

First impressions of Picasa - Google's first rate Graphics suite for Linux

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Today, Google did something which would gladden the hearts of thousands of GNU/Linux users - well atleast those who are not as rigid in outlook about GPL any way. That is they finally released a version of Picasa for Linux. Picasa is a first rate graphics package rivaling even Adobe Photoshop Elements in ease of use, functionality and above all cost. Any one who has some experience in the graphics industry would be aware that Adobe sells a stripped down version of Photoshop called Photoshop elements for Windows targeted at home users. Picasa is a direct competitor of Adobes product and a worthy one too. Google has provided the installer in three formats which is a deb file for Debian and Ubuntu users, an RPM file for Red Hat users and a BIN file for rest of the Linux distributions. I downloaded the deb file from the Google's Picasa site since I run Ubuntu as my main GNU/Linux distribution. It was a 21 MB download. And the installation went quite smoothly.

Once the installation was over, I was pleasantly surprised to see the picasa link in the Gnome Menu.

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