

Welcome to Retro, a free operating system for personal computers. Retro was created in 1998 by Tom Novelli, and continues to be developed today by Charles Childers. It is public domain, so you can use it any way you want without license restrictions.

Retro focuses on providing a small, effective operating system for personal use. It lacks many features found in more complex operating systems, but is still quite useful. By focusing on the basics, Retro is providing a simpler alternative to conventional operating systems.

Just because it is simple does not mean it lacks power and flexibility. Retro includes a fully operational Forth compiler, transparent persistent data storage, compact block editor, and a debugger. New applications are being developed for inclusion in future releases.

That being said, read this disclaimer of warranty and enjoy Retro, the simpler operating system.

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Where are the files? Take a look in these directories

doc/	Documentation (ASCII)
doc/html	Documentation (HTML)
doc/ps	Documentation (PostScript)
doc/dvi	Documentation (DVI)
doc/pdf	Documentation (PDF)
source/	Kernel (Boot loader + Forth + Applications)
util/	Unix utilities for reading & writing Retro disks
bochs/	Some files for use with the BOCHS emulator, preconfigured; just add a Bochs runtime for your platform.

There are several important files.

README	Basic overview of Retro and its files (you're reading it now)
INSTALL	How do you compile and install Retro? Follow these directions.
Notes	What's going on, things to do, etc...

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There are a few copies of older (4.x.x) versions at SourceForge:
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As of December 2002, Tom Novelli has ceased all work on Retro. Please do not bother him with questions about it.
