

GNOME 3 Beta: Ever So Slightly More Than a Pretty Face

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Innovation time on the Linux desktop is right around the corner. GNOME.org is set to release the much-awaited GNOME 3 desktop sometime next month.

I am always looking to play with new Linux stuff. So I put the GNOME 3 beta release to work on my test rig a few weeks ago. The GNOME 3 Beta version 2.91.90 worked so well that I installed it on all of my computers so I can work with it no matter where I am or what system I use.

While I was generally pleased with my test drives of GNOME 3, the more I use it the more I realize that it will definitely create some ill will. Pretty much everything you know in GNOME 2 is different in GNOME 3. Despite the obvious improvements in the new desktop shell, GNOME 3 still needs too many mouse clicks to move around open applications and stored files. That is especially true when I move among the four virtual workspaces with multiple files open in each one.

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