

HOWTO Template for Small Linuxdoc HOWTOs

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This is a fully working template for small HOWTOs. The source contains fully described slots to make a convenient framework for you to fill in for making your own HOWTO, suggesting some names, conventions and contents for the chapters. While derived from the Template for big HOWTOs this is a minimalistic Template that only lists the minimal requirements to fit into the Linux Documentation Project archives

1. Introduction

My comments to the reader is in this style (emphasized). Example lines are in plain roman style. Note that extra comments and advice is found in comments within the SGML source.

For various reasons this brand new release is codenamed the **unleash** release.

New code names will appear as per industry standard guidelines to emphasize the state-of-the-art-ness of this document.

This Template is a suggestion and a starting point, a check list for minimum features and also examples for authors. Over time HOWTOs will outgrow any template since in the end the goal is to inform readers efficiently.

Stating the background is a simple way to getting started writing the intro.

This is where you make a summary of what it news. When a HOWTO exceeds 20 pages it takes more than a casual read to find the updates. This is where you help your readers with that, alerting them to specific and important news.

This is the first update featuring an improved structure.

Tell people where the document home page is so the very newest release could be found in case of problems with the main [Linux Documentation Project](#) homepage.

The latest version number of this document can be gleaned from my plan entry if you [finger](#) my Nyx account.

First of all we need a bit of legalese. Recent development shows it is quite important.

1.1 Copyright

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You are strongly recommended to take a backup of your system before major installation and backups at regular intervals.

If you have the capacity it would be nice to make the HOWTO available in a number of formats.

Also, the latest version of the Template will be available on my web space on Nyx in a number of formats:

- HTML.
- plain ASCII text.
- SGML source.

1.3 Credits

It is always nice to acknowledge people who help you with inputs, it is also regarded by many as important in the Linux world new economy

In this version I have the pleasure of acknowledging

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Scramble the addresses so email harvesters cannot get addresses from your HOWTO and then spam people. That has happened in the past.

Also Somecompany is acknowledged for sending me documentation on their gizmos as well as permission to quote from the material. These quotes have been approved before appearing here and will be clearly labelled.

Any comments or suggestions can be mailed to my mail address on Nyx: sgjoen@nyx.net (replace with your own address.)

2. The Main Text

Here comes the documentation itself.