Debian Developer Certification

Lars Wirzenius

Lars Wirzenius has worked with the Debian community since 1994, and was a formal Debian Developer between 1996 and 2009. Over the years he has maintained a number of packages for the distribution, covering a wide area of functionality. He has also maintained a number of packages for which he is the upstream author, including CoverageTestRunner, liwc, Enemies of Carlotta and dwww.

His most influential development has been piuparts, a tool for testing Debian package installation and removal. piuparts is now being used to regularly test most packages in the archive. This software has been incredibly useful to Debian, helping developers to find and fix thousands of problems.

In addition to maintaining packages, Lars has actively participated in discussions about Debian development on a large variety of topics. His experiences in these discussions led him to co-found the Debian Enhancement Proposal effort to give structure to discussions.

Lars has been a valuable and highly respected member of the project. When he is ready to return to active status, we will warmly welcome him back.

Steve McIntyre,
Debian Project Leader 2008-2010

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