

Re: Questions about distro upgrade?

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Steve wrote:

> *Hi,*

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> *I have been playing with Libranet and Debian. BTW: I used the Sarge Net Install*

> *CD last night and it's great. Very easy and fast. I used it on a Kayak XU*

> *266Mhz. startx worked fine after I apt-get installed xserver common and a few*

> *other items.*

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> *Sometimes on either Libranet or Debian Sarge if I apt-get install things,*

> *xwindows stops working. Not everything I install.*

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> *I installed kino on Libranet (2.8.1) and the xserver stopped working. I googled*

> *and found the cure but it was still a pain. I found later that kino had a bug*

> *and this was a common problem.*

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> *Deb Sarge was working great last night. I apt-get installed, abiword, gnome,*

> *mozilla, galeon, icewm and a few others. Worked, and looked, great. This am I*

> *apt-get installed firebird and something else and now xserver won't start again.*

> *Can't locate a screen? I do understand it's testing. Maybe I just need to go to*

> *Woody.*

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> *I am sure I'll be able to fix it with google's help, but what a pain.*

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> *I have a couple of questions.*

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> *1.) Does this happen often to Debian when apt-getting?*

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> *2.) I really like apt-get but is there another distro that doesn't have this*

> *problem with upgrades?*

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> *I really want to drop Win98 but can't until I get a handle on a few things.*

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> *I need to figure out how to*

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> *1.) Record Video using my older ATI All-In-Wonder. I will probably buy a*

> *Hauppauge soon to help in this area.*

> *2.) Record streaming internet radio. Every Saturday I record about 7 hours. I'm*

> *sure I could have it run timed from a script in Linux.*

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- > 3.) *Burn a VCD. K3b always tells me I have the wrong mpeg format. Nero just*
- > *burns it. I do simple editing with VirtualDub so that should be easy on Linux.*
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- > *Email, web surfing and ftp w/Linux are easy enough. I plan on trying to build a*
- > *Linux based PVR in the near future.*
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- > *Thanks for your opinions.*
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Regarding the problem of not screen found, take a look to /var/log/XFree.log.0 (or Xorg.log.0) and look for errors (maybe you want to "cat XFree.log.0 | grep EE").

It is possible that one of the packages you have installed, made some modifications to the config (who knows....). You may want as well to install again ATi drivers and take a look to xserver config file.

I use FC2 with apt-get feature as well, and works like a charm. The only drawback i have sometimes is that the rpm database does not rebuild and apt-get just hangs, but rarely happens to me.

About burning VCD, as far as I know, use cdrecord and mkisofs to burn the mpeg. Get it first with VirtualDub (through wine) and then burn it with cdrecord.

For the other 2 questions, unfortunately I don't have any answer, but hope this gonna help somehow.