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How To Install firefox-3.0.tar.bz2 in Linux

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Q. How To Install Firefox 3.0 tar.bz2 (firefox-3.0.tar.bz2 file) in Linux?

A. You won't lose any of your bookmarks or browsing history created by Firefox 2.0, but some of your extensions and other add-ons might not work until updates for them are made available.

[1]

Backup Existing Firefox 2.0 Settings

Just backup existing Firefox 2.0 settings:

```
$ mkdir ff.backup/
$ cp -avr .mozilla/ ff.backup/
```

Installing Firefox 3 on Linux

Just use the following instructions to download and install Firefox.

Download Firefox 3.0 for Linux

Visit official website [2] to grab latest version. You can also use wget command to download firefox.

```
$ cd /tmp
$ wget 'http://download.mozilla.org/?product=firefox-3.0&os=linux&lang=en-US'
```

Linux Install Firefox for all users

First close all running old Firefox 2.x sessions. Login as the root and type the following command to move old firefox 2 and install Firefox 3 under Linux:

```
# cd /opt
# mv firefox firefox.old
# cp /tmp/firefox-3.0.tar.bz2 .
# tar -jxvf firefox-3.0.tar.bz2
```

To start firefox, enter:

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

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