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Welcome to this year's 8th issue of DistroWatch Weekly! Chakra GNU/Linux is, without doubt, one of the best KDE-centric distributions available today. Always up-to-date and, unlike many other projects these days, focusing strictly on one desktop only, Chakra has matured to the point that it can be recommended to even a novice Linux user. So is the distribution's latest release featuring the brand-new KDE 4.10 the best ever?

In the news section, Ubuntu leader responds to concerns and criticisms over the distribution's privacy (or lack thereof) issues, Mageia finally fixes a long-standing kernel upgrade bug, PC-BSD rolls out its first-ever release with a rolling-release update model, and FreeBSD developer compares FreeNAS with NAS4Free in search for a perfect BSD-based Network-Attached Storage (NAS) solution. Also in this issue, a link to a Linux distro guide by The Register, a review of "The Book of GIMP" from No Starch Press, and the usual regular sections including a summary of last week's distribution releases. Happy reading!

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