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This spring, something extraordinary happened. I liked Xubuntu. For the first time ever, it felt like more than just an amateur spin. It was fast, elegant, stylish, and rather useful, offering a viable alternative work environment to those disliking either Gnome 3 or Unity.

This autumn, I will see whether the latest release, Quantal Quetzal, when matched to the Xfce desktop, can achieve the same level of nice. Now, this is quite crucial, given how bad Ubuntu 12.10 is, especially on high-end hardware. In fact, it may come down to just not having any other choice, because Quetzal might not work for you in its standard flavor. Anyhow, please follow me for a mousy spin.

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