Tori鳥OS

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TORIOS DEVELOPMENT PREVIEW

FEBRUARY 25, 2014 | ALI LINX

ToriOS Development Preview

ToriOS Developers Lead (Alex) has announced the beginning of the real fun:

Caution: This is **NOT** an alpha or even a beta version, it's a **development preview** intended for interested people and developers to show the current state of development.

ToriOS is currently an Ubuntu derivative based on Ubuntu 12.04, Linux kernel 2.6.32.61 with non-PAE and IceWM as the window manager.
It provides the absolutely bare minimum a Linux system can provide and will approximately use around 128 MB when started.

There also will be a .deb package with the Linux kernel 3.2.55 which can be easily installed and can replace the 2.6 kernel.

This is our first live experiment. So, please do keep in mind things with this phase might change a lot and as stated above, this is not even an alpha version so hold your horses 😉

We shall soon publish more news once the ISO is ready to be downloaded and tested 😃

You see, the real fun is about to being so be ready 😊

This is just a very quick update.

Thank you!

Ali/amjjawad

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RESULTS OF WEBSITE FEEDBACK

FEBRUARY 22, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hi,

Below are the results of the feedback we have asked everyone to vote and help us to improve our website 😃

As explained here on my previous post, these voters will not be ignored. And as explained too, no further development on the website to be done except the text/content on the website until our website administrator is ready. Unless of course, the rest of ToriOS team have different opinion about that 😃
Remember that no one yet has shared any opinion regarding the previous post. So, let's see 😃

Feedback Results:

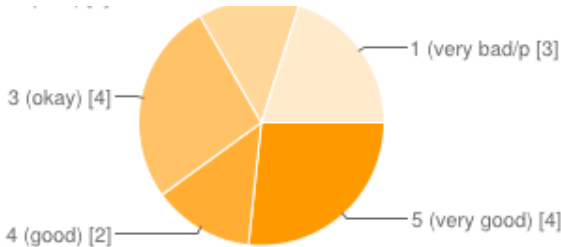**Note**: Click on each image to view clearly 😊

Your first impression
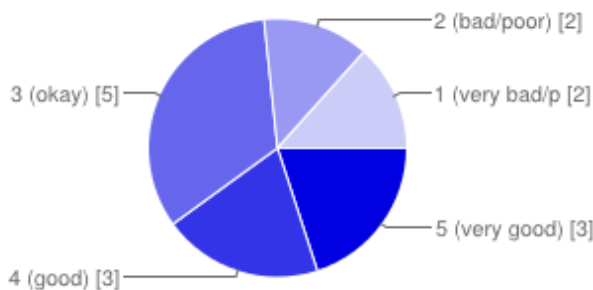
5 (very good)	**3**	20%
4 (good)	**3**	20%
3 (okay)	**5**	33%
2 (bad/poor)	**2**	13%
1 (very bad/poor)	**2**	13%

Website design

2 (bad/poor) [2]		
5 (very good)	**4**	27%

4 (good)	2	13%
3 (okay)	4	27%
2 (bad/poor)	2	13%
1 (very bad/poor)	3	20%

Colors/Theme
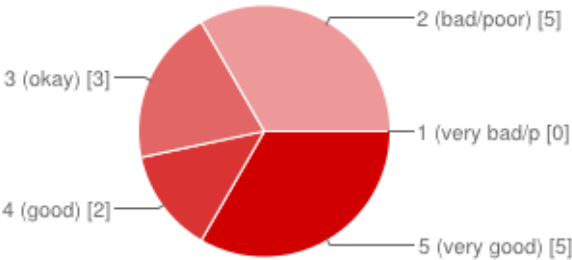
5 (very good)	5	33%
4 (good)	2	13%
3 (okay)	3	20%
2 (bad/poor)	5	33%
1 (very bad/poor)	0	0%

Tab/Pages
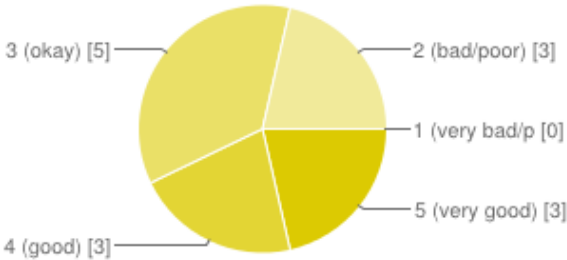
5 (very good)	3	21%
4 (good)	3	21%
3 (okay)	5	36%
2 (bad/poor)	3	21%
1 (very bad/poor)	0	0%

Informative and Useful
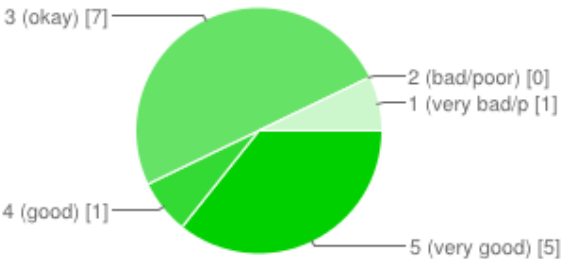
5 (very good)	5	36%
4 (good)	1	7%
3 (okay)	7	50%
2 (bad/poor)	0	0%
1 (very bad/poor)	1	7%

Your overall experience with ToriOS Website

5 (very good)	3	20%
4 (good)	4	27%

4 (good)	4	27%
3 (okay)	5	33%
2 (bad/poor)	3	20%
1 (very bad/poor)	0	0%

Will you send your feedback (notes) to ToriOS team to improve the website?

Yes, sure thing :)	9	60%
Maybe but my vote here is enough, I think!	5	33%
No, I'm not interested	1	7%
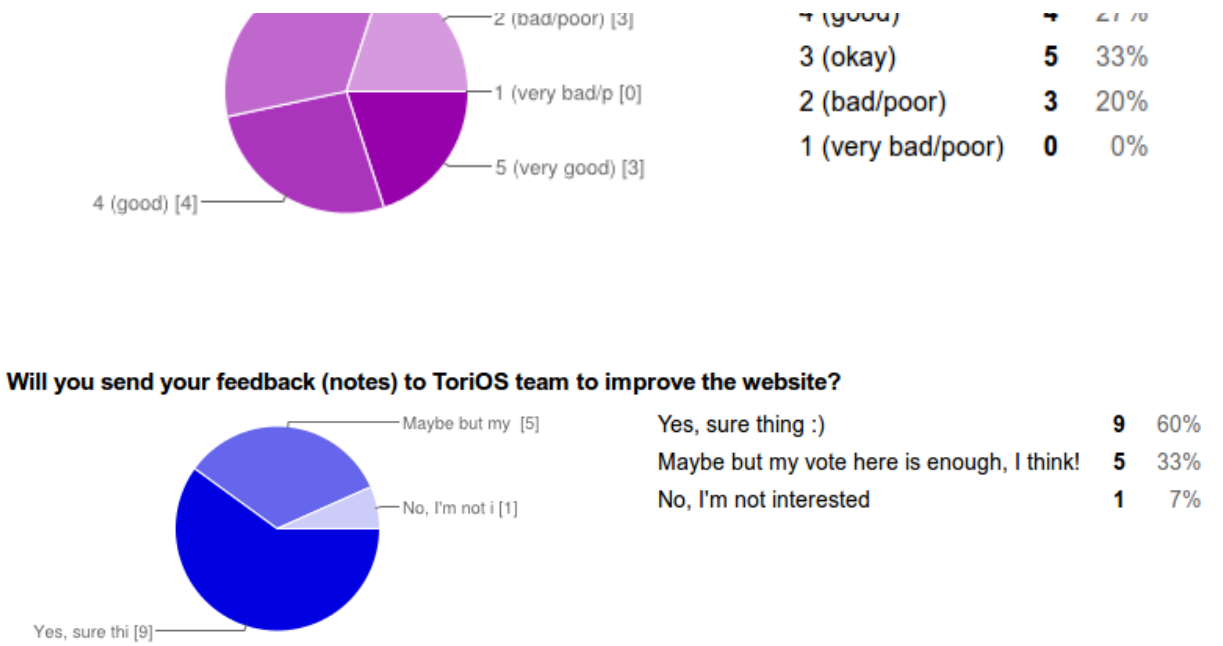
Thanks a lot for everyone who voted 😃

Whenever our Website Developer/Administrator is ready (hope he gets well soon), we can discuss these results – no rush here. He has done a great job and put lots of efforts. I do value and appreciate that a lot. We all should 😃

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WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hi,

As **I have explained (*why and how*) and asked here** to vote for the current website of ToriOS, I have received 15 responses and this time, I voted too so 14+1.

The idea was to move the website from Alpha to Beta.

Now, it seems there is some misunderstanding either from my side or from the side of ToriOS Team as I have seen two emails in the last 24 hours from two members who seemed not very happy about the idea of the feedback which is IMHO too late to state that 'after' asking everyone to give their opinion. The two members asked to focus on the system itself rather than the website.

