





Kuliax: Is GNU/Linux Distribution for Higher Education Still **Relevant?**

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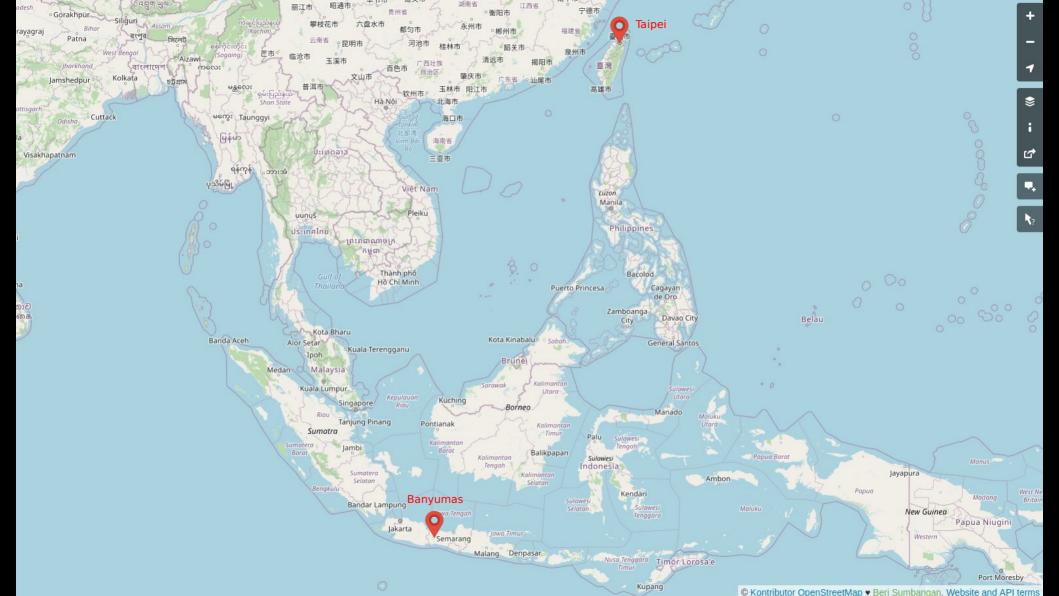






Agenda

- Kuliax Project
- Kuliax Development
- Challenges
- Journey summarized



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"Open Source" if you want

- Free Software supporter
- Computing+Networking

GNU/Linux

Distribution

- FF Lecturer at Unsoed
- Cloud Computing and CSIE Student at NTUST **Networking Lab**

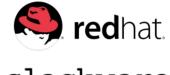


- Started with Red Hat 6.0 6.2
- Slackware, then Debian user
- Contributions related to distro
 - Rimbalinux, a community project
 - DukuFlash, a research project









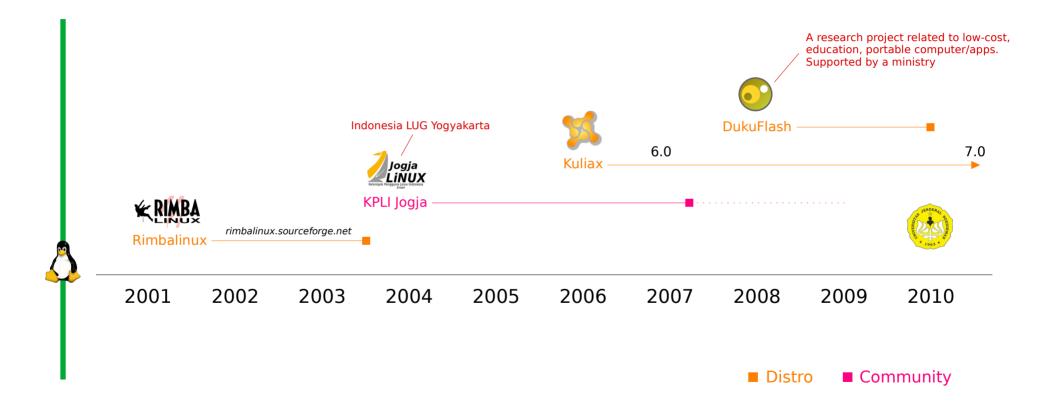








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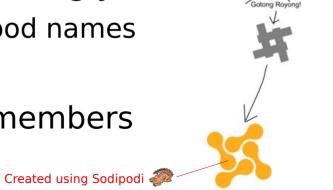
Kuliax Project

