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# Product Recap



Oracle Linux

# Oracle Linux Recap

Oracle Linux is a stable, reliable, and scalable operating system primarily used for deploying and running Oracle databases. It is also suitable for various other functions, including managing operating systems and web servers, supporting traffic surveillance, and identity management.

Oracle Linux is highly valued for its stability, reliability, scalability, good technical support, and ease of use. It has helped organizations to achieve faster DNS queries, stable development environments, reduced vulnerability issues, good performance for Oracle applications, and improved ability to run test scenarios and parallel queries across massive databases.

## Oracle Linux Features

Oracle Linux has many valuable key features. Some of the most useful ones include:

- The software is 100% free (no cost) to use, distribute, and update
- Ksplice allows for zero-downtime kernel and user-space upgrades
- DTrace provides comprehensive kernel and application tracing
- For Oracle Linux Support clients, Linux management and high availability are available at no additional cost
- It's Oracle-optimized and works well with Oracle Database and Oracle Applications
- New workload optimizations:
  - Enhanced memory performance by attempting to better locate a process near its memory and better placement of tasks that do not fit on a single NUMA node
  - SPECjbb's performance has been improved by up to 3.6 times thanks to optimizations that help reduce lock contention.
  - With bcache, it's simple to employ SSDs as a block cache for slower block devices. A new, scaled block layer subsystem supports many millions of I/Os on NVM-Express and high-end PCI-E devices.
- **Oracle Linux has three deployment options:**
  - **Linux in the cloud:** Oracle Linux Premier Support is included in all Oracle Cloud Infrastructure subscriptions at no additional cost.
  - **Linux on premises:** This is the industry's most comprehensive and open Linux distribution.
  - **Embedded Linux design:** Embedding a feature-rich Linux distribution is an optimized, cost-effective solution for your business.

## Oracle Linux Benefits

There are many benefits to implementing Oracle Linux. Some of the biggest advantages the solution offers include:

- **Save money** by only paying for support for the systems you need
- **Improve security** by applying patches faster and spending less time troubleshooting and updating
- **Improve Oracle software and hardware performance**

### Reviews from Real Users

Oracle Linux stands out among its competitors for a number of reasons. Two major ones are its stability and scalability. PeerSpot users take note of the advantages of these features in their reviews:

One PeerSpot reviewer, an IT Manager, reports, “I find the virtualization the most valuable.” He adds, “Oracle Linux is the best Linux operating system that I have ever known. [It is very stable and strong.](#)”

An Enterprise Architect at a financial services firm writes of the solution, “You also don't have memory issues, especially when it is engineered with platforms like Exadata and Oracle Cluster. These give you the most throughput and performance.” He adds, “[It is very scalable, especially on platforms like Oracle Cluster and Exadata.](#)”

# Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

- ✓ “Since we have migrated our workload to Oracle, we do see significant savings in our cost.”



**Likhith M**

Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

- ✓ “I find everything useful about Oracle Linux, as we are currently using Finance, Material Management, and Supply Chain.”



**Dnyaneshwar Rajput**

Manager, Information Technology at Gemini Equipment

- ✓ “Oracle Linux has a clear positive impact on our organization, both operationally and from a security and compliance standpoint.”



**Verified user**

Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

- ✓ “The best features Oracle Linux offers in my experience are reliability, the latest updates, and I have never faced any attacks or vulnerabilities on Oracle Linux.”



**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

- ✓ “Having used Oracle Linux, I can say money is saved because our server is working efficiently, and time is saved due to many inbuilt tools that help us since we are in the cloud network.”



**Badhon Islam**

System Engineer at Reve Systems

- ✓ “The solution provides the best return on investment.”



**Thomas Waltair**

Regional Head And Director Product Development at Neptune Software Group

- ✓ “The advantages of Oracle Linux are that it is secure and provides end-to-end support from Oracle, from the operating system to the application ERP.”



**RajeshKumar4**

Director of Provisioning Services at MRP ELITE

## What users had to say about valuable features:

“The main business advantage is maintaining compliance with Oracle licensing, avoiding non-compliance issues, and license revisions. Technically, it closely resembles Red Hat Enterprise Linux for bug-for-bug compatibility..”

**Peter Karlsson**

System specialist at Savecore

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“Oracle Linux offers the best features because it is designed for enterprise edition and is freeware, which means it does not require any subscription, making it highly cost-effective.

