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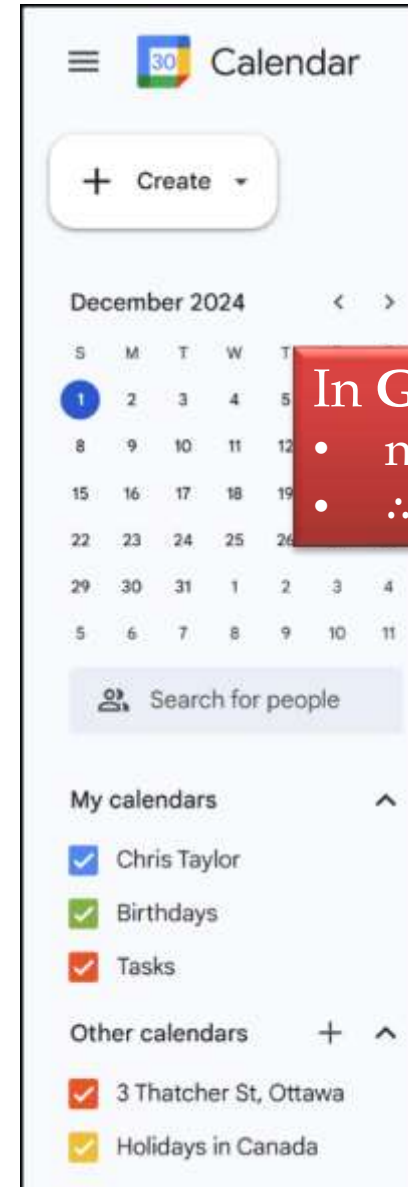
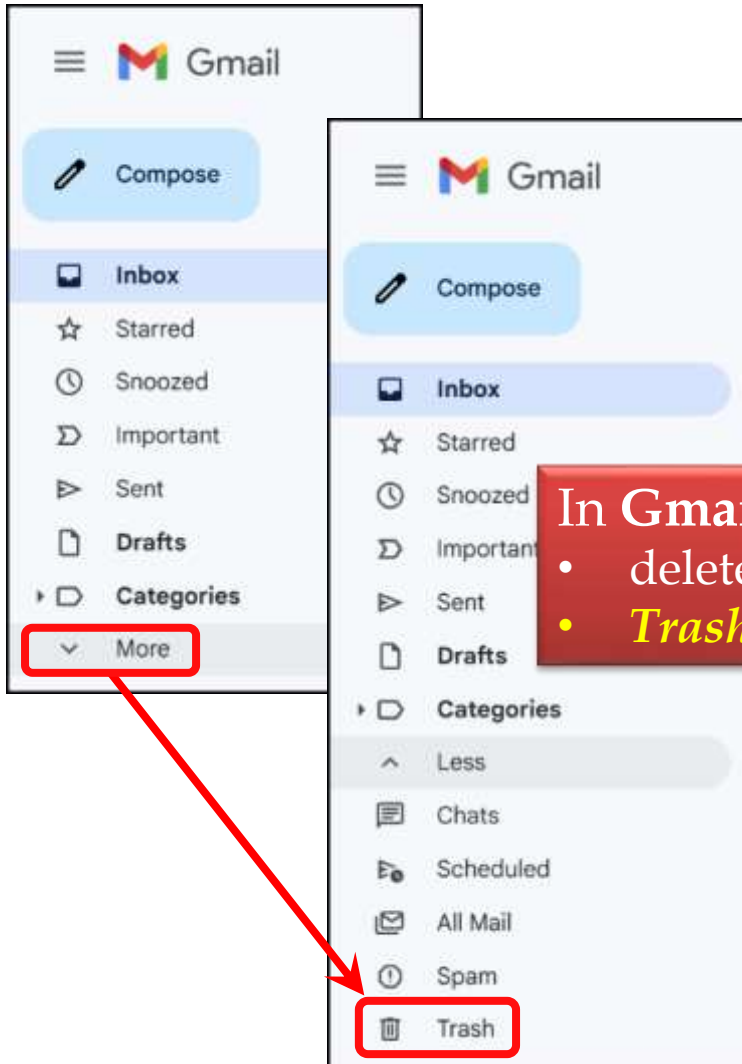
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Google Calendar: Recovering deleted items



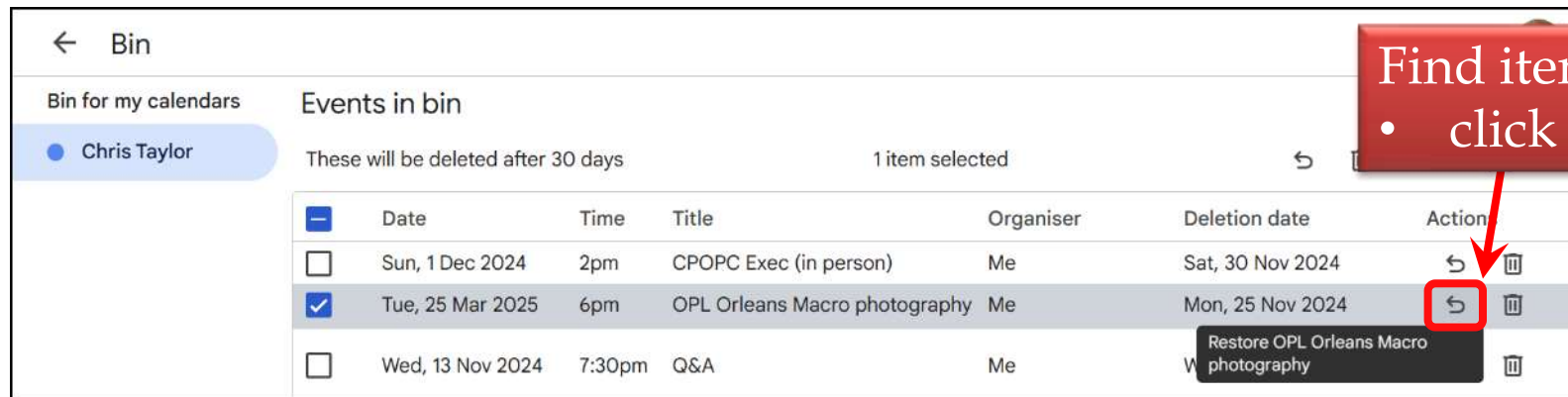


Google Calendar:

