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About Lumi-Systems.io

At Lumi-Systems.io, we believe that technology should serve people and the planet—not the other way around. Founded in Vienna, Austria, our mission is rooted in a simple yet powerful idea: perfectly functional laptops deserve a second life, and users deserve computing solutions that respect both their privacy and the environment.

Every year, millions of laptops are discarded not because they have stopped working, but because software companies have decided they are no longer "compatible." We refuse to accept this cycle of artificial obsolescence. Instead, we take high-quality, professionally refurbished hardware and pair it with efficient, secure Linux operating systems—giving our customers devices that perform beautifully while reducing electronic waste.

Our approach combines technical excellence with environmental responsibility. Each Lumi-Systems laptop undergoes rigorous testing and professional configuration before reaching our customers. We install and optimize Linux distributions like Zorin OS, ensuring that even users new to Linux can enjoy a seamless, intuitive experience from their very first boot. The result is a

computer that often outperforms brand-new budget devices while consuming fewer resources and generating zero additional manufacturing emissions.

But sustainability alone does not define us. We are equally committed to digital sovereignty—the principle that you should control your own computing experience. Unlike proprietary operating systems that track your behavior, push unwanted updates, and gradually slow down to encourage new purchases, our Linux-based systems put you in charge. Your data stays yours. Your computer runs at your pace. Your choices matter.

The Story Behind Our Name

The name "Lumi" comes from a very special member of our family: a beloved cat whose gentle presence inspired the company's founding vision. Just as Lumi the cat found a loving home, we believe technology deserves the same chance at a meaningful second life. This connection to animal welfare runs deep in our values, which is why we donate 20% of our profits to cat rescue organizations. When you purchase from Lumi-Systems.io, you are not only making an environmentally conscious choice—you are also supporting vulnerable animals in need of care and protection.

Our Promise

We stand behind every device we sell with comprehensive documentation, ongoing support, and a genuine commitment to your success. Whether you are a Windows user taking your first steps into Linux, a small business seeking cost-effective IT solutions, or an environmentally conscious consumer looking to reduce your carbon footprint, Lumi-Systems.io is here to guide you on your journey toward sustainable, sovereign computing.

Welcome to a different kind of technology company. Welcome to Lumi-Systems.io.

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Chapter 3: Getting to Know Zorin OS

Why Zorin? The Design Philosophy

Zorin OS was founded by two brothers in Ireland with a singular mission: to make Linux accessible to everyone, not just technical experts. While many Linux distributions focus on servers, programming, or advanced users, Zorin focuses relentlessly on User Experience (UX).

