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It has been a while since the pre-beta release of Symphony OS, a user-friendly distribution with a rather unusual desktop called Mezzo. Back then, the project attracted quite some attention in the media for fearlessly developing a unique approach to performing general computing tasks. Although Symphony OS was still a prototype, rather than a usable distribution, it showed much promise and many users have been eagerly awaiting for further news about its development.

Replying to impatient queries about a new release, the developers finally produced a new downloadable ISO some two weeks ago. Labelled as "build 122", I downloaded the new release to check out the progress the developers have made over the past few months. While this is essentially just another alpha release with many programs and features not working properly, the developers have now announced that a real beta will be released by the end of January, or soon afterwards.

What's new in Symphony OS, build 122?

This and many other interesting stories in this edition of [Distrowatch Weekly](#) [2].

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