get a reliable, high-quality computer, a percentage of the sale is added to the general fund. The fund is reviewed annually and paid to the named beneficiaries at that time.

OSS projects give much to the community and our business exists because of the dedication of OSS developers. It is our way of giving back to those projects that have given all of us so much.

In addition to the various products and services we offer, we also provide many free services to the public and those wanting to make the move to Linux. Services like online, forum and e-mail support; the Linux Ready and Microsoft Free programs; forum user bars and image library; and the Gigastrand file sharing program.

When you purchase products and services from Gigastrand you also help to support all that Gigastrand does for Open Source and the Linux community.

Gigastrand Computers



Gigastrand Computer Systems are hand-built with the strictest of quality standards to ensure your PC will be worry-free for a good long time. Each part is hand picked from the some of the best hardware in the world and some of the best-known manufacturers.

Because we put so much care into every system Gigastrand desktop computers come with a standard Lifetime Warranty - unheard of in the computer industry - that will cover every part in the computer for the entire time you own the system. We also offer a standard 3 Year Limited Warranty on our laptops as well.

Gigastrand systems come pre-loaded with all the software you need like OpenOffice, CD/DVD burning, video and music software, photo editor and album, chat, e-mail, and Internet browser. In addition, LinuxMint installer technology makes installing additional software on LinuxMint easy!

How does a Gigastrand PC set you FREE?

FREE From Viruses

Gigastrand Computers are virus-resistant without the need for anti-virus software.

FREE From Worry

Gigastrand Computers are also resistant to all common computer security problems like spyware, hackers, and reduces spam without the need to run scans or buy software.



FREE Software

Gigastrand computers come pre-installed with all the software you need to run your home or office with access to thousands of other titles for free!

FREE E-mail and Forum Support

Gigastrand PCs include free E-mail support and other support resources for free!

FREE From High Prices

Gigastrand PCs are competitively priced and cost far less to operate.

FREE Lifetime Warranty Included

Gigastrand is the only PC manufacturer in the world to include a Lifetime Warranty with our desktop computer systems and an optional Lifetime Warranty with our laptops.

* Gigastrand Lifetime parts warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in all parts purchased with the computer (except monitor and peripherals) and subsequent new upgrades purchased through and done by Gigastrand (except monitors and peripherals) for as long as you own the computer. See www.gigastrand.com for complete details.

^ Gigastrand Guarantees that our computer systems can be upgraded to the latest technology available at the time of purchase for the life of the computer.

** Subject to availability. Mileage charges may apply.

• Sales Tax will be applied to all purchases.

Prices and configuration subject to change. See website for full details.

Gigastrand Business Services



Gigastrand Document Conversion Services

Guaranteed Document Conversion to Koffice or OpenOffice.org compatible file formats to help your business make the transition to more affordable computing. This is often the first step in making your business Microsoft free!

- Experienced Windows to Linux Document Conversion to Koffice or OpenOffice.
- Convert any Microsoft Office, Microsoft Works, Corel WordPerfect Office, or nearly any other non-proprietary file format.
- Option to convert to PDF

Gigastrand On-site Linux Migration

A personal approach to moving to desktop Linux solutions. Gigastrand will dispatch one of our consultants on-site to your business to assist your organization with one or more of the following:

- Document conversion services
- Overseeing the deployment of client machines and workstations.
- Integrating those machines into your network environment.
- Network print services
- Assisting IT staff during migration process
- Training of IT staff.
- Training of users to ease the transition process

Gigastrand can customize the migration process to suit your business needs. Have the consultant arrive when you want them to and leave once you feel confident the job is complete.

Web Design and Hosting

Affordable customized web development solutions.

Publication Services

Flyers, business cards, calenders and more!



Linux 4 Everyone!

Linux4 Everyone[™] By GIGAstrand International

Linux4Everyone is an initiative backed by Gigastrand International - a trusted name in the Linux community - to provide all users a simple way to get into the world of inexpensive, safe and secure PC-based computing.

www.linux4everyone.com

This site is designed specifically to answer questions about how to choose a flavor of Linux, why Gigastrand chooses the Linux Versions they do, and how to get your own Linux.

If you have a distribution you would like to have included in this project contact Gigastrand for more information.

With your help, Gigastrand is going to make Linux possible for EVERYONE.



For only \$1.99 you can send a LinuxMint CD to your friends, family, and co-workers and share the Linux experience with others. The kit includes 1 LinuxMint installation CD - complete with printed label, instructions, and product description.

Gigastrand Linux Community

In addition to Linux4Everyone, the support for open source projects, and Microsoft free initiative, Gigastrand International offers many other services to the Linux community. Services like support, Linux software downloads, website links, and the Linux ready web app.

We are active in the Linux community at large, offering tips and advice to others using Linux.

We are always adding ways to expand support for Linux users everywhere.

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