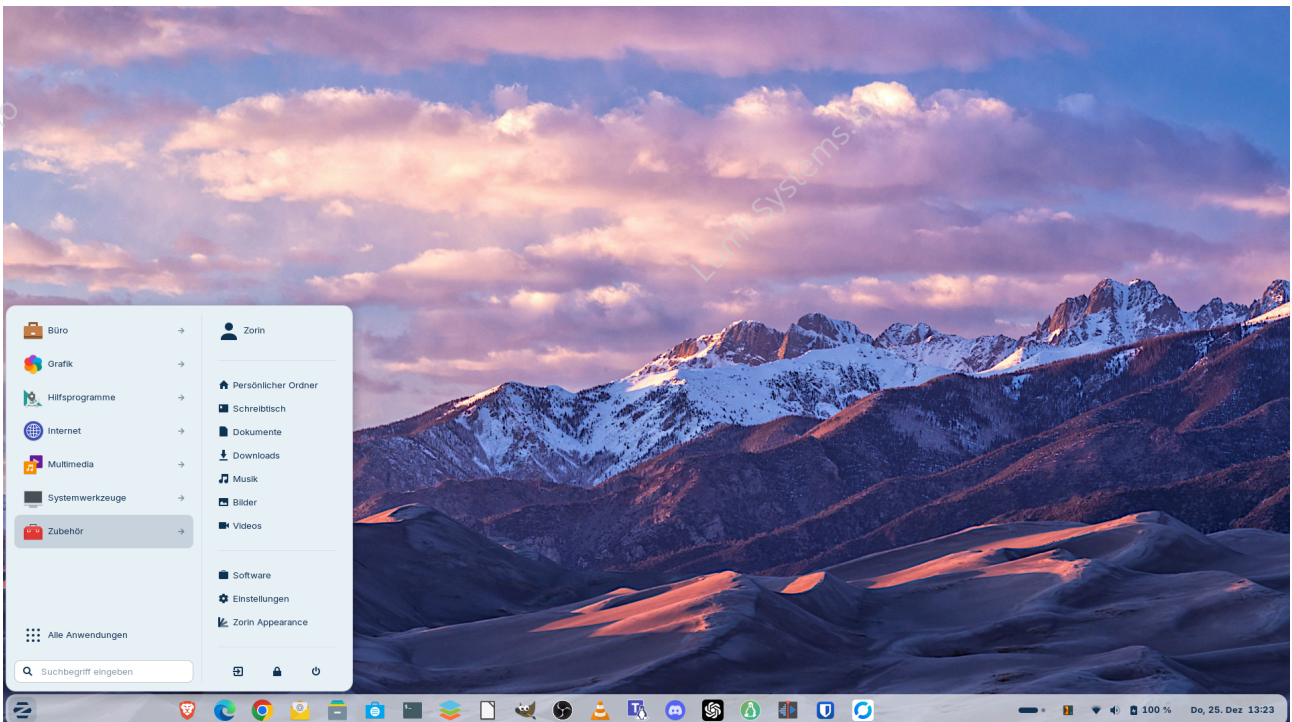
The interface is designed to be "familiar by default." The Start button is positioned where you expect it. The clock appears in its familiar location. Windows open and close with smooth animations you are accustomed to. This thoughtful design reduces the learning curve from months to minutes—you can be productive with Zorin OS within hours of your first boot.

Zorin OS Editions: Finding Your Perfect Match

Zorin OS offers several editions, each optimized for different use cases and hardware configurations.

