

My Grandma Needed a New Computer?

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Older Adults & Tech: Real-world Data

Table 1: Information Technologies in Czech Households (2023)

	Computer (desktop, laptop, or tablet)	Internet
All households without children	77.4%	83.4%
- households with people over 65	50.3%	55.6%
- households with people below 40	95.7%	99.5%
- other households without children	88.0%	94.8%

Source: Czech Statistical Office [3]

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Table 2: Reported Skills and Software Use of Czech Persons (2023)

Age group	Copying files between folders or between devices	Installing a program on a computer	Programming
16–24	94.8%	51.8%	11.4%
25–34	82.9%	40.6%	12.3%
35–44	79.3%	33.7%	8.1%
45–54	70.6%	23.1%	5.2%
55–64	57.9%	18.4%	2.5%
65–74	23.1%	5.8%	0.5%
75+	11.0%	1.5%	0.2%

Source: Czech Statistical Office [4]

My Grandma: An Outlier?

- Not a technical person
- But! 1. Can copy files, 2. Installed Win 10 (with guidance)
- Needs: browser, office suite, working printer

Back to the Problem

- Computer with unsupported OS
- Couldn't upgrade due to hardware requirements

What now?

**My grandma is
now a Linux user**

The Details

ZorinOS [5]

- Familiar desktop env.
- Works out of the box
- Easy to update



Status Report and Beyond

- 6 months later – no major issues so far
- Is the Linux desktop experience ready for non-technical users?
- My grandma did not need a new computer

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