Although reluctant... Looks like I'm going to be forced to use the bootflash method, and accept a FAT32 partition. 5. "If you set hwclock=localtime in puli.cfg..." Puli.cfg includes the following lines of code: Code: # You may change the below lines appropriately # Acceptable settings can be, e.g., numlock=off or timesync=no or hwclock=utc numlock=on timesync=yes hwclock=localtime firewall=yes 6. "...the system assumes that the hardware clock is already set to localtime then modifies that value with the timezone..." The hardware clock IS alreadt set to localtime, so that should work, and it DOES display the correct time. What it is failing to do, is... To fail to display in the form = Thu 01 Oct 18:07, as chosen in PCS. Profile PM **Back to top** gjuhasz Deposted: Thu 01 Oct 2015, 19:38 Post subject: Wallpaper problem found, fixed **Sylvander wrote:** The backup was indeed created under Puli 6.0.3 bark2, yet the wallpaper configured to display does not display. Joined: 29 Sep 2008 Posts: 422 I found the problem... it's a funny thing... You We can use three methods to change the wallpaper in most of the puplets 1. Replace the wallpaper (the /usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg file) with another same-name picture. This is the preferred method In Puli. As I wrote in a previous post, the desktop icons, i.e., the lines of /root/Choices/ROX-filer/PuppyPin, are hardwired. In other words, the wallpaper always comes from /usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg. 2. If we set the wallpaper using the Pwallpaper utility, the wallpaper reference changes plus we see some magic with the picture dimensions and scaling. The original picture is saved in the /usr/share/backgrounds_original folder

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Posted: Thu 01 Oct 2015, 13:16 Post subject:

c. Grub usually performs flawlessly.

See 4 below...

My Puli syslinux.cfg file has only the following line of code in it:

So why doesn't en_GB display in the "Session Setup" dialog?

I incorrectly used the name en_gb, sorry about that.

Again imo, the backup-save process needs rationalising

so there is only one option. Having a choice of two seems unnecessary not to say confusing for the

I never got as far as exploring those unusual icons

shown later in the help file, I was so dismayed

(That distro isn't supposed to save for normal

In any case I already have a fully configured TahrPup 6.0.3 on another stick so will continue

I don't know what the average % of hacker attacks there are to domestic user distros, but even if it did happen, I would simply re-install that iso and start over again.

Securing to protect Linux is a tame pussy cat by comparison with my worst nightmare, when a crippling infection bypassed

This event was deemed so serious and costly, I no longer allow that pc to be connected to the internet, so all web browsing is confined to having complete faith in Linux usb plugin drives only.

☐ Posted: Sat 03 Oct 2015, 06:55 Post subject: Re: Puli and chainloading syslinux from grub4DOS

Deposted: Sat 03 Oct 2015, 14:47 Post subject: Re: Puli and chainloading syslinux from grub4DOS

I plan to simplify the Help text and add a couple of nice-to-have features, too.

D Posted: Sun 04 Oct 2015, 18:28 Post subject: Puli 6.0.3 bark2 rc2 uploaded

Uploaded to http://www.smokey01.com/gjuhasz/Puli-6.0.3_bark2_rc2

Please take a look at http://www.smokey01.com/gjuhasz/readme.html

1. Installed the latest rc2 version to ext4 partition on my 4GB Flash Drive.

2. Used "Grub4Dos bootloader config" to install Grub4Dos bootloader to the Flash Drive partition.

4. Made sure that all necessary packages [as loaded by the above listed smartload file settings] were inside the /mnt/sdb1/packages folder.

3. Used an external Puppy [Slacko] to make all necessary config settings correct within...

b. All settings in the "Session Setup" dialog were CORRECT, so I OK'd that dialog.

c2. Configured the time display, and used Sync to synchronize the time.

EVERYTHING LOOKED & WORKED JUST AS I HOPED & EXPECTED.

