

## **SUBSCRIPTION INSTRUCTIONS**

Thanks for getting a MEPIS subscription! Your support is appreciated. You will have early access to every ISO we upload, including new ones we are developing and testing. During a new development cycle, ISOs usually come about once a week. Updates to the latest released version of MEPIS usually are available every couple of months.

### **FTP Login**

At this time you can download MEPIS ISOs via ftp at:

```
Host:      ftp.mepis.com
Username:  golden
Password:  arrow
```

Please don't share the login info with others.

Usually the site is capable of 400KBytes/sec but this may vary due to network load, etc.

### **Access with a Browser**

With most browsers, you can access the FTP site with this URL:

```
ftp://golden:arrow@ftp.mepis.com
```

If you are running MS-Windows, you may need to use an ftp program such as ws\_ftp or cuteftp.

### **Finding the ISOs**

ISO files for most of the latest versions of SimplyMEPIS are in the released directory. Sometimes testing versions are placed in the testing directory.

The subscriber directory contains ISOs that have been released only to subscribers. These ISOs are not available from public mirrors.

Testing versions will have beta or rc as part of the file name. A 32 bit version will have 32 near the end of the name and a 64 bit version will have 64 near the end of the name.

If you give CD to your friends, please encourage them to also support MEPIS.

### **Default Passwords**

SimplyMEPIS ISOs comes with a default user account, called demo, for which the password is demo. There is also an administrator account, called root, for which the password is root. When you boot the CD, you will need these passwords.

### **Booting the CD or DVD**

Place the CD or DVD in your CD-ROM drive and reboot your computer. In many cases, the computer will automatically boot, the CD will spin, and a MEPIS boot screen will appear.

### **Forcing Boot from CD or DVD**

To force your system to boot from CD or DVD, you may be required to press a special key, like *F1* or *F12* and then you will be presented with a list of options. Or you may be

expected to select from icons that represent the options. Or you may have to press *F1* or *F2* or *Del* to enter your BIOS setup to change your boot options to enable an automatic boot from CD or DVD.

### **Screen Resolution**

By default, SimplyMEPIS will attempt to figure out the resolution of your display, otherwise it will assume you have a 1024x768 display. **To manually set the MEPIS screen resolution** for your monitor, at the Boot Screen press *F3* and select a resolution from the popup list.

### **Booting SimplyMEPIS**

To begin the boot, press *Enter*. If all goes well, you will boot to a graphical login screen. Sometimes it is necessary to use one of the alternative boot selections. **To change the boot selection**, use the up and down arrow keys.

If you suspect a hardware problem, you can select **mementest**. This will put your computer into a diagnostic mode that tests for memory errors.

### **Login and Explore**

**To login**, select user demo and enter the password demo. When the login completes, you will have a desktop similar to Windows, except that you are expected to **click only once** on an item.

You can explore the system but everything will be slow because you are running from a CD. SimplyMEPIS includes hundreds of quality applications. Most applications can be started from the StartMenu at the bottom left corner of the screen. Some of the most popular apps can also be started from the panel at the bottom of the screen.

### **Installing SimplyMEPIS**

When you are ready to install on your hard drive, click on the *INSTALL MEPIS* desktop icon, enter the root password which is root, and answer the questions in the installation wizard.

### **Getting Help**

The installation wizard has a *Help* tab that will give you helpful hints during the installation. In most cases, you can accept the defaults, but be careful if you have data on your hard drives.

There is a MEPIS User's Manual icon on the desktop that will display detailed help. You can visit MEPIS community sites on the web, to get help from friendly community members like you. Shortcuts to MEPIS related sites are located in the MEPIS section of the browser Bookmarks.