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INTRODUCTION

tr's hard to believe that Ubuntu is now three years old and been through several versions already. First released in October 2004 by Canonical Limited, and originally called no-name-yet.com (which still works incidentally), Ubuntu is a fork of the decade old Debian GNU/Linux. The name, Ubuntu, comes from the Zulu and Xhosa concept of ubuntu which means 'I am what I am because of who we all are' which becomes 'Linux for Human Beings' — Ubuntu's slogan. For a window manager, Ubuntu used Gnome and, like Gnome, Ubuntu promised new versions every six months - something no other Linux distribution would promise, even today.

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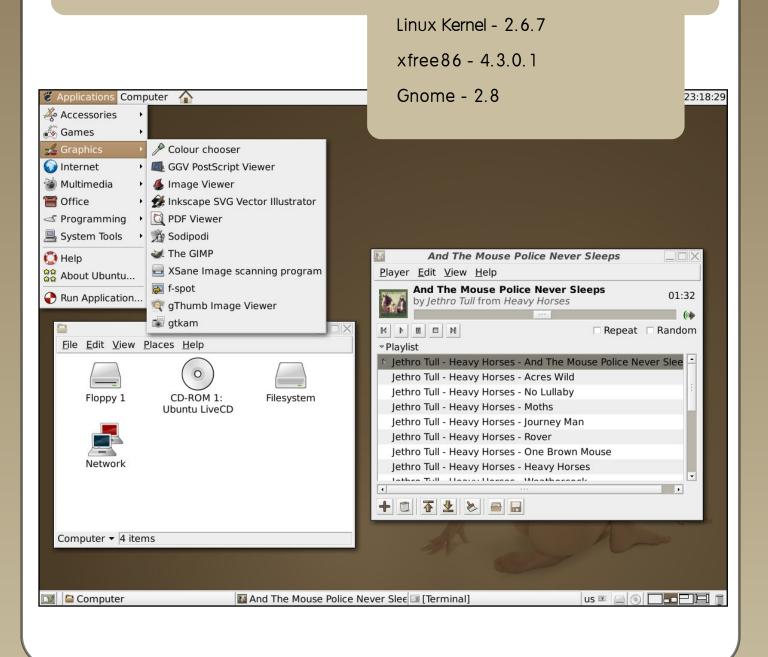


WARTY WARTHOG

October 2004

4.10 - Warty Warthog

First came the Warty Warthog, so called since it would have to be released 'warts and all'. Why start with a version four? The four symbolises the year in which it was released; 2004, October 2004 to be exact. The desktop was rather dark in colour, its orange and brown to symbolise the South African tribes. One respect in which Ubuntu lead from the start was with the LiveCD. This LiveCD would allow potential users to try Ubuntu without installing it, something no other Linux distribution was offering.

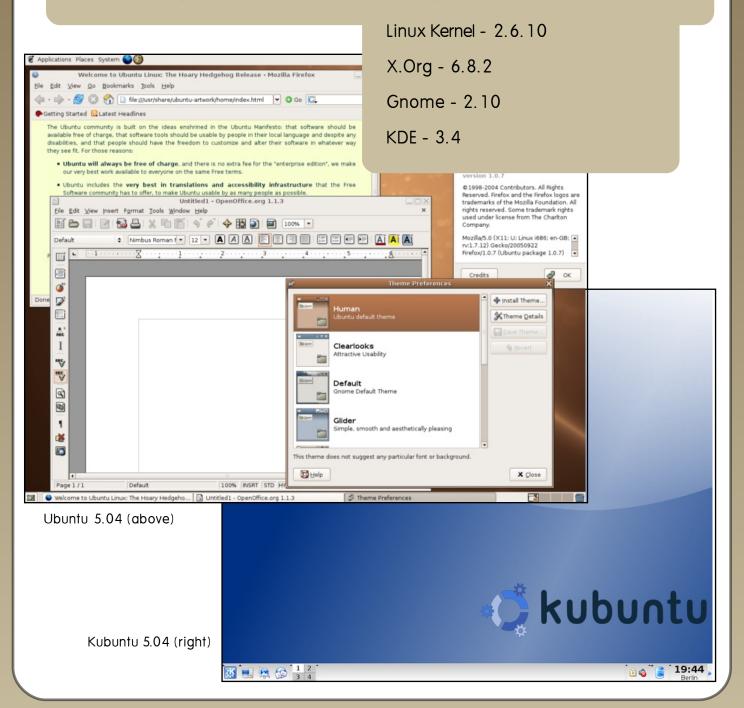


HOARY HEDGEHOG

April 2005

5.04 - Hoary Hedgehog

Six months later, as promised, came the Hoary Hedgehog. The desktop colours were changed slightly but it was still quite dark by todays standards. The Live CD was improved and extended to include LiveCD's for 64-bit and Power PC's. By April 2005, Ubuntu had matured and given birth to a new distribution called Kubuntu, this was built upon the Ubuntu foundation but instead of using Gnome for its window management, Kubuntu used KDE.



