

Getting Slackware

The official way to do this is, of course, to get it from slackware.com.

Personally, I have [getslack](#), a bash script based on (more accurately, a trimmed-down version of) the excellent (he termed it *infamous*) [mirror-slackware-current.sh](#) by [Alien Bob](#). When going down this path, the next step would be to prepare the installation media.

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I no longer need an ISO image (refer to USB installer below). But, I have [slack2iso](#) script (also based on Alien Bob's script) can help in creating one using the tree downloaded by [getslack](#).

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[Alien Bob](#) has provided a [script](#) to make/setup/configure a USB-based Slackware installation media. I wanted to do something simpler using the existing files in the Slackware tree that I mirrored using [getslack](#) (mentioned above). So, here is how I got that working.

1. Create a FAT32 partition
 - use `fdisk` and make sure it is bootable (bootable flag enabled)
 - use `mkdosfs` (e.g. `mkdosfs -F 32 /dev/sdb1`)
2. Use `syslinux` to provide bootloader
 - create a `/linux/boot/syslinux` folder on the USB
 - type

```
syslinux -d /linux/boot/syslinux /dev/sdb1
```

Note: On newer `syslinux`, use `-i` to indicate new installation

- a file `ldlinux.sys` should appear in `/linux/boot/syslinux`
3. Copy boot facilities from Slackware tree to the media
 - copy a kernel from slackware tree to `/linux/boot` (I used `huge.s`)
 - copy `initrd.img` and `message.txt` to `/linux/boot`
 - copy `isolinux.cfg` to `/linux/boot/syslinux` as `syslinux.cfg`
 - edit `syslinux.cfg` accordingly (`initrd`, kernel params, etc.)
 4. Copy slackware<64> in the Slackware tree (I used a shorter folder name like `slack` on the USB)

And... we're done! Now we have a simple Slackware USB Installer and install it on every computer we

can get our hands on! 😎

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