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Variety and choice have long been hallmarks of the Linux world, not least because new distributions emerge practically every day. Here are six compelling new Linux distros that were born in 2012.

1. SolusOS

Aiming to offer a fresh alternative to the mobile-inspired environments that increasingly dominate the desktop landscape, SolusOS is a beginner-friendly Debian-based distro that features a GNOME 3 fork designed to look and behave just like the old familiar GNOME 2 so many of us have come to know and love.

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