

# bits/news from the users of Debian?

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Hi all,

[Please CC me in all replies]

We've had bits from the DPL (Debian Project Leader)[1][2], bits from the release team[3], bits from the listmasters[4] and bits from other people and groups within Debian[5][6][7][8][9]. "Bits from someone" simply means interesting news and other information from some person or group of people in Debian.

Since one of Debian's priorities is our users, I'd like to see a "bits from the users" on d-d-a (debian-devel-announce). I also had the thought of a separate email for developers only on d-p (debian-private) and perhaps a presentation at DebConf 8 in August. So, I'm gathering your thoughts for these mails and the possible presentation.

If you are using Debian on your phone, embedded computer, laptop, desktop, server, network, telecommunications equipment or other part of your information infrastructure, I'd love to hear from you.

When replying, tell me anything you want to, but if you can't think of anything, here are some ideas to get you started:

What are you using Debian for? Recording your band's latest songs? Making valentines for someone? Or powering a spy satellite to take high-res photos of the Colombian drug boats off the coast of Nicaragua? Do you have a project (big or small) made with Debian you'd like to show off? Even if you think its trivial or uninteresting, we want to hear about it! Using Debian for keeping track of your socks might seem uninteresting to you, but... What cool package(s) are you using? Did you buy a beverage for a Debian contributor at DebConf? Are you using packages from a general area of Debian (science, games, development, servers)? What about Debian do you think needs changing – do you have any specific gripes? Is there a specific package that needs to be maintained better? Do you have the popularity-contest package installed and working? If not, why not? Are you missing certain packages that are not available in Debian, were removed from Debian or are not available in the last stable release (etch)? Why are you using Debian rather than RHEL/Fedora/CentOS, Gentoo, Ubuntu, MacOS or Windows (or the other way

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around)? Are you making a living using or customising or deploying Debian? What are your plans for using Debian in the future? Did your Debian wishlist for 2007 come true? What is your Debian wishlist for 2008? What does Debian mean to you? In what ways do you or do you intend to contribute to Debian and free software in general? How can we help you to contribute to Debian or free software in general?

In your replies, please indicate which parts are for debconf, d-d-a or d-p. Please also indicate if you would like to remain anonymous, want your comments attributed to you or don't care either way. I'll read all public and private replies and make summaries for d-d-a and d-p. Depending on the number of replies and my "real life" situation, it might take a while to write up, so please be patient.

I'm unfortunately monolingual, so if you would like to translate this mail to your language and translate replies from users to English and send them to me, please feel free to post it to the non-English user lists/forums.

1. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/02/msg00009.html>
2. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2007/11/msg00000.html>
3. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2006/05/msg00015.html>
4. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2007/10/msg00004.html>
5. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/01/msg00001.html>
6. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/01/msg00002.html>
7. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/02/msg00007.html>
8. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/01/msg00001.html>
9. <http://lists.debian.org/debian-devel-announce/2008/01/msg00002.html>

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