Now, I must confess that the whole process of the website development wasn't really clear due to many reasons:

1- The one who was in charge of the website development as stepped down and handed over the task to another member.

2- As with any website, many aspects and/or area are involved. Website Design, Updating the information, etc.

3- Not lack of communications but rather lack of explanation maybe or understanding that caused some confusion and delay.

4- As with any 'new' project, such things are very common.

Due to all the above, the development of the website process was a bit of headache for the team and it seems, at least to some of us, it is fun no more which defeat half of the idea of creating ToriOS as one half goes for helping people for their old machine and the other half goes for having fun and learn new things.

As I have promised the world that I will be super honest and write about anything and everything, I'm sharing with everyone now my thoughts and my team's thoughts.

I don't consider this neither positive nor negative feedback but rather, I consider this as being honest and think loudly which is VERY healthy if you ask me 😃

Considering that ToriOS Website Administrator who is in charge of the Website Development and the Server Administrator (who is less involved now with the project as per his request) have both stated that it is NOT important right now to focus on the website and somehow stated indirectly to stop the development process and focus on ToriOS system development and considering that I highly value and appreciate their opinions **but** I don't fully agree with them as our website IMHO should be the place where we tell the world about us. Meaning, why do I have to spend some time writing this news right here if this is not going to help ToriOS? indeed, it will help. I highly believe it will help when you share everything you do with the FOSS and Non-FOSS world 😃

I'm doing this to help ToriOS and our website should, at least, offer the correct information about this project while we are working hard to bring ToriOS to light and to the world to see, test and use.

Really, you can't stop one process just to focus on the other. BOTH are high priority. Yes, choosing a DE/WM has the highest priority but also a website that shows the process of development is important as well.

So, I am thinking loudly here that the process of developing the website should NOT stop but rather be very and I mean VERY specific and direct to the point.

In order to make this as healthy as possible and keep our philosophy to do everything on vote and discussion basis while be so honest and open to the world, I call for an IRC meeting whenever possible (no rush here) to highlight some important 'facts' in case this post I am writing is not clear. Also, ask the team about their opinion for what I decided:

I have decided to take the feedback of the website into consideration and not ignore it. As a respect for 14 people who voted, it is not nice to tell them "sorry, your votes have been ignored." Put yourself in their shoes, you will never ever vote again for anything after that. So, NO. I will not ignore and I will do respect the time those 14 people have spent to read and vote.

I have decided to 'focus' on the information 'written' on the website MORE than focusing on the design, look and feel of the website. Yes, I agree that is not a high priority now BUT I strongly insist that we should be very clear and provide accurate information on our website. Some information must be updated on the website.

Now, I do blame myself here. No one else should take the blame of what happened but me. I should have been more careful and direct to the point but due (again) to many reasons, I couldn't do that. One of the reasons, I'm not good with website design but good when it comes to documentation. Also, I'm being involved with many other projects, that is why I have chosen drivers/leaders and asked them to be a decision maker to help everyone and the project. By being a decision maker (I have explained that to them on our IRC channel) means you need to do what you think it is helpful and then show your work or even easier/better, suggest a roadmap and show it.
As I stated, we're communicating in a good way but there is a missing circle which leave a gap which eventually causing confusion and delay. I am working on this and I will do my best to make everything as smooth and good as possible so yes, blame me for what is happening as the leader of this project. AND, it is not a bad situation at all, it is just not a great success but rather a good one so NO BAD news here, really. So please, don't make it as a bad one because it is not 😐

I am going to announce the results of the feedback.

Then, I am going to suggest the changes that should be done on the website (no rush as our website developer is sick – we hope he will get well soon).

Also, I think we should stop changing the look and feel of the website (for now) and keep everything as is now.

That is all for now.

As always, should you have any thought, idea, feedback, etc … don't hesitate to share it.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Ali/amjjawad

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TORIOS IRC CHANNEL ON FREENODE

FEBRUARY 17, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hi,

For +3 years, I'm very well-known of disliking IRC for some reasons. I've logged to IRC for the last few years very few times. However, it seems that is about to change with the birth of ToriOS 😃

I have been using it for many times lately and the experience so far is really good.

