

(22:43:06) **humphreybc**: have you looked at the manual recently?
(22:43:48) **doctormo**: Nope, new release?
(22:43:53) **Offering to send main.pdf to doctormo**
(22:44:05) **humphreybc**: not a new release, just a lot of development on the current one
(22:44:12) **Transfer of file main.pdf complete**
(22:44:14) **doctormo**: wow a dcc that works
(22:44:15) **humphreybc**: alpha will be very exciting come feb 10th
(22:44:28) **humphreybc**: what IRC client do you use?
(22:44:54) **doctormo**: konversation
(22:44:58) **humphreybc**: wow
(22:45:01) **humphreybc**: do you use KDE?
(22:45:06) **doctormo**: no
(22:45:07) **doctormo**: gnome
(22:45:08) **humphreybc**: that's neat because i'm on Pidgin
(22:45:16) **humphreybc**: Pidgin is under-rated as an IRC client
(22:45:38) **doctormo**: Konversation is just a much better IRC client... I know pidgin does IRC well, just not as well as I need it.
(22:45:50) **humphreybc**: indeedy
(22:45:57) **humphreybc**: I try to avoid running KDE apps under Gnome as much as I can
(22:46:23) **doctormo**: "Ubuntu Manual" text on the front page is blurred, low resolution, none vector
(22:46:48) **humphreybc**: looks fine for me
(22:46:55) **humphreybc**: what PDF reader are you using?
(22:47:20) **doctormo**: I don't know why you try to avoid kde apps, sometimes you just have to. I've finally gotten used to Gnome Terminal instead of konsole, and yet I still miss terminal... kde apps just have such a better use experience, they save more contextual data and workflow.
(22:47:40) **humphreybc**: hmm. Why is it that KDE apps are sometimes so much better?
(22:47:43) **humphreybc**: I use digiKam
(22:47:50) **doctormo**: 3 different pdf readers and inkscape, it's an embeded image, I'm fairly sensitive to raster blurring.
(22:47:58) **humphreybc**: It's an amazing photo management/manipulation program
(22:48:07) **humphreybc**: Well as I said, it's just a development release :P
(22:48:31) **doctormo**: table of contents is empty
(22:48:37) **humphreybc**: really?
(22:48:44) **humphreybc**: wtf it's not for me
(22:48:52) **humphreybc**: oh wait
(22:48:54) **humphreybc**: yes it is
(22:48:55) **doctormo**: Title "Contents" and nothing else on the page.
(22:48:56) **humphreybc**: shouldn't be
(22:49:01) **humphreybc**: hang on i'll try to fix it
(22:49:49) **doctormo**: Contact details for your project should be a) at the end b) with some copyright details c) contain pdf links.
(22:50:32) **humphreybc**: hmm i'm not sure why the contents isn't populating. It's a small thing that's broken it
(22:50:47) **humphreybc**: why at the end?
(22:51:04) **doctormo**: Add to your style a minimum number of page breakable lines to paragraphs, Canonical should have gone onto the next page.
(22:51:23) **doctormo**: The end is a good place for conclusions and details
(22:51:41) **doctormo**: You don't want to litter the flow of your introduction with self referential text.
(22:51:49) **doctormo**: "Lookat me! This book is great aint it!"
(22:52:04) **humphreybc**: true

(22:52:18) **humphreybc**: keep suggesting things, i'll email this log to Kevin

(22:52:28) **doctormo**: Your bottom padding is huge.

(22:53:41) **doctormo**: Ubuntu is built upon the foundations of Debian, Linux kernel bullshit, most of the work in Ubuntu is infrastructure and very little of it has anything to do with the Linux kernel project.

(22:54:04) **doctormo**: Sorry, got flustered ;-)

(22:54:08) **humphreybc**: haha

(22:54:23) **doctormo**: I just hate this "Oh it's Linux" crap, It is not! if you installed "Linux" your computer wouldn't boot.

(22:54:42) **doctormo**: The initialisers for every `_useful_` project have been distro maintainers and the FSF.

(22:55:07) **humphreybc**: okay okay so what do you recommend? Not mention Linux *at all* in the whole document?

(22:55:57) **doctormo**: Mention is perhaps under a section that explains that ubuntu is based on debian? (Is a distribution of the Gnu project, the Xorg windowing system and the Linux kernel etc)

(22:56:33) **doctormo**: You don't have to go nuts, no one cares about the history anyway, but if we are going to write something, it might as well be half right.

(22:56:41) **humphreybc**: ha okay

(22:57:49) **humphreybc**: that all the feedback thus far?

(22:57:52) **doctormo**: Best not to mention windows and mac osx in some of the detailed parts like in Software Management

(22:58:42) **doctormo**: Recommended system requirements need to be revised upwards, what you have are the bare minimum.

(22:58:56) **humphreybc**: I took those from the community docs

(22:59:28) **humphreybc**: they were the first result after googling "Ubuntu system requirements"

(22:59:41) **doctormo**: Mention wireless (GSM) networks too, not just wireless (802.11) networks.

