



**debian-community.org**



# Vorwort

- These slides are written in in english, even though the talk will be held in german. Unless the audience wants it in english ;-)
- Reasons:
  - easy “recycling” of these slides for me and others.
  - debian(-community.org) is developed in english. There are local (user) communities too, but our common language is english.
  - Zwischenfragen sind gern gesehen, insbesondere wenn ich zuviel Denglisch rede :-)



# Outline

- some bits about me & my inspirations for this
- basic ideas: wiki, email, planets, t-shirts
- internationalisation (i18n)
- simple rules
- debian endorsement
- status
- contribute
- feedback



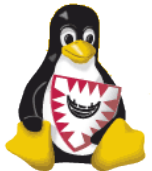
# Some debian bits about me

- running Debian stable as primary OS since 1996
- contributing since 2003, but at DebConf3+4 I had no desire to become a DD
- Debian Developer since 2007
  - DebConf organizer, founded the DebConf video-team in 2005
  - FAI (fully automatic installation) developer
  - Debian-edu member, powerpc porter, ftpmaster
  - Debian-QA / piuparts contributor
  - registered debian-community.org on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> '07



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- DDs are only a fraction of Debian (e.g. the BTS lists >50000 email addresses for submitters)
- Debian is quite (Debian) developer centric





# Some more about me

- I'm too busy, I suck^wneed help with [debian-community.org](http://debian-community.org)
- I don't want to maintain the software running there alone
- I can't write all the content there alone :-)
- wenn ich mehr Langeweile/Zeit hätte, hätte ich diese Folien gerne übersetzt :-)



# Inspiration

- two talks at LinuxConf Australia 2007, linked on <http://layer-acht.org/blog/debian/#1-83>
  - “how to herd cats” by Jono Bacon
    - Ubuntu cares a lot about building community and building and supporting local communities
  - “passionate users” by Kathy Sierra
    - horses & martial arts belts, computer game levels
    - passion, motivation, flow
    - friendly java webforum



# Inspiration

- I've been closely following Debian for quite some time: the idea Debian has nothing in between Developers and “plain” users is not new
- the DM (debian maintainers) idea only addresses some technical people and it's also a “high-level entry point”
- many great projects and ressources but no single user entry point



# Basic ideas

- define what d-c.org should provide
- define what d-c.org should not provide
- easy rules, but rules
- DDs are welcome, but the target audience is the other 99.9% of the Debian community



# Reinventing the wheel. Not.

- debian-community already exists, in fact, many debian-communities exist.
- and that's good :)
- so what is debian-community.org about?



# But maybe we should reinvent *some wheels...*

- email addresses, planets (and t-shirts)
  - are appealing to many
  - but I don't think that's enough in the long term
  - debian-community.org should not end in itself
  - but be careful not to reinvent wheels
- also, good goals are achievable and measurable
- wiki, to
  - polish stable (document bugs and workarounds)
  - improve documentation
- video tutorials (like ubuntu screencasts)



# More about wheels

- [wiki.debian-community.org](http://wiki.debian-community.org) as single entry point for Debian users
- [wiki.debian-community.org](http://wiki.debian-community.org) – to not “mess up” with [wiki.debian.org](http://wiki.debian.org)
- structure the wiki to
  - explicitly work under /etch/ and later restart with /lenny/ and so on
  - collect links to other newbie-friendly sources in a structured way
  - help with hardware support
- other ideas?



# Email addresses

- `your_name@debian-community.org`
  - fancier than `your_name@community.debian.net`
  - `nick@debian-community.org` is also fine
- should be quite easy to get (not *too* easy though), and even easier to keep
- but disabled after 12 months without contributions
- better be used for debian-related matters





# Email addresses continued

- the exact howto needs to be defined soon, more and more people want an address
- karma points? 3 bugs filed? 2 fixed?
  - no, soft(er) rules. in general, people “who work on debian” are qualified ;-)
- is email a higher level than being on planet.d-c?
  - no
- who tracks this? the members of the community themselves, a council decides based on the information the applicant provides



# Planets

- [planet.debian.org](http://planet.debian.org) is for DDs and those in NM only
- [planet.d-c.org](http://planet.d-c.org) will be open for “everyone” who wants to share their work and fun with Debian
- [planet.CC.d-c.org](http://planet.CC.d-c.org) as well



# T-Shirts



picture by  
Daniele Muscetta,  
thanks!

- everybody loves t-shirts :-)
- support, advertisement, attachment to and identification with the project
- DebianArt.org and other (local) dealers...



# localisation (l10n)

- universal project? -> localized project
- english is hard or impossible to understand and express oneself for most of the population
- webpage (wiki) should be localized, planets should be localized, t-shirts too and the work as well
- how to keep translations in sync? and which? !all?
  - use ikiwiki like debian-www cvs
- volunteers for l10n-team coordinators wanted!
- ambassadors? (another level :-)
- welcome existing communities



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- In RL the basics are very simple: if you smile at someone, he or she will smile back. Try it :-)
- This also works on the net





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- That's it.



# How to join, how to leave (or get kicked)

- This still needs to be defined properly and written down, but we're getting there...
- Idea: easy joining, quite easy kicking out ;-)
- Decisions by some kind of “community council”, currently that would be me only :-(
  - but I'm positive that we will not need to start like this :)
- If “you are not nice” something like this should happen: friendly email, unfriendly email, kicked from planet, loose the email address
- needed not sooner than email is setup



# Official Debian endorsement

- not now, but certainly appreciated and “planned” :-)
- but first, it should be up and running...



# Current status

- domain registered, machine (bikeshed) & hosting resolved
- bikeshed.d-c.org system administration with FAI, config in svn on alioth
- alioth project: d-community
  - svn
  - commits and discuss mailinglist set up,
- #debian-community on irc.debian.org
- ikiwiki set up on bikeshed using local svn
- rules and procedures are work in progress



# ToDo

- set up mail, set up planets
- work on content, finish basic structure & rules
- improve layout
- localized content



# How you can help

- join #debian-community on IRC (and prod me)
- become alioth project member
- improve layout
- work on content, i.e. edit <http://wiki.debian-community.org/etchfaq>
- set up mail system, maintain it
- set up planets, maintain planets or a planet
- start german local team :)

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# Dankeschön!

- for your time today and your (upcoming :-) work on Debian!
- Questions ?
- Remarks? Suggestions?
- Please contribute! :-)
- I'm very happy about feedback!

I'm h01ger on IRC or <mailto:holger@debian.org>

