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Alternative Distros

On this DVD:

Knoppix 3.4

A live CD system that does not touch your hard disk. It will boot with the 2.4.26 Linux kernel, but you can opt for the new 2.6.5 kernel when booting.

Keep up with functionality by running KDE 3.2.2 with the new Gimp 2.0 as your desktop environment .

Hardware detection has been extended to feature WiFi cards and IrDA/ Bluetooth configuration.

Knoppix is fantastic for letting non-Linux users see the power of Linux. Of course you can install it onto a hard disk so it runs faster. With over 900 software packages, including Open-Office 1.1.1, we are sure you will find something that suits your needs.

Slackware 10.0

Ten years have given rise to a tradition of reliability, usability and security. Based on the GCC 3.3.4 compiler, the 2.4.26 kernel, KDE 3.2.3 and GNOME 2.6.1.

The system is expandable and easily upgradeable. Running X11R6.7.0 and with both Cups and LPRng for printer support.

Gentoo 2004.1

Gentoo has the ability to optimize and customize applications. A Gentoo box will run at the highest possible speed because each application has been configured to make the most of your system rather than using default options designed for the majority. It has become the distribution of choice for extreme computing.

System Requirements

Bootable DVD drive, VGA compatible graphics adapter, 64 MBytes RAM / 200 MBytes hard disk space for text only system (192 MBytes RAM, 2 GBytes hard disk space for graphical system)

Arch Linux

Designed for system administrators. Although it is a general purpose system, Arch is optimized for i686 processors. It avoids configuration wizards that prevent you from using your Linux system, and understanding just how it works.

Arch Linux is thus ideal for hard working servers and professional workstations. Perfect for competent Linux users and administrators.

TheOpenCD

The CD contains many programs designed to prove that Open Source is stable, professional, and better than proprietary software. It includes OpenOffice.org, AbiWord, PDFCreator, The GIMP, Mozilla, PuTTY, Miranda IM, Audacity, Neverball, 7-Zip and a host of other software.

dyne:bolic

Aimed at being a practical, useful live CD tool for all forms of multimedia production. This can range from the simple recording, editing and encoding of sound files to the more intense network broadcasting of video streams.

Of course it is not just about sound and video. Email, connectivity, IRC, word processing and network tools are all available.

Feather 0.5.3

At only 64MBytes, this tiny, but mighty distribution is designed to run off either a business card CD or from a USB pen drive. Based on Knoppix, it comes complete with a wide selection of tools, utilities and applications to get just about any job done.

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