

# Making sense out of SUSE's delta releases

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With a cold on one side and a complete Internet connection meltdown on the other, I've been having a heck of a time keeping up with my email. Still, before my ISP, Bell South, hosed my DSL connection and my cold medicine knocked me out, I got a message asking: "What's the deal with those 'delta' releases for SUSE 10.1? I can't get them to work."

After a little back and forth with him, I saw what his problem was. He thought the delta was the complete distribution. Nope.

A "delta" to a program, in and of itself, is no good to man or beast. It's simply the code of the changes between one version of a program and another. To make use of a SUSE 10.1 delta, you first have to have a copy of the original code. You then apply the delta to that code to create the complete new version of the program, or in this case, the latest version of SUSE 10.1

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