Customizing the Linux Desktop

Video: Five Distros with Exceptional Desktop Environments

- **YouTube → XPSTECH → Five Most Beautiful Linux Desktops**

- **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGXpwh8WyFM**

Example of Customized Ubuntu Setup
Using
Cinnamon Desktop Environment

Elements to be Customized

Theme:

    Ambiance Crunchy

Window Border & Controls:

    McOS-Cinnamon-Edition.1.0

Icons:

    Obsidian

Modification of Panel:

    See below

Time and Date on Destop:

    Conky Manager (see below)

Background:

    Your choice. Be creative.

Gradients for Cinnamon Panel

w3schools Hex Color Picker

- Enter top light color of vertical gradient

- Select darker color 7 steps down the list

Inserting the Gradient

File Manager

- Click ctrl-h to display hidden files

- Select folder .themes

- Select Ambiance-Crunchy

- Click folder for Cinnamon

- Click cinnamon.css

- Find "panel"

Inserting the Gradient (cont.)

Find "panel"

- Insert first code in background-gradient-start

- Insert second code in background-gradient-end

- Change panel height to 25px (if necessary)

- Change font size to 11pt

Gradient Code Example – Macro View

Default	Customized

`* Panel (panel.js)`
`*`
`=========================`
`=========================`
`============*/`
`#panel {`
`    background-gradient-direction: vertical;`
`    background-gradient-start: #66655F;   /*Panel color1*/`
`    background-gradient-end: #262523;   /*Panel color2*/`
`    font-size: 8.5pt;`
`    font-weight: normal;`
`    height: 25px;`
`}`
	`* Panel (panel.js)`
	`*`
	`=========================`
	`=========================`
	`============*/`
	`#panel {`
	`    background-gradient-direction: vertical;`
	`    background-gradient-start: #77766e;   /*Panel color1*/`
	`    background-gradient-end: #1b1a18;   /*Panel color2*/`
	`    font-size: 11pt;`
	`    font-weight: normal;`
	`    height: 25px;`
	`}`

Gradient Code Example – Micro View

Default	Customized
background-gradient-start: #66655F;	background-gradient-start: #77766e;
background-gradient-end: #262523;	background-gradient-end: #1b1a18;
font-size: 8.5pt;	font-size: 11pt;

Conky

Code shown below will install Conky Manger. User should set to "Gotham" module.

Installation with Deb file: conky-manager_2.4~136~ubuntu16.04.1_amd64.deb

Note: Ubuntu requires installation of "realpath": realpath_8.26-3ubuntu4_all.deb

Installation from command line:

wget --no-check-certificate https://github.com/teejee2008/conky-manager/releases/download/v2.4/
conky-manager-v2.4-amd64.run
chmod +x conky-manager-v2.4-amd64.run
sudo ./conky-manager-v2.4-amd64.run