

Pushing Patches Upstream

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Who am I?



Why does this matter?

Why is it important to push patches back upstream?

- Preserve your own sanity...
- Distribute the load...
- Be a better citizen!

Aren't we doing this already?

No, not really...

- Canonical ranks #68 for kernel changesets by employer
- Red Hat is #2, Novell is #4
- TuxDriver by itself would be #72

Mailing Lists

Keep-up with the mailing lists...

- Upstream may have fixed a problem you have!
- Upstream reviewers may save your...time...
- Not all commenters are equal...learn whom to ignore...
- More to life than LKML!

Posting Patches

Posting patches can be an exercise in humility...

- Nothing personal...we are all interested in excellence!
- Follow best practices – <http://linux.yyz.us/patch-format.html>
- Respond to feedback and/or repost...lather, rinse, repeat...

Questions?



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