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Installation Instructions for Solaris™ 8

SPARC™ Platform Edition
Are you ready to install the software?

Note: A minimal Solaris 8 installation requires at least 64 Mbytes of memory and at least 1.7 Gbytes of disk space. The Solaris software might be pre-installed on your system. For information, see your hardware documentation.

a. Determine the host name of the system you are installing.
b. Determine the language and locales you intend to use on the system.
c. If you intend to include the system in a network, gather the following information as well:
   - Host IP address
   - Subnet mask
   - Type of name service (DNS, NIS, or NIS+, for example)
   - Domain name
   - Host name of server
   - Host IP address of name server
Choose a method to install the software in your product box.

- If you are installing Solaris software over a network, read the Solaris Advanced Installation Guide.
- If you are installing Solaris software on a single system from a local CD-ROM drive, choose one of the following methods:

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| **Solaris 8 Installation CD** | • Install several CDs of the software in your product box at once from a single, browser-based tool  
• Install all the software with a default option, or pick only the software you want to install with a customize option  
• Upgrade from a pre-Solaris 7 version of the Solaris software  
• Customize the software installations at the lowest levels (for example, selecting or deselecting packages) | |
| **Solaris Interactive Installation Program (on Solaris 8 Software 1 of 2 CD), followed by the co-packaged software installation programs** | • Install the Solaris Software CD first, then install the co-packaged software separately  
• Upgrade from a version earlier than the Solaris 7 release  
• Customize the software installation at the lowest levels (for example, selecting or deselecting packages)  
• Install on systems with the minimum hardware requirements specified for the Solaris software | • Install several CDs of the software in your product box (Solaris software and some co-packaged software) at once from a single tool |
3. **Boot the system from the appropriate CD.**

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| **Already running**    | • Solaris 8 Installation CD | • Insert the Solaris 8 Installation CD  
|                       | • Get your system to the `ok` prompt by pressing both the Stop and A keys at the same time  
|                       | • Type: `boot cdrom` |  
|                       | • Solaris Interactive Installation Program | • Insert the Solaris 8 Software 1 of 2 CD  
|                       | • Get your system to the `ok` prompt by pressing both the Stop and A keys at the same time  
|                       | • Type: `boot cdrom` |  


4 Follow the instructions on the screen.
If you are using the Solaris 8 Installation CD, that process can install software contained on the Solaris 8 Software CDs, the Solaris 8 Languages CD, the Solaris 8 Documentation CDs, and the Software Supplement for the Solaris 8 Operating Environment CD.

5 Install additional software from other CDs.
- If you are using the Solaris 8 Installation CD, you can install software from some additional CDs when the installation process prompts you to do so.
- If you are using the Solaris interactive installation method, read the Roadmap to find how to install other software in your product box after the Solaris software is installed.