Subject: Re: HTTP-redirect-cloning distros a la Devuan
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Quote: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.
I agree. Not only it's basically bandwidth leeching (when without a prior explicit agreement), in our case it would also probably violate FSDG, which seems to strongly imply that the project must not provide a repository which is already tainted or might probably become tainted in the future (i.e. with incorrect/unclear blacklist policy). This is not an interpretation of FSDG I would personally defend, but in Freenix' case there are also good technical reasons for keeping the repo completely separate. The main reason being, we cannot with a straight face claim to filter out proprietary software, while the Slackware project has the technical means to change the repo at will, and no spelled-out policy as to what may be included. We also need our own repo in order to provide the rsync interface. May be it's just my ignorance, but I don't see how we could possibly convince anyone to mirror our repo, if they also have to re-implement the blacklisting and the component replacement!