

# Slint

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## About Slint

Originally the Slackware Internationalization project, Slint is now a Linux distribution derived from [Slackware](#) and [Salix](#). It is polyglot, versatile, beginner friendly, and accessible for the visually impaired. A full Slint installation is functional out of the box and can be tailored to fit most computing requirements.

## Features

The Slint installer is polyglot: supported languages are Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

Slint is accessible to visually impaired users, with speech and with a braille device, from installation to usage in a console and in graphical environments.

A wide assortment of software for servers, desktops, and laptops is provided in the installation medium.

Slint includes many graphical environments: desktops KDE, LXDE (with the FVWM window manager), MATE, XFCE and the lightweight window managers blackbox, fluxbox, TWM and WindowMaker. All graphical environments provide easy access to all applications and system operations, with auto-mounting of removable devices, notifications of available updates of installed software, immediate Internet access, stopping, rebooting, and hibernating the system. They provide similar layout of the panels and application menu to provide a consistent environment.

To cope with the many graphical environments and login managers and alleviate the need of manually editing configuration files, several utilities are provided:

- orca-on and orca-off allow each user to enable or disable speech and/or braille in graphical environments for oneself.
- session-chooser allows a user to set the default graphical session, among the graphical environments available. This can be done by root for a regular user with setsession.
- login-chooser allows the admin to set the login manager, either text or graphical (among lightdm, lxdm, gdm2 and kdm) and decide to have speech or not for login, in text mode as using lightdm or gdm2. After login, the user can start a graphical window manager by typing startx.

The Slint Dashboard centralizes access to utilities, software management, and system settings. This includes fully localized system administration and package management tools.

High quality repositories provide extra software with automatic dependency support.

## Installation

- Your first step should be to read through the overview that explains how to [Get and install Slint](#).
- The visually impaired can install Slint with a Braille terminal or screen reader, as indicated in the [Slint Accessibility How-To](#)
- [The illustrated installation process](#) details each step with screenshots and is intended for new Linux users.

## Usage

*The Slint documentation is being written and amended. Please be patient.*

- [Slint kick start](#) helps you quickly jump start your new Slint system.
- [The software collection](#) presents the main software included in Slint.
- [Administrate your system](#) lists the available tools you can use to complete various ancillary tasks such as:
  - Manage users and groups
  - Adjust the time or default language
  - Set the preferred desktop applications
  - Pick a different window manager or desktop environment
- [Software Management](#) tells you how install or remove software packages and keep your system current with the latest security updates.

## Support

To get help, visit the [Slint forum](#). It is kindly hosted by our friends at Salix.

## Bug reports

Bug reports will preferably reported to our [mailing list](#) with all needed information to reproduce and investigate. You may also use the forum.

## Contribute

If you want to contribute to Slint in any way, just post in the forum or drop a line to <didier~at~slint~dot~fr>. These documents can be useful for translators and contributors:

- [Internationalization and localization of shell scripts](#)
- [The Cross Syntax Cheat Sheet: DokuWiki versus AsciiDoc Markups](#)

## Software Packages included in the Slint ISO

Beyond those coming from a Slackware (TM) repository, they are listed in separate pages for [Slint version 14.2.1](#) and [Slint version 14.2](#).

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As Slint relies on Slackware, we encourage all Slint users to contribute to its funding, and also to donate to the Salix project.

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