

# 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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