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How to install firefox-2.0.tar.gz in Linux

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Q. I have downloaded firefox file from mozilla web site to my Linux desktop system. The name of file is firefox-2.0.tar.gz. How do I install firefox-2.0.tar.gz in Fedora Core Linux? Please provide me step by step instructions for the same. What about my old bookmarks and add-ons. I am going to lose them?

A. Update: FireFox version 3.0 has been released and it is [recommended that you install Firefox 3.0 under any Linux distribution](#) [2].



[1]

Mozilla Firefox is a free, open source, cross-platform graphical web browser developed by the Mozilla Corporation and hundreds of volunteers. Installing Firefox 2 will overwrite your existing installation of Firefox. You won't lose any of your bookmarks or browsing history, but some of your extensions and other add-ons might not work until updates for them are made available.

Installing firefox on Linux

Just use following instructions to download and install Firefox.

Download firefox to your Linux desktop

=> Visit [this site to download firefox](#) [3]

Firefox 2.0 installation - Just untar file and install it

Let us say you would like to install firefox in your own home directory called /home/tom/firefox

```
$ mkdir /home/tom/firefox
```

Change directory:

```
$ cd /home/tom/firefox
```

Copy your files to /home/tom/firefox and untar it:

```
$ cp /home/tom/Desktop/firefox-2.0.0.11.tar.gz .  
$ tar -zxvf firefox-2.0.0.11.tar.gz
```

And you are done. Start firefox:

```
$ /home/tom/firefox/firefox &
```

How do I install firefox for everyone?

Install Firefox in /opt directory. Login as root user:

```
# cd /opt  
# mkdir firefox  
# cd firefox  
# cp /home/tom/Desktop/firefox-2.0.0.11.tar.gz .  
# tar -zxvf firefox-2.0.0.11.tar.gz
```

To start firefox:

```
$ /opt/firefox/firefox &
```

You can also create a shortcut from your own desktop :)

What about my bookmarks and browsing history - Am I going to lose them?

You won't lose any of your bookmarks or browsing history, but some of your extensions and other add-ons might not work until updates for them are made available.

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