

Ubuntu 13.04: What's New, What's Not

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Ubuntu 13.04 ("Raring Ringtail") is nearly here. Ah, April: Cruel though it may be, it's the month where spring finally comes to stay, and I get my tax return. Even better, it marks Canonical's unveiling of Ubuntu 13.04. And with the final beta release now out, it's time to take stock of what the latest and greatest iteration of Ubuntu has in store.

In many ways, the Ubuntu that Canonical will officially release on April 25 (when 13.04 will become "stable") barely resembles the versions of the popular Linux-based desktop, server and cloud operating system that it put out just a few years ago. Ubuntu now has a new interface, Unity, and a much broader hardware footprint as Canonical seeks to "converge" its ecosystem across PCs, servers, tablets, smartphones and even TVs.

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