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Posted by [forlano](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 18:35:33 GMT

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Posted by [amrein](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 21:27:13 GMT

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forlano wrote on Wed, 24 September 2008 20:35Hello,

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Welcome home

Quote:I have removed all tracks of that very ugly Ubuntu and Kubuntu on my computer. Why are those distro so popular?

Because they are Debian based and because they are better than Debian for non geek. Old Debian users, now Ubuntu users, are very noisy. Perhaps because Ubuntu has the power of Debian but in an easier, polished and up to date state. How could you resist to tell the world about it? It's like going from DOS to Gnome. They don't care if Ubuntu still has bugs.

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2008.1 is the best Mandriva release.

2009.0 is in RC now. KDE 4.1 is not ready for prime time. If you don't like Gnome, 2009.0 won't be your distro.

2009.0 has the latest and fastest Gnome I have ever see on Mandriva. And no bug so far.

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [jale](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 13:03:21 GMT

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Mandriva is a great distribution

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Kubuntu works very well on my computers

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [amrein](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 13:10:33 GMT

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<http://wiki.mandriva.com/en/Home>

<http://club.mandriva.com/xwiki/bin/view/KB/>

<http://club.mandriva.com/xwiki/bin/view/Main/>

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Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [bytefield](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 15:53:55 GMT

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Also if I have license(OEM) for Windows changing it working for a Linux with lack of drivers doesn't worth. Still waiting for the proper Linux to appear and solve my problems, else maybe i have to build it from scratch .

(Broadcom 802.11a/b/g WLAN - i don't know more details about network card)

I was looking for drivers an i think i found some here.

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [chickenk](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 16:18:39 GMT

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You'll call me crazy if you're balancing between Mandriva and Ubuntu, but why not try... Gentoo ?

Ok it's up to you, I understand this choice of mine makes a lot of people laugh at me. I assume. But at least, information from the gentoo community is most of the time accurate, interesting and can be applied to other distros with a bit of common sense.

I believe your card driver installation is described, the Gentoo way, here :

http://gentoo-wiki.com/Broadcom_43xx

It may be worth reading these lines, and through the lines as well.

(PS. I am "forced" to use Fedora 9 at work, and I _really really_ hate it. Well, less than Windows. Oops, did I said that?)

Lionel

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [bytefield](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 16:45:05 GMT
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I've tried many distributions until now but Gentoo wasn't one of them. I've remained with Ubuntu for Desktop because Fedora wasn't worked all the time for me, Debian was to "heavy" (Lenny come with 5 DVD IIRC), Linspire and Slax were not on my tase, and i've remained with Ubuntu because I've done some contributions to it and it was "a better Linux" when i was started mainly using Linux. Mandriva was installed at University as second O.S. and i've tried it live this week at home. I have to say that first Linux distribution which was installed on my PC. was RedHat Linux, so maybe that's why i dislike using RPM based distributions because of troubles related to RPM packages i've had using RedHat some years ago.

I will try Gentoo too to see what it can do.

If others have other suggestions, i mainly looking at distro to:

- be programmer friendly
- have latest Gnome(currently i'm using it) or latest KDE by default(perhaps XFCE could be an option, but speed doesn't matter)
- don't use RPM packages (use *.gz(source), *.deb or other "internationally" format)
- Upp run on it
- is fast (including load, unload)
- have support for my wireless network card(if i will use it on notebook)
- i can't think now at more details...

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 17:03:50 GMT
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bytefield wrote on Thu, 25 September 2008 12:45
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You mean "out of box"?

Anyway, just to add my little bit: I am using Ubuntu because

- it is the most popular distro, means developing U++ on it will have the biggest impact (in other words, U++ must work with it well)
- it supports all my HW quite well (except scanning on my network printer...)
- the company I work for is using Debian, means I need something debian based

Mirek

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [chickenk](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 17:16:24 GMT
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Hi,

I'm glad you have a look at it. I won't say it's the easiest to install, but you learn a lot when following the Gentoo Handbook. I learnt 75% of my basis Linux knowledge installing Gentoo.

just some answers about Gentoo regarding your requirements:

Quote:be programmer friendly

Damn. Nearly everything if compiled from source, so I bet you can expect a rock solid and full featured programming environment. Most gentoo users are in fact programmers.

