

# GNOME 3.6 Review ? Against the Grain

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The release of GNOME 3 was just over 18 months ago, and it's been an interesting time to say the least for the desktop environment and its users. With complaints centring around usability and the abandoning of the traditional desktop metaphor, the GNOME project says it's taking this user feedback to heart, returning oft requested features such as the power button on the user bar in the brand new GNOME 3.6.

There are things that GNOME 3 does do well though ? and 3.6 carries on this tradition. Keyboard navigation is pretty great, allowing you to press whatever your equivalent of a Windows Key is and search for documents and applications ? this is very responsive, and if you know what you're looking for you can access apps faster than before. Notifications have always been good as well, and there have been a few updates to allow for multiple events, easier dismissal of boxes, and they only show up important notifications when doing something full screen. We even quite like the dynamic workspace, creating new virtual desktops as you start using another.

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