

Introduction to Linux

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Exercises: Software Installation

1.) FIND SOFTWARE TO INSTALL

If you are logged in as the *root* user please do the following:

```
# exit
```

To become a normal user, like *inst*. Your prompt should change to include a "\$" sign.

```
$
```

Let's figure out what package installs the "*lynx*" text-based web browser

```
$ apt-cache search lynx
```

No surprise what it is... Now, let's install this:

```
$ apt-get install lynx
```

Now let's use it...

```
$ lynx localhost
```

```
Press "q" to exit lynx.
```

Q.) What do you think is happening?

A. You are viewing the default web page for your machine using a text-based web browser called *lynx*.

Q.) What are you viewing?

A.) The file `index.html` that resides in the Apache web server's home directory in `/var/www`.

Q.) What does this imply?

A.) That the Apache web server is already running on your box.