

Xfce: New Life For Old Hardware

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Not all that long ago I wrote about KDE4 and how impressed I was. I'm not retracting those thoughts. I still feel the same way, and think KDE4 represents a solid step forward for the desktop environment running on X.

However, my time on X is relegated to my secondary computer, a dual 1.46GHz pentium 4 laptop with only 1 Gb of ram. My growing sentiment about running KDE4 on that laptop is that the experience is rather, well, pokey.

The first thought in my head was Haiku. I've been playing with Haiku on VirtualBox lately, and it's the definition of snappy, just like BeOS was before it. However, Haiku is only available as a virtual machine hard drive image. I also didn't want to ditch Mandriva. I didn't really have any interest in running just a window manager. So, I had three ideas in mind: Xfce, LXDE and ROX Desktop.

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