

Re: debian how-to

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"Douglas A. Tutty" <dtutty@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote: On Mon, Dec 31, 2007 at 08:13:31AM -0500, drn_temp2@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

From: "Douglas A. Tutty" Sent: Monday, December 31, 2007 7:08 AM

----- Original Message ----- From: "Rick Dooling" Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2007 9:05 PM
> Hello all,

I started out on Debian. Moved to Ubuntu for a few months, and then moved back to Debian a couple of years ago.

I still find this Ubuntu How-To by David Martin very helpful, and I'm wondering if there is such an animal for Debian.

<http://www.funnestra.org/ubuntu/gutsy/>

I know about Debian Reference and Debian Help site, but I'm more interested in a list of common how-tos that most people would like to do after installation, such as add mp3 playing ability, installing flash, mounting usb drives or ntfs drives and so on, the sort of things found in Martin's Ubuntu How-To. I know that some work in both. I guess I'm just curious if a similar thing already exists for Debian. And if not would it be a useful project to redo the Ubuntu How-To with an eye toward the Debian user.

Thanks,

Rick Dooling

>>The docs are always under /usr/share/doc/[package name]

apropos
which
locate

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find

As a n00b to Debian (though I've used several distributions over the past few years) a lot of these simple things can take quite a while to figure out. For those of you who have been intimately involved and continuously using Debian it is so obvious but to the rest of us – nope.

That kind of info should be in the debian-reference, debian-policy, fhs, etc.

Doug.

Thanks everyone for your suggestions, I was just trying to site some examples for a need for a more simplistic starter guide for n00bs, I've been doing already some of the suggestions and found my own alternatives. It's more the wading through the voluminous documentation and finding the right piece within that that's the issue. It's a very daunting and often confusing process trying to figure some of this out for one's self.

As was suggested a "quick" summary of how to do some of these (with appropriate references), all in one spot was a nice idea, I thought and I was trying to substantiate the original post by Rick Dooling yesterday (inserted above) and his observation / suggestion / request / ??.

Dave