

# Haiku OS Makes Way With Second Alpha

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Eight months after releasing the first alpha of the desktop, open source, operating system, the developers have released R1/Alpha 2 of Haiku, the successor to BeOS.

A number of changes have been made since the first alpha: Wi-Fi support, although so far only with WEP encryption, a custom, WebKit-based web browser called WebPositiv, internationalisation support, an updated version 4 of the Bash shell, Message Signalled Interrupts, further POSIX compliance fixes and ACPI support by default. The new version is also said to offer improved performance, especially when accessing USB mass storage devices.

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