(22:59:59) **doctormo**: I do installations on refurb machines all the time.

(23:00:51) **doctormo**: <http://doctormo.wordpress.com/2009/10/22/ubuntu-minimum-requirements/>

(23:01:01) **doctormo**: I even drew up a sheet for my community center

(23:01:25) **humphreybc**: I see

(23:02:27) **doctormo**: Sometimes it's not important to explain a tool by name, for instance Network Manager... we don't really need to know about the Network Manager only the network connections icon in the top left corner of the screen.

(23:02:43) **doctormo**: This will simplify the text and allow you to reduce the size of the manual.

(23:03:19) **humphreybc**: righto

(23:04:01) **humphreybc**: ist das alles?

(23:05:15) **doctormo**: nah

(23:05:25) **humphreybc**: righto keep going then

(23:05:27) **doctormo**: You need to mention trust when you explain software repositories,

(23:05:45) **doctormo**: That the ubuntu repositories are trusted by default and that this means their keys are installed

(23:06:03) **doctormo**: When you install 3rd party repositories it's there for a good idea to trust that organisation or person.

(23:06:22) **doctormo**: You will have to add their key and there are tools to help you do this.

(23:07:14) **humphreybc**: okay

(23:07:43) **doctormo**: <http://doctormo.wordpress.com/2009/07/15/ubuntu-system-admin-class-command-line-basics/>

(23:07:52) **doctormo**: Have a look at this draft of the command line basics

(23:07:56) **doctormo**: course

(23:08:03) **doctormo**: it teaches people cli from the ground up

(23:08:11) **doctormo**: sort of what your advanced section is trying to do.

(23:08:29) **humphreybc**: oh neat

(23:08:33) **humphreybc**: I'm sure Ryan will appreciate that

(23:09:43) **doctormo**: "Learning more about Linux" -> "Learning more about FOSS Desktops" or FDO (freedesktop.org specifications since that's what they all use)

(23:10:20) **doctormo**: <http://doctormo.wordpress.com/2009/03/23/foss-understanding-foss-visual-guide/>

(23:10:24) **doctormo**: For your foss explanations

(23:11:36) **humphreybc**: neat

(23:11:49) **doctormo**: The choosing other distros thing gets a bit messy

(23:12:01) **doctormo**: Is it required other than to point people at distrowatch ?

(23:12:37) **humphreybc**: Hmm, true. I think the focus was on other variants of Ubuntu mainly.

(23:12:51) **humphreybc**: Kubuntu, Xubuntu, Lubuntu, Netbook Edition etc etc

(23:13:10) **humphreybc**: We're not going to go around explaining about Fedora, Red Hat, Linux Mint, Damn Small Linux etc

(23:13:27) **humphreybc**: I think it's just to serve as an intro to the world of distributions

(23:13:59) **doctormo**: having gone through it all, there isn't any copyright info (important for countries like the UK where such things are required) also to specify Creative Commons license (I have svg pictures for those)

(23:14:08) **humphreybc**: we're adding that

(23:14:10) **humphreybc**: don't worry :)

(23:14:14) **doctormo**: heh

(23:14:20) **humphreybc**: I think Kevin is doing that tomorrow

(23:14:27) **humphreybc**: Remember this is *pre alpha*

(23:15:07) **doctormo**: When I explain things to people who I teach, I never mention any other variant or distro. If people ask I answer, but otherwise they get taught that it's Free and Open Source (important!) and that it's Ubuntu, awesome aint it.

(23:15:19) **humphreybc**: haha

(23:15:24) **humphreybc**: well it keeps it simple, yes.

(23:15:37) **humphreybc**: If we have too many pages, then these are some things we can out

(23:15:46) **doctormo**: Thanks for showing it to me, I hope I was helpful

(23:15:54) **doctormo**: I also know hardware stuff inside and out btw.

(23:15:59) **humphreybc**: I just want to make sure we cover as much as possible for now, instead of rushing in to add stuff at the last minute!

(23:16:09) **humphreybc**: Oo do you fancy writing some of Hardware and Preferences?

(23:16:15) **doctormo**: Oh yes you can always remove things

(23:16:19) **humphreybc**: I'm not sure whether to split it up or not, we'll see.

(23:16:27) **humphreybc**: Re arranging and re-naming chapters is easy

(23:16:28) **doctormo**: I can't take preferences, too complex, too broad.

(23:16:39) **humphreybc**: Do you feel like helping with hardware?

(23:16:57) **humphreybc**: It's not overly detailed - we aren't going to include instructions on how to install every. single. printer for example

(23:17:05) **doctormo**: heh

(23:17:52) **doctormo**: I'll do you an introduction to start and we'll see where it goes

ok

(23:18:06) **humphreybc**: Neat, sounds good

(23:18:13) **humphreybc**: Right i'll email this to the team.