

Ubuntu 12.10 Quantal Quetzal Beta 1 Review

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The beta version of the next Ubuntu release ? 12.10 Quantal Quetzal ? is now available for testing. There are several new and interesting features added and whether you like it or not, the Unity desktop is here to stay and it is getting better with each release. Let check it out.

The first thing you will notice while downloading the LiveCD is that the file size of the ISO file no longer fits into a normal CD. The actual file size is about 750MB, which exceeds the usual 700MB limitation of a CD. In the past, the Canonical team had to remove and compact plenty of packages to keep the file size under 700MB. With plenty of improvement added to this release and with the growth of file size for each app, it is becoming more and more difficult to keep everything under 700MB. The decision is that from this release onward, the CD filesize limitation will be scraped (who still use CD nowadays?). This doesn't affect the USB bootup disk, and in fact, it is the recommended way to create a LiveCD. If you really need it in a CD format, you can still use a DVD instead of a CD, though I think it will also get obsolete very very soon.

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