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The libraries released are important building blocks for quite a few Gnome and Enlightenment applications. The release suggests that the DR17 Window manager, currently in development, may be close to a first preview release.

The announcement: "After years of work, we've come to a place where it is time to start opening these powerful tools to the wider world to use. Release so far are":

- ecore-1.0.0_pre7
  - Core event abstraction layer and X abstraction layer (nice convenience library)
- edb-1.0.5
  - Enlightenment Data Base
- edje-0.5.0
  - graphical layout and animation library
- eet-0.9.9 E
  - file chunk reading/writing library
- embryo-0.9.0
  - load and control programs compiled in small
- emotion-0.0.1
  - video libraries for e17
- epeg-0.9.0
  - wicked fast jpeg thumbnail generator
- evas-1.0.0_pre13
  - hardware-accelerated canvas API
- imlib2-1.1.1
  - Version 2 of an advanced replacement library for libraries like libXpm
- imlib2_loaders-1.1.1
  - image loader plugins for Imlib 2

These can be downloaded from Sourceforge.

Enlightenment Foundation' main attraction is the Enlightenment DR17 Window Manager. The Libraries release suggests that the DR17 Window manager, currently in development, may be close to a first preview release. It also shows that Enlightenment is becoming a complete, "light" desktop environment like xfe4.
Enlightenment Window Manager v0.16.6. Notice how you can split your desktop and view the contents of another workspace behind your current workspace.

Thanks to DarkStalk for noticing the release.