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Pear OS is a new Linux desktop distribution based on Ubuntu. Development started in early August 2011, and Pear OS 1.0, the first version marked "stable," was released on August 15 2011. The newest release is Pear OS Linux Panther 3.

I tend not to pay too much attention to Ubuntu-based distributions especially when there is no feature or features that truly distinguishes them from their parent distribution, but Pear OS appears to be different. In fact, it looks to be better than any other Ubuntu-based distribution. Perhaps even better than Ubuntu itself.

But that is only my initial assessment. I am still digging into the distribution, prepping for a detailed review. So, while the review is in progress,

[here are a few screen shots](#) [2]

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