Red Hat's Fedora Project recently unveiled Fedora 7, code named “Moonshine.” Fedora 7 is the first Fedora release to include software from the Fedora Extras as well as the Core repositories. We are proud to bring you Fedora 7 as this month’s Linux Magazine DVD.

What's New
Fedora 7 is easy to install and update. The DVD comes with a suite of simple graphical installers and configuration tools. Fedora 7 is designed to work with a new set of tools for creating personalized versions of Fedora. These tools (which are not on this DVD but are available through the Fedora repositories) help you create custom live CD or installable ISO images of the Fedora operating system. Custom Fedora images, which the Fedora developers refer to as spins, can even include RPMs from third-party repositories. Spin tools available for Fedora 7 include the command-line utilities Pungi and LiveCD Creator, as well as the GUI tool Revisor.

On the Desktop
The new Fedora comes with the popular GNOME 2.18 and KDE 3.5.6 desktop environments. Developers integrated fast user switching into Fedora 7 through extensive work on ConsoleKit, a system-wide service that tracks seats and sessions. Inclusion of Xorg Server 1.3 allows better hot plugging for display devices. Fedora 7 also includes packages for enhanced wireless networking. NetworkManager presents a GUI that allows users to easily switch between wireless and wired networks.

The Firefox 2 browser includes an inline spell checker, built-in phishing protection, and the ability to resume browsing sessions. The Thunderbird 2.0 mail client includes performance improvements, folder viewing enhancements, and enhanced mail notification. The Pidgin messenger, formerly called Gaim, is also included. Try It!
Fedora 7 is a feature-rich, user-friendly distribution with everything you need to access the web, create office documents, play music and videos, manage photos, play games, and more. Answers to almost any Fedora-related question can be found on the project wiki and Fedora forums. We hope you enjoy this month’s Linux Magazine DVD.

HELP & SUPPORT
The Fedora Project web site has a helpful installation guide and desktop user guide, in addition to other documentation: http://docs.fedoraproject.org. Check out the Fedora FAQs on the wiki: http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/FAQ. Community help is available on the Fedora forums: http://fedoraforum.org.