Solaris™ 9 Installation Roadmap

This document is a guide to the DVD, CDs and documents involved in installing the Solaris™ 9 software. Unless otherwise specified, this document refers to both DVDs and CDs as “discs”.

Some CDs in this Solaris 9 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 9 software is by reading the Start Here document in the media kit. 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 Web Start installation procedure, the information you need is in the Start Here document and in instructions that appear when you use the Solaris 9 Installation CD or the Solaris 9 Operating Environment on DVD-ROM. More detailed information about this process is in the Solaris 9 Installation Guide.

- If you decide to use the Solaris Interactive Installation procedure, it runs directly from the Solaris 9 Software (1 of 2) CD. If you need to know more about Solaris software and other software products before installing them, read the rest of the sections of this roadmap. (There are special software installation procedures for some systems in the Solaris 9 Sun Hardware Platform Guide.)
The Solaris Web Start installation procedure installs software from the two Solaris 9 Software CDs, the Solaris 9 Languages CD, one or more of the Solaris 9 Documentation CDs, and the Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD. If you are using the Solaris 9 Operating Environment DVD, the equivalents of all these CDs are installed from that disc.

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

DVD and CDs

This section describes the discs contained in the media folder of the Solaris 9 kit. The description of each disc identifies the major pieces of software on it and points to the documents that contain installation instructions for each software product.

**Note** – You must install the Solaris 9 operating environment before installing any of the other software that comes with it.

Solaris 9 Operating Environment DVD

Your kit includes a DVD. This DVD contains the equivalent content of the following CDs: the Solaris 9 Installation (SPARC Platform Edition) CD, the Solaris 9 Software (SPARC Platform Edition) CDs (1 of 2 and 2 of 2), the Solaris 9 Languages (SPARC Platform Edition) CD, the Solaris 9 Documentation CDs (1 of 2 and 2 of 2), and the Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD.

**Note** – If your system has a DVD-ROM drive, you may need to install a patch before you can boot from a DVD. For more details, see the Solaris 9 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware.

If you are able to install from this DVD, you will not need to use those separate CDs. However, there is additional software that is supplied only on separate CDs, such as the Solaris Software Companion CD, that is not included on the DVD.
Solaris 9 Installation (SPARC Platform Edition) CD

This CD is the 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 9 Release Notes, the Solaris 9 Installation Release Notes, and the Solaris 9 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware.

Read the “Supported Sun Hardware” chapter in the Solaris 9 Sun Hardware Platform Guide to determine if your Sun™ hardware supports this Solaris release. Then read that document and the Solaris 9 Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware to determine if there are special installation instructions for your hardware.

For more installation information, see the Solaris 9 Installation Guide.

Solaris 9 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 9 operating environment, which includes the SunOS™ and Common Desktop Environment (CDE) software. It also contains Netscape™ Communicator™ software. Some additional software products are provided in a directory named EA on the Solaris 9 Software 2 of 2 CD.

**TO INSTALL:** If you use the Solaris 9 Installation CD, contents of the Solaris 9 Software CDs will be installed automatically. If you decide to install the Solaris operating environment software directly from the Solaris 9 Software 1 of 2 CD, see the Solaris 9 Installation Guide. If you want to install a software product from the EA directory, follow the instructions in the files provided with that product.

Solaris 9 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.

**TO INSTALL:** If you use the Solaris 9 Installation CD, any software needed from the Solaris 9 Languages CD is installed automatically.
Solaris 9 Documentation CDs

Your kit contains two Documentation CDs. Each contains documentation sets in PDF and HTML formats for different language groupings.

The documentation sets provide manuals for users, administrators, and developers.

TO INSTALL: If you use the Solaris 9 Installation CD, any software needed from the Solaris 9 Documentation CDs is installed automatically. To install any of the software and documentation sets separately, see the Solaris 9 Installation Guide. You also can read the PDF and HTML manuals directly from the disc.

Solaris 9 Software Supplement

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

- Java™ 3D 1.2.1 software
- OpenGL® 1.2.2 graphics library runtime software
- PC launcher/PC file viewer 1.0.1/1.0.1 software
- ShowMe TV™ 1.3 video viewing and broadcasting software
- SunForum™ 3.1 data conferencing software
- SunATM™ 5.1 driver
- SunFDDI™ P 3.0 drivers for PCI bus, SunFDDI S 7.0 drivers for SBus
- SunHSI/P™ 3.0 driver for PCI bus, SunHSI/S™ 3.0 driver for SBus
- Sun Remote System Control 2.2.1 (RSC) software
- SunVTS™ 5.0 diagnostic software
- Sun Enterprise™ 10000 System Service Processor 3.5 (SSP) software
- Sun Enterprise 10000 Capacity On Demand 1.0 software
- Sun Fire™ 15K System Management Services 1.2 software
- Netra™ Lights Out Management 2.0 software
- Netra ct Platform 1.0 software
- Netra t11xx Alarms 2.0 software
- Solaris 9 on Sun Hardware Documentation set, which includes online manuals in PDF and HTML formats about using the software on this CD, and additional manuals about using this Solaris release on Sun hardware products

This CD may also contain patches needed by some systems, such as a firmware patch that enables some older DVD drives to boot this Solaris release from DVD media.
TO INSTALL: For most software on this CD, read the “Installing Software from the Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD” chapter in the Solaris 9 Sun Hardware Platform Guide. For the SSP 3.5 software, see the Sun Enterprise 10000 SSP 3.5 Installation Guide and Release Notes in the online Solaris 9 on Sun Hardware Documentation set.

Solaris Software Companion CD

This CD contains a collection of Linux applications and other Free and Open Source software for the Solaris 9 operating environment. For more information, please visit this site: http://www.sun.com/software/solaris/freeware. The contents of this CD are not included in the Solaris 9 Operating Environment DVD.

Note – This software is not supported and no warranty of any kind is offered. Some portions of the software are provided with notices and/or licenses from other parties which govern the use of those portions. Though support and assistance with this software are not provided by Sun Microsystems, support is widespread and found in many places such as newsgroups and web sites.

TO INSTALL: Insert this CD when you are prompted during the Solaris 9 installation process about installing additional products. Or you can install software at any time by inserting this CD and running the install wizard provided on the CD.

Installation Documents

This section describes the documents used to install software contained in the Solaris 9 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 installing software contained on the CDs in the media folder.

Start Here

This document provides concise instruction for installing Solaris 9 software from a DVD or from CDs. It helps you decide which installation method to use. It also explains how to begin some of the simpler installation procedures.

This document includes installation news, 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 9 Documentation CDs and in its most up-to-date edition at the http://docs.sun.com website.


This document focuses on news, problems, and solutions that may affect installation of this Solaris release. It may include some information that is more up-to-date than the main Solaris 9 Release Notes document.

Solaris 9 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 Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD. It is available at the http://docs.sun.com website, but not on discs contained in this kit.

Solaris 9 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 Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD and explains how to install that software. It is available online in the Solaris 9 on Sun Hardware Collection Documentation set on the Solaris 9 Software Supplement CD.

Solaris 9 Installation Guide

This document describes in detail how to install and upgrade Solaris software.

This document also describes how to install Solaris software on servers and clients in a network environment. It provides examples of using the custom JumpStart™ utility to automate installations. It is available on the Solaris 9 Documentation CD in the Solaris 9 Installation set.