

Re: Shutdown & Networking – some more newbie (easy?) questions

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Jim Marnott <info@doatkins.com> wrote:

> 1) *I am unable to shut down my computer without hitting the power button*
> *-- or logging on as root, opening a terminal and typing reboot. I've*

That's exactly what you should do. What other method are you looking for? "shutdown -h now" is the more usual method!

> *tried ctrl-alt-delete and ctrl-alt-backspace. The latter just sends me*
> *to the login screen again. What's the trick?*

There is no trick. `cab` kills X. `cad` does a reboot, if you send it to a text console, not X.

> 2) *Sometimes I will download and install something, but am unable to run*
> *the program. ie: I just downloaded Mozilla Thunderbird and I believe I*

That's a personal problem.

What do you mean, anyway? You can't "download" something and "unarchive it"! You have to *install* a *package* from your distro.

If you got stuff off the net it comes with instructions what to do on the page you got it off – but don't do that. The stuff and the instructions could be anything. It rather sounds as though you downloaded a source archive and that after unarchiving it you want to read the README inside and do what it says!

> *unarchived it properly, put it in a directory and then went hunting for*
> *something to double-click. Nothing looked right, so I tried a few that*

Double-click? Why would double-clicking something run it? What are you trying to do? To run a program you just run it, not "double-click" it. Type its name!

> *didn't look too wrong (including a file called "thunderbird",) but*
> *nothing happened. Is there a trick here?*

No. No trick.

> 3) *I am dual-booting with win XP. When XP is running, I have my machine
> networked with a win ME machine. How can I get linux to see that win ME*

It already sees it. What do you mean? Are you asking to get a hold of some of its "shares"? Login? What?

I suspect you mean use the SMB protocol for file sharing. Use smbclient, or a graphical equivalent. Linneighbourhood. Isn't there a whole lot of stuff in kde for gui interfaces to that?

> *machine? Do I need software, or am I just not looking in the right place?*

The latter.

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