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Welcome to the Linux User section of Linux Magazine

Welcome to our beginners' section, where we will show you how to make the most of your Linux system.

K-tools goes eye candy crazy this month, as Stefanie Teufel looks at some of the themes and desktop ornaments that the summer madness has dragged out of KDE developers from around the world. The High Performance Liquid theme and Amor get special mentions.

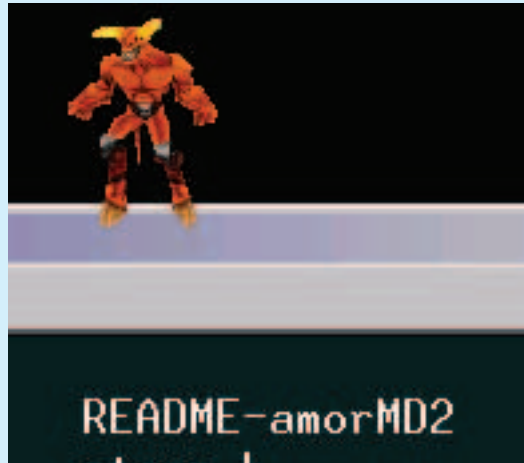
This month's Out of the Box looks at checkinstall, a new utility which allows source code to be compiled and installed smoothly. It also keeps tracks on the install so the package can be easily removed should you wish to uninstall it. This links into the rpm database, so you can even get some of the graphical package managers involved.

Details of how to run your system like clockwork are revealed in our feature on cron, which will start tasks and services at times you set. Now you have no reason for not doing that 3am back up. Asleep, indeed!

The Internet has been surfed to find the latest, best and most useful pages on offer, so make sure you take a look at our Internet page.

There is always the danger of pushing your machine too far and overloading its resources. Luckily Desktopia discusses ProcMeter, a desktop graphical tool which watches over your system courtesy of the */proc* directory.

Linux makes running multiple jobs easy and such multitasking makes full use of your system. Dr. Linux this month looks at job control, daemons and, when things go wrong, zombies.



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