

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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