

Installing Firefox 3.5 RC 2 in Ubuntu/Linux

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If you are using Ubuntu or any other *modern* Linux distribution, you are probably running *Mozilla Firefox 3.something*

. While those versions are stable, they are getting a little outdated; why not upgrade? Shall We?

Getting Firefox

Before we can install our new version of Firefox, we need to get a copy. I always like to download the latest from the [Mozilla FTP Server](#) .

To save us a little bit of time I've taken the liberty to find the link to the latest version as of right now.

Here's the link to download it: <ftp://ftp.mozilla.org/pub/firefox/releases/3.5rc2/linux-i686/en-US/firefox-3.5rc2.tar.bz2>

Just download that, and we'll be ready to go.

Installing Firefox

We'll be installing Firefox in Ubuntu 9.04; if you happen to be running a different *distro*, don't worry to much, these steps are pretty general.

1. Save the file to your desktop
2. Open a terminal
3. `cd Desktop`
4. `tar xfvj firefox-3.5rc2.tar.bz2`
5. `sudo mv firefox /usr/lib/`
6. `cd /usr/lib/`
7. `ln -s /usr/lib/firefox/firefox /usr/bin/firefox`

There ya' go! You can now run firefox from any terminal with the command `firefox`

Making The Menu Item(Optional)

This process installs Firefox, but it may leave an empty place in your menu. If you want to add it again, you can use *alacarte* by running the command `alacarte`. It's a pretty straight-forward process.

Conclusion

If all went well you'll be enjoying Firefox. I hope this tutorial was helpful to you, and feel free to comment/share it with people.

~ Mike

References

Here are a few links that were helpful in putting this tutorial together

- [Installing Firefox in Debian Lenny](#)
- [Desktop Tricks](#)

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