



Debian Installer & Debian Images BoF

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Agenda

- Status
- Plans
- Help needed
- Discussion and ideas?
- Take notes in gobby please!
 - `gobby.debian.org`
 - `debconf22/bof/debian-installer`



Is d-i still relevant?

- Hell yes!
- We know udebs are a pain
 - Small d-i, but...
- How to make things better/easier/faster
 - Python?
 - Mmdebstrap?



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- Return to semi-regular releases
 - Lots to do
- Debconf-gtk needs to move forwards
 - Thanks smcv!



Bigger improvements

- Partitioning
 - Partman works, but...
 - Better “guided” recipes
 - More intelligence
 - Growlight?
- Backports
- Firmware (again!)
 - More changes needed



Current images

- Netinst, DVD set for all architectures
- 16G USB, BD, DL-BD for amd64/i386
- “isohybrid” for amd64/i386 and arm64
- Live images for amd64/i386
 - Images for ~every desktop



Bookworm

- It's time to drop i386
- Larger images?
 - Not worthwhile
 - **merge_debian_isos** better option
- Live images
 - Hopefully...
 - Need more people, more buy-in
- Firmware



Other stuff

- Raspi images
- WSL
- Blends
- Derivatives
- Testing things is time-consuming
 - More automation is good



Discussion

Please use the mic!

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