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First I'd like to say "hi" I am a system developer with over 15 years in programming and I work in some pretty next gen environments so I was unhappy to learn just how little simple information this website has.

Let me be clear I have wasted a WHOLE morning trying to install a simple apache tomcat install and I literally CANNOT do this because I cannot get centos to install. So I am leaving this OS behind. Here is why

My first impression is:

- There is currently NO documentation for version 6.2. This is weak. I eventually found a forum post saying it's the same as red hat 6 but it's still FAR too hard to find. just a stub link at a url that said *go here* would have been fine. The general upshot of this makes me wonder how it's maintained from a admin point of view. Sorry. But it does.

- I had ZERO idea of which one of about 30 download files I needed. a dump of a directory is NOT sufficient. there really is no harm in doing an index.html page with links and explanations on the mirror sites. Very bad form. But even if you have no choice the folder structure was awful. I pulled down the 32 bit liveCD.iso (because it was top most and the biggest iso) and assumed it would let me install fully (NO WRONG, it also SAYS NOTHING about not being a full install it just "runs" so it's very counter intuitive, I was expecting to ask me root/disk options and then blam it had installed.. oh wait it's KNOPPIX! Dohh! Grrrr what a waste of life!) so then I did the network.iso install verison and assumed it would let me pull down all the stuff via the web -- DRRRR wrong another waste of life it just refused pointblank to work so balls to that.. so then I download the 3rd minimal install.iso which I know I don't want I want a "full" install.

- but once the minimal.iso install downloads will it bollhooks let me upgrade the "minimal" install to include a desktop gui.. No it won't...

- no guides
- no how to's
- no idea where to go
- no help in documentation
- false positives everywhere (red herrings of paