

Man Pages I10n workshop

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Manpages in Debian

- Debian-specific manpages: translation within packages
- Upstream manpages, translations integrated in packages
- Upstream manpages, no translations
- Upstream manpages may be "Debianized"

Keeping manpages up-to-date

- Detecting outdated translations
- Debianizing translations
 - ▶ First time: difference between Debian and upstream original
 - ▶ Update...

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- <http://alioth.debian.org/projects/po4a/>
- Using PO format for non-standard format (documentation)
- Format: KernelHelp, Man, Pod, Sgml, Dia, LaTeX, XML, ...
- Alternatives: poxml, XLIFF tools, etc.

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- Finalization (Build-Depends, etc.)

Discussion

- Disadvantages of po4a
- Translators who do not want to use the PO format
- Maintainers who do not want to use po4a (or similar tools)

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Example of manpages-fr

- `svn://svn.debian.org/svn/pkg-manpages-fr`
- LDP
- Important packages (coreutils, procps, util-linux, ...)

Discussion

- Multi-distribution
- Example of coreutils:
 - ▶ Upstream: 2370 strings
 - ▶ Debian: 2366 strings
 - ▶ Upstream-specific: 60 strings
 - ▶ Debian-specific: 56 strings
 - ▶ Common: 2310 strings
- Multi-language
- Relation with upstream translators

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Encoding problems

- src/encodings.c (man-db)
- groff-utf8 (<http://www.haible.de/bruno/packages-groff-utf8.html>)
- Vietnamese manpages not supported

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Integration in the infrastructure

- Detection of manpages
 - ▶ Gettextized
 - ▶ Not gettextized
- Other issues