

# 5 Linux Distros You Should Watch Out For in 2013

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As we welcome in a new year that many are saying will finally be "the year of the Linux desktop," we want to take a look at some of the up-and-coming Linux distros for 2013.

## 1. ROSA

Desktop Environment(s): KDE

DistroWatch Rank (last 30 days): 14

Version Tested: ROSA Desktop Fresh 2012

While the commercially driven Mandriva has been struggling over the past few years, two new Mandriva-based distros have been on the rise. ROSA is one of them. It is a general-purpose distro from Russia that uses a customized take on KDE and many other modifications to improve the end-user experience. It is becoming known for both its "Desktop Fresh" edition and its server edition, ROSA Enterprise Linux Server, which is based on Red Hat rather than Mandriva.

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