Subject: Re: deb packages don't update user sources properly
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The sources are copied to userland to allow him to make changes.
This works against re-copy of fresh sources over them after update.
(although I believe many users have clean copy without local changes, so the update is appropriate)

So we have local changes vs official update thing, and that's why things like versioning systems do exist, i.e. not easy to solve.

Still your solution is probably best what can be done.

I have also right now get a flash of an idea, how about putting into installer another wizard to not copy sources from /usr/share, but instead check them out from svn mirror right into userland. In such case after update your "fix" could run another svn update up to revision of installed package (not to head).

But this would be good only for experienced users, who know how SVN works and are capable to handle eventual conflicts with their local changes during such process.

But I personally would quite like it that way, to not bother with checkouting manually, but letting installer to prepare it for me all.