

Mandriva Linux 2006 Powerpack

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It's not often that you see a desktop operating system aimed at power users. Usually an experienced user is expected to build the operating system from the command line ala FreeBSD, Gentoo, Debian, Slackware, or Linux From Scratch; or to spend hours customizing one of the totally GUI-controlled distros like SUSE or Xandros. Either of those options can take hours of research, config file hacking, and software downloading and installing. Mandriva Linux PowerPack Edition is quite a departure from both of those scenarios -- it allows the experienced user to easily make the OS into exactly what he wants without all the extra "new user" stuff.

Mandriva Linux (formerly known as Mandrake Linux) is a desktop operating system aimed primarily at experienced computer users and software developers. The default desktop is KDE, and a careful selection of default desktop software components have been selected: Firefox 1.06 (with the Java, Flash, and Adobe PDF plugins), Evolution 2., The GIMP, OpenOffice.org 2.0, AmaroK, and dozens of other programs. Above and beyond the defaults, you can choose from almost 4000 more programs in the Mandriva package database.

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