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In mid-October we wrote about openSUSE 11.1 being put out to pasture and the openSUSE team's decision to rapidly end-of-life the release. In the world of open source, what does "end of life" actually mean for users? As resident security expert Marcus Meissner stated in the original announcement:

SUSE Security announces that the SUSE Security Team will stop releasing updates for openSUSE 11.1 soon. Having provided security-relevant fixes for the last two years, we will stop releasing updates after December 31st 2010.

Before the deadline of December 31st came, there was already talk about extending support for openSUSE 11.1.

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