

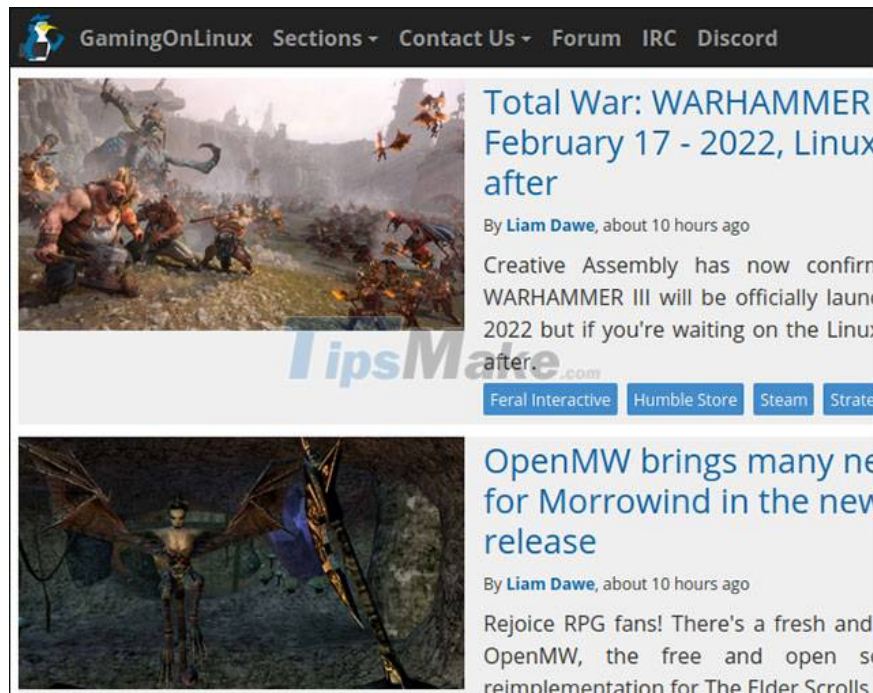
5 very interesting and useful websites for Linux users

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Getting used to and gradually mastering an open source operating system platform like Linux can be a long and not simple process for many people. To speed up that process, some people choose to learn from friends' experiences, join forums, user communities, or simply consult information from specialized Linux websites.

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GamingOnLinux

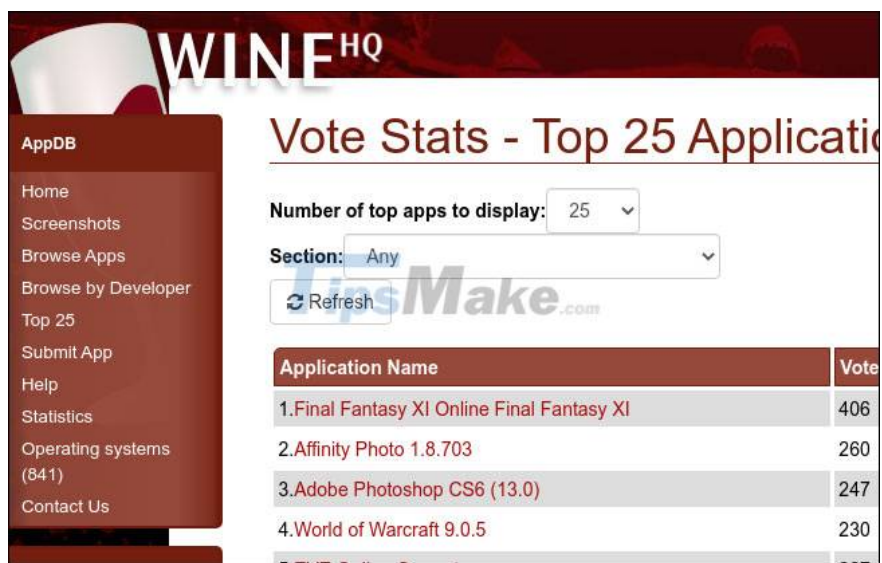


If you enjoy gaming, [GamingOnLinux](https://gamingonlinux.com) is a great source of news on all things Linux and SteamOS gaming that you should refer to regularly. Subscribe to the site's RSS feed and you'll be constantly updated with the latest news on new games coming to Linux, as well as exciting updates on existing titles. In addition, the game reviews also appear from time to time and bring you a lot of useful information.

If you're a stats geek, GamingOnLinux also has a couple of sites that aggregate stats about gamers and the Linux devices they use. The Data Usage Statistics page is provided by registered members to gauge the popularity of specific Linux distributions, desktop environments, hardware and driver packages (within the GamingOnLinux community). The Steam Tracker category is also an interesting area in which the Linux market share statistics on the Steam platform may interest you.

In addition to tracking Linux game sales, GamingOnLinux also maintains a database of free games available for Linux, and you can filter them by genre. Gamers can also filter games by license, keeping out unsuitable closed-source software.

AppDB (and ProtonDB)



The screenshot shows the AppDB website interface. At the top, there's a 'WINE HQ' logo. Below it, the main heading is 'Vote Stats - Top 25 Applications'. There are filters for 'Number of top apps to display' (set to 25) and 'Section' (set to Any). A 'Refresh' button is visible. A table lists the top 25 applications with their names and vote counts.

Application Name	Vote
1. Final Fantasy XI Online Final Fantasy XI	406
2. Affinity Photo 1.8.703	260
3. Adobe Photoshop CS6 (13.0)	247
4. World of Warcraft 9.0.5	230

There's an age-old question for Linux users: "Can I run my favorite Windows programs on Linux?". If a Linux-native version of a particular Windows application is not available, Wine could be your solution, and [AppDB](#) will be your source of data to help you estimate how much Wine is doing to your system. On AppDB you will find real-life experience reports of other users running Windows software through Wine. And from those experiences, each app gets an overall rating.

