I will receive feedback on this review, I am sure. And some people will probably say: you know you should wait a couple of months until the first dot release for all those early bugs to be fixed. And to that I say, yes, true, but then, why release the distro now then? Why not test two months more and then unleash it when it's ready? This is true of most "modern" systems, like the half-beta Windows 11 and whatnot. Low bar for quality is not how it should be, and Kubuntu 22.04 is no exception. There are half a dozen issues in this release, obvious ones, which never should have made it past the QA team. But then, testing software seems to be an afterthought since around 2014 or so.

Anyway, Kubuntu 22.04 is a decent system, but I also feel angry and frustrated. With my recent mission of migrating away from Windows for good (look for it in my Linux and Windows categories) in the coming years, any setback or regression in Linux, especially LTS versions of big distros, creates a great disturbance in the force, and makes me feel extra dejected. As always, always, whenever things start getting slightly better, slightly more stable, distros seem to implode, seemingly terrified of what stability might bring. It's a self-perpetuating, self-destructive cycle. It's getting quite boring in 2022. It was all fun and games and nerdy tinkering in 2005, but now, it feels like Groundhog Day, except it's Penguin Day. But then, who cares anymore right.
This distro is decent-ish. It's fast, there were no major problems, and you can tweak Plasma any which way you like, almost. Then, you have things like the unresizable main menu, screenshot borders, dubious defaults, and whatnot.

Functionality wise, solid, but you have to work hard to get the best out of the system. Worst of all, there is no sense of majesty that an LTS is supposed to deliver. Just another day in the neverending grinder of code and frivolous hobbyism that is the Linux desktop. I guess 6-7/10 for now. Yes, I am sure I will eventually upgrade to this release, blah blah, and I'll be enthused and deluded and such. But the first impression is a bit meh. We are done here, folks.

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