Sabayon is a Gentoo-based Linux distribution that focuses on the user. This scalable distribution supports everyone from kernel hackers to new Linux users. The philosophy of the Sabayon project is based on two acronyms. The first acronym is the well-known promise to KISS (Keep it Simple Stupid). The second acronym defining the Sabayon experience is what the developers call OOTB (Out Of The Box functionality). The goal is for everything in Sabayon to just work without a lot of additional tinkering. We are proud to bring you Sabayon Linux as this month’s Linux Magazine DVD.

New and Improved

The emphasis on out-of-the-box functionality means that Sabayon includes a broad collection of pre-installed multimedia codecs and drivers. Sabayon 3.4 comes with Linux kernel 2.6.22, as well as KDE 3.5.7 and Gnome 2.18.2. You will also find enhanced virtualization tools and support for the Ext4 file system. Version 3.4 also provides Windows-ready NTFS read and write support and the Wine-Doors utility, which lets you easily install certain Windows applications on your Linux system.

Laptops and Multimedia

The Sabayon project says their latest Linux is “the most laptop aware” version of Sabayon yet, with more testing for portable environments, better laptop optimization, and improved wireless support. Multimedia extras include tools such as the Elisa Media Center technology preview. Topping off this latest offering from the Sabayon team is a rich collection of games, including FlightGear, Battle of Wesnoth, and Second Life support.

Try It!

The practical and user-friendly Sabayon Linux regularly finishes in the top 5 for downloads at the popular Distrowatch website. Sabayon is a community project that is completely independent from commercial interests. Sabayon comes with codecs and drivers that could save you hours of configuration time, and the quick release cycle means the next update is always just around the corner. We hope you enjoy this month’s Sabayon Linux 3.4e DVD.