

Re: Mandrake 10.0 download and install

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On 29 May 2004 13:44:57 -0700, Raj. <rhjaisingh@yahoo.com> wrote:

> *Questions:*

> 1. *I would like to know a reliable download site for Mandrake 10.0*
> *official.*

There's a list of mirrors here:

<http://www.mandrakelinux.com/en/ftp.php3>

Click on the 2nd "Take me there now" button and scroll down a bit on the page that pops up to the list of mirrors. You may have to try more than one mirror to find one that's not overloaded and slow. 10.0 is in pretty high demand right now.

> 2. *Can I burn the CD's using a Win2K box ?*

Of course. Any burner software will do.

> 3. *How would I make a bootable CD?...would just copying them onto a*
> *hard disk and then onto CD's do the trick?*

Yes. The ISO's are ready-to-go and make bootable disks. Just download and burn 'em.

> *What about the remaining CD's?*

Just download and burn all 4 Mandrake Official CDs. You may want some of the extra software.

> 4. *A step-by-step outline would be very helpful.*

1. Download the ISO's.
2. Burn 'em.
3. Set bios to boot from CDROM. Stick in CD1, follow the instructions.
4. Enjoy. You are now in control.

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For a 1st try at Linux, I wouldn't worry much about customizing your installation. Don't worry much about what software to choose, etc. You've got a lot to learn. Just get an installation running and get familiar with Linux, its structure, installing software, see what apps you like, etc, etc. When you get the hang of things a little, you can do another install. You'll have a better idea of just how you want it the 2nd time.

2 hints I think are important:

1. Install only Mandrake RPMs 'til you know what you're doing.
2. DO make at least a separate /home partition. More partitions can be a good thing. I won't go into why here, but I prefer 5 partitions for Linux. These partitions and sizes have worked well for me using Mandrake:
/ (root) 200–300MB
/swap 150–250MB
/var 1.5–2.0GB
/usr 3–5GB
/home 5GB–up

If you have a big HD you can of course go larger, particularly with /home – make it as large as you want. There not much point in making other partitions larger, except maybe /usr if you think you'll be installing a lot of software.

If you want share files with your Windoze installation, make a FAT32 partition as well for a common read/write filespace. Windows is stupid and arrogant, and will not realize your Linux partitions are there.

For general Mandrake info, you might as well start at the source:

<http://www.mandrakelinux.com>

For questions or problems, try:

Alt.os.linux.mandrake

<http://www.mandrakeusers.org> (excellent!)

<http://www.google.com/linux>

Those are only the tip of the iceberg of the help available. There's a LOT of sites and a LOT of help and info. But they should keep you busy for a few days...

Linux isn't really hard, but it is kinda different. Windoze knowledge doesn't usually apply. Remember, be patient and stay with it. It took you a while to learn Windoze.

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