
Subject: Things we want from Linux/FreeBSD release archives

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I am starting this new thread to gather ideas about how to improve current Linux tarballs.

Here is my list:

- automatic dependencies installation - detect existence of apt-get / yum / zypper / pacman, perhaps even distro, install things during setup. If that fails, make user aware and ask if script should continue
 - use 7z (or at least zip), stop changing the name, just single "upp" folder
 - stop moving things around, stop writing outside "upp" folder - basically same behaviour as Win32 and MacOS. theide will get generated inside unpacked archive and will stay there. I think users can and will move it where they want later. (That said, I am not quite sure at this point about ~/.upp. Easy to do for theide, not so sure about compiled apps).
 - ship with umks and use it if possible. If not, use Makefile to create umk
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