- recovering deleted items

In Calendar

- click gear icon in top-right
- click **Bin**

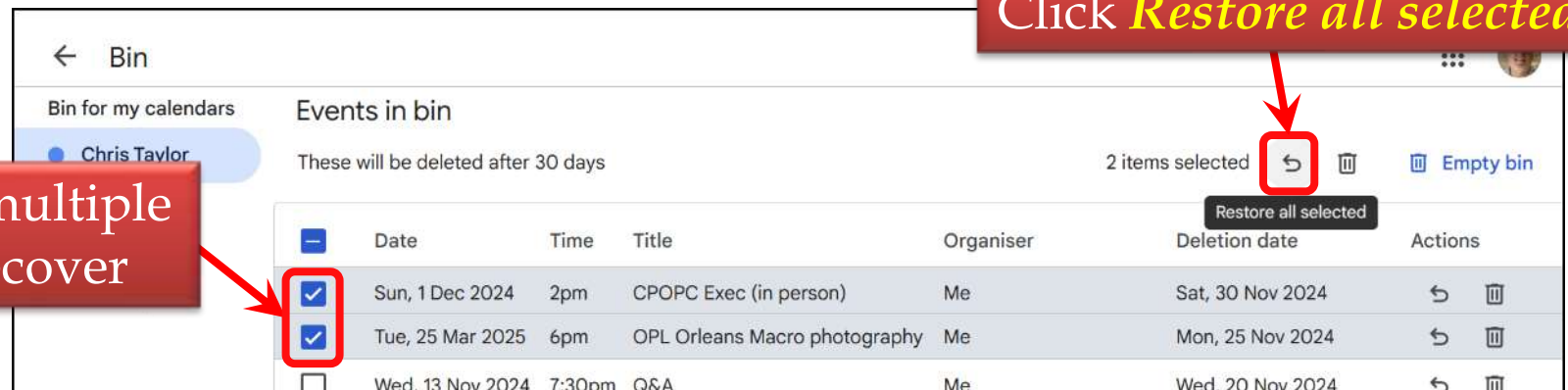


Find item to restore

- click **Restore** icon

Click **Restore all selected**

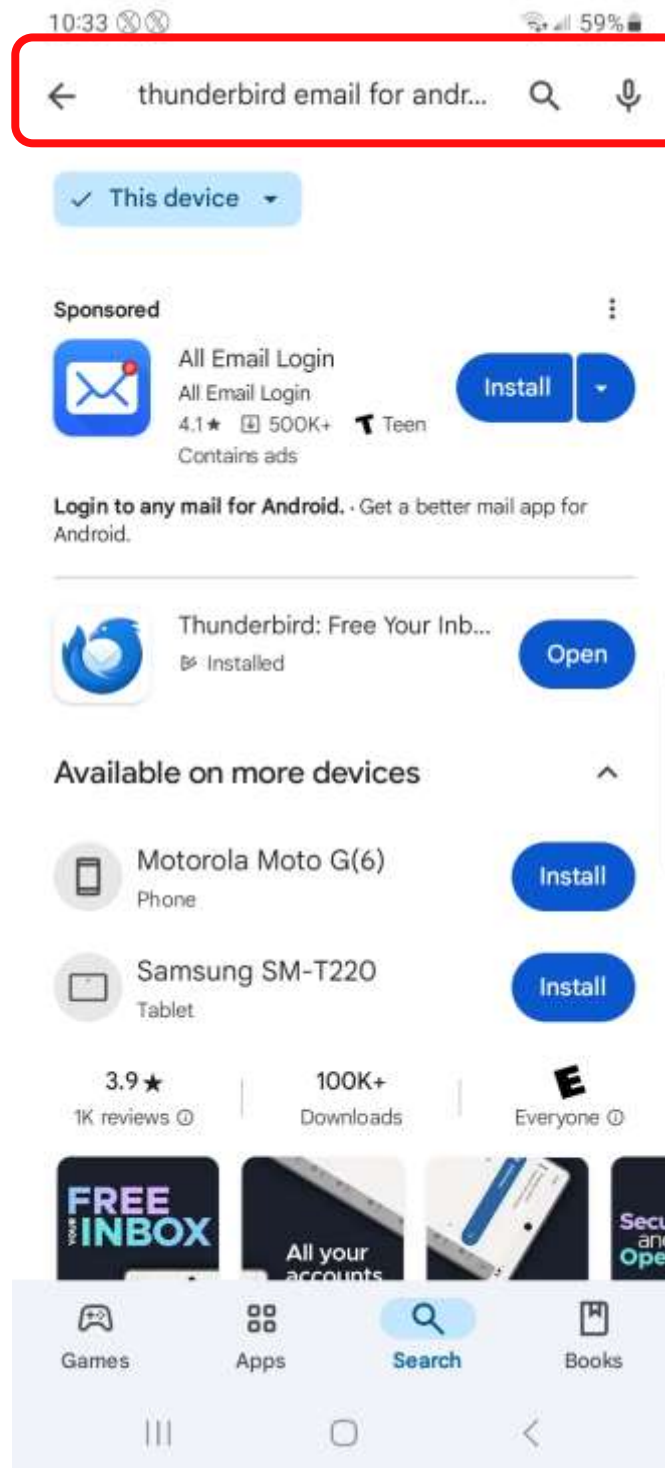
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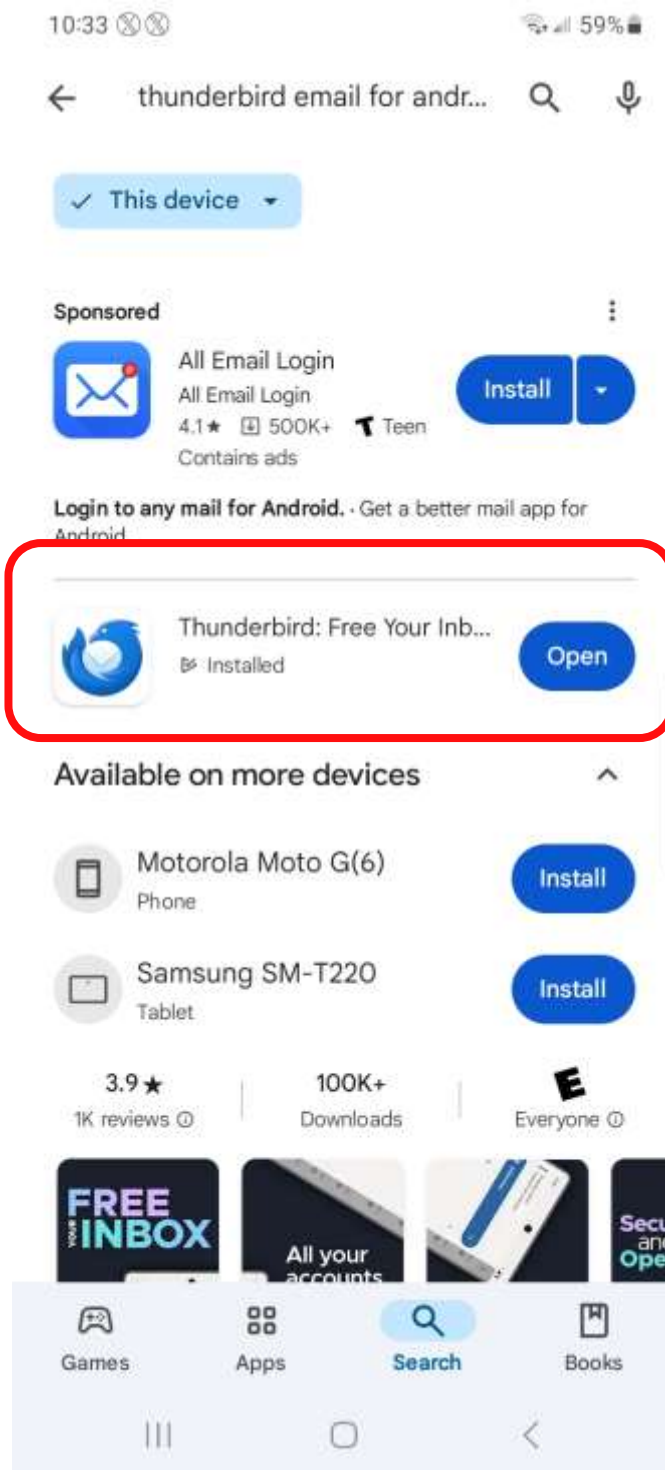
Follow Up Beware of Download Offerings

- Last week, Chris and I both noted that the new Thunderbird for Android app was, like K-9 Mail, a very capable E-mail client
- Thunderbird for Android and K-9 mail are essentially the same app
- Thunderbird is likely to replace K-9 so that the developers can concentrate on one codebase
- One Q&A participant attempted to download and install Thunderbird but obtained the wrong software!

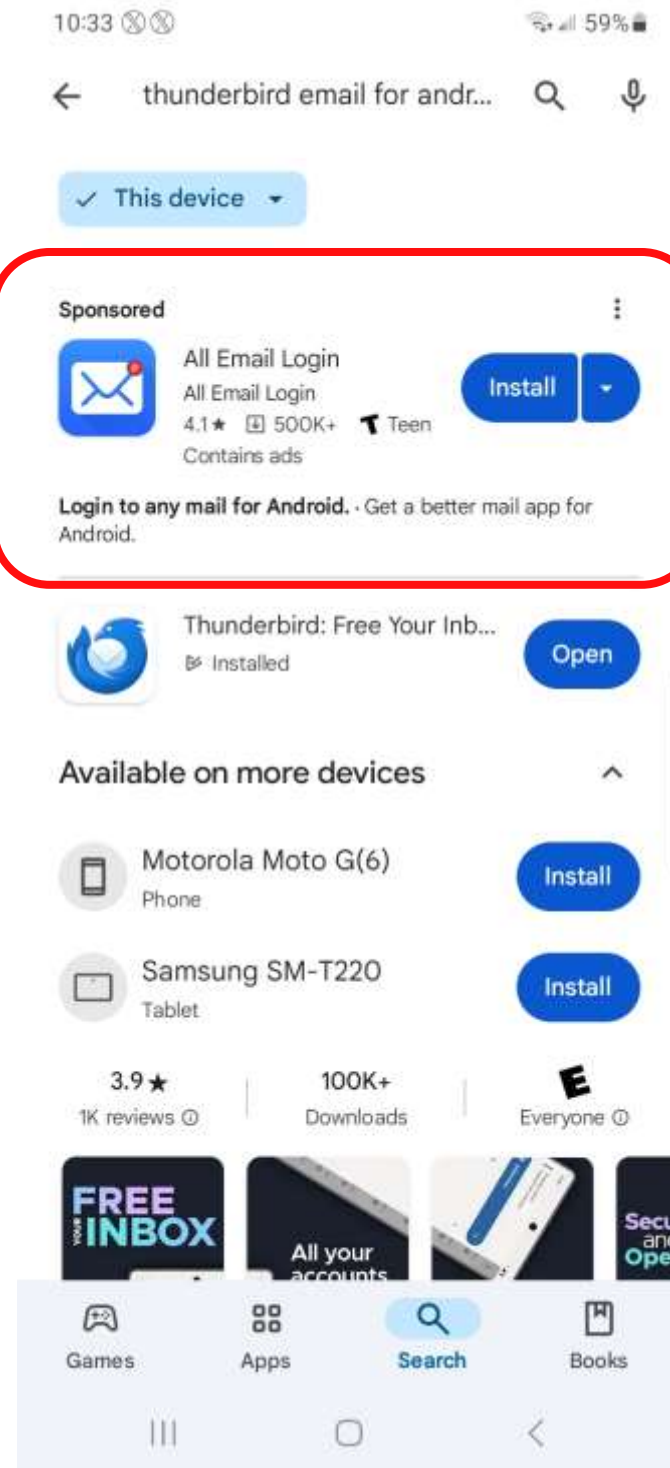




Searching for
"thunderbird..."



Found it!

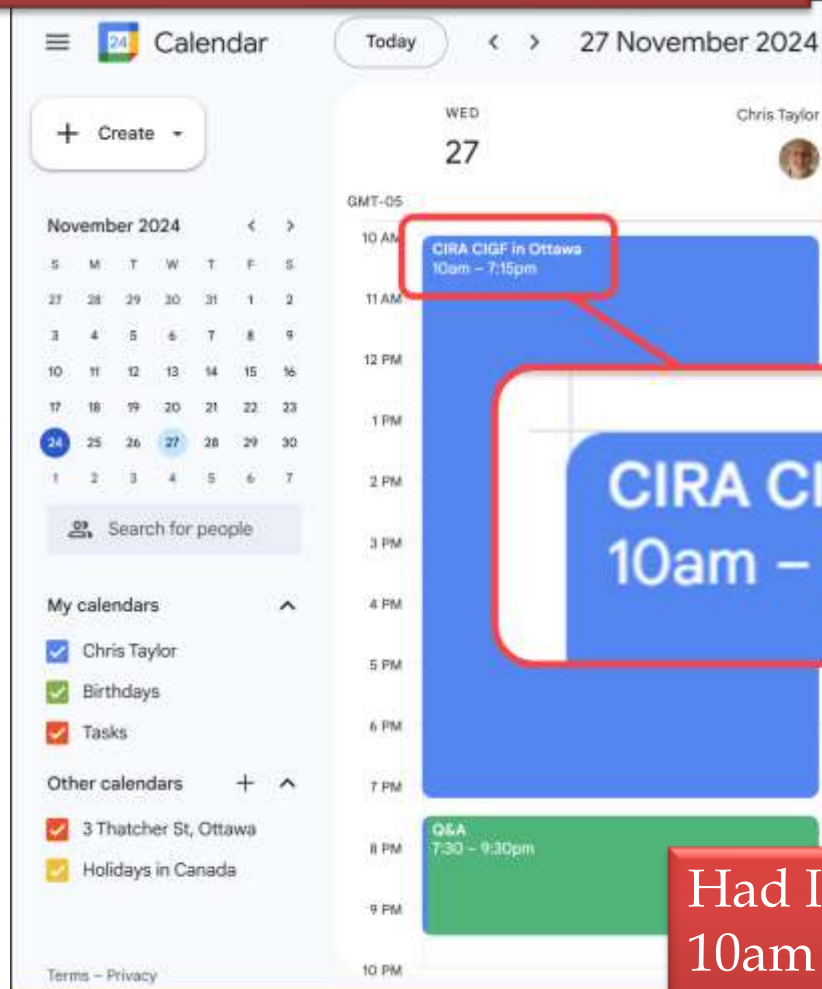


BUT, this is what you will get if you press Install !!!

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Google Calendar Mystery

I had no clue what this was about



Checked CIRA website

- evening event on at that day in Ottawa
- not an event I would be interested in
- *CIGF* not mentioned

Had I promised I would be somewhere from 10am - 7:15pm?

