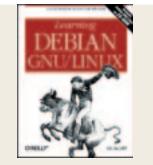
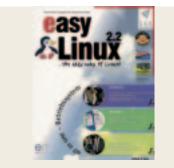
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	Debian 2.2 R2	easyLinux 2.2	
Manufacturer URL	www.debian.org	www.easylinux.com	
Supply source	Linux Emporium	EasyLinux.com	
Full version price	£29	\$49	
Number of CD's	6 - 9	5	
CDs with free binary packages	3	2	
CDs with commercial binary packages	depends on reseller	2	
CDs with source texts	3	1	
Boot diskette included	-	1	
Number of pages in manual	343	345	
Overall impression of the Manual	good-satisfactory	very good-good	
Kernel	2.2.18pre21	2.2.16	
XFree86	3.3.6	3.3.6	
KDE	- (now included)	1.1.2	
GNOME	1.0.51	-	
Overall impression of the system	satisfactory-adequate	adequate	
3D Graphic card activation	no	no	
SCSI-card PCI	yes	no	
ISDN-card PCI	no	yes	
External modem	Ves	yes	
Soundcard PCI	Ves	Ves	
TV card PCI	no	Partly	
Printer drivers	lpr	CUPS, lpr	_
USB support method	Kernel 2.2.18	Backport-Patch	
USB Hot Plug compatibility			
USB Wheel mouse	no	no	
Overall impression installation: Features			
	good	good-satisfactory	
Overall impression installation: Operability Standard desktop	adequate Console / GNOME	very good-good KDE	
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Mounting procedure for removable media	manual / automount	manual	
Overall impression: Desktop clarity	good	good	
Automatic HW recognition	no	no	
Central configuration tool	no	eSystem	
Overall impression: Basic system administering	adequate	good	
Standard packet manager	dpkg	rpm 3.0.3	
Packet manager frontend	dselect / gnome-apt	kpackage	
CPU-optimised	i386	not found	
Automatic resolution of packet dependencies	yes	in distribution's own packets	
Online update function	Using apt	no	
Overall impression: Handling of binary packages	very good-good	satisfactory	
Free manufacturer support	Mailing-Lists, IRC (unlimited)	90 day installation support	
Other support centres	Debian Consultants	on request	
Start places for online updates	packages.debian.org	/download/update.php	
Overall impression: Support	very good	good-satisfactory	
Overall assessment:	2,00	2,58	
Current newbie/user-friendliness of distribution (higher is	better)		
Remarks	Distribution updated by freelance developers	Version 2.4 English only	

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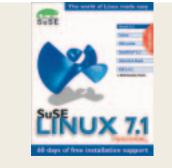
easyLinux 2.2 3,50 Weighting factor Manual 10% Debian 2.2 R2 2,50 1,50 Is the system up to date 20% 1,00 Installation features 5% 3,00 2,50 Installation operability 20% 1,00 3,50 3,00 Desktop clarity 5% 3 Basic administrability 20% 1,00 3 Handling of binary packets 10% Support 10% Total score 3,50 2,00 4,00 2,50 2,00 2,58

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	SuSE 7.1 Personal	Mandrake 8.0	Red Hat 7.1 Deluxe
		www.linux-mandrake.com/	www.redhat.com
	SuSE	Linux Emporium	LinuxLand, ixsoft
	£29	Unknown	£59
	3	N/A	N/A
	2	N/A	N/A
	-	N/A	N/A
	1	N/A	N/A
	2	N/A	N/A
	63 + 118 + 288	272 + 290 (previous version)	163 + 485 + 9 (previous version)
	very good-good	good (previous version)	good (previous version)
	2.4.0 / 2.2.18	2.4.3	2.4.2
	4.0.2	3.3.6 / 4.0.3	4.0.3
	2.0.1	2.1.1	2.1.1
	1.2	1.4.0	1.2.4
	very good	very good	very good
	yes	mostly	sometimes
	yes	yes	yes
	no	sometimes	no
	LPRng	CUPS, lpr	LPRng
	Kernel 2.2.18 / 2.4	Kernel 2.4.3	Kernel 2.4.2 (+Patches)
	no	no	yes
	no	yes	yes
	very good-good	very good-good	very good-good
	good	good	very good-good
	KDE 2.0.1	KDE	GNOME 1.2
	automount	supermount	Kernel autoloader
	satisfactory	good	good-satisfactory
	yes	kudzu	kudzu
	YaST / YaST 2	DrakConf	control-panel
	good	very good-good	good
	rpm 3.0.5	rpm 4.0	rpm 4.0
	YaST(2) / kpackage	rpmDrake	gnorpm / kpackage
	i386	i586	i386
	in distribution's own packets	in distribution's own packets	no
	via YaST2	rpmDrake	up2date (RHN)
	good-satisfactory	good	satisfactory
	60 day installation support	60 days MandrakeExpert installation support	60 days RHN, 60 days Internet
	Also commercial	Mailing lists, MandrakeExpert	Also commercial
	/de/uk/support/download/index.html	/en/updates/	ftp.updates.redhat.com (for a charge)
	good	very good-good	good-satisfactory
	3,10	3,38	3,15
	SuSE also sells the £49 Professional Edition. Special feature:	Only the download version was tested here. But the	Only the download version was tested here. But the
	Support for the blind (Braille).	basic system should be largely similar to the Powerpack	basic system should correspond to that of the Deluxe
		Edition. Special feature: 3D hardware acceleration; many	variant. Manufacturer updates and bugfixes after 60 days
		graphics cards are supported automatically	are charged for; special feature: USB hot-plugging
	SuSE 7.1 Personal	Mandrake 8.0	Red Hat 7.1
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