

# A Quick Tour Of Oracle Solaris 11

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Solaris 11 was released on Wednesday as the first major update to the former Sun operating system in seven years. A lot has changed in the Solaris stack in the past seven years, and OpenSolaris has come and gone in that time, but in this article is a brief look through the brand new Oracle Solaris 11 release.

Oracle Solaris 11 is available for download from Oracle's web-site. It is freely available for non-commercial use, etc, while others will need Oracle licenses to use it in a production capacity. Oracle advertises Solaris 11 as being the "first cloud OS" and the "first fully virtualized operating system." Solaris 11 is available for x86/x64 and SPARC architectures. There is the traditional text installer for Solaris, but the x86/x86\_64 build does have the live mode with graphical installer that came about during the OpenSolaris days with Project Indiana, Caiman, etc.

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