

# Re: Meaning of Server vs. Desktop versions of Ubuntu Dapper Long-Term-Support

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On Mon, 2006-06-12 at 13:56 -0700, John Schofield wrote:

So Dapper Desktop will be supported for 3 years and Dapper Server will be supported for 5 years. This is great news. (And I did read that somewhere, and apparently just mangled the figures in my head.)

However, my original question (quoted below with corrections in brackets) still stands. How do I differentiate which packages get 3 years of support and which get 5?

I understand it to mean the following:

"Support" means that (security) updates are provided for server packages for 5 years.

"Server packages" means a select group of packages that are typically run on servers.

"Packages typically run on servers" means the server packages in the 'main' repository, for example Apache, MySQL, PostgreSQL, PHP, Samba, Postfix mailserver, FTP server, etc. AS WELL AS the basic operating system packages.

I take it NOT to include any desktop packages, regardless of where they reside (Edubuntu server that would include Gnome, Firefox, OOo, etc.)

(Chances are however that if you run Edubuntu in a thin client scenario, that you'd want to upgrade things after 3 years. :))

Going out on a limb here, IMHO server support would include everything that's part of a 'server' mode install, or in other words, everything in the main repository that does not require X or Gnome/KDE/etc.

Cheers,  
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