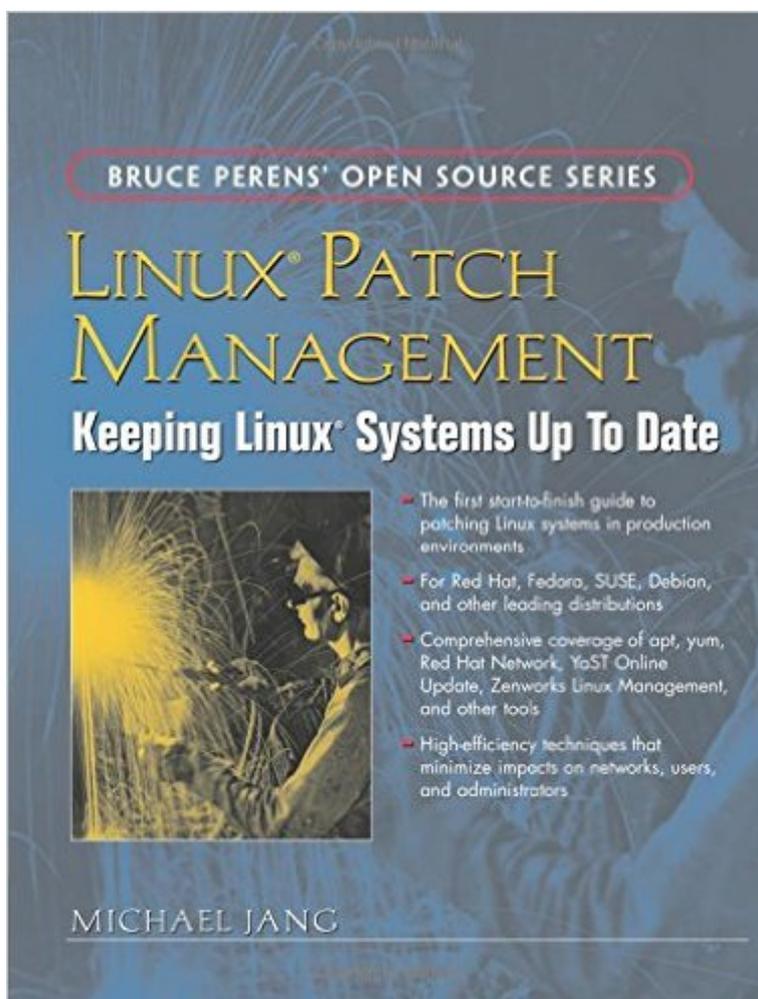


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Linux Patch Management: Keeping Linux Systems Up To Date



Synopsis

This book will guide you through managing patches and updates on one Linux computer or networks of Linux computers. You will learn to: Manage Linux updates on a network and minimize update loads in an internet connection, Minimize reliance on specific Linux distributions, Learn how to update every Linux computer on the local network without overloading the Internet connection.

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Although I'm very proficient on the Linux distros that I use every day, I always seem to have a new Linux system enter the environment that I'm unfamiliar with and must maintain or visit a site that uses a distro that my only interaction with was to patch on my last visit (...now how did I do that again?). Trying to remember all of the patching idiosyncrasies of each distro used to be a daunting task until I found this book. Linux Patch Management has been a Godsend. It is one of just a handful of books that I keep on my desk because I always seem to need it. And besides being an incredibly useful guide to patching rarely visited systems, it also helps outline various patching strategies for the enterprise. It gives detailed instructions on setting up local patch repositories and proxies to help you control your environment's systems as well as provide a substantial time and bandwidth savings. From single unfamiliar systems to enterprise-wide system management, this book has something for everyone and is written with just the right amount of information. A must have.

A major difference between the different linux distributions is their Patch Management (or application management) implementation. I have found that most books pick one (or two) distro's and move forward into their topic--this book covers all of the major patch management solutions. This book covers the full spectrum from a single machine environment, to setting up an environment that manages multiple machines, in a well organized easy to read format. I would appreciate a direct pro/con comparison of the different solutions--but that would just start a flame war.

Michael Jang's *Linux Patch Management: Keeping Linux Systems Up To Date* provides Linux users with complete patches for all kinds of environments: a feature Linux administrators will find essential. Here are patching solutions for Fedora, Debian and other distributions, covering all kinds of tools and applications. Whether you're updating networks and configuring clients or working with apt commands, if you're a Linux administrator, you must have this patch reference on hand.

For a beginner-to-intermediate sysadmin this book is a valuable resource, but for the professional already administering hundreds or thousands of servers it is of no real use.

My first reaction to this was negative. What the heck do you need a book on this subject for - aren't the man pages enough? Then I waffled a little - maybe it is nice to have the 10,000 foot overview of all of this, mixed in with some useful advice. I'm still not sure. If you are managing multiple systems or are a consultant who is apt to run into most anything, this could be very helpful. For the average Linux user, maybe not: in my experience such people either leave their systems alone (no updates at all) or are themselves expert and keep their systems perfectly current - the latter probably don't need this. But I still have that nagging doubt. For my own machines in my own office, I vacillate horribly. I always do the updates after an initial install, but often I ignore them after that unless it's some very serious security issue that I can't ignore. I do this because I don't want to break my systems and often I just don't have time to stage and test things.. but on the other hand sometimes I get religious and keep on top of a box weekly. So.. I remain unsure of this book's value to me, but I'll keep it around as insurance.

This book is almost ten years out of date? Could we get a revised edition? Lots of things have changed in the world since this was first written it would be nice to get it updated with the latest and greatest from the experts.

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