

Review: SolydXK 2013.04.06

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What is SolydXK? Debian-based Linux Mint never had a KDE edition, so SolydK was born out of the unofficial project featuring KDE in Debian-based Linux Mint. Then, Linux Mint pushed its Xfce edition back to an Ubuntu base, necessitating the emergence of SolydX. Together they form SolydXK, based on Debian Testing but with update packs, just as Debian-based Linux Mint is.

I tried SolydXK on separate partitions of a live USB with UnetBootin, as MultiSystem did not recognize SolydXK (and that's why I was having trouble doing this review before final exams). Follow the jump to see what they are like.

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After getting past the boot menu, I was greeted by a pleasant grayish-blue boot splash featuring the SolydK branding above a progress bar. The same thing was used for the KDE splash screen leading into the desktop, which is fairly standard for KDE, so I won't go into that too much. I will just say that the background, which is similar to the boot/KDE splash screens, is pretty nice, but the KDE Plasma theme needs to change because white text on a light-colored background is really hard to read.

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