

# Re: installing manual pages

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On 2007-07-23 11:31, Zbigniew Szalbot <[zbigniew@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:zbigniew@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

When I went for FreeBSD, I chose the minimal distribution and as a result do not have man pages. I would like to install them but when I specify an ftp server (via sysinstall) I get:

Unable to transfer the manpages distribution from <ftp://ftp.freebsd.org>.

This is 6.2-RELEASE-p6 #4. I changed the name into any in sysinstall options because otherwise it would complain that there is no such distribution on the server.

What should I do to have the man pages installed?

Fire up sysinstall and add the 'man' bundle of files? :-)

Thanks for your answer. You probably did not read my post. I do this via sysinstall and it fails.

Ah, I apologize for that. You are right, of course; I misread at least part of the original post. I obviously need more coffee before I am fully aware of the reality around me :)

But I am not sure what I am doing wrong. I do not have the FBSD iso image so I need to use an ftp server and here's where I get stuck.

It's possible that sysinstall tries to fetch manpages from a non-existent place. You can download the 6.2-RELEASE manpages from the FTP site and install them manually.

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The manpages can be found at:

<ftp://ftp.freebsd.org/pub/FreeBSD/releases/i386/6.2-RELEASE/manpages/>

If you have wget installed, installing them should be as easy as:

[1] Create an empty manpages/ directory

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# mkdir manpages
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[2] Enter the new manpages/ directory

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# cd manpages
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[3] Fetch the files from FTP

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# wget -nd -np -r -c ftp://ftp.freebsd.org/pub/FreeBSD/releases/i386/6.2-RELEASE/manpages/
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[4] Run the 'install.sh' script as root:

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# ./install.sh
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That's all. You don't even need to run sysinstall for this :-)

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