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**Jollix** 

Jollix was a Live CD distribution based on Gentoo Linux. Jollix boots directly from CD without touching the hard disk. A fast and easy-to-install version of

Jollix will be available in a later release. In the current version there are installation instructions for more experienced Linux users. Once Jollix was installed on a hard disk, it can be updated via portage, the package manager of Gentoo Linux. In fact, Jollix was Gentoo at this point (somehow preconfigured). Jollix

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This version does bring some new features. One of the first encountered is the addition of GNOME 2.20.3 to the boot options on the live CD. Dreamlinux's GNOME is as equally beautiful and features the same background, theme, dock, and selection of applications. Unfortunately, it's an either/or situation. Boot GNOME and only GNOME is available. Install from this option and only GNOME is installed.

The similar appearances and configurations shared between XFCE 4 and GNOME can be attributed to the new Flexiboost architecture. Specific information on this is a bit sketchy, but apparently this is The hard drive installer is newly redesigned this release as well. Previously Dreamlinux used the Morphix installer, but this release brings a more user-friendly installer. Now it features a one page configuration installer. By this I mean that all the install options, apply button, and progress report are all housed and updated within the same window. I like these one-page installers for the smaller I didn't have any trouble with the configuration. It was merely typing the data into the corresponding textareas and checking a radio button or two. I clicked apply and a progress percentage, task

When using CompizFusion, the AWN-Dock takes the launchbar duties over from Engage. It appears very much the same as the Engage dock at first glance, but it is much more fun. AWN has an enduser graphical configuration and a lot of great plugins to expand its functionality. You can add application launchers and apply other customizations through the AWN Manager found in the Dreamlinux

Dreamlinux 3.0 GNOME with DCP and AWN Manager under CompizFusion (full image size: 534kB, screen resolution: 1280x800 pixels)

**Dreamlinux 3.0 XFCE 4 with DCP and About** 

Dreamlinux is still beautiful and now that the look has been recreated for a GNOME version and in the implementation of CompizFusion, it should appeal to a larger audience. It very well could be a

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**Miscellaneous News** Contrary to growing concerns, Gentoo is alive and well. Developers proved it last week by <u>releasing beta 1</u> of the upcoming 2008.0 on April Fool's Day. The news headline reassured skeptical users that it was no joke, as if that would have been the presumption. Another beta is planned once testing and bug fixes on Beta 1 are complete. Some <u>handbook updates</u> followed shortly after the beta release. In other Gentoo news, Roy Bamford, the newly elected President of the Gentoo Foundation's trustees, was interviewed by linuxcrazy.com. He states that he enjoys working on Gentoo and hopes to blur the division between the foundation members, the developers, and the users. A transcript has been published here. Vincent Danen has written to remind users that the end-of-life for Mandriva 2007.0 is drawing near. After April 13, Mandriva Linux 2007.0 will no longer be supported and will be removed from actively-supported mirror directories. Starting on that same date, Mandriva Linux 2007.1 will only be receiving security updates and only on the system core and networking packages. It will reach its end of life on October 13, 2008. Mark your calendars.

The SUSE Security team has announced the end-of-life for SUSE Linux 10.1. After May 15, 2008, no more fixes will be planned and the last updates should become available on May 30, 2008. SUSE releases are usually supported for two years, while enterprise versions have a longer life span.

**Dreamlinux 3.0** The Dreamlinux development team has announced the final release of <u>Dreamlinux</u> 3.0: "Dreamlinux 3.0 is a complete redesign of the distribution, now supporting an independent architecture named Flexiboost, based on overlaid modules. This feature allows the co-existence of two (or more) separate window managers (currently GNOME and Xfce), sharing the same customized appearance. Both working environment share all the applications available. Packaging the best office, image, design and multimedia open source software, Dreamlinux 3.0 allows you to produce professional quality contents." Dreamlinux 3.0 features new hard disk and USB pen drive installers, an option to remaster the live CD, and full support for many popular media codecs. For more information please read the

