

Kubuntu 11.04 Review

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The release of Ubuntu 11.04 has garnered an enormous amount of attention, mostly due to the inclusion of Unity as its default desktop environment. But, as with any new version of Ubuntu, there are alternatives available and one of the most prominent is Kubuntu. Kubuntu 11.04 is a KDE-based distro that might work well as a substitute for those who are uncomfortable with Ubuntu's Unity.

I know that there are some folks out there who are die-hard GNOME users or who might otherwise view a KDE-based distro with a suspicious eye. I urge you to give Kubuntu 11.04 a chance. As you'll find out in this review, it's turned into a pretty darn good desktop distribution. It's definitely worth a look for anyone who hasn't settled on a preferred distro or who might be questioning continuing on with his or her current choice.

Here's a sample of the new features in this release:

- Plasma & KDE Applications 4.6.2
- Samba Filesharing
- New Language Selector Module
- Printer Configuration Bug Fixes
- OwnCloud
- Phonon GStreamer Backend
- GTK Oxygen Theme
- Patience game included
- Enhanced DVD Installation
- LibreOffice is the default office suite

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