Deposted: Wed 07 Oct 2015, 14:25 Post subject: Re: Re Puli install to USB

Again imo, the backup-save process needs rationalising so there is only one option. Having a choice of two seems unnecessary not to say confusing for the

Nowadays, a "popular" hacker attack type is DoS/DDoS. Let me cite from Wikipedia:

b) applies some defense, e.g., uses Puli, even if it seems a bit sophisticated for the first sight.

a. I favor "Full backup" and "Update only", but then I don't fully understand [the differences in] what each does.

b. It would be nice if there was a display of buttons leading to explanations, or just a display of explanations.

2. "So "even if it did happen I would simply re-install and start over again" will "never happen"..."

b. They would remain the defaults across sessions, until changed using the same tick-box or button.

would make really easy, the business of specifying new persistent defaults.

I would appreciate if you could provide me with a list of parameters to be involved.

But it would/should be possible to ALSO make those new session settings the new defaults.

2. "I would appreciate if you could provide me with a list of parameters to be involved."

I like when Puppy gives explanations along the way. It's one of the things that turned me on to using Puppy.

I added the explanation text to the exit dialog as shown in the below picture.

Made the new defaults, AND also used for the session...

ONLY used for the session, not made the new defaults

The button is already in place $\stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{\cup}$ I am working on the code behind.

Global language, region, keyboard language, numlock-on, firewall-on, sync-on, run-as-spot-not-on,

It would be nice if there was a display of buttons leading to explanations, or just a display of explanations.

It was my ISP who disabled my email serice that alerted me that there was a problem.

Until I used the paid-for "Trojan Hunter" [recommended by my Virgin ISP].

c. This would make really easy, the business of specifying new persistent defaults.

- either as a target of the attack (you are right, this happens rarely)

Rodney Byne wrote:

Quote:

Quote:

a) plays the role of a victim:

Have fun!

Regards,

gjuhasz

I agree...

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Posted: Wed 07 Oct 2015, 18:52 Post subject:

Way back, when I used Windows...

REQUEST FOR A FEATURE:

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Dear Sylvander,

Have fun!

Regards,

gjuhasz

OR...

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D Posted: Fri 09 Oct 2015, 13:46 Post subject:

If changed, those new settings could be ETHER:

Made the new defaults, AND also used for the session...

ONLY used for the session, not made the new defaults

Deposted: Sat 10 Oct 2015, 18:51 Post subject: Explanation

Sylvander wrote:

Quote:

Thanks for the list of parameters.

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Have fun!

Regards,

gjuhasz

No Trojan was detected when I scanned...

Thanks for the ideas, I try to implement them.

Sylvander wrote:

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I am thinking about the best format.

I like when Puppy gives explanations along the way.

It's one of the things that turned me on to using Puppy.

My Windows was infected with a Trojan without my knowing it.

Deposted: Fri 09 Oct 2015, 12:59 Post subject: Re: REQUEST FOR A FEATURE

untrained user.

Wikipedia wrote:

c1. Copied new wallpaper file to the /usr/share/backgrounds folder, and configured it for use.

c3. Clicked the "Backup" icon on the desktop to make a backup [it saved to /mnt/sdb1/backups].

b1. Deleted the old backup file, and made a new updated backup to include xfe configurations.

b3. Rebooted just fine, and once back into the Puli desktop, ALL IS LOOKING GOOD & APPARENTLY WORKING WELL.

I await that with keen anticipation.

I try to modify the boot process in Puli to accept language settings both from syslinux.cfg and puli.cfg. I check the feasibility of the keyboard auto-recognition feature, too.

Do you mean that you intend to do this in the near future, or that you have already done this and applied the changes to the latest Puli?

Should I do nothing, be patient, read the chainload tutorial, and wait for you to incorporate these latest improvements and supply an updated Puli?

Should I do nothing, be patient, read the chainload tutorial, and wait for you to incorporate these latest improvements and supply an updated Puli?

I am ready with the fix, that is, the just modified Puli accepts language and keyboard configuration also from puli.cfg. I am testing it now and will upload rc2 on Sunday.

Although keyboard and language settings are read from puli.cfg, I recommend to put them to the kernel boot parameters, too. In case of booting using Idlinux.sys, the kernel boot params are in syslinux.cfg.

