

25 July 2008

By: Marius Nestor, Linux Editor



Ubuntu 8.10 Alpha 3 showcasing Firefox 3.0.1
Softpedia

[Ubuntu 8.10 Alpha 3 Screenshot Tour](#)

The Intrepid Ibex Chronicles!

The third alpha version of the upcoming Ubuntu 8.10 (codename Intrepid Ibex), which is scheduled for release in late October this year, was made available a few minutes ago. Even if it doesn't come with any significant modification, [compared with the second alpha](#), which brought just a handful of software updates, we wanted to keep you up-to-date with the latest changes in the Ubuntu 8.10 development. Ubuntu 8.10 Alpha 3 comes with a brand new development version of the Nautilus file manager (**with tabs**) and a new Linux kernel, version 2.6.26-4.11 (based on 2.6.26 RC8). It also includes the following applications:• Mozilla Firefox 3.0.1• OpenOffice.org 2.4.1• The GIMP 2.4.6• F-Spot 0.4.2• Pidgin 2.4.3• Brasero 0.8.0• Transmission 1.22• Rhythmbox 0.11.6• Ekiga 2.0.12• Evolution 2.23.4• Nautilus 2.23.5.1

For the Intrepid Ibex, the development team will prepare an unbelievable desktop, with amazing performance, that will work on mostly any computer (be it a high-end workstation or an old and dusty Pentium III machine). Another major feature planned for Ubuntu 8.10 is the ability to be connected to the Internet (wireless connections) wherever you go: *"We want you to be able to move from the office, to the train, and home, staying connected all the way,"* said Mark Shuttleworth. With Alpha 3, the development team released a Live CD version; therefore, anyone will be able to give it a try without installing it. Here is the screenshot tour of this third alpha version of Ubuntu 8.10: As you can see from the above screenshots, the NewHuman theme persists, Nautilus has tabs now (see the first screenshot on row 4) and there is also a new icon that indicates if a volume is mounted and if you double click it, it will unmount the device. Once again, the development team failed to implement an "Encrypt system" option in the Live Installer (I sure hope it will be available on future releases). Let's have a look now at the release schedule for Intrepid Ibex: *June 27th, 2008 - Alpha 1 release July 11th, 2008 - Alpha 2 release July 24th, 2008 - Alpha 3 release August 14th, 2008 - Alpha 4 release September 4th, 2008 - Alpha 5 release September 18th, 2008 - Alpha 6 release October 2nd, 2008 - Beta release October 23rd, 2008 - Release Candidate October 30th, 2008 - Final release of Ubuntu 8.10.*

About Ubuntu: Ubuntu is a Linux distribution for your desktop or server, with a fast and easy install, regular releases, a tight selection of excellent applications installed by default, every other package you can imagine available, network and professional technical support from Canonical Ltd and hundreds of other companies in the world. **Remember that this is an alpha release and it should NOT be installed on production machines. It is intended to be used for testing purposes only. Please report bugs to the [Ubuntu Bug Tracker](#).** Download Ubuntu 8.10 (Intrepid Ibex) Alpha 3 right now from [Softpedia](#). Download Kubuntu 8.10 (Intrepid Ibex) Alpha 3 right now from [Softpedia](#). Download Xubuntu 8.10 (Intrepid Ibex) Alpha 3 right now from [Softpedia](#). Download Edubuntu 8.10 (Intrepid Ibex) Alpha 3 right now from [Softpedia](#).