

# KDE and Distributions: SLAX Interview

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How much do you really know about all of the various distributions that have KDE as their desktop default? With the flexibility of KDE and our applications, distributions are able to focus on different goals, target different users, and develop different personalities. Every couple of weeks, KDE Dot News will interview a distro maintainer to discuss the history of their distribution, what they are focusing on now and what their goals are in the future. We begin with we talk to Tomas Matejcek, the founder and maintainer of SLAX, a LiveCD based from Slackware.

The primary goal of SLAX is "to provide a wide collection of useful software while keeping the CD image small enough to be written to a 185MB CD medium (small 8cm CD). SLAX boots directly from the CD or USB devices and it provides a full featured Linux operating system." You can learn more about SLAX on their features page and download one of its versions and modules on their download page.

## Past

### Can you tell us about the history of your distribution?

*Tomas:* SLAX started back in 2002. It was just a test to make Slackware Linux run from CD, but when several people found it useful then I decided to start the project.

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