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INDIAN DEVELOPERS WANTED

“Catch Them Young” was the idea this year’s Fedora Users and Developers Conference in Delhi, FUDConDelhi2006 was pitched with. The aim of the event, which took place February 9 as part of LinuxAsia 2006 conference and expo February 8-10, was to latch on to the young crowd, primarily made up of students and young developers, who had turned up to get the buzz on the open source way of doing things.

Among the speakers was Colin Charles, who works as the Community Engineer with MySQL AB. He was upbeat about MySQL and Fedora with MySQL finally getting included with Fedora Core 5. Ankit demonstrated the Keyboard Layout Creator tool, which would contribute to a large extent to solving the vexing problems of myriad keyboards on the Indian market. Satish Mohan talked about the device driver enablement effort that his engineering services team is involved in at <http://oss-drivers.sourceforge.net/> – and about the challenges of enabling devices (especially legacy ones) in the Indian sce-

nario. Rahul Sundaram presented what would probably be the first public talk on bug triaging, leading the audience through a series of scenarios and showing how to get involved and give the project some TLC. The Fedora team itself talked about the Fedora Mentors Project, an effort to bring would-be contributors and developers together through various means (IRC, mailing list) so that a focused approach to various tasks can be taken.

Some of the learnings of FUDConDelhi2006 included the need to build up means of distributing Fedora in areas where bandwidth is a showstopper. Additionally some interesting feature requests for the live CD and a single CD Fedora came up which will soon find their way into the Fedora wiki. <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/FUDCon/FUDConDelhi2006>
<http://www.linuxasia.net/>
http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/indianoss/Keyboard_layout_creator_demo.ogg?download
<http://fedoraproject.org/wiki>

ANDALUSIA DROPS DEBIAN, EMBRACES UBUNTU

Guadalinux, the official Linux distribution of the government of Andalusia, a region in the south of Spain, has changed its base from Debian Sarge to Ubuntu. The new version 3.0, which was released in February, is the first result of an agreement the Andalusian government signed with Canonical, the company behind Ubuntu.

Guadalinux v3 is freely available as a live CD, and as an installation CD, although it is possible to install from the live CD.

The new release comes with improved hot plug support, kernel 2.6.12, GNOME 2.12 as the official desktop, and configuration wizards for Internet access, WiFi, modem and ADSL, as well as for the installation of additional software. The distribution now includes readers for RSS and podcasts as well as a Sudoku program. The improved installer features a wizard for automatic installation, which dedicates a separate hard disk partition to the /home directory.

<http://www.guadalinux.org/> (Spanish)

SNOWBOARDING AND HACKING TYPO3 4.0

While you’re reading this, the long expected version 4.0 of the Typo3 CMS will quite likely have been released. A lot of work on this release, e.g. its new back-end skin, as well as the entire redesign of the .org and .com websites was done in quite an unusual setting: during a snowboard vacation, dubbed T3BOARD06, in Fiesch, Switzerland. About 110 Typo3 contributors, among them 11 women, from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, England, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Spain met to learn and hack, to board, to ski, to play soccer (indoors) and hockey (outdoors), and – of course – to discuss the future of Typo3.



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