Musix GNU+Linux 1.0R3 After five test versions, Marcos Guglielmetti announced the release of Musix GNU+Linux 1.0r3, a Debian-based distribution containing a comprehensive collection of free software for musicians: "It's a 100% free multimedia operating system intended for music production, graphic design, audio and video edition, and all kind of tasks. It contains an enormous collection of free (as in freedom) programs

distribution with an alternative file system structure. This release is our first 'point release', providing a stability update for our latest major version, GoboLinux 014, which was released three months ago. Overview: the CD serves both as an installation disc and a live CD, with a complete graphical desktop featuring KDE 3.5.8, OpenOffice.org 2.3.1 and a host of applications; features an installer that

Carlo Calica has announced the availability of a minor point release of GoboLinux, version 014.01: "We are very happy to introduce GoboLinux 014.01, the new release of GoboLinux, the Linux

works on both text and graphical mode; features a udev-based hardware detection system." Read the rest of the release notes for a detailed list of features and changes.

Clonezilla 1.0.10-7 Gentoo 2008.0 Beta 1, the release announcement Damn Small 4.3RC2 GoboLinux 014.01, the release announcement Rocks Cluster 5.0 Beta

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**DistroWatch.com News** 

Those of you who visited DistroWatch on April 1st might have noticed many strange and unusual names in the Page Hit Ranking table on the main page. Karamad Linux the most popular distro?

several shots and demanding that I take immediate action to correct the error! It was fun to read them and thank you all for making my April 1st more fun than I had expected.

to confirm what some readers suggested before - a top ranked distro, especially one that is relatively unknown, is likely to attract a large number of curious clicks.

Inkscape (\$350), Cape Linux Users Group (\$130), Mandriva Linux (\$405, a Powerpack competition), Digikam (\$408) and SabayonLinux (\$450)

Since the launch of the Donations Programme in March 2004, DistroWatch has donated a total of **US\$16,883** to various open source software projects.

Followed by ROSLIMS and Dzongkha Linux, a distribution from Bhutan? How did that happen? This was, of course, nothing more than a fool's day prank, a "poisson d'avril", or whatever it is called in

your language. I didn't think many people would fall for it, but boy, was I wrong! I barely finished uploading the file when I received the first email notification about "something being wrong with the PHR table." Many more followed throughout the day. "Was the site cracked? Or is this some new PHR experiment?" Some readers even sent elaborate screenshots of the page, showing the full table in

Interestingly, the Karamad Linux page received a total of 6,984 unique visits on that day. This was followed by Dreamlinux (which was the subject of the first news item on the page for much of the day) with 3,352 unique visits and ROSLIMS with 2,483 page views. For comparison, the Ubuntu page was visited 1,615 times while the PCLinuxOS page was only visited by 375 unique visitors. This seems

But as always, don't take any of the page hit ranking statistics too seriously. They serve a fun way of gauging the interest of DistroWatch visitors in different distributions and they most certainly don't

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a module or set of modules written by the Dreamlinux development team and released under the LGPL to allow for congruent configuration of multiple window environments. distros with little or no advanced features and package selection. I did have a bit of trouble with it though. complete and functional, but a new comer might have wiped out their main GRUB file leaving a very bad impression. Control Panel. Some of the handy applet plugins include a weather applet, BlingSwitcher (pager with effects), and CPU monitor.

information, and activity slider appeared. Everything progressed fine for a while until it seemed to freeze at 56%. The percentage stayed at 56% so long that I was just about to give up when I saw it jump to 91% and the task information stated it was installing GRUB. I had checked the radio button to have it installed onto the root partition. There it sat for near an hour until I gave up. The system seemed fully installed, but the GRUB menu.lst was empty. I manually edited my main GRUB to point to the boot files in Dreamlinux's /boot directory and I was able to boot. The system is

The Dreamlinux Control Panel is a container for lots of handy utilities and configuration tools. Some of these include Services - runlevel configurator, Power Manager - laptop power options, Theme Switcher - allows the user to choose a theme, Wireless Drivers - allows loading of Windows wireless drivers, and En/Dis(able) CompizFusion. A couple of the more interesting elements are the Hardinfo and Upgrade Wizard. Hardinfo lists hardware information and also includes options to perform some system benchmarks. The Upgrade Wizard doesn't actually upgrade anything. It backs-up (or restores) your system before upgrading through Synaptic in case something goes wrong. Another interesting container is the Easy Install. It houses launchers to install some popular apps, proprietary drivers and programs, and multimedia codecs and libraries not found in the Debian repositories. Most will actually launch an installer, but when clicking for the NVIDIA drivers the user is given commandline instructions. **Applications** The software line-up remains mostly unchanged. Some graphic applications include Inkscape, gThumb, and GIMPShop (which crashed quite often). Multimedia enjoyment can be had through Rhythmbox, MPlayer, Gxine, and Sound Juicer. Installing the codecs and the DVD decryption libraries through Easy-Install will give more complete support. Disk creation can be handled by Brasero.

of-the-box. Removable media are detected and auto-mounted.

