

Re: I am ANGRY with Debian.

Re: I am ANGRY with Debian.

Source: <http://linux.derkeiler.com/Mailing-Lists/Debian/2007-05/msg04520.html>

- *From:* Nic James Ferrier <nferrier@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 31 May 2007 11:05:14 +0100
-

Kevin Mark <kevin.mark@xxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

On Thu, May 31, 2007 at 01:56:03AM +0000, Tyler Smith wrote:

On 2007-05-31, Kevin Mark <kevin.mark@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

About a year ago, there was a GR (general resolution) that Debian had and it said 'GFDL without invariant sections' are DFSG-free while 'GFDL with invariant sections' is not. Read info on the vote.

That's all fine and good, and I've been persuaded to see the Debian perspective on this. However, there would be fewer angry users if the package maintainers put the non-DFSG stuff into non-free _before_ they excised it from main.

The 'free-ness' vote was the primary issue. Those are implementation details left to the maintainers. There was no direction given to them, so I would guess they did what I have read that most maintainer do: focus on the 'free software' and put any non-free tasks second or lower. Although I think that your suggestion would have made things a little easier for the users.

If you look at the bug track I sent you'll see that packagers are being told to remove the free documentation:

Please try to obtain permission from upstream to delete the cover texts, otherwise you will have to remove the whole manual. :-(

I fully accept the ramifications of Debian's democratic process. But Debian has made a big mistake here; tearing useful stuff out of

Re: I am ANGRY with Debian.

Re: I am ANGRY with Debian.

packages because of a political decision without providing an automatic upgrade is stupid. It *will* lose you users.

Remember also that there are a whole bunch of people who care about Debian but, because we're not Debian developers, we didn't get to vote on this issue.

I think this is the same as any democratic system.

The question is: are Debian leaders and developers now going to behave like most national government politicians and try and crush all protest under the banner "sorry! you already voted for it"?

Or are they going to accept that doing this is pretty stupid and driving people away and that another way should be found than the current package vandalism.

--

Nic Ferrier

<http://www.tapsellferrier.co.uk>

--

To UNSUBSCRIBE, email to debian-user-REQUEST@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx with a subject of "unsubscribe". Trouble? Contact listmaster@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx