

make: flex: Command not found

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I am very new to Linux. I am using Xubuntu 14.10 on vmware and I am trying to make an executable. I typed `make` in the terminal, but the process stopped because of the error:

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```
flex -Pfct_pddl lex-fct_pddl.l
make: flex: Command not found
makefile:66: recipe for target 'lex.fct_pddl.c' failed
make: *** [lex.fct_pddl.c] Error 127
```



From what I understand I need to install flex. I tried to go with this:

```
sudo apt-get install flex
```

but I got this:

```
Package flex is not available, but is referred to by another package.
This may mean that the package is missing, has been obsoleted, or
is only available from another source
```

```
E: Package 'flex' has no installation candidate
```

Any idea of what I should do? Thanks.

xubuntu make

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asked Dec 10, 2016 at 14:04



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- 1 Unfortunately, support for 14.10 has reached EOL (End of Life) on July 23, 2015. Considering [upgrading](#) to current supported releases, or do a fresh install. – Liso Dec 10, 2016 at 14:17

1 Answer

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Try this:

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Open a terminal,



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Run it:



```
sudo -i  
nano /etc/apt/sources.list
```

In the open file, delete its contents and put this:

```
deb http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic main restricted  
deb-src http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic main restricted  
deb http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic-updates main restricted  
deb-src http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic-updates main restricted  
deb http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic universe multiverse  
deb-src http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic universe multiverse  
deb http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic-security main restricted  
deb-src http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic-security main restricted  
deb http://old-releases.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ utopic-backports main restricted universe  
multiverse
```

+ Save File

+ Close Nano

Continue running:

```
apt-get update  
apt-get dist-upgrade  
apt-get install flex
```

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answered Dec 10, 2016 at 14:19



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That solved it! Thanks a lot. Just to know, what did it do? – **Gianluca Massimiani** Dec 10, 2016 at 22:41

- 1 When an Ubuntu release reaches its “end of life”, to install applications, You must change the repositories to old-releases. – **kyodake** Dec 10, 2016 at 23:32