

Can a 7 year old install Fedora 18?

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There have been a number of threads about how the new Anaconda UI is unintuitive or hard to use. So many that I thought maybe there was something to the claims. Maybe working on Fedora for the past many years and being involved constantly for the past year and a half has skewed my opinion so much that I wouldn't even recognize something being hard to use. So I decided to find a couple people that don't work on Fedora and have never done a Fedora install at all. That is to say, I used my family as guinea pigs.

Now, before you shout and rant about this, I am not claiming this is a scientific study. I'm not pretending this is somehow valid User Experience interaction data. This is just me wanting to observe what happens when you sit someone down in front of a new UI screen and ask them to complete a default install. I found it interesting. If you don't, then that's cool with me. That's why I gave the short answer at the top. OK, onto my experiment.

The Task

Presented with a "machine" sitting at the home screen of the Anaconda new UI interface, the subjects were told to "install this machine with the operating system".

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