

## Re: Exportability of EDA industry from North America?

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On Mon, 17 Jan 2005 11:46:53 -0500, Chuck Harris  
<cf-NO-SPAM-harris@erols.com> wrote:

*>I want to go to Debian, but I am finding it hard to get excited about  
>ripping my system apart and starting over...If only there was a safe  
>and easy way to move from RedHat to Debian...*

The EDA vendors only support RedHat, so I'm sticking with it, whatever its faults. And, finally, after all these years, we now actually have a professional Linux distribution, that's not just put together by hackers. But I'll tell you what really pi\*\*es me off about it – they now charge an \*annual\* subscription for it. I've been buying Windoze distributions for 20-odd years, and I've never once had to pay an annual subscription. I bought my current Win2K 4 years ago, and I can still download updates and security fixes for free. What exactly makes RedHat think that they can charge year-on-year for that? If they'd just asked me for a one-off \$200 then I'd have paid it. I'm running FC2 now, despite having to download the whole thing.

Rick