

Bodhi Linux review

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It seems that as yet there is no agreed upon acronym for Ubuntu-based Linux distributions ? Yet Another Ubuntu Derivative (YUAD), perhaps?* Along with the 'regular' Ubuntu-derived distros ? Kubuntu and Xubuntu, for example ? you can get all manner of niche distros (Satanic Edition, anyone?)

Bodhi Linux, version 1.0 of which was released in late March, is somewhat different to most YUADs: It uses Enlightenment 17 to provide a desktop environment.

The distribution also has a philosophy at odds with many desktop-focussed distros. It provides a minimalist installation that will appeal to people who like to endlessly tinker with their desktop setups. The creators state that they believe in "User Choice, so we don't give you three pre-installed mail clients to choose from. It does not mean that there is every browser possible at the click of a button.

"What it does mean is that we have our own repositories and these are accessible via the apt-get command line, GUI package manager or better still our on line software store."

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