

# Scubuntu - Ubuntu for Scientists - Now called Ubuntu[Sci]

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<http://ubuntusci.meraka.org.za/wiki/Home>

metaLAB was involved in the early stages of this project assisting Meraka to identify interested stakeholders in UK and Europe.

## The project

The aim of the Scubuntu project is to develop a flavour of Ubuntu Linux for use by scientists. The vision of the project is that Scubuntu (and thus Ubuntu) will become the premier choice of desktop operating system for researchers and scientists. Scubuntu is being developed as a true Ubuntu remix and all work is released as OSS. Scubuntu differs from the standard Ubuntu desktop in that it directly support scientists by providing applications to assist them in conducting research.

## The name

Why *Scubuntu*? The name *Scubuntu* is derived from **Science** and **Ubuntu**. We originally liked a number of others, including *scibuntu*, but that name were already taken by another project. In October 2009 the name changed to Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup>.

## Download Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup>

Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> 9.10 is the third release of the [Ubuntu\[sci\] 9.10 project](#)<sup>2</sup>. It builds on earlier releases. Although every effort has been made to ensure that it is of the highest quality possible, it is not guaranteed to be 100% suitable for your computing needs.

see also <http://ubuntusci.meraka.org.za/wiki/ReleaseNotes/9.10>

## Installation

Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> 9.10 comes in 4 different versions:

- Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> GeoSciences/GIS
- Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> BioSciences
- Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> Mathematics
- Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> Computer Science

Each of these versions has its own DVD, which can be used in three ways:

- As a live DVD which can be used to try Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> without making any changes to the files on your computer (boot from the DVD and select the *Try Ubuntu[sci]* menu option)
- As a complete installation DVD, which installs Ubuntu<sup>sci</sup> from scratch, possibly alongside any existing systems you have installed (boot from the DVD and select the *Install Ubuntu[sci]* menu option)

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- As an add-on to an existing Ubuntu 9.10 installation (boot into your existing Ubuntu 9.10 system, insert the DVD, and run *autorun* from the DVD)