

Fedora 17 Xfce Spin Review - eXtremely eXcellent

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After the pleasant experience of running the Fedora 17 LXDE spin, I decided to give the Xfce Fedora 17 Beefy Miracle spin a try considering that the next iteration of Fedora was yet again delayed (which is not a big deal since 17 is an excellent release). Unlike Qt and the Enlightenment desktop, Xfce gets plenty of coverage on the Internet. Linus Torvalds somewhat endorsed Xfce after the Gnome 3 debacle in 2011 and the awesome hosts of The Linux Action Show agreed that Xfce was a desktop environment worthy of Gnome 2 fans back in May 2012. Xfce is strongly supported by the majority of Linux distributions. I must admit my favoritism towards LXDE, the other lightweight desktop environment, stems from my poor experience trying out a Mandriva 2010 Xfce spin and Xubuntu a few years back. So it's time to give the popular desktop another chance with Fedora on the backend.

Packs a punch for a "Lightweight"

I remember reading blogs a few years back about how Xfce had become as bloated as Gnome 2 and was no longer really a lightweight desktop environment. The discussion is somewhat irrelevant now considering the power of mainstream laptops. What I did find surprising about the Xfce spin was that it was fully-equipped with applications such as Remmina Remote Desktop Client, Catfish search, Geany (a lightweight IDE), and Red Hat's System Config Firewall (GUI).

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