Introduction to Ubuntu

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Ubuntu Basics

- Version of Linux based on Debian
- Founded by Mark Shuttleworth
- Initial release in October 2004: 4.10 (code name: Warty Warthog)
- Releases every 6 months, with Long-Term Support releases every 2 years
- Open, community-driven development with core funding from Canonical
- Estimated users: 20 million
What does “Ubuntu” Mean?

- “humanity toward others”
- “I am what I am because of who we all are”
Philosophical Goals

- Every computer user should have the freedom to download, run, copy, distribute, study, share, change and improve their software for any purpose, without paying licensing fees.
- Every computer user should be able to use their software in the language of their choice.
- Every computer user should be given every opportunity to use software, even if they work under disability.
The Code of Conduct

- Be considerate
- Be respectful
- Be collaborative
- When you disagree, consult others
- When you are unsure, ask for help
- Step down considerately

http://www.ubuntu.com/community/conduct
Why Ubuntu?

- Predictable and frequent releases
- A strong focus on localization and accessibility
- A strong focus on ease of use and user-friendliness on the desktop
- Strong focus on Python as the programming language as choice for development
- A community-driven approach that worked with existing projects
- A new set of tools developed specifically with Ubuntu
Questions?

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