Am I really married with Debian?

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How I've got a daughter thanks to Debian

- Good reasons for my wife to become jealous on Debian



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Forgot lunch over hacking





Pregnant with computer





Engaging with Debian

- Seeking for a Linux distribution
- Computer with very low capacity /usr mounted via NFS
- Susan G. Kleinmann has build three times a kernel just for me
- I decided that must be my distribution

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In a partnership two sides
complete each other
Debian provides a lot –
I decided to contribute my small share

Wedding was at 1998-05-20

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From troup@debian.org Wed May 20 22:05:40 1998
Date: Sat, 16 May 1998 13:01:28 +0200
From: James Troup <troup@debian.org>
To: Andreas Tille <tille@physik.uni-halle.de>
Cc: new-maintainer@debian.org
Subject: New Debian maintainer Andreas Tille
-- BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE--
Dear Andreas Tille,
An account has been created for you on master.debian.org and
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...

account can be found encrypted with your PGP key and appended to this message.

va.debian.org with username 'tille'. The password for this

Honeymoon was 2 years later at DebConf 0

- Met first Debian Developer Sven Luther in Strasbourg when I was on holidays with my wife
- No more meetings with other Debian Developer before DebConf 0 in Bordaux.
- Countless others later on several other events

Please applause for my sensitive wife



for beeing very patient and never blaming me about the other love in my life.





Debian is really family

- ... and families are mourning losses
- First Debian Developer who died was Joel 'Espy' Klecker
- Died at 11. July 2000 in the age of 21 due to Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- Debian was literally his life
- Made me aware the level of connection with fellow DDs



OSWC Malaga 2004











DebConf 8 Mar del Plata 2008





OSWC Malaga 2008



LSM Nantes 2009



Stealing DPLs beer at DebConf 9 Cásares 2009



DudesConf 3 A Coruña 2010



Mini-DebConf Paris 2010



Thanks to DebConf 10 video team for recording New York 2010



Thanks to DebConf 12 video team for recording Managua 2012



Thanks to DebConf 14 video team for recording Portland 2014 (external hacklab)



Thanks to DebConf 16 video team for recording Cape Town 2016



Debian Potential Grandfathers project

To: Debian Project <debian-project@lists.debian.org> Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 08:59:10 +0200 (CEST)

- "Potential Grandfather": somebody who had a child that could have a child
- Joke born on some DebConf possibly after cheese & wine party
- Robert Hilliard <hilliard@debian.org>:
 I am 81 years old, and have one grandchild.
 I find your post highly offensive.
- Holger pointed out not to exclude grandmothers
 - → Debian is fun and miscommunication



First meeting with Minh in twin city Hội An



Another loss in Debian

Debian Project mourns the loss of Clytie Siddall February 4th, 2015
The Debian Project sadly announces that it has lost a member of its community. Clytie Siddall passed recently after a long battle with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Clytie was a contributor of Vietnamese translations to Debian and other projects for many years. Within Debian she worked on translations for the installer, dpkg, apt and various documentation.

Sometimes some loss bears something new

- When reading the announcement I was remembering the kind lady from our twin city Hôi An
- Just asked her for a translation
- Four hours later:

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Hi Andreas,
I am sorry for this sad story...
Please find the attachment for the Vietnamese
translation.
And, I'm happy that I can help you something
Good night! Minh
Dự án Debian tiếc thương trước sự ra đi của cô Clytie Siddall
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Afterwards Minh wanted to know more about the project

Minh decides to go to DebConf 15 in Heidelberg

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Warm regards, Minh.

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I have joined Debian Community as a Vietnamese translator for just two months thanks to my friend-Andreas Tille who brang me to Debian. As you see, Im very new here. And I only did the translations about a sad news of "The loss of Clytie Siddall" and
...

I have also sent the translation of "Jessie coming soon"
...

Regarding your request of gpg key id, is it fine without that ID? To be honest, I actually have no idea about it since I do not have any IT background.
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Minh was able to come to DebConf 15 due to

- DebConf visa team
- DebConf bursary team
- Government of my hometown Wernigerode
- Hương
- Minh's endurance
- My spare time due to recovering from meniscus surgery





Finally Minh arrived in Heidelberg







In that session Minh impressed me the most





























I'm known as the man with the photos





I love Debian

... since it not only simplifies my work on the computer but since it enriched my life.



