

PCLinuxOS review

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PCLinuxOS has been around since 2003. It started off as a set of RPM packages to improve Mandrake (now Mandriva) Linux. Eventually it grew and changed and became a standalone distro in it's own right.

PCLinuxOS uses APT-RPM as it's package management system. Basically, it uses APT and Synaptic, but on RPM packages instead of DEB. It's used a variety of desktop environments in it's time, but currently (version 2011.09), KDE is the only desktop environment available officially.

Test machine

Acer Aspire 3410 laptop; Intel Celeron ULV 1.2GHz processor, 3GB RAM, 250GB HDD, integrated Intel graphics.

Installation

Once the livecd has booted, you're asked to choose a keyboard language. For the first time in a while of testing, the screen resolution on my test machine didn't automatically set it correctly to 1366×768, I had to do it manually. Not a massive deal, though.

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