Since August of 2005, Novell has worked steadily to transform the beloved Suse Linux from a shrink-wrapped consumer product to a true community distribution. Suse Linux 10.0 marked the start of this new era. And after several months of work, Suse Linux 10.1 has finally appeared. Novell calls Suse Linux 10.1 ‘‘… the first version of Suse Linux created in full partnership with the open source community.’’ Suse Linux 10.1 is a desktop distro with plenty of power for the professional.

New in 10.1
Suse Linux 10.1 comes with Linux kernel 2.6.16. Also included are the KDE 3.5.1 and Gnome 2.12.2 desktops, along with hundreds of tools for developers, system admins, and desktop users. This release includes improvements to the Xen virtualization tool and provides, for the first time, the AppArmor application security system, Novell’s equivalent to SELinux.

Xgl
One of the most important improvements with Suse Linux 10.1 is the innovative Xgl graphics system. Xgl provides an OpenGL interface for the Suse desktop. The Xgl interface delivers faster and more vivid graphics, helping desktop applications make more efficient use of hardware enhancements.

YaST
Suse comes with YaST, one of the best and most respected configuration tools in all of Linux. YaST provides a simple and convenient user interface for managing software, hardware, networking, and system configuration.

On the Desktop
On this DVD, you’ll find favorite office tools such as OpenOffice 2.0 and Mozilla Firefox 1.5. Also included is the Beagle desktop search utility, as well as a large collection of games and multimedia tools.

Conclusion
Novell’s vision for a community-based Linux distribution comes to fruition with Suse Linux 10.1. This month’s Linux Magazine Suse Linux 10.1 DVD delivers great graphics, as well as new tools and important improvements to the components you’ve come to expect from Suse. The live install option of this DVD lets you try out Suse Linux 10.1 without altering the contents of your hard drive. Try Suse Linux 10.1 today.