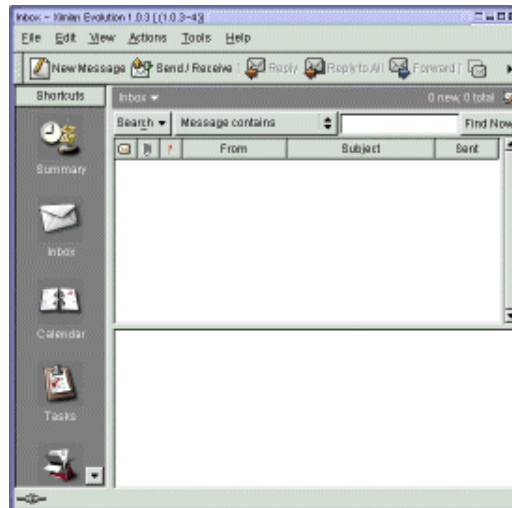# A short Ximian Evolution installation guide

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Abstract:

This article is a little installation guide for the Ximian Evolution. This software is able to read and send mail from a Linux workstation via MS Exchange server 5 (NOT for 5.5). In this article, I'll give you some info about my personal experience and my own configuration.

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Step by step

First step : Install Red Carpet. This software will check for the latest version for the selected software. In our case : Evolution.

- www.ximian.com/products/evolution/download.html
  follow the procedure :
  -Install Red Carpet
  - Select only Red Carpet + your distribution (in my case : Mandrake)
  - download Red Carpet package
  - rpm -Uvh red_carpet-1....rpm

- Launch Red Carpet
  - If you must modify the firewall configuration, do it, else click on OK
  - on the left of the window, click on <unsubscribed channels>. On the right pane, click on

<Ximian Evolution> and click on the subscribe button.
- select necessary packages and click on <update packages>
- click on <next>

If you have some trouble with the download, cancel the current one and restart from the <selection package> window.

Once installed, it is possible to unsubscribe Red Carpet for Ximian Evolution. In other words Red Carpet will then not check for updates.
- Evolution Configuration
  - add the hostname and the IP adress of your Exchange server
  - start Ximian Evolution
  - In the identity window, fill up your personal info and click on <next>
  example: Full Name : Monsieur Toto
  E-Mail adress : Toto@truc.com

  - Receiving mail window :
  Sever type : IMAP
  Host : <hostname of your Exchange Server>
  click on <server requires authentication>
  in <autentication type> select <login>
  in <username> enter your windows domain username!!! and click on <next>

  - time zone window : select your country, click on <next> and on <finish>

The software is installed and, normally, must be working fine.
Please note that :

- For my part, I can't read my contacts and my appointments created with Outlook
- If you use delete to delete contacts or mail, they will be deleted on the server. There is no way to restore them.
- This configuration works for me. If you've some kinds of problems, go directly to www.ximian.com. They have a FAQ sheet that can help.

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