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Subject: Re: Final release

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Zardos wrote on Fri, 25 July 2008 20:35

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Ubuntu was the most pain free distro. But after Virtual Box stopped working, because the kernel was updated I have given up.

Well, well... the problem is not exactly the same as in windows.

A "kernel update" means you reload the full low level system of os, which is about like switching from windows 2000 to winXP, not like applying what M\$ people call "security update", which are usually just "putting some ribbon tape on a virus hole".

You do not "have" to update kernel, and many people don't because of such problems. I do prefer staying up to date, I know the problems and I'm ready to loose some time on it.

Just think to the hassle that windows xp users do have when switching to vista.... and you'll see that a linux kernel update is MUCH painless than that.

Quote:

Another problem of all distros is software updates. You have to wait for the mercy of the god like package maintainers until you can get an update. Developers usually do not create packages (to many distros) like for windows. There is no !practical! freedom. Of course I can compile it on my own. But I don't want. I have compiled enough foreign apps in my life. I still like writing programms, but this does not mean I like to compile Virtual box a kernel, Firefox or whatever.

Usually (I mean, usually in Ubuntu, I don't use other recent distros..), you have to recompile just apps that are shipped with kernel modules, so apps that do low-level system access.

VMWARE, virtualbox, some low-level drivers (not too many, indeed....) needs that one, that's true. But, for vmware it's just a matter of doing a "sudo vmware-config.pl", wait a couple of minutes and all done. Dont' know about virtualbox, but I DO know about autocad 2005 and windows vista. It simply don't run, you MUST upgrade it if you've got vista. So, spend money to have just some eye-candy addition and an application that's slower than the old one.

Well... I prefer launch a "sudo vmware-config.pl" than to buy another app just because OS became incompatible....

Quote:

Sorry, my frustration and dissapointment with Linux, GPL Zealots and the whole rest makes me sound like a troll.

I was thinking like you for 3 times, before finding ubuntu.

Now I'm really happy with it !

Max

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