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Welcome to this year's second issue of DistroWatch Weekly! Many of us take this time of year as an opportunity to gaze back at things we have recently experienced and to look ahead at things to come. This week we are going to do both.

In our news section we hear the story of Dan Gillmor, a man who decided to migrate to Linux for a year, and find out how he feels about his experiment with open source. We also look back at some of the more influential projects of 2012 and what they have brought to the community. Looking ahead we examine what the openSUSE project is doing to make their distribution more relevant to consumers of low-power laptops. In our feature this week Jesse Smith revisits the Manjaro Linux distribution and shares his experiences with the young Arch-based project. Also in this week's edition we bring you news of the Linux community's latest releases and we take a look at a useful application, called Able2Extract, which has just been ported to Linux. Plus, we bring you news, reviews and podcasts from around the web. We here at DistroWatch wish you a pleasant week and happy reading!

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