- would I be embarrassed if I didn't show up?
- where was I supposed to show up

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Sleuthing

- I thought maybe I had an email with info that would clue me in
 - search of my email turned up nothing
- Didn't know what CIGF meant so searched web
 - *CIGF* means *Canadian Internet Governance Forum*
 - that nugget didn't clue me in any further
- If I could see when I created the calendar item
 - it might give me a clue
- But Google Calendar does not show when the event was created

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Perplexity.AI university

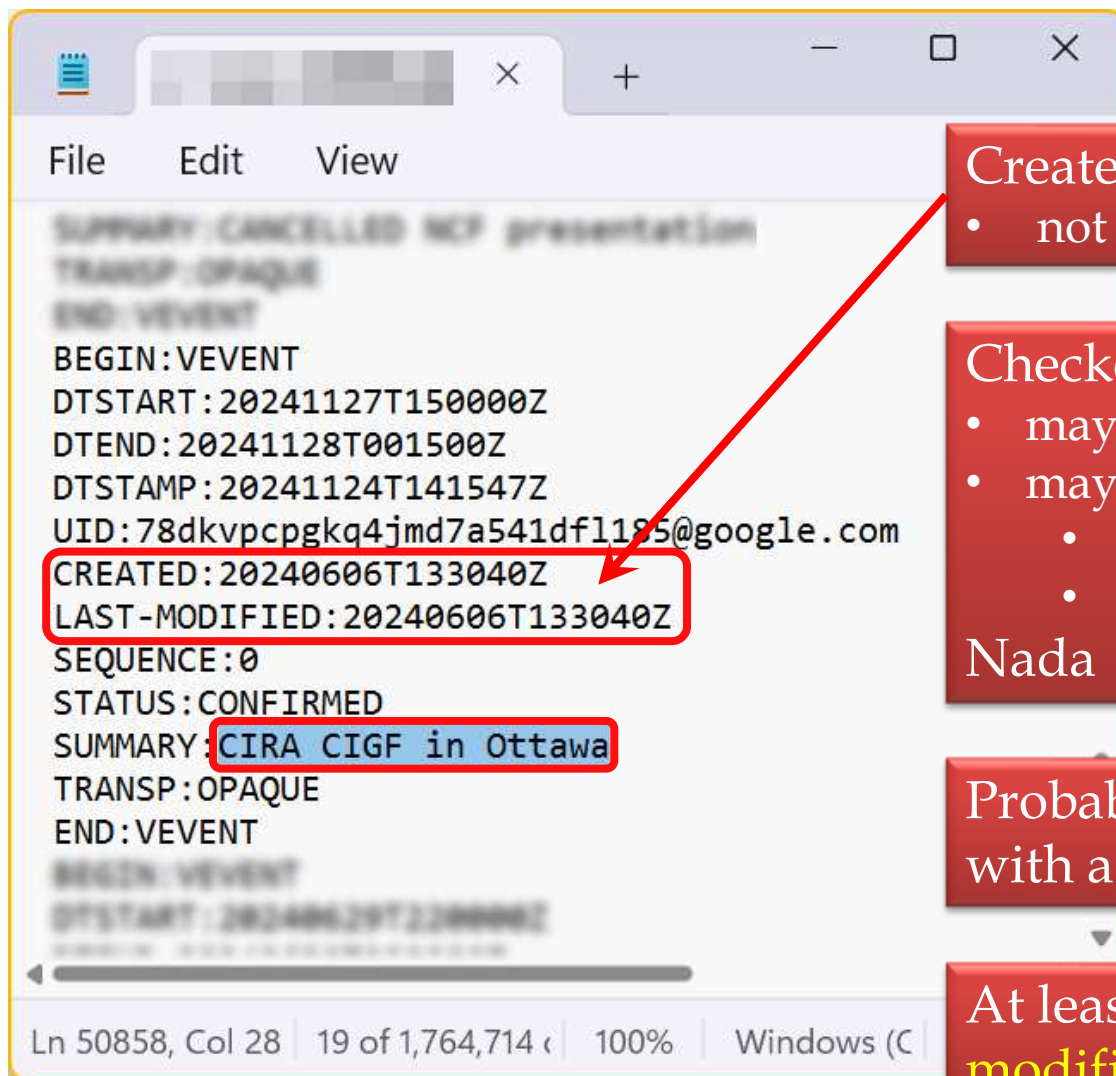
- *In google calendar on the web, can I see when a calendar item was created*
- In Google Calendar on the web, there is no direct way to view the creation date of an event through the user interface. However, you can find this information by exporting your calendar data and inspecting the exported file.

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Detailed instructions

- Open Google Calendar in web browser
- Click gear icon in top right corner & select *Settings*
- Click *Import & export > Export*
 - downloads ZIP file containing calendar events
- Unzip downloaded file
- Open .ics file in text editor
- Search for event within file
 - events enclosed between *BEGIN:VEVENT* & *END:VEVENT*
- Find lines *CREATED* & *LAST-MODIFIED*

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Created 2024-06-06 at 13:30

- not modified since then

Checked for emails around then

- maybe not from CIRA
- maybe not specifically mentioning CIGF
 - maybe *Canadian Internet Governance Forum*
 - maybe a misspelling

Nada

Probably created as a place-holder
with additional details to come

At least I now know how to find **creation** &
modified dates for Google Calendar items

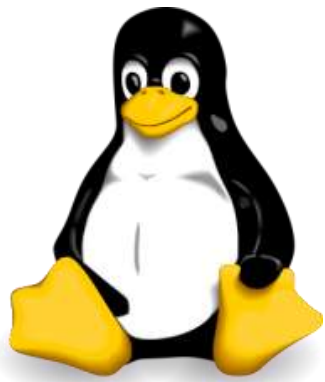
See: https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20241204_ConfigureDefender.pdf



Configure Defender

Improve your system's defences

Tom Trottier



Trading up to Linux – Part 8



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Phase 4

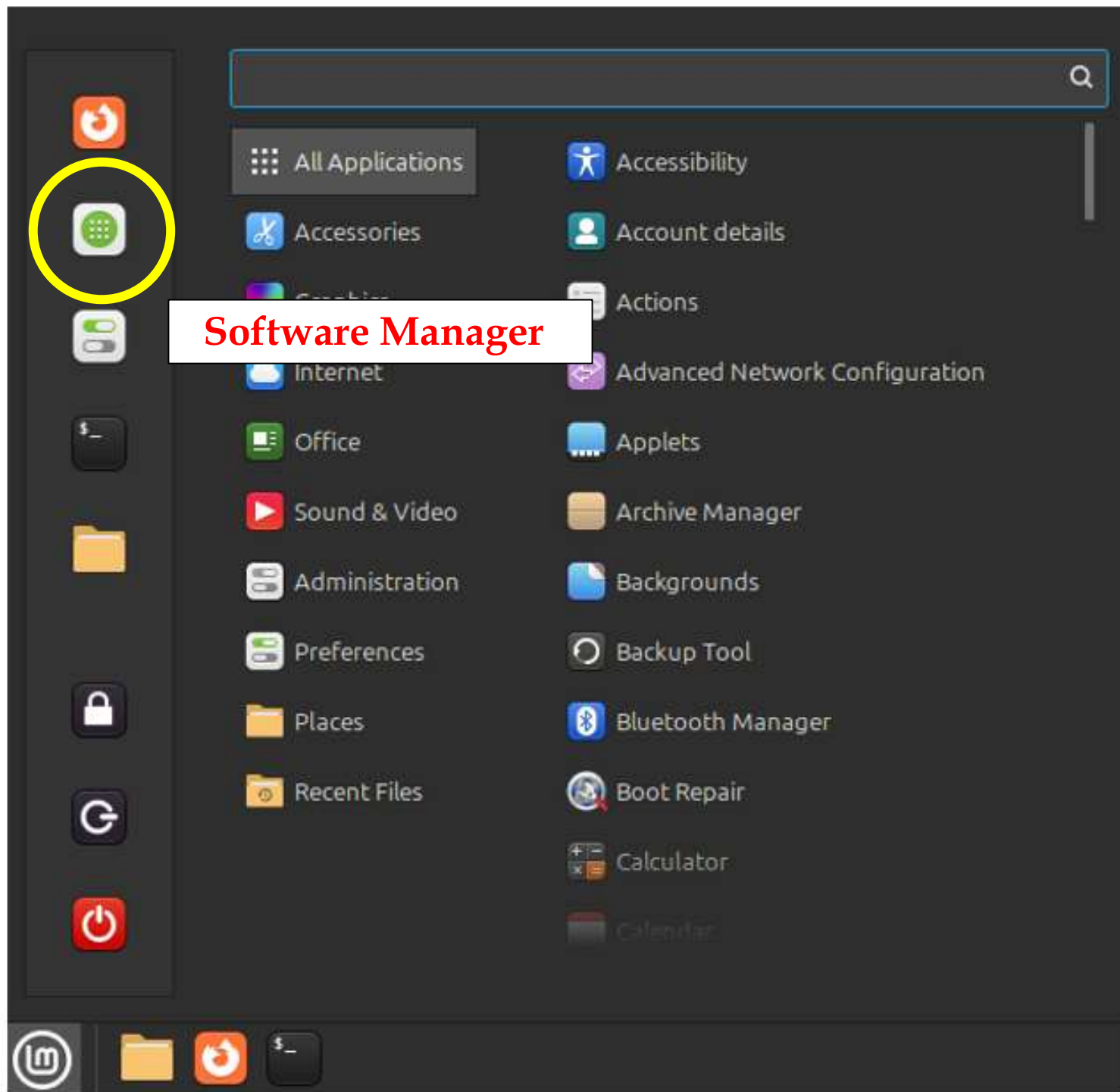
- Install new applications

Phase 5

- Running Windows programs in Linux

Multiple Installation Methods

1. Software Manager
 - user-friendly interface, curated packages
 - **easiest when desired package is available**
2. Synaptic Package Manager
 - more versatile, all available packages
3. Debian Software Package file (.deb)
 - special type of tar (archive) file
4. Terminal (Command line interface)
 - use commands from reliable source



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Software Manager



Audacity

Fast, cross-platform audio editor

Featured



Sublime
Sublime Text is a sophisticated text edit...
4.1 ★



Bitwarden
A secure and free password manager Fo...
Flathub 4.9 ★



Telegram Desktop
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OBS Studio
Live stream and record videos
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Whatsie
Qt Whatsapp Web Client for Linux Desk...
Flathub 2.9 ★



VLC
Multimedia player and streamer
4.6 ★



Spotify
Spotify streaming music client
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Virtualbox
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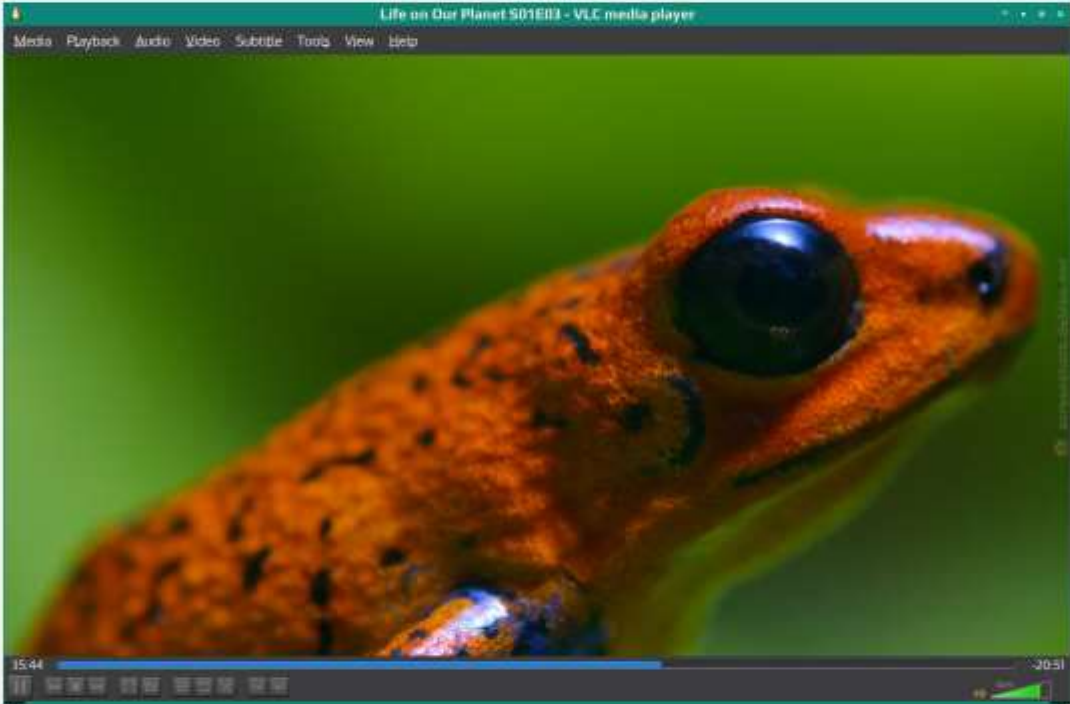


