

Packages - Packaging request #874

[tor-browser] add package for PCR

2015-11-24 09:15 PM - totalchaos

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| Description Tor Browser Bundle: Anonymous browsing using Firefox and Tor I guess it will be a crucial part of Parabola's nonprism suite, thus making Parabola the logical choice for users, that value their privacy. https://www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html.en | |

History

#1 - 2015-11-24 09:41 PM - GNUtoo

There are several issues to handle here:

- Is tor-browser suggesting non-free software with "get add-ons"?
 - The tor-browser and Tor project suggest not to install any add-ons (reference needed), this is to prevent the user's browser from looking different and unique
 - We should probably try to disable that feature instead. But we should be very careful at not changing how the modified tor-browser looks on the internet, else it becomes dangerous and useless (you will be uniquely identified). We probably need to check that with tor-browser developers, and make them review the change.
- Since there is this add-on issue, we can't use stock tor-browser for now, which is really problematic, we loose:
 - Reproducible builds
 - The possibility not to make a tor-browser-libre package but instead a tor-browser installer. This would have been desirable because it has a nice auto-update feature. You also would get a reproducible build.

#2 - 2015-11-24 11:39 PM - pizzaiolo

I think your first point could be suggested upstream at the Tor Project, that would be a very good idea.

#3 - 2016-01-18 08:10 PM - Anonymous

- Subject changed from tor-browser to [tor-browser] add package for PCR

#4 - 2016-09-26 08:32 PM - GNUtoo

I've made some research but forgot to report back:
The add-on page can be changed in about:config.

However extra care must be taken not to make a tor-browser-libre distinguishable from the tor-browser.

Some information about plugins updates can be found in the following (fixed) security bug: <http://seclists.org/dailydave/2016/q3/51>

#5 - 2018-06-01 02:01 PM - GNUtoo

See also the same bug for another FSDG compliant distribution: <https://tracker.pureos.net/T343>

#6 - 2018-07-19 03:00 AM - ovruni

- Priority changed from bug to wish

#7 - 2019-12-11 11:36 PM - GNUtoo

Here are some pointers to the status of this issue:

- The following [wiki page](#) has information on the status of the tor-browser port to other architectures (arm and ppc64le)
- The following [bug report](#) has information on getting rid of the add-on repository.

Thanks to Jeremy Rand for working on both.

#8 - 2019-12-12 04:11 AM - bill-auger

the auto-update feature makes this program not well fit for any distro - every program that i know of, which has such a feature, has it disabled in parabola builds

there is hardly any reason to package any program with with an auto-update feature - anyone who installs the package would only be using the packaged build until the next auto-update (like maybe the very next day in this case); and then will be using the upstream binary from then on - one really may just as well get the upstream binary in the first place, saving us the trouble of maintaining yet another mozilla beast