

Linux distro spotlight: Mageia

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For a Linux distribution only a little over two years old, the uptake of Mageia has been impressive, with the distro now regularly being found Distrowatch's top five distros, along with heavyweights such as Fedora, Ubuntu and Mint.

However, although the distribution only launched in September 2010, it wasn't an entirely new project. Its core developers, and many of its early users, were drawn from Mandriva Linux (née Mandrake Linux) after Mandriva subsidiary Edge IT was liquidated, leaving many of the people who had worked on the Linux distribution out of a job.

"Most employees working on the distribution were laid off when Edge-IT was liquidated. We do not trust the plans of Mandriva SA anymore and we don't think the company (or any company) is a safe host for such a project... People working on it just do not want to be dependent on the economic fluctuations and erratic, unexplained strategic moves of the company."

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