Syzix: heading off the beaten $PATH

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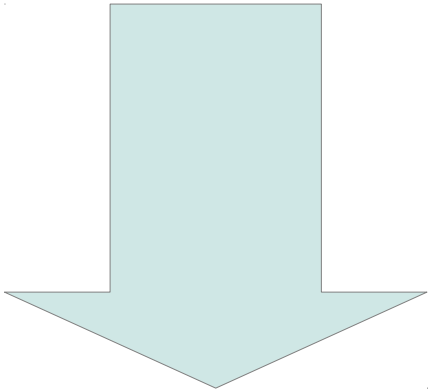
Traditional package install



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/bin    /usr/bin
/lib    /usr/lib
/sbin   /usr/sbin
...     /usr/share
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Traditional package install

Single package version

Single
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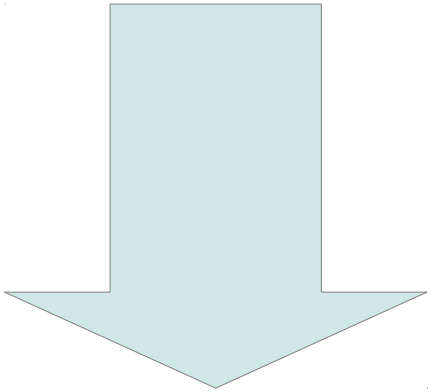
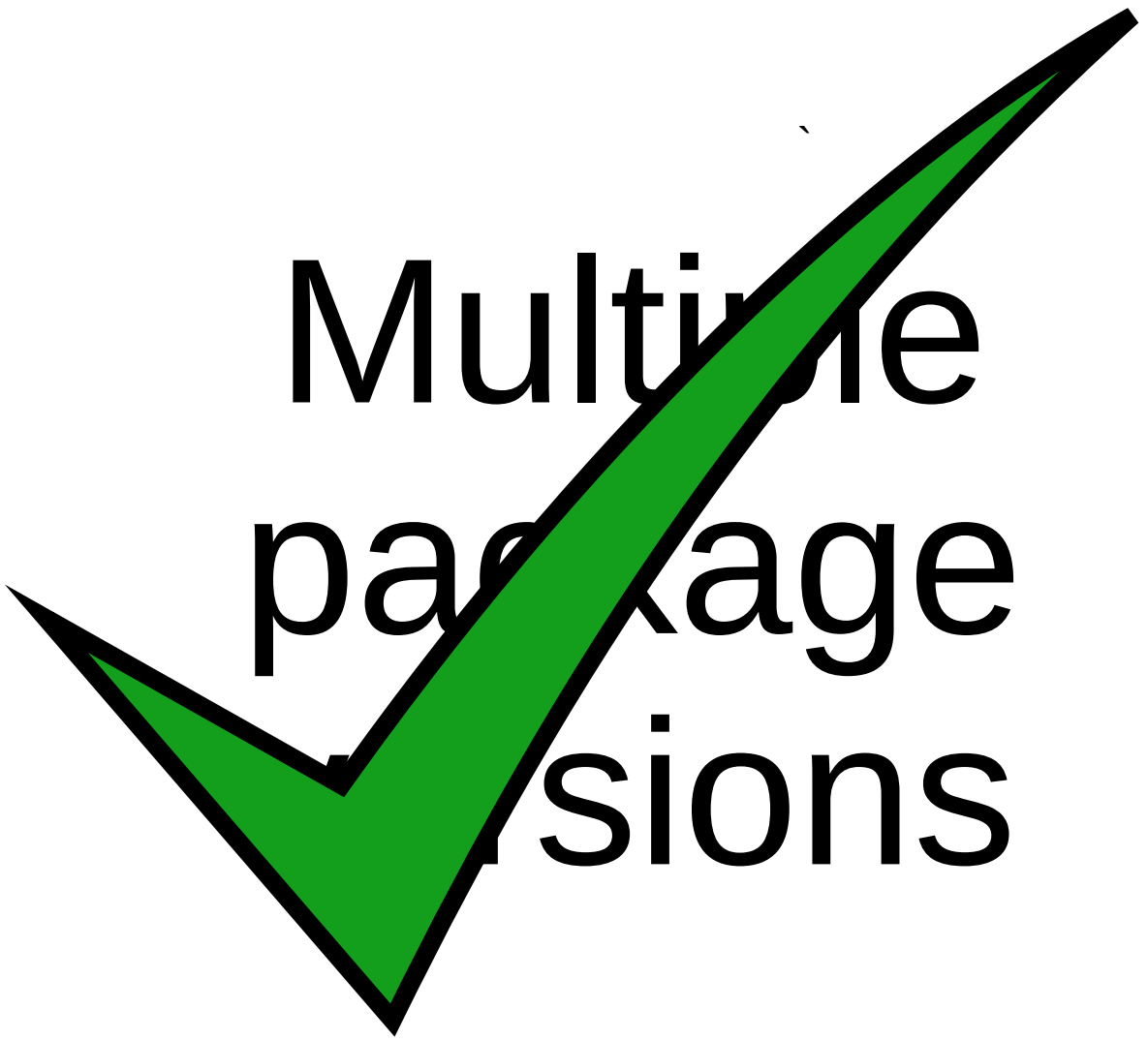
Syzix package install



`/sw/$repo/$arch/$pkgname/$version`

Multiple package versions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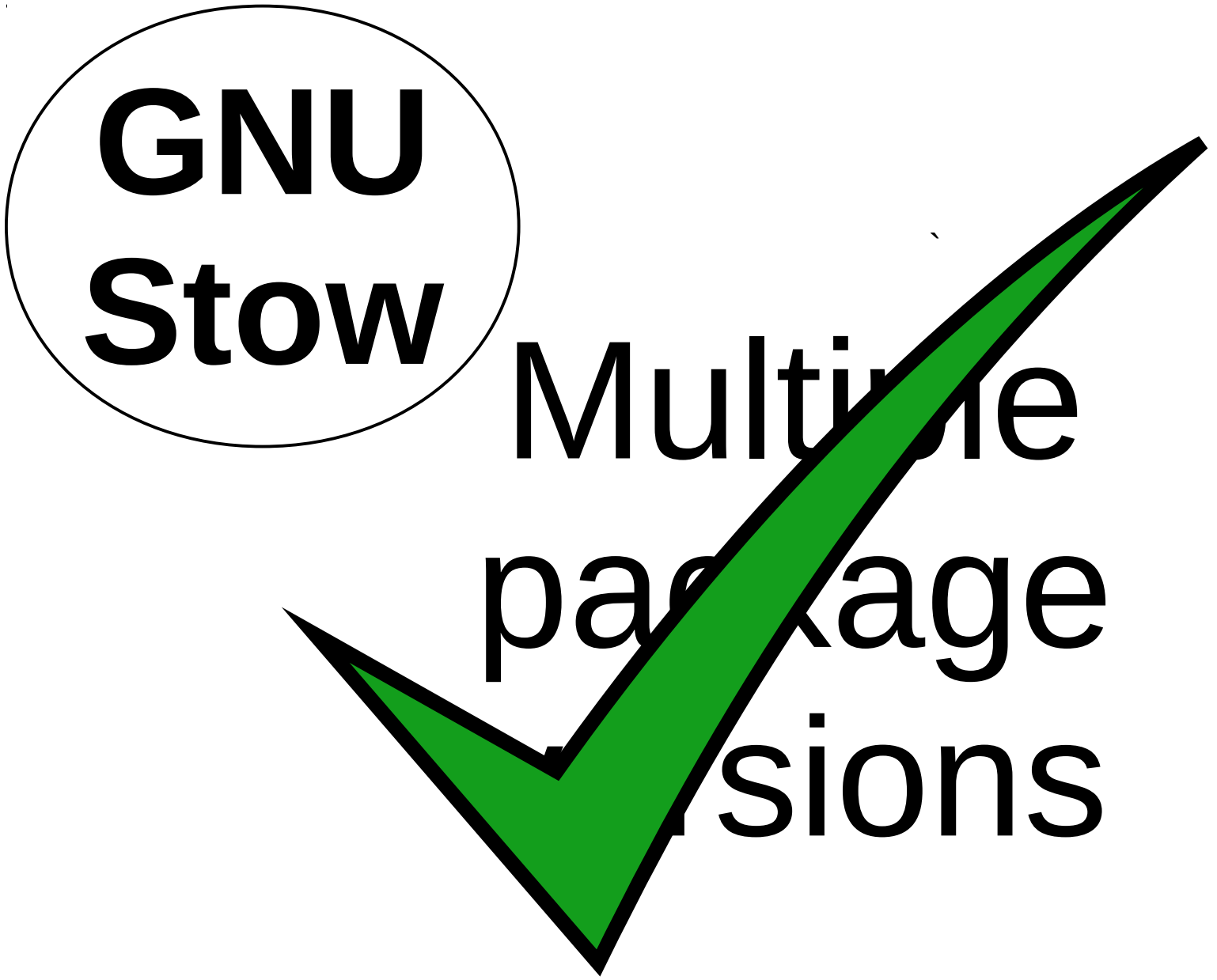
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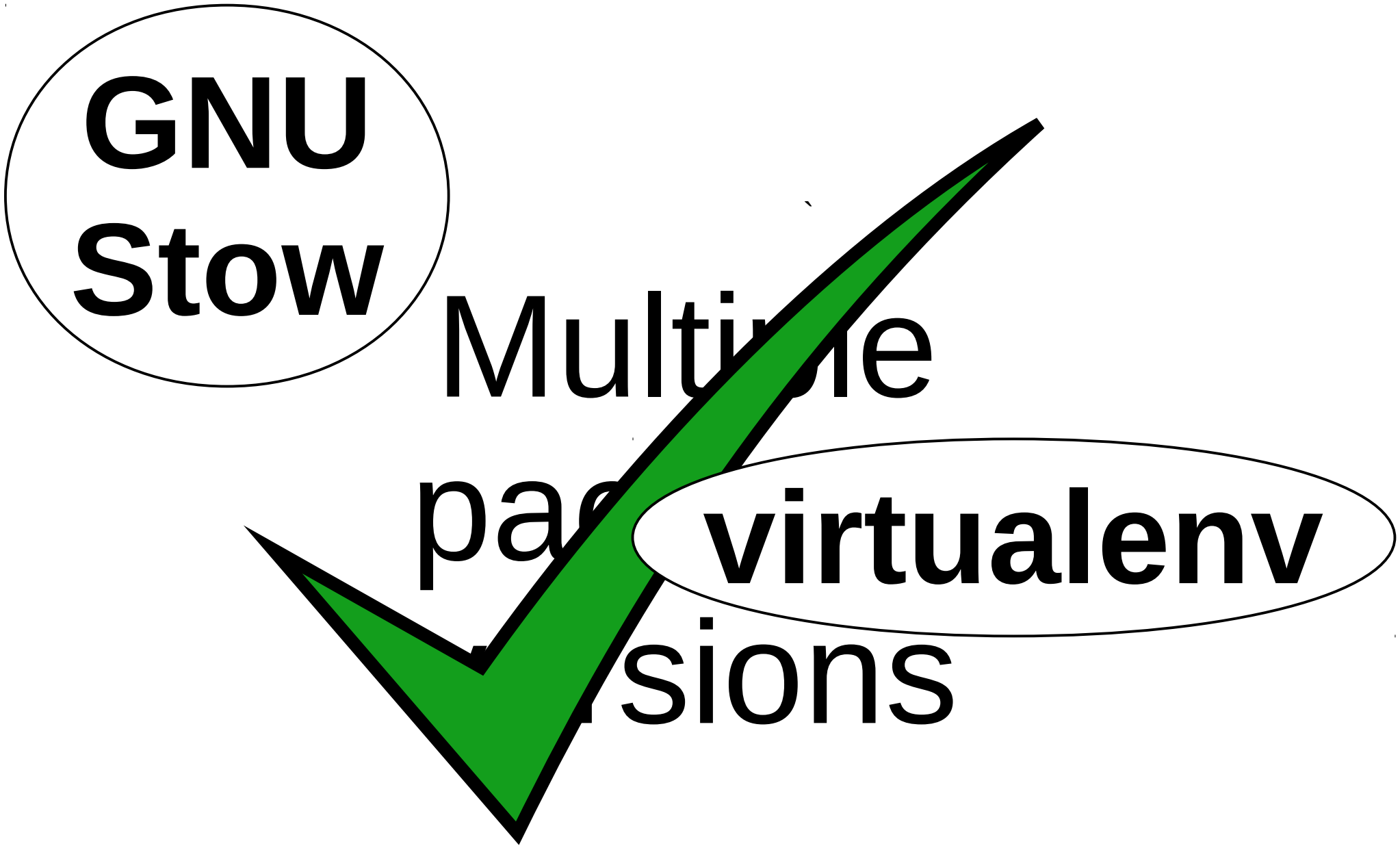
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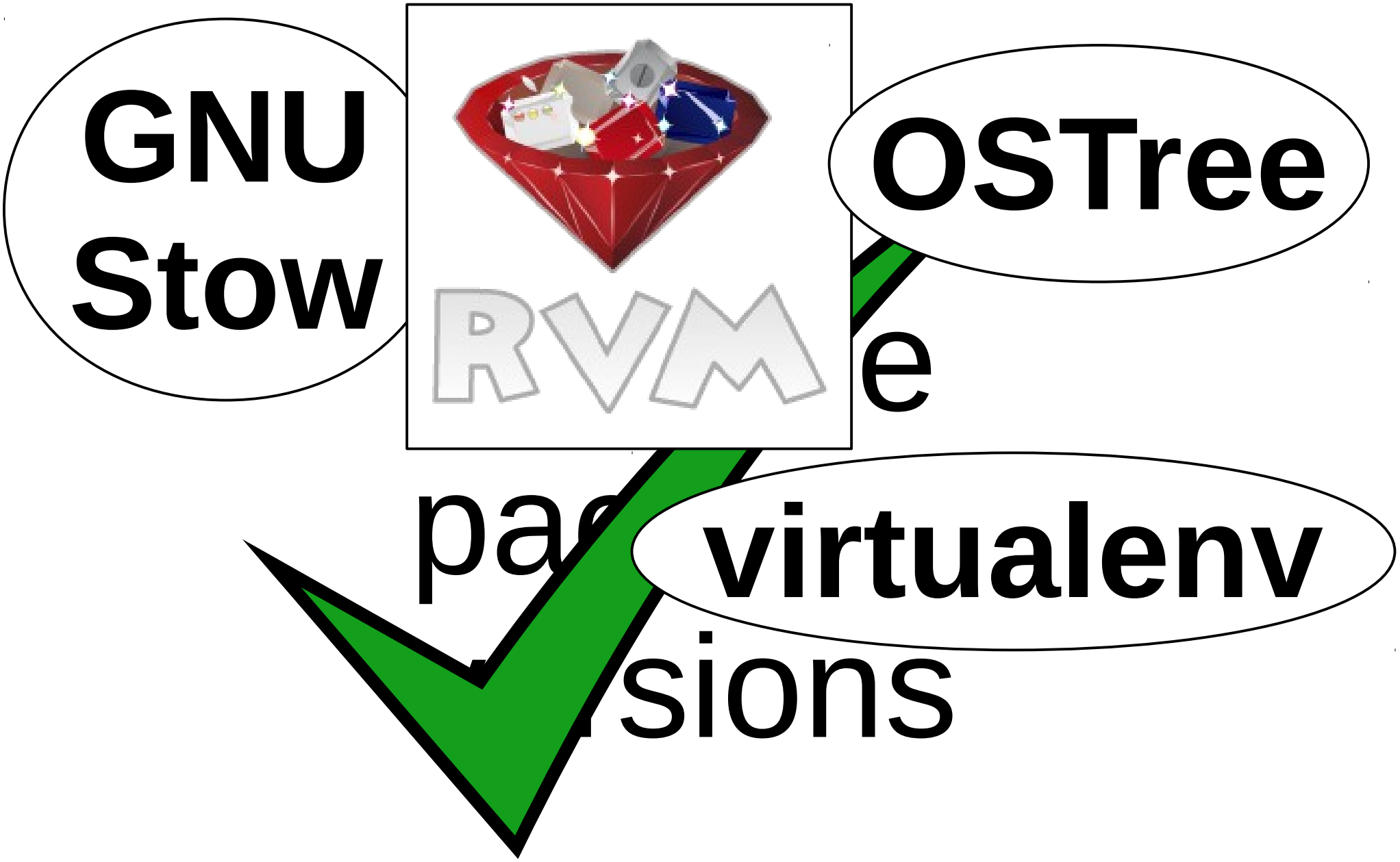
