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Subject: HTTP-redirect-cloning distros a la Devuan

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Recently on the EOMA68-related mailing list:

<http://lists.phcomp.co.uk/pipermail/arm-netbook/2017-July/014358.html>

I caught this bit:

Quote: the devuan team have a really nice team spirit, and their work is of significant interest beyond just debian/devuan. the technique of HTTP-redirect-cloning distros has useful implications for other libre (e.g. FSF-Endorseable) distros that wish to remove certain packages but do not wish to host a hundred gigabytes worth of tens of thousands of files to do so, not least because it would be insanely impractical to do so, just for the purposes of e.g. removing nonfree firmware or trademarked images and words.

Seems like it might be an interesting to apply to the Slackware repositories, if it isn't already being done that way.

Just thought I'd throw it out there. Anyone know anything about this?

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