

Ubuntu with Google Tools*

The DVD with this issue includes a special version of Ubuntu Linux with several of the most popular Google Tools configured to open directly from Ubuntu's *Applications* window. The custom Ubuntu version of this DVD uses Mozilla Prism to embed Google online apps in desktop windows.

Check your computer's BIOS Setup menu to ensure that the CD/DVD drive is first in the boot order, slide the DVD into the tray, and restart the system. When you reach the Ubuntu start menu, select *Try Ubuntu without any change to your computer* to boot to the DVD without any change to your permanent configuration. The *Install Ubuntu* option sets up Ubuntu as a permanent system on your hard drive. If you decide to install, be familiar with the Ubuntu documentation and make sure you back up any important data. See the "Additional Resources" box for more on installing and working with Ubuntu.

When the Ubuntu desktop appears, click *I agree* to accept the Google Tools license agreement. In the submenus of the *Application* menu (in the upper-left corner), you'll find icons for Google tools such as Picasa, Gadgets, Groups, Gmail, Groups, Reader, Talk, Docs, and Calendar. This DVD also comes with a pre-release version of the Google Chromium web browser.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [1] Ubuntu: <http://www.ubuntu.com>
- [2] Ubuntu Forums: <http://ubuntuforums.org/>
- [3] Ubuntu wiki: <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/>
- [4] Ubuntu Support Overview: <http://www.ubuntu.com/support/>
- [5] Google Help: <http://www.google.com/support>

THINKING GOOGLE

Imagine a world in which the Internet and the desktop are so seamlessly integrated you won't even notice the difference. Google is living that dream right now, with dozens of free web-based tools for everyday users. Build an on-line spreadsheet that you and your co-workers can access from anywhere. Create a 3D drawing in a browser win-

dow. Generate charts, manage photos, build a website, and even study the night sky.

This new edition of the Google special edition includes lots of updates, as well as new articles on Google smart-phone tools and Gmail extensions and a sneak peek at the celebrated Google Wave collaboration environment. If

you've ever wondered how to get started with the Google tool set, this Google Tools special edition is your guide.

