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Ubuntu Linux: How do I install .deb packages?

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Q. I am a new Ubuntu Linux use. I need to install a package called package.deb. I know I can use Synaptic package management to install packages from CD or Internet. But I want to install this special .deb file. So how can I install package?



A. You need to use dpkg package manager from shell/command prompt. dpkg is a tool to install, build, remove and manage packages. dpkg itself is controlled entirely via command line parameters. For example -i use to install .deb file.

How do I install .deb file?

To install package called package.deb type the following command: Go to directory where package.deb is kept. For example if it is in /tmp directory:

\$ cd /tmp

Type the following command:

\$ sudo dpkg -i package.deb

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