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How to install wkhtmltopdf 0.12.1 on Ubuntu server?

I am trying to install current stable version 0.12.1 but it only installs 0.9.9. Any chance to install latest version with apt-get install? It seems that 0.9.9. is very old :(

☒ apt
 ☐ software-installation

asked Dec 4 '14 at 17:35



Stephan Ahlf

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2 Answers

In Ubuntu 14.04, open the terminal and type:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ecometrica/servers
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install wkhtmltopdf
```

In Ubuntu 12.04, open the terminal and type:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:pov/wkhtmltopdf
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install wkhtmltopdf
```

and one step after this is to reboot the server or else you will get the error wkhtmltopdf: cannot connect to X server

edited Jul 23 '15 at 21:25



mandm

3 ● 4

answered Dec 4 '14 at 17:45



karel

18k ● 8 ● 41 ● 58

Just tried the 12.04 instructions, wasn't able to successfully download from the PPA: Failed to fetch ppa.launchpad.net/pov/wkhtmltopdf/ubuntu/dists/trusty/main/... 404 Not Found – Neil Nov 4 '15 at 21:22

The links at ppa:pov/wkhtmltopdf are live. I was able to download the .deb file of wkhtmltopdf for Ubuntu 12.04 from it manually from: launchpad.net/~pov/+archive/ubuntu/wkhtmltopdf/+sourcepub/... – karel Nov 4 '15 at 22:11

(Using v0.12.0-2 from ppa:ecometrica/servers on Ubuntu Server 14.04) I still get "Cannot connect to X server" unless I use xvfb as described in askubuntu.com/a/605644/7146 – d3vid Dec 21 '15 at 13:20

1 is ecometrica/servers still maintained? I was not able to find an up to date ppa for 0.12.2 (Jan 15) anywhere on launchpad – Steve Dec 23 '15 at 3:04

@Steve The latest version of wkhtmltopdf, last updated on 7/10/2014, is wkhtmltopdf 0.12.0-2 at this ppa:pov/wkhtmltopdf webpage: launchpad.net/~ecometrica/+archive/ubuntu/... – karel Dec 23 '15 at 3:24

Steps:

1. At first install xvfb server:

```
sudo apt-get install xvfb
```

2. Get needed version of wkhtmltopdf from <http://wkhtmltopdf.org/downloads.html>.

For Ubuntu 14.04 64-bit:

```
wget
http://download.gna.org/wkhtmltopdf/0.12/0.12.2.1/wkhtmltox-0.12.2.1_linux-trusty-amd64.deb
```

3. Install wkhtmltopdf:

```
sudo dpkg -i wkhtmltox-0.12.2.1_linux-trusty-amd64.deb
```

sudo apt-get install xvfb

Install dependency (if needed):

```
sudo apt-get -f install
```

4. Create sybolic link in `/usr/local/bin/`:

```
echo 'exec xvfb-run -a -s "-screen 0 640x480x16" wkhtmltopdf "$@"' | sudo tee  
/usr/local/bin/wkhtmltopdf.sh >/dev/null  
sudo chmod a+x /usr/local/bin/wkhtmltopdf.sh
```

edited Oct 14 '15 at 9:18



David Foerster

8,146 ● 8 ● 25 ● 39

answered Apr 5 '15 at 15:37



Pavel Pichukov

141 ● 1 ● 4

Thank you for this. I didn't realize the issue I was having was I needed xvfb to run wkhtmltopdf headless. Works like a charm. – David Richards Oct 15 '15 at 1:28