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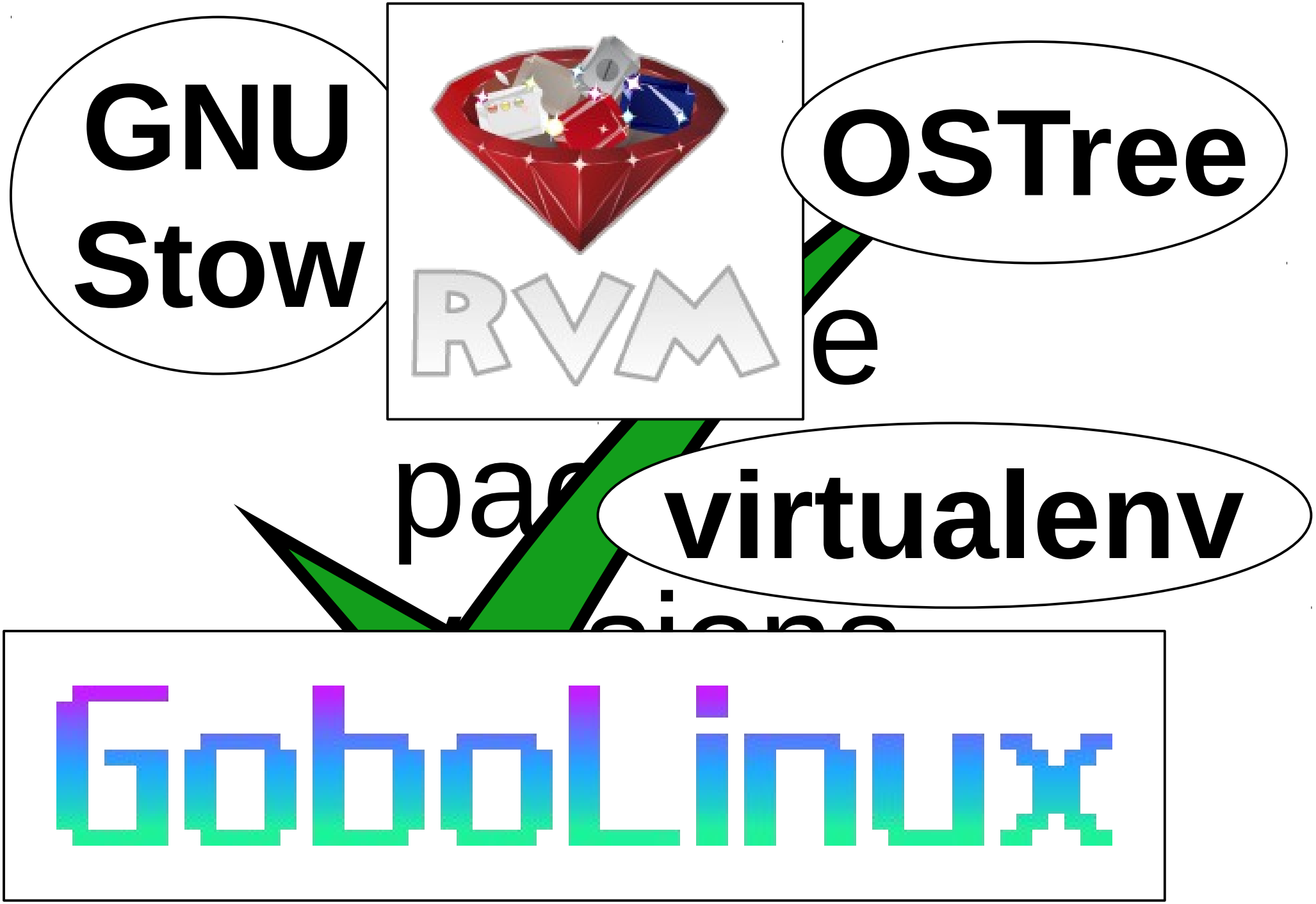
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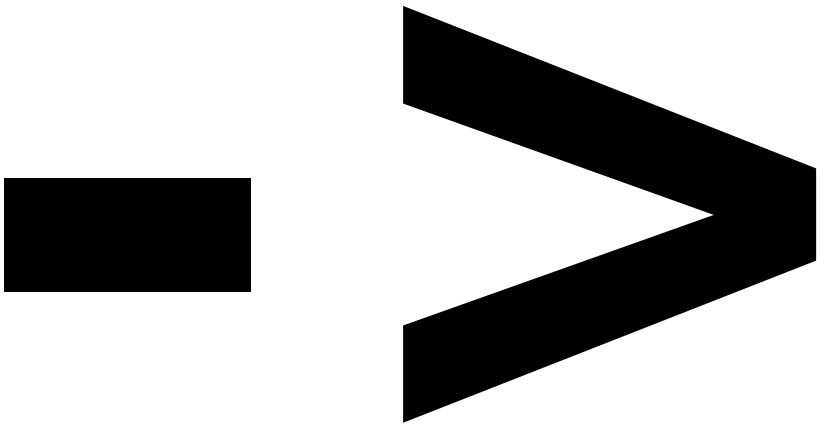