I made numerous changes but not having the help file immediately to hand, forgot to replug the flash drive before going through the save process so nothing was saved. What a waste of time.

I don't know what the average % of hacker attacks there are to domestic user distros, but even if it did happen, I would simply re-install that iso and start over again.

the targeted system with traffic. A botnet is a network of zombie computers programmed to receive commands without the owners' knowledge.

- or as a member of attack sources (yes, this happens many times, mostly with users who advertise that "I have nothing interesting on my machine".)

I improved this a bit in rc2. I am thinking on further changes that support novices, e.g., change the text on the buttons from "Save: backup" to "Full backup" and from Save:smart" to "Smart save" (or, to "Update only").

You may find websites dedicated to "live" cyber threat statistics, e.g. http://www.trendmicro.com/us/security-intelligence/current-threat-activity/global-botnet-map/index.html or http://threatmap.fortiguard.com/

1. "I am thinking on further changes that support novices, e.g., change the text on the buttons from "Save: backup" to "Full backup" and from Save:smart" to "Smart save" (or, to "Update only")."

a. Would it be possible to include [something like] a tick-box or button that would add/change the config settings in the various files so that chosen settings in the "Session Setup" dialog became the defaults.

Note that Session Setup (intentionally renamed from QuickSetup) dialog appears at each bootup to help you overwrite (your predefined) persistent settings for the given session. So, I would avoid abandoning this concept.

1. "Note that Session Setup (intentionally renamed from QuickSetup) dialog appears at each bootup to help you overwrite (your predefined) persistent settings for the given session. So, I would avoid abandoning this concept."

However, I can do something like this by involving more config items either in the *puli.cfg* or in the *smartsave.default* file. Then, (why not?) let's see if a "Persistent" button makes sense.

a. I understand what you are saying; I'm not suggesting that this be abandoned, it would/should still be possible to change the settings for the present session.

b. Those new defaults would be displayed at the beginning of the next session, and they could either be accepted, or changed, AND...

It would be nice if there was a display of buttons leading to explanations, or just a display of explanations.

The explanation text to the exit dialog

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Fixed in the current rc2 as follows: If either Save: backup or Save:smart option is selected but there is no pendrive plugged in, Puli leaves the shutdown/reboot procedure after the second attempt. So, all data remains in place. A kind warning message pops up, of course.

A distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack occurs when multiple systems flood the bandwidth or resources of a targeted system, usually one or more web servers. Such an attack is often the result of multiple compromised systems (for example a botnet) flooding

... a tick-box or button that would add/change the config settings in the various files so that chosen settings in the "Session Setup" dialog became the defaults... They would remain the defaults across sessions, until changed using the same tick-box or button. This

explanation.jpg

First shutdown: save session

If you click the SAVE: backup button here, all new files found in folders /etc, /lib, /opt, /root and /usr will be backed up as /mnt/sdb1/backups/Puli_backup_YYYY_MM_DD_HH_MM.tar.gz

security profile are excluded thus it is recommended to use the same boot environment if you need to restore this backup

Alternatively, you can click the SAVE: smart button that saves

selected session data to preserve them for future sessions. Selection and target locations are controlled by the actual

If you click the DO NOT SAVE button, the shutdown process

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file. Note that both the smartloaded packages and the

Click close-box to cancel shutdown

content of the /smartsave folder.

continues without preserving any data.

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So "even if it did happen I would simply re-install and start over again" will "never happen" because those (hundred-thousands of) machines become potential attackers in a seamless mode. In other words, a "domestic user" may have only two choices:

the anti-virus program and damaged six sectors of the hdd on my Win7 machine, necessitating hdd replacement

that I just wiped the stick and put back my

untrained user.

favourite security LPS.

with what I'm familiar.

and re-installation of Win7.

Will continue as I have been,

Though many thanks & cheers.

Subject description: That would be nice.

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gjuhasz wrote:

Not sure I understand what you are trying to say.

Sylvander wrote:

Posted: Sat 03 Oct 2015, 18:24 Post subject:

Sylvander wrote:

Onward and upward. 😉

Superb!

I await that with keen anticipation.

