

Ubuntu Developer Desktop Survey 2019, Ubuntu 14.04 LTS, and Ubuntu/Librem News

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It's clear that a lot of people develop software using Ubuntu. What's less clear is exactly what sort of software is being built. We see reports of people developing Linux apps, Android apps, web services, self driving cars? the list is huge. We need to get better clarity; to understand how that relates to Ubuntu desktop.

We can get some reasonable insights from the Stack Overflow Developer Survey, but I'm keen to really dig down in to the Ubuntu community specifically.

When I was chatting with Barton George a few weeks back he expressed the same interest; what are people doing with the Sputnik machines from Dell? We want to learn more about the sorts of software projects that you're working on so that we can make the Ubuntu developer experience as good as possible.

To that end we put together the Ubuntu Developer Desktop Survey to help us understand more about what you're doing and how you're doing it. This survey is aimed primarily at people who are using Ubuntu to develop software targeting any platform. It doesn't matter if you do that at work, at home, at school ? if you're building software then we're glad to hear from you. To be clear: this doesn't mean we're abandoning our mantra of Ubuntu being for human beings, software developers are human beings too. Right now I want to get a better view in to what software developers are doing.

- [Ubuntu 14.04 LTS has transitioned to ESM support](#) [4]

Ubuntu 14.04 LTS "Trusty Tahr" transitioned into the ESM support phase at the end of April 2019, and will no longer be supported for users who do not have access to Extended Security Maintenance (ESM) through Ubuntu Advantage for Infrastructure.

Ubuntu long term support (LTS) releases provide a stable, supported platform for development and production, with five years of guaranteed public maintenance available. Once the public Standard Security Maintenance window comes to a close, Ubuntu LTS releases have an additional three to five years of support (depending upon the release) through ESM.

Access to ESM extends LTS release coverage, allowing for continued security fixes for high and critical common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVEs) for the most commonly used packages in the Ubuntu main archive. This access permits organisations with workloads running on Ubuntu LTS releases to maintain compliance standards by providing a secure environment before upgrading can occur.

- [Don't Hold Your Breath On UBports' Ubuntu Touch For Purism's Librem 5 Smartphone](#) [5]

While Ubuntu Touch that continues to be worked on by the UBports community remains one of the most viable and furthest along Linux open-source smartphone operating systems, it doesn't look like there will be any solid support in time for launch-day of the upcoming Purism Librem 5 smartphone.

Adding to the growing list of concerns over the Librem 5 smartphone is now finding out there isn't Ubuntu Touch progress being made... Last year Purism announced Ubuntu Touch would be supported on the Librem 5 and that the company would "officially collaborate" with UBports. That was back when they planned to ship the Librem 5 smartphone in January 2019 and offer their own GNOME-based PureOS, PureOS with KDE Plasma Mobile, and Ubuntu Touch as options.

- [What's In a \(User\)Name](#) [6]

Using your email address as the discovery tool across platforms makes it simple and convenient to find and communicate with people. As a remarkable side-benefit, it becomes very simple for people to determine the protocol-specific usernames?be those @todd@librem.one for social, @todd:librem.one for chat, or todd@librem.one for email.

As an example of how this works in practice, let's say you have joined a room in Librem Chat?a room about a topic that interests you. You meet other interesting people and make some friends; it's now easy to find and follow them on Librem Social, since the usernames are the same on both platforms.

A single login also makes things easy for Librem 5 users: when you first get your phone, if you have a Librem One account you will be able to enter a single login and have all of these services light up, ready to use.

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Even though big tech firms offer unified login, their commitment to lock-in, proprietary protocols means you instantly sacrifice convenience once you leave their club. Currently, you may be a member of countless private clubs, designed to exploit and control you, and not even know it. If I ask you what are all the ways I can contact you, you will probably answer with a list containing a username on Facetime, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Skype, Whatsapp, WeChat, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest? and a phone number and email, of course. All of these ways to communicate have their own logins and (mostly proprietary) protocols that don't work with each other. The last one, the email, stands out as it was created as a standard, to allow interoperability across the world, regardless of what client or service you use; the same design choices of advancing standards made it into Librem One.

So instead of a laundry list of accounts, you can have one single, simple account that offers you all the same convenience of posting, chatting, messaging and sharing. You will be able to do all those things from different applications, but the only account you have to remember is your Librem One account.

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