Quote:have latest Gnome(currently i'm using it) or latest KDE by default(perhaps XFCE could be an option, but speed doesn't matter)

Gentoo has the latest everything. dot. Tip: add this line to /etc/make.conf:

```
ACCEPT_KEYWORDS=~x86
```

(or equivalent if using another platform) and you'll have the bleeding edge, but more frequent updates.

Quote:don't use RPM packages (use *.gz(source), *.deb or other "internationally" format)

Forget about RPM. you can use RPM if you want (you can virtually choose any packaging system you want), but the main and official packaging system is portage, and is based on the famous BSD ports. Basically, portage downloads the official source archive, and uses a script (ebuild) to know what to do with it. Very flexible. Dependency tracking is the best of all distros I know.

Quote:Upp run on it

Of course it does! There even used to be an ebuild for it, but unmaintained... Nevermind, fetch the sources or install through the .deb file.

Quote:is fast (including load, unload)

Gentoo is designed to be fast. My computer starts (including X session and Enlightenment DR17) in about 10 seconds. (Honestly! I'm not joking.). you'll find everything else slow after that.

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Portage supports lots, lots, lots of packages. Most of the time, drivers are very well supported and when they are not, following the native instructions from the vendor always work because gentoo tries a lot to follow Unix standards.

I'm sorry that I did not find any negative points about your requirements... That would have made the discussions less biased and maybe more instructive. Gentoo is not perfect, but it's by far my preferred.

Lionel

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Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 18:12:07 GMT
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Max

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [chickenk](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 19:05:00 GMT
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Max

anyone tried E17 ?

Lionel

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Posted by [amrein](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 19:12:57 GMT
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This problem is solved in Mandriva updates since a few months. For Ubuntu you need to solve this in command line.

But well.. how can you to get them without network access...
You have a notebook so I guess Ethernet connexion is possible.

Installing a windows driver is not complicated. Example: in mandriva, control panel, add a new connection, select ndiswrapper, browse to the driver directory and select the file it told you to. That it.

If you know the name of the driver and not the location, fire this command in a terminal:

```
# find /mnt/windows -iname yourdrivername
```

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 21:54:20 GMT
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mdelfede wrote on Thu, 25 September 2008 14:12

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I second that. Gnome is simple, not very capable, but does its job..

(Side note: I got rashes when I hear litanies about any "new GUI paradigm"

Mirek

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 22:33:12 GMT
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Hi everybody,
I really like this discussion, not only because I'm happy linux user, but also because I'm thinking about changing my distro right now... Let me tell you about my experiences
At first I've tried SuSE and Mandriva, but those didn't really get my attention. I stayed on windows but after some time (few years) I installed Xubuntu - and it was like charm: Everything faster, easier, configurable... I've started learning rapidly. I tried several other distros, to name three most "useful" for my understanding linux it was: LFS (which gave me a lot of knowledge, but also a lot of work to get a working system), gentoo (which was not so hard, but I couldn't configure X properly, so it was near to useless) or puppy (which was very fast and lightweight, but had not enough support for my taste) and many others. Today I'm still on my Xubuntu, highly tweaked, mainly because I'm used to it.
But I think about a change. I summarized my wishes and this is what I got:
It definitely must have a good package system.
It shouldn't use any bloated desktop (my hardware is rather old).
It should have a good community support and/or follow the usual ways of doing things, so I can apply hints and howtos from other distros.
I'm not sure et what to choose, but I guess it'll be something debian based, with Enlightenment as desktop. Or maybe gentoo, this time it may work

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva
Posted by [amrein](#) on Fri, 26 Sep 2008 07:52:10 GMT
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<http://distrowatch.com/> is your friend

Xubuntu or Ubuntu will answer your need. There are more distro debian based but the underlying community is not as big.

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 26 Sep 2008 08:16:52 GMT

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Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [tojocky](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 07:26:08 GMT

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In the last! what is the best linux?

The best linux i mean:

1. easy configure
2. easy learning
3. faster running
4. easy installing
5. stability
6. more packages
7. update with the last technologies

I use Arch linux... it is fast... but the most configuration things i need write in command line!

With respect, John!

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sun, 28 Sep 2008 09:14:30 GMT

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Hi cbpporter.

I use Pardus (2008.1) too. As you've said, it is well internationalized. But I wouldn't say that it is way better than ubuntu. Pardus is very easy to use and relatively "eyecandy" (not because of some fancy gui toolkit (It uses KDE), but rather because of it's official cartoon style). But I have to warn you about it's main drawback: Pardus package installer "PISI" and it's own repositories. Pardus does not officially support *.deb, or *.rpm packages. It has it's own packages in XML style *.pisi packages, though it's own repositories are satisfying. And this makes installing other packages and their dependencies harder. If you need any help or have questions, maybe I can help you.

Regards.

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [bytefield](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 19:26:36 GMT

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chickenk wrote on Thu, 25 September 2008 19:18 You'll call me crazy if you're balancing between Mandriva and Ubuntu, but why not try... Gentoo ?

I've tried Gentoo ...

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emerge gave me some errors i've tried to install Upp

Now i have Ubuntu 8.04.1 64bit installed on my notebook. It work "out of box" as 32bit version work on my desktop. WLAN drivers get solved with one CLI command:

```
sudo /usr/share/b43-fwcutter/install_bcm43xx_firmware.sh
```

The only thing it's missing are drivers for Fingerprint Reader(i don't have time to search on internet for Fingerprint Drivers, perhaps these devices are supported by Linux too).

I have Upp64 on it, working without problem. The system is easily configurable(to respond to others questions) and it just simply fill my needs.

Other reason why i still remain with Ubuntu is that it still is in DistroWatch top. Now i have to wait 1 month until new 8.10 version of Ubuntu is released and see if i will remain with it from now on.

Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

Posted by [chickenk](#) on Wed, 01 Oct 2008 08:01:25 GMT

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bytefield wrote on Tue, 30 September 2008 21:26

I've tried Gentoo ...

Thank you for having tried. And indeed I did not say it would be perfect, nor very easy.

Quote:X server failed to set correct resolution.

Did you follow this guide :

<http://www.gentoo.org/doc/en/xorg-config.xml>

X configuration is not something trivial, I admit it.

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Yes that does not surprise me much. But reading through the lines, it seems you succeeded in installing manually. This is anyway a good point.

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1. It HAS apt-get and dpkg. just need to type "emerge dpkg" (for apt-get I don't remember the package name). But it's not the way to install packages on gentoo, I already said it. Gentoo uses Portage.

2. Not using (or even having) apt-get and dpkg does not mean it's not GNU/Linux! Gentoo is a GNU/Linux distribution. But now that you talk about it, there is a Gentoo/FreeBSD project existing (gentoo running on top of FreeBSD instead of Linux). By the way, Red Hat based distros use RPMs and not DEBs. So Red Hat is not Linux either ?

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Yes the ebuild is outdated. Upp should be installed manually from source, or using the debian package and dpkg ("emerge dpkg" installs it, I repeat).

I'm really glad you gave it a try. I know Gentoo is hard at first view. I'm also glad that you found a distro that suits you. We all have different requirements, and I've been switching from gentoo to Ubuntu last year. I came back to gentoo because of system crashes that occurred way too often for a GNU/Linux system, and features I was missing in Gentoo. But it was an interesting experience.

I hope your Ubuntu platform will fulfill your wishes.

cheers,
Lionel