

Re: [SLE] Re: SUSE taking over the World! Finally!

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Randall R Schulz wrote:

> *Sid,*

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> *On Monday 29 November 2004 16:17, Sid Boyce wrote:*

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>>>*yes and why the heck did they choose rpm when real were already*

>>>*using it for audio files causes no end of hassle .*

>>>*pete*

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>>*As we've ranted about for many years now, it's almost impossible to*

>>*download rpm's from some sites when SHIFT-Right click doesn't get you*

>>*the file you want, just some html and when clicking on the link*

>>*simply brings up realaudio. rhp, rhpm, pmr or something else would*

>>*have been more sensible as the gods have not decreed there be a +3*

>>*suffix. Regards*

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> *The real problem with such sites is that they don't supply proper MIME*

> *types in the stream that's returned. Either that or a brain-damaged*

> *browser. Any decent browser resorts to using the file name extension*

> *(if any) as a data type indicator only when the server does not*

> *identify the type of data being returned.*

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> *It's really sad that one of the best features of the original Macintosh*

> *operating system, typed files, was dropped with the advent of OS-X.*

> *What should have happened is that proper file type metadata should have*

> *displaced the ridiculous notion of encoding a file's type in its name.*

> *It was just a replay of Betamax vs. VHS competition, really.*

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>>*Sid Boyce*

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SuSE: Re: [SLE] Re: SUSE taking over the World! Finally!

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> *Randall Schulz*

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That makes sense, it seems there are holes everywhere, e.g in konqueror if you rename a .jpg file to .txt, it treats it as a text file, our friend in Teheran pointed that one out. Laziness perhaps on the part of the developers.

I've just tried downloading rpms from fedora and SuSE using konqueror and firefox, no problems.

Regards

Sid.

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Sid Boyce Hamradio G3VBV and keen Flyer

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