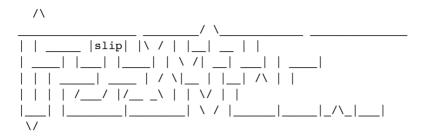# Downloads

Update 12/30/2014: Once again, the mysterious slipstream has provided us a gem: Red Star OS 3.0 Desktop! Here are the release notes (apologies for messing up the ascii art formatting):

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Red Star OS 3.0 Desktop *retail*
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I gave you server, now here's desktop! Welcome, one and all, to best korea's Linux distro, version 3
Otherwise known as, "the one to prease the fappletards".

Unlike server, this one doesn't need a serial, just mount in your VM and go boot from it :D

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To use this, I guess you better praise juche ideals and post sincere comments about how much you lov
But don't ask about The Interview.. I've heard its a touchy subject there... ;)

Wanna ~~cyber~~ discuss this, and maybe just maybe shower me with praise?
http://widget00.mibbit.com/?server=irc.ringoflightning.net&channel=%23ris&settings=fd3d000db0cd81335

or: irc.ringoflightning.net #RIS

Or perhaps you'd like to shower me with dogecoins? DRFLRDccwLbdzgGPPADMDxZBXQxn5We3sb

~ slipstream / raylee - "pulling data out of DPRK's ass since 2014!"
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I will write more about this later — a couple of key notes is that networking does not seem to work by default, su/sudo are not present… you probably don't want this to be your daily driver anyways. 🙂

Martyn Williams of northkoreatech.org provides a brief illustrated guide to installation: http://www.northkoreatech.org/2014/12/30/red-star-3-0-desktop-the-install/

If you don't want to download via torrent linked in slipstream's readme, I have the local files here:

- readme.txt
- redstar_desktop3.0_sign.iso (warning, 2.5GB download!)


**Update 6/6/2014**: PirateBay user slipstream (commenting below, thank you sir!) has somehow come across a copy of Red Star OS 3.0 Server. You can torrent the release here: Red Star OS 3.0 Server (DPRK Linux Distro)

I have also mirrored the contents of the torrent on this site, feel free to download here: Red Star OS 3.0 Server

I have set this up in VirtualBox and poked around with this a little. This is server software and virtually all of the command prompts are in Korean. If you've installed a linux distro before, then the steps are fairly straightforward: Choose a password (it's a little picky, so use a good one), hard disk partitioning, then choosing which applications you want installed, and an option graphical user interface. Sadly, it does not come with the same wallpaper collection from Red Star 3.0. Will update this space soon with more detail.

slipstream offers some startup notes in the readme.txt:

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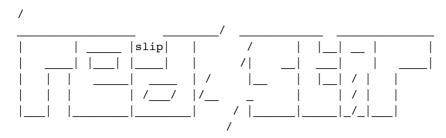       /
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Red Star OS 3.0 Server x86 *cracked*
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Sure, there's probably an easier way but i'm lazy and can't be bothered to recreate the iso in a lin

So.. you need to burn boot.iso and rss3_32_key_gui_20131212.iso

Insert the boot cd (or mount it in your VM) and boot from it, when you get to the blue install scree

This first screen asks for a serial, but it accepts any serial (even a blank one) if you boot from b

Don't ask me how I got this. Also don't ask me why the redstar guys added serial protection since re

There exists an x64 version of this, but I don't have that, just the x86 version.

I also do not have the desktop version, just the server version, but since this is the first ever le

Enjoy!

~ slipstream

PS: umad DPRK?

If you like this, tip me dogecoins! DSLipVHJVRbMJCtdZXmo2ntKz6xRXMWvtY
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Red Star 2.0 is still available below.

Red Star Linux Operating System: Like to live dangerously? Why not download and run North Korea's homebrew Linux distribution on your main computer? This distro is split into two .ISO files, and I am assuming you know what to do with them if you're endeavouring to download them. The first disc is bootable, and allows you to install the North Korean OS, whereas the second disc is supplementary software.