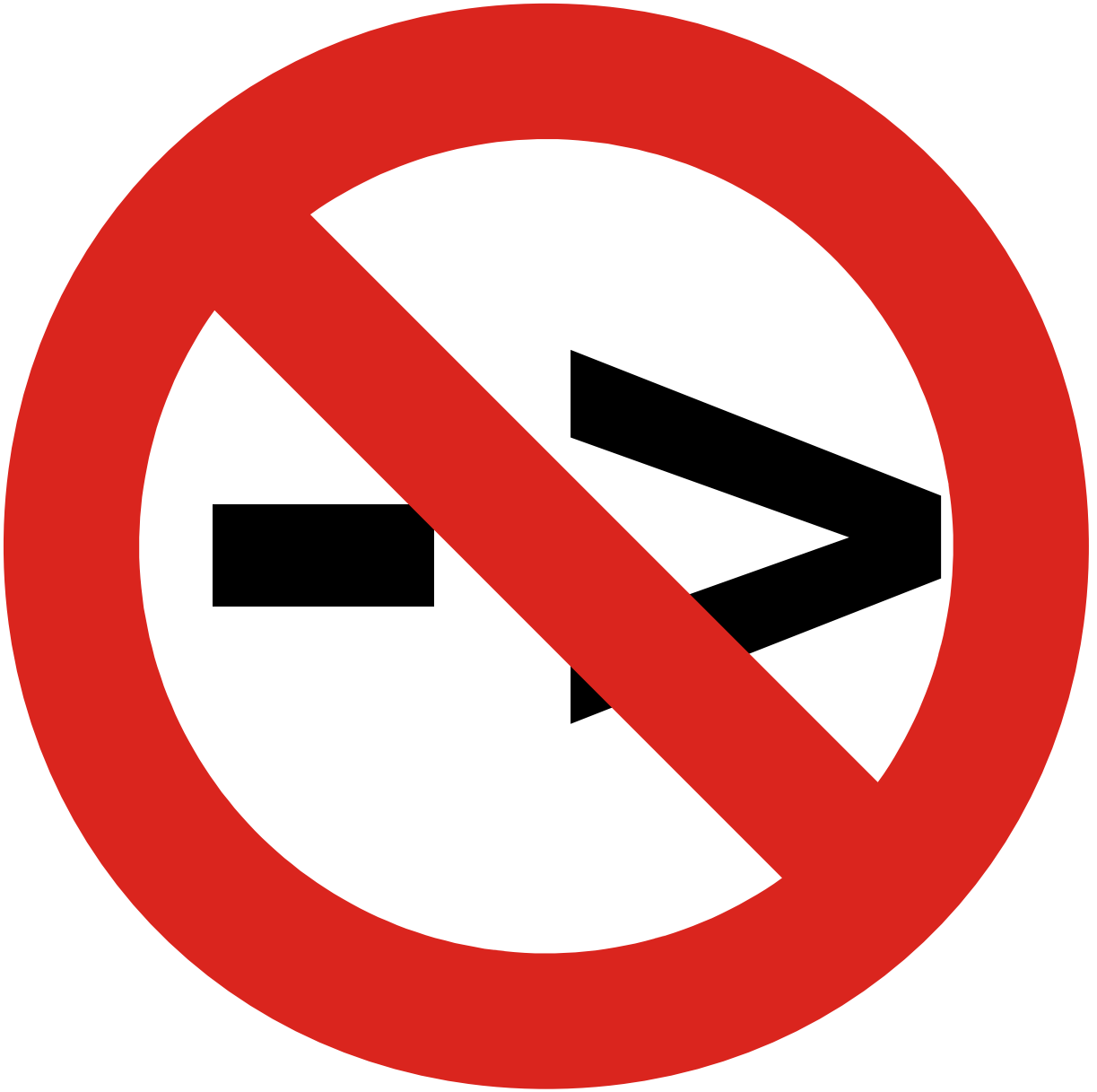

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Dynamic runtime version selection

Dynamic