“The cost savings from using Oracle Linux have positively impacted my projects. As I mentioned, in a product-based company that requires multiple servers to generate load, purchasing RHEL subscriptions would cost considerably more. Using Oracle Linux has saved us substantial money since it does not require any subscription.

“Oracle Linux has positively impacted my organization by making processes easier and helping reduce costs.

“From a cost perspective, if I generate a load on 100 VMs, I would need 100 subscriptions for RHEL. Instead, we are using Oracle Linux, which is free. For stability, I am not facing any issues while using Oracle Linux..”

**AnilKumar13**

Azure Dev Ops Engineer at a engineering company with 5,001-10,000 employees

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“I wouldn't say it's specifically an Oracle Linux pro, but when using Oracle Linux with a Kubernetes engine, it provides you with all the necessary libraries that it needs for a startup. This means quicker startup time and quicker joining to the cluster. It's just fast when you use Oracle Linux because it's optimized for your OKE engine.

When I mention quicker startup time and easier joining to the cluster, it means you have a pretty good startup when you want to scale, you don't have to wait longer times just for your nodes to come up. When you have your traffic spiking, you don't want to wait that two to three minutes extra for a node to join the cluster, so that's where you have that advantage. And even for the customers when we give them access, it's a better startup since it's optimized and has all the necessary libraries.

When I mention our workload is reduced because it's managed and optimized, it is approximately 80 to 90 percent of our workload is reduced because Kubernetes also releases frequent updates. You don't have to migrate to a new one; when you're migrating, it's pretty quick. All the security patches are handled by Oracle. The newer updates are provided by Oracle, and you don't have to test it. You will need to do some rounds of testing, but way less than managing your own Linux..”

**Likhith M**

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Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Oracle Linux offers several best features in my experience, including regular updates for the operating system and patches, as well as providing the latest versions for applications and good support with other applications and software.

“Regarding the regular updates and good support with other applications, Oracle Linux receives updates whenever Ubuntu updates come out, and concerning application upgrades, whenever new applications such as reference software like Netstat or Telnet become available, they also receive the latest updates on Oracle Linux.

“Oracle Linux has positively impacted my organization because before using it, we were using Windows Servers, and now we are currently saving money as Oracle Linux is cheaper than Windows.

“I estimate that we are saving 50 to 60 percent after switching to Oracle Linux, as Windows is not as secure and is more costly. We also have to pay for licensing with Windows, but we do not have to pay for licensing with Oracle Linux..”

**Harshal Jethwa**

Cloud Engineering and Automation Engineer at Configit

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“The best features Oracle Linux offers in my experience are reliability, the latest updates, and I have never faced any attacks or vulnerabilities on Oracle Linux. It is pretty stable for most of my workloads.

“On the reliability side, I have run my home lab on Oracle Linux. I have done it on Ubuntu, then I have tried it on Windows as well for some time, but as far as I know, I have never broken any of my applications after an update on Oracle Linux till now. I have done it on Windows multiple times and a few times on Ubuntu.

“Oracle Linux has positively impacted my organization with security, pretty much, because that is where I work on a lot. Oracle Linux is pretty secure and we have not gotten many vulnerabilities being reported from Oracle Linux workloads that we run. Oracle Linux's security has significantly reduced incidents and saved us time because every time a vulnerability shows up in one of our VMs, we would have to take measures to patch it before it can be used. Mostly, this is time-critical. We have SLAs and then we will have to patch it pretty fast, and not having vulnerabilities has saved us a lot of time..”

**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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“Oracle Linux offers many excellent features. First of all, there is zero downtime patching, Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel, free to use with no mandatory license required, 100% RHEL binary compatibility, excellent cloud and container support, a strong security stack, and stable long-term support.

Out of those features, the biggest one that has made the most difference for my team and organization is zero downtime patching.

Oracle Linux has a clear positive impact on our organization, both operationally and from a security and compliance standpoint. In summary, Oracle Linux improves our uptime, reduces operational overhead, and allows us to respond faster to security risks without disrupting the business.

Specifically, Oracle Linux has reduced operational overhead and improved uptime significantly. Before Oracle Linux, monthly and quarterly kernel patches were required, typically two patches were necessary, and we needed two to three engineers, which took at least two to four hours per window to address any problem. With Oracle Linux, we have achieved a 60–70% reduction in OS level maintenance effort. What has improved on the uptime and reliability side is that before each kernel patch required a reboot, even with rolling restart. After implementation, kernel and critical CVEs can be patched without a reboot, allowing the system to stay online continuously and avoiding restart-related failures. Oracle Linux has significantly reduced operational overhead by eliminating reboot-based kernel patching. We cut our maintenance effort by over 60% and improved uptime from around 99.9% to near 99.99% with zero outages related to kernel updates after adoption. .”

