

# Debian: Ben Hutchings, Chris Lamb, and Jonathan Carter

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- [Ben Hutchings: Debian LTS work, July 2020](#) [2]

I was assigned 20 hours of work by Freexian's Debian LTS initiative, but only worked 5 hours this month and returned the remainder to the pool.

Now that Debian 9 'stretch' has entered LTS, the stretch-backports suite will be closed and no longer updated. However, some stretch users rely on the newer kernel version provided there. I prepared to add Linux 4.19 to the stretch-security suite, alongside the standard package of Linux 4.9. I also prepared to update the firmware-nonfree package so that firmware needed by drivers in Linux 4.19 will also be available in stretch's non-free section. Both these updates will be based on the packages in stretch-backports, but needed some changes to avoid conflicts or regressions for users that continue using Linux 4.9 or older non-Debian kernel versions. I will upload these after the Debian 10 'buster' point release.

- [Chris Lamb: Free software activities in July 2020](#) [3]

As part of being on the board of directors of the Open Source Initiative and Software in the Public Interest I attended their respective monthly meetings and participated in various licensing and other discussions occurring on the internet, as well as the usual internal discussions regarding logistics and policy etc. This month, it was SPI's Annual General Meeting and the OSI has been running a number of remote strategy sessions for the board.

- [Jonathan Carter: Free Software Activities for 2020-07](#) [4]

Here are my uploads for the month of July, which is just a part of my free software activities, I'll try to catch up on the rest in upcoming posts. I haven't indulged in online conferences much over the last few months, but this month I attended the virtual editions of Guadec 2020 and HOPE 2020. HOPE isn't something I knew about before and I enjoyed it a lot, you can find their videos on archive.org.

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