

Re: [SLE] SuSE 9.2 and audio, jpilot headaches

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On Saturday 20 November 2004 7:53 pm, Donn Washburn wrote:

> *Hey Group;*

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> *I have been monitoring the mail and have seen several unhappy persons*

> *that spent good hard earned money on SuSE9.2 (at a much higher price).*

I keep seeing this "much higher price" but as I remember it was the same price as I got it for the last time I bought the full boxed version. Please tell me how much more it is costing you. And how long ago it was you bought the version before this one.

And there is always the "upgrade" option, which gives you everything except the manuals. Not to mention discounters, Chumbo and some others ... probably Amazon has folks selling them at discounts, as well.

And there is always the install from the ftp site option. The only thing that didn't happen and went apparently is the Home version. That was always less money, but it had a lot less in it. Still, if you bought any of it you can download and install any of the individual programs from Suse's ftp site.

I remember them saying the last time, and probably before that one that they would be putting more stuff on the dvd, to encourage people to get them and reward those of us who had them... I rather imagine there was something similar w/ the old switch from floppies to cds. It's just so far back in the dark ages... none of you children can remember it. <G> Lord, 5inch floppies, and having to put two of them into two different slots (prior to the now ubiquitous hard drives..)

I am sure there are things wrong w/ every version of everything that comes out. And as, they always used to tell me, "if you have a working system, unless there is something you MUST have, don't upgrade to a newer version. And for all of you who have more than one box, how about doing a shakedown on a non necessary box. So if you find something that is going to take time and effort, you will have the time to work it out.

IF you are having serious problems going from one release to another in the same number, something odd is going on. Since as far as any info in the various 9.x releases haven't made mention of the stuff that was going on

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during the 7.x thru 8.x releases. Where they were making major modifications to the locations of things in order to comply w/ the United Linux ideas.. and eventually that is going to pay off for all of us.

The other thing I don't get is people bitching about the price because "Linux is free and so no one should get charged anything for it.." Well, bollox!! IF you want a completely non paying system, download the bits from all the sites and roll your own.

Suse in particular, I know from a guy who doesn't work for them , heavily customizes scripts etc to make certain everything you want to run works as it should. For those of you complaining, we here do not work for Suse. It's simply our favorite distro. They kindly provide us w/ this forum to rant, or help each other. Suse also pays programmers who work on the so called "Free" software (KDE for instance), and that money must be recouped. Companies that are constantly awash in red ink just go away... ask anyone who fell in love w/ BeOS. When Jean Louis ran out of cash, it basically died. And as we repeatedly say programmers have to eat, pay rent, feed the kids, cats, dogs, car, tax man etc. etc. too.

Of course, if you are willing, as a grownup who must support themselves, as in pay your own living expenses and you aren't living in mum and dad's house, w/ mum doing the housekeeping , cooking laundry etc, and dad paying for the house costs and car upkeep ins. and all that sort of stuff. And you are willing to work for a for profit company and do it for free, well, feel free to send Suse your info and qualifications and even better, if you have about 20 friends who wouldn't mind doing the same... well, maybe then it could be at this magic price point that seems to me to be irrational.

After all, who produces the cds or dvds? Someone has to get the stuff all organized and ready to go to the pressers. Someone has to pay for the boxes and all.I strongly suspect even the web developers want to be paid a meaningful wage. Togan said, imagine if the cost is just one cent per cd, how much it costs to press the minimum number the presser will accept, and it's probably, assuming his price of one cent is right, it's likely at least double that for the dvd. That money, like the programmers and designers and all the other folks salaries are outgo that is in advance of any expected sales. This stuff isn't made up one box at a time. I know there are places on the web that do make cd's and dvds of various distros or other software.. they do the sort of job you can do, make a copy of what they buy for cost plus a small amount and I mean SMALL amount, because it makes it easier for people who don't want the boxed sets but find the phone lines too unreliable for installations.

It's all trade offs. And should you decide you can not put up w/ Suse's deliberate insistence on breaking your installation, farewell, sorry to see you go, and I wish you happiness.

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quis custodiet ipsos custodiat?

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