21 Installing Flash Plug-In for Linux Supported Web Browsers

In order to view Articulate presentations or other Flash-based products in Linux, the web browsers must have the required plug-ins. To verify the browser has the appropriate plug-ins, follow step 4 below. All necessary files for Flash installation are included on the WES8.1 install DVD (**`install_flash_player_9_linux.tar.gz)`**. The **`Readme.txt`** document in this tar file also contains further documentation for the plug-in installation.

The installation is simple; copy the necessary plug-in files into the plug-ins directory of your browser (i.e. **`/usr/lib/mozilla/plugins,`** and or **`/usr/lib/firefox-1.5.0.7/plugins`**). The following is an example of the installation process for the Mozilla web browser:

21.1 Example of Flash Plug-in Installation for Mozilla Browser

1. Untar the plugins file from the WES8.1 install DVD into **`/awips/fxa/install_flash_player_9_linux`**:

   e.g. **`cp /media/cdrecorder/install_flash_player_9_linux.tar.gz /awips/fxa`**

   e.g. **`tar xvfz /awips/fxa /install_flash_player_9_linux.tar.gz`**

2. Navigate to the **`install_flash_player_9_linux`** directory:

   e.g. **`cd /awips/fxa/install_flash_player_9_linux`**

3. Copy **`libflashplayer.so`** and **`flashplayer.xpt`** to the Firefox plug-in folder (i.e. **`/usr/lib/firefox-1.5.0.7/plugins`**):

   e.g. **`cp libflashplayer.so /usr/lib/firefox-1.5.0.7/plugins`**

   e.g. **`cp flashplayer.xpt /usr/lib/firefox-1.5.0.7/plugins`**

4. Once the installation is complete the plug-in will be installed in your browser.

5. If the installation fails, then review the **`/awips/fxa/install_flash_player_9_linux/Readme.txt`** documentation, and contact WES support for help (wes@infolist.nws.noaa.gov).