

Free software services

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First, this site is one of the best. It's slow to load but worth the wait. I've now got an RSS feed and the site is on my list of worthy causes as my budget permits.

Like the owner of this site (or so I believe from an interview she gave), I started thinking about a website partly because of the enormous number of bookmarks I've accumulated. This site does a great job of collating current news but I've got in mind easing the path of searching for information.

I hoped that changing to Linux might mean less wasted time. In some ways, it does. As soon as you need software not in your distro's repository, however, you begin what can be a very tedious process of finding packages which provide what you need, studying them and deciding which to try. Once you embark on the often frustrating task of installation, you need to search once more for the libraries and functions required by the package you wish to install.

Likewise, any information you need that is not on tap. I remember searching the web for something allegedly called "rpm2tgz". The searches produced the usual unhelpfully gigantic number of hits with just a few miserable grains of wheat amongst the tons of chaff.

I should start a blog on blogger.com, probably, to expand on my still forming ideas. I could continue here or just go ahead with a new website and start a blog there. Actually, my style is to do all three. I've found a name registrar which looks good and a hosting provider ditto. I will begin the site as a personal repository and build it up. I really do need more room than my browser's bookmarks folder conveniently provides.

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