

Arch Linux Weekly Newsletter

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1 Opening

Welcome to the Arch Linux Newsletter. This attempts to give you an “at a glance” look at the world of Arch Linux.

2 News

2.1 This Week in Dev Land

1. An agreement has been reached relating to how the TURs and incoming will change. Once things are cleaned up a bit, we will let the public know.
2. Dusty has started a doc that outlines most of the things that people complain about regularly on the forum. Not only the situations but also what the devs are doing about them. He'll make it public sometime.
3. Damir has stopped maintaining kde. He was tired of spending days uploading. We're looking into getting someone to take up kde.

2.2 ArchStats Updates

To participate, visit <http://archstats.coding-zone.com>

Number of registered systems: 412
Date first system was registered: 20031017
Most recent update occurred: 20040516
Longest recorded uptime: 175 days, 22 hours, 51 minutes, 55 seconds.
Average uptime: 4 days, 12 hours, 17 minutes, 52 seconds.
Least packages installed on a system: 44
Average installed packages: 261
Most packages installed on a system: 733

3 Discussions

3.1 Forum Highlights

1. Discussion began on what Arch 0.7's Release Name should be. Cast your vote for 0.7's release name in this thread: <http://bbs.archlinux.org/viewtopic.php?t=4446>.

3.2 Mailing List

1. Essien was having trouble building pacman on a uLibC system (for his Embedded ArchLinux Project). The problem was a missing glibc-specific function, which will be included in the next release of Pacman. Read the thread here: <http://www.archlinux.org/pipermail/arch/2004-May/001466.html>.

4 Packages

4.1 Package Highlights

1. Version 2.6.6 of the Linux kernel was released and packaged. This release has a wide variety of changes, including bug fixes, performance updates, and new drivers. Get all your kernel information from <http://kernel.org> and <http://kerneltrap.org>.

4.2 New Packages

xscreensaver 4.16-1
doxygen 1.3.7-1
dillo 0.8.1-1
ethereal 0.10.4-1
links 2.1pre15-1
mage 6.35.040409-1
prekin 6.35.040509-1
sox 12.17.4-2

gtick 0.3.1-1
getmail 3.2.4-1
dnsmasq 2.8-1
hotplug 2004.04.01-1
util-linux 2.12-3
mysql 4.0.19-1
groff 1.19.1-1
biopython 1.24-1
egenix-mx-base 2.0.5-1
mysql-python 0.9.2-1
pwgen 2.03-1
kile 1.6.3-1
libksba 0.9.1-1
ne 1.33-1
tar 1.14-1
pine 4.60-1
kernel24 2.4.26-3
kernel24-scsi 2.4.26-2
alsa-driver 1.0.4-4
samba 3.0.4-1
exim 4.34-1
hddtemp 0.3_beta11-1
bioperl 1.4-1
wlan-ng26 0.2.1pre20-5
abcm2ps-devel 4.4.5-1
ifplugd 0.25-1
gtetrinet 0.7.6-1
foobillard 3.0a-1
kernel26-scsi 2.6.6-1
kernel26 2.6.6-1

4.2.1 STAGING Listing

To get access to this, and other repos, visit <http://tur.archlinux.org>

muine 0.6.0-s1
briquolo 0.4.2-1
tutris 1.0.1-s1
straw 0.23-1
qtparted 0.4.4-s1
workrave 1.4.1-s1
fftw3 3.0.1-1
sim 0.9.3-s1
gxine 0.3.3-s1
gmencoder 0.1.0-s1
aspell-fr 0.50.1-1
cmf 1.4.2-s1
gnotime 2.1.7-s1
smb4k 0.4.0-s1
gp 0.26-1
gtk-smooth-engine 0.5.6-s1

