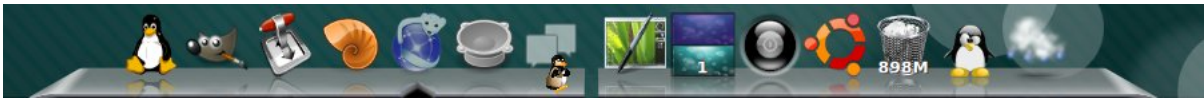# Cairo-Dock : Communique

www.cairo-dock.org

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After few months of hard hacking and coding, the Cairo-Dock[1] Team is proud to release the greatest version of its dock.
Latest version (1.6.3) dated back to November 2008. The reason of this long period of black-out was due to the total rewriting of the dock back-end in OpenGL.

Lots of new things

- **On the dock side :**
  - The dock is now 100% **OpenGL** (The Cairo back-end (*libcairo2*) is still present for legacy card as well as ATI).
  - The **configuration panel** has completely been rewritten (user friendly interface, search filters).
  - Lots of **new themes** have been added and the default theme has been changed. It is now possible to download even more themes through the configuration panel via our server. You can also package your own themes (available option in the theme manager) and offer it to the community by sending it to themes@cairo-dock.org.
  - The ergonomic of the **task-bar** has been greatly improved.

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- **On the plug-ins and applets side :**
  - **New plug-ins specially optimized for OpenGL** give plenty of animations and special visual effects : 'Animated-Icons', 'Icon-Effects', 'Illusion', 'Drop indicator', 'Motion-Blur', 'Dialog-Rendering'.
  - **New applets** : 'Keyboard-Indicator', 'Quick-Browser', 'Toons', 'Weblets'.
  - **Dialogs** have several window decorators.
  - **Themes** for plug-ins can be downloaded directly **from our server**.
  - **Desklets** car now be rendered **in 3D**.
  - The old plug-ins have also been updated to make good use of the dock improvements : 'Xgamma', 'Shortcuts', 'Clock', 'Slider', 'Rhythmbox', 'Gmenu'.
  - The **mouse wheel** interact directly with several applets.

Help us!

Cairo-Dock 2.0 is available in several languages such as English, French, Italian and Japanese. Feel free to contact us[2] if you have translated or want to **translate** the dock in your own language.

We are also still looking for a KDE expert to develop the **kde-integration plug-in** and allow full KDE integration in the dock (some applets such as 'Shortcuts' do not work in KDE).

Installation

Sources packages are available here : https://developer.berlios.de/project/showfiles.php?group_id=8724.

Repositories have also been updated for various distributions for 32 and 64 bits architectures. For more details : http://www.cairo-dock.org/ww_page.php?p=By%20distributions&lang=en

The team

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