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How to install Firefox developer edition on Ubuntu 22.04 or 20.04

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Firefox Developer Edition is for those who want to have tailored tools helpful in web development so that it becomes easy to create, test and debug web applications & websites. Such as a JavaScript debugger, a network monitor, and a console for testing and debugging code. That's why we called this browser version a Developer edition.

The responsive design of the FireFox Developer edition allows developers to test a website on different screen sizes so that it can be optimized for a variety of devices. Furthermore, the CSS Grid inspector allows developers to debug and visualize CSS Grid layouts. Another important feature of the FireFox developer edition is the WebIDE integrated into the browser to create, test, and deploy web applications directly from Firefox. so, using such useful tools right in the browser helps developers to develop web applications quickly without switching between different tools and platforms.

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open it either using the keyboard shortcut i.e. **Ctrl+Alt+T**, or by searching for it in the Applications area.



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2. Download the Firefox developer edition for Linux

Firefox is not available to install using the default system repository of Ubuntu 22.04 or 20.04 Linux, therefore, we have to download it manually. To make things easy, here we are giving a single command that will download the required Tar file of the browser to configure on our system.

```
wget "https://download.mozilla.org/?product=firefox-devedition-latest-ssl&os=linux64&lang=en-US" -O Firefox-dev.tar.bz2
```

3. Unpack the Tar File

As the required package of the browser is on our system using the previous command, extract it in the /opt directory, so we won't delete it accidentally in the future.

```
sudo tar xjf Firefox-dev.tar.bz2 -C /opt/
```

Remove the Tar file to save space:

```
rm -r Firefox-dev.tar.bz2
```

4. Install Firefox developer edition on Ubuntu 22.04 Or 20.04

Basically, we are not actually installing anything instead creating a symlink of the executable binary available





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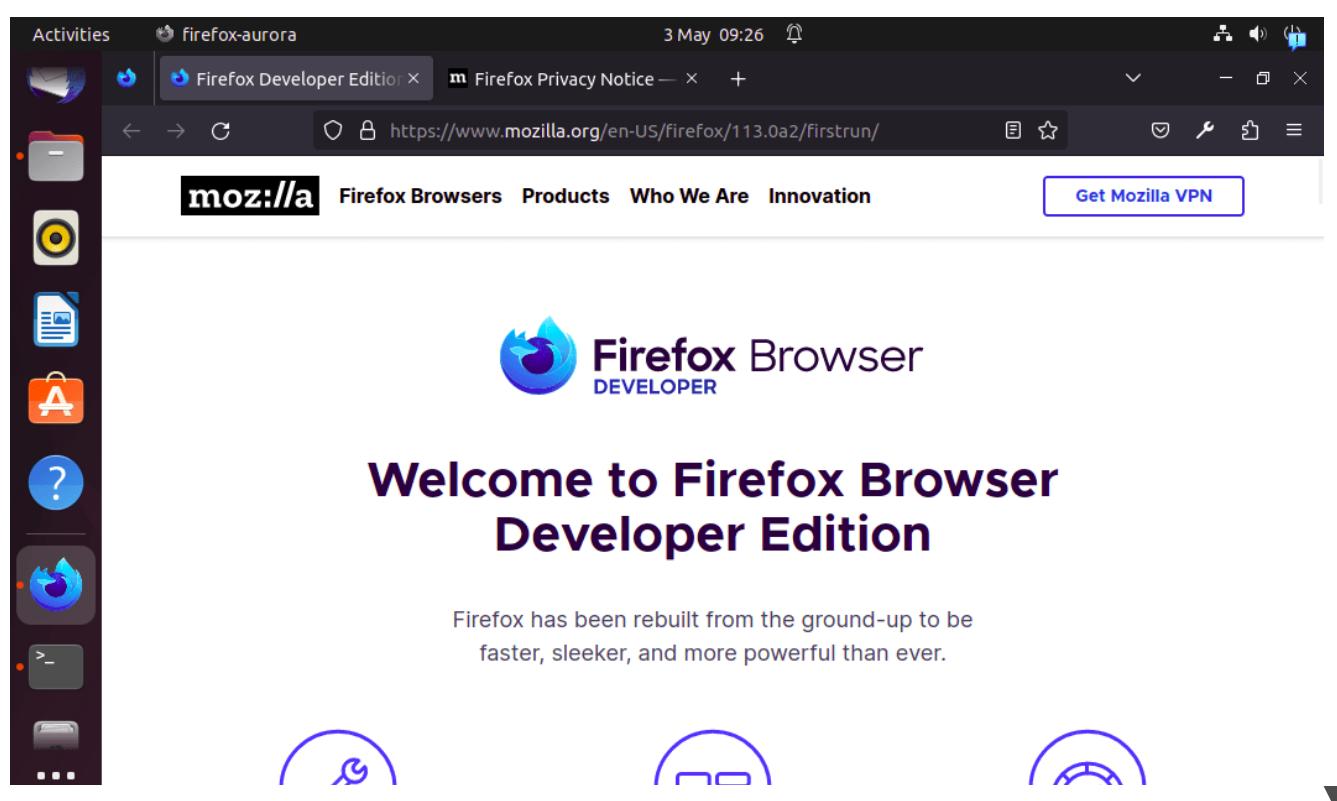
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```
sudo ln -s /opt/firefox/firefox /usr/local/bin/firefox-dev
```

5. Run Browser

By creating the Symlink, we can use the terminal of our system to run the Firefox developer edition using the command given below:

```
firefox-dev
```



6. Create an Application shortcut

Those who also want to have a shortcut for the Firefox developer edition, need to create it manually. Don't worry, it is not much difficult, just open your text editor in the terminal using the given command:

```
nano Firefox-dev.desktop
```

Copay-paste the given lines:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=Firefox-developer-edition
Exec=/usr/local/bin/firefox-dev
Icon=/opt/firefox/browser/chrome/icons/default/default128.png
comment=firefox-dev
Type=Application
Terminal=false
Encoding=UTF-8
Categories=Utility;
```

Save the file by pressing **Ctrl+X**, after that **Y**, and then hit the **Enter** key.

Now for the Application shortcut, use:



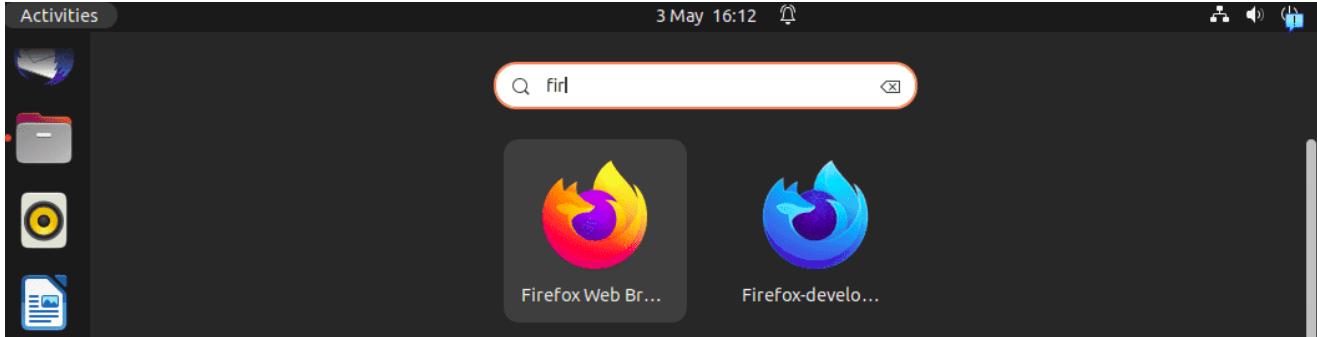
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```
sudo cp Firefox-dev.desktop /usr/share/applications/
```



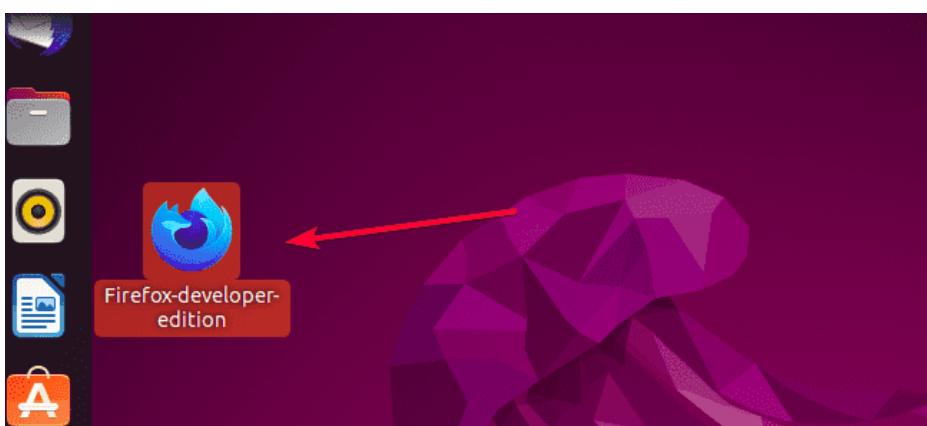


For Desktop Shortcut:

