

MeeGo Netbook Performance: It's Beating Ubuntu & Co

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The last time we ran a performance comparison of different Linux distributions on netbooks was in late November, but now we have a new set of Linux distributions out there, so we have carried out a new comparison. In particular, we are looking closely at how the MeeGo distribution -- is performing now that it has reached version 1.0. Also in the testing mix are Ubuntu Netbook Remix 10.04 LTS, Moblin 2.1, and Fedora 13.

The MeeGo operating system as a joint project between Intel and Nokia was announced back in February. An initial test release was made available in early April, but yesterday's MeeGo 1.0 release is the first where they are providing a stable netbook version. MeeGo 1.1 that is being targeted for release later this year will offer compatibility with touch-based devices like tablets and mobile Internet devices. An ARM variant is being worked on, but this initial netbook version is targeting Intel Atom processors, similar to the Moblin releases. MeeGo isn't just a standard Linux stack with a user-interface designed for small screens nor is it just a Qt-ified version of Moblin, but many changes have been going into this operating system, including the use of Btrfs by default and Google's Chrome / Chromium web-browser.

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