

Re: How do I start Firefox

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drietow@hotmail.com wrote:

> *I downloaded it into*
> *file\home\user\documents*
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>>>*From there I did everything as described by Firefox install*
> *instructions.*
> *i.e.*
> *tar -xzyf firefox-1.0.3.installer.tar.gz*
> *cd firefox-installer*
> *./firefox-installer*
> *I'm not familiar with the Linux file system. I wrongly presumed Linux*
> *would install it in a preset default location that all program end up.*
> *I'm leaning that this is a Windows presumption that is not the case for*
> *Linux. If you could guide me to a location in the file system that I*
> *should install this and all future programs that would be great.*
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I usually install tar stuff in `usr/local`

I don't normally use an installer for the likes of firefox.

What you should have done is if you did it to `usr/local` for example.

- 1/ Download the tar
- 2/ open a terminal log in as su and type the root password
- 3/ mv the file to `usr/local` not in a terminal tab is your friend.
for instance I would type `mv fire hit tab` ,it would complete the name if it is unique, `/usr/loc hit tab` enter
- 4/ cd to `/usr/local`
- 5/ untar the installer as you did
- 6/ cd to the directory and do as you did, whenever I have used an installer it does give me the chance to choose a directory, did you do that.
- 7/ once you have run the installer, ls to see what is in there.
- 8/ if there is `firefox` and `firefox-bin` then it is easy from there.
- 9/ cd to `/usr/bin` . type `ln -s /usr/local/firefox-installer/firefox` hit enter. You have now created what is called a symbolic link.
- 10/ cd to your home directory...type `firefox` here and hit enter, if you have all the libraries etc it should work. if not it will tell you what is

wrong.

Now that is a little complex and it's why I don't use installers..

I would download the fire*.tar.gz not the installer

mv it as above

1/ tar -zxvf fire*etc

2/ ls inside the directory to find the new directory usually firefox.

3/ if it's there cd /usr/bin

4/ ln -s /usr/local/firefox/firefox

5/ cd to your home directory

7 firefox enter, it should run.

8/ if it all works create a shortcut on you desktop or use the run box ie
alt-F2 an type firefox into the box to run it.

I know all this sounds a little daunting but it does get easier and once you
get the hang of it you'll wonder why you ever thought it difficult. :)

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