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Thread: [Noob friendly Elementary OS has been officially released](#)

Triangulation - August 10, 2013, 5:21 pm

If any of you love pretty interfaces and simplicity, Elementary OS "Luna" has just been released and seems like an interesting distribution. Seems to copy the look of MacOS, but I hope it is themeable much like every distribution elsewhere.

[Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pWoo4xv-qoA]
[Elementary OS](#)

Any opinions if anyone has any?

Gent - August 10, 2013, 5:43 pm

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oz@bsd - August 10, 2013, 5:48 pm

Looks pretty incredible, might try a live CD and test it out!

Nov - August 10, 2013, 5:48 pm

I will download a copy of it and try it out in VirtualBox.

CyberneticTitan - August 10, 2013, 5:50 pm

Looks definitely like Mac OS. "Elementary OS" sounds like an OS that schools would use xD

glob - August 10, 2013, 5:53 pm

I was downloading it as I saw this thread. Will see if it is decent and possibly report back here after install.

Triangulation - August 10, 2013, 6:50 pm

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Thanks very much for the information, I hope that they'll eventually implement themeing capabilities.

I'll definitely make sure it works to my specifications and see if I can theme with some tweaking tools. Do you have anymore tips that you could give out for the OS in specific?

I'm so excited for this OS, I was looking for something simple like this for school.

Xentric QT - August 10, 2013, 6:57 pm

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Gent - August 10, 2013, 7:01 pm

(Aug 10, 2013 06:50 PM)Undemanding Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you have anymore tips that you could give out for the OS in specific?

Nothing in particular. Also, there's a plug for Switchboard for switching Plank themes now, but they still need to go in /usr/share/plank/themes. Oh, and you don't need Elementary to use their desktop environment and whatnot. You can pull them from Launchpad using BZR and just compile it all. Arch users can also pull most, if not all, parts of Pantheon from the AUR.

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Pantheon was sketchy for me, but I bet other users can try to use it. I didn't bother messing up my configuration userfiles for it under arch. Also, most of the programs were useless. The Maya Calendar didn't install correctly.. Etc.

I'm glad that we have an Elementary OS 'dev'ish person on the forums :)

Commview - August 10, 2013, 8:15 pm

This is one of the few distros that has worked out of the box on my Macbook Air, but it has problems booting on my desktop.

It wasn't bad for the short time I tried it.

Gent - August 10, 2013, 10:28 pm

(Aug 10, 2013 07:20 PM)Undemanding Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Pantheon was sketchy for me, but I bet other users can try to use it.

Worth a shot now that the project is technically ready. Dan and Cassidy James are constantly pushing out updates though, so don't be surprised if certain things are still wonky.

Triangulation - August 11, 2013, 6:36 pm

I finally successfully installed Elementary after multiple errors with Ubiquity. I have no idea how it worked this time, but it worked and i'm not complaining..

It must have been an issue because of my original XFCE4/Arch partition which I shared the home folder with.

If I get bored, I may fire up another fresh Arch and try the Pantheon DE. :)