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About

It's true! Slackware 13.37 has been released. Nearly a year in the making, you will appreciate the performance and stability that can only come with careful and rigorous testing. Slackware 13.37 uses the 2.6.37.6 Linux kernel (hence our new \$SLACKWARE_VERSION.\$KERNEL_VERSION naming system used for this release ;-), and also ships with 2.6.38.4 kernels for those who want to run the latest (and also includes configuration files for 2.6.35.12 and 2.6.39-rc4). The long-awaited Firefox 4.0 web browser is included, the X Window System has been upgraded (and includes the open source nouveau driver for nVidia cards). The venerable Slackware installer has been improved as well, with support for installing to btrfs (for those who would like to try a new copy on write filesystem), a one-package-per-line display mode option, and alienBOB's big surprise: an easy to set up PXE install server that runs right off the DVD!

More details may be found in the **official announcement** and in the **release notes**. For a complete list of included packages, see **the package list**.

Please consider supporting the Slackware project by picking up a copy of the Slackware 13.37 release from the **Slackware Store**. The discs are off to replication, but we're accepting pre-orders for the official 6 CD set and the DVD. The CD set is the 32-bit x86 release, while the DVD is a dual-sided disc with the 32-bit x86 release on one side and the 64-bit x86_64 release on the other. And, we still have T-shirts (coming soon, a limited edition 13.37

release commemorative black T-shirt with the classic Slackware logo on the front, and a "leet" LILO bootscreen on the back) and other Slackware stuff there, so have a look around. Thanks to our subscribers and supporters for keeping Slackware going all these years.

Thanks are again due to the Slackware crew, the developers of slackbuilds.org, the community on linuxquestions.org, Slackware IRC channels, and everyone else who helped out with this release.

Have fun, and enjoy the new stable release!

Pat and the Slackware crew

Oh, in case our web server that's rather short of RAM goes down, try this link:

<http://connie.slackware.com>

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Slackware 13.37 for ARM is also available. For details, see: <http://www.armedslack.org>

Slackware 13.1 is released!

2010-05-24

That's right, another stable release of Slackware is finally ready to go. Slackware 13.1 is available in both 32-bit x86 and 64-bit x86_64 editions, and brings with it many major improvements, like KDE SC version 4.4.3, the 2.6.33.4 Linux kernel, a new toolchain, updated libraries, and major applications such as Firefox and Thunderbird.

More details may be found in the [official announcement](#) and in the [release notes](#). For a complete list of included packages, see [the package list](#).

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release from the **Slackware Store**. The discs are off to replication, but we're accepting pre-orders for the official 6 CD set and the DVD. The CD set is the 32-bit x86 release, while the DVD is a special edition dual-sided disc with the 32-bit x86 release on one side and the 64-bit x86_64 release on the other. And, we still have T-shirts and other Slackware stuff there, so have a look around. Thanks to our subscribers and supporters for keeping Slackware going all these years.

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Slackware for ARM

2009-07-09

Slackware has a new official port for the ARM architecture, by the name of ARMedslack, which has recently released the port of Slackware version 12.2.

ARMedslack began in 2002 by Stuart Winter, with the primary goal of providing a full Slackware port for ARM desktop machines - initially targeting the Acorn StrongARM RiscPC, and later embedded devices.

Slackware ARM now supports native installation using the regular Slackware installer on the ARM Versatile board (via the QEMU emulator) and the recently announced embedded device: **the Marvell SheevaPlug**.

Slackware ARM version 12.2 is built for armv4, little endian, "legacy" ABI. A new port to the EABI is already underway and expected to be

available in "-current" form within a few months.

The project's [homepage](#) has more details.

Slackware64 -current made public!

2009-05-19

[tap tap tap]... Is this thing on? ;-)

Ready or not, Slackware has now gone 64-bit with an official x86_64 port being maintained in-sync with the regular x86 -current branch. DVDs will be available for purchase from the Slackware store when Slackware 13.0 is released. Many thanks go out to the Slackware team for their help with this branch and a special thank you to Eric Hameleers who did the real heavy lifting re-compiling everything for this architecture, testing, re-testing, and staying in-sync with -current.

We've been developing and testing Slackware64 for quite a while. Most of the team is already using Slackware64 on their personal machines, and things are working well enough that it is time to let the community check our work.

We'd like to thank the unofficial 64 bit projects for taking up the slack for us for so long so that we could take our time getting everything just right. Without those alternatives, we would have been pressured to get things out before they were really ready.

As always -- have fun!

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KDE4 in -current /testing and other Slackware news

2008-08-13

That's right -- KDE version 4.1 is now part of Slackware -current (in the /testing directory), so

for everyone who can't wait to try it out, have a look at it! We're all (very happily) using it here now, and it has come a long way since the first 4.x release. Congratulations to the KDE team for the fine work (and many thanks to Robby Workman and Heinz Wiesinger for all the help with build scripts and testing for the initial Slackware packaging of KDE4). Have fun! :-)

Also, we recently commissioned Mark from **Senile Felines Designs** to create a unique alternate **Slackware Logo**, as we were getting a number of bug reports that the old logo could not be read easily while standing on one's head. ;-) We think he did a great job with it! If you like the new logo, we are selling shirts, stickers and other products with it at the **Official Slackware CafePress Store**, and if the design proves to be popular we'll likely have some of these products mass produced for the main **Slackware Store**. Meanwhile, you can help support the Slackware project, _and_ be the first on your block to show off the new Slackware ambigram logo! :-)

Slackware Linux Essentials 2nd Edition

2005-06-22

Recently the Slackware Linux Essentials (the reference book for Slackware users) has been revised; while we announce it, we would like to thank everyone who took part in it, and congratulate them for the well done job! The homepage for this project (which is now an official Slackware project) is **www.slackbook.org**, so visit that site if you want to read more (and read the book online). Also, don't forget to visit the **[slackware store](#)**, where the printed copies of the new book are now on sale!

New version of Slack/390 is released!

2005-02-14

Mark Post, maintainer of the slackware port for s/390, has just released Slack/390 10.0! Read its **announcement** or visit the **Slack/390 website** to read more about it.



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