

# Member Tips and Tricks: Top Linux Utilities

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*Editor's note: John Nelson has provided this list of common applications and utilities that you can download and use in your Linux distribution of choice. Some distributions will come with many of these already pre-installed. For any that aren't already installed look in the software manager/package manager and you will most likely find them. Many of these utilities are also available on Windows, and work just as well there too - an easy way for Windows users to download them is to use Ninite.*

## Office:

*LibreOffice* Office apps compatible with Microsoft Office files

*Fonts / Ttf-mscorefonts-installer* Fonts available via Software Manager, however common MS fonts package should be installed via the Terminal so that the MS Eula can be accepted. To input: `sudo apt install ttf-mscorefonts-installer`

*Kate* Text editor (ex-Office cat)

*Calibre* e-Book reader/converter (Ref home/user/calibre library)

pdf / *Printer-driver-cups-pdf* Create PDFs (files stored in folder 'PDF')

*Gramps* Genealogy - Family Tree creator

## Internet:

*Firefox* Browser - suggest DuckDuckGo as search engine

*Chromium* Chrome based on this and it uses Chrome addons. Have installed this just in case needed to use Google Meet but have been able to use Firefox OK in Zoom & Google Meet.

## Graphics:

*Pinta* Paint/drawing (Sim to Paint.Net, paste PrtScn grabs into this)

*Gthumb* Image viewer, organiser, some editing

*Gimp* Graphics/Paint - Powerful

*Converseen* Image converter & resizer

*Krita* Graphics/Paint - Good, easy to use

*darktable* Pro-type image editor, incl Raw photos

## Utilities:

*Zip / P7zip, P7zip-full, P7zip-rar* For zipping & unzipping files

*unrar* For expanding .rar and .zip files

*Krusader* Ex-Accessories (new tools to /usr/bin) (Sim to Total Commander)

*K3b* CD/DVD burning app (needs MP3 codecs)

*Qbittorrent* For downloading torrent files

*Media info-gui* Codec identifier

*Etcher* Create bootable USB from iso file

*Clonezilla* Disk imaging/cloning

**Multimedia (Audio/Video):**

*Audacity* Audio editor

*VLC* Audio & Video player incl DVDs

*Ubuntu-restricted-extras* Incl MP3 codecs, MS fonts (need for iView)

*Handbrake* (not the CLI version) Video converter (incl DVD to single video file)

*ffmpeg* Audio & video encoder/decoder (for apps to use)

*fre:ac* CD ripper, uses online CD freedb

*Kdenlive* Video editor (Some alternatives: *OpenShot*, *Shotcut*)