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Multimedia player and streamer

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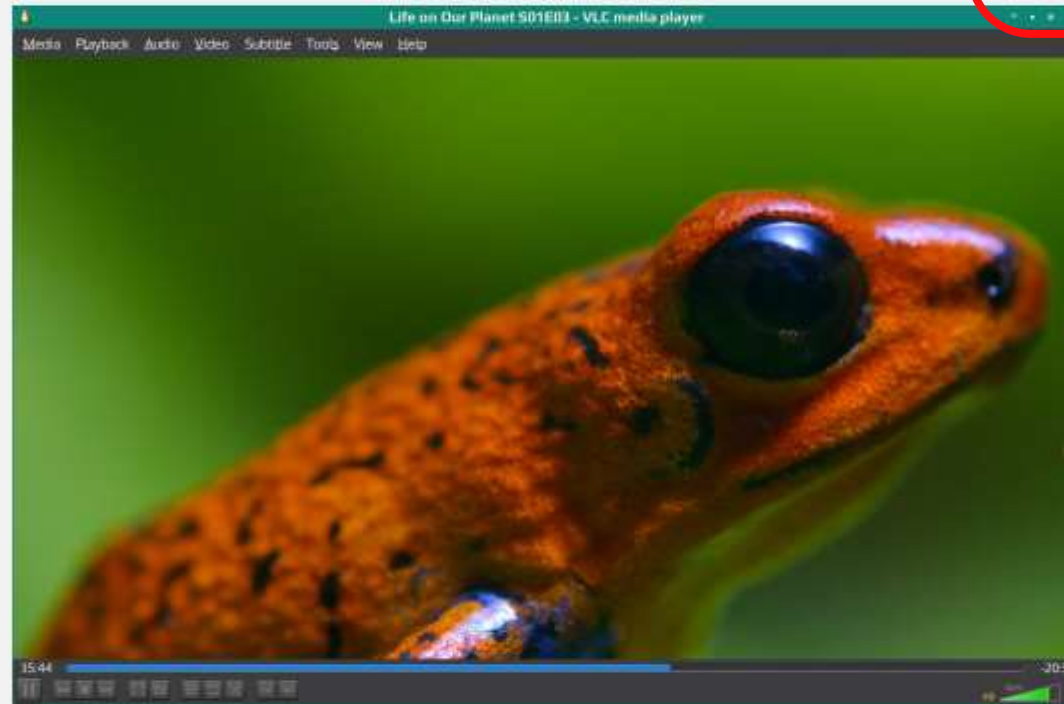
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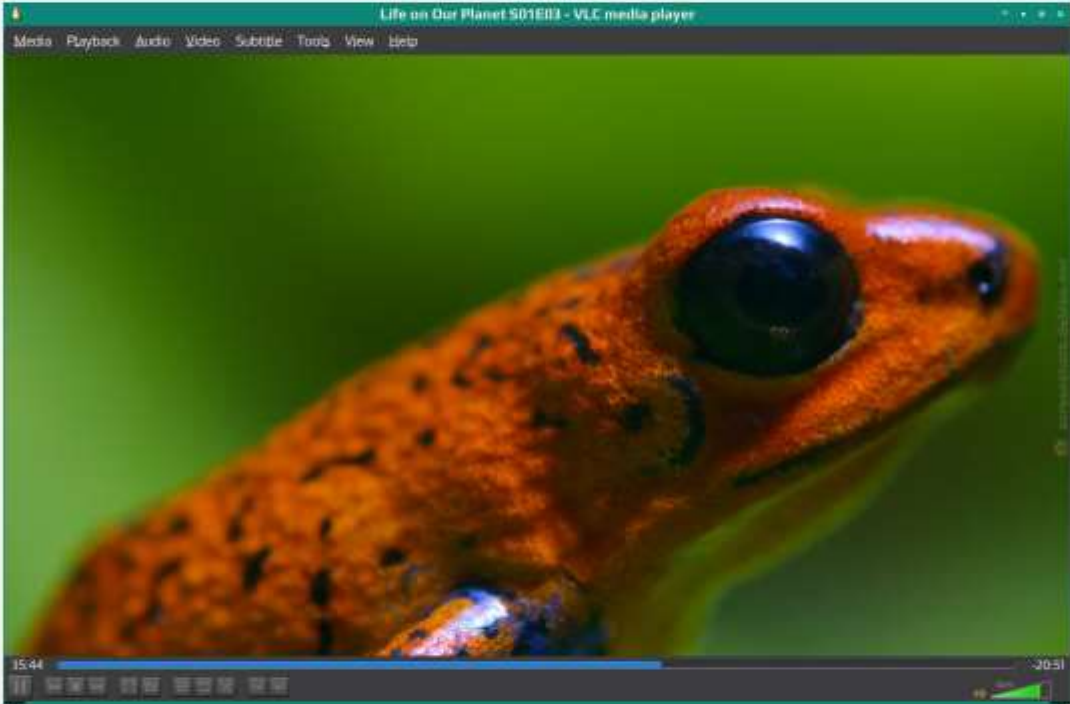
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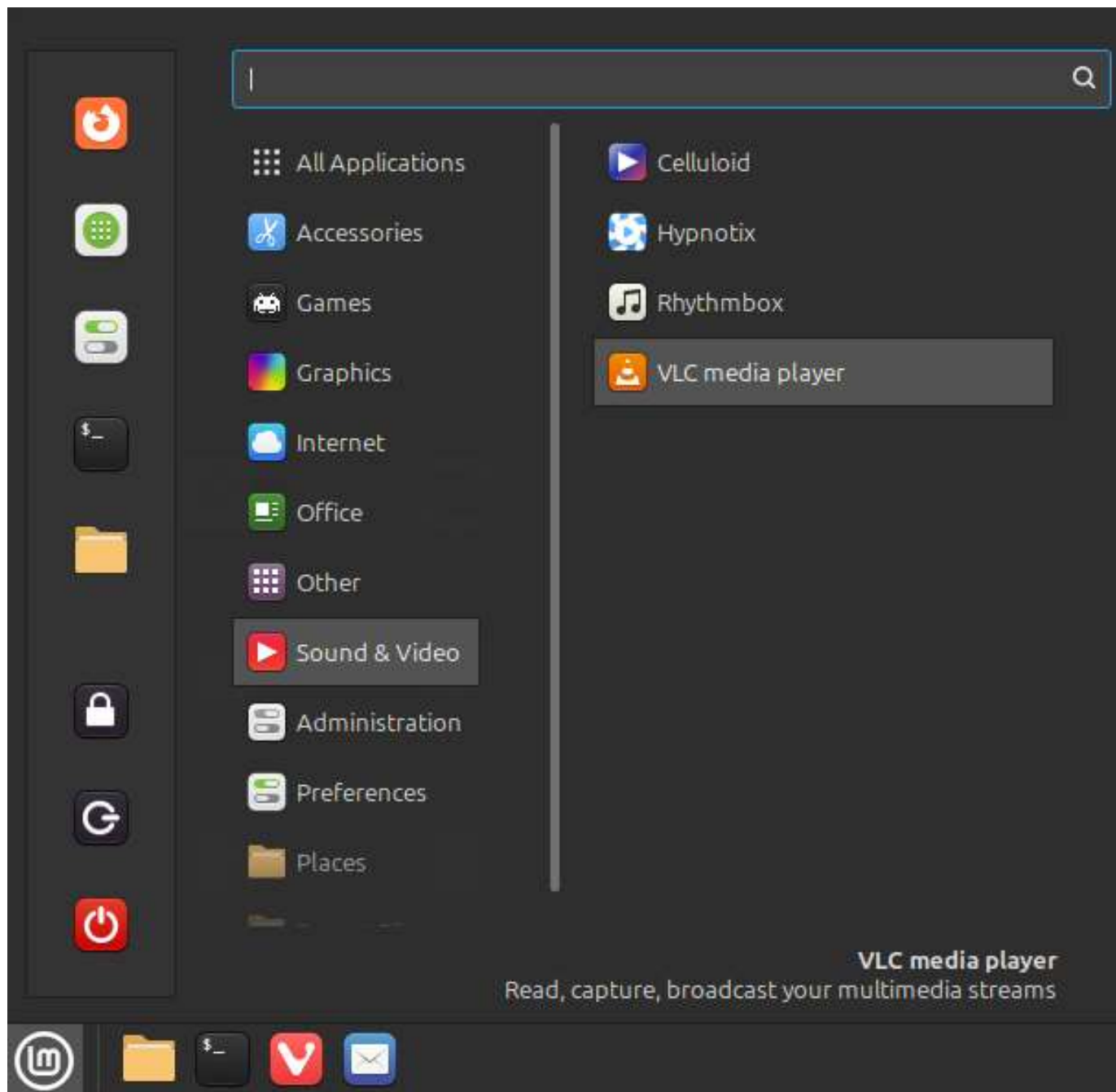
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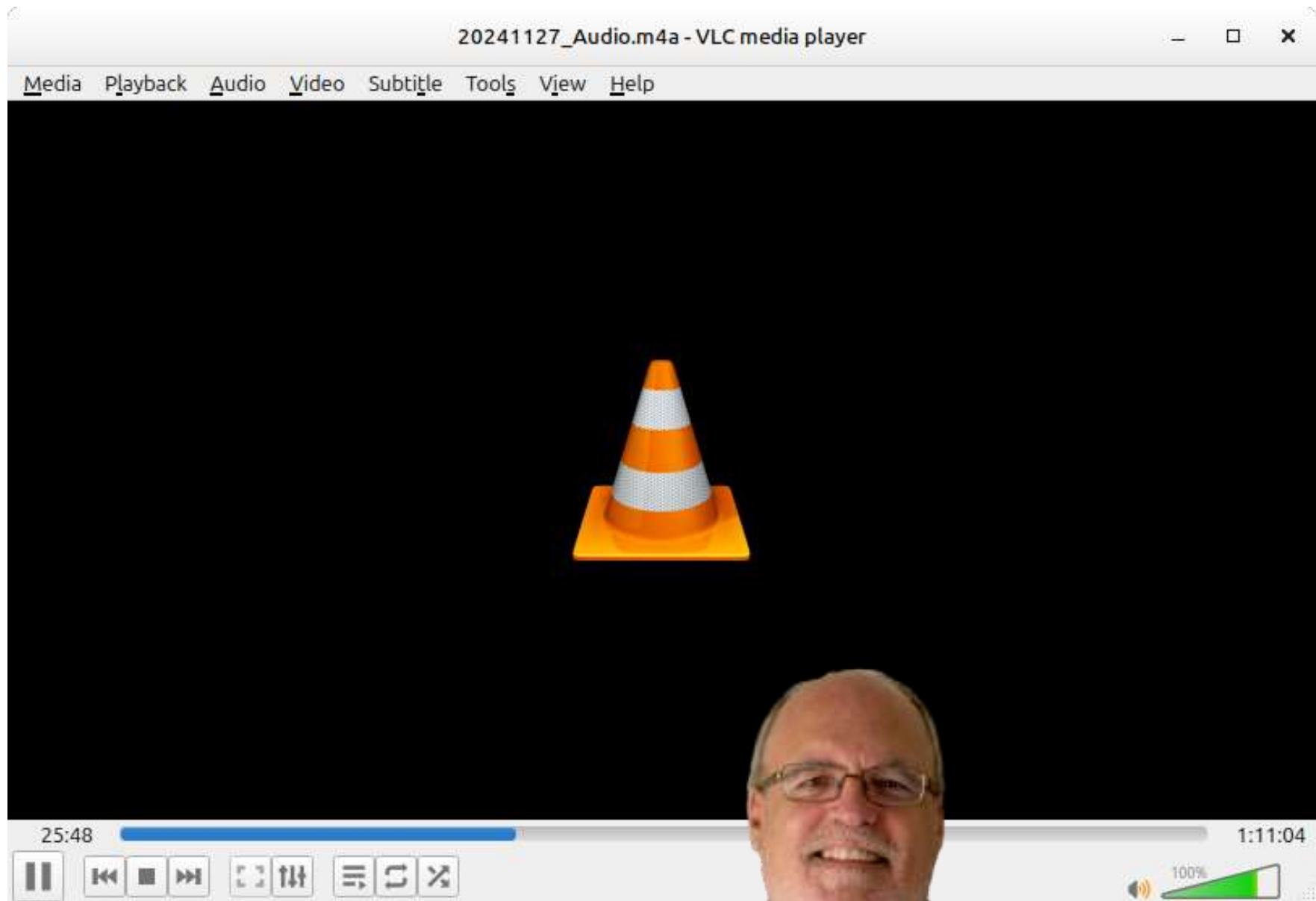
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Microsoft fonts

Install msttcorefonts package

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“Microsoft licensed the fonts for anyone to freely use (regardless of OS) to help boost the market share of IE. When they won the first browser wars, they removed the files from their site... but *the license says you can freely redistribute them* so that’s how we can legally use them :)”

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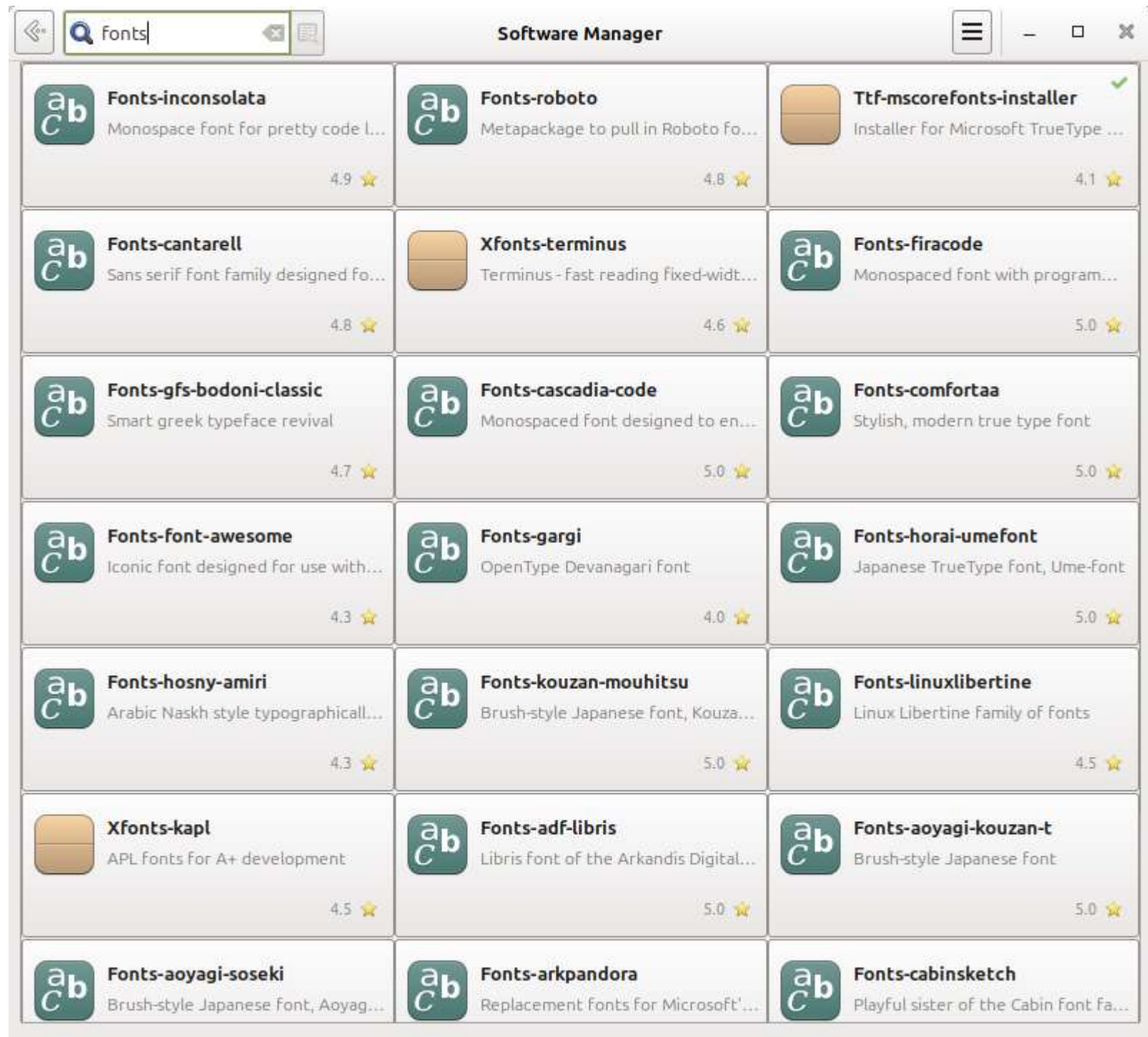
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Installer for Microsoft TrueType core fonts

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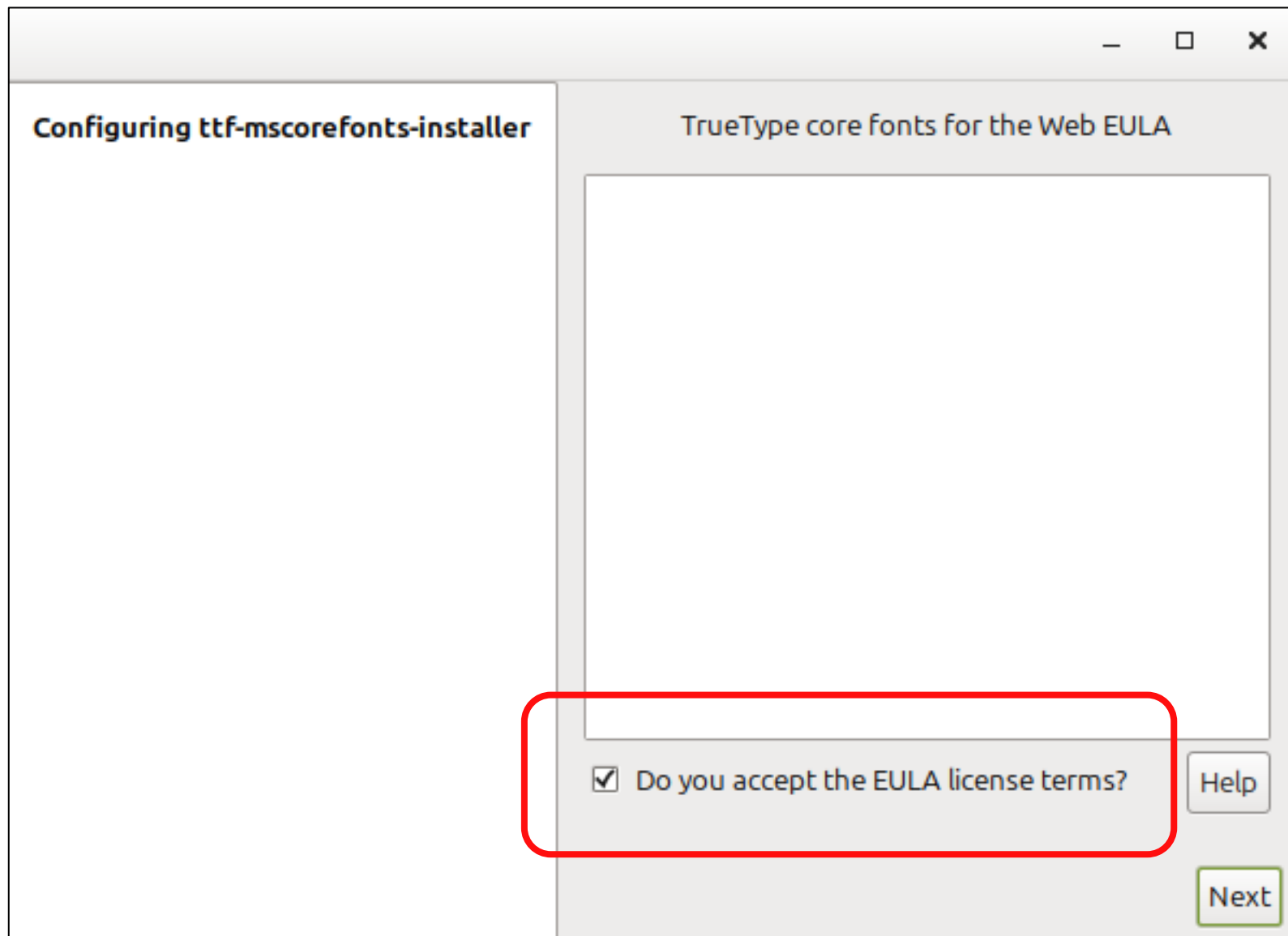
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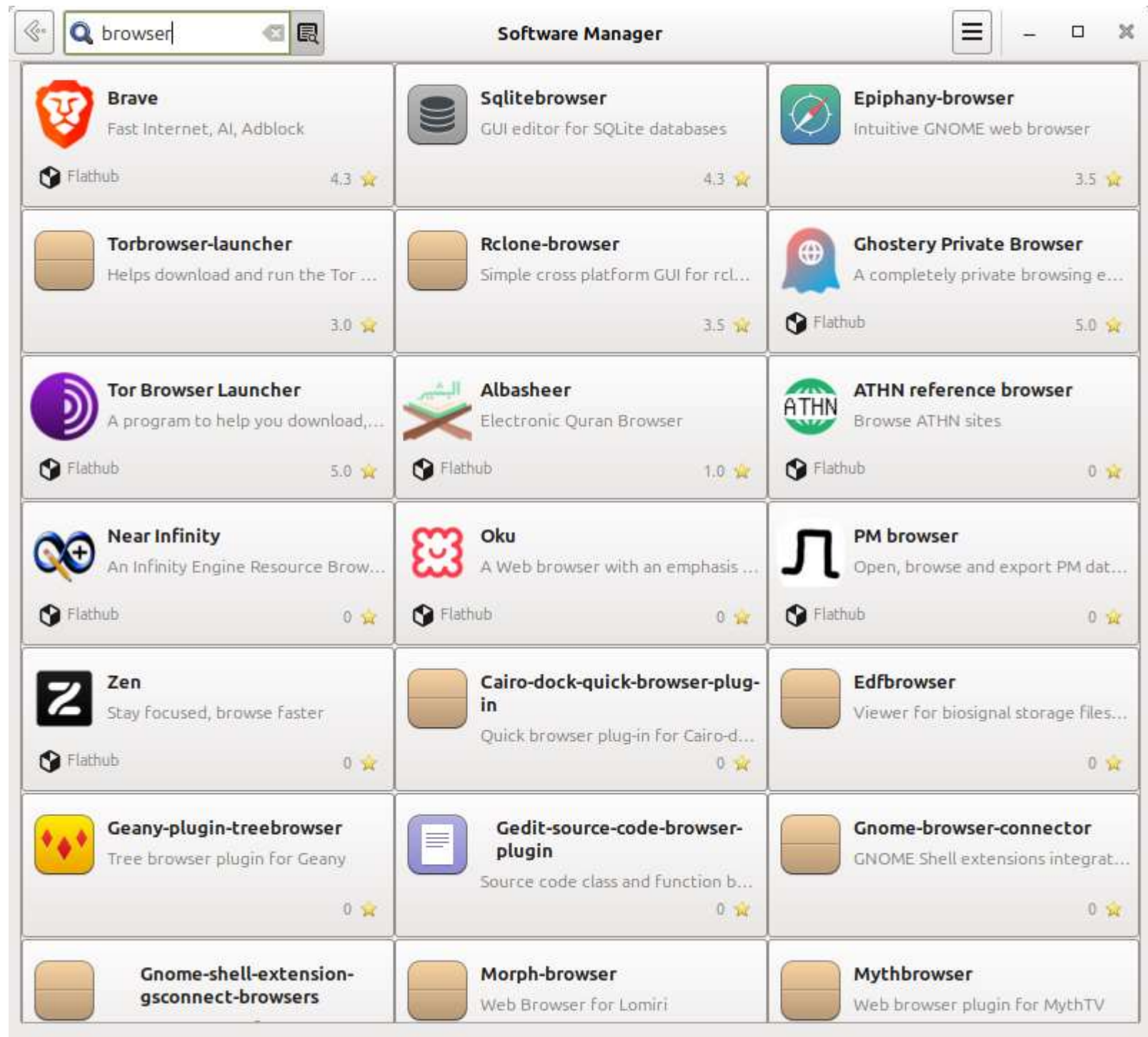
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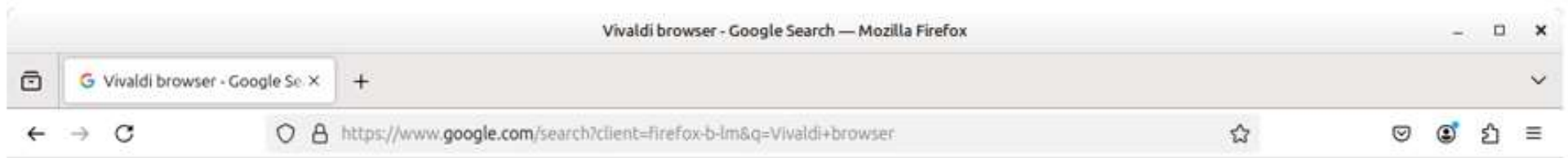
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Initial release date: January 27, 2015

