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Ubuntu 7.10 Alpha 2 Comes with Compiz Fusion

Second Alpha release of Ubuntu 7.10 is here

The second Alpha release of the upcoming Ubuntu 7.10 (codename Gutsy Gibbon) has just been made public a few minutes ago. Tribe 2 brings many updated, new, and exciting applications. *"The Ubuntu developers are moving very quickly to bring you the absolute latest and greatest software the Open Source Community has to offer. Gutsy Gibbon Tribe 2 is the second alpha release of Ubuntu 7.10, and with this new alpha release comes a whole host of excellent new features. These features are showcased for your attention. Please test them and report any bugs you find."*

What's new in Ubuntu 7.10 Tribe 2? Compiz Fusion is enabled by default and will bring 3D desktop visual effects that improve the usability and visual appeal of the system; GNOME 2.19.4; Gnash software allows you to play YouTube and other flash videos, and is mostly SWF 7 compliant with v8 and v9 soon to come; XDG-user-directories make user experience more consistent and convenient across sessions, and avoid file cluttering; Firefox 3 Alpha is now available in the Universe repository; Restricted Manager software can now handle drivers which are free in themselves but which require non-free firmware; Apport has been enabled again in this second Alpha release, so you can easily report crashes and bugs.

What's new in Kubuntu 7.10 Tribe 2? Amarok 1.4.6 includes new icon set featuring the Oxygen color scheme, an updated SQLite for an increase overall performance and Rockbox support for the iPod; KOffice 1.6.3 includes KWord HTML import filter improvements, KPresenter bug fixes, a ton of changes to Kexi and there are also some improvements and fixes to Krita; KNetworkManager 0.2 contains a new feature when you left click on the icon in the system tray, you will be provided with a dialog showing the connection status; GDebi KDE 0.3 allows you to simply install a downloaded (local) package without using the command line; Kubuntu Restricted Extras 5 is a brand new package that contains all the multimedia audio and video codecs, DVD playback, archivers, Java and Flash plugins. Mark Shuttleworth promises us that Gutsy Gibbon will be even much easier to install than its predecessors were, faster than ever before and (maybe) composite will finally be set up as default. However, this version will not be an LTS (Long Term Support) release.

Ubuntu 7.10 release schedule: June 7th - Tribe CD 1 (first alpha release); June 28st - Tribe CD 2 (second alpha release); July 26th - Tribe CD 3 (third alpha release); August 9th - Tribe CD 4 (fourth alpha release); August 23rd - Tribe CD 5 (fifth alpha release); September 6th - Tribe CD 6 (sixth alpha release); September 27th - Beta Release; October 11th - Release Candidate; October 18th - Final Release

You can download and test this second Alpha version of Ubuntu 7.10 right now from [Softpedia](#). You can download and test this second Alpha version of Kubuntu 7.10 right now from [Softpedia](#). You can download and test this second Alpha version of Xubuntu 7.10 right now from [Softpedia](#). You can download and test this second Alpha version of Edubuntu 7.10 right now from [Softpedia](#). Beware that this is still an alpha release and it is not recommended to install it on production machines. The final stable version of Ubuntu 7.10 will be released in October 2007. Please report bugs through [the Ubuntu bug tracker](#).