This document is a guide to the CDs and documents involved in installing the Solaris™ 8 software.

Note – The arrangement of CDs in the Solaris 8 product is different from earlier releases in a number of ways. Also, this kit can be used to install Solaris software on both desktop and server systems.

Some CDs in this Solaris 8 kit are not mentioned in this document, but provide additional software for your convenience. These products do not need to be installed for your system to use the Solaris operating environment. To install and use those products, read the documentation associated with those CDs.

Beginning Your Solaris Installation

The best way to begin your installation of Solaris 8 software is by reading the Installation Instructions for Solaris 8 in the media kit. This card says “Start Here.” Read these instructions to decide which type of Solaris installation is right for you.

You can choose the Solaris Web Start installation procedure or the traditional Solaris Interactive Installation procedure.

- If you choose to use the Solaris 8 Installation CD, the information you need is in the Installation Instructions for Solaris 8 document and in instructions that appear when you use the Solaris 8 Installation CD. More detailed information about this process is in the Solaris 8 Installation Guide.
If you decide to use the Solaris Interactive Installation procedure, which runs directly from the Solaris 8 Software (1 of 2) CD, and need to know more about Solaris and other software products before installing them, read the following sections of this roadmap. (There are special software installation procedures for some systems in the Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide.)

The Solaris 8 Installation CD provides a process that installs software from the two Solaris 8 Software CDs, the Solaris 8 Languages CD, and one or more of the Solaris 8 Documentation CDs. It also is prepared to install software from the Software Supplement for the Solaris 8 Operating Environment for Sun Computer Systems CD (also known as the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD).

Some CDs provided in this kit will not be installed through the Solaris Web Start process. To install that software, follow the instructions in the documents associated with each CD.

CDs

This section describes CDs contained in the media folder of the Solaris 8 kit. The description of each CD identifies the major pieces of software on it and points to the documents that contain installation instructions for each piece of software.

Note – You must install the Solaris 8 operating environment before installing any of the other software that comes with it. (This is handled automatically by the process provided on the Solaris Installation CD.)

Solaris 8 Installation (SPARC Platform Edition) CD

This CD is the new starting point for the Solaris Web Start 3.0 installation method. You can use this CD to begin an installation of software contained in this kit on both desktop and server systems.

TO INSTALL: First, be sure to read about any known problems described in the Solaris 8 Release Notes and the Solaris 8 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware.

Read the “Supported Sun Hardware” chapter in the Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide to determine if your Sun™ hardware supports this Solaris release. Then read that document and the Solaris 8 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware to determine if there are special installation instructions for your hardware.

When you are ready to install the Solaris software, refer to the following documentation:
If you are installing or upgrading a desktop or server system, see the Solaris 8 (SPARC Platform Edition) Installation Guide.

If you are setting up an installation server or installing a machine through an installation server, see the Solaris Advanced Installation Guide.

Solaris 8 Software (SPARC Platform Edition) CDs

This pair of CDs contains the primary Solaris operating environment software. You can use the bootable CD, labeled “1 of 2” as the starting point for installation methods other than Solaris Web Start. The pair of CDs contains the Solaris 8 operating environment, which includes the SunOS™, Common Desktop Environment (CDE), and OpenWindows™ software. It also contains Netscape™ Communicator™ software, which is no longer supplied on a separate CD in the Solaris 8 kits.

TO INSTALL: If you use the Solaris 8 Installation CD, contents of the Solaris 8 Software CDs will be installed automatically. If you decide to install the Solaris operating environment software directly from the Solaris 8 Software 1 of 2 CD, see the Solaris Advanced Installation Guide.

Solaris 8 Languages (SPARC Platform Edition) CD

This CD contains message files and other software in languages other than English. The appropriate contents are installed from this CD if you configure your system to use a non-English locale. (The Languages CD is not included in all kits.)

TO INSTALL: If you use the Solaris 8 Installation CD, any software needed from the Solaris 8 Languages CD is installed automatically.

Solaris 8 Documentation CDs

Your kit contains one or two Documentation CDs. Each contains the software for the AnswerBook2™ documentation server and documentation sets for different language groupings:

■ One contains English-language documentation sets, along with sets that are translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish
■ One contains Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese documentation sets

(Some kits contain a single Documentation CD that includes only English-language documentation.)

The AnswerBook™ sets provide manuals for users, administrators, and developers.
TO INSTALL: If you use the Solaris 8 Installation CD, any software needed from the Solaris 8 Documentation CDs is installed automatically. To install any of the software and documentation sets separately, see the “Adding and Removing Software After Installing Solaris 8” chapter in the Solaris 8 Installation Guide.