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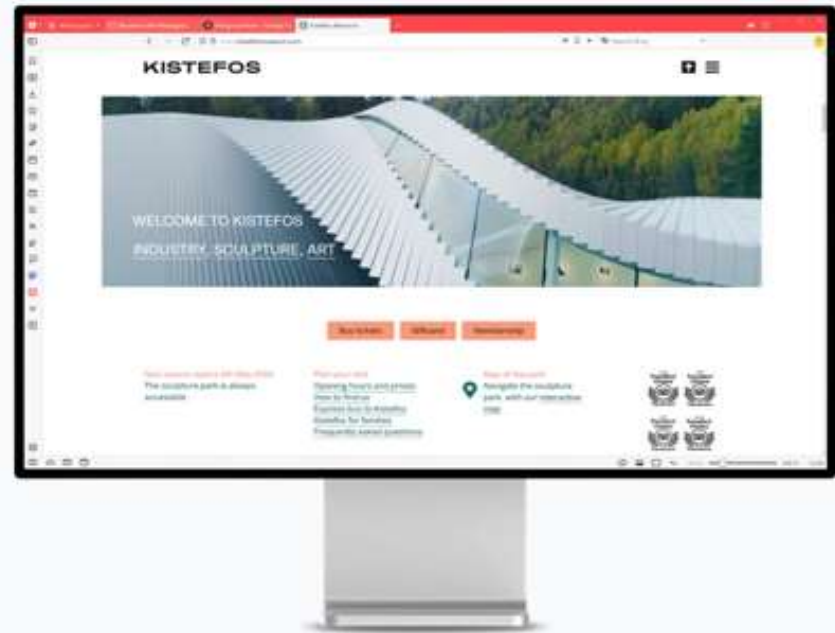
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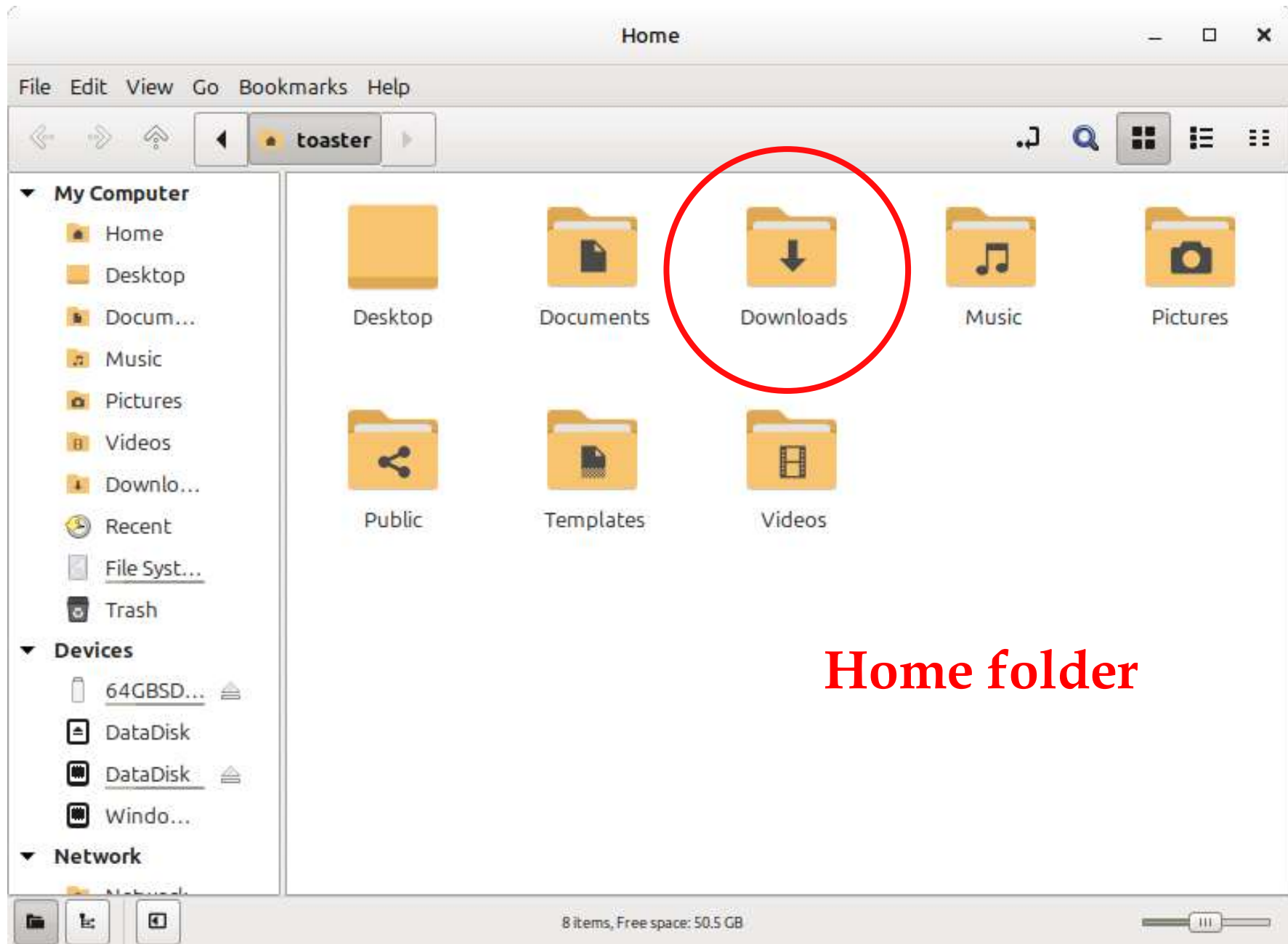
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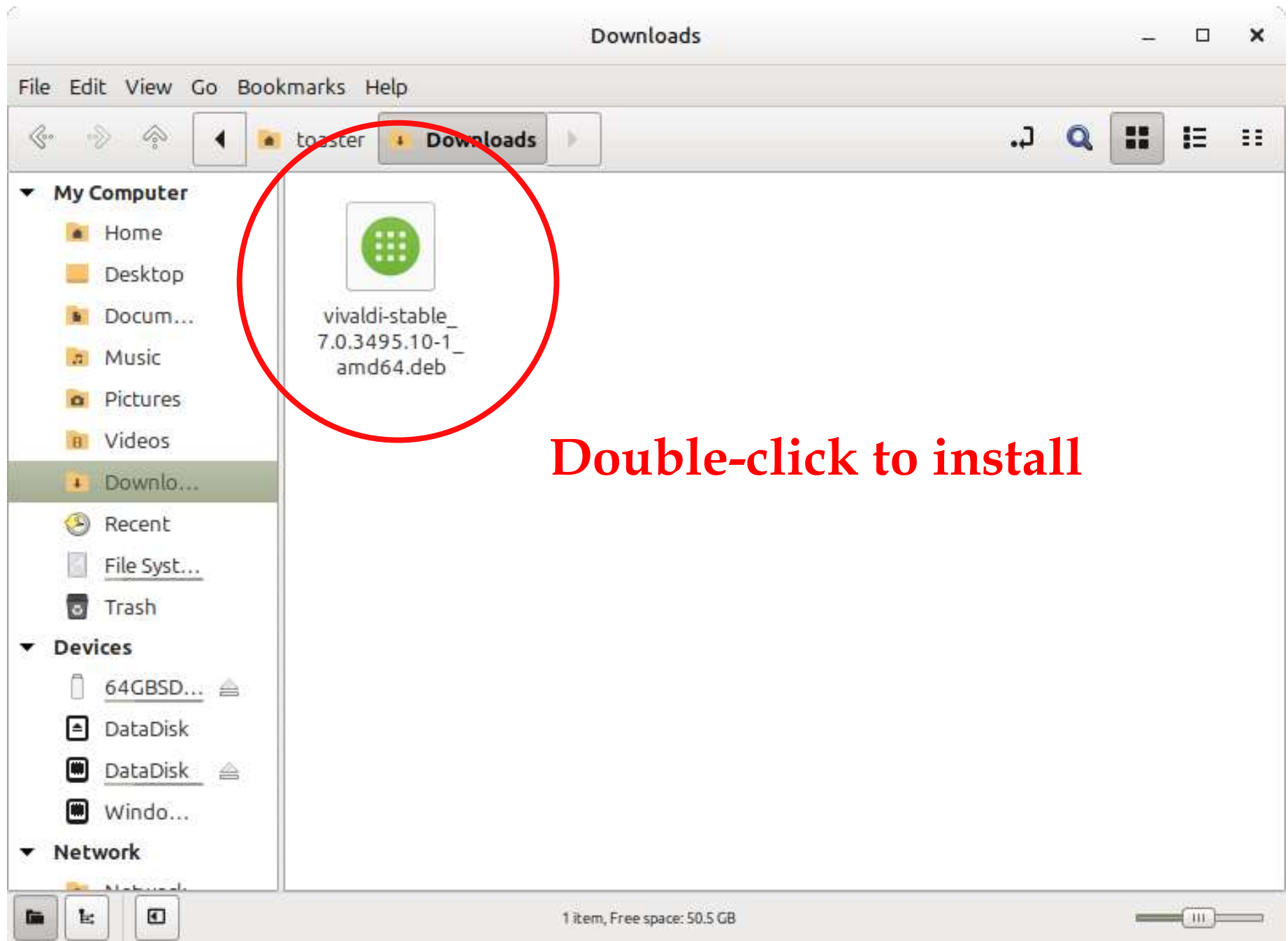