**Verified user**

Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

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# Other Solutions Considered

“In my personal case, I prefer using Linux Mint and other lighter operating systems because I do not have good performance on my computer, but I think Oracle Linux is the main solution the bank chose for work..”

**Juan Jimenez**

Data Enginner at Inetum

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“We were using Amazon Web Services (AWS) before switching to Oracle Linux. It was majorly from a cost perspective that we wanted to switch to Oracle because the compute is a lot cheaper in OCI when compared to AWS..”

**Likhith M**

Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“For mission-critical operations, Solaris is my preferred operating system, particularly for tasks like running Oracle databases. Solaris is chosen for its exceptional stability, ensuring uninterrupted 24/7, 52-week operations. The development philosophy of Solaris prioritizes stability and capabilities. In contrast, Linux prioritizes introducing new features, often at the expense of compatibility..”

**Peter Karlsson**

System specialist at Savecore

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“We switched from CentOS and RHEL mainly to eliminate reboot-driven downtime and reduce operational overhead while keeping full RHEL compatibility and lowering overall costs..”

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Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

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“Before choosing Oracle Linux, we evaluated RHEL, Rocky, AlmaLinux, and Ubuntu, but chose Oracle Linux because it uniquely combined RHEL compatibility with zero downtime patching and lower operational costs..”

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Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

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“It is understandable and very easy to use Oracle Linux compared to other options I considered before choosing it.

“My advice to others looking into using Oracle Linux is that it is very easy and easily adaptable to any hardware. If you are choosing open-source applications, moving to the Linux environment makes Oracle Linux the best compared to Red Hat because Red Hat charges for satellite patching management while Oracle Linux offers a totally free repository to download and upgrade your Oracle without any cost..”

**Behal Karun**

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System Administrator at a pharma/biotech company with 5,001-10,000 employees

# ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

For us, the return on investment is the peace of mind provided by Oracle Linux. Our team is comfortable using Oracle Linux as it integrates well with Oracle tools, making everything work seamlessly.

**RajeshKumar4**

Director of Provisioning Services at MRP ELITE

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“This would not come under my area because I am not responsible for measuring it, but I would say that there would definitely be ROI with Oracle Linux in terms of money saved..”

**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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“I have seen a return on investment as Oracle Linux reduced OS maintenance effort by over 60%, improved uptime to near four nines for infrastructure-related work, and allowed us to scale without increasing headcount, delivering a clear operational ROI..”

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“I do not have any numbers or examples regarding a return on investment to share because I do not conduct any tests to be able to decide this, but I know for a fact that I do not have to pay for subscription or licensing, and because it is Red Hat-based, most people know how to use it..”

**Verified user**

Senior Linux Engineer at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

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“Since we have migrated our workload to Oracle, we do see significant savings in our cost. We measure it from per user cost since we have a virtual desktop infrastructure that we provide to our customers. We had in AWS around 415 per user, so that would be around 400 INR per user in AWS, and post using Oracle, we have reduced it to around 300 INR. So it's a significant drop in the cost..”

**Likhith M**

Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Having used Oracle Linux, I can say money is saved because our server is working efficiently, and time is saved due to many inbuilt tools that help us since we are in the cloud network.

“In terms of outcomes or benefits I've seen over the last year, we have more than 30 servers, and we only need to reboot one server while all other servers continue working fine, resulting in very low downtime, which is very helpful..”

**Badhon Islam**

System Engineer at Reve Systems

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# Use Case

“We strategically use it in specific cases, leveraging it as a cost-effective substitute for Red Hat due to favorable license agreements with Oracle. In virtualized Oracle database scenarios, it helps meet licensing requirements by pinning workloads to specific cores. For customers with oversized machines, we employ it to ensure compliance, partitioning virtualized clusters to license only necessary components for Oracle databases. Sometimes, it coexists with another management solution, serving solely for core-pinning and compliance, while a separate solution manages virtual machines which optimizes licensing costs and aligns with Oracle's requirements for workload isolation and core-pinning, particularly in scenarios with larger-than-needed virtualized clusters for specific database workloads..”

