

GNOME 3.0 is here!



Mayank Sharma introduces the release that's redefining the desktop.

Gnome 3 is the first major release of the popular desktop environment in over eight years. Many identify Gnome as being the face of Linux, because most early distros (and many current ones, of course) adopted the desktop in order to put bells and whistles on the ever-maturing kernel at the back. Gnome 3 is radically different from previous releases. It's got a polished user interface that's been tuned for usability and a slicker code base to please application developers.

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Gnome Shell is a new interface that replaces several key components of the desktop, such as the panel and the menus, and influences how you switch tasks, move between windows and more.

Along with *GTK 3* and the *Clutter*-based *Mutter* compositing manager, which serves to replace *Metacity*, the desktop as a whole has come a long way since the components

started popping up in the repositories of many distros. So without further ado, here's everything you need to know about the sparkling new desktop in town.