

openSUSE Gossip

封面新闻: openSUSE News Team Needs Your Feedback!



社区与发行版

1. Need a Wallpaper Changer for GNOME? Try Variety!

openSUSE, despite the vastness of the www stating it's primarily a KDE distro, prides itself in offering a one stop shop for your operating system needs, regardless of your desktop environment preferences. And it's true. For a couple of months, I've been running openSUSE GNOME exclusively on my laptop. And it worked like a charm. But there was one problem.

Whichever system I'm running, I absolutely must have a wallpaper slideshow complementing my desktop theme preferences. That way, I ensure my desktop is fresh and attractive to look at every time I close a window. But, as already stated, there was a problem. The wallpaper slideshow from extensions.gnome.org didn't seem to work for me and kept on crashing. So I had to find an alternative. How? While search engines can be a good friend, I decided to ask on the [forums](#), to get a first-hand experience. As always, the kind geekos on the green side of the fence looked into the issue, found a solution and helped a brother out. I've been offered a solution, and it's called Variety.

There was a problem in using Variety on openSUSE – the packages didn't exist. So, naturally, malcolmlewis stepped in and packaged Variety for us to use!

How to install Variety?

Malcolm created a one-click install for this fantastic wallpaper changer. You can get it [here](#). But, before installing, make sure to install python pillow, as it's a dependency. You can get it [here](#).

So what's so special about Variety?

Along with the obvious function, which is changing wallpapers, it's how it changes them, what really matters. You can add a local pictures folder, or, if you don't feel like it, you can let Variety download wallpapers directly from the internet from different sources (flickr, wallbase etc.). To learn more about the app's preferences, check out this video made by a Linux Mint user.

Variety

Do you have any experience with Variety or would maybe like to suggest a wallpaper slideshow app? Join us in the comments! And until then, remember to...

...have a lot of fun!

openSUSE News Team Needs Your Feedback!

Heya geekos!

We love the fact that the openSUSE News section is being generally well-adopted and well read. But, we'd like to do more, and do better! And for that, we need your input. Don't worry, we won't demand any 10000 characters super-articles (for now :P), but what we would like from you is to fill out a little survey. It's very very short, as we don't want it to be too time consuming, but we would like to know if, generally speaking, we're heading in the right direction. Or in a wrong one. Any way, it would be nice to know what the openSUSE news readers think about its content, so we can make it better. There's nothing we'd like more than to bring you additional enjoyment while you're drinking your morning coffee and clicking through your favorite news sites!

So, what we politely ask you to do is drop everything, and [click here](#) to fill out the survey. It's short and shouldn't take more than a minute or two of your time, but it would help us a great deal.

The survey will be open until the 31st of August. We'll post the results in the first days of September right here at openSUSE News. And there will be a graph included: statistics geeko inside

There shall be a fancy graph!

This is just the first step in the news team's interaction with its geeko reader base. Needless to say the survey is anonymous. Also, I'd like to ask you if you could share this survey through your social networks or with other readers, so we can get the most representative possible input.

Thanks again for helping us out, and remember to...

...have a lot of fun!

GSoC: What I have learned



系统与软件

Linux 3.17-rc1 Kernel Released

A day shy of two weeks since the Linux 3.17 merge window opened, Linus Torvalds released the Linux 3.17-rc1 kernel.

Linus released the RC kernel on a Saturday rather than Sunday due to his travel plans tomorrow around the Linux Foundation events in Chicago next week. He's also hoping/enforcing that all subsystem maintainers landed their merge window changes in time.

Linus wrote in the announcement, "this merge window was slightly smaller than the last few ones, probably due to summer slowdowns in the northern hemisphere. Which is not to say that it was *small* - the last few releases have been larger than usual, this one is just fairly average. It's certainly big enough that I can't post the shortlog, so as usual this just appends the "mergelog" where the people credited are the people I pulled from, not necessarily the people who wrote the code."

For those unfamiliar with the many Linux 3.17 features and other changes, there's our dozens of Linux 3.17 articles to date plus an overview of the new features as of last weekend but I'll have a new article out shortly covering all of the features as there was still some notable work that landed this past week.