Conclusion

viable alternative to Ubuntu.

ballot today. See this post for more information on that.

Development, unannounced and minor bug-fix releases

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to life. Wireless tools are available in Dreamlinux for those with supported hardware.

Internet apps include Iceweasel (which crashed a few times), Thunderbird, Pidgin, and Check-Gmail. Office tasks can be tackled with OpenOffice.org and Orage. Some accessories include Conky, Calulator, and Dictionary. Some system tools are DCP-Control Panel, Easy-Install, Engage Admin, Menu Item Creator, and the Pen-Drive DL Installer. Some items found in the Settings menu are ADSL and PPP connection apps, Encryption Preferences, and printer setup. Dreamlinux is based on Debian, so it comes with APT package management and Debian repositories already configured. Synaptic, a nice APT gui, is included as well. **Hardware Support** Basic hardware support is good. Dreamlinux features SMP Preemptive Linux-2.6.23.12-dream, Xorg-server 1.3.0, and Xorg 7.2. Both the live CD and installed system detected my graphics accurately

More advanced support for my <u>HP Pavilion dv 6105</u> wasn't as good. Battery charging and monitoring were as expected and CPU Scaling was enabled automagically.

and rendered the optimal 1280x800 screen resolution. My touchpad, USB mouse, and keyboard were responsive and accurate. Even the volume buttons worked. Sound and wired ethernet worked out-

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get the wireless ethernet working. I tried the included Ndiswrapper as well as installing fwcutter to try and convert the drivers, but the Broadcom NIC could not be detected.

Rightfully, you can not really take points away from a distro when hardware is not supported by the Linux kernel. However, one does tend to choose a distro that can bring these Windows-only devices

Another disappointment came when I didn't see an easy way to invoke suspend or hibernate. Some files and scripts were installed, but I just didn't see any options to use them. There were no such items listed within the menu, battery applet, logout dialog, or GDM.

Overall, Dreamlinux was a fairly solid release. I had issues with the installer, wireless and suspend support, and some applications were a bit crashy. But it looks good, comes with some good application choices (except Iceweasel that I find buggy), and the Dreamlinux tools were nice. So, I have mixed feelings. I don't feel comfortable recommending it across the board. If you like the appearance, features, and software stack, then perhaps it'd best to try it on your hardware to see if it's for you. UPDATE: Dreamlinux 3.1 was released Saturday, April 5 to address the installer issues. Mandriva 2007.0 and SUSE 10.1 discontinued support, Let's resurrect Debian Weekly News, Gentoo 2008.0 Beta 1

Alexander Schmehl this week <u>suggested</u> that perhaps the Debian Weekly News should be resurrected. The last issue was published on July 03, 2007 and many people have since been left out of the loop. Towards that end, Alexander is now soliciting volunteers for editor, proof readers, and translators. Those interested in these positions should subscribe to the debian-publicity mailing list. They also want to hear about anything you've seen online about or are doing with Debian. So, Debian users, get involved. After all, Debian is the roots for so many popular distributions today - help promote yours! In other Debian news, time is running out to vote in Debian Project Leader Elections 2008. The choices are Steve McIntyre, Raphael Hertzog, or Marc Brockschmidt. Voting ends April 12, so cast your

**Released Last Week** 

that can replace Windows or Mac OS X. Musix GNU+Linux 1.0 R3 Stable Live-CD was produced on the basis of the stable version 1.0 R2 and the reports about prior test versions. Musix 1.0 is based on Knoppix and Debian/Stable. 1.0 R3 Stable solves several 1.0 R2's problems, among them, the "Inconsistent Filesystem Structure" bug after an improper shutdown and the SATA HD installation bug. English is now the default boot language and new functionalities were added, for instance: automount of CDs, DVDs and USB memories, the "install" boot argument, or the "hormiga" add on for KDE." Read the release announcement for additional information.

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