**Peter Karlsson**

System specialist at Savecore

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“My main use case for Oracle Linux is for hosting, deploying applications, and running servers.

“A specific example of an application I have deployed using Oracle Linux is our currently deployed Kubernetes cluster.

“In addition to my main use case, I also deploy daily applications on Oracle Linux that are utilized regularly..”

**Harshal Jethwa**

Cloud Engineering and Automation Engineer at Configit

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“We use Oracle Linux as a RDBMS. For non-RDBMS data sets, we use a different database, but for RDBMS, we use Oracle Linux.

A specific example of how I use Oracle Linux for my RDBMS workloads is saving patient data because we deal with US medical institutes and doctors. Saving patient data, other information, and PII-related information are some basic things that we store. I cannot give you complete context because some things cannot be revealed as we are also under HIPAA compliance.

In terms of my use case with Oracle Linux, performance-wise, it is better compared to other databases. That is why we use this solution. .”

**Verified user**

Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

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“Oracle Linux serves as a cost-effective alternative to RHEL for my organization. My main use case is that Oracle Linux is freeware for RHEL, and where RHEL is required, we use Oracle Linux.

“For our product-based company, we use load testing tools that require generators. All generators have RHEL-based VMs, so we use Oracle Linux because it is freeware, whereas RHEL is subscription-based and requires a number of subscriptions. We use it for testing purposes and in the production environment, where we spin up more than 50 VMs and sometimes require 100 VMs, making it significantly more cost-effective..”

**AnilKumar13**

Azure Dev Ops Engineer at a engineering company with 5,001-10,000 employees

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“We use Oracle Linux as the OS since we are into OKE, the Kubernetes engine of Oracle, and it's a managed AMI provided by Oracle. That's the default choice.

We use Oracle Linux in a solution which is in VDI, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure that we provide to our customers and that is the base image that we provide to our customers.

Since the use case for us is pretty much with OKE, Oracle Linux has been a good thing for us. Since it's optimized and managed, we wouldn't have to manage it as much; our workload reduces since it's a managed thing..”

**Likhith M**

Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“In my role, I mostly use Oracle Linux for the VMs where I run my workload. Outside work, I mostly use it to run my own personal workloads, primarily my home lab setup and my own personal applications. I am trying to do the same for my home lab data center as well.

“Currently, I run small-scale agents and a few dashboards on Oracle Linux, and then a few of the open-source applications that I use for replacing other proprietary applications. Most of them are containerized. There are a few dashboards that monitor the electrical systems at my home and run the smart devices as well.

“I use Oracle Linux mostly from Oracle Cloud. Whenever I spin up a VM for almost any sort of work, I just get Oracle Linux. I have been looking into machine learning recently. Whenever I get an autonomous data center, I usually spin up and run most of the workload, like the compute part or data processing part on Oracle Linux VMs. Recently, I have been trying to spin up my own Kubernetes clusters as well to self-host it along with the other applications..”

**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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# Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

For the time being, the installation is straightforward. The main task is ensuring compatibility with new hardware, but once set up, we can use a master VM for our virtual environment.

**RajeshKumar4**

Director of Provisioning Services at MRP ELITE

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For us, the installation of Oracle Linux is straightforward. When new hardware is introduced, we ensure its compatibility before deploying in a virtual environment.

**SyedAli19**

IT Department Manager at DHA Lahore

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“The initial setup with Oracle Linux was very simple because it kept using the same installing type since the start, making it very simple to adapt everything..”

**Alexsandro Rollim**

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Consultant at a outsourcing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“I am unable to answer how the initial setup was as it was done by our implementation partner. They handled all the initial setup before handing it over to us..”

**SHREEKANT DESHPANDE**

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IT Admin at Rosy Blue NV

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“My experience with pricing, setup costs, and licensing is that Oracle Linux gave us enterprise-grade capabilities with a much simpler and more cost-effective licensing model while keeping setup and migration effort very low..”

**Verified user**

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“That is the principle for the bank regarding how we use Oracle Linux, and we do not have a preference because that is the rule in the bank.

“Oracle Linux is deployed as on-premises services in my organization because I have to log in with the virtual machine from Windows.

“The environment for Oracle Linux is installed on-premises services instead of being hosted in a cloud environment like Google Cloud, AWS, or something else..”

**Juan Jimenez**

Data Enginner at Inetum

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# Customer Service and Support

“I do not know about the customer support for Oracle Linux since I work with on-premises services, so the people working in the bank provide the support..”

