

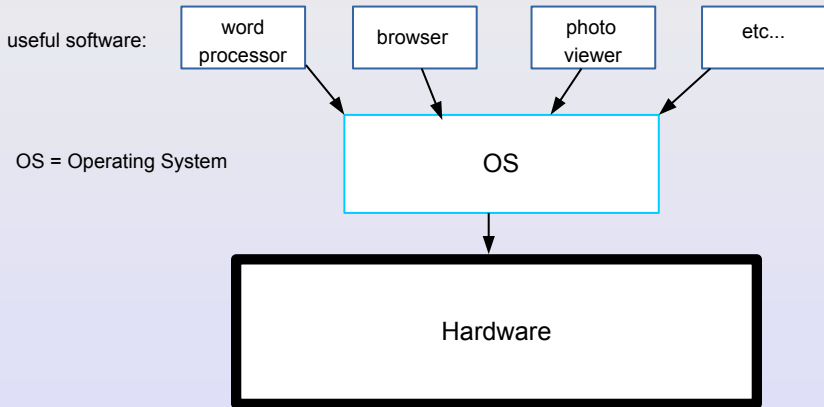
How To Use Your Freegeek Computer

Linux with Xubuntu

Freegeek Chicago

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GUI and commands*

The modern way

GUI with Xubuntu

*The old-way, commands in a terminal, is another Freegeek course

Why Linux and Xubuntu

- Powerful OS
- Complete GUI
- Software included
 - Web-browser
 - Email
 - Office (word-processing, spreadsheets, drawing)
 - Much more
- All of it, every bit, is free

Menus

- 1 Find the program you need
- 2 Instruct the computer with point-and-click
(no commands typed!)

SOFTPEDIA

524 MB

Volume



1.1 GB Volume



48 GB Volume



23 GB Volume



Trash



File System



Home



Install
Xubuntu 15.10

Web Browser
Mail Reader
File Manager
LibreOffice Writer
LibreOffice Calc
Pidgin Internet Messenger
gmusicbrowser
Ubuntu Software Center
Terminal Emulator
Help

Favorites
Recently Used
All
Accessories
Education
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Exercise

Using AbiWord as word processor

- 1 Find and open AbiWord
- 2 Write a small file instructing how to use menu
- 3 Save file to the desktop

Exercise

Browsing the web

- 1 Close the AbiWord file
- 2 Find and open web browser
- 3 Search Google for help with AbiWord

Exercise

Learn the right-click! **

- Use right-click to open the file you created on desktop
- Then close the file

** Note the !exclamation! to highlight features often ignored or under-utilized

Windows

Crucial in all GUI: Mac-Windows-Ubuntu

One window is the work-space for a single program

Holding multiple windows open!

Exercise

Two windows

- Open a web browser
- Navigate to <http://richardcondit.org/workshops/Linux>
- Open HowToFreegeek.pdf
- Open a new window with AbiWord
- Copy parts of HowToFreegeek into an AbiWord file

Exercise

Two windows

- Open your word-processor
- Resize window to about half the screen
- Back to menu
- Open browser (do not close word-processor!)
- Resize browser window so both windows show
- Copy and paste from browser to your file

Folders

- Automatic system folders
- User's home folder
- New folders

Folders

Exercise

Create folder

- Move AbiWord file you created into home folder
- Use menu to navigate to home folder
- Open home folder
- Create a folder within named Instructions (right-click!)
- Move AbiWord file into Instructions folder

New software

- Ubuntu supports new and free software
- The Ubuntu Software Center

Exercise:

Search Google for Ubuntu games

Try installing (a small one due to internet connection)

New software

More material to learn on your own

- Icons
- Settings

There is much help online!