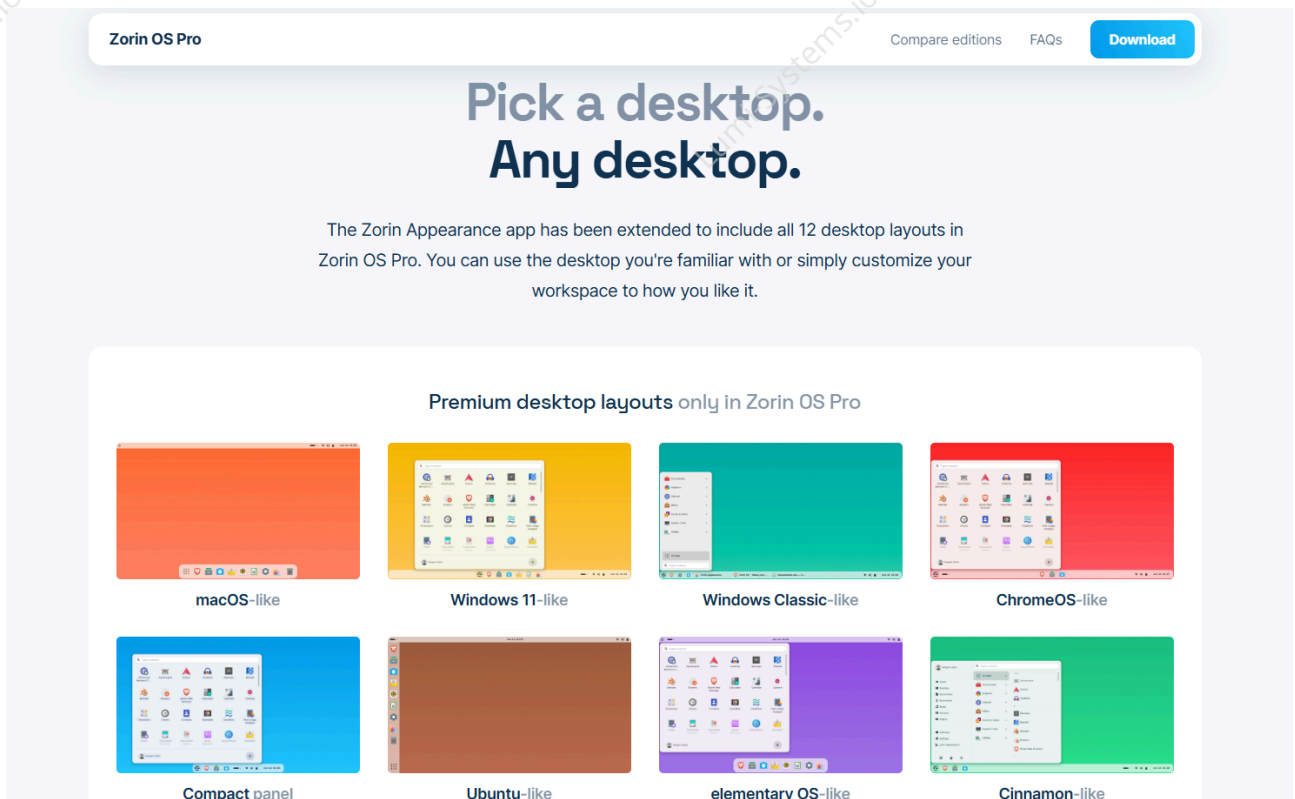
Zorin OS Core (Free)

The standard edition provides a complete, polished desktop experience suitable for most users. It includes all essential applications, a beautiful interface, and full access to the Software Store. This edition is perfect for everyday computing, office work, web browsing, and multimedia.

