

openSUSE 13.1: What's New in the Latest Linux Distribution

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The openSUSE 13.1 Linux distribution officially became generally available Nov. 19, providing users of the open-source software with a number of new features. openSUSE is SUSE's community Linux project that then feeds into development of the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server release. At the core of openSUSE 13.1 is the Linux 3.11 kernel that was first released by Linux creator Linus Torvalds in September. The Linux 3.11 kernel improves performance and expands support for the ARM system architecture, which is now also supported by openSUSE. For server and cloud users, the new release includes the latest OpenStack Havana platform that first debuted at the end of October. For desktop users, openSUSE provides the KDE 4.11 Plasma desktop as the default choice, though there are options that users can choose, including the GNOME 3.10 desktop. Among the default applications included in openSUSE 13.1 are the latest Firefox browser, the LibreOffice office suite and the Amarok music player. For KDE users, the release includes the latest Kontact Personal Information Manager suite of mail, calendar and contact capabilities. In this slide show, eWEEK takes a look at some of the new features in openSUSE 13.1.

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