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Clayton wrote:

Well.....except for Hal and

Never had a complaint about Hal. It just works for me. I do not need fixed mount points for automounted devices. I have never had it fail on me.

I can't access my external floppy, zip drive or hard drive. All USB. Mount fails with some stupid error. Mounting these drives worked wonderful until Hal came along. Bug report filed but no joy yet.

Stupid.....er.....uh.....I mean Smart.

Well.. Stupid/Smart isn't technically "part" of the default distro. I agree it's an annoying app – SmartGUI that is – compared to more intuitive and informative apps like Synaptic. I've been told by "those in the know" that the SmartGUI is undergoing a major overhaul, and the new interface should be more user friendly and less of an out of touch developer's idea of what is good. Fingers crossed.

I was referring to Smart Package Handler, or whatever the heck it is. Yast is far superior.

and don't forget that stupid dog thingy.

Not installed... so no problem. :-) It does work in 10.2 though (in mine at least). I did have it running for a while, and when I did use it, it worked. I don't need it... I know where all my personal files are, so removed it as a redundant app

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When I tried to leave it out this last time it gave me so many dependency conflicts I just let it install. Nothing important, just things like anything to do with KDE, or the OS. I could have tried just ignoring it but.....

AND, can someone explain in SIMPLE English just what the h-e-double hockey sticks Apparmor is supposed to do. Near as I can tell all it does is take up space on my hard drive.

Curtis Rey had a good comment on AppArmor a few months ago (3 January):

"If you're running AppArmor – Don't! It can interfere with apps and /dev access – it's designed for Enterprise/network servers with access to the outside world – generally overkill for home users and non-servers."

As for the Zen thing. Well, I find it quite useful, as long as you don't install the "updater" portion. If you don't install Zen Updater openSuSE Updater gets installed by default.

I noticed the openSUSE updater thing when I hunted down and killed Zen. I also stopped the openSUSE updater. I use Smart on a regular basis and my apps are all on the rather gory bleeding edge.

openSuSE Updater works great. Stupid, well.....When I have tried it I just get so tired of trying to find anything I gave up. The way it categorizes everything is an exercise in absolute stupidity.

So... 10.2 and problems... I see mainly Zen, Beagle/Kerry and AppArmor that people complain about as simply not working or causing untold levels of havoc on their installs. None of these 3 are critical, and can simply be removed without really being missed.

Some don't like Hal for various reasons, but it seems to be rare that it's actually Hal that's broken.... more like personal choice where the user doesn't like how Hal handles mount points.

Dunno... still seems to me that 10.2 is a pretty dang good release (after the post release patches are applied) :-) The core of it works very well. Like all software, it will never be perfect... but, as long as future releases work as good as or better than 10.2 I'm a happy camper. I have recommended 10.2 to a whole lot of people...

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first time users.. and they are getting on very well with it.

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My 'ol Granpappy used to say if it ain't broke don't fix it. IMHO, Hal is an attempt to fix something that never was broke in the first place.

Smart needs to have the K.I.S.S. Principle applied to it.

Beagle, well it doesn't bother me like many others report. Just sort of sits there in the system tray or the bottom corner of Firefox, or whatever, and does nothing. If Beagle does a faster search than the built in "find" it might be well worth it. Just never tried it.

Aparmor, about the same as Beagle. Just sort of sits there doing nothing.

Zen, as I said before. Some parts of it work a treat. Just leave out the updater portion. It lets me install things that Yast won't/can't, like Gramps that isn't on any of the suse sites. Like from my local Download directory.

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