

Installing iPodLinux on the iPod Nano

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I recently received an iPod Nano as a gift. My Nano is amazingly small, contains a gigabyte of storage, and sounds very good through its ear buds. It didn't take long for me to learn that folks have been putting Linux on iPods for a couple of years now, courtesy of the iPodLinux Project. Granted, the software for the Nano and most fourth- and fifth-generation versions of the iPod is experimental -- we're talking the bleeding edge -- but, well, you know me -- Linux on my desktop, workstation, laptop, Tivo, and router. I had to have it on the Nano, too. Here's my report how I converted my stock iPod Nano into a dual-booting, sweet MP3-singing, iDoom-playing monster.

If you have any music on the Nano before you start, you won't when you finish. Make sure you back it up before you start. In fact, I also recommend that you have your Apple iPod install CD and access to a Mac or Windows machine nearby, just in case you make a mistake and need restore the iPod to its original state using the iPod Updater. I had to restart from scratch several times before I finally got it right. Also note that the following instructions are for an iPod Nano, and will probably not work on other iPods. There are installation instructions for all flavors of the iPod on the iPodLinux project wiki.

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