SLD STATUS.

Scientific Linux Status & News

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5th Anniversary of SL

- Officially launched at HEPiX Spring 2004 in Edinborough
- SL 5.3 released in March 2009 for i386 and x86_64
 - SL 5.4 expected for October 2009
- SL 4.8 underway, currently in build phase
 - Release expected for July 2009
- > SL6 under investigation
 - Logo contest has been opened
 - Release expected for January 2010
- Continued delivery of security updates
 - Errata for SL 3.0.9, all 4.x, all 5.x
 - Fastbugs only for latest 4.x, 5.x
- More in Troy Dawson's Presentation at Spring 2009 HEPiX in Umeå, Sweden
 - See links to the meeting on hepix.org



SL 4.x Roadmap

- > Current support commitment ends October 2010
- RedHat's last update expected Q4 2009
 - Will become SL 4.9

Proposal made at Umeå

- > Make 4.9 the "legacy" release in October 2010
- > End support for all older SL4 at that time
- Support SL 4.9 until February 2012

Note LHC Plans

- > Grid farms are supposed to migrate to SL5-64 this summer
- > Discussed at the Grid Deployment Board Meeting last week
 - http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confld=45476



SL Roadmap Today

	Scientific Linux 5.x				
At DESY	End Support	Release Notes	Release Date	Arch	Release
	Until at least 2010-10-10	Notes - 1386 Notes -x86_64	04 May 2007 16 May 2007	1386 x86_64	50
Default		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	16 Jan 2008 16 Jan 2008	1386 x86_64	51
		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	26 Jun 2008 26 Jun 2008	1386 x86_64	52
Available		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	19 Mar 2009 19 Mar 2009	i386 x86_64	53
	Scientific Linux 4.x				
	End Support	Release Notes	Release Date	Arch	Release
	2010-10-10	Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	21 Apr 2005 22 Apr 2005	1386 x86_64	40
		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64 Notes -ia64	4 Aug 2005 18 Aug 2005 8 Aug 2005	i386 x86_64 ia64	41
		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	22 Nov 2005 22 Nov 2005	i386 x86_64	42
		Notes - 1386 Notes -x86_64	8 May 2006 8 May 2006	1386 x86_64	43
		Notes - 1386 Notes -x86_64	9 Oct 2006 11 Oct 2006	1386 ×86_64	44
		Notes - 1386 Notes -x86_64	25 Jun 2007 25 Jun 2007	1386 ×86_64	45
Default		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	12 Mar 2008 12 Mar 2008	i386 x86_64	46
Available		Notes - i386 Notes -x86_64	03 Sep 2008 03 Sep 2008	i386 x86_64	47
	Scientific Linux 3.0.x				
	End Support	Release Notes	Release Date	Arch	Release
	Oct 2010	Notes -1386 Notes -x86_64	12 Oct 2007 12 Oct 2007	1386 x86_64	309



- > alpine replaces pine (since 5.1)
 - Successor of pine, which is no longer supported
- > lpw3945 (community addition)
 - Firmware, kernel module and daemon for recent Intel WiFi cards
- > fftw (community addition in 5.3)
 - C-subroutine library for multi-dimensional Discrete Fourier Transforms
- > scipy (community addition in 5.3)
 - Numerical routines for integration and optimization
- > **suitesparse** (community addition in 5.3)
 - Libraries for computations involving sparse matrices

Most of these are optional and not installed by default. See release notes on scientificlinux.org for complete listing of packages. Let us know what you need.



Issues With SL 5.x

- > Telekom Root Certificates in Firefox 3 almost solved after two years
 - See https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=378882, quote:

------ Comment #130 From Kathleen Wilson 2009-04-06 15:26:47 PDT ------[...] Based on this assessment I recommend that Mozilla approve the request to add the Deutsche Telekom Root CA 2 root certificate to NSS and enable all three trust bits.

- > Firefox3 behaviour with AFS (database files) and Printing
- > Applications expect CUPS print service
 - We are providing one

We expect SLD 5.3 to become the default system within reasonable time now

