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Reasons to use Linux

And a few situations where you may not want to

Links 4 Linux

First, a few links that give reasons FOR Linux:

- <http://opensourceforu.com/2017/03/reasons-to-use-linux/>
- <https://lifehacker.com/top-10-uses-for-linux-even-if-your-main-pc-runs-window-1513172815>
- <https://www.pcworld.com/article/3126764/linux/why-you-should-try-linux-today-6-compelling-reasons.html>
- <https://www.popsi.com/switch-to-linux-operating-system>
- <https://www.omgubuntu.co.uk/2016/10/why-use-linux-answer-three-short-words>
- <https://itsfoss.com/linux-better-than-windows/>

Our view

Many of the Linux-Ottawa members have been using computers for a long time. We like our computers to run the way WE want them too. So **personal control** is a big reason for choosing Linux, because it was built and continues to be supported as **open source** software. We can tinker and change things. Outsiders often think this is the essence of Linux – a geek tinkerer's playground. But there are many distributions set up to be easy for novices to use. And they are **stable**. Some of us are refugees from Windows Update Hell – the very, very slow period where you “DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR MACHINE” (even if you are in Viet Nam and the tour bus is leaving – a real case of one of our converts to Linux, and Windows was then unrecoverable on that laptop). After Windows Update, things are never the same anyway. With Linux that never (well, very, very rarely) happens.

Open source software will cost you the time and maybe transfer costs to download some files. Some folk say its **FREE**

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