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Getting Your Ubuntu Box Safely Up To Speed

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As a long-time fan of SuSE Linux, I somehow managed to miss the Ubuntu bandwagon. Now I know what I was missing. I recently replaced SuSE 10.1 with Ubuntu 6.06, also known as Dapper Drake, on my main PC in a matter of minutes, and am now enjoying a clean, feature-rich computing environment that is easy to configure and just works.

It was such a nice change, I began to wonder how well Ubuntu would run on some of my older PCs. Alas, the resulting installations were a little slow, and in one case installation failed completely. But a little research turned up tricks to get Ubuntu sprinting even on antiquated systems. Here are a few basic things I did to adapt Dapper Drake to old hardware.

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Get the alternate CD: To install Ubuntu, you must first download the live-CD version from one of the mirror sites listed on Ubuntu's page (www.ubuntu.com/download) and burn it; you then boot your PC with the disc, and install. However, PCs with less than 192MB of RAM may not be able to boot with the standard CD, so you'll need to download the alternate install CD (lower down on the same mirror page).

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