**Juan Jimenez**

Data Enginner at Inetum

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“My experience with customer support for Oracle Linux has been acceptable; I have had one or two opportunities to reach out to them, and the experience has not been bad.

I rate the customer support for Oracle Linux a six out of ten..”

**Verified user**

Senior Linux Engineer at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

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“In most cases, users have found the support to be reliable. I appreciate their support page and the effective manner in which they handle technical support calls—it's generally quite satisfactory. Often, the questions I encounter are more suited for second-line support rather than the initial, first-line support. I would appreciate a quicker transition to second-line support for more efficient resolution. I would rate it eight out of ten..”

**Peter Karlsson**

System specialist at Savecore

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“Personally, I have not reached out to Oracle Linux customer support myself because there are colleagues who do that, but as far as I know, the customer support is really good.

“I would give a rating of 10 for Oracle Linux customer support. However, this is not based on my own personal experience, but rather on that of colleagues..”

**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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“I find Oracle's support to be deficient in response time; it is often low, and the call options for small price forms are difficult. However, the knowledge base is very good and fair, and I believe the main feature of Oracle support, formerly known as Metalink, is an extremely useful resource.

“I would rate the support as a six or seven, concluding that my score is about seven..”

**Clovis-Vieira**

CTO at Seer Consulting Services Ltda

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“The customer support for Oracle Linux, coming from an AWS perspective, is absolute garbage. They have free support and paid enterprise support, but both of them haven't been that great for us. It's not that supportive because AWS support was way better than what we are experiencing from OCI..”

**Likhith M**

Cloud Solutions Engineer at a computer software company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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# Other Advice

“If others require RHEL or RHEL family Linux, they should use Oracle Linux as it is truly useful and more similar to RHEL. I would rate this product nine out of ten..”

**AnilKumar13**

Azure Dev Ops Engineer at a engineering company with 5,001-10,000 employees

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“My advice to others looking into using Oracle Linux is that if uptime, security, and predictable operations matter more than chasing the latest feature, Oracle Linux is a very solid choice. I would rate this solution a 9 out of 10..”

**Verified user**

Staff SecOps Engineer at a educational organization with 201-500 employees

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“If you're seeking a stable and reliable enterprise distribution, it is an excellent choice. It stands out with its stability and a team of skilled engineers within the company. It's a strong distribution worth considering for a dependable and efficient workhorse in an enterprise environment. Overall, I would rate it seven out of ten..”

**Peter Karlsson**

System specialist at Savecore

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“My advice for others looking into using Oracle Linux is that if someone wants a cheaper solution to host and deploy applications on servers and use machines as servers at a lower cost while needing a stable and scalable solution, they can use Oracle Linux.

“I rate Oracle Linux an eight out of ten..”

**Harshal Jethwa**

Cloud Engineering and Automation Engineer at Configit

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“I would say a solid eight for Oracle Linux overall for now because I still feel there could be so much that can be better. But as of now, a solid eight. It is really good, and I would love to see it getting even better from here.

“I would not say I did not give a 10 for Oracle Linux because it is not a 10. I just gave it an eight because I would like to see it way beyond that. If I were to give a 10, then I would want it to be a 12.

“Others looking into using Oracle Linux should try it out first and get hands-on experience before making any decisions. Maybe what they read or what they hear might not fully explain what Oracle Linux can do. I suggest that they try it out themselves and then go for it. My overall rating for this review is 8..”

**Verified user**

Cybersecurity Engineer at a manufacturing company with 10,001+ employees

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“There's nothing specific about our use case with Oracle Linux.

It's pretty much in terms of any other Linux, so there's nothing too great that

Oracle Linux can flex on. It's just a typical Linux.

Other than that, I don't see any other positive impacts from a sole purpose of Linux. Something out of the box that other Linux providers are not providing, I don't see any such thing in Oracle Linux.

When I mention our workload is reduced because it's managed and optimized, it is approximately 80 to 90 percent of our workload is reduced because Kubernetes also releases frequent updates. You don't have to migrate to a new one; when you're migrating, it's pretty quick. All the security patches are handled by Oracle. The newer updates are provided by Oracle, and you don't have to test it. You will need to do some rounds of testing, but way less than managing your own Linux.

It's pretty much optimized for their Kubernetes engine. That's the whole point. So it's pretty good when you are in their ecosystem and you're using their own Linux. But when it comes to Linux, I do feel there are way better options to choose from instead of Oracle Linux.

