

Tuxmachines' 3rd quarter report

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Well, another 3 months has gone by bringing my official time online to 9 months. Boy how time flies.

The big news this quarter was the hardware upgrade. I wonder if anyone noticed the site performing a bit better. We're still limited by my bellsouth business dsl pipe, but the server is functioning much snappier now.

Prior to that I had to let some of the older logs go as it was boggin down the database quite a bit. In fact I only keep the last 3 months or so around now, so for those of you using the "hit" block, the hit count is only accurate for the last 3 months. Well, who knows how accurate it really is, but it has logged the following numbers:

2005-10 427763
2005-09 306579
2005-08 264527
2005-07 192514
2005-06 167216
2005-05 137881
2005-04 111392
2005-03 67624
2005-02 8990

October was a real good month. We had several stories linked to by the biggies. The lg3d story was linked to by slashdot that overwhelmed the pipe and brought us to just about a stand-still for a day or two. OSnews linked to my suse 10.0 and 10.1 alpha 1 stories. Some other stories got mentioned in the comments of slashdot and OSnew as well bringing in a few hits. A lot of folks linked to my suse 10.0 story and Linux Today linked to several as well. I'm not sure we can top the wonderful month October was.

I'm not sure we can top October especially now. I've went back to working a real job recently and just don't have the time and energy to devote to my reviews and stories that I've had the past coupla months. I expect hits to drop at least slightly and probably dramatically.

I have just started using a stats counter within the last week. That way we can get some of the cool statistical information other sites have available like browser and refers, and most importantly - hits. 🍪 It only got fired up Oct 30, so don't expect much for that month and I lost some logs somehow in messing around cleaning up after the hardware change over and also with changing some options and logging methods, so November will not be accurate

either. Hopefully starting in December we can get some kind of idea about our traffic here at tuxmachines.

Another fly in the soup is that I must go back to school next semester and take a master's level course or lose my license to practice my profession. So, I thought as long as I was enrolling, I'd just get started on my master's degree. What this means to the site is even less time for me to review distros and talk with developers, what with a full time job and part time school. I'll work on the site as much as possible and try to keep it up to or surpass the quality standards I've tried to set. We will probably just see less original content.

And then of course, there hasn't been as many distros released passed coupla weeks either. So, October may go down as our record month.

Again as every quarter, I want to put out some thank you's. Thanks to atang, gryphen, vonskippy and others, who keep the comments block ever changing, and Texstar who drops by on occasion to sprinkle our stories with witty comments and blogs on occasion. Thanks to [Tex's site](#) [2] as well for linking to us. Thanks to the established high-traffic sites who honor us with an occasional link and all the smaller sites who link to us often. Thanks to all the visitors, other commentators, and those who submit news, without whom there would be no Tuxmachines. Biggest thanks goes to [Distrowatch](#) [3] who continually supports us and has really had the biggest influence in what I consider our successful last quarter.

If you have a news link or would like to write a review, just click the submit news link. You can create a blog or forum topic by clicking the create content link.

I've had less trouble with 'meanies' this quarter since I turned off the mail server. It still comes on several times a day for a few seconds to pushout the site mail, so if you sign up or lost your password or whatever, please be patient until your email from us arrives.

I guess that's about it. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 🍷

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