

# Linux too vanilla? Try this

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I'VE BEEN TRYING to reinstall my old laptop recently. It's a battered old Thinkpad i1200 series from about 2001. It was a basic, economy-model machine: no Ethernet, no floppy, no serial, no infra-red, single Type 3 Cardbus slot; don't even ask about wireless or Bluetooth.

Since it was pensioned off a couple of years back, it's been running Ubuntu 6.06. This didn't install without a bit of a struggle, though. No kernel newer than 2.6.15 will run on it.

So, getting increasingly desperate, I thought I'd give PC-BSD a whirl. This is a distro of FreeBSD tweaked for an easy desktop install.

I've tried FreeBSD before but found it a real trial to get it installed and working.

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