- Formed when the founder was a student
 - Lucky enough to be supported by local community
 - At first, it was just a developer and a graphic designer
- Kuliax is "Kuliah dengan Linux"
- Bringing Free Software/Open Source to higher education
 - Free/stable GNU/Linux desktop for higher education
 - Distro development, community education and supports
 - Licenses: GPLv3, CC By-SA 3.0



Kuliax, the Distro

- Target: IT-related study programs/other programs that use computer as the tool for learning, research, development
 - Includes apps considered as useful in higher edu
 - Also some resources like e-books, etc.
- The first version is based on the starting year
 - Codenames taken from traditional food names
 - Bakpia for 6.0, and Lumpia for 7.0
- Different versions, different team members



Kuliax 6.0

+adapted live scripts/apps from Kanotix and Sidux

- Based on Debian/KNOPPIX, developed for IT study program
 - Curriculum and syllabuses as the guidelines considered carefully
 - The founder's final project at a university
 - More than 10 mirror sites for the ISO image ——— Community supports





- Developed for desktop with KDE3
 - Linux kernel with *-ck patches*, optimized config, drivers, filesystems, etc.
 - Relatively lightweight, ready for learning and development, e.g. programming, OS, netw.
 - Curated application list for the target program
- ShipIt-like program with private funding

considerations

Results from research and

- Requesters only need to send email +agree to be a "mirror" person
- Sending CDs to places in Indonesia
- Enjoyed at first, but apparently felt time consuming:D



^{*} Con Kolivas' patchsets: http://kernel.kolivas.org/ (Still alive and rocking)



Kuliax 7.0

- Based on Debian GNU/Linux stable and Debian Live
 - Newer packages from Debian Backports + Maintainers
 - Can be updated/upgraded using Debian repository
- Optimized system for desktop —— Similar to Kuliax 6.0, generalized

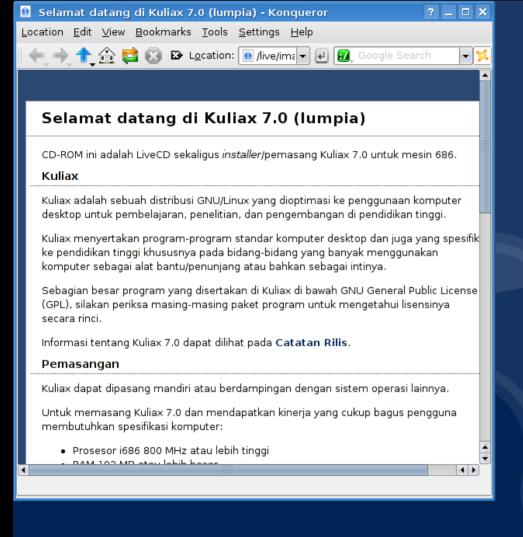


Custom packages following Debian packaging

debian

- Kuliax-specific packages with repository
- Kuliax backport packages from Debian testing/Maintainers/Ubuntu
- Other packages built from upstream and Debian unstable







