10 Years of Xubuntu

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– Spent 6 years on the Ubuntu Community Council
– Xubuntu ...what is my title? Marketing Lead! (I know how to use Twitter)
From then to now
Xubuntu 6.06, first release
Xubuntu 6.10 as a user

PLEIA2'S BLOG
Elizabeth Krumbach Joseph's public journal about Linux, sysadmin, beer, travel, pink gadgets and her life in the city where little cable cars climb halfway to the stars.

Xubuntu Edgy

I installed Xubuntu Edgy on my primary desktop today, replacing Debian Testing.

I was quite stubborn about this change, always finding some excuse to stick with Debian, but ultimately I just got to the point where the pros of switching to Ubuntu outweighed the cons. Plus I wanted to check out Thunar! After years of not using a GUI file manager I've discovered some of their virtues after using(of all things) Windows, to sort some photos (the Canon Rebel that we have only dumps it's pictures out in Windows).

First things first, I went back and forth about whether I'd go with the server install and then install X and everything myself or if I wanted to just happy-click-through the Xubuntu install. Since I'd done the server install a bunch of times on my laptop, I decided to go for the full Xubuntu experience.
Xubuntu 10.10 as a contributor
Xubuntu 16.10, latest release
Xubuntu as a part of Ubuntu

- And a part of Debian
- And a part of Xfce
- And a part of the open source Linux distribution community
Upstream developers

- Xfce contributions, core members across projects
- Debian packages, Xubuntu contributors assist with them
- Shimmer Project, for developing Xfce themes, one of which is the default for Xubuntu: https://shimmerproject.org/
Community Engagement

- Adoption of social media accounts run by experienced contributors
- Giveaways that engage our community and inspire contributors
- Contests and spotlights that bring us user stories
- Engage product producers (Stickers! Shirts!)
  » https://www.hellotux.com/xubuntu
  » http://www.unixstickers.com/tag/xubuntu
"What is Xubuntu?"
Mission Statement

Xubuntu is a community-developed, Ubuntu-based operating system that combines elegance and ease of use. Xubuntu provides a light, stable and configurable desktop environment with conservative workflows. Xubuntu delivers a polished and unified product ready for end-users.
Strategy Document

- Created by Cody Somerville in 2009, iterated on as a living document by the whole Xubuntu team
- Guidance for project goals, focus and framework for releases
- Read it at: http://docs.xubuntu.org/contributors/xsd.html
Strategy Document

- Target audience for Xubuntu
- Areas of focus: Usability, performance, ready for use, community
- Team structure
- Coordination, communication and dispute resolution
- Release and support cycle
Fun!
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