

Re: [opensuse] Stupid Updater and Stupid Installer – IMHO

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On Sat, 2007-06-23 at 17:35 +0200, Sandy Drobic wrote:

Dave Howorth wrote:

Is there some way to tell it **not** to download the lists every time, and just do it when I tell it to (or overnight or something)?

Yes, there is. Previously, you could see the button to activate/deactivate a source at once. Now it is hidden a bit in the don-t-know-the-name button in the corner down right, where you can deactivate AND/OR not-refresh a source.

Ah, thanks Sandy. That's the "Source Settings" button on YaST's Software/Installation Source page, for anybody else following. That speeds it up considerably, though I think it's still slower than 9.3. Definitely an improvement.

It leaves a lesser problem in its wake :(Now when I click on Online Update it says it will "Refresh update sources" but it doesn't. Apart from going into the Installation Source page and selecting Refresh now for each individual source in turn, is there some way to tell it to refresh all sources?

The always-refresh behaviour is pretty annoying when you only want to install a little package. I guess, the reason for that is, that these sources also work as update sources.

Yes, but the use cases seem pretty obvious to me:

- (1) I want to install a new package. I want to do it quickly, because I want to use it!
- (2) I want to do a regular and/or sporadic update to bring things pretty much up-to-date, as good housekeeping.
- (3) I've just heard about some specific threat and want exactly that

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very recent release.

In case (3), I'm more than willing to push a button saying "guarantee me the latest possible update", and I'm more than happy to wait while it does a download. In all other cases, I'm happy with an expectation that the sources have been updated sometime in the last 24 hours, or even a week, and I definitely don't want to wait.

I don't understand why there isn't a system cron job that keeps the lists up-to-date overnight. I guess there's some command-line incantation that I could set up as a cron job.

Cheers, Dave

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