Software Supplement for the Solaris 8 Operating Environment for Sun Computer Systems CD

This CD is known as the “Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD.” It contains additional software for use on Sun hardware products. These software products include:

- Java™ 3D 1.1.2 software
- OpenGL® 1.2 graphics library runtime software
- PC file viewer 1.0.1
- PC launcher 1.0.1
- ShowMe TV™ 1.3 video viewing and broadcasting software
- SunForum™ 3.0 data conferencing software
- SunATM™ 5.0 driver
- SunFDDI™ P 2.0 drivers for PCI bus
- SunFDDI S 6.0 drivers for SBus
- Sun™ Gigabit Ethernet 3.0
- SunHSI/P™ 3.0 for PCI bus
- SunHSI/S™ 3.0 for SBus
- Sun Remote System Control 1.0 (RSC) software for Sun Enterprise 250 server users
- SunVTS™ 4.0 diagnostic software
- Sun Enterprise Server Alternate Pathing 2.3 (AP) software
- Sun Enterprise 10000 System Service Processor 3.2 (SSP) software
- Sun Enterprise 10000 SSP 3.2 Collection AnswerBook set, which includes manuals about SSP and InterDomain Networking (IDN) features provided by the SSP 3.2 software
- Solaris 8 on Sun Hardware Collection AnswerBook set, which includes online manuals about using the software on this CD, and additional manuals about using this Solaris release on Sun hardware products

This CD also contains patches needed by some systems as well as some documents in PostScript™ and HTML format.
TO INSTALL: For most software on this CD, read the “Installing Software from the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD” chapter in the Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide. For the SSP 3.2 software, see the Sun Enterprise 10000 SSP 3.2 Installation Guide and Release Notes.

Flash PROM Update Multimedia AnswerBook CD

This CD contains an AnswerBook collection with video clips demonstrating steps to be performed on certain hardware that requires an update to flash PROM firmware before that system can run Solaris 8 or Solaris 7 releases with a 64-bit kernel. These video clips are an enhancement to the flash PROM update instructions in the Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide, which explains how to determine if your system needs this update. (The software that performs flash PROM updates is on the Solaris 8 Software CDs.)

TO INSTALL: Read the Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide or the README file on this CD.

Installation Documents

This section describes the documents used to install software contained in the Solaris 8 media kit. Many of these manuals are available in online form on CDs in this kit or at http://docs.sun.com.

Note – Only documents that are needed for installation of the main Solaris software are listed here. There are other documents in the kit that are not related to installation of the software contained on the CDs in the media folder.

Installation Instructions for Solaris 8

This document says “Start Here.” It helps you decide which installation method to use. It also explains how to begin some of the simpler installation procedures.
Solaris 8 Release Notes (SPARC Platform Edition)

This document includes installation news. There is also a more extensive release note document available online. That document also provides product bug descriptions, information about new features, patches, and end-of-feature statements. The online release notes are available in several formats on the Solaris 8 Documentation CD and at http://docs.sun.com.

Solaris 8 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware

This document includes additional bug descriptions and news that apply to installing and using this Solaris release on Sun hardware products. It also provides release notes for software provided on the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD. It is available online only through http://docs.sun.com.

Solaris 8 Sun Hardware Platform Guide

This document provides information about Sun hardware that is supported by this Solaris release. It also describes the software contained on the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD and explains how to install that software. It is available in a PostScript file on the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD and in the Solaris 8 on Sun Hardware Collection AnswerBook set on that CD.

Solaris 8 (SPARC Platform Edition) Installation Guide

This document contains information that may be required for planning and performing installations of Solaris 8 software, such as an upgrade from an earlier Solaris release. (This book was titled Installation Library in the Solaris 7 release.) It is available in several formats on the Solaris 8 Documentation CD, including the Solaris 8 Installation Collection AnswerBook set.

Solaris 8 Advanced Installation Guide

This document describes how to install Solaris software on servers and clients in a networks environment. It provides examples of using the custom JumpStart™ utility to automate installations. It is available on the Solaris 8 Documentation CD in the Solaris 8 Installation Collection AnswerBook set.
Sun Enterprise 10000 SSP 3.2 Installation Guide and Release Notes

This document provides information about installing System Service Processor (SSP) software for use with Sun Enterprise 10000 server systems. The SSP 3.2 software is provided on the Sun Computer Systems Supplement CD.

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