

PCLinuxOS 2010.7 - Hello, Old Friend

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PCLinuxOS 2010.7 Final release has been out for a couple of months, and I have finally gotten around to loading it up again. It is, as the title of this entry says, like seeing an old friend again after a long time.

I downloaded the KDE installation, transferred to a USB stick, booted that and had it installed and running in less than 20 minutes. The installation dialog was similar to Mandriva, but not identical. (People often say that PCLinuxOS is derived from Mandriva, but that is not really true. They have a lot of common roots, and PCLinuxOS still uses a lot of the "drakxxx" utilities, but it is no longer "derived" from current Mandriva distributions.) It installed easily on all three of my most-used laptops, with the only hiccup being support for the Broadcom 4313 WiFi adapter in the Samsung. The default KDE desktop will be familiar to anyone who has used PCLinuxOS before.

[Nice colors, nice graphics, good layout... overall a pleasant desktop.](#) [2]

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