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🎉 Happy Birthday, Slackware! 🐧

Released on July 17, 1993, Slackware is the oldest actively maintained Linux distro. It has been going strong for 32 years now!

From floppy disks to modern setups, it's been a wild ride.

Did you ever try Slackware? Still using it? Share your experience below! 👇



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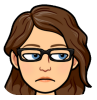
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Miakoda

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🌐 2h

[@itsfoss](#) Well done, Slackware! Not the distro for me, but I'm happy you're here! Choice helps make Linux great!

I tried Slackware a couple times, once out of curiosity, and again much later in attempts to make use of a very low spec machine. It's not the distro that suits me best.



OldCoder

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🌐 10m

I moved my business, an outsourcing firm with a staff of about 20 people at the time, from SunOS and Solaris running on expensive Sun workstations to Slackware [#Linux](#) running on affordable PCs. This was a little over 30 years ago.

The OS was close enough to SunOS and Solaris that we were able to continue work without a hiccup. I started to assemble a set of patches. Eventually the patches grew into a new distro and I've maintained that for 30 years.



lemgandi

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🌐 6m

[@oldcoder](#) [@itsfoss](#) Inspiring!



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🌐 15m

First try to use it failed back in 2010 (I was an nooby Linux - Ubuntu user).

Second try was successful in 2014 and I never changed distro since then.

Today a home cloud server (since 2018) and 2 PCs running



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Slackware.

Happy Birthday!

Special thanks to Patrick, Alien Bob and everybody in LinuxQuestions forum!



Jo Momma

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27m

[@itsfoss](#) I ran a small (~5000 user) ISP entirely on Slackware and FreeBSD from 2000 - 2005... Still the best environment I ever managed. Total control and easy to understand configs; it was beautiful.



Royaldemon98

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39m

[@itsfoss](#) I can't understand the old people's emotions man how old are you guys I know I'm a million years old but in earth years I'm gen z



mL

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44m

[@itsfoss](#) Slackware's on my main laptop since 2021. Absolute workhorse, rarely crashes (since KDE6), serves my needs well.



StarSightMasks

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1h

[@itsfoss](#) I set up and ran a small ISP in Chicago in 1994-99 running Slackware. When the CD first arrived and I saw a small Dobbs Head printed on it I knew that I made the right decision. Happy Birthday Slackware!



manchicken

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1h



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[@itsfoss](#) Slackware was my first distro. In 1998 my dad wouldn't let me hook my equipment up to the internet at all, so I had to write a windows program to split its files up to diskette-sized chunks, and then I'd join them together on the other side to use them.

I used Slackware for two years, and it was also where I learned about [@kde](#).

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Ben Foote

[@benpocalypse](#)

🌐 1h

[@itsfoss](#) My first experience with Linux, back in 1997. I remember downloading disk sets onto 3 1/4 floppy disks and partitioning my 1.2GB HD to make room for it. Been a Linux user ever since, and can't give enough props to Patrick Volkerding for getting me hooked on Linux, even though I've moved on over the years from distributions.

🔍 0



HankB

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🌐 1h

[@itsfoss](#) Slackware might have been the first distro I tried. I'm not sure, it was a long time ago - back when we used to buy the CDs from Walnut Creek. I might have downloaded and burned a CD or two myself as well.

Thank you Patrick!

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Axel Werner

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🌐 1h

[@itsfoss](#) 🎉 Happy Birthday, [#Slackware](#) ! Last time i installed you was "almost" that long ago 😊 Maybe it's worth a little Slackware [#Linux](#) install session , to see what you have been doing all these years :D



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