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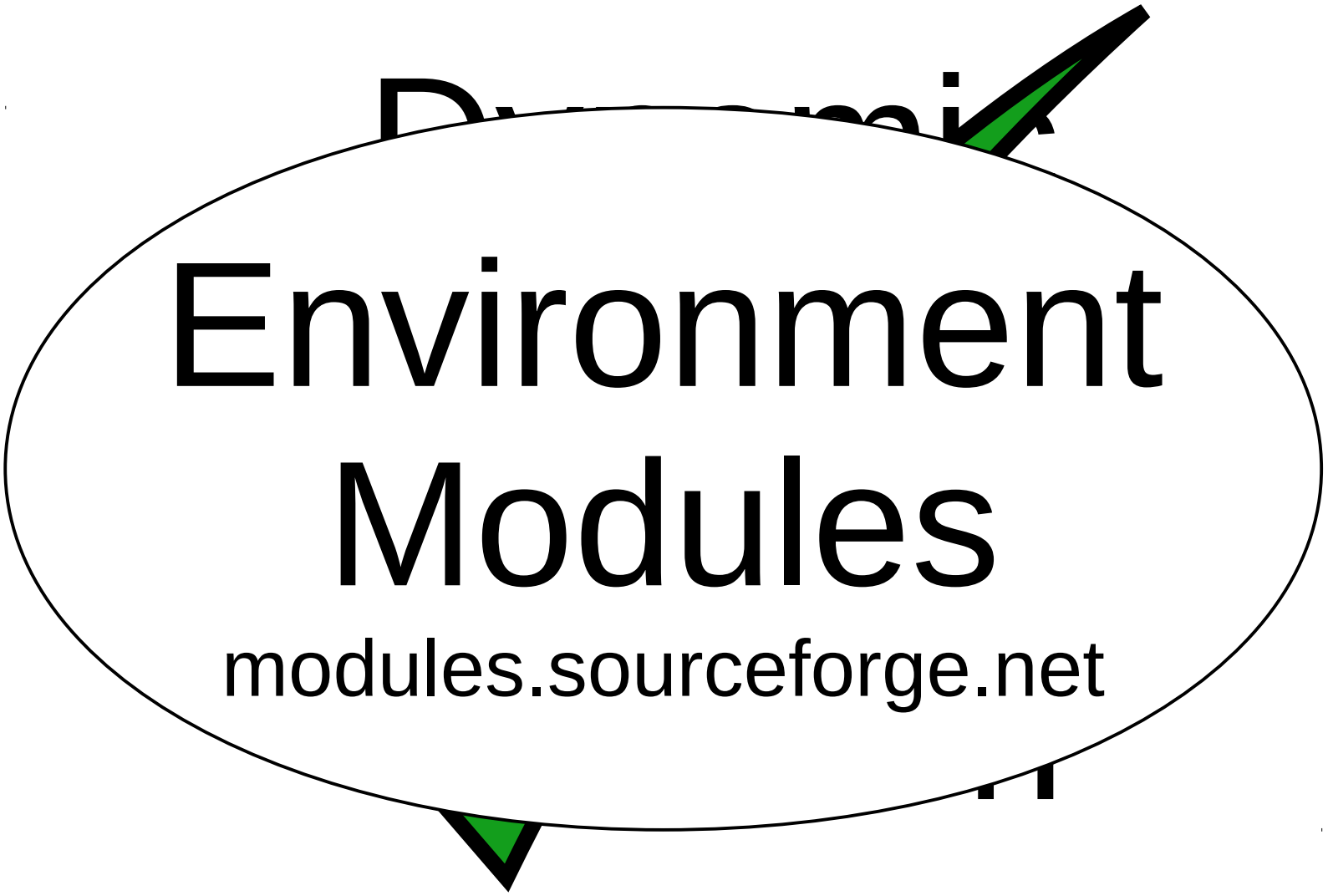
Environment
Modules
modules.sourceforge.net

