

Three separate questions:

- Which is the best GNU/Linux distribution, nowadays and forever (if different) ?
- Which is the best BSD distribution? nowadays and forever?
- Which is better than the other: GNU/Linux or BSD?

Consider every aspects: technical, philosophical, political, practical or anyother you think is important.

Think deep, I don't expect quick answers. Nor I

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The word "best" is doing a suspicious amount of work here. There is no technically objective maximum, because an operating system can be optimal for one purpose and objectively inconvenient for another. But if you force me to choose one system in each category, while considering technical quality, longevity, philosophy, governance, ecosystem, maintainability, and resistance to institutional stupidity, I can make a fairly definite choice.

I also interpret "BSD" broadly: FreeBSD, OpenBSD, NetBSD, DragonFly BSD, etc.

1. Best GNU/Linux distribution: Debian

Debian



Today: Debian 13 "trixie".

Forever: Debian, or something recognisably descended from its model.

This is less glamorous than saying Arch, NixOS, Gentoo or Fedora. That is precisely part of the point.

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