

On the DVD



openSUSE 12.1 and Fedora 16

With this month's DVD, you get to test the latest offerings from the openSUSE [1] and Fedora [2] projects.

The distributions share a set of new features in updated versions, such as GRUB 2, Gnome 3.2, and KDE 4.7. On the kernel side, Fedora and openSUSE go a step further, incorporating the recently released kernel version 3.1.

In addition to the tried and trusted ext3 and ext4 filesystems, openSUSE also offers Btrfs. Associated with Btrfs is Snapper [3], a cool new SUSE-specific tool that allows you to swap

between different snapshots of a filesystem. By creating snapshots and offering a rollback, Snapper can recover data that otherwise might have been lost.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [1] openSUSE project homepage:
<http://www.opensuse.org/>
- [2] Fedora project homepage:
<http://fedoraproject.org/>
- [3] openSUSE Snapper tool:
<http://lizards.opensuse.org/2011/04/01/introducing-snapper/>