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Gentoo is a very cool distro, but because it didn't have an equally cool installer, a lot of Linux users kept their distance from it. Yesterday things changed, as Gentoo announced the release of Gentoo Linux 2006.0 which comes with a graphical installer. As soon as I heard this news, I downloaded the LiveCD ISO image that includes the new installer.

I must say that a lot of improvements are brought by this version, but they all fade away when you think of the new installer. Some highlights are KDE 3.4.3, GNOME 2.12.2, XFCE 4.2.2, GCC 3.4.4 and the latest 2.6.15 kernel. I don't know why the developers didn't include KDE 3.5.1 and GCC 4 but I hope that in a future release they will be available alongside the new GNOME 2.14 that will be released in a couple of weeks. That's going to be a happy day for me! But, let's get back to our original subject!

The Installer

I downloaded, burned and booted into Gentoo Linux 2006.0. First thing I noticed after Gnome loaded was an icon a little out of order. It was the icon of the front-end used by the installer.

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