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Project Name	Window Manager
Devuan	—
Fedora	default Gnome
Gentoo	Libreboot firmware
Void	Sway or Niri + noctalia-shell
MXlinux	Sway
CachyOS	Niri + Limine
Bazzite	
NixOS	Cinnamon + Guix + Flakes
QubesOS	Whonix
Zorin	Gnome
LMDE	
OpenSuse Slowroll	
EndeavorOS	Plasma
Slackware	
Alma	
Aurora	
name	?

Skipping those I've already used

Not accepting [Kubuntu](#), [Hannah Montana](#) (because it is only Kubuntu) + [this theme](#), [Arch Linux](#), [Debian](#), [Kali](#), Xubuntu, or [KDE Neon](#). All other distributions appreciated! Previous window manager experience is around Ratpoison, Openbox, XFCE, KDE Plasma. Recently began trying out LXQT, but still early days. [Edit button click here](#), or lives bottom right of wiki.

Specs

Modest [Dell Latitude 5410](#).

[Honest review on it](#).

- i5
- 8 - 16gb ram assumed
- Intel Graphics on 14" 1080p display.

Hannah Montana Linux

Tried the Lite version, which is built for LXQT. Immediately ran into issues with the Live disk installer, which I do not find surprising considering only 10 people had downloaded it off of Sourceforge. Built on Debian Stable.

When partitioning you cannot get back to the option to format the entire disk, etc. without restarting the live disk itself. If you attempt smaller, manual changes you will be unable to actually confirm

those changes.... there is no option or keypress short of reboot. This process could have been ignored, but even the ext4 defaults kept failing to install the bootloader properly. I sadly switched to MX Linux and it installed seamlessly.

MX Linux with Fluxbox

I decided to try the lightest Fluxbox install, built on Debian stable. Installation was no issue. The responsiveness of Fluxbox is great, and the trade-off is it immediately feels like a bunch of overlays instead of a traditional desktop.

The Pro's

1. Best documentation I have ever seen included in a Linux installation
2. It looks just fine. Kudos for polishing Fluxbox instead of replacing it.
3. MX Tools is well designed, but could use even more tooling. Perhaps sub-groupings for things like troubleshooting, like you would experience on a cell phone.

The Con's

1. The panel straight up crashes and will not recover. This means running applications crash, but also their icon disappear from the system. Fixing this sort of thing requires understanding tint2 and other tooling, which feels like I'm in Arch Linux again. It is reminding me why I stopped using Openbox to begin with.... the system got too specialized.
2. The system struggles with multiple processes: downloading a Steam game and syncing Nextcloud simultaneously.
3. First time ever that configuring Nextcloud has led to a bunch of unwanted files being uploaded. Various system files... very strange.
4. The system goes from 12% CPU usage to fully seized in an instant, which makes no sense.

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