

SUSE 10.1 Beta 5 Report

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[4]Why? That one thought kept echoing through my thoughts as I installed and ran SUSE 10.1 Beta 5. Around the net several articles entitled something to the effect of "SUSE releases two betas within 4 days" as if it was an accomplishment of 10.0 proportions! Some progress was made, but it reminded me of the old saying "2 steps forward and 3 steps back."

If you look at the "[Most Annoying Bugs](#) [5]" report and compare it to Beta4's, you'll find that not only was very little fixed, but they even introduced more bugs. As you can see, I've highlighted the left overs in blue and the new breakage in red.

- **The CD 1 needs to remain in the cd drive after installing from it. Do not remove it during the reboot and wait for YaST to request CD 2.** Otherwise the installation of packages from CD 2-5 will fail afterwards.
- **Due to the integration of the new package manager which is not complete, note the following:**
 - Some statistics do not work, e.g. you see "Size of packages to install: 0" - or "Number of packages to install: 0", or "Software: Default system (0)".
 - The graphical package manager frontend has only a limited list of "views", currently you get a list of all the packages and can only search in them.
 - After installation, if you go into the YaST packager, all installed packages are listed twice.
 - Adding a new installation source does not work.
 - Language dependend packages are not handled correctly. This results in the installation of one package-\$lang package but not necessarily the one for the languages asked for.
 - An upgrade from a previous installation might fail, even one from 10.1 Beta3 [Bug 153142](#) [6]
- During an update from a previous release, packages that are not available anymore get deleted - once at the start of CD1 and then again at the end of CD1. Pressing Ignore a couple of times allows to continue. [Bug 153135](#)