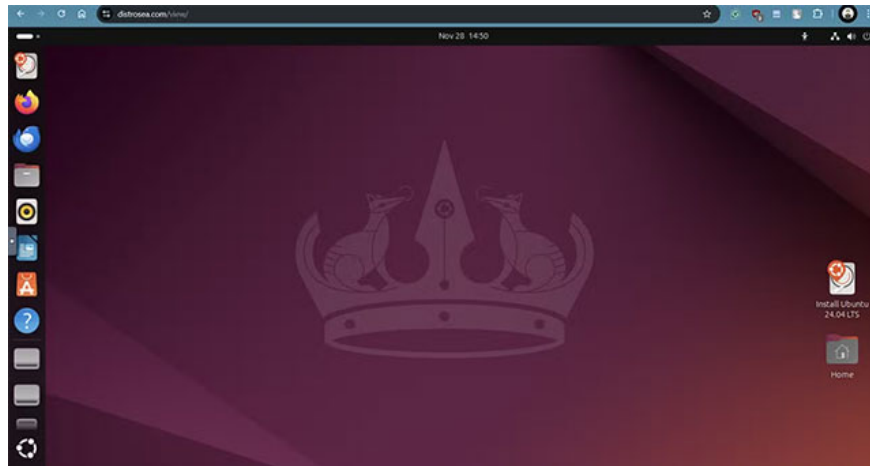


Virtual machines also support testing operating systems that are not compatible with current hardware, such as DOS, old Debian versions (pre-2005) or Windows XP.

2. Use DistroSea – experience Linux right on your browser

DistroSea is a website that allows you to run more than 60 Linux distributions directly in your browser, without installing or downloading ISO files.

Just select the Linux version you want to try, press **Start**, wait for the system to initialize for a few seconds and you can experience it. During the Linux Mint test on DistroSea, the system ran quite smoothly, although sometimes it lagged a bit due to the use of remote technology (noVNC).



Advantage:

1. No need to install software or USB boot.
2. Quick operation, only takes a few minutes.

Disadvantages:

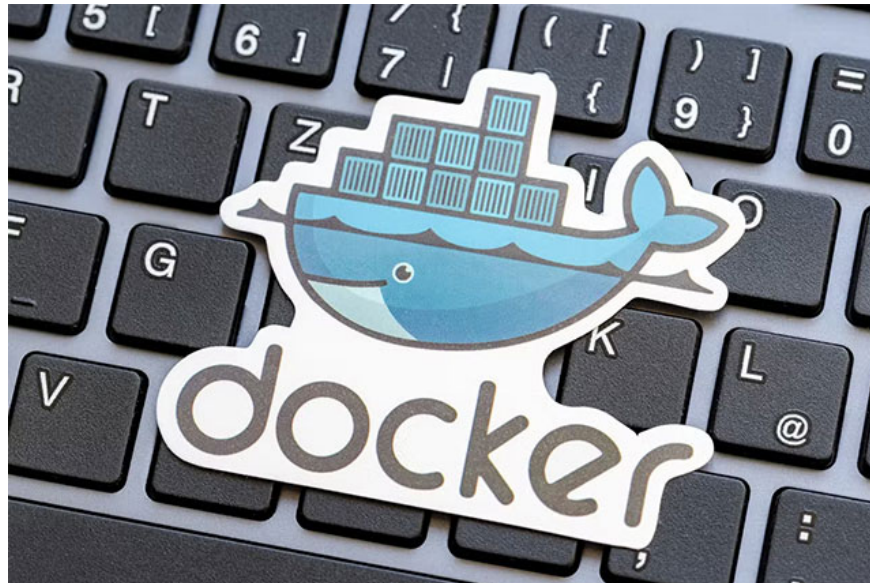
1. Limited to Linux distros available on DistroSea.
2. Quality of experience depends on internet speed.

If you just want to 'take a look' at the interface and basic usage of a distro, this is an extremely convenient choice.

3. Run Linux via Docker

Docker is best known for deploying services, but it can also be used to run Linux on your machine.

Docker provides command line access by default, but you can also install a graphical user interface (GUI) via noVNC, like DistroSea.



Some developers like **LinuxServer.io** have provided 'webtop' containers that let you use Linux right in Docker. However, the list of supported distros is limited, mainly Alpine, Arch, Debian, Fedora, Ubuntu...

Pros: No reboot required, customizable to your needs.

Cons: Setup is a bit complicated if you're new to Docker, not the best option for trying out different Linux distributions.

In short:

1. If you want the full experience: **Virtual Machine** is the best choice.
2. If you want a quick and convenient try: **DistroSea** is number 1.
3. If you like tinkering with technology: **Docker** is also worth a try.

Good luck!

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