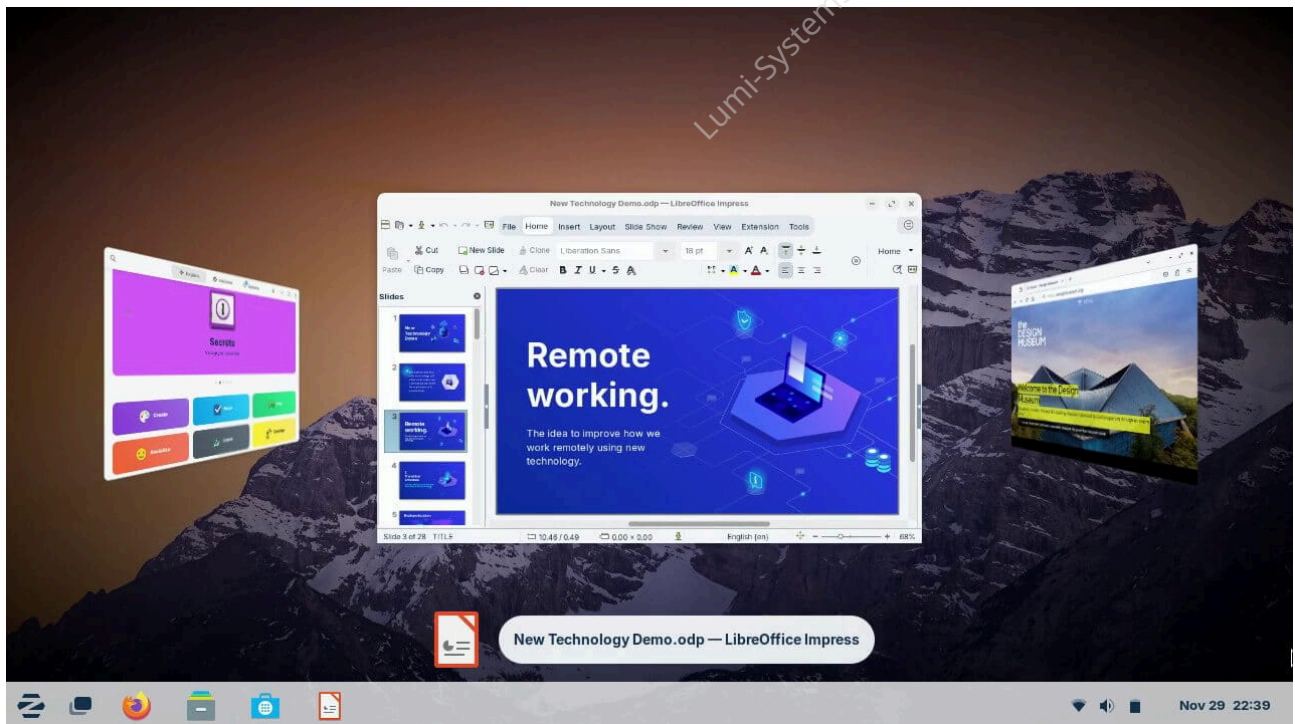


Zorin OS Pro (Premium)

The professional edition includes advanced desktop layouts mimicking Windows 11 and macOS, professional-grade creative applications, and premium support. It is ideal for users who want maximum customization options and access to pre-installed productivity software.

