

Gentoo: 'We're Not Dead?

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Since Robbins left, the project has had some major ups and downs. Yes, it has now been emerging for ten years, however it has also been rocked by allegations that it is 'dying?.

A few years back it certainly seemed that way. A new edition of the Gentoo Weekly Newsletter had not been released for some three months and the second release of Gentoo for 2007 was cancelled.

The website was rarely updated and from the user's perspective things just weren't getting done. Indeed, over time a growing number of developers grew dissatisfied and left the project for other distributions.

Also, as Robbins pointed out on his blog, the foundation's charter had been revoked, meaning that the Gentoo Foundation no longer existed.

Time Heals All Wounds

So almost two years on, what has changed? Are the claims of a 'dying distro? justified, and are things back on track now?

Linux Magazine contacted Gentoo offering them a chance to tell their side of the story and to provide some insight into what's been happening with the foundation. We talked with Matthew Summers, a Gentoo Developer and member on the board of trustees.

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