A Year Into Linux Mint Debian Edition

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I installed Linux Mint Debian about a year ago after getting frustrated with problems I was having with another distro I had installed on a particular often used computer.

I have always been a Debian fan and had planned on just installing a vanilla Debian desktop on this machine with my own customizations. I recalled then that Mint was getting their direct Debian based version going. I have really liked the "Mint treatment" in terms of user interface and end experience functionality, I just can't stand ubuntu because of the horrible things they do to security in the name of "user friendliness".

So okay, I like Mint and I love Debian, might as well give it a shot.

The install was good and the general round of tweaking I do to make it my own went reasonably well. There's no doubt that Debian is under the hood.

Fast forward to now and I still like LMDE. Is it Linux perfection? eh, it can be improved on, but then again, what distro is ever perfect?

I have to say, overall, I think I'll keep it on this machine. I've installed it on some other computers, desktops, laptops, etc.. and it always performed generally the way I think a Linux distro should.

Not to long ago, they started mirroring the Debian testing repo, but by bringing over only the apps that the Mint folks have found to be largely stable, most if not all of the kinks worked out. So, it's Debian, but, it's Mint approved Debian.

I can see the rationale behind that move. It helps Mint be more in control of the end user experience. At the same time, something in me just thinks it a mutant form of censorship or something.I dunno, probably just my over active imagination.

At the end of the day, not only do I still like LMDE, I still recommend it to others. I find it to be a very friendly Debian desktop distro indeed.

P.S. I need to point out that I haven't really been using LMDE for a year. I was making an "in-joke" to a couple other folks with the idea of a "year" of LMDE with this post. I have really been using LMDE for about 5 months going on 6 months now. In regard to the rest of the post, it is all true.

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