

Gentoo 12.1 Install Wizard: Real or Joke

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Gentoo released 12.1 on April Fool's Day. I included it in my jokes roundup. But the Gentoo announcement has added a message to users and jokesters: The installer is real.

I said in that post that the best jokes are the ones you almost believe. But perhaps that wasn't quite accurate. Maybe the most crafty of all are those that are real but seem like a joke. That's the sum of the Gentoo installer. Every time Gentoo tried to include an installer, it turned into a big ole mess.

However, Gentoo claims they do indeed have a new "feature when the date happens to be April 1st: The most intelligent Gentoo Install Wizard yet!" I downloaded Gentoo 12.1 immediately upon hearing of its release, but I also saw a couple of folks say they couldn't find any installer. But the cryptic message did include these little caveats: make sure the date is April 1 and a Linux-supported webcam plugged in.

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