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Subject: Re: Linux Mandriva

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bytefield wrote on Tue, 30 September 2008 21:26

I've tried Gentoo ...

Thank you for having tried. And indeed I did not say it would be perfect, nor very easy.

Quote:X server failed to set correct resolution.

Did you follow this guide :

<http://www.gentoo.org/doc/en/xorg-config.xml>

X configuration is not something trivial, I admit it.

Quote:I have to install manually WLAN drivers.

Yes that does not surprise me much. But reading through the lines, it seems you succeeded in installing manually. This is anyway a good point.

Quote:It's BSD based, so it's not Linux, because of that it doesn't have apt-get, dpkg, etc. and other programs that i usually use.

1. It HAS apt-get and dpkg. just need to type "emerge dpkg" (for apt-get I don't remember the package name). But it's not the way to install packages on gentoo, I already said it. Gentoo uses Portage.

2. Not using (or even having) apt-get and dpkg does not mean it's not GNU/Linux! Gentoo is a GNU/Linux distribution. But now that you talk about it, there is a Gentoo/FreeBSD project existing (gentoo running on top of FreeBSD instead of Linux). By the way, Red Hat based distros use RPMs and not DEBs. So Red Hat is not Linux either ?

Quote:emerge gave me some errors i've tried to install Upp

Yes the ebuild is outdated. Upp should be installed manually from source, or using the debian package and dpkg ("emerge dpkg" installs it, I repeat).

I'm really glad you gave it a try. I know Gentoo is hard at first view. I'm also glad that you found a distro that suits you. We all have different requirements, and I've been switching from gentoo to Ubuntu last year. I came back to gentoo because of system crashes that occurred way too often for a GNU/Linux system, and features I was missing in Gentoo. But it was an interesting experience.

I hope your Ubuntu platform will fulfill your wishes.

cheers,

Lionel