# About Debian

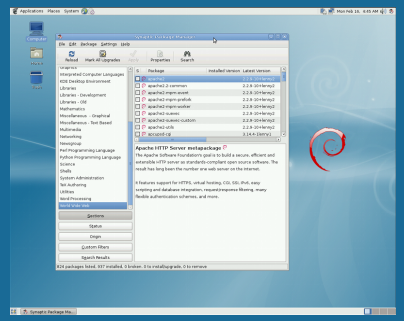
Debian GNU/Linux is a free operating system, developed by more than a thousand volunteers from all over the world who collaborate via the Internet. Debian's dedication to Free Software, its non-profit nature, and its open development model make it unique among GNU/Linux distributions.

The Debian project's key strengths are its volunteer base, its dedication to the Debian Social Contract, and its commitment to provide the best operating system possible. Debian 5.0 is another important step in that direction.

# About this release

*Graphical installer*

Debian GNU Linux 5.0 "Lenny" comes with a lot more software than its predecessor "Etch"; the distribution includes over 7700 new packages, for a total of over 23200 packages.



*Choose from 23200 software packages*

Updates include KDE 3.5.10, an updated version of GNOME 2.22.2, Xfce 4.4.2, LXDE 0.3.2.1, the GNUstep desktop 7.3, X.Org 7.3, OpenOffice.org 2.4.1, GIMP 2.4.7, Iceweasel 3.0.6 (Mozilla Firefox), Icedove 2.0.0.19 (Mozilla Thunderbird), PostgreSQL 8.3.6, MySQL 5.0.51a, GNU Compiler Collection 4.3.2, Linux kernel version 2.6.26, Apache 2.2.9, Samba 3.2.5, Python 2.5.2 and 2.4.6, Perl 5.10.0, PHP 5.2.6, Asterisk 1.4.21.2, Emacs 22, Inkscape 0.46, Nagios 3.06, Xen Hypervisor 3.2.1 (dom0 as well as domU support) and OpenJDK 6b11.

# Dedication

Debian GNU/Linux 5.0 "Lenny" is dedicated to Thiemo Seufer, a Debian Developer who died on December 26th, 2008.

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# The universal operating System

*"Debian is a great fit for server deployments, and is particularly well-suited for hosting applications that draw on open-source components, such as Apache, MySQL, or any of the other thousands of applications that the Debian project has packaged up for easy installation over one of the project's many repository mirror sites."*

eWEEK *February 26, 2009*

*"Put it all-together, and you've got a heck of a solid and attractive Linux distribution. Give Lenny a try; I think you'll like him."*

COMPUTERWORLD *February 17, 2009*

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