This month’s Linux Magazine DVD brings you a special pre-release version of Canonical’s Ubuntu Linux 5.04 “Hoary Hedgehog.” Ubuntu is a stylish distribution built from Debian and polished for the corporate user. Throughout Ubuntu, you’ll find corporate style and efficiency interwoven with the stability and substance of Debian.

Debian Strategy
Canonical Software calls Debian “the rock upon which Ubuntu is founded.” Debian forms the core of the Ubuntu distribution. Before each release, the Ubuntu team “freezes” a snapshot of the Debian development archive and works independently to the final release. Because Ubuntu is smaller than Debian and doesn’t support as many platforms, development can proceed efficiently to the final version.

The result is a streamlined and up-to-date distribution that Ubuntu backs with several technical support options.

Look and Feel
Canonical takes pride in the artistry of the graphics, themes, and color schemes provided with Ubuntu. The best art contributed by users is included in the release, and Canonical encourages artists to submit new ideas.

What’s Inside
Ubuntu Linux 5.04 comes with Linux kernel 2.6.10 and X.org 6.8.1. You’ll also find the GNOME 2.9.4 desktop, along with OpenOffice 1.1.3 and a collection of useful administration utilities.

New with the Hoary Hedgehog release is a unified hardware detection system. Also debuting is support for Kickstart automated installation, which lets the user pre-define configuration options for efficient installation.

Ubuntu supports over 1000 applications, and up to 10,000 apps are available in the Universe depository through the Synaptic package manager.

Plug it In
The Linux Magazine Ubuntu 5.04 “Hoary Hedgehog” DVD is ready to use. Plug it in and start your system. You’ll soon be exploring the tools, repositories, and elegant graphics of a truly innovative Linux distribution.