

Review: Xandros Server

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Long known for its desktop distribution, Xandros is now getting into the server act with the release of Xandros Server 1.0. One might wonder, what's the point of yet another server-oriented distro when the server market is already well-served? Xandros Server offers a GUI-oriented approach to system administration that should do well with admins familiar with Windows server products.

I installed Xandros Server on a couple of systems just to see how well the installer performed with different hardware; except for flaking out when it came to formatting the virtual disk in VMware Workstation, the installer handled several different hardware configurations gracefully. I did the bulk of my testing on a dual-CPU 1.0GHz Pentium III machine with 2GB of RAM and an Adaptec 29160 Ultra160 SCSI controller and a Quantum SCSI drive.

The installer is similar to the Xandros Desktop installer, which is to say it's not rocket science to install Xandros Server onto a system. Xandros uses a GUI installer that asks a short series of questions that shouldn't pose any difficulty for an average desktop user, much less a Linux or Windows admin.

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