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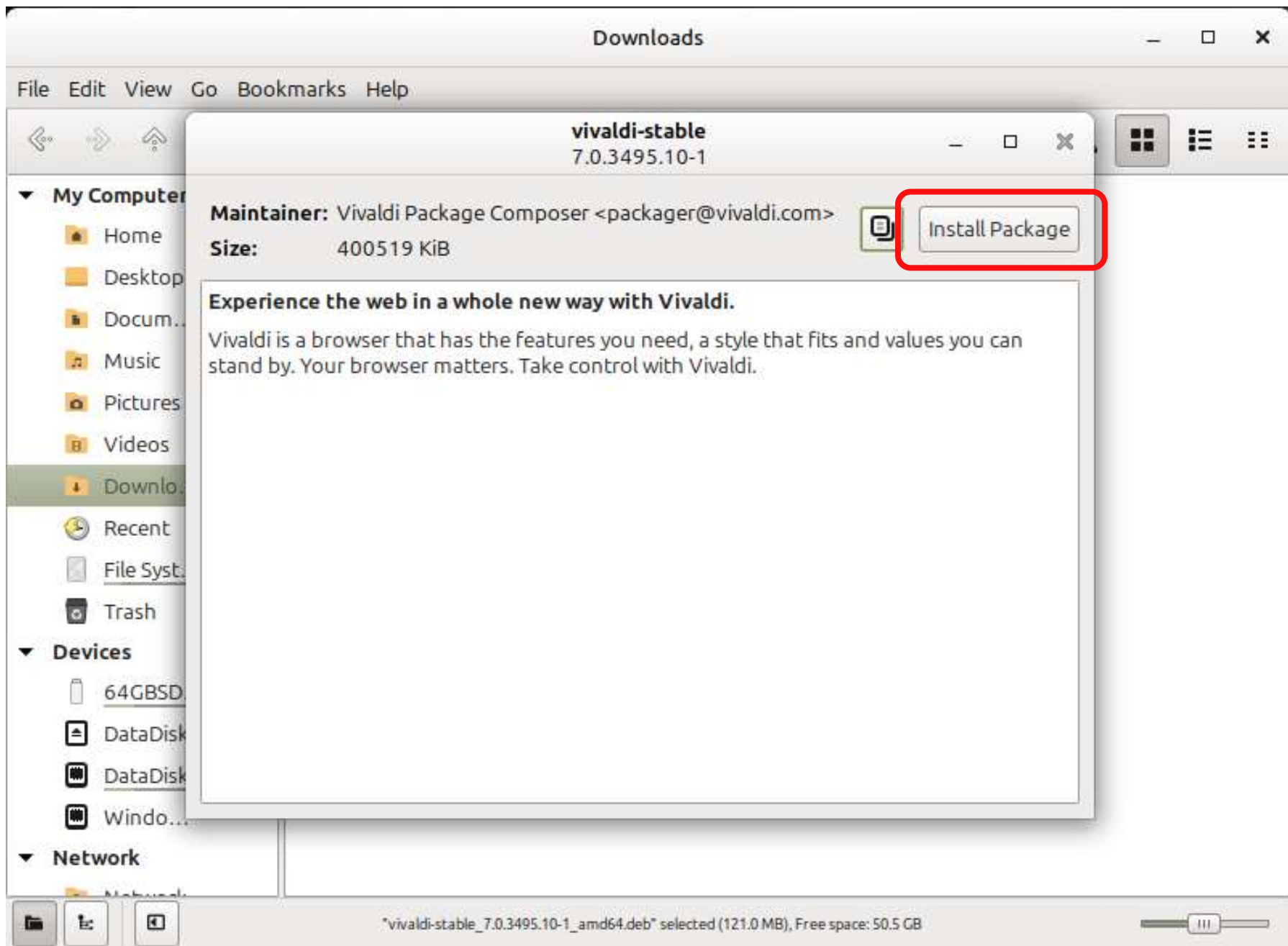
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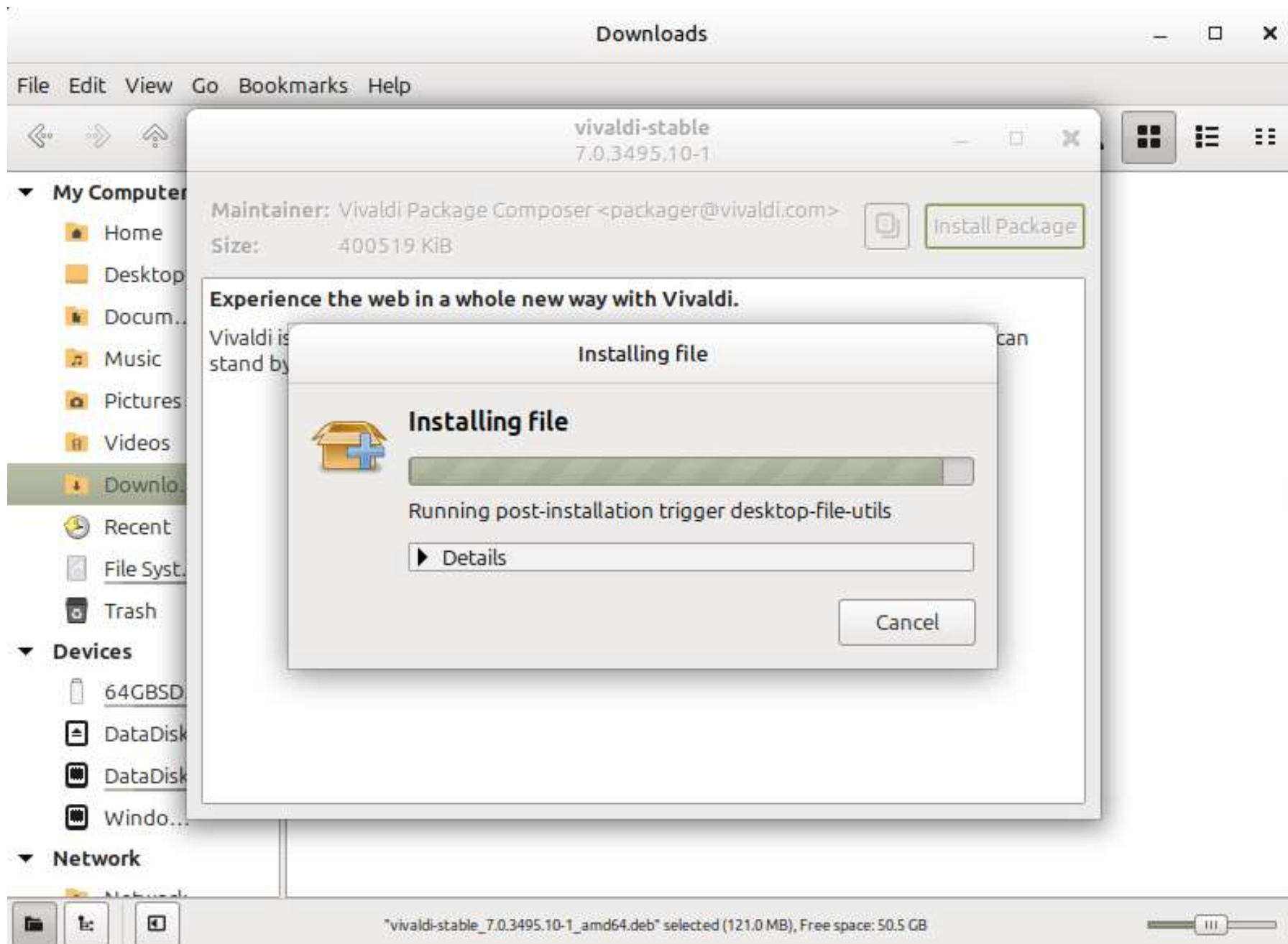
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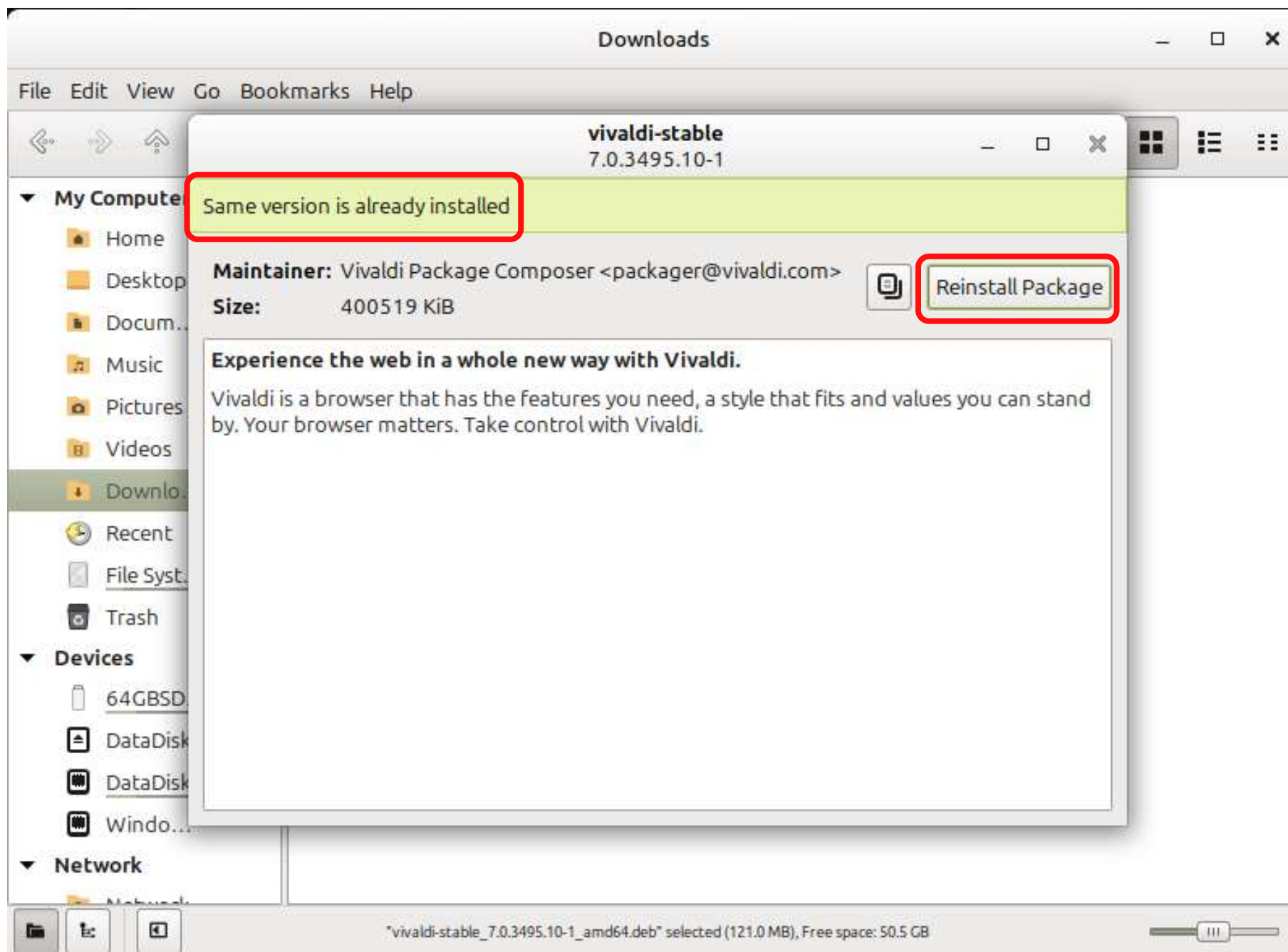


