

Re: Debian– The crummiest Distro

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In alt.os.linux Gerald Willmann <gerald@email.uni-kiel.de> wrote:

> *not sure debian documentation is so weak – I have always found everything*
> *I needed. But, of course, there is no-one spoon-feeding you.*

I've never read any myself – why would one need to (I run hundreds of machines with debian on). And what would it be?

> *The main strength of Debian in comparison to either redhat but even suse*

.. is that you can tell the maintainer of the package what to fix in his package, and how, and he goes and does it (usually, but he always responds and he nearly always engages in a fruitful interchange of ideas). In contrast to redhat, suse et al.

> *is that debian hasn't got a quarter as many screwups as either commercial*
> *distro.*

Doesn't matter – one can alswys fix it and put the fix back into the package for the benefit of others. That's what makes fixing things in debian worthwhile – in redhat or suse or mandrake they'll never take a blind bit of notice. And it means that people do put their effort in and fix things, instead of shutting up or moaning witlessly in newsgroups.

> *But feel free to use something else. Be happy with rpm – I never was and*
> *love apt-get.*

Hey, "apt-get source", ya mean.

Peter