

Software News

■ Pocket Mandrake

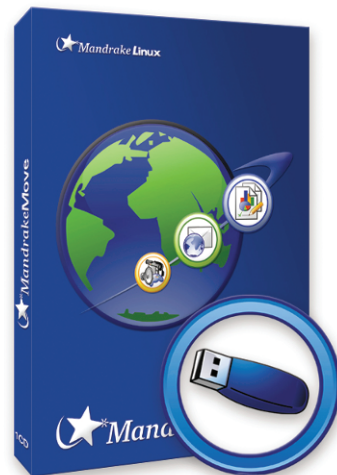
Live-File-System CD-ROMs such as Knoppix or GNOPPIX are becoming increasingly popular. It's a great way to test new hardware or demonstrate Linux without the need to install a complete system first. Now it's possible to carry Mandrake in your pocket. Mandrake are cleverly bundling a USB key to save settings and personal data.

The bootable CD-ROM is based on the latest Mandrake 9.2. It runs "on the fly", presenting you with KDE, various Internet tools (KMail, Konqueror, Gaim, etc.), OpenOffice.org 1.1 and several multimedia applications. A new feature, and something no other CD-ROM based distribution offers yet, is the ability to

eject the CD-ROM while still running, allowing you to replace it with another, and thus access your data, listen to music, watch a film, etc.

Since the CD-ROM is read only, saving your personal settings or data requires a writable medium. Hence the Boxed Edition of MandrakeMove offers a USB key (128 or 256 Mb), which can also be used to encrypt data. This gives you everything you need to be a road-warrior, in a box.

MandrakeMove is available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. To download MandrakeMove you have to join the Mandrake Linux Users Club. Alternatively, you can order the box via



Mandrake's online shop, MandrakeStore. MandrakeMove ships for US\$ 129 together with a 256 Mb USB key or US\$ 69.90 with a 128 Mb stick. ■

<http://www.mandrakesoft.com/products/mandrakemove/>

<http://www.mandrakelinux.com/en/ftp.php3>

■ Suse Full House

Suse announced the availability of the add-on "Suse Linux Wine Rack" for customers of SuSE Linux 9.0 Personal or Professional. The package includes CrossOver Office and CrossOver Plugin from Codeweavers, WineX from Transgaming and a 3-D arcade game called MarbleBlast.

The CrossOver utilities allow Linux users to install and run Windows applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint from the MS Office 97, 2000, and XP suites. It also supports installation of Visio 2000, Intuit Quicken, Apple Quick Time, Adobe Photoshop 7.0, IBM Lotus Notes and True Type Fonts. These are the applications the Installation Wizard already knows how to install.

Although other applications are not yet supported, you can still attempt to run the normal Windows installer, but it's not guaranteed to work. CrossOver Office runs the Windows applications using Wine (an implementation of the Windows API on Unix) and doesn't emulate a CPU, which makes the programs run more smoothly.

Included in the Wine Rack is the recently published version WineX 3.2, which allows you to play classic games

like Half-Life, Counter Strike, Diablo 2, EverQuest, Warcraft III, Battlefield 1942, Starcraft, Civilization 3 and many more under Suse Linux.

CrossOver Plugin allows Windows browser plugins to be used in Linux browsers, such as Netscape, Konqueror, Mozilla, Galeon and Opera. It supports

QuickTime, Shockwave Director, Windows Media Player 6.4 and Word, Excel and PowerPoint Viewers, among others. Suse Linux Wine Rack is available from the Suse online store and costs US\$ 39.95. ■

http://www.suse.de/us/company/press/press_releases/archive03/winerack.html

