

Re: redhat vs debian

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On Tue, 11 Nov 2003 23:02:42 +0000, HS wrote:

> *Don't agree with that all. yum and apt-get make the life simpler, much
> simpler than rpm ever did if I may say so. There are my first
> impressoins. Moreover, even Fedora now uses yum and apt-get. And there
> are millions, maybe not as many as there are for Windoze, packages for
> Linux. I think maybe in terms of video games Linux is week, but I am
> pretty happy with all the stuff it offers -- and, oh, Mozilla rocks, IE
> sucks BIG time!!*

As for mozilla. I do like it. I have no major problems with it except it has problems with profiles and won't save my "text zoom" size. It is irritating as hell to have to keep resetting it each time I open a new window.

I have UT 2003 and did successfully install it on my RH linux box. No errors. I found the way to do the install was to copy the installer to the HDD so I could switch CDs. The problem is that after the install completes I can click the launcher app and it brings up the splash screen and then dumps me back to the desktop without continuing.

The installer went well but during the install I noted that I could not use my Riva TNT2 card with it. I have 3 gforce 4 ti cards. Two that I have at home and one that I took to work. I decided to bring it home and use it.

When I got it home I figured, since RH had been so good at finding new hardware it would find this adapter as well. And yay, it did. When RH started up it got to the prompt screen for the user name and password. At this time the keyboard wouldn't work. The USB mouse did but the keyboard seemed locked out.

I pulled some of the cards in it that I didn't need to make linux work: video capture board and a scsi adapter. Same problem though.

I could tell when the keyboard stopped working because when I went to switch the numlock on and off it worked until it got to the prompt for log in. At that time the keybaord numlock wouldn't work and I couldn't type

anything. Testing I removed cards and rebooted. Through each boot I periodically hit the numlock, so I could tell when it stopped functioning.

Finally I switched back the original video card and rebooted. The keyboard worked without errors.

I then put the gforce 4 ti card back in and rebooted and found myself at 640x480. At this time the keyboard worked. Funny.

I then grabbed a 17" monitor (had been using a 15" for my linux box—as I have 11 computers here at home 8 of which are my personal machines) and connected it up. I did this because the settings that previously worked with the tnt2 card and the 15" monitor no longer worked with the 15" monitor and the gforce card.

This still didn't bring me up to the desktop in the right resolution though. With the 15" monitor it would just shut off the signal going to the monitor. With the 17" it had no problems.

I then went into the display settings and specified the proper monitor and then upped the resolution. The setting were apparently stored but when I rebooted I was still in low res mode. I went back in and tweaked some and finally managed to get the computer to come up in something other than 640x480. I kicked the resolution up quite high and turned the refresh rate up as well. Now my linux desktop with kde looks great.

BTW, the generic monitor configuration of the display properties, if you know what I mean, somehow won't work at a refresh rate the monitor supports. When I switched the 15" with the 17" I put it on my Athlon XP 2400+ based system with an A7V333 mobo. Anyway, I played a bit with the refresh rate on the monitor with XPs display properties and found it was quite high. The reason I tested this was because Linux refused to allow me to use higher than 60hz and XP would, if it didn't work, give me a chance to back out. Linux sort of commits you even to the detriment of a black screen.

I used to use gnome on RH and recently switched to KDE. I found that KDE is significantly more flexible and customizable. They did a fantastic job. Unfortunately it kept giving me problems until I told it to no longer do it's trick with memory. But even so, with multiple desktops KDE seems to randomly switch me to a different desktop. Gnome never did this.

I did some investigating and went to the various web sites looking at screen shots and I noticed also that of the Mandrake screenshots everyone (although these are user submitted) seemed to be using the same programs. When I looked at the gnome screenshots it also showed virtually everyone running the same apps.

I'm currently in the position where I have been looking for other things to do with linux. Each time I go out for apps to install, evaluate/test I find little due to how the packages are distributed. This makes end-user

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access to apps very restrictive. Something needs to be changed. This means to me, that each developer must create a binary themselves for each distro, period. Or, they need to create a cross-distro packaging routine that will do it all for me so I can focus on using the app I am evaluating/testing vs. spending great amounts of time looking for support on how to get it installed.