Netscape Communicator

Netscape Communicator, standard edition, is a group of related tools for working and communicating over the Internet.

In Netscape Communicator 4.78 and 4.76, these tools include:

* Netscape Navigator[tm] - find and view information on the World Wide Web
* Netscape Messenger - send and receive e-mail
* Netscape Composer - create and publish Web pages

Requirements

Below are the required software and disk space requirements for installing and running Netscape Communicator.
Operating Systems

The basic Solaris[tm] software end-user cluster (SUNWCuser) must be installed before you install Netscape Communicator.

Netscape Communicator software 4.78 and 4.76 runs on the Solaris Operating Environment for SPARC[tm] and Intel Platform Editions, with Solaris versions 2.6, 7, and 8.

You can install Netscape Communicator on a Common Desktop Environment (CDE) or OpenWindows[tm] desktop.

Disk Space Requirements

You need 20 Mbytes free disk space to install the Netscape Communicator software.

Downloading Instructions

Solaris 2.6, 7, and 8 Operating Environment

Currently, Netscape Communicator is available for download in English only. Documentation from Netscape is also provided in English only.

After ensuring you have enough disk space and reviewing your selections, select the version that corresponds to your platform from those listed below. Before the download starts, a dialog box appears, enabling you to choose the location where you want to download the Netscape Communicator file.

Note - Make sure the location exists before you download Netscape.

When the file has finished downloading, continue with the installation instructions that follow.

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SPARC Platform Edition:

Global - uses 128-bit encryption with S/MIME

Intel Platform Edition:

Global - uses 128-bit encryption with S/MIME

Extracting Netscape Communicator

After downloading the Netscape Communicator package, follow the steps below to install Netscape Communicator:

1. Become the root user by typing su, then type your root password.

2. Change to the directory where you downloaded the compressed version of Netscape Communicator:

cd

3. Check the name of the downloaded Netscape Communicator file.

If the Netscape file does not have a .Z suffix, your browser has uncompressed the Netscape file automatically. Use the following command to extract its files.

tar -xf Netscape

If the Netscape file has a .Z suffix, your browser did not uncompress the Netscape file automatically. Use the following command to uncompress and extract its files.

zcat Netscape.Z | tar -xf -

Installing Netscape Communicator With pkgadd

1. If you are not root already, become the root user by typing su, then type your root password.

2. Change to the installation directory where the compressed version of Netscape Communicator was extracted: Note - When you execute the next step, the Netscape Communicator package will be installed in the /opt/NSCPcom directory on your workstation. If you currently have a version of Netscape Communicator on your workstation and this version came with your Solaris install (bundled), installing this download version (unbundled) will place two versions of Netscape Communicator on your workstation. The version of Netscape Communicator bundled with Solaris would be installed at /usr/dt/appconfig/netscape. If you do not want two versions of Netscape Communicator on your workstation, it is recommended that you remove the older version

before installing the new downloaded version. To remove the old version, run the command "pkgrm NSCPcom" as superuser.

3. Install Netscape Communicator by typing:

pkgadd -d `pwd` NSCPcom

4. Exit superuser by typing exit at the prompt.

Adding Netscape Communicator to your PATH

Determine where your PATH variable is set, and add the Netscape Communicator directory to your path. The path may be set in the .dtprofile, .login, or .cshrc file.

Add an entry to your PATH for the directory in which Netscape Communicator is installed. For example, if Netscape Communicator were installed in the default directory, you would add /opt/NSCPcom to your PATH.

Starting Netscape Communicator

This section describes methods for starting Netscape Communicator from the command line, from within CDE, and from within the OpenWindows environment.
To start Netscape Communicator 4.78 from within CDE

Click the Web Browser icon.

On Solaris 7 and 8 Operating Environment, this is a planet Earth icon on the left of the Front Panel.

An entry for the directory where Netscape Communicator 4.78 or 4.76 is installed must be included in your $PATH if you want Netscape Communicator 4.78 or 4.76 to be your default browser. In Solaris Operating Environment and prior releases the default is the HotJava[tm] browser. In the Solaris 8 Operating Environment, the default browser is Netscape 4.7. See your system administrator if you need help.
To start Netscape Communicator from within OpenWindows

    1. Start File Manager and open the folder where you installed Netscape Communicator.

    2. Double-click on the icon with the Netscape Communicator executable.