# Lucid OS

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A proposed Ubuntu-based, local-first operating-system family. The first intended implementation is a practical desktop Linux distribution using established components, with later device-specific shells considered only after the desktop foundation is validated.

## Document status and interpretation

This document describes planned directions based on an internal project specification. It is not a product announcement, public release specification, or evidence of completed hardware, implemented language features, benchmarks or validated prototypes. All technical architecture described here is proposed unless explicitly identified otherwise.

## Purpose and scope

- Provide a creator-focused workstation for software development, design, local AI-assisted work, and technical projects.
- Offer a common software home for Praecursor Labs applications, alongside ordinary Linux software rather than replacing the existing Linux ecosystem.
- Create a long-term foundation for connected handheld, wrist, AR, and administrative interfaces. These are proposed future shells, not current Lucid OS products.

## Initial architecture and technology choices

- The source specification begins from Ubuntu and a KDE-based desktop approach, prioritizing compatibility, existing package infrastructure and usable hardware support.
- Early versions emphasize ordinary system administration, familiar Linux tools, and controlled customization rather than inventing a new kernel or requiring a new programming language.
- The OS concept separates common services from desktop, handheld, AR, wrist and server/admin shells. Drone and scanner controls are described as applications, not full operating-system shells.

## Local-first services and software distribution

- Local files and workflows are the default. Network functions, device links and optional synchronization expand the

system without becoming prerequisites for core use.

• The proposed local-sync sequence starts with terminal-oriented transfers, then trusted device listings, GUI management and eventually local discovery. These are staged ideas; no synchronization implementation is claimed.

• The software-center concept starts from existing Linux packaging and later may offer Praecursor applications and selected third-party software.

## Security and user control

• A Linux permission model, administrator controls, clear safety prompts and selected Security Watchdog integration are among the proposed safeguards.

• User control is a design principle, but the system still needs permissions and warning boundaries around high-impact operations, scripts and hardware access.

• Account management and update mechanisms should distinguish upstream Ubuntu system updates from Praecursor-specific packages and interface components.

## Phased development and validation

• Begin with requirements and documentation, then a virtual-machine prototype and spare-hardware testing before any beta desktop build.

• Validate system installation, basic desktop usability, software packaging, updates, recovery, permissions, and interoperability before expanding hardware targets.

• Only after the workstation experience is practical would device hooks, alternate shells and broader ecosystem services be meaningful next steps.

## Open questions and constraints

• Hardware diversity, driver reliability, update safety, accessibility, power usage and long-term maintenance are practical engineering constraints.

• Cross-device identity and synchronization introduce conflict-resolution and security requirements that the source does not establish as solved.

• Any performance, stability or device-compatibility claims will require reproducible build and test evidence.

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