

Puppy Linux 4.0 on a Dell Inspiron 1150 Review

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I got a chance to check out the latest Puppy release this week. Puppy Linux is a small Linux distribution (roughly 87 megabytes) that runs off of CD. It is ideal for running on older hardware or for people who just want a lean system. A couple years ago I put Puppy on a Pentium II 233 Mhz computer with 64 megabytes of RAM. I wiped Windows 98 off the 4 gigabyte hard drive and donated the computer to Goodwill. I was sad to see the system go after the Puppy install. The system ran better than it ever had. Not to mention the fact that it was far more secure.

This week I booted the Puppy 4.0 ?Dingo? CD on my trusty Dell Inspiron 1150 notebook. The system has a Pentium 4 2.4 Ghz Celeron, 1 gig of memory, and a 80 gigabyte hard drive.

First off, everything works on the notebook out of the box. I was able to select 1024×768 resolution and X Server started with no problems. My Synaptics touchpad was working with no glitches. I had problems with this touchpad when I installed Puppy 2.14 on this system so I am glad they resolved the problem with Puppy 4.0. My Ethernet adapter was picked up using the b44 module.

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