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On Thu, 20 Mar 2008 18:20:07 -0700, Day Brown wrote:

On Mar 20, 7:08 pm, ray <r...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Best to install Gentoo from a minimal install, following the 'book' at the gentoo.org website. You can include as much or as little as you want.

Even the minimum is 137 meg ISO.

I'm not as clear as I hope. But if there were a distro website that made up the ISO on the fly, with just what I actually asked for, the download would not be anywhere near that much. A few meg for the boot & kernel, maybe 20 for a browser, and a meg for some utilities like MC, Cfdisk, and XF86Config.

But rather than have all the drivers XF86Config on the ISO, have them sitting on the server, and so you only download what you actually need. As is, it seems the various distros always forget some things. Some have a driver for my SCSI card, some dont. Some do well with my oddball 1600X900 LCD, some dont. Some see my camera and recognize it as a flashcard, and some dont.

No matter what distro I get, I end up with something it dont have, and every single time I've tried to download and install a solution, it has not worked. Often I get messages about dependency issues, but then other times, no clue, no error messages, but no icon or trace on the file system that its there.

So, my karma being what it is, I wanna start by downloading the kernel & boot, putting that on another drive, then one at a time, download and install what the platform needs. Right up front. I dont wanna waste time doing the whole damn install only to find out later it dont work right.

I have been downloading and installing DOS software for nearly 25 years. It aint rocket science. If it dont work, it tells me what driver is missing, and when I install that, it works. If I download for Linux, I get told there are dependency issues, I dont have the right C library.

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If I try to download that, it tells me I dont have the right compiler.
Its kafkaesque. Every time I download a 'solution', I'm told I need to
get something more.

RPM, apt-get, .deb, it does not matter. gz, tgz, zip, or