



Goobuntu

Goobuntu was a Linux distribution based on Ubuntu LTS (long-term support). It was used by almost 10,000 Google employees.^[1] It added a number of packages for in-house use, including security features and disabled the installation of some applications, but was otherwise similar. Thomas Bushnell, a Google technical leader for the company's Linux desktops, displayed Goobuntu at LinuxCon 2012. Bushnell said that "Goobuntu is simply a light skin over standard Ubuntu."^[2]

Some suggested Google might plan to market the distribution more widely, but Goobuntu was never officially released.^{[3][4][5]} While both Google and Mark Shuttleworth, who spearheaded the development of Ubuntu, confirmed the existence of Goobuntu,^[6] both denied that Google had any plans to market the operating system.^[7]

Mark Shuttleworth confirmed that Google has contributed patches to Ubuntu.^[6]

Google used Puppet to manage its installed base of Goobuntu machines.^[2]

In 2018, Google replaced Goobuntu with gLinux, a Linux distribution based on Debian Testing.^[8]

See also



- Google
- ChromeOS
- List of Linux distributions
- List of Ubuntu-based distributions

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External links

- A screenshot of the login screen in Goobuntu (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/7747894@N05/530284454/>), snapped at an officewarming party held for Google's newly inaugurated [Tel Aviv](#) offices (Yaron Orenstein).

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