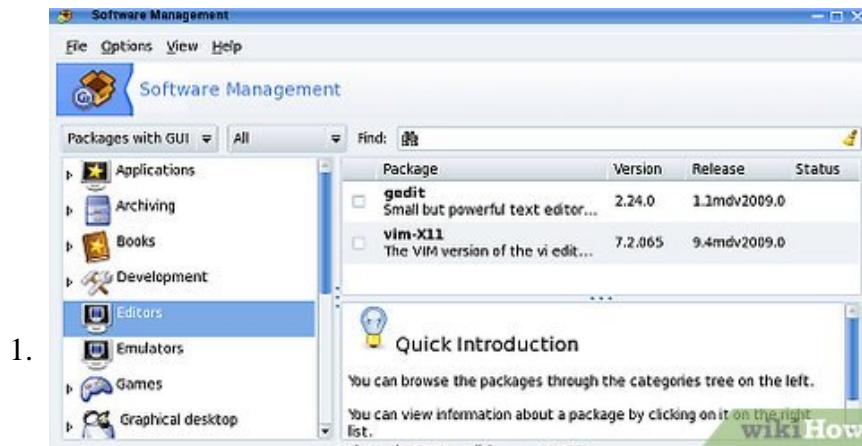


# How to Install Open Source Software

Once you have decided to migrate to open source software, you will need to do some basic installing. This page offers some elementary and generic information on installing. For more detail, search for the particular program you are...

Method 1 of 2:

## Linux/Unix/Unix-Like Systems



For most such systems, you can probably use the OSs package manager to install a pre-built binary package. This is always the recommended method.



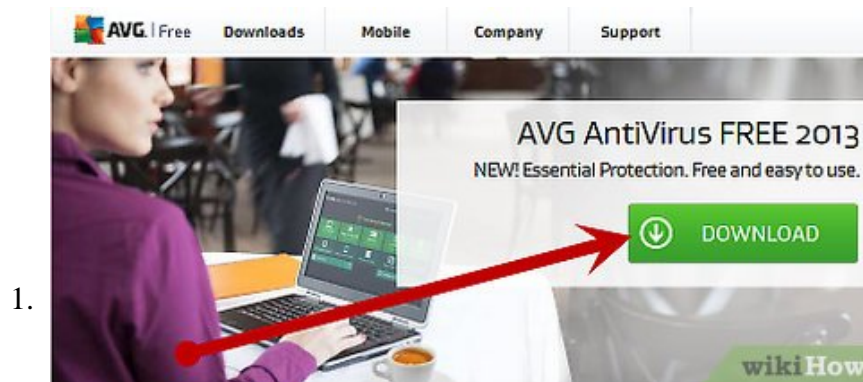
Alternatively, you could follow these steps:

1. Download and uncompress the source code.
2. In the terminal, move into the extracted directory.
3. Run ". /configure" to configure the software.
4. Run "make" to compile the software.

5. Run "make install" to install the software.

Method 2 of 2:

## Microsoft Windows



**Acknowledge that Windows is not a friend of open source software.** This is also because it does not come with the make build system, so compiling from source code is harder. You will need to install a precompiled version.

1. Go to the project website.
2. Check for ports of the program. Find a port for either Windows or your version of Windows.
3. Download and run the installer.
4. Once installed, shortcuts will likely be created.

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