

## Re: Fedora Review from current users...

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On 12 Nov 2003 04:22:41 -0800, cbell@msbv.com (SprMan) wrote:

>I'd like to hear what those of you who are currently running Fedora  
>think. A lot of people were/are very nervous and skeptical about the  
>project and I'm interested in people's experiences.  
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>Mine:  
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>Love it. It looks very slick and I personally dig the graphical boot.  
>I miss some of the red hat custom tools, but there's always an RPM  
>somewhere that does what I want. I'm also very impressed with YUM and  
>simply have it scheduled to automatically update my system...more  
>often than RHN too..and free. I do not like the fact that you can't  
>configure X during install..and I don't like that swat is not included  
>(at least in the config I use) but whatever.  
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>Overall, 9/10. Things can ALWAYS be better than they are.

I was doing some more testing with the Fedora install, after the install. Here are some additional findings.

In the Konquerer file manager like to have a single pane so I can more clearly see the icons. I don't like clutter. To accomplish this I turn off the treeview pane. That works ok. I also didn't like the clutter of the closeness of the icons on the toolbar, and in RH9 I found I could eliminate it by adding the text under the icons. This created a slight problem. What happened is that after applying the options for displaying text under the icons the small window that houses the toolbars was missized and I couldn't resize it. Only a portion of the text/icon info is visible because of how it is resized improperly.

I'm testing on the machine at work, so I went to see if there was a way to put the shortcut to the home directory back onto the desktop, in one of my prior messages I stated that when I switched from gnome desktop to kde I lost that icon. I found a way to do it but had some problems.

I first tried to get properties of the Home app from the menu bar but right clicking on it just opened the home folder. No biggy. In windows you can right click and get a menu and choose properties. So, in order to do this I right clicked on the redhat icon and chose menu edit (edit menu). This allowed me to find the Home icon and get properties. I copied the app command and then went to the link I had created on the desktop to paste it into the command. This worked. I then tested it. It worked. I then went and decided to rename it to something other than "link to application". I changed it to home and hit enter. It didn't take. It went back to link to application. The good news is that the 2nd time I tried it it worked.

I then noticed, because when I setup the computer I hadn't put into it a NIC. I added the nic and restarted the computer. This went well, I was pleasantly surprised at the graphic loader with the progress bar. I do wish they'd get this in place earlier in the boot process. It even opened a details window and prompted me for the NIC configuration that I'd just put in. The nic I chose is one I have used before so I knew the nic works and I knew RH9 had a driver for it. It went well. I was happy.

Due to the fact that I hadn't had the nic installed when Fedora installed I chose the defaults for setting date and time. In fact, a friend of mine had set the date and time for me while I watched him.

I noticed, after the boot, that the date/time was wrong. The date was off by several months. I corrected this. The time was also wrong so I went looking for the option to specify that I wanted the system to pull the time from a time server on the internet. I found it, selected it and then the system appeared to lock. No mouse movement, nothing. Rather than reboot I chose to give it some time. When it was done it came back with an error stating it couldn't synch that it had failed. It then came back with a message that I had cpu overload and it would exit. Then when I noticed it actually had set the time correctly.

I know the mobo is good because it is an RMA replacement from ASUS. It also has been running for the past 24 hours without problems. I had rebooted this morning after arriving at work so it was a clean recent reboot. I also rebooted after installing the NIC so there's no doubt it was something corrupted. The memory on the mobo is good to as I used that memory to test other computers and have examined it with memtest and various other installs over the past week or so.

I can only attribute this to a lack of detail on the part of the Fedora project and the developers of the individual applications.