

Lubuntu: Not Just for Lusers

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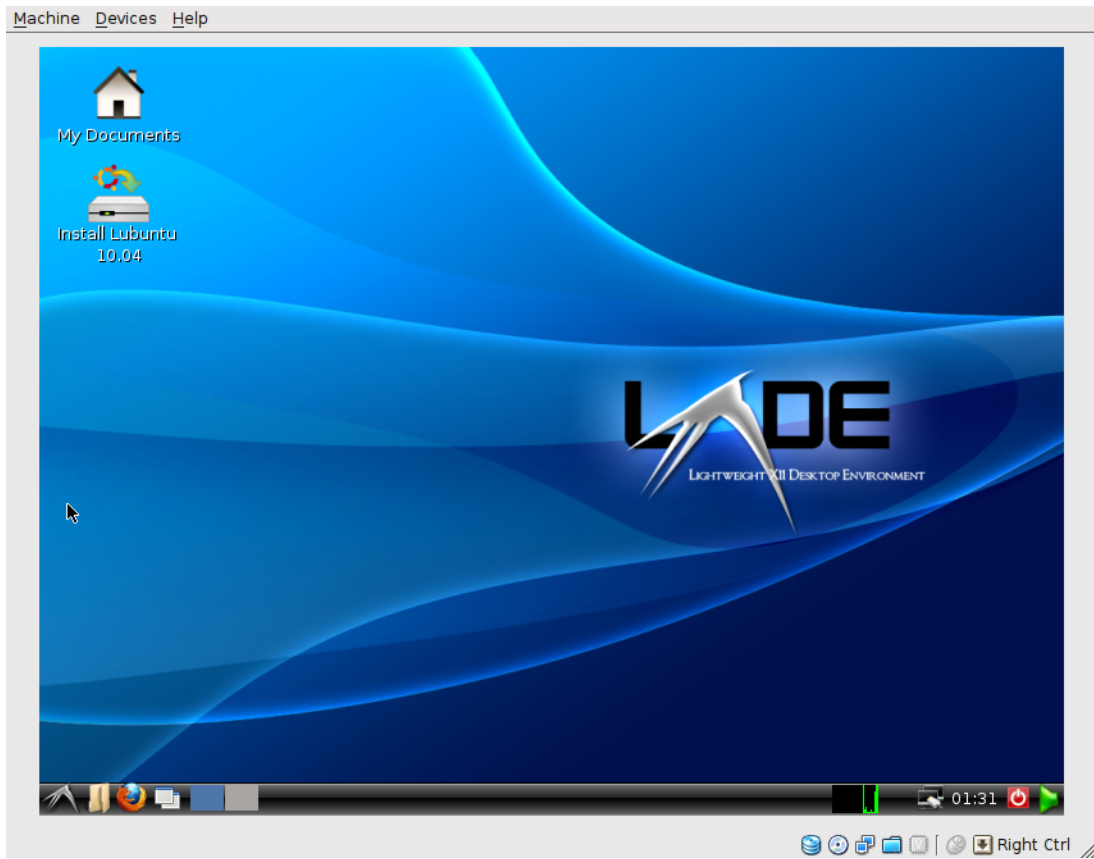
For a long time, the Ubuntu family has had three members?Ubuntu, Kubuntu and Xubuntu (sorry Edubuntu; we?re not counting you). But that may change, with a new project, Lubuntu, vying for official endorsement by Canonical. Here?s a look at Lubuntu, and thoughts on what its future may hold.

The Lubuntu project, which was established a year ago as a community endeavor, aims to create a lightweight Linux distribution based on Ubuntu. Towards this end, it uses the LXDE desktop environment in combination with the Openbox window manager to keep the demand on system resources low.

Testing Lubuntu

Hoping to see for myself what Lubuntu was all about, I downloaded a recently released live image of the distribution, based on Lucid Lynx alpha 2, and booted it up in VirtualBox.

Once I got past a buggy boot?which was to be expected, since Lucid Lynx remains far from stable?I was presented with a clean desktop and a relatively attractive interface, given the low hardware requirements that the Lubuntu developers are working with. Here?s a look:



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