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Subject: About Linux distros and incompatibility...

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luzr wrote on Thu, 24 July 2008 18:58

Well, maybe developers can do the same thing - target the same 80% user base as us. In fact, Ubuntu seems to be the exact kind of relief here you are calling for.

Works for 80% for two months, and then breaks with the next upgrade of some library. The whole concept of ISV doesn't exist in the world of the leading distros. If you are not in the repository you don't exist and they will break your software at a whim. Even if you get your binary nVidia driver from the official repository, the package system will mercilessly upgrade to an incompatible kernel by the next opportunity. You'll find yourself on the console prompt next morning, wondering what the hell is up. The dependency system should protect from that. But in this case apparently it isn't done on purpose. After all, we can't allow that evil binary blob holding up progress...

Also, I doubt those 80%. Ubuntu might be a fad as well. Who knows. Many a mighty have fallen over the years. Look where Mandrake is now. Have even heard of it? The Ubuntu of yesteryear. Even if, paying customers probably be found rather at Novell and RedHat.