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$ syz list
Currently Loaded Syzfiles:
  1) modules/3.2.6     3) modext/devel
  2) shwrapnel/devel   4) syz/devel
$ python
-bash: python: command not found
$ syz avail python
----------- /sw/nix/x86_64-linux/.sf -----------
python/2.6.7             python/2.7.3-wrapper
python/2.7.3(default)  python3/3.2.3
$ syz load python/2.6.7
$ python
Python 2.6.7 (r267:88850, Jul 20 2012, 19:59:23)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for
more information.
>>>
$
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$ syz list
Currently Loaded Syzfiles:
  1) modules/3.2.6                 8) zlib/1.2.7
  2) shwrapnel/devel               9) gcc/4.6.3
  3) modext/devel                 10) bzip2/1.0.6
  4) syz/devel                    11) attr/2.4.46
  5) linux-headers/2.6.35.14-2    12) acl/2.2.51
  6) glibc/2.13                   13) coreutils/8.15
  7) bash/4.2-p24                 14) python/2.6.7
$ syz swap python/2.7.3
$ python
Python 2.7.3 (default, Jul 20 2012, 19:54:40)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for
more information.
>>>
$ syz unload python
$ python
-bash: python: command not found
$
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Rollback package updates

Safely test
new versions

Rolling release

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Standard release

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Binary packages + Source builds

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Victor Gregorio, PD
http://hacktux.com/linux/wallpaper/apache/compile

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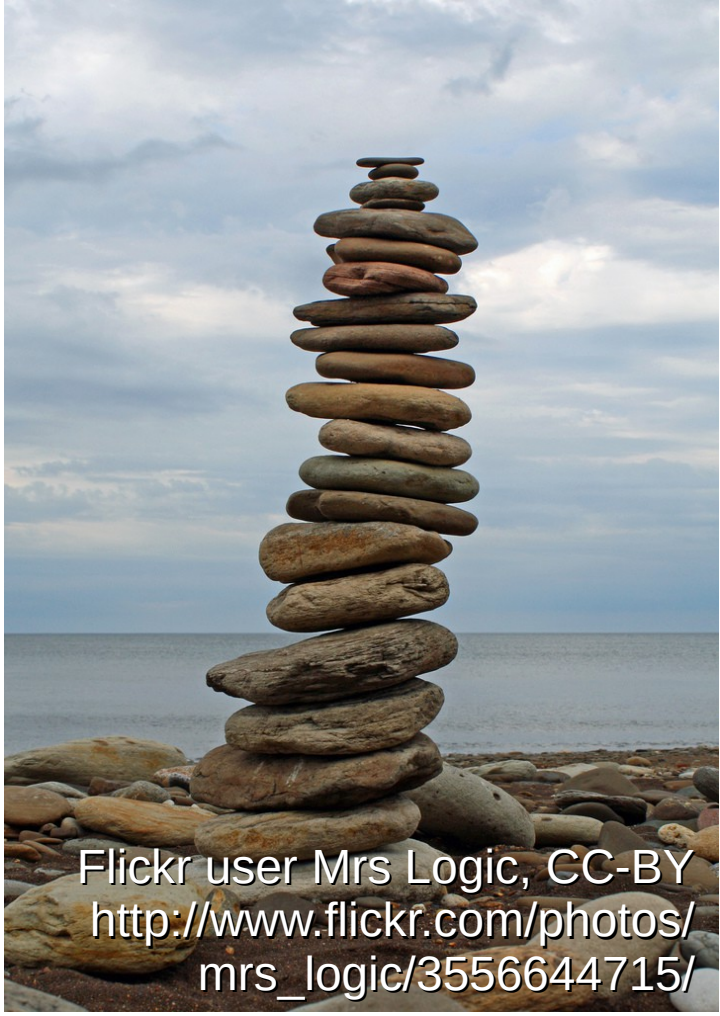
Standalone install*



