

Dear Press,

We are pleased to present you the final version of openSUSE 13.1 and this press kit.

The world-wide availability of openSUSE 13.1 (codename “*bottle*”) is planned for November 19, 12:00 UTC. This is 8 months after our previous release, exactly as planned.

Please hold off on publishing anything from this press kit or the DVD until the release.

In this press kit you can find the following:

- The final, official press announcement
- A (near-final) draft of the community announcement
- An extensive feature guide
- A list of quotes about the release from prominent community members
- Screenshots and other images related to openSUSE, CC licensed
- About openSUSE and about SUSE documents

The 13.1 GoldMaster (final release) link for press:

We hope these resources will help you communicate to your readers, listeners, viewers and followers what is new and exciting in this release. If you would like to talk to any of the people quoted in the documents or anybody else from the community, please contact me.

We believe this release is very relevant in the Free Software ecosystem. With [recent statistics](#) showing openSUSE having at least 440.000 regularly updated installations (for comparison, that is about twice the Fedora userbase), many people will be using this product. And with this release benefitting from a strong stability push by the community and the Evergreen team having committed to extending the life cycle of this release to three years, these users will be able to confidently install it on servers or heavy duty systems alike. The long term support status upstream of our default desktop, KDE's Plasma Desktop should add to this confidence. Meanwhile, the openSUSE community will be able to focus on finishing discussions about the future which were started at the openSUSE conference and put on hold due to the release preparations.

Further information:

- There will be new SUSE Studio images for 13.1 available on release day. Upgrading existing images/appliances will be possible soon after.
- <http://software.opensuse.org> has been building openSUSE 13.1 packages for a while and thousands of packages are already available, complementing the over 6000 packages part of the official release.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards,
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