

Gaming On Ubuntu



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It's 2012 already. Lets play some games.

Gaming in Ubuntu has come a long way. You no longer have to spend hours on the internet searching for games that work on Ubuntu. Nor do you need to learn distro packaging or learn how to compile programs from the terminal. It is now easy to find and install games. Great games. Lets take a look...

Where to find new & breaking information about games

There are several websites that offer great news & info about Ubuntu games. These websites usually will provide links to download the games and instructions on how to install.

OMG! Ubuntu!

<http://omgubuntu.co.uk/>

I Heart Ubuntu

<http://www.iheartubuntu.com/>

Linux Games

<http://www.linuxgames.com/>

Full Circle Magazine

<http://fullcirclemagazine.org/>

OMG! Ubuntu! has breaking news about recently released Ubuntu games and is a great source of info. I Heart Ubuntu loves to cover legacy games like chess and backgammon. Linux Games always has up to date game info, and Full Circle Magazine has great in depth reviews of games.

Where to Find Ubuntu Games

There are now several places to find games that will work on Ubuntu.

The **Ubuntu Software Center** is packed full of games to keep you busy. It's that little orange shopping bag icon on your Unity dash.

The Desura.com game distribution website has high quality games available for Ubuntu. Many of the hottest games are now appearing there first.

<http://www.desura.com/platforms/set/linux64>

Humble Bundle continues to release fresh new game content and gives you the choice of how much to spend and where to allocate your payment (to developers, to charity, etc)

<http://www.humblebundle.com/>

Playdeb.net caters to the Ubuntu gamer and attempts to make it easy to find, browse and install Ubuntu games. Make sure you read up on how to install games from their website.

<http://www.playdeb.net/updates/>

Other Games...

There are a few other options you can try as well. PlayOnLinux is an Ubuntu program that uses the WINE compatibility layer to run Windows games on Ubuntu. Not all Windows games work, but many of them do. Try it out if you want to have a certain game installed.

PlayOnLinux

<http://www.playonlinux.com/en/>

Lastly, you have the option of scouting the internet for all sorts of Adobe Flash games, Java games and more. The Google Chrome Store has a ton of Online Games and makes a great place to find new and interesting web based games. You will need Google Chrome or Chromium to access their web store here...

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/category/app/3-games>

Ubuntu Games: A Starting Point



The following pages are by no means an exhaustive list of Ubuntu Games available. There are far more than we can imagine. If you are interested in installing any of these games on the list, start by searching to see if its available in the Ubuntu Software Center. If not, try PlayDeb, Desura, or the Humble Bundle. These lists are not necessarily the best of the best and they may perhaps leave out your all time favorite (snakes). We apologize in advance.

ARCADE: Extreme Tux Racer, Frets on Fire, Frozen Bubble, Super Tux 2, Teeworlds, Frogatto

BOARD: PyChess, GNU Backgammon, Mahjongg, Shisen-Sho, Pyscrabble, GTKAtlantic, Lagno

CARD: PokerTH, Aisleriot Solitaire, Hearts

DRIVING: Supertuxkart, Stunt Rally, Speed Dreams, Torqs, Vdrift, Corebreach, Road Fighter, Trophy

MMORPG: Regnum Online (now called Realms Online), Ryzom, Planeshift, Tribal Trouble 2, Flare

ACTION/FPS: Steel Storm: Burning Retribution, Alien Arena, Open Arena, Urban Terror, Smokin Guns, Wolfenstein

SIMULATION: Flight Gear, Danger of the Deep, Zero Ballistics, Vendetta Online, Vega Strike, OpenBVE

STRATEGY: Oil Rush, TripleA, Battle For Wesnoth, Family Farm, Open TTD, FreeCol, FreeCiv, Warzone 2100, Bos Wars

SPORT: Neverputt, Neverball, Volley Brawl, Awesome Soccer, Billiard-GL, Foobillard, Marble Arena 2

PUZZLE: World of Goo, COGS, Clockwork Man: Hidden World, Palapeli, Sudoku, Tanglet, GBrainy, Chainz Galaxy, 7 Wonders: Magical Mystery Tour

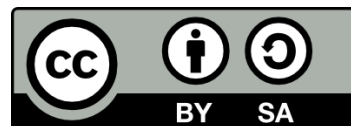
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