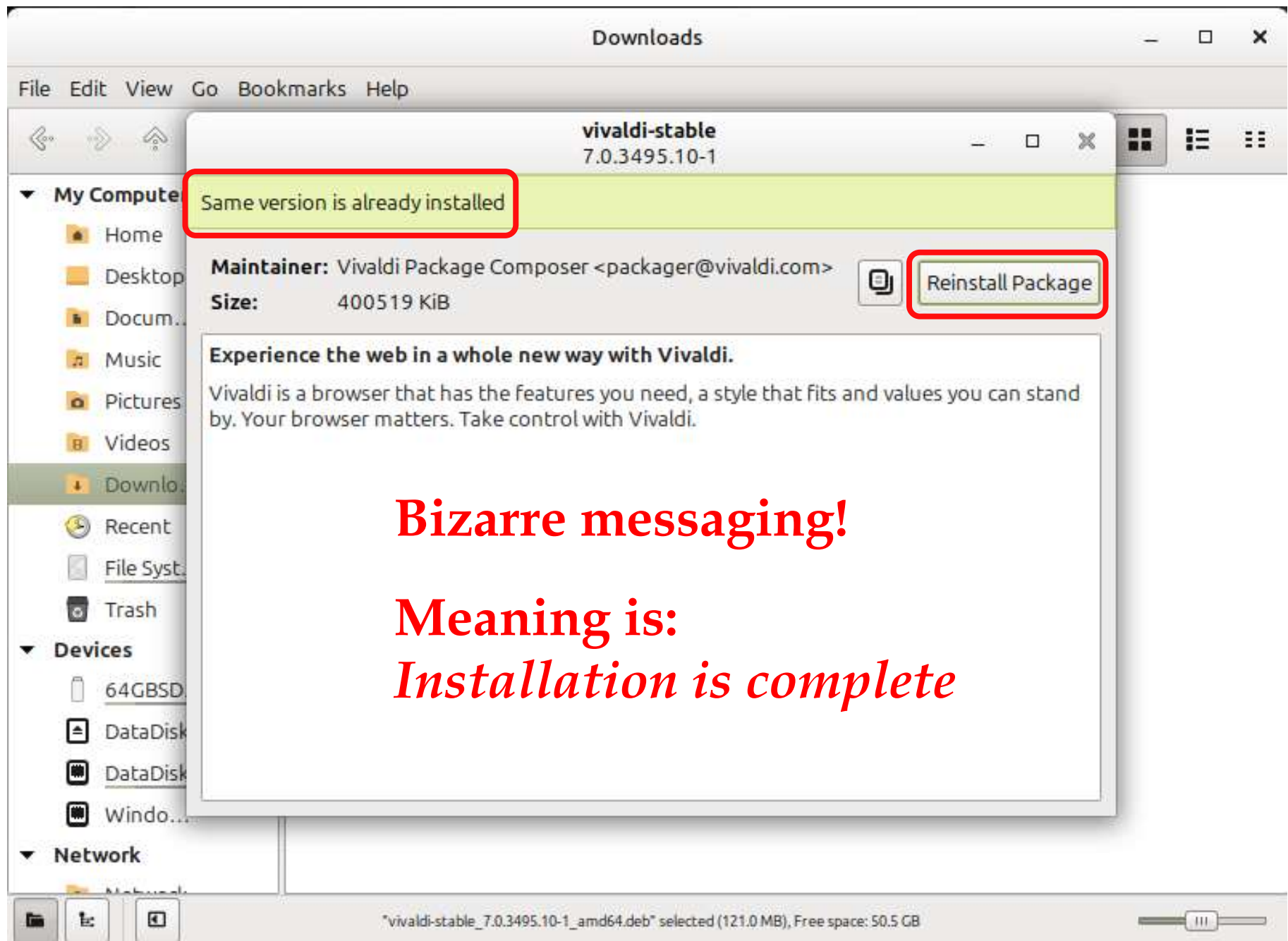


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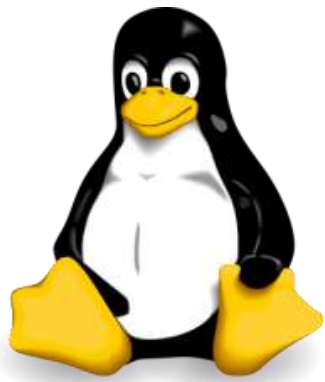




Bizarre messaging!

Meaning is:

Installation is complete



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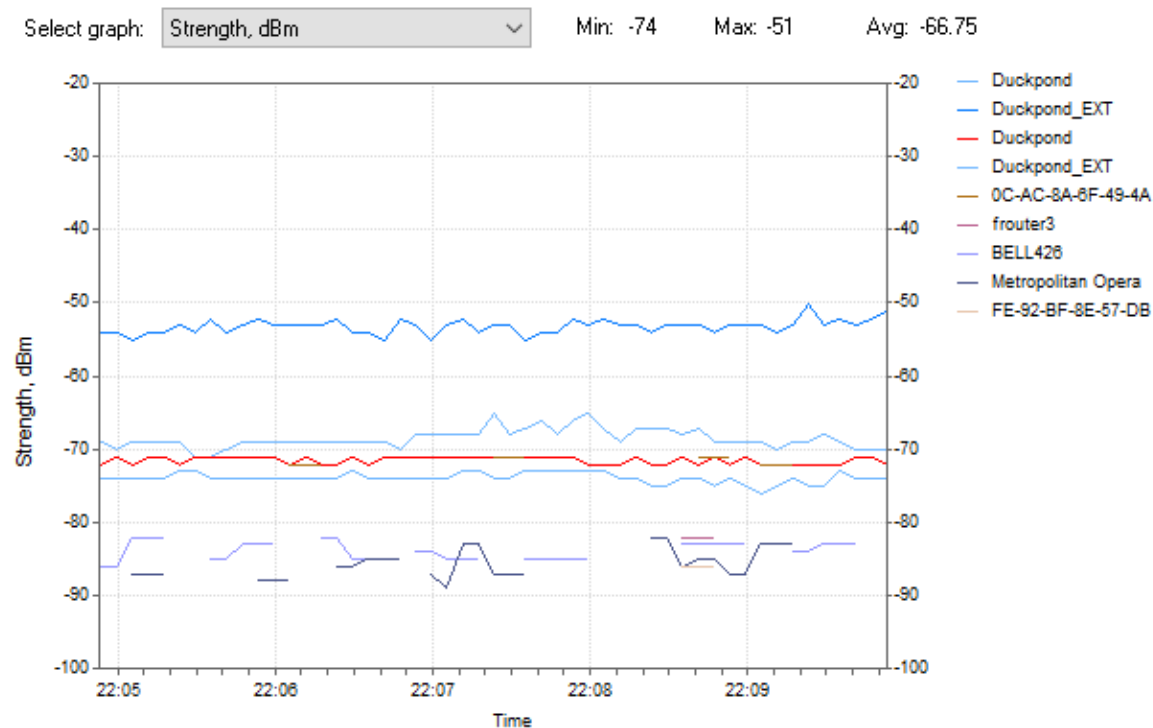


Wi-Fi Extenders

- Recently, the signal strength of my home Wi-Fi network has dropped off with distance from the router
- This is a particular problem where I use my computer
- Internet service is frequently dropped (but then automatically reconnects)
- The signal on the incoming wire is within specifications
- Do routers degrade over time?
- What should I know about Wi-Fi range extenders?



- What are the best apps (Windows, Linux, and/or Android) to monitor signal strength?
- Will any app record when the signal is lost?
- Would a range extender provide a stronger/ more stable signal?





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Whoa, Backup! Effective Strategies for Keeping Your Computer Files Safe

Chris Taylor

Cumberland. Saturday Dec 7, 2024 at 2:00pm

Armchair Travel - Newfoundland

Lynda Buske

Orléans, Tuesday Dec 17, 2024 at 6:00pm

Quick PC Tips: Enhancing capabilities and performance with free tools

Chris Taylor

Centennial, Thursday Jan 23, 2025 at 2:00pm

<https://bibliootawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=pc+users>



December Meeting

Encryption Software

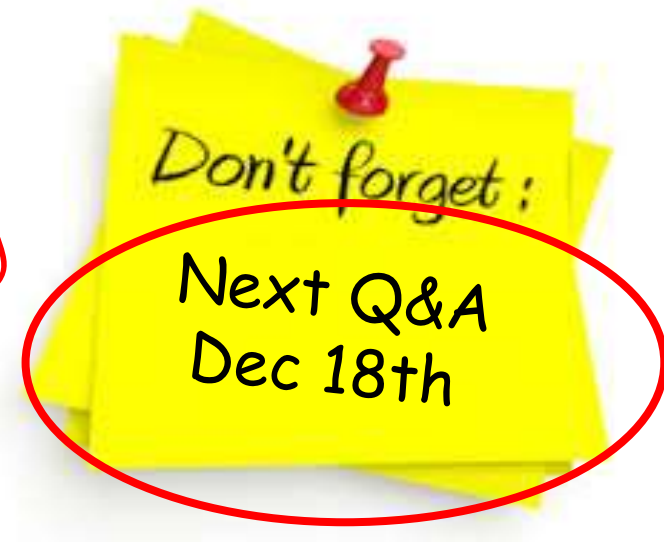
Mark Schulman
Central Florida
Computer Society

December 11, 2024
7:30 pm





No Q&A on
December 11
(Monthly Meeting)



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