

what?s been happening with Mandriva lately

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Thought it was about time to write a bit of an update on what?s been happening with Mandriva lately.

VirtualBox showed up in Cooker, having recently been open sourced by its writers.

We?re working on the next release, Mandriva Linux 2007 Spring (the ?formal? name) / Mandriva Linux 2007.1 (the ?technical? name). We?re trying something a bit new - we?re back on a six month release cycle, but the base system for 2007.1 will be the same as 2007.0 (that basically means the kernel, glibc and a few other very low level bits).

Another nice recent development to do with packaging has been the public /non-free section, which I?ve been pushing for a while. In Cooker there?s now a /non-free section on the public mirrors alongside /main and /contrib which contains the most important non-free packages - drivers and firmware like the NVIDIA and ATI drivers, the firmware for Intel Centrino wireless chipsets etc.

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