

Opinion: Desktop spin laws that need to go away

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Various distro spin makers have made two unwritten laws that I very much disagree with:

- A) A distro spin of desktop blah should have only programs built with the same widget library that desktop blah uses
- B) A distro spin should only ship / pre-install one program for each application category

I mention this because I'm a big KDE fan but KDE-only distro spins do not include my preferred browser (Firefox) nor my preferred office suite (LibreOffice, not that I use an office suite much) because they aren't QT-native applications. While LibreOffice does a better job of integrating with KDE than Firefox does, both drag with them quite a bit of GTK baggage... which is considered "bloat" by many spin makers.

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