

# Impressions ? HaikuOS R1 Alpha 2

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HaikuOS has been in development for so long though that the R2 Alpha1 release is fairly stable and represents a major milestone. Let's see what I discovered?

## First Impressions

HaikuOS is? different. Installation is a bit more involved for the user than with other operating systems. You set up Haiku partitions a bit differently than with Linux or BSD, and once that is done you can install Haiku.

The desktop, while nicely minimalistic, is a bit devoid of any noticeable features. No panels (taskbars) or anything. The top-right corner features a little notification area that features a clock and tracker, that keeps track of open windows and programs. It does not lend itself to a very user-friendly desktop experience though.

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