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Subject: Re: HTTP-redirect-cloning distros a la Devuan  
Posted by [alienbob](#) on Sun, 15 Apr 2018 21:02:04 GMT

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What you call "HTTP-redirect-cloning distros" is a way to mask that you are in fact using other people's bandwidth (and their work too of course). It is a practice that is not fair toward the people who pay money for that bandwidth.

For instance the Slackware mirror-network consists of university servers, company servers and private servers behind a residential DSL/cable connection. Like mine.

If binary Slackware packages and/or sources are being downloaded from my server at home, I want that to be for the benefit of Slackware, not for a group of people that re-uses the packages that were compiled by the packagers of another Distro but can't be bothered to arrange their own hosting.

Note that I am sympathetic to your goal, even though I do not share your view about what constitutes 'libre software'. By creating a 'libre' version of Slackware, you are filling a niche, which is appreciated by people.

And I know I am ranting, but this is not directed towards you - you are in fact hosting your own stuff on your own server. Great!

I just wanted to let you know my opinion about "HTTP-redirect-cloning distros".

Eric

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