

Games

Often criticized for the lack of compatibility with commercial games, Linux is however not deprived of games. On one hand, several projects like Wine, PlayOnLinux, Cedega or Cross Over Games now enable to launch under Linux a great number of commercial games only designed for Windows. On the other hand, there exists many free games of quality and easily available (for a complete list, see: <http://www.happyenguin.org>).

Here is 10 games available under Ubuntu in few clicks only. The list is of course not exhaustive, our aim is only to make you discover several games. To be frank, we had a hard time selecting 10 games only but if we were to introduce all the games we like, we would be forced to issue a special Linux Identity Starter just to cover the topic.

Battle for Wesnoth

Battle for Wesnoth is a medieval strategy game. Whether you are playing solo or in multi player mode, you will certainly quickly enjoy this battle, one is in fact easily familiarized with it, and the graphics are rather aesthetic.

Package: wesnoth-all

 <http://www.wesnoth.org>

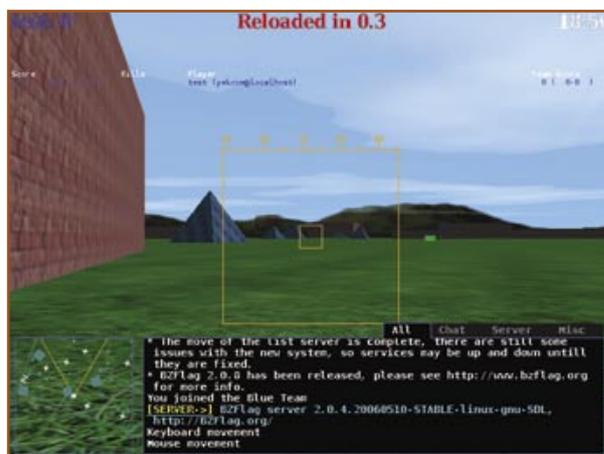


BZFlag

The 3D graphics are far from exceptional, but when playing on network, the game is very enjoyable. That is obviously the reason why BZFlag became renowned among Linux users. You are at the controls of a tank in first person view. You drive, you jump, you fire, but above all, you have a good time.

Package: bzflag

 <http://www.bzflag.org>





Chromium B.S.U.

A shoot them up with good graphics but especially very fast. Your ship moves with the mouse, the movements are thus very fluid, you have to block every enemy ships. Hold the left button of your mouse to fire or bump into your enemies.

Package: chromium

 <http://www.reptilelabour.com/software/chromium>



Extreme Tux Racer

Extreme Tux Racer is an indirect fork of Tux Racer. But this time, they did really well, the team seems very motivated and organised, the improvements are fast and let think of a bright future for this project.

Package: extremetuxracer

 <http://www.extremetuxracer.com>



Monkey-bubble

It is a Bust A Move clone. The purists will wonder why we chose to introduce Monkey-Bubble instead of Frozen-Bubble, because the latest is a true reference. We simply prefer the warm graphics of the jungle rather than those of the North Pole, as well as its funky musical background, and we love the vectorial graphics. To be enjoyed alone, in multi player mode, or on network.

Package: monkey-bubble

 <http://home.gna.org/monkeybubble>



Supertux

Tux is to Linux what Mario is to Nintendo. It is therefore no surprise to find the famous penguin in a classic platform game. Very pleasing graphics, a decent playability... If you were an adept of the plumber, you probably will enjoy taking a journey on the icefield with Supertux.

Package: supertux

 <http://supertux.berlios.de>

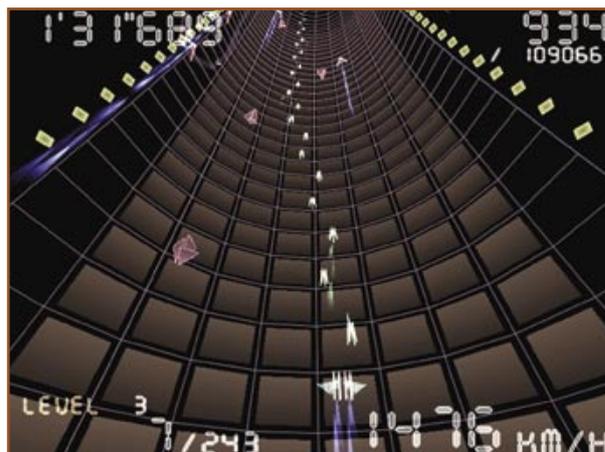


Torus Trooper

Torus Trooper is a very special game. The wire-like graphics will make more than one perplex. But the ship's high speed is quite impressive and leaves a nice feeling. Your aim is not to pass levels after levels but to go as further as possible in two minutes. You can extend this time by shooting a number of enemies. As for the controls, you shoot with [Ctrl] (in the menu, this key launch the game) and [Shift] (be careful, your munitions are limited), you move with the arrowed keys.

Package: *torus-trooper*

 <http://www.emhsoft.com/ttrooper>



Tremulous

Tremulous is a FPS game. You begin by choosing your side (alien or human), after that, you just kill. What is different in Tremulous compared to other FPS games is the integration of some characteristics from real time strategy games.

Package: *tremulous*

 <http://www.tremulous.net>

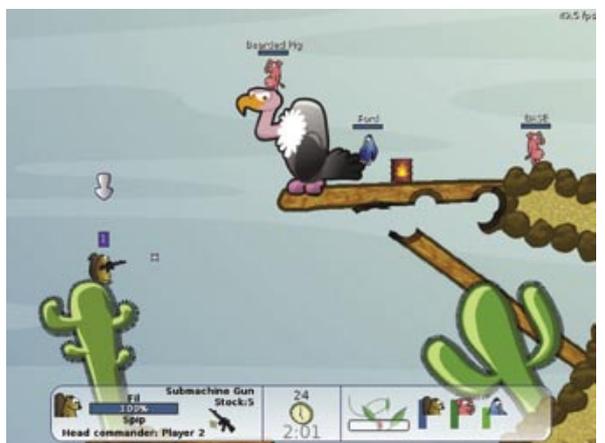


Wormux

All the Worms fans know how massacre friends with grenades and bazooka can become very enjoyable. Wormux aims to bring as much pleasure as the famous Team17 serie, and at the same time adapting the game to the free software world. In fact, the worms are replaced with some of the free software mascots: Tux, Gnu, Firefox, Thunderbird, Spip, Wilber... Now you can debate with your friends on free software in a more joyful way... with a gun and a baseball bat!

Package: *wormux*

 <http://www.wormux.org>



Xmoto

2D motocross simulation, Xmoto is a highly addictive game. An unbelievable number of levels and the possibility to compare your times with those of other players all over the world make this game particularly gripping. You cannot stop before winning, and once you won, you cannot resist the challenge of a better time. Excellent!

Package: *xmoto*

 <http://xmoto.sourceforge.net>

