This year marks the 10th anniversary of Mandriva Linux, a classic distro known for easy installation and a sophisticated set of admin tools. With the latest release, Mandriva rolls out new tools, a new sound infrastructure, and improved support for wireless cards and mobile devices. We are proud to bring you Mandriva Linux 2008 Spring as this month's Linux Magazine DVD.

What's new?
The newest Mandriva comes with Gnome 2.22, KDE 3.5.9, and Linux kernel 2.6.24. Debuting in the default configuration is the PulseAudio sound infrastructure - a powerful system for managing sound streams and sound devices. New mobile support includes enhanced integration with Mobile 5 and 6, Blackberry, and Nokia devices. Other improvements include the Elisa media center, based on the GStreamer media framework, the OS X-inspired Avant Window Navigator, and the Miro Internet TV tool. Mandriva has also upgraded the package management system, with performance improvements and a new system for obtaining and displaying package information. The Drakconnect network configuration utility includes better support for NDISwrapper, and the Mandriva installer adds new options for building a boot menu.

Mandriva's installer supports more than 50 languages and automatically configures a wide range of hardware. The installer includes several advanced configuration options and also supports a rescue mode for saving the system in case of failure. The Control Center is a central spot for configuring your Mandriva system. From a single user interface, you can manage software, configure hardware devices, set up network connections, configure services, add or remove users, manage mount points, configure personal firewall protection, and set system boot options. Within the windows of the Control Center, you'll find dozens of simple and intuitive GUI-based tools for managing your system. Many of these tools come with wizards for easy input.

Why Mandriva?
Mandriva Linux 2008 Spring introduces enhancements for a new generation of Linux. The latest release supports more hardware than any previous Mandriva, and the improved tools for wireless configuration and package management make this version the friendliest yet. We hope you enjoy Mandriva Linux 2008 Spring.