

## Re: Kernel configuration could not be read?

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(drat, got snared by a Reply-To:. Trying again.)

- > *I read everything on the Debian home page*
- > *before making my decision as to which version to install, etc. I found the*
- > *explanations good but not good enough. They are still written from the point*
- > *of view of the engineer, the programmer. What a new, prospective Debian user*
- > *wants to know is what are the practical consequences of installing stable vs.*
- > *testing vs. unstable, etc. etc.*

This is a valid criticism that comes up here from time to time in different forms. One suggestion I'd like to make: if there's documentation (or explanatory paragraphs on web pages or whatever) that wasn't able to help you, then later on, when you understand that topic a little better, please consider volunteering just a small amount of time to help improve it. I'm serious. A recurring gripe about a lot of open source software had been documentation --- non-existent, or skeletal/incomplete, or aimed only at the guru and not at the new user, etc. etc. Having encountered information which should have been helpful but wasn't, you're in the ideal position to help Debian (or any other project) get it right. No need to commit tons of time --- just pick one small thing, one subsection of one document or web page, and offer up some changes. Little things add up, and any contribution is better than none. And hey, if it gets in, you just became a contributor to the project.

Cheers,

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