□□□ Security-Focused Linux Distributions for Anonymous Browsing & Penetration Testing

Anonymous Browsing & Lightweight Live OSes

1. **Tails (The Amnesic Incognito Live System)**

- **Website:** https://tails.net/
- **Description:** A Debian-based distro focused on privacy and anonymity. It routes all traffic through Tor and leaves no trace on the host system unless explicitly configured.

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2. **Knoppix**

- **Website:** http://www.knoppix.org/
- **Description:** One of the earliest and most reliable Live CD distros. Ideal for system recovery, general use, and educational environments.

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3. **Puppy Linux**

- **Website:** https://puppylinux.com/
- **Description:** Lightweight, fast, and runs entirely in RAM. Puppy Linux is perfect for older machines and quick anonymous sessions.

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4. **Tiny Core Linux**

- **Website:** http://tinycorelinux.net/
- **Description:** The smallest Linux distribution with a GUI (around 11MB). Extremely minimal and modular — great for custom builds and embedded use.

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5. **Qubes OS**

- **Website:** https://www.qubes-os.org/
- **Description:** A highly secure desktop OS that uses Xen virtualization to isolate tasks in separate “qubes.” Built for serious privacy-conscious users.

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6. **Whonix**

- **Website:** https://www.whonix.org/
- **Description:** A two-VM architecture (Gateway + Workstation) that forces all traffic through Tor. Designed to prevent IP and DNS leaks even if apps are misconfigured.

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7. **Kali Linux**

- **Website:** https://www.kali.org/
- **Description:** The go-to distro for penetration testers. Includes hundreds of security tools pre-installed. Also offers live boot, forensic mode, and persistence options.

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8. **Parrot Security OS**

- **Website:** https://www.parrotsec.org/
- **Description:** A Debian-based alternative to Kali with tools for pen testing, secure communications, and programming. Suitable for both security professionals and privacy-minded users.

Next Steps

You can boot most of these distros from a USB stick using Rufus (Windows) or `dd` (Linux/macOS). Some, like Tails and Qubes, have specific installation instructions, so be sure to follow their official guides.

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