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Background:

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I am doing my graduation (BSc. Computer Science distance edu.) & working as a sysadmin. I have been an FSF supporter & working on Linux (especially debian & slackware) for almost 3yrs and know the internals of Linux & GNU tools well. In the coding side my major is C++,C, PHP & BASIC clones :(. Although most of my coding is on Win32, I stick to GCC(MINGW) & GNU tool chain for my work. This Project has been running in my mind for some time as I find it hard to download debian packages from cafes & other places since most of them run Windows and the dependency resolution becomes a headache.

Project Title :

======== APT-GET+APTonCD 4 Windows

Synopsis: ====== Win32 app to download deb packages & create an aptcdrom

Benefits To Debian :

People without an inet connected linux box can download & install .deb packages easily. That means better Application installation & better Debian userbase.

Deliverables:

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A lite apt lib for win32, Create a Win32 synaptic look alike(port ?).

Project Details:

Enable Win32 users to download & make a APTCD or AptZip. User can either choose an apt package list of a standard distro or import a custom one. Based on this list application would resolve dependencies & download requested packages. Then it can either generate a repo iso or an apt zip structure. Also thinking of generating a custom installation ISO including debian base (low priority). Currently am planing to use C++ as the platform but python is also in consideration. The UI is targeted to be built using wxWidgets. Options to build a web based interface in future is also in consideration

Project Schedule:

Almost 2-3 months for development if nothing surprises in between. Work will begin by end of April.

Other Summer Plans:

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Nothing much. Currently am on a project that'll end by April 28^{th.}

Exams and Other Commitments:

Well my 2nd year exams are on the way in July but I guess it really doesn't interfere with SOC.

If you are not a Debian Developer:

My plans to stick to debian projects. I am interested in improving debsplash & also adding features to debian installer so that it would migrate a winxp/vista users profile & documents.