



Enclosed is a Fedora 9 (Sulphur) Preview Release Live USB key. The final release of Fedora 9 is scheduled for Tuesday May 13. The Preview Release is the Fedora 9 release candidate, so it may contain a few bugs that will be fixed in the final release. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Fedora 9, just like every version of Fedora, is a complete, robust, fully-functional operating system, released by the Fedora Project.

The Fedora Project maintains each version of Fedora with updates and security fixes for approximately 13 months, but does not offer any paid support contracts.

When using this Live USB key, please keep in mind a few things:

- The Live USB key is a fully bootable Fedora distro, meaning that all data will be taken from the USB key, and your hard disk will not be touched at all.
- When you boot, you will probably have to hit F12 (or whatever key allows you to select the boot device on your computer) and select the USB key, or else you will get whatever OS is installed on the computer that you are using. Most computers made in the last five years can boot from a USB device, but if you have any problems, please let us know.
- A new feature in Fedora 9 is the fact that these USB keys are *persistent*, which means that any changes you make to the package set, document creation, web browsing history, etc. will all be saved to the USB key across reboots. This means that you can upgrade your Live USB key to the final version of Fedora 9 and beyond.

A few quick facts:

- Fedora 9 is released 6 months and 5 days after Fedora 8, which fits well into the Fedora Project's goal of having two releases per year.
- A variety of statistics about Fedora installs, community size, etc. are available at:  
<http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Statistics>
- This is the first Fedora release under the tenure of Paul W. Fields, who took over as Fedora Project Leader for Max Spevack in February 2008. Max served as Fedora Project Leader from February 2006 – February 2008 and remains at Red Hat, where he is a senior member of the Community Architecture and Fedora teams, with a specific focus on EMEA.

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