```
cp Firefox-dev.desktop ~/Desktop/
```

```
gio set ~/Desktop/Firefox-dev.desktop metadata::trusted true
```

```
chmod a+x ~/Desktop/Firefox-dev.desktop
```



7. Updating the Browser

Whenever some new version of the FireFox developer edition is available, just execute the two given commands and the latest browser will be on your system.

```
wget "https://download.mozilla.org/?product=firefox-devedition-latest-ssl&os=linux64&lang=en-US" -O Firefox-dev.tar.bz2
```

```
sudo tar xjf Firefox-dev.tar.bz2 -C /opt/
```

8. Uninstall Firefox Developer edition



```
sudo rm -r /opt/firefox/
```

To remove symlink



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```
sudo rm /usr/local/bin/firefox-dev
```

To remove Shortcuts as well:

```
sudo rm /usr/share/applications/Firefox-dev.desktop
```

```
rm ~/Desktop/Firefox-dev.desktop
```

FAQ:

What is the difference between Mozilla Firefox and Developer Edition?

Mozilla Firefox is meant for general computer users for day-to-day browsing whereas the developer edition of Firefox is for developers who are in web development and want a set of tools built in the browser.

What is Firefox Developer Edition for?

It is for front-end web developers to create and test right in the Firefox browser without switching to multiple tools.

How do I install Firefox Developer Edition on Windows?

1. Open the web browser in Windows 11 or 10.
2. Download the Firefox developer edition from the [official website](#).
3. Double-click on the downloaded executable.
4. Follow the installation wizard



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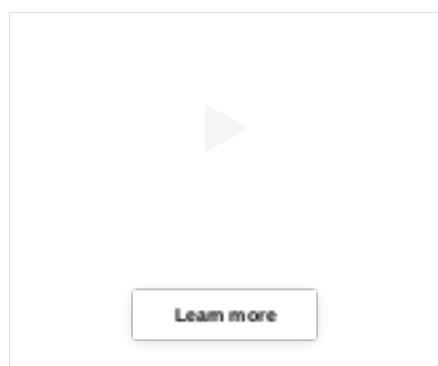
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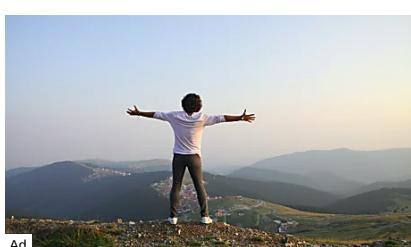
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