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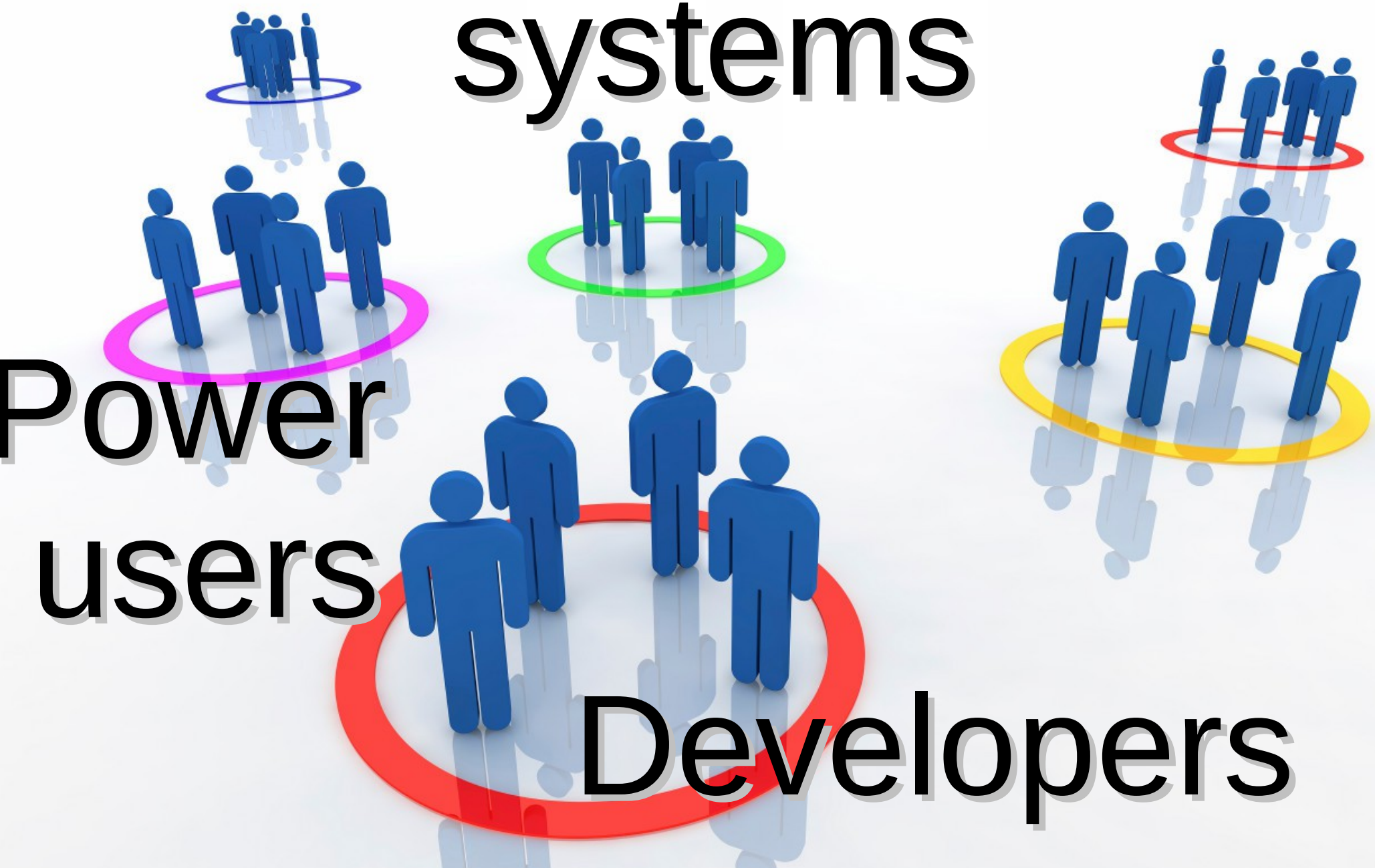
Hosted install

Multi-user systems



Power users

Developers

Tomorrow
10:40am
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http://syzix.org/