While the main reason that is keeping me away from IRC is the confusions to chat about totally different topics with many people at the same time, it is a good way to do things faster and reduce the emails on a mailing list and perhaps some other benefits that most likely I will discover by time 😃

Our IRC Channel on IRC is:

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#torios on freenode
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You can use XChat which is available by default in Xubuntu for example. If it is not installed by default, you can install it:

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$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install xchat
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Or you can use the web interface if you wish:

http://webchat.freenode.net/?channels=torios

No doubts, we wouldn't have an IRC Channel up and running without the great help and endless support of one of the very well-known Linux Advocates and Contributors, that is Phill Whiteside. Not only that, he helped by adding:
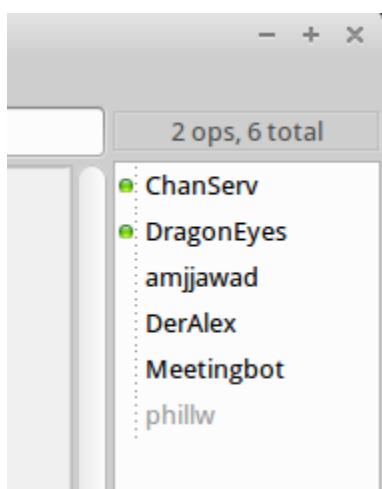
DragonEyes = Moderator Bot
Meetingbot = A bot for meetings

So, huge thanks to Phill for everything😃

By the way, myself and Phill had been two of the very most active members and contributors to Lubuntu. We both have achieved a lot for Lubuntu and while both of us have stepped down from our roles within Lubuntu Community, both of us are still around. Yes indeed, it is Lubuntu in the blood, you can't take that away easily 🙂

I'm usually on IRC almost every night (my time) starting from 8:00PM GMT time. Sometimes before that. Sometime I login during the day as well.

I'm a huge fan of Google Hangout for meetings (just like vUDS) but it seems only few who are really interested about it.

Both approaches are available anyway 😃

Hope to see you on ToriOS IRC Channel whether you're interested or contributing to ToriOS or not.

Thanks again, Phill and thanks everyone who are putting lots of efforts to support ToriOS 😃

Ali/amjjawad

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TORIOS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

FEBRUARY 16, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hi,

I'm glad to announce the Social Media Channels of ToriOS 😃

Facebook Page

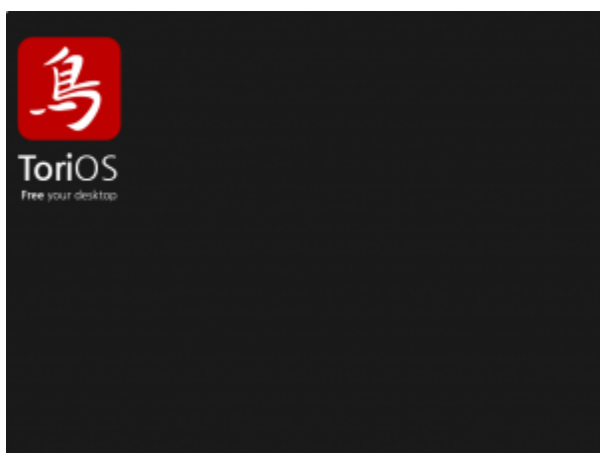**Twitter Account**

Google+ Page

I was also playing with Inkscape and created some basic and simple banner (maybe Rafael Laguna can still create better banners?) that I can share it here:

Which is the design as our Logo but different colours:

And this one for Twitter background:

There is another one that I created for Twitter:

Please, help us to spread the word of ToriOS on the Social Media 😃

Thank you!

Ali/amjjawad

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THE WINNER LOGO

FEBRUARY 16, 2014 | ALI LINX | 2 COMMENTS

Dear everyone,

I'm glad to announce the final result of voting for ToriOS Logo and the winner is:
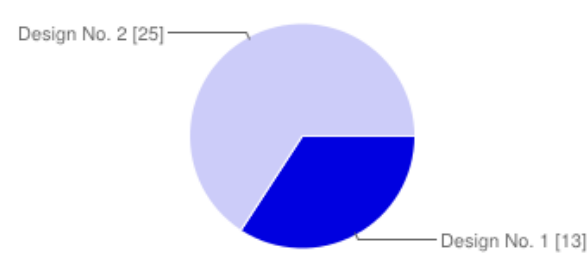
38 responses

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Summary

Desgin No. 1

Design No. 2 - Brush Style

Please Vote Here

Design No. 2 [25]

Design No. 1 [13]

Design No. 1	**13**	34%
Design No. 2 - Brush Style	**25**	66%

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Special thanks to everyone who voted and it is time to use our Social Media Networks and finish the other Artwork Related stuff 😀

Thank you!

Ali/amjjawad

P.S.
Believe it or not, I didn't vote!

