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As you might expect for an official Ubuntu flavour, Ubuntu Studio is extremely well documented, with extensive support options. For example, the documentation section has mini manuals on subjects such as using common Linux music tools and apps, and setting up audio hardware. One problem is that some of the documentation isn't as up to date as it should be. There are real-time chat communities using the Matrix and IRC systems. In most situations, you can find the troubleshooting help you need by searching for regular Ubuntu solutions.



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