From debian-announce@pixar.com Sun May 1 08:42:59 1994
Received: from mongo.pixar.com by thorplus.lib.purdue.edu (4.1/Purdue_CC)
        id AA20892; Sun, 1 May 94 08:42:57 EST
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        (Smail3.1.28.1 #15) id m0pxbhM-000AbIa; Sun, 1 May 94 06:36 PDT
Date: Sun, 1 May 94 06:36 PDT
Message-Id: <9405011334.AA27398@spiff.gnu.ai.mit.edu>
Errors-To: bruce@pixar.com
Reply-To: imurdock@gnu.ai.mit.edu
Originator: debian-announce@pixar.com
Sender: debian-announce@pixar.com
Precedence: bulk
Priority: non-urgent
From: imurdock@gnu.ai.mit.edu
To: debian-announce@pixar.com
Subject: A minor change...
X-Listprocessor-Version: 6.0b -- ListProcessor by Anastasios Kotsikonas
Status: RO

A few months ago Debian received a new ``official'' title. It was intended to be made known with the next release, but unfortunately entirely too much time has passed to wait any longer.

Previously we referred to Debian as Debian Linux; we are now calling it Debian GNU/Linux. I still refer to it as Debian in most situations. The distinction is the same as that between ``SCO UNIX'' and ``SCO''; most people generally refer to that as SCO, but in more formal situations it is referred to as SCO UNIX.

Why the change?

First of all, the name Debian GNU/Linux emphasizes our close (and I need not mention beneficial) relationship with the GNU project.

Secondly, there are too many people out there who somehow believe that the Linux movement and the GNU movement are competing factions in the free software arena; this is simply not true. This perception concerns many of us. The name Debian GNU/Linux is more indicative of the fact that Linux and GNU are compliments and not competitors. Look at the facts if you disagree.

As mentioned in the subject line, this is a minor change. It should not affect our day-to-day activities in any way. I just didn't want anyone to be surprised when they download the next release and notice ``Debian GNU/Linux'' mentioned in a README file. :)

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