Onward and upward. 😉

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Have fun!

Regards,

gjuhasz

Superb!

Have fun!

Regards,

gjuhasz

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/mnt/sdb1/puli.cfg

a. Booted into Puli.

And...

/mnt/sdb1/syslinux.cfg /mnt/sdb1/timezone

Posted: Mon 05 Oct 2015, 10:22 Post subject:

/mnt/sdb1/profiles/Common/smartload

c4. During reboot, clicked save: smart.

a. Once back to the Puli desktop...

b. Ran xfe and configured it for use.

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Thanks for the review.

Dear Rodney,

b2. During reboot, clicked save: smart.

c. Made all necessary or preferred changes as follows:

Typing this from the latest Puli.

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purposes so I know where I am)

1. "a) I have never tried Grub4Dos. Puli supports only a couple of install methods as they described at http://www.smokey01.com/gjuhasz/readme.html

2. "b) During bootup, language and keyboard settings are applied based on the content of the syslinux.cfg file. I tested successfully with en_GB"

b. I'll keep a close watch on how well Grub performs at the beginning of startup; if it misbehaves I'll switch to using bootflash, and accept the FAT32 partition it provides.

If you have (Puppy) Linux only, try tp prepare your pendrive using http://www.smokey01.com/gjuhasz/sfs/bootflash-0.6p.pet"

3. "c) If the backup was created under Puli 6.0.3 bark2, the wallpaper that comes from the backup should appear" The backup was indeed created under Puli 6.0.3 bark2, yet the wallpaper configured to display does not display.

4. "If you install Puli using one of the recommended methods, those settings will be surely applied."

a. I used Grub4Dos so I could get an ext4 partition on the Flash Drive to which to install Puli.

default vmlinuz initrd=initrd.gz pmedia=usbflash pfix=ram pkeys=uk plang=en_GB

Is it because I'm using Grub4Dos rather than Syslinux as the boot manager?

locked

All times are UTC - 4

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3. The result seems to be the same as in Point 2 if we set the wallpaper by right-clicking a ROX icon and selecting Backdrop in the pop-up menu. However, in this case, no magic happens with the picture dimensions or in the backgrounds_original folder. I am sad to say that the above three methods are incompatible with each other. The mitigation options (in Puli) are the following: **EITHER** Copy the new wallpaper to the /usr/share/backgrounds folder as default.jpg (overwrite the existing one) then delete all ORIGINAL*.jpg files from the /usr/share/backgrounds_original folder, then restart X OR Create an executable /patch/usr/sbin/set_bg file on your pendrive, with the below content (needs reboot). From this point the Pwallpaper utility works fine in Puli. Code: #!/bin/sh #100704 this was originally in Nathan's Wallpaper package #called by 'pwallpaper' wallpaper setter. # Determine the path to this application. CURDIR="`pwd`" APPDIR=`dirname "\$0" cd "\${APPDIR}" APPDIR="`pwd`" cd "\${CURDIR}' if ["\$1" = "-clear"]; then grep -v '<backdrop' \$HOME/.config/rox.sourceforge.net/ROX-Filer/pb_default > \$HOME/.config/wallpaper/pb mv -f \$HOME/.config/wallpaper/pb \$HOME/.config/rox.sourceforge.net/ROX-Filer/pb default echo "[none]" > \$HOME/.config/wallpaper/bg_img exit else cp --remove-destination `echo -n "\$1"` /usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg rm -f /usr/share/backgrounds original/ORIGINAL-* touch /usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg sync sync MODE="`cat \$HOME/.config/wallpaper/backgroundmode`" ["\$MODE" = ""] && MODE="Scale" "\$MODE" = "Centred"] && MODE="Centre" ["\$MODE" = "Scaled"] && MODE="Scale" #w482 BK now have script that truncates an image vertically #so that it has the right dimensions for a widescreen... if ["\$MODE" = "Stretch"];then /usr/sbin/background_reshape /usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg rox --RPC << EOF <?xml version="1.0"?> <env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-envelope"> <env:Body xmlns="http://rox.sourceforge.net/SOAP/ROX-Filer"> <SetBackdrop> <Filename>/usr/share/backgrounds/default.jpg</Filename> <Style>\$MODE</Style> </SetBackdrop> </env:Body> </env:Envelope> EOF Please notice the touch command in the above script. File date is important, it will be checked during backup. I tend to use the 2nd option in the final version of Puli 6.0.3 bark 2. Also, I am wondering if I could make Puli compatible with grub4DOS. Have fun!

