

Mint with a Dash of Cinnamon

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Since switching to using Linux as my primary desktop, I'm always curious as to what options are available to me besides my default go-to distro of Ubuntu.

While Ubuntu 12.04 (the LTS version) is one of the best desktop operating systems I've ever used, I've grown less enchanted with each subsequent release since then. Part of it comes from some of the choices made by the Ubuntu team (such as the tight integration with Amazon) and I can work around most of those, but I've had numerous stability issues with Unity that didn't really exist in the older releases.

When Debian wheezy came out, I decided to give it a shot as a desktop operating system. I've used Debian as a server O/S for over a decade, but the main thing that makes it great for servers, the cautious nature of changes and inherent stability, kind of suck for the desktop. I've discussed this with Eric, who is both a Debian user and a Debian committer, and his reply is to ask if you really need to have umpteen updates to firefox, etc. I can see his point, but if I'm using, say, Gnome, having access to the latest release can have a huge impact on the user experience.

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