

WattOS: Is It Faster & Can Save Power Over Ubuntu?

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For some months I've been meaning to try out WattOS, an Ubuntu derivative that claims to do more than providing simple desktop theme changes and other high-level customizations. It seeks to provide a simple and fast desktop that's also said to conserve more power and run better on older hardware, but is this actually the case? Here are benchmarks of WattOS R4 compared to the upstream Ubuntu 11.04 release from which it's derived, and the numbers are quite revealing.

The tag line for WattOS is "light fast now" and just last month the developer behind this lightweight Linux distribution released WattOS R4, which is derived from Ubuntu 11.04. Its release announcement states, "wattOS R4 is released NOW! - loads of new improvements, programs, and new fun. Head over the forums for brief details. Download it NOW! wattOS is a lightweight Linux operating system remastered from the core Ubuntu Linux build. It is a free operating system that focuses on a small footprint, low power, and a simple quick interface. Bring your old computer back to life again with a fresh install of wattOS!"

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