Caveats:

1) I don't support you running this for anything other than curiousity purposes. This Korea Herald article specifically states that the OS was designed to monitor and report on web usage. I doubt running this outside the country will be able to report anything back to the reclusive state, but out of an abundance of caution, you may want to run this with the network unplugged.
2) This is entirely in Korean! You won't get an option to choose your language.

That being said, it's a perfectly usable OS with decent driver support. It's a couple of years out of date, but otherwise comes equipped with an Office suite, Firefox, games and other goodies. It's quite useful right out of the box! Software installation is RPM based, and those at home on Red Hat Linux distros should be relatively comfortable here. I'd really like to dig further into its internals, but the language barrier is holding me back. A good fellow at the Desktop Linux Reviews website has an indepth review, if you're interested.

These downloads are big, so out of respect for my otherwise very affordable hosting company, please download one file at a time. This site isn't really that busy traffic-wise, but if Bluehost asks me to take the files down because they're getting hammered, I will. So without further a-do…

Red Star Linux Disc 1 (.iso) – Bootable installation disc, all you need if you're just playing. (720mb)
Red Star Linux Disc 2 (.iso) – Additional supplementary software. (700mb)

Permanent link to this article: http://www.openingupnorthkorea.com/downloads-2

38 comments

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Tim
March 23, 2012 at (UTC -4)

Thanks

Nick
December 20, 2012 at (UTC -4)

How interesting — thanks so much for hosting the OS images. I look forward to playing around with the software, to explore what reporting goes on as it is running.

Mitsuyuki Hiyoshi
February 13, 2013 at (UTC -4)

Thank you very much.

Inseri
March 7, 2013 at (UTC -4)

I tested it on an IBM R52 Laptop and the first thing I will say will be this OS work quite fine. The OS boot quite quickly (about 30 sec on a old ATA drive and on a 8-year-old computer), it comes whit a text editor suite named "Uri" (it seems to be an Open Office fork), a web browser(a fork of Firefox named Naenara), a firewall (the famous Pyongyang Fortress)(it seems it this one that monitoring the system (at least, it record all your connections on the machine, with Internet or not)), an antivirus (I don't know why there is an antivirus on a Linux Distro but this one is efficient [more than some Windows antiviruses]), a multimedia program (it is good, it read all the files I wanted (MP3, some *.avi and other formats), a "Wine" program (not very efficient this one, Paint shop Pro 5 (this is a very old image editor)don't run and a lot of programs need windows .NET extension or at least win xp SP2), CD/DVD burner program (not tested). Except for the names of some programs and the naenara website at the default page of the browser, there are not too many propaganda inside the system (just some "idealized" scenery of DPRK).

However, it is impossible to update the system (maybe the update servers are only available in DPRK or they are simply down)

Animedude5555
April 6, 2013 at (UTC -4)

I found the Korean flash games are now all broken links. If someone here managed to download the SWF files for the flash games on their site, please send them to me at animedude5555@gmail.com

Thanks in advance.

greg rhame

September 20, 2013 at (UTC -4)

no if you really want to live dangerously, then you use windows.

Plan B price
December 23, 2013 at (UTC -4)

Article writing is also a excitement, if you be acquainted with after
that you can write or else it is complicated to write.

simon
February 7, 2014 at (UTC -4)

I think I will run this through a virtual pc onto a proxy address based in north korea. Then have it searching how to take them out, and
try to bind the ip onto one in use by a government department.

simon
February 7, 2014 at (UTC -4)

Also I will setup a mirror link to my servers after putting the ISOS on it so it don't kill your server.

Someone
February 17, 2014 at (UTC -4)

Any ideas on when your going to upload the version 3.0 of Red Star OS?

ReasonableMan
February 18, 2014 at (UTC -4)

I would gladly host if I had access to the ISOs. The recent press around 3.0 seems to center around a foreign PUST professor
purchasing the software and bringing it home… no hint that there's a copy of the ISOs floating around in the wild. I'll certainly
update this page if I track them down!

Agung Suhendro
March 18, 2014 at (UTC -4)

2.0 version ????? I want 3.0 Version !!!
I have 2.0 version !! And now i want 3.0 version !!!!

