

OpenSUSE uncorks a fine Ruby-red Bottle: Beta 13.1 didn't give me a hangover

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The beta preview of openSUSE 13.1, released this month, shows this distro is waddling in the footsteps of its Linux brethren.

Codenamed, rather curiously, Bottle, openSUSE 13.1 has had work done under the hood that lays the groundwork for forthcoming features. The lower levels have had major updates in this version, such as the move to GStreamer 1.0 and new Ruby-powered YaST admin tools.

Multimedia control system GStreamer 1.0 was released around this time last year, but openSUSE - a more conservative distro - has yet to bundle it. The plan is to get GStreamer 1.0 into openSUSE 13.1, but a quick glance at the project status page reveals that there are quite a few core apps in the openSUSE stack that are still not using the framework. The biggest multimedia apps on the GNOME side, Rhythmbox and Shotwell, have both been ported over to it, but many others have not.

openSUSE 13.1 isn't due to arrive in final form until November, giving its developers some time to finish up work on the move to GStreamer 1.0.

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