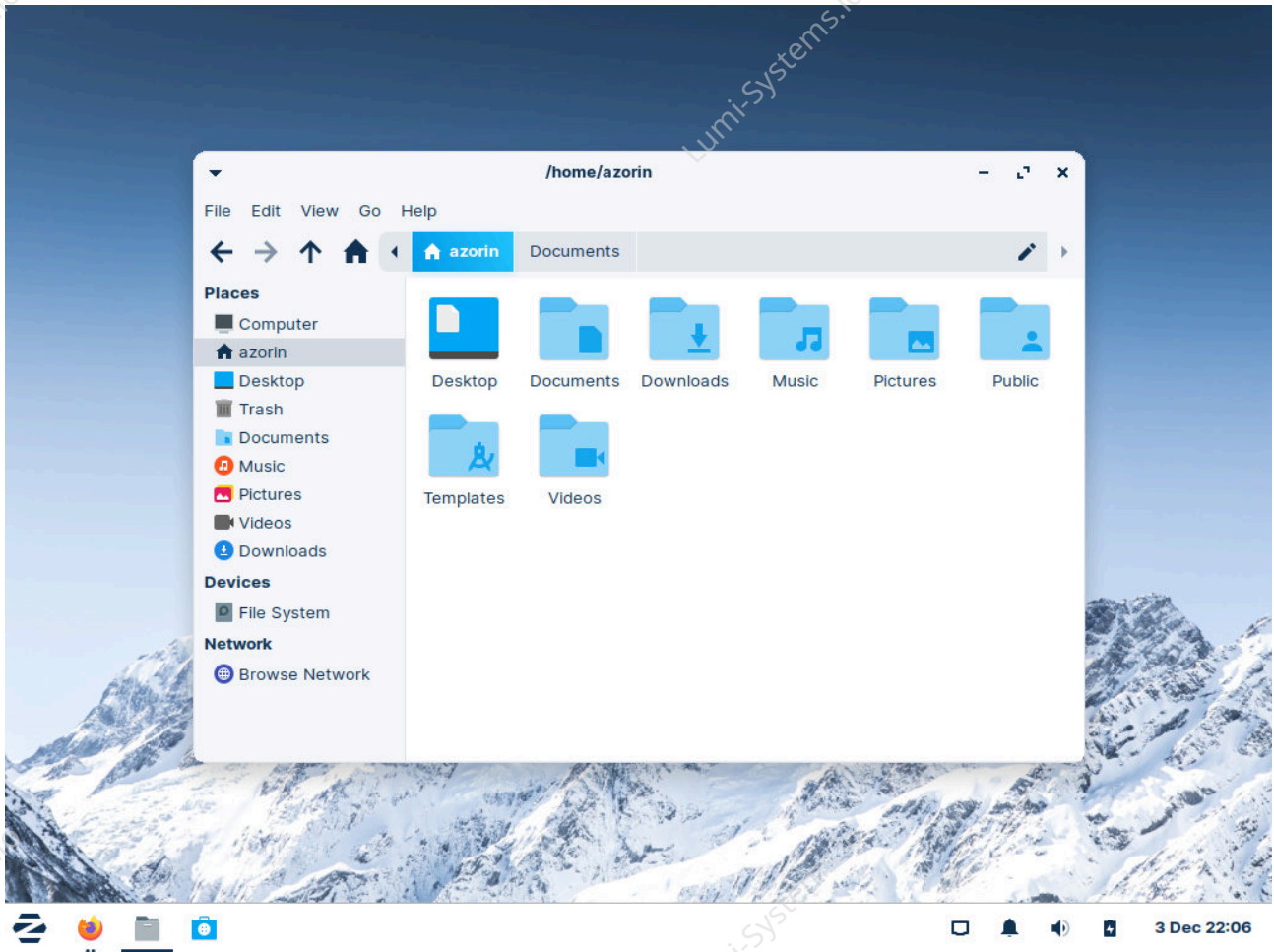


The screenshot shows the Zorin OS Pro website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Zorin OS Pro" on the left, "Compare editions" and "FAQs" in the center, and a blue "Download" button on the right. The main heading reads "Pick a desktop. Any desktop." Below this, a paragraph states: "The Zorin Appearance app has been extended to include all 12 desktop layouts in Zorin OS Pro. You can use the desktop you're familiar with or simply customize your workspace to how you like it." A section titled "Premium desktop layouts only in Zorin OS Pro" displays eight desktop environment thumbnails with their respective labels: macOS-like (orange background), Windows 11-like (yellow background), Windows Classic-like (teal background), ChromeOS-like (red background), Compact panel (blue background), Ubuntu-like (brown background), elementary OS-like (purple background), and Cinnamon-like (green background).




Zorin OS Lite (Free)

Specifically designed for older or less powerful hardware, Zorin OS Lite uses a lightweight desktop environment that requires minimal system resources. If your laptop has less than 4GB of RAM or an older processor, this edition ensures smooth performance.



Zorin OS Education (Free)

Tailored for schools and educational institutions, this edition includes educational software and age-appropriate content filters.



The image shows a desktop computer monitor displaying the Zorin OS Education desktop environment. The desktop is organized into a grid of colorful panels (blue, orange, green, purple) containing various application windows, including a file manager, a terminal, and a presentation software. The monitor is set against a light blue background. At the top left of the desktop area, the text 'Zorin OS Education' is visible. At the top right, there is a blue button labeled 'Download - free'. Below the monitor, the text 'Keep the class on-task with classroom control.' is displayed in a large, bold, blue font.

