

Fresh wind for openSUSE

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The openSUSE Conference in Nuremberg, Germany, an annual event where developers and community members share ideas and offer insights into their work in a variety of presentations, ended yesterday (Wednesday, 14 September). The conference gave us an opportunity to find out what's new and what has changed since Novell was taken over by Attachmate. An interview with Andreas Jaeger, Program Manager openSUSE, mainly revolved around the development of the community distribution. The developers are currently working hard on openSUSE 12.1 and plan to release a beta version at the end of September; the scheduled final release date is 11 November.

Many people are unaware of the reason why the developers decided to jump from the current openSUSE 11.4 straight to 12.1, skipping version 12.0. The openSUSE team long discussed its versioning strategy, investigating such models as that of Ubuntu (according to release date) and Fedora (sequential numbering scheme), but the developers eventually decided to stick with openSUSE's classical version scheme.

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