

Review: Xubuntu 13.04

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Xubuntu is a derivative of Ubuntu Linux that uses the Xfce desktop environment for the user interface. It is one of the official derivatives of Ubuntu Linux. The intent is for Xubuntu to be easy to use while being attractive and light on system resources.

For this review I tested the 32 bit Live environment as well as the 32 bit version installed to the hard drive of my MSI Wind netbook. I also briefly tested the 64 bit version inside a VirtualBox virtual machine on my desktop. Download time for the 789 MB iso file was about 25 minutes for me over Bittorrent.

Live Environment and Installation

After downloading the Live DVD image I created a bootable USB drive with it in order to boot my netbook. Booting to my Live USB I was greeted with a fairly clean desktop that included an icon to install Xubuntu to my hard drive as well as icons to mount my available hard drive partitions. After spending a short time checking out the Live environment and performing some basic tasks I decided to go ahead and install Xubuntu to my hard drive.

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