

The Ubuntu 1-click dist-upgrade (well, almost)

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As silly as it sounds, sometimes you know you're going to get called an "Unoobtu fanboi" simply because you use and post about Ubuntu.

OK, now that that's out of the way, I was curious to try Ubuntu's offer of a "one-click upgrade" from Ubuntu 8.10 to 9.04 on my HP Pavilion zd7000 laptop. Instead of the usual Debian

- a) go to a terminal with Alt+F1;
- ☺ stop X windows;
- c) edit `/etc/apt/sources.list`;
- d) run `"apt-get update && apt-get dist-upgrade"`;
- e) cross your fingers and have another computer with a live Internet connection handy to use if anything goes wrong

method of upgrading from one version to the next, Ubuntu simply put a button in Update Manager, promising to take me from 8.10 to 9.04 without leaving the comfort of GNOME.

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And off we go...

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So it's more than a one-click affair. Oh, well.

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Ouch! Hide the geekiness! My eyes!

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That's a lot of archives.

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Yet more hidden geekiness...

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Almost done...

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Finally.

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All went well, other than my window decoration. One "apt-get clean" later, 1.1GB of archives are gone.

One thing Ubuntu's done really well is make things easy for the casual, or shall we say, "casual-er" computer user. I was impressed by how easy this upgrade process was.

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