

[SLE] Installing 10.1 from CDs oddities

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Hi all,

I'm throwing this out first to see if others have experienced the same thing, before I report it to bugzilla.

When everyone first started to complain about 10.1 and the few problems it seemed to have, updater, missing proprietary kernel modules, etc., I suspected it was only the usual whining that came about from a new release with some changes. I think I may have to join the group though, if the latest experience I have had is the normal behavior.

Let me try to explain. While trying to install 10.1 from the 6 CDs on a pretty ordinary machine where all other SUSE installs have been no problem, things did not go well. I've spent about one & half days now trying to get 10.1, boxed, to install. First problem I ran into was the software installation getting to the 3rd or 4th disc and yast reporting that it could not find the file on this disc. Nothing unusual, right? Retry, abort, ignore. I asked it to retry and immediately it dropped out of yast to continue booting to the login screen. Of course, it's very difficult to login if there are no users or passwords established. Tried several things without success. Restarted the install process with another set of 10.1 discs, thinking something wrong with first set. During the second install, at the installation, update or other screen, I made the mistake of selecting the add source for other addons (not exact wording). I think someone else may have mentioned this problem/bug and it would seem to be a problem. Thinking I needed to add disc 6 with this, I proceeded. Tried to add, it couldn't find a catalog, so went back a step without selecting anything. Suddenly the machine seemed to be maxed out on the cpu. Slow response on everything, machine mostly unusable! Tried getting the disc out of the drive, but couldn't, it was locked. Again, I restarted the installation.

Ok, third time I have everything figured out and should work. Wrong! Again, died at 4th disc with couldn't find file. Abort, retry, Ignore. Ignore this time and here it goes, booting to login screen. Again, tried several things in an attempt to have it continue, but no luck. Ok, so something is wrong with the discs, the brand, the burn, something or the ISO it was made from. I start a fourth time, with a new set of burned CDs only to get to the 4th disc to not find the file

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again. Same thing, boot to login screen. I do the old ctrl-alt-del key sequence for a reboot, but before I could change the disc to CD 1, it starts the process, but goes back to the installation screen asking for disc 4! Installation proceeds from there without further problems. Frustration had already started to settle in, let me assure you and the 10.0 discs were ready and waiting for their problem free turn! I've never had an install take as long as this nor so many problems on hardware that is very Linux friendly.

Installing from the DVD on my main machine was a breeze and problem free, except for the terrible mono updater and other things everyone else has mentioned. Overall, 10.1 just has not felt right, not complete or something. I am sure neither I nor many other long time SUSE users were expecting this from such a seasoned Linux distro. As scsijon mentioned in his mail, I also will not recommend my customers to upgrade to 10.1, as 10.0, by far, felt more finished & stable.

I would like to know if other CD users have experienced such problems and should it be reported to bugzilla?

TIA,
Lee

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