

A Merge Proposal to ?Drop Snap Support? from GNOME Software Hints at Deeper Divisions

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As you probably know, Ubuntu Software, the default software app Ubuntu ship with, is based on GNOME Software. It's mostly the same app save for a few Snap-specific tweaks (which we've mentioned before) and shipping with the Snap plugin by default.

In short, the ?Snap? support it offers isn't particularly egregious or wide-reaching.

But word on the street is that Ubuntu is prepping a brand new app store exclusively tailored to Snap apps for use in a

future release (but separate from the Snap'd Snap Store snap)

This has made some devs who work on GNOME Software a little twitchy.

Kalev Lember, the dev behind the merge request to nuke the 4000 or so lines of Snap support in GNOME Software, explains:-

Ubuntu is switching to a new snap-store app for installing and removing snaps. This commit drops the snap backend from gnome-software to avoid maintenance overhead.?

Reasonable. Why should they shoulder the burden of working around Snap-specific code if Ubuntu, the only distro making use of it, don't plan to use it longterm?

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