

# 2012 Desktop Shootout

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I've been wanting to do a feature for a while about popular desktops and their startup speed vs resource consumption, but I've been so busy with fixing bugs that I had no time. Now that most of the bugs have been fixed, however, I have plenty of time for benchmarking. The following environments were tested using their Ubuntu packages:

- \* KDE Plasma (4.8.5)
- \* GNOME Shell (3.4.1)
- \* XFCE (4.8.0.3)
- \* Unity (5.16.0)
- \* Unity 2D (5.12.0)

My testing procedure was not 100% scientific or perfect, but the process went as follows:

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