Slayer
March 27, 2014 at (UTC -4)

so, does anyone have a DL link to the latest version? (3.0, i think) or has that not found its way to the internet yet?

slipstream
June 1, 2014 at (UTC -4)

If anyone wants some form of Red Star OS 3.0…

here's Red Star 3.0 Server.. 🙂

http://thepiratebay.se/torrent/10280206

doop
June 3, 2014 at (UTC -4)

I got the boot iso running in VB. i've got the supplementary iso but am wary of running it before having an idea of whats on it. does op
or any of the commenters have an idea of what kind of software it contains?

Steven Tingàte

June 28, 2014 at (UTC -4)

when i try and input a key that it asks for when i run the installer, it gives me an error, anybody know a key that works ?

Reasonable Man
August 30, 2014 at (UTC -4)

Sorry for the late response. You can enter in any value for the key and it should accept it.

someone
October 10, 2014 at (UTC -4)

I cannot seem to get pass the password screen. I am getting this message:
http://pbrd.co/1yS7r01

mrdaxtercrane
December 4, 2014 at (UTC -4)

Anyone have a clue on how to install applications to this system? I keep getting "cannot be done" or "permission denied".

webmaster
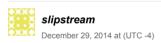December 26, 2014 at (UTC -4)

Linux never die!

Thanks Red Star OS.

wow
December 28, 2014 at (UTC -4)

ale kicha

slipstream
December 29, 2014 at (UTC -4)

OK, remember Red Star 3.0 server? Here's Red Star 3.0 Desktop.

http://pastebin.com/cHAzyTE7
http://torcache.net/torrent/2e85d200d81b74a57dd70dab66c81222df1cf715.torrent

skalada
January 2, 2015 at (UTC -4)

how can I configure my grub2 to boot with it included int my multiple boot optios??

gica
January 3, 2015 at (UTC -4)

Bag Pula in red star comunisti parsivi de coreeni suge Pula

nigger420
January 7, 2015 at (UTC -4)

bravo bai baiatule esti foarte tare

Anonymous
January 7, 2015 at (UTC -4)

It is possible to change the system language, see http://www.golem.de/news/red-star-ausprobiert-das-linux-aus-nordkorea-1501-111443-2.html

(sorry, source only in german).

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juliusybl
January 7, 2015 at (UTC -4)

Thanks dude !!

Robintel
January 8, 2015 at (UTC -4)

To help with downloading and availability, the unmodified ISOs are also available here.

Alex Arya
January 8, 2015 at (UTC -4)

When you install the operating system
The highway spy and malware to your system the way you want
North Korea!, China, Russia, islamic republic (Enemies of the Internet)
Take a wise decision.

> **Wzrd1**
> January 12, 2015 at (UTC -4)
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> Erm, it seems that you don't know what you are doing or know what you are talking about.
> Fortunately, most of us are competent and know what an operating system can do and can't do, as well as many of us
> exterminate malware as a hobby.

EHSAN
January 9, 2015 at (UTC -4)

its very goood

EHSAN
January 9, 2015 at (UTC -4)

good

EHSAN
January 9, 2015 at (UTC -4)

Windows or Mac but not as good.

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badmanmassive
January 19, 2015 at (UTC -4)

https://richardg867.wordpress.com/2015/01/01/notes-on-red-star-os-3-0/

TURTLESHROOM
March 3, 2015 at (UTC -4)

Do you think someone will ever translate these versions to English?

Ada
March 7, 2015 at (UTC -4)

This article is very interesting, but is hard to find in google.
I found it on 17 spot. You can reach google top ten easily using one handy wordpress plugin and increase targeted traffic many times.
Just search in google for:
Aemikimi's Rank Plugin

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kim jong un
June 19, 2015 at (UTC -4)

this is offensive to my glorious nation

guocuozuoduo
June 26, 2015 at (UTC -4)

After booting, I get a screen 기타 (others). I am prompted to enter 사용자이름 (username) and 암호 (password, which I assume to be the same as the one used in the installation). After confirming, it shows a message: 인증 실패 (Authentication failed). Does anyone have a solution?