

{Voyage} Linux

x86 Embedded Linux Distribution

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Introduction

- derived from **Debian** GNU/Linux
- runs on **x86-based** platform
 - **low-end PC**
 - **PCEngines** and **Soekris** embedded boards
- requires min. **128MB** disk storage (CF card)
- suitable for:
 - **firewall**, **WiFi** access point, **VoIP/PBX** gateway, **NAS**, etc.



Features

- Distro features

- **stripped down** Debian, using latest stable Debian
- extend through **apt** package management
- mount disk as read-only, /var/log in **ramdisk** - protect flash card from wearing out
- **Live CD**, PXE boot install support

- Kernel features

- customized for **small size**
- **wireless** drivers
- **watchdog** & temperature sensors
- various **netfilter** patches from openwrt
- openssl **OCF** (cryptodev) patch



Release History

Dec 2004	Voyage Linux project started
Feb 2005	0.1 - pre-Sarge (2.6.8 kernel)
Jul 2005	0.1 - Sarge (2.6.8 kernel)
Apr 2006	0.2 - Sarge (2.6.15 kernel)
Apr 2007	0.3.1 - Etch, Live CD (2.6.17 kernel)
Jul 2007	0.4.1 - Etch (2.6.20 kernel)
Jun 2008	0.5.2 - Etch (2.6.23 kernel)
Jul 2009	0.6.2 - Lenny, Debian Live (2.6.26 kernel)
Feb 2010	0.6.5 - Lenny, Voyage ONE (2.6.30 kernel)
Feb 2011	0.7.0 - Squeeze, Voyage MPD (2.6.32 kernel)
Jun 2011	0.7.5 - Squeeze (2.6.38 kernel)
Oct 2010	0.8.0 - Squeeze (3.0.0 kernel)



Media

“Voyage is a very stripped-down Debian Linux... With Voyage you have the entire world of Debian available to you, so customizing your own gear is easy. It’s great for firewalls and routers, and specialized servers that need a small footprint.”

-- Carla Schroder, author of Linux Networking Cookbook



Installation Methods

1. Tarball distribution

- ▶ install from existing Linux system
- ▶ transfer to disk media (e.g. CF)

2. Live CD

- ▶ < 100 MB ISO image
- ▶ Network install via PXE
 - ▶ use Live CD as PXE server



How people use Voyage Linux?

- Swedish WISP - Mesh Network & IP surveillance in Highway
- VoIP/Asterisk Appliance (**Voyage ONE**)
- Music Player Daemon (**Voyage MPD**)
- Australia ISP - Linux-server hosting
- Bandwidth Equalizer
- GPS-time sync
- 3G + Wireless Router
- Other unknown commercial, academic and personal use



Voyage MPD & ONE

* Voyage MPD

- ★ Music playback server
- ★ Playback music via external USB DAC or sound card
- ★ Support USB Audio Class 2 and 24-bit/192kHz sampling rate
- ★ Most successful product

* Voyage ONE

- ★ VoIP appliance
- ★ incl. Asterisk



Future Development

- Current release - version 0.8.0
- Next release - version 0.8.5
 - Support latest kernel (≥ 3.2)
 - Debian “squeeze” based
- Planning ...
 - Enhance WebGUI (Voyage MPD)



Thank you!

