

Windows power user tries Xandros

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I recently performed an experiment at the request of my husband, GeekTimeLinux Dave. He was preparing to review the new Xandros distribution, which has been described as the perfect distribution for a Windows user trying to make the switch to Linux.

So, even though it's too late to make a long story short, I came to this experiment with very little anxiety about Linux because I intended to stomp off and ignore the project if I got frustrated and because I pretty much knew that whatever happened I would have the same issues I always have with Linux. The first issue is that I am used to those buttons you guys all call gooeys or GUIs or something like that (can you tell that Dave isn't available for geek assist here?) - those buttons never make sense to me because I'm used to Windows, so I always have to slow down and try to figure out which button is which, and that absolutely infuriates me.

My next issue is that I am a very heavy user of Excel, Word, Powerpoint, etc. I can not live without easy access to Office supplies and even though Dave has preached and preached that Open Office is just as good - I have never found that to be true.

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