



Linux Mint Installation Guide Digital Sovereignty on PC

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Why Linux Mint?

It is the ideal OS to leave Windows. Free, secure, privacy-respecting, and works on most computers.

1. CHOOSE YOUR COMPUTER

Here are two laptop recommendations (without Windows included) available on Cdiscount.

Range	Model	Specifications	Price	Link
Entrée de gamme	ASUS VivoBook 16 OLED	16" OLED - Ryzen 5 - 16GB - No OS	589 €	Voir l'offre
Haut de gamme	Lenovo LOQ 17	17" 165Hz - i5 - RTX 5050 - 16GB - No OS	1049 €	Voir l'offre

2. CREATING THE USB DRIVE

You will need a USB stick of at least 8 GB. This stick will be erased.

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD ISO

Download the "Cinnamon Edition" from the official site.

[Télécharger Linux Mint](#)

STEP 2: CREATE DRIVE (RUFUS/ETCHER)

Use Rufus (Windows) or BalenaEtcher. Select ISO and USB stick, then start writing.

[Télécharger Rufus](#) | [Télécharger Etcher](#)

Service: Pre-configured USB

I can send you a USB stick already bootable with Linux Mint.

39,00 €

-50% DISABILITY (€19.50)

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3. INSTALLATION ON COMPUTER

STEP 1: BOOT FROM USB

Boot PC from USB stick (press F12, F2, or Del at startup).

STEP 2: INSTALL

Double-click "Install Linux Mint". Choose "Erase disk and install" (Warning: erases everything!).

4. RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE

The "Arnaud Stack": free, open-source, privacy-respecting software.

Category	Software	Usage	Installation
Système	Pilotes NVIDIA	Graphics drivers	Driver Manager
Bureautique	OnlyOffice	MS Office Compatible	Software Manager
Cloud	kDrive	Swiss Storage	<u>Site Infomaniak</u>
Web	Brave	Private Browser	Software Manager
Image	GIMP / Shutter	Photo / Screenshots	Pre-installed / Apt
Image	Upscayl	IA Upscaling	<u>Site Upscayl</u>
Vidéo	Kdenlive	Video Editing	Software Manager
Notes	Joplin	Encrypted Notes	Software Manager
Fichiers	FileZilla	FTP Client	Software Manager
IA Locale	LM Studio	Local AI (Mistral)	<u>Site LM Studio</u>

5. INSTALLATION SERVICES

COMPLETE INSTALLATION & SUPPORT

I take care of everything: system, drivers, software, kDrive and training. Send me your PC.

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"Switching to Linux is choosing freedom."

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