Raspberry Pi OS Lite to desktop

Raspbian OS the one that has the default PIXEL Desktop has been the Official OS for the Raspberry Pi. If I am understanding it correctly, it is now called Raspberry Pi OS. I am not sure if this means anything, other than a name change. Raspberry Pi OS is steel a Debian port. Debian is what I like on my Linux Microcontrollers. I have put several Linux OS on all for versions of the Raspberry Pi. I normally just use the Raspbian OS with the default Desktop. Because I like plain old Debian I wonder if you could put the default OS and add normal debian desktop to it. So, investigated it and the answer was yes.

Here is what I did:

- 1. Install Raspberry Pi OS Lite on a SD memory card with Raspberry Pi Imager.
- 2. Insert the SD into the Raspberry Pi.
- 3. Boot up and login with default.

Normal stuff new installs:

- 4. sudo apt update
- 5. sudo apt upgrade
- 6. sudo apt dist-upgrade
- 7. sudo reboot

Xorg:

8. sudo apt install xserver-xorg

XFCE for my Raspberry Pi 3:

9. sudo apt install xfce4 xfce4-terminal

MATE for my Raspberry Pi 4:

9. sudo apt install mate-desktop-environment-core

LightDM on both Raspberry Pi 3 and 4:

- 10. sudo apt install lightdm
- 11. sudo reboot

Installing More Applications

Synaptic:

12. sudo apt install synaptic

Chromium:

13. sudo apt install chromium-browser