

First general purpose unmoderated newsgroup for Debian

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To: debian-user@lists.debian.org

alt.os.linux.debian

Please help in propagating this newsgroup to your favorite news server by requesting them to carry it.

Let us get it started.

CHARTER:

For questions and answers relating to the installation and use of different flavors of Debian GNU Linux (stable, testing, unstable and other derivant distributions). The newsgroup will be unmoderated.

JUSTIFICATION:

Debian GNU Linux is one of the most popular Linux distributions (consistently ranked in the top 5-6 distros - <http://www.distrowatch.org/stats.php?section=popularity>). Its user base probably numbers in millions worldwide. The largest number of derivant Linux distributions are based on Debian (97 - <http://www.distrowatch.org/stats.php?section=independence>). A survey of available Debian newsgroups on groups.google.com reveals that there are no unmoderated newsgroups available specifically for Debian GNU Linux. The newsgroups in the linux.debian.* hierarchy are all moderated and are linked to mailing lists via a mail to news gateway, and hence require a valid email address for users to even post their queries. Though these lists have heavy traffic, a large number of Debian related posts end up on the comp.os.linux.* hierarchy every day. These newsgroups (under comp) are not specifically geared towards Debian and people often get incomplete advice for their problems. Over the past one year, the number of users using Debian and derivant distributions like Knoppix has steadily risen partially due to its highly evolved package management system and the discontinuation of the personal version of Red Hat Linux. Thus, creation of this newsgroup would at once be timely and extremely well received.

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In this age of spammers harvesting email addresses from newsgroups and mailing lists (such as linux.debian.*), with spam rising to above 60 % of total email traffic (<http://www.brightmail.com/spamstats.html>), ability to use spam.invalid style addresses in unmoderated genuine newsgroups can help in alleviating this problem.

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