windowlab 1.23-s1
kdetv 0.8.0-s1
gtkglectmm 1.0.1-s1
libgnomecups 0.1.6-2
hwd 1.6-2
ion-devel 20030814-1
goqr 0.39-s1
kbarcode 1.6.1-s1
ksambaplugin 0.5b2-1
labplot 1.2.2-1
libchipcard 0.9.1-1
plone 2.0-s1
kmyfirewall 0.9.6.2-s1
ether-wake 1.09-1
gxmame 0.34b-1
libofx 0.6.4-1
fortune-mod-dune-quotes 2.0.1-s1
gtk-sharp 0.91.1-s1
lwm 1.2.0-1
matern 0.1-1
lablgtk 1.2.6-s1
monopd 0.9.0-s1
mp3burn 0.3.1-1
ntfsprogs 1.9.1-s1
ocaml 3.07pl2-s1
parse-yapp 1.05-1
kshutdown 0.1.7-s1
pixieplus 0.5.4-1
progsreiserfs 0.3.0.4-s1
prizm 0.2-s1
pychecker 0.8.13-s1
pygtkglect 1.0.1-s1
scribus-devel 1.1.5-s1
scribus-docs 1.0.1-s1
seahorse 0.7.3-2
shaaft 0.5.0-1
supertux 0.1.1-s1
synaptics 0.13.2-s1
tuxpuck 0.8.2-s1
spe 0.4.2c-s1
gifsicle 1.40-1
texmacs 1.0.3.3-s1
tse3 0.2.7-1
unison 2.9.1-s1
universalkopete 0.1-1
streamtuner-xiph 0.1.0-s1
streamtuner-python 0.1.1-s1
xml-dom 1.43-1
xml-regexp 0.03-1
xml-xql 0.68-1

logjam 4.4.0-s2
xtermset 0.5.1-s1
xv 3.10a-1
xymms 0.9.1-s1
sip 3.10.1-s1
qscintilla 1.2-s1
tnftp 20030825-1
imms 1.1-s1
adns-python 1.0.0-1
digikam 0.6.1-s1
htmldoc 1.8.23-1
si3d 1.2-1
xfree86-freefonts-fonts 0.10-1
pil 1.1.4-s1
esntp 0.5.0-1
gkrellm_amicomected 0.6-1
gkrellmseti 0.7.0b-1
meld 0.9.1-1
msntp 0.7.1-1
nautilus_thumbnailers 0.0.3-1
njam 1.00-1
dosemu 1.2.1-s1
digikamplugins 0.6.1-s2
pyxml 0.8.3-s1
skencil 0.6.16-s1
bfilter 0.9.3-1
opera 723-2
wtf 0.0.4-s1
amule 1.2.6-s2
jack-audio-connection-kit 0.91.1-2
fbpager 0.1.4-s1
mpd 0.10.3-s1
bittornado 0.2.0-s1
py-libmpdclient 0.10.0-s1
cups-pdf 1.4.2a-s1
3ddesktop 0.2.5-s1
sip 4.0rc3-s1
pyqt 3.11-s1
qalculate 0.5.1-s1
soundtracker 0.6.7-s1
tla 1.2-s1
pycrypto 1.9a6-s1
emelfm2 0.0.7-s2
sylvheed-gtk2 0.9.9-s2
gnome-cups-manager 0.17-2
lyx-qt 1.3.4-s1
kradio 0.3.0-2
eric 3.4.1-s1
giftui 0.4.0-s2

5 Problems

5.1 Bugs

5.1.1 Bugs Closed This Week

- 910. sox missing lame dependency
- 905. util-linux upgrade and src change
- 908. kaffeine needs updating
- 903. alsa-driver does not work with kernel24 after last upgrade
- 859. Arch Linux Kernel Suggestion (pcspkr)
- 817. kernel config
- 698. missing option in kernel26 for cs46xx sound
- 893. Please provide highmem kernels
- 718. Add Dell Inspiron support to kernel 2.6

5.1.2 Bugs Opened This Week

- 912. Cannot load alsa-driver snd.o can't find kernel version
- 911. the Perl update has broken irssi
- 909. libsvg unstable version
- 907. gnome-python depends on pyorbit
- 906. GnomeICU Configuration Key Error
- 904. kernel 2.6.5-2 locks on boot hdc IRQ lost
- 902. Kaffe and j2re can't co-exist
- 901. libusb fails to download
- 900. xine-lib does not compile with gcc 3.4

6 Closing

That's it for this week, stay tuned for more exciting Arch Linux news.