

OpenSolaris 2009.06

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Occasionally I get an interesting, off-the-beaten-path suggestion on the Request A Review page. This time around somebody suggested doing a review of OpenSolaris. Why do a review of OpenSolaris? Well why the heck not? It's always fun to check out a different kind of desktop operating system. Sometimes you can find an unexpected jewel when you least expect it. Is OpenSolaris a jewel? I'll try to answer that question in this review.

What's New In This Release

Here's a sample of the new stuff in OpenSolaris 2009.06:

Time Slider Snapshot Management (take snapshots of your home directory)

Codeina (install additional media plug-ins)

Elisa (free and open source media center)

Time Tracker (panel application that lets you keep track of your time)

IPS Improvements (reduction in memory use, fat packages)

Package Manager Improvements (better start-up performance and user experience)

Better Hardware Support (SPARC, Nehalem)

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