

Re: Firefox and Debian Testing: Getting Security Updates?

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On 08/17/2005 02:10 AM, a.list.address@gmail.com wrote:

- > *I'm a happy user of Testing, but I'm a bit concerned about getting*
- > *updates to Firefox in a timely manner. The current version in Testing*
- > *is 1.0.4-2, which has recently-announced vulnerabilities in it. The*
- > *vulns (I don't like typing that word :) have been fixed in the version*
- > *in Sarge, 1.0.4-2sarge1. They've been fixed in Unstable as well, in*
- > *1.0.6-2.*
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- > *But when will this version come to Testing? A quick look at the*
- > *changelog for the package shows that 1.0.5-1, which fixes some*
- > *security issues, was uploaded to Unstable on July 16th with an urgency*
- > *level of high, but four days later 1.0.6-1 was uploaded with an*
- > *urgency of low. Ten days later, on July 30th, 1.0.6-2 was uploaded*
- > *with an urgency of medium. But here it is over two weeks later, and*
- > *Testing is still stuck on 1.0.4-2.*
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- > *I looked in the bug tracker, but I couldn't find any good bug to*
- > *prevent these newer versions from moving to Testing.*
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- > *Now, I'm far from an expert, and I'm still fairly new to Debian (less*
- > *than a year), but it seems like something needs to change. I don't*
- > *want to run Unstable on my computer, but I don't want to be stuck with*
- > *vulnerable browsers either.*
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- > *I could upgrade Firefox to the version that's in unstable, but there*
- > *are two problems:*
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- > *1) This is a poor long-term solution, having to manually upgrade*
- > *packages and their dependencies to fix security problems;*
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- > *2) I can't even do that in this case, because Firefox 1.0.6-2 depends*
- > *on libxinerama1, which depends on libc6 >=2.3.5, but Testing is still*
- > *on libc6 2.3.2.*
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- > *This is simply a mess. Actually, now that I think about it, I suppose*

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- > *the reason 1.0.6–2 hasn't moved into Testing is because of the*
- > *dependency problem of libxinerama1 and libc6. But who knows when the*
- > *new version of libc6 will get into Testing? It may be a very long*
- > *time. In the meantime, are we Testing users supposed to keep using a*
- > *vulnerable version of Firefox?*
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- > *I know Testing is not supported for security updates, but for*
- > *high–profile packages like Firefox with high–profile vulns, don't we*
- > *need a solution for this problem? And upgrading to Unstable is not a*
- > *solution; there's a reason I and others use Testing instead of*
- > *Unstable.*

You could safely install the backport 1.06 from Kevin McCarty. See his message to this list at <http://lists.debian.org/debian–user/2005/08/msg00467.html> .

It's still working just fine for me on sarge.

Regards,
Ralph

P.S. Please also read the related threads mentioned by the other replies.

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