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WEBSITE FEEDBACK

FEBRUARY 15, 2014 | ALI LINX | 4 COMMENTS

Hello again,

When I decided to start a new project, I wanted to make it really special and unique. One of the special things in ToriOS Project is that each and every decision is based on a vote and wide open discussion. We used to discuss everything within our small yet fast growing community. Toady, we'd like to discuss this with all the world. Whether you're interested or a member of ToriOS Community or not, we do value and appreciate your feedback on whatever we do or have. Listening to others and taking each and every feedback into consideration is a key success, simply because:

"All of us are smarter than anyone of us."

That said, and since we've almost done with the Alpha Phase of our Website Design that we have, so far, done it in house and didn't seek any help; we're inviting you to please take the time and give us your opinion/feedback on our Website 😀

To give your feedback, kindly click here.

We value and highly appreciate your time and we thank you for sending your feedback that we

believe can make a difference and improve everyone's experience with our website.

Please note that our project is all about simplicity, being simple, lightweight, easy and basic. Thus, you may be a bit disappointed to see a very basic website but this is actually what we want. We're trying to avoid fancy websites with lots of contents that could even make your browsing slower. As ToriOS will be designed for very old machine, we tend to keep our website usable of such machines. Just a hint so you know what is going on 😉
However, if you 'still think' there are lots of areas or aspects on our website that could be improved, sure thing, why not? that is why we have created a poll and asked to give your opinion 😃

Thanks again for helping us to make ToriOS better and special 😃

Ali/amjjawad

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TASKS PRIORITY & BLUEPRINTS CHANGES – 15TH OF FEB

FEBRUARY 15, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hi,

We at ToriOS Community has started a new process that we hope to reduce the amount of emails on the mailing list and make life easier for everyone by following one source of information and stay up-to-date with the very latest changes of ToriOS.

Now that we have a dedicated section for news, we shall publish the Tasks Priority and Blueprints Changes on this section so not only the ToriOS team member will be notified but the whole world. This is how we wish to carry on with our project.

For Saturday, 15-Feb-2014, we still have the same Tasks and no changes for the blueprints for Friday, 14-Feb-2014.

However, as we published earlier regarding the deadline for voting on our Logo Design, once we announce the winner design, our Social Media Channels will start to spread the word on Facebook, Twitter and Google+ and at the same time, we wish to take our website to Beta Phase if that is possible.

That is everything for now 😀

If you're interested to join and make ToriOS even better, we welcome you with wide open arms 😀

Thank you!
Ali/amjjawad

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VOTE – TORIOS LOGO DESIGN

FEBRUARY 15, 2014 | ALI LINX | 1 COMMENT

Hi,

As with any project, we do need a design for our logo. At first, we had some hard time to find someone who could help us to create that. We created something very basic and we liked it:

However, that was just a temporary and we wanted something else.

Luckily, Rafael Laguna, Lubuntu Artwork Team Leader, has agreed to help to create a logo for

ToriOS and we felt so happy and excited because we do know how gifted and talented Rafael is. If you haven't yet seen nor used Lubuntu, try to have at least a look at Lubuntu 13.10 and see how beautiful it is – thanks to Rafael and his team for this.

In fact, this News Section of our Website is very new as we used a very very simple page but I have asked the team to install WordPress to make life easier and faster.

At first, I posted on all my social media channels and it was a real mess, tell you the truth. I was totally lost with comments instead of +1 so I decided to create a poll and post the link instead. Sadly, this section wasn't yet created but that is fine, we needed to get the job done ASAP regardless how it might look like. Well, it is not bad after all 🙂

Let me share with you some drafts of the logo design by Rafael:

If you have 'not' yet voted for the Logo Design, please do take the time and help us to decide which Logo we shall choose as there are two designs: one by Rafael and the other is Rafael's design by modified by me as per some feedback from some people who asked for such change.

To vote, please click here.

Deadline for voting: Sunday, 16-Feburary-2014 @12:00PM GMT

Thank you for taking the time to read this post and for voting 😃

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WELCOME TO TORI鳥OS NEWS

FEBRUARY 14, 2014 | ALI LINX

Hello and Welcome to the News Page of Tori鳥OS!

We'd like to keep everyone posted for whatever is going on with our project and community as well.

At Tori鳥OS, we believe that in order to build a close and good relation with your audiences, you need to be honest, clear, direct, informative and share whatever you can about your project. You should really expect anything here whether good or bad news. This is the kind of quality of information and community we're trying to build. A community that based on trust and truth.

We hope you enjoy reading our news and as always, if you're interested about our project, please join and make it even better!

Thank you!

Founder of Tori鳥OS
Ali/amjjawad

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