Blending Debian

Debian Pure Blends as a way to structurise the project

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- **Debian Pure Blend (in short Blend)**: a subset of Debian that is configured to support a particular target group out-of-the-box.
- Goal 1: Turn Debian into the distribution of choice for a specific target group
- Goal 2: Advertise this fact to the world to attract users and developers

- Sometimes comparisons are broken.
- Not everything what is broken is necessarily a comparison.
- Broken thinks keep you busy thinking.

Sheeps are used to be surrounded by a fence.
It keeps them safe.
There is grass, water and air.

Baah! == I'm fine, the grass tastes fine.
I have hear rumours about even greener grass.
I don't care.

Baaaa

Have you ever tried to explain a bird the sense of a fence?
This is what an additional degree of *freedom* means.

Beep! == Useful device to leave my sh...
        I wonder why these animals don't like flying
        By the way the grass on the other side is greener

Tweet

What a fruitful conversation!

- We should try to make a *Tweed* to *Baaaa* translation
- Hard task because of different dimensions (degrees of freedom)
- We need transmitters

Baaaa   Tweet

Find respected experts

- Find a sheep^W person working in a specific target group that experienced the freedom of becoming comfortable with Free Software
- Hand over this person something which is convincible to the other sheeps^W^W its colleagues
- Do this for any flock of sheep^W^W^W field of work we are able to cover with DDs

How birds fail in singing to sheeps

- Wearing no shoes at DebConf
- Leave no time slot to sing to sheeps at all
- Fail in establishing dedicated communication channels
- Fail to sing in a choir (= team)
- Consequence: specific proxies called "derivatives" that try
  - fixing the communication problem
  - providing best kind of grass (dedicated system)

Relation to derivatives

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- Derivers might consider fixing the problem at the root
- Adaptions might be done inside Debian
- A Blend might be a good preparation for a derivative
- Remind the Do-O-Cracy principle in Debian = you can enhance it yourself inside

A Blend is no derivative

... but can help preparing or avoiding such thing
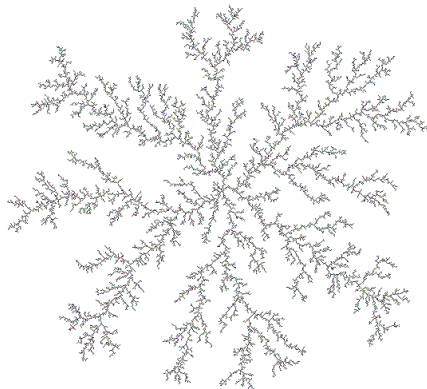
Debian Med

DebiChem

Debian Science

Debian Edu

Debian Jr

Debian Multimedia

Debian GIS

Find more flocks of sheeps

. . . or rather cover more work fields

- Use the expert experience inside Debian
- Join to build strong teams around certain tasks
- Enhance Blends framework techniques to make its usage more attractive
- Try to bring back external projects to Debian by providing attractive tools or . . .
- Prepare your derivative **inside** Debian

Vision

- There is work in progres to have time based releases (rolling)
- What about "topic based releases"?

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