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Welcome to this year's 43rd issue of DistroWatch Weekly! Open source software comes in many different forms, representing various styles and ideals. This week we aim to celebrate the diversity of the open-source ecosystem by looking at projects and technologies that have a wide range of goals and varying target audiences. First up is a review of the PC-BSD operating system. The PC-BSD project is one of the few BSDs to specifically target desktop users and Jesse Smith took the latest release for a spin to find out how it performs.

In this issue of DistroWatch Weekly we will also weigh the pros and cons of upgrading an existing installation to a new version of our operating system and talk about a new firewall technology coming to the Linux kernel. The openSUSE project has some exciting new features coming up in their 13.1 release and is looking for beta testers, read on to find out what the community project is preparing to launch and how you can help test it! In addition, we link to an article which discusses the availability of computers that ship with Linux pre-installed. If you want to avoid the hassle of working around Secure Boot or wish to skip the installation process, this article will help you find the best ready-made solution. As usual, we cover distribution releases from the past week and look forward to exciting new developments. We wish you all a wonderful week and happy reading!

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