

Subject: The Testing Core Team's 3rd Open Bugs Day
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In a little over 2 weeks, the Testing Core Team will hold our 3rd Open Bugs Day (OBD). The date will be August 21, 2011 from 0:00 to 23:59 UTC. To determine when the OBD starts in your time zone, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3os2ysv>.

A complete and up-to-date description of the event is found at <http://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Open-Bugs-Day>. To summarize, the emphasis will be on testing open bugs for openSUSE 11.4 to see if they are still affecting Factory, or 12.1 MS4. This way, we hope to make it easier for the developers to find and fix as many bugs as possible.

Coordination for Open Bugs Day will be on Channel #opensuse-testing on the Freenode IRC Network. <irc://irc.freenode.net/opensuse-testing>.

We are also planning the 4th OBD to be held shortly after the release of 12.1 Beta, previously referred to as MS6. The emphasis on that day will be to check the bugs reported to 12.1 MSx and Factory. The idea is that should be early enough to fix those bugs before the release of 12.1. This version is scheduled to be released on September 22.

To see the numbers of bugs reported for versions since 11.2, browse to <http://tinyurl.com/3mbrine>. As I view this table, I am encouraged to see that the numbers of bugs reported against the Final release has been decreasing with time.

I hope that you will consider testing MS4 and participate in Open Bugs Day. As explained on our web page, it is possible to test with a hosted Virtual Machine, a VM on your own machine, or an installation on your hardware. With the bug locating efforts of these Open Bug Days, we hope to make 12.1 the best openSUSE release ever.

For the Testing Core Team,

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