

Debian 7: A So-So Distro Not Worth Switching For

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After a hiatus of more than two years, the developers of Debian last month released a major upgrade. That surely came as good news to fans of this granddaddy Linux OS, but the new Debian 7 "Wheezy" may not be worth the wait if you are happily using more popular Linux options.

I feel somewhat like a turncoat for saying that about Debian Linux -- I should be revering its 20-year-long lineage. I do respect what Debian Linux represents. Debian is the foundation for many other more modern Linux distros, including Ubuntu, Linux Mint and so many more.

Nevertheless, it is considerably less appealing as an everyday workhorse operating system. Wheezy is just about as exciting as its name is unattractive. Debian 7 by design is a bulwark of stability. However, it is not a showcase for the latest distro developments. To be kind, this latest Debian Linux release has little or no flash-bang impact under its hood.

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