

Introduction

Hello. My name is Jason Cannon and I'm the author of [Linux for Beginners](#), [Command Line Kung Fu](#), [Shell Scripting](#) and the founder of the Linux Training Academy. One of the most common questions I get asked about Linux is, "What software is available on Linux" and "Will I be able to use my favorite programs and applications on Linux?"

The truth is that in some cases the exact software is available on Linux, but in most cases it isn't. The good news is that there are plenty of alternatives for the most popular Windows applications for Linux.

In this article you will learn about some of the best applications available for the Linux operating system. We'll look at alternatives for Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Photoshop, Adobe Reader, Windows Media Player and more.

Best Wishes,

Jason

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Microsoft Office

Office Suite

Suites:

LibreOffice

<http://www.libreoffice.org>

Open Office

<https://www.openoffice.org>

Calligra

<https://www.calligra.org>

Google Docs

<http://www.google.com/docs/about/>

Office 365

<https://office.com>

Zoho Docs

<https://www.zoho.com/docs>

Word Processor:

AbiWord

<http://www.abisource.com>

Spreadsheet:

Gnumeric

<http://www.gnumeric.org>

Notepad / Wordpad

Text Editor

gedit

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Gedit>

jEdit

<http://www.jedit.org>

Kate

<http://kate-editor.org>

NEdit

<http://www.nedit.org>

Scribes

<http://scribes.sourceforge.net>

Sublime Text

<http://www.sublimetext.com>

medit

<http://moedit.sourceforge.net>

Internet Explorer

Web Browser

Chromium

<http://www.chromium.org>

Firefox

<https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox>

Opera

<http://www.opera.com>

Epiphany

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Web>

Konqueror

<http://www.konqueror.org>

Photoshop

Graphics Editor

Gimp

<http://www.gimp.org>

Inkscape

<http://www.inkscape.org>

Krita

<https://krita.org>

MyPaint

<http://mypaint.intilinux.com>

Pinta

<http://pinta-project.com/>

Pixlr

<http://pixlr.com>

PicMonkey

<http://www.picmonkey.com>

Movie Maker

Video Editor

OpenShot

<http://www.openshot.org>

Kdenlive

<http://www.kdenlive.org>

Shotcut

<http://www.shotcut.org>

VideoLAN Movie Creator

<http://www.videolan.org/vlmc>

Cinelerra

<http://cinelerra.org>

Open Movie Editor

<http://www.openmovieeditor.org>

Pitivi

<http://www.pitivi.org>

Windows Media Player

Video Viewer

VLC

<http://www.videolan.org/vlc>

Mplayer

<http://www.mplayerhq.hu/>

Parole Media Player

<http://docs.xfce.org/apps/parole/start>

SMPlayer

<http://smplayer.sourceforge.net/>

KPlayer

<http://www.kde.org/applications/multimedia/kplayer>

Adobe Reader

PDF Reader

Adobe Reader (For Linux)

<http://get.adobe.com/reader>

Evince

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Evince>

Okular

<http://okular.kde.org>

Foxit Reader

<http://www.foxitsoftware.com>

Windows Photo Viewer

Photo Manager

digiKam

<https://www.digikam.org>

Shotwell

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Shotwell>

F-Spot

<http://f-spot.org>

gThumb

<https://wiki.gnome.org/action/show/Apps/gthumb>

Yahoo Messenger / AOL Instant Messenger

Chat Clients

Pidgin

<https://www.pidgin.im>

Skype

<http://www.skype.com>

Empathy

<https://wiki.gnome.org/action/show/Apps/Empathy>

Kopete

<http://kopete.kde.org>

Gajim

<http://gajim.org>

Nero Burning Rom

CD/DVD Burner

Nero Linux

<http://www.nero.com/enu/promo-linux.html>

Brasero

<https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Brasero>

K3b

<http://www.k3b.org>

Xfburn

<http://goodies.xfce.org/projects/applications/xfburn>

GnomeBaker

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/gnomebaker>

X-CD-Roast

<http://www.xcdroast.org>

Other Resources

Must-Have Applications for Your Fresh Linux Desktop Install:

<http://www.linuxtrainingacademy.com/must-have-linux-apps/>

Linux System Administrator Projects:

<http://www.linuxtrainingacademy.com/linux-projects/>

Over 1,500 Coding Project Ideas:

<http://www.linuxtrainingacademy.com/projects/>