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Cr OS Linux

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Website: <http://getchrome.eu/>

From website:

Cr OS Linux (pronounced like Cros Linux) is the free OS built around the revolutionary Chromium browser - a foundation for Google Chrome. We call it the chrome plated OS, because it is stable and shiny.

Cr OS Linux

- Based on openSuSE 12.2 and built with SUSE Studio.
- Last release was 2.4.1290 released on December 10, 2012. First released as Chrome OS Linux in 2009.
- The Google+ page hasn't had any activity since January 2013.
- Appears to be abandoned.
- Not exactly sure what the purpose is as any distribution can be made lightweight and run Chromium.

Review

Link to a review from 9/11/13 which made me aware of it:

<http://www.linuxinsider.com/story/78918.html>

Downloading

- Hosted on "pay for quick download or wait" site.
- I used the torrent as it was free and turned out to be quick.
- Also available via SUSE Studio @ <https://susestudio.com/a/jMOVxa/cr-os-linux>

Installation

- Created USB boot drive using this website as a guide: <http://www.bluevibe.net/Bluevibe-Software/burn-cd-usb.html#linuxraw>
- Booted into Live environment and ran desktop icon to install.
- The disk partitioning was sort of confusing since I had more than one Linux install on the computer, and it also listed the USB drive that I had booted from.
- Install was fairly quick.
- Got a warning about the boot sector location being above sector 1024 and that the BIOS wouldn't support it. However, it booted just fine.

Usage

- Chromium starts on log in and defaults to the Cr OS Linux Chrome page, getchrome.eu/home.
- InSync is installed for Google Drive.

Issues

- Defaults to the User user instead of any other users created during install and autologin is enabled.
- Even after turning off autologin, the User user is the default on the log in screen.
- The install icon is still on the User user's desktop after install.
- Default theme was too light in my opinion.

Issues, cont.

- Wireless not working due to the firmware not being installed. Installed kernel-firmware package to get the firmware. However, it still isn't working.
- During software repository refresh, get a message that the Cinnamon repository isn't available.
- Frequently get a message after log in that the Chromium lock file is in use by another process.

Issues, cont.

- There are numerous menu entries for settings and administration: System Tools, Preferences, and Administration.
- The user administration is in two places (YaST and System Setup) and doesn't seem to be in sync.

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