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Welcome to this year's final issue of DistroWatch Weekly! Perhaps the biggest talking point of the year, at least among Linux fans, was the controversial Unity desktop as promoted by Ubuntu. Although, as expected, the vocal critics have dominated the forums and online blogs, it's quite possible that most Ubuntu users simply adjusted their desktop user's habits and continue focusing on their computing tasks without thinking too much about the user interface. So Unity really as bad as many claim? Jesse Smith went to investigate and came back with some interesting conclusions. In the news section, FreeBSD developers develop new virtualisation features for version 10, Linux Mint continues to dominate online polls, surveys and contests as the best Linux distro of 2012, and Free Software Foundation distributes copies of Trisquel GNU/Linux in Microsoft stores. Also in this issue, a review of Puppy Linux 5.4 "Slacko", an introduction to SparkyLinux, and the usual regular sections. As this is the last issue of this calendar year, we'd like to take this opportunity and wish all our readers happy festive season and an excellent start of the year 2013! Happy reading!

Content:

Feature: Unity, what a concept!

Reviews: First look at Puppy Linux 5.4 "Slacko"

News: FreeBSD talks virtualisation, Linux Mint wins "best distro" awards, FSF hypes Trisquel as best Windows alternative

Released last week: Linux Mint 14 "KDE" and "Xfce", PC-BSD 9.1, Netrunner 12.12

Upcoming releases: NetBSD 6.0.1

New additions: SparkyLinux

New distributions: Broletto GNU/Linux, ESCLinux, mateu

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