What is DSL?

Damn Small Linux is a very versatile 50MB mini desktop oriented Linux distribution.

Damn Small is small enough and smart enough to do the following things:

- Boot from a business card CD as a live linux distribution (LiveCD)
- Boot from a USB pen drive
- Boot from within a host operating system (that's right, it can run *inside* Windows)
- Run very nicely from an IDE Compact Flash drive via a method we call "frugal install"
- Transform into a Debian OS with a traditional hard drive install
- Run light enough to power a 486DX with 16MB of Ram
- Run fully in RAM with as little as 128MB (you will be amazed at how fast your computer can be!)
- Modularly grow -- DSL is highly extendable without the need to customize

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3.x ... driven.
Current 3.x version: 3.4.12, screenshots: 1 2 Older Screenshots

4.x Supports Drag-N-Drop, Folder/Document centric. Many icons. Can be run menuless.
Current 4.x version: 4.4.10, screenshots: 1 2
Current Release Candidate: 4.11.RC2,

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Where to go to from here?

Applications	see what we packed inside...
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Notes	our answer to a changelog
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Milestones	DSL accomplishments
FAQ	have questions? look here first!
Wiki	community knowledge
Mini-ITX Store	mini computers and components
DSL on a CD	business card, 80mm, or full size
DSL on usb pen	Bootable USB Pen Drives
Income Guide	independent developers should read this!
DSL-N project	Bigger than Damn Small
DSL At Work	Doing things with DSL
Donate	where we ask for your help
The Wall of Appreciation	to those who help

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Deprecated pages:
Static archive of our **old forums** and **tech questions**,
our **old blogs**)

DSL Goodies!

To keep this project alive and funded we sell merchandise which we think the average geek will appreciate.

You may want to support us by buying DSL on a CD, we sell them in full and mini sizes.

Another great way to support our project is to buy a Bootable USB pen which is capable of booting inside Windows.

Are you a gadget-geek? Check out the DSL Mini-ITX and Small Computer Store. Also, be sure to chech out our Damn Small Machine.

Other languages: es,it,de

Ideas on fundraising

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