Regards, gjuhasz Profile De PM **Back to top** Sylvander Posted: Thu 01 Oct 2015, 21:09 Post subject: Joined: 15 Dec 2008 Posts: 4439 1. "...I am wondering if I could make Puli compatible with grub4DOS." Location: West Lothian, a. That would be nice. Scotland, UK b. I'm no longer seeing any misbehavior by Grub4Dos... Beginning to doubt my recollection... Now... Puli is highlighted in the Grub4Dos display, and when I hit <Enter>, Puli instantly proceeds to load. The problem has since appeared once [when I booted Puli this morning, Oct 2nd]... I'm wondering if it only happens when I pause too long before hitting <Enter> [3 or 4 seconds].

2. "I tend to use the 2nd option in the final version of Puli 6.0.3 bark 2" By "2nd option" I assume you mean, that shown in 3 below... 3. "Create an executable /patch/usr/sbin/set_bg file on your pendrive, with the below content (needs reboot). From this point the Pwallpaper utility works fine in Puli." I've done this, and rebooted... I guess it should now work if I now set a new wallpaper, then delete the old backup, make a new backup, and after reboot the new wallpaper should be displayed. I'll go try that and report back. WOOHOO! It works! i.e. The correct wallpaper is being displayed.

4. A few things still not working: a. When I get to the desktop, the "Session Setup" dialog has all settings as I want them, EXCEPT the global language is en_US not en_GB. b. When I set it to en_GB and OK it, and X is restarted, the time display is then changed to an incorrect form. So... c. When I right-click the time display and PCS is displayed, and I click "Set"... Tthe display of time changes to the correct form, X is restarted yet again, and the display of time continues to be correct. The correct wallpaper remains displayed through all of this. Last edited by Sylvander on Fri 02 Oct 2015, 08:15; edited 1 time in total Profile M PM **Back to top** gjuhasz Deposited: Fri 02 Oct 2015, 08:14 Post subject: Puli and chainloading syslinux from grub4DOS Subject description: That would be nice. **Sylvander wrote:** When I get to the desktop, the "Session Setup" dialog has all settings as I want them, EXCEPT the global language is en_US not en_GB. Joined: 29 Sep 2008 Posts: 422

I still assume that the settings in your syslinux.cfg are not applied due to some misconfiguration in chainloading syslinux from grub4DOS. Please take a look at http://www.rmprepusb.com/tutorials/chainload-syslinux I see an advice there to convert the keyboard and language settings from syslinux.cfg to menu.lst. However, I am not sure this would be a good idea for Puli. Note that Puli represents a "portable computing center". Using the same USB stick, the user should be able to safely operate (boot Puli, enter text, load and run packages, create/restore backups, etc) without any hiccup in any environment even if main settings such as keyboard, display resolution, graphics card etc. are different there. Consequently, while pre-setting the language in a config file is OK, I am sure it is better if the keyboard arrangement is auto-recognized. I try to modify the boot process in Puli to accept language settings both from syslinux.cfg and puli.cfg. I check the feasibility of the keyboard auto-recognition feature, too. Have fun! Regards, gjuhasz Profile Market PM Back to top **Rodney Byne** Posted: Fri 02 Oct 2015, 10:03 Post subject: Re Puli install to USB

Joined: 31 Jan 2014 To gjuhasz, Thanks for the install help posting and for my own reasons used Unetbootin which also worked, instead of your recommended LiLi. My review follows: Yes Puli did come up to desktop and I made numerous changes but not having the help file immediately to hand, forgot to replug the flash drive before going through the save process so nothing was saved. What a waste of time. Re step 5, imo the unplug now prompt should be removed, as it's so easy for a novice to forget to replug.