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Well, after an egregiously long time, I seem to have finally finished installing Xubuntu 7.04 on the World's Ugliest Laptop, and the results are ? well, I'll let you judge.

Installation time was absolutely horrific. I started around 7 a.m. and the first attempt hung at package configuration. A second attempt seemed to be running at about a third of the proper speed, with the kernel installation sitting for a half an hour alone. I don't know how or why the machine was so hesitant to get the job done; perhaps it was performance anxiety.

In the end, I decided to use the standard Ubuntu alternate CD to install a minimal desktop.

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