

Debian for the first time, a couple of problems

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Well, I tried to post this to the "newsgroup" linux.debian.user yesterday and wondered why my posting never appears in there. Didn't know that this is actually a kind of a mail-to-news-backend. Isn't there a reasonable Debian-newsgroup? I find these groups much more convenient than mailinglists...

But OK, here's my yesterdays question:

Since a couple of days I am fiddling with my new Sarge installation. It's the first time I've installed a Debian system and there is quite a lot of stuff which does not work properly and about which I'm not able to find the essential hints on the web. And since yet I've not managed to make the ISDN system work (which seems to be a major problem with 2.6 kernels) and therefore without an internet connection it's extra hard looking for the appropriate information somewhere else, than returning home and finding out that this probably doesn't solve the problem.

First of all, I've created the Sarge DVD images on July, 5th and so my installation uses only packages up to this date. The kernel package is 2.6.6-1-686.

First strange thing is that during boot time there are lots of FATAL messages about modules cannot be loaded, because "operation not permitted". Nevertheless after booting lsmod shows that quite a couple of modules got loaded anyway. But for instance the module 'psmouse' did not, therefore X does not start ('no core pointer found') and I have to do a 'modprobe psmouse' by hand first, which works.

OK, next very annoying thing is about the text console. Whenever I use a program which draws an user interface by ascii line characters (e.g. aptitude) instead of all the border lines this strange 'oe' character is printed. I've

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tried 'dpkg–reconfigure locales' but without any success.

Now concerning X and especially KDE. Some programs complain about 'locales not configured for xserver' or vice versa 'xserver not configured for locales' or something, cannot remember exactly.

Allmost ALL kde–programs give lots of error messages about misconfigured icon directories in /usr/share/icons/...

'.xsession–errors' is spammed with this.

Some programs do not start at all saying something like 'QT pixmap cannot be used without a GUI'.

And worst of all, although 'xfonstsel' shows all the standart fonts I expect of a common XFree–installation KDE does not seem to see them, e.g. the standart Helvetica, Times and Courier fonts are completely missing in KDEs configuration dialogues.

Well if anyone could point me to a solution of one or more of these problems I would be very happy.

Thanks a lot in advance,
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