BREEZY BADGER

Oct 2005

5.10 - Breezy Badger

Ubuntu was, by now, gaining wide acceptance within the Linux community. With Breezy came the birth of Edubuntu, a third Linux distribution aimed squarely at the educational establishments. There also came server support for Ubuntu. Not to be outdone, the Kubuntu distribution replaced Kynaptic (package manager) with Adept and became first to use devtags for easier searching within Adept for applications. Also added was KDE Bluetooth.

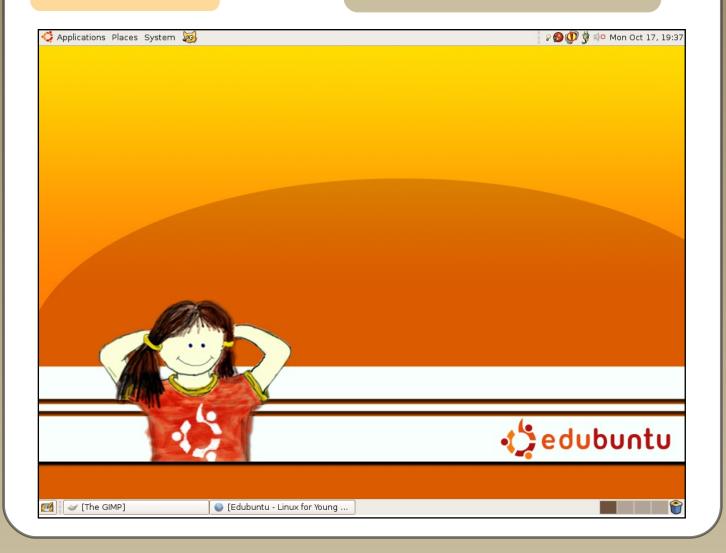
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X.Org - 6.8.2

Gnome - 2.12.1

KDE - 3.5.2

Edubuntu 5.10 (below)

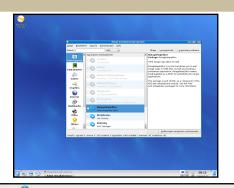


DAPPER DRAKE

June 2006

6.06 - Dapper Drake

Dapper became the first release to slip from the half yearly time frame. April came and went with no release due to Mark Shuttleworth (Ubuntu founder) giving additional development time. This was also the first release to add LTS — Long Term Support — to Ubuntu. The desktop releases were given three years support and the server editions five years. Another first; the LiveCD doubled up as the installer CD. While in the LiveCD they could click on the installer icon and easily install Ubuntu. Not only could users install Ubuntu to their hard drives but with Dapper they could install Ubuntu to a USB device. Other improvements to the core included a faster startup time, a graphical shutdown, a new upgrade tool and better video playback. Networking had always been tricky to setup but the new Network Manager made things somewhat easier. Installed now by default was OpenOffice 2.0.2. As if all that wasn't enough, the family grew once again. Rather than use Gnome or KDE, Xubuntu used the Xfce window manager. Light on resources Xubuntu was perfectly suited to older desktop or laptop machines.



Linux 2.6.15

X.Org 7.0

Gnome 2.14

KDE 3.5.4

Xfce 4.3.90.1





Kubuntu 6.06 (above left)

Ubuntu 6.06 (above)

Xubuntu 6.06 (left)

EDGY EFT

Oct 2006

6.10 - Edgy Eft

With a faster startup and shut down and integration of TomBoy and F-spot, Ubuntu Edgy became a small stepping stone between Edgy and the upcoming Feisty Fawn 7.04. Artwork within Ubuntu became lighter and more pleasant on the eye. Kubuntu added photo management software; digiKam, redesigned their System Settings panel and improved their laptop buttons and power management support.





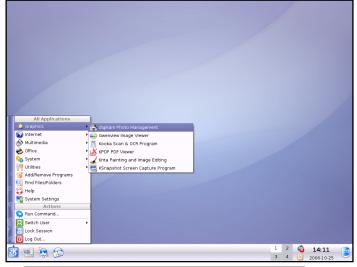
Linux 2.6.17

X.Org 7.1

Gnome 2.16

KDE 3.5.5

Xfce 4.3.99 RC1



Ubuntu 6.10 (above left), Kubuntu 6.10 (above), Xubuntu 6.10 (left)

Ubuntu is — to this day - funded by Mark Shuttleworth through Canonical Limited. In 2005 Canonical announced the creation of the Ubuntu Foundation. The US\$10 million foundation is to ensure the continuation of Ubuntu should Canonical end involvement. So here's to many more years of Ubuntu!