Lumi-Systems Recommendation

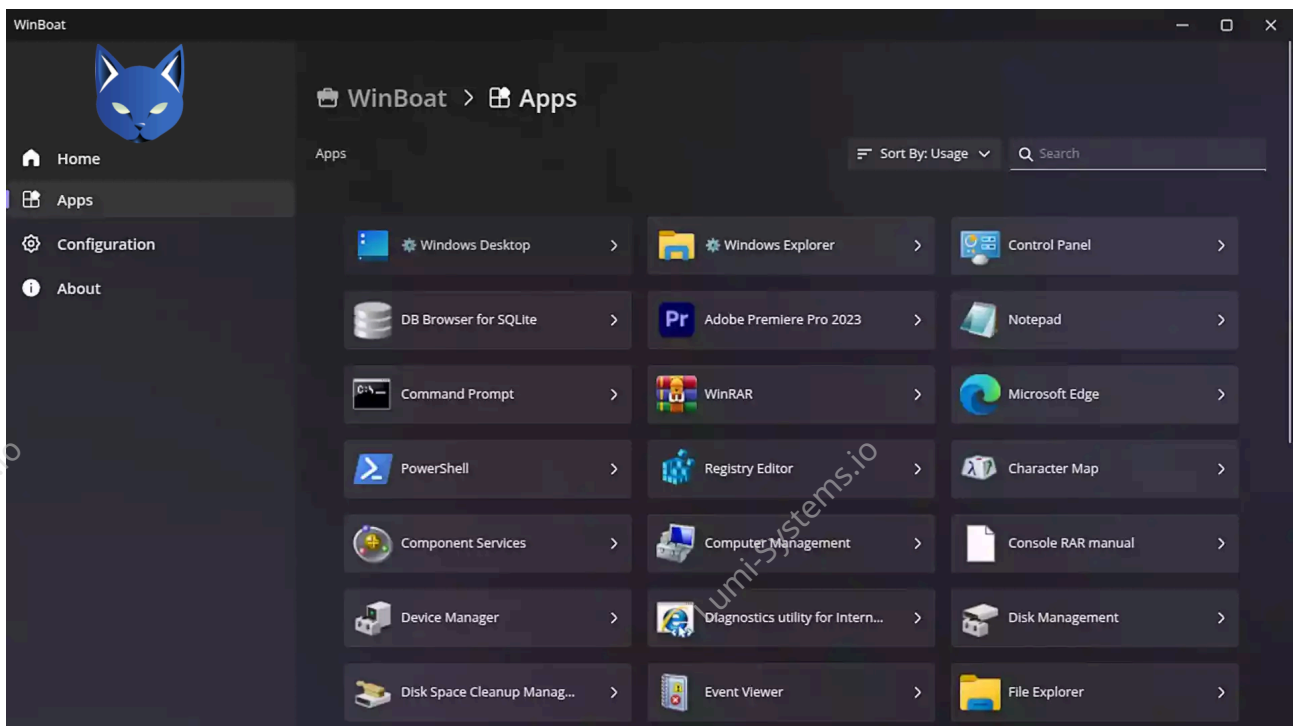
All Lumi-Systems refurbished laptops come with Zorin OS Core pre-installed and fully configured. This provides the optimal balance of features, performance, and ease of use for most users.

WinBoat: The Recommended Solution for Professional Windows Applications

For users who need to run professional Windows applications such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, or specialized business software, we recommend **WinBoat**—an elegant, open-source solution that runs a complete Windows 11 environment seamlessly integrated into your Linux desktop.

What is WinBoat?

WinBoat provides a containerized Windows environment that runs as native-feeling windows on your Linux desktop. Unlike Wine, WinBoat runs a complete Windows installation, meaning any application that works on Windows will work in WinBoat—including Microsoft Office 365, the entire Adobe Creative Suite, specialized accounting software, and industry-specific business applications.



Key Features

- **Elegant Interface:** Sleek and intuitive interface that seamlessly integrates Windows into your Linux desktop
- **Automated Installation:** Simple setup through a graphical interface—pick your preferences and let WinBoat handle the rest
- **Run Any Windows App:** Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, AutoCAD, business applications—if it runs on Windows, it runs on WinBoat
- **Native Window Integration:** Windows applications appear as regular windows on your Linux desktop, not inside a separate virtual machine window
- **Filesystem Integration:** Your Linux home directory is automatically mounted in Windows, enabling seamless file sharing between both systems

WinBoat GitHub Repository

github.com/TibixDev/winboat — Technical documentation, system requirements, installation guides
Accessed February 2025

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appdb.winehq.org — Windows application compatibility ratings
Accessed January 2025

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