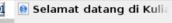






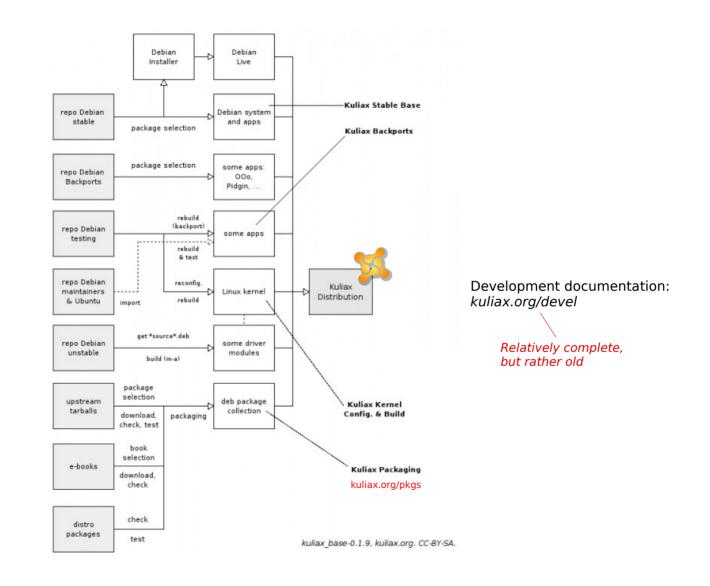












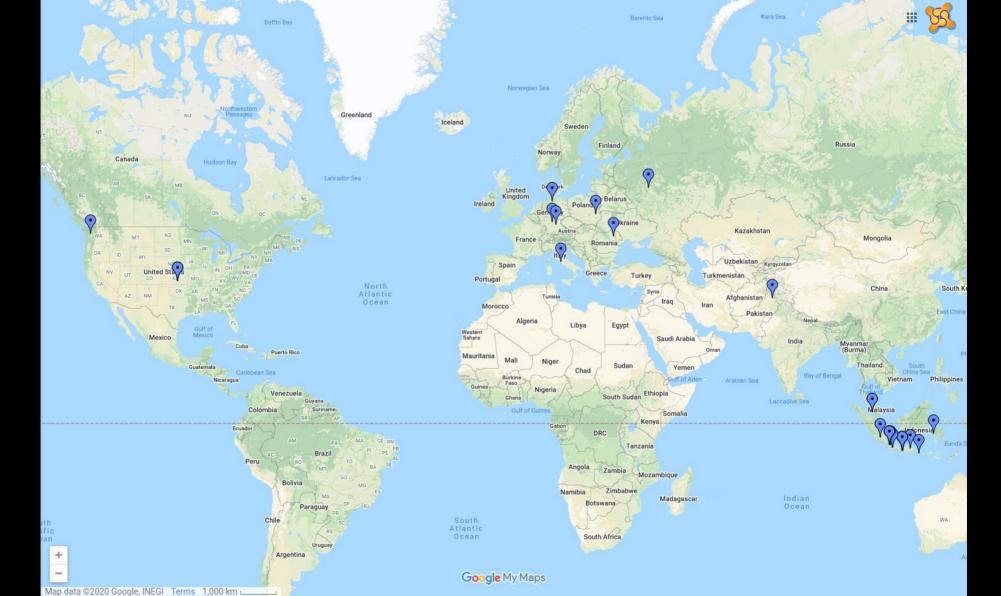
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http://kuliax.org/release/7.0/notes



Contributions

- A GNU/Linux distribution for higher education
- Community education and campaigns
 - Many (invited) talks on FOSS for higher education
 - The farthest places are Pekanbaru and Bali
 - Publications in newspaper/magazines
- Community supports
 - FOSS translation into Indonesian
 - Helping, sponsoring and donation

Most were in Yogyakarta

How you think Open Source apps are maintained



How Open Source apps are really maintained



CommitStrip.com

Challenges

- Founding was fine, maintaining wasn't
- Community is needed for contributors
- Project management is challenging

Current Updates

- No development updates. Stalled, or stale?
 - There were attempts to join the force with other Indonesian distro, particularly BlankOn, but no real results
- It seems that.. (Based on googling)
 - Some people are still using Kuliax in VMs
 - At least a study program is still using Kuliax in the lab

Maybe the lab instructions used Kuliax at first, and haven't got updates yet

^{*} BlankOn Linux: https://blankonlinux.or.id/

#Kuliax6 #CProgramming #Labs

Cara Mengatasi Scanf() Error di OS KULIAX 6.0

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→ BAGIKAN = SIMPAN ...

Journey Summarized

- It's not easy maintaining free software project
- Good community, management, and supports are needed to make the project sustained
- Distro for higher education is still relevant*

Answering the question

- No, it's not relevant
- Yes, it's still relevant



- Everyone has favorite distros
- There would be ways to accommodate higher edu needs
- Easier for the developers?

Virtualized Distros?

- Virtualized environments for learning, research, devel.
- Minimal customization, more on *ready-to-use*
- Could be started by targeting specific demands (Read: particular classes, use cases, or trends)
 - Classes that need supporting instant environments
 - DevOps, SDN, cloud computing, IoT, ...
 - Documentation and tutorials are needed









Ex: Download a VM image, load, and run it on VirtualBox

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