I don't have much info on the security perspective because I don't handle that. But whatever I have seen, there's not much work that my organization does from a security standpoint for managed Oracle Linux.

We are in the Oracle ecosystem, so I haven't felt any hiccups integrating Oracle Linux with their services because they own the environment. I haven't seen such hiccups where their own service is not able to integrate smoothly.

I haven't gone through Oracle Linux documentation specifically, but Oracle docs are a little bit messy and a bit difficult to find, sometimes even ambiguous.

The same command line system prompts that you would give to Amazon Linux are applicable, so the migration was pretty smooth when we went from Amazon Linux to Oracle Linux since we were changing the cloud providers.

Specifically for [Oracle Cloud](#) Infrastructure, if you want cheap compute and you want to run some non-impacting workloads and batch workloads, I think that is

where OCI would shine where you would be reducing costs significantly.

I would rate this review as an 8 out of 10..”

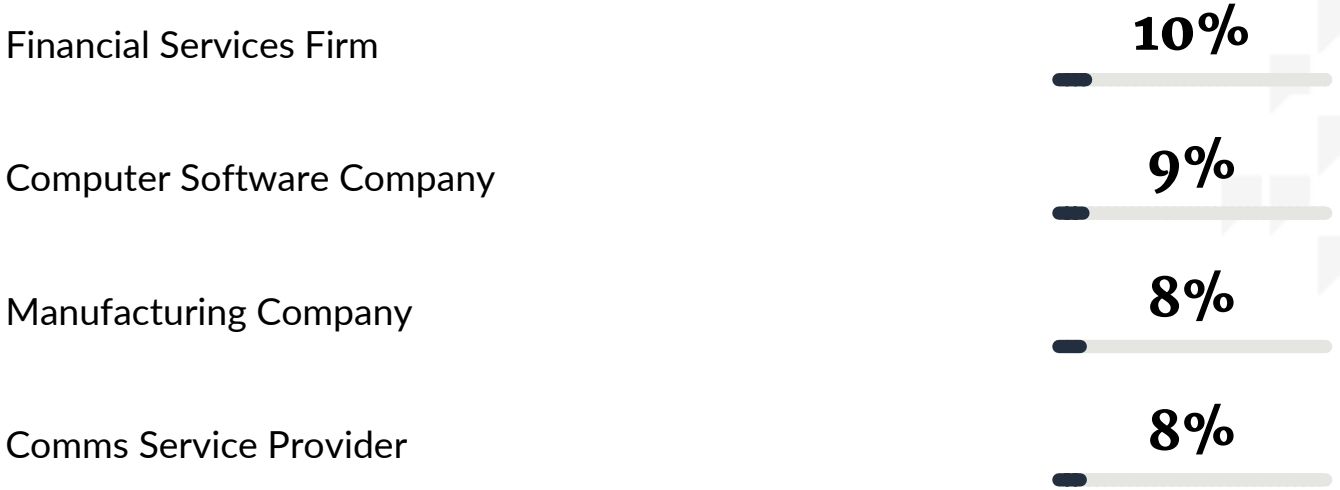
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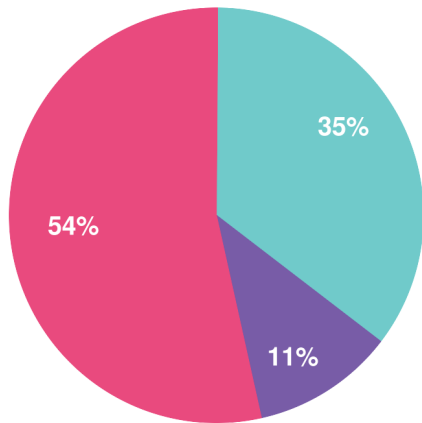
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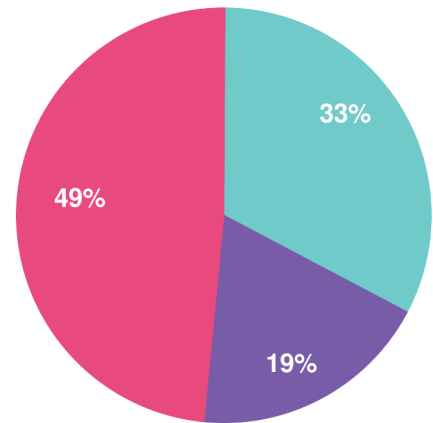


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