

## Re: Install Firefox questions

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Sven Burmeister wrote:

> *Hi!*

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> *Jan wrote:*

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>> *Would it be more logical for me to wait until next week, when I have the  
>> 40 GB hard drive that I ordered, and load the full Suse 7.3 before  
>> trying again, or is there a simple step to solve the missing  
>> dependencies situation?*

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> *To be honest, there should be no missing dependencies, so either you confuse  
> the version of your SuSE, or you should switch to a recent version. You  
> will not find packages for very old versions such as 7.3.*

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> *I would recommend to you that you wait for your harddisk and install SuSE  
> 9.2 which is freely available and saves you a lot of hussle when installing  
> software packages. Basically it would be a click and go with SuSE 9.2, so  
> why do you want SuSE 7.3? Apart from that KDE has improved a lot and its  
> usability is not compareabel to the version coming with 7.3.*

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> *You can get 9.2 via ftp-installation, or d/l the DVD and burn it. Make sure  
> to read the READMEs in that directory, although one of them is in German,  
> the commands to type should be obvious. You need them to melt the split  
> DVD-ISO back to one file.*

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> <ftp://ftp.skynet.be/mirror/suse.com/92-iso-split>

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> *Sven*

OK, I too have had my share of problems here. I downloaded using Windows XP since I was on it at the time, then burned it (Firefox and Thunderbird) plus the new version of Open Office to a CD. Thunderbird was easy but both Firefox and Open Office are giving me a lot of grief. I start out with the tar.gz and can gunzip OK but after that I can't seem to get anywhere with the tar files, even after going command line. And yes I am effectively a newbie since the last time I was playing with LINUX was in 1996 when I had a triple boot system (DOS, LINUX, and

OS/2). The frigging Windows 95 CD decided it was going to run scan disk and repair the 'corrupted' MBR and files without even asking my permission. I stopped it as soon as I saw what was going on but even after a few minutes (bathroom break due to coffee) it was way too late. I have hated Microsoft and all things Windows or Redmond ever since. The only reason I use it at all is because the weenies at work insist on it. I never crashed DOS except once intentionally, LINUX was stable even back then, and I loved OS/2.

Back on topic, how does one get these things to install? Since it is my machine I can log on as root superuser and still not get it to work?

It is an AMD XP clocked at 1150MHz so it is probably a 1300+ by their standards, 390 MB ram, an MSI KT4V mother board, plain old dial up modem (I live 500 feet to far for DSL) and a sound blaster. I doubt that the system has anything to do with it but it may be the LINUX distros I am using, courtesy if IBM. I received free both the SUSE enterprise server complete with 4 CD-ROM disks, and days later a new Novell LINUX Desktop. I installed each on its very own drives 13GB and 20GB and the came up just fine. I am happy so far but installing new software is a bit tough. Any comments, please?

BTW, now I need another drive to put my old Red Hat onto. This is the beauty of having a bios that allows you to hit f11 and boot from any disk in the system. I think it is Award but I never pay attention to that since I am waiting to hit the f11 key. I already have too many drives, DOS, LINUX (Red Hat, IBM server, IBM office), Windows 2000 Pro, and Windows XP. I learned the hard way not to put too much on one disk and do a multi-boot from a fixed C: DOS. It used to go to LILO and ask me where to go, then if I hit DOS it would take me into Windows 2000 boot manager where I could pick a version of windows or just plain DOS. Unfortunately IBM and GRUB had different ideas. Only my DOS was lost but I am still trying to recover that, mostly for games (about 100) for my granddaughter.

I think I may have just over posted.

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P.S. Anybody with any good advice can reach me at [bbaka@syix.com](mailto:bbaka@syix.com), the underbar was just to defeat some spam since I get about 100 every day.