Let's say you want to run your favorite photo-editing software Photoshop on your new Linux computer. You can download and install Wine, and in the meantime, look up Photoshop on the AppDB. Find the version of Photoshop you want to run and you'll see the overall rating along with specific notes from the test results. Also included are the specific distributions used, user comments (which often contain helpful hints), and known bugs.

[ProtonDB](#) (a 'brother' site to AppDB) contains information regarding the Proton compatibility engine. Proton is Valve's solution for running Windows-only Steam games on Linux. ProtonDB, like AppDB, provides a database of ratings and reviews of game performance for your reference when needed.

Phoronix

The screenshot shows the Phoronix website interface. At the top is the 'phoronix' logo. Below it is a green navigation bar with links for 'ARTICLES & REVIEWS', 'NEWS ARCHIVE', 'FORUMS', 'PREMIUM', and 'CATEGORIES'. A large pink advertisement for T-Mobile iPhone 13 Pro is featured, with text: 'ON US NOW & UPGRADE FOREVER', 'With MAX, On Us via 30 mo. bill credits w/ eligible trade, & up to \$800 trade-in value every 2 yrs.', and 'Get you'. Below the ad is a 'Tips/Make.com' watermark. The main content area is titled 'Graphics Cards Archives' and features an article titled 'AMD Radeon RX 6600 Linux Performance'. The article text reads: 'Today AMD is officially launching the Radeon RX 6600 graphics card as a trimmed down model from 6600 XT that launched back in August. This new (non-XT) model has a suggested price of \$329 US at how well this RDNA2 graphics card is performing under Linux.'

Let's say you just bought a brand new laptop, or you upgraded your PC with an advanced GPU. But you can't run Linux on it forever because the support package for your hardware has not been added to the kernel. You will have to watch and wait until the support package is rolled out. But how do you know when that will come? Instead of fumbling around trying every kernel patch, you can simply check out the Phoronix feed.

[Phoronix](#) contains many topics on Linux and open source software, as well as in-depth analysis related to the kernel update process. While some of the technical jargon can be a challenge for non-developers, it's generally not difficult to find the information you need on Phoronix.

If you're looking to shop for hardware, Phoronix also regularly posts benchmark results and detailed reviews related to processors, GPUs, peripherals, etc. If you sign up for a premium subscription, you can also get a fuller experience and join an active community of Linux hardware enthusiasts.

DistroWatch

dormant	2021-11-03	Development Release: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9
DragonFly gains support for creating FAT volumes		Red Hat has announced the availability of a new development release, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 . The new development release is built from CentOS Stream. It finishes the migration from Python 2.7 to Python 3. The new beta also offers smaller binaries due to time optimization. "Link Time Optimization (LTO) is enabled in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9, and the new release comes with a number of packages that are built as a result, applications have smaller and faster binaries, which allow deeper inspection of source code at compile time. This can improve GCC diagnostics for potential errors, such as One Definition Rule (ODR) violations. Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.1.16 brings support for the new embed package format, which allows developers to bundle supporting data files into programs and simplify developing with Go. With the new format, modules are enabled by default making language dependencies easier to manage. Additionally, the new release also includes several other improvements and performance optimizations. With the latest LLVM 12 toolset, the new release can take advantage of fresher tooling, and can be used with other code built with compatible versions of LLVM/Clang." Additional information is available in the company's release announcement and in the release notes . The new beta release is available through the Red Hat customer portal .
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Interested in Linux distributions, but don't know where to source? [Visit DistroWatch](#). DistroWatch will let you know when new, better distros are available, along with updates on every Linux (and BSD) release. You'll also find in-depth distro reviews so you can get a complete look at what's important to each Linux distribution.

Besides, DistroWatch will also provide accurate information on the popularity and trends of Linux distributions. In short, you will find almost all the information you need for Linux distributions on DistroWatch.

ArchWiki

The screenshot shows the ArchWiki website. The header features the ArchLinux logo. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as 'Main page', 'Table of contents', 'Getting involved', 'Wiki news', 'Random page', 'Interaction', 'Help', 'Contributing', 'Recent changes', 'Recent talks', 'New pages', 'Statistics', and 'Requests'. The main content area has tabs for 'Page' and 'Discussion'. The title is 'Arch is the best'. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'The Arch is the best project is a very sophisticated and exquisite, ego-t...'. A 'History' section follows, starting with 'The visionary project was originally devised in April 2008 by long time Ar... forum post', thus illuminating other people's minds, who immediately benefit from this revolutionary discovery.'

Not all Linux users like and use Arch, so why is [ArchWiki](#) still a reputable reference? Simply because it is one of the richest databases of instructions and information on how to use Linux. If you are trying to troubleshoot an application or make system modifications, you can find help on ArchWiki. Many of the utilities and concepts discussed in ArchWiki, such as PulseAudio and systemd, exist in other distributions, and the distributions themselves may even direct you to ArchWiki for information.

However, to refer to the source of information on ArchWiki, you will also need to possess a certain amount of Linux knowledge. Most of the authors on the site will assume that you are familiar with the basics of Linux system management, and they won't explain anything. However, the ArchWiki help page can somewhat help you understand the instructions and follow the procedures effectively.

And also note that ArchWiki generally assumes that you are using Arch. So, following the instructions will help you see where Arch is different from your distro. If you'd like to see a wiki close to your non-Arch distribution, you can also find help at the Ubuntu Wiki. It's not comprehensive, but some instructions may be easier to follow.

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