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Gentoo developers have announced the availability of their latest release, Gentoo LiveDVD 11.0. This is their first release in nearly 18 months, so it's cause for celebration. Of course it comes with the newest software and desktops and offers a few new features. But alas, it still doesn't include an installer (that I can find).

Gentoo has a long history of troubles when it comes to providing traditional install media. They tried a couple of releases, but there were issues. So, they abandoned the idea and have provided only live environments ISOs since. Those wishing to install will have to resort to the time-tested Stage 2 install. Nevertheless, the LiveDVD can give one a nice idea what you could end up using and a nice environment from which to perform an install. As a consolation prize, the live system uses AUFS which allows users to install extra software and a persistent /home option will allow saving personal settings and data.

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