Eric Hameleers on Slackware

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- **Some thoughts on the recent updates in Slackware-current** [2]

    Last week, a new LTS kernel (4.9.26), new glibc (2.25) and a new gcc compiler suite (7.1.0) landed in Slackware-current. Note that gcc no longer contains the Java compiler (gcj): subsequently Slackware?s gcc-java package has been removed from slackware-current.
    We are at the head of the herd again folks. There is not yet any other distro that ships with the gcc-7 compiler by default. This will certainly pose some challenges for people who compile their stuff themselves ? the SBo team warned their community about scripts that require patches to compile against gcc-7.

- **liveslak 1.1.8 and new ISO images** [3]

    Not much news of late about my ?liveslak? scripts. I occasionally tweak them but the modifications these days are fairly minor. I stamped a new version on the repository this week: liveslak 1.1.8 on the occasion that I wanted to generate and upload a fresh series of Slackware-current based Live ISO images. After all, liveslak is meant to be a showcase of what Slackware-current is all about, and with the recent updates to kernel, gcc, glibc and more, a refresh was more than welcome.

- **Palemoon browser** [4]

    The Pale Moon browser was forked off the Mozilla Firefox codebase a couple of years ago, before Firefox switched to the Australis User Interface. Since then, the project has steadily been diverging from the Firefox codebase, optimizing its Gecko layout engine and rebranding that to ?Goanna? (which is the name of just another lizard). The community has a large vote in the direction the Pale Moon browser?s features are taking.

- **Chromium packages refreshed with v58** [5]

  I really like my new job. It is exciting, rewarding, but also demanding, and I find that I have a lot less free time at hand these days than I used to when I was with IBM. Hacking Slackware is becoming a luxury. Simply, because I realized how easily I can lose my job when an administrator puts my name in a spreadsheet? so I work my ass off and try to convince everyone that I am indispensable. Works so far.

- **Adobe Flash security update May ?17** [6]

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