

Myah OS 3.0 Alpha 2

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Myah OS 3.0 Alpha 2 is now available. There have been many improvements since Alpha 1 was released. The main focus was on bug fixes and updates. There are still some unfinished aspects of 3.0 before it will enter the Beta phase.

There have been around a hundred packages updated to the latest available stable version. However not all packages are updated just because a newer version is available. If the package will not work with the system and can not be patched to work then it may be held back. For example grep, liboil, neon and the linux kernel were held back. Grep because it breaks the building of other packages. Liboil and neon because the programs that take advantage of them required older versions. And the kernel was held back because of several unresolved issues. Since there was major changes in the kernel at this time it was held back to the 2.6.22.X tree but updated within that tree. Myah OS has been updated to all the latest versions without compromising it's stability.

There have also been many bug fixes. A very noticeable one is Exaile. Exaile would not play CD because of missing dependencies. Exaile also depends on gstreamer, that also had several bugs. Neon and liboil had to be rolled back, along with a couple other minor fixes. There have been many other fixes across the system. Even down to a dpi bug in Xorg-server. Many of these bugs have been found and solved though the use of the Myah OS forum.

Some new features you will notice in Alpha 2 is that graphical login named slim. Slim was present in Alpha 1 but not implemented. A new version of Myah's xconf program will help auto detect video settings at bootup which enabled it to clear the way to enable slim login manager. This means Alpha 2 will auto detect your best video settings and bring you into a graphical state of Myah OS. For those with newer ATI cards, the new radeonhd driver is included and works well. There will be downloads available to test out the latest FGLRX and nVidia drivers. They will be on the server posted in the User Guide.

Before Myah OS will begin it's Beta testing there are a couple things left unfinished. A graphical installer that will let you install your CD to you computer. The inclusion of the FGLRX and nVideo close source drivers for full 3D support. There will also be a light and full version of Myah OS. This Alpha will resemble the full version and the light will be a slimmed down version. Lastly Myah will have a better package manager graphical front end available. These are all unfinished business that will be taken care of shortly.

I would like to say thank you for all those who have supported Myah OS. Aswell as all those who will support Myah OS in the future. I am Jeremiah Cheatham and I hope you will enjoy my operating system.

Home page: <http://myah.org>

Comunity forum: <http://forum.myah.org>

Download page: http://myah.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=32

Myah OS 3.0 alpha 2 User guide: <http://forum.myah.org/viewtopic.php?t=457>

Alpha 1 Screenshots: http://myah.org/index.php?option=com_rsgallery2&Itemid=29&catid=4

Windows Managers:

XFCE - 4.4.1

Beryl - 0.2.1

System:

Linux Kernel - 2.6.22.12 - with source.

GCC - 4.2.2

Glib - 2.14.3

Glibc - 2.7

GTK+ - 2.12.1

Mesa - 7.0.1

Perl- 5.8.8

Python - 2.5.1

Xorg - 7.3

System Tools:

Catfish - 0.3

CUPS - 1.3.4

Calculator - 1.3.1

GParted - 0.3.3

Msudo

XFCE Taskmanager - 0.3.2

Xscreensaver - 5.03

Archivers:

Squeeze - 0.2.1

Xarchiver - 0.4.6

Graphic Editors:

Blender - 2.45

Dia - 0.96.1

Inkscape - 0.45.1

Gimp - 2.4.1

Tux Paint - 0.9.17

Xpaint - 2.7.8.1

Graphic Viewers:

GQview - 2.0.4

Mirage - 0.9

Ristretto - 0.0.11

Graphic Tools:

Gcolor2 - 0.4

GTKam - 0.1.14

Xsane - 0.994

Video Players:

Mplayer - 1.0rc2 - With full DVD support.

Xine UI - 0.99.5 - With full DVD support.

Audio Players:

Audacious - 1.4.0

Exaile - 0.2.11.1

Xfmedia - 0.10.0

XMMS - 1.2.10

CD/DVD burners:

Graveman - 0.3.12.5

Xfburn - 0.3.0

Audio/Video Editors:

Audacity - 1.3.3beta

Kino - 1.1.1

Audio/Video Tools:

Asunder - 0.9

Audio Tag Tool - 0.12.3

Streamtuner - 0.99.99

XFCE Mixer - 4.4.1

Internet Browsers:

Firefox - 2.0.0.9 - With mplayerplug-in, Flash, Java, ChatZilla, and fireFTP.

Kazehakase - 0.5.0 - With mplayerplug-in, flash, and java.

FTP Managers:

gFTP - 2.0.18

fireFTP

Torrent Clients:

Azureus - 3.0.3.4

Transmission - 0.92

Chat Clients:

ChatZilla - 0.9.78.1

pidgin - 2.2.2

Xchat - 2.8.4

Mail Clients:

Thunderbird - 2.0.0.9

Network Tools:

pyNeighborhood - 0.4

Wifi Radar - 1.9.8

Editors/IDEs:

Geany - 0.12

Mousepad - 0.2.12

Medit - 0.8.11

Office:

Abiword - 2.4.6

Orage - 4.4.1

ePDFViewer - 0.1.6

gfa - 0.4.1

Gnumeric - 1.6.3