

Debian 15 years and counting...



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- Ian Murdock announces to the world his brand-new Linux release
 - built from scratch
 - inspired by, but not based on, SLS
 - sleek and slim, but extensively documented
 - easy installation



15 years on...

- 11 project leaders:
 - Murdock, Perens, Jackson, Akkerman, Collins, Garbee, Michlmayr, Robinson, Towns, Hocevar, McIntyre (!)
- > 10 releases:
 - early numbered releases, Buzz, Rex, Bo, Hamm, Slink, Potato, Woody, Sarge, Etch, Lenny(!)



15 years on... (2)

- > 22,000 binary packages in lenny
- > 1,000 registered developers
- another 2,000 people writing docs, translations, NM?
- millions(?) of users
- developers getting married :-)

How did we get here?



- Common beliefs and ideals
- Social contract and DFSG
- Lots of arguments, but...
- Having fun



The Good

- Huge, dedicated developer community
- Huge number of packages
- Widest architecture support of any distro
- More and more teams growing and working together



The Bad

- History of struggling to release
- Flamewars
- People often **not** working well together
- Any more?

Why does Debian matter?



- Often described as the “most important distribution”
- Massive number of users
- Free and open