

Re: Do they make it hard on purpose?

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Andreas Stieger <Andreas.Stieger@gmx.de> wrote in message
news:<8m16u-a05.ln1@ID-58824.user.dfncis.de>...

> *John Culleton wrote:*

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> > *If I say ftp install it wants a hardware ip address.*

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> *Wrong. The IP address is not hardware.*

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> > *Now in the world am I supposed to know what the hardware address of*

> > *some remote server is?*

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> *ping the server.*

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> > *But the instructions require me to key in a string at the boot prompt*

> > *which prompt I never get. When I end up in manual install it wants an ip*

> > *address which I don't have. So how does one install the thing?*

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> *ping the server and use that IP address. Try harder.*

The short answer is that with your help and some jiggering I am on
line with

SuSE which was the objective! The README.FTP could have mentioned the
need to ping the eventual target server to get the address before
attempting to install. I knew about ping but it didn't occur to me to
use it to find the numeric (not hardware, sorry) address of an url.

I only ran into one severe gotcha. At first I got nothing but a blank
(black) screen. Having

had this kind of grief before I saved XF86Config and tried
XF86Config.saxsav instead.

That worked but I was frozen in one screen mode, 1280 x1024, at which
size the text was too tiny to read. So I copied my old XF86Config from
Slack 9 and rebooted. Now I can hotkey through modes. Unfortunately
this screws up some other things which I will fix in time by
creating a proper XF86Config using SuSE tools.

No, I did not use a friend's boot.iso. That is how it came from one of
the mirror sites.

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My very sincere thanks to all those who replied. After I get everything working to my satisfaction I may take a shot at rewriting README.FTP to reflect what really happens.

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