

Review: dyne:bolic 2.4.2

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This distribution is about more than creating another version of Linux. It has a strong political and philosophical impetus behind it. I will let their website explain it:

dyne:bolic is RASTA software released free under the GNU General Public License.

This software is about Digital Resistance in a Babylon world which tries to control the way we communicate, we share our interests and knowledge.

The roots of the Rastafari movement are in resistance to slavery: this software is one step in the struggle for Redemption and Freedom from proprietary and closed-source software.

The distribution also aims to be media centric, with many audio, video and graphics applications. Once again, from their site:

dyne:bolic is shaped on the needs of media activists, artists and creatives as a practical tool for multimedia production: you can manipulate and broadcast both sound and video with tools to record, edit, encode and stream, having automatically recognized most device and peripherals: audio, video, TV, network cards, firewire, usb and more; all using only free software!

Dyne:bolic is a live CD distro that you can install or save your own personalized configuration to a USB memory stick. The distribution is designed to make it easy to take your OS with you wherever you go.

So let's give it a try.

The First Boot

Ok here I will say the first time I tried dyne:bolic was 2.4.1 that was released a few days before 2.4.2. I booted the CD in my desktop and X was completely broke. It wouldn't start up and there was a bunch of '?file/command not found?' errors. I tried it on the MacBook Pro, and once again, it didn't work. I figured it must have been a bad release. Sure

enough a day or two later 2.4.2 came out. I burned a fresh CD and popped it in my desktop.

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