

Review: FreeSBIE 2.0.1

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From great anticipation to utter misery to mixed reactions. That in general sums up my experience with FreeSBIE 2.0.1.

For a live cd that's built on one of the greatest free operating systems in the world (FreeBSD 6.2 in this case), you would expect equal greatness about it. But I didn't find that here. And that is by no means the fault of FreeBSD in any way, but rather this particular remixing of it. Booting the disk gave me several quick and simple booth options to choose from that seemed familiar enough, including FreeBSD's ever famous startup boot menu. After that it loaded into a simple boot screen that told you the system was loading, but gave you no progress indicators or hints how it was doing or if and when it might be done.

Now as for the boot speed, I know that live cd's are supposed to take a while to load, but not 4 ½ minutes!! In 4 ½ minutes I could have already been racking up a body count in open arena, or doing some diagnostic testing instead of waiting for this thing to boot.

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