Debian Reports/Posts From Mike Gabriel, Ben Hutchings, Abhijith PA and Norbert Preining

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- **Mike Gabriel: Install ActivInspire Smart Board Software on Debian 10** [2]

  From one of my customers, I received the request to figure out an installation pathway for ActivInspire, the Promethean smart board software suite. ActivInspire is offered as DEB builds for Ubuntu 18.04. On a Debian 10 (aka buster) system the installation requires some hack-around (utilizing packages from Debian jessie LTS).

- **Ben Hutchings: Debian LTS work, September 2019** [3]

  I prepared and, after review, released Linux 3.16.74, including various security and other fixes. I then rebased the Debian package onto that. I uploaded that with a small number of other fixes and issued DLA-1930-1.

  I backported the latest security update for Linux 4.9 from stretch to jessie and issued DLA-1940-1 for that.

- **Abhijith PA: Debian packaging session** [4]

  Last week I conducted a workshop on Debian packaging at MES College of Engineering, Kuttipuram in accordance with Frisbee 19, yearly conference by IEEE cell of this college. Thanks to Anupa from ICFOSS who contacted and arranged me to take this session. I was

accompanied by Subin and Abhijith from FOSSers. The time span was from 9:30 AM to 04:30 PM. Since it was a big time slot we took from the Free software evangelism ?> GNU/Linux ?> Debian ?> how contributing to community projects can help your career.

- **Norbert Preining: 10 years in Japan** [5]

  After loosing my job at JAIST, and six months of unemployment, a lucky coincidence gifted me with a great job at an IT company in Tokyo, that allows me to work remotely from my home. I am incredibly thankful to everyone there who helped made this happen. It is a complete new world for me. After 25 years in academics being thrown into a Japanese company (all Japanese, I am the only foreigner), with business meetings, client support, etc was something unexpected for me. Maybe I count it as one of the big achievements that I manage to function properly in this kind of environment.

  I still try to keep up my research work, publishing articles every year, and as far as possible attending conferences. My OSS activities haven?t changed a lot, and I try to keep up with the projects for which I am responsible.

  What the future brings is even less unclear: Now that we have to think about the education of our daughter, moving is getting more and more a point of discussion. I really detest Japanese education system, in particular junior high school which I consider a childhood and personality killer. OTOH, we have settled into a very nice place here in Ishikawa, and at my age moving is getting more and more burdensome, not to speak of another job change. So I feel torn between returning to Europe, or remaining here in Japan. Let us see what the future brings.

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