

Manjaro 0.8.3 KDE: Simply getting better

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I reviewed the last two releases of Manjaro Linux (0.8 and 0.8.2) earlier this year and was quite impressed by the last release. There were some glitches of course, like high RAM usage, in spite of being based on Arch Linux. But Manjaro has its own advantages as well like rolling release. To be honest, I wasn't using using Manjaro on a regular basis - relying more on Linux Mint and Archbang for productivity purposes. Hence, when the new updated release of Manjaro (0.8.3) came out, I had to do a fresh install to try it out. Manjaro 0.8.3 has now Cinnamon, Mate, KDE and XFCE versions - Gnome is left out for obvious reasons. Both 32 and 64 bit ISOs are available for download.

KDE is now a days my favorite desktop environment, after getting a bit fed up with Gnome. Given the updated release of Manjaro has KDE 4.9.4, I downloaded it first, though I guess Manjaro XFCE is the most popular one. The 32-bit KDE ISO is about 1.6 GB is size, almost same as Manjaro 0.8.2 KDE. I did a live-boot on the following three systems:

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