

News from the GNOME garden

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GNOME and GTK have been attracting more and more followers in recent years. There are now programs for almost every task and new ones are being added daily. Our monthly Gnomogram column is the place to find all the latest rumours and information on the pearls among the GNOME tools.



Red Flag joins the GNOME Foundation

Red Flag Software, known for its distribution Red Flag Linux, which is also used by the Chinese government, has joined the GNOME Advisory Board and will be contributing to the translation of GNOME into simplified Chinese. But there will be no support from Red Flag for traditional Chinese, which is common in some Chinese cities and Taiwan.

Red Hat and Eazel co-operate

Since Nautilus is becoming part of GNOME 1.4, nobody is surprised that Red Hat is also supplying it. Eazel and Red Hat have, however, agreed to include additional official Red Hat packets in the Nautilus software catalogue and to integrate the Red Hat

Network into Eazel Services. This will mean it is possible to update one's Red Hat system easily via Nautilus.

Ximian and KDE

Anyone searching for 'KDE' does not usually expect to find Ximian, but thanks to Google's Adwords, a text-based advertisement, that's exactly what did happen. Ximian had in fact registered this and similar keywords such as Konqueror for itself. After an open letter from some KDE supporters Ximian withdrew the Adwords and itself published a reply. A similar, now cleared case also occurred in 1999, when Martin Konold took control of *gnome-support.de* and referred all visitors to KDE. Fortunately, Ximian displayed somewhat more sensitivity when dealing with Hewlett-Packard, which, as announced in San Jose, will replace CDE at the end of 2001 with Ximian GNOME as the standard desktop.

New GNOME versions

After a bit of a delay, on 3 April GNOME 1.4 was finished at last. One of the reasons for the waiting period is the file manager Nautilus, which is the greatest innovation in GNOME 1.4. The rest of GNOME has also changed somewhat, but we don't anticipate too much here.

The next big version leap is GNOME 2.0, about which Miguel de Icaza has already expressed some concerns. But these concerns are by no means damning - the timing of the GNOME 2.0 release and what's new about it remains to be seen.

Sodipodi

Sodipodi can be used to create vector graphics in the SVG format (Scalable Vector Graphics). In vector graphics it is not the individual pixels and their colour information, but forms themselves which are stored, which has the advantage that images can be enlarged as much as you like without any loss of

Figure 1:
Tux, reduced to vectors



