

Fedora 11 Leonidas bleeds

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Hardly ever has a Linux distribution raised such a mixed feelings as the Fedora has done for us. On the other hand it represents the most up-to-date software and has some cool innovations, and is backed by one of the biggest Linux contributors - RedHat. However, the out-of-the-box experience of Fedora is far behind the other leading desktop distributions (Ubuntu, openSUSE, Mandriva..) which leaves me wondering that who is this Linux distro for? We decided to give the Fedora 11 'Leonidas' a whirl and try to find out.

The initial impression of Fedora is very good - the new Plymouth boot scheme loads the system up very quickly, and without any flickering or unnecessary 'geek talk' shown on the screen. Instead there is a simplistic animation of the Fedora logo which greets you prior to the login screen - this gives a nice touch to the distribution. The post-boot visuals are not bad either, and Fedora comes with a pleasant dark blue tone and is one of the better looking desktops on the Linux market.

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