

# Installing Drupal on Linux: an epic adventure

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There's a certain class of programs that I refer to as the "cranky" ones. They may work great when all is said and done, but getting to that point can be really hard. For me, these include sendmail, QuarkXPress, and now Drupal.

As you may know, I started looking a few weeks ago for an easy-to-use CMS (content management system) for my neglected Practical Technology site. I just didn't have the time to keep it up to date manually with Dreamweaver, Fookes Software's NoteTab, and Nvu.

So, after considering numerous open-source CMS programs, I decided to give Drupal a shot on Kubuntu.

Kubuntu, while a great desktop, was not a good choice for me as a CMS server platform. So, I headed to Novell's OpenSUSE 10.

Unlike Kubuntu, with OpenSUSE I was able to quickly and easily grab the server components I needed to set the stage for Drupal. These were: MySQL 4.1.13, Apache 2.0.54, and PHP 4.4.0-6.

With all this in hand, you should keep in mind that Drupal, like all CMSs I know of (both open source and proprietary), is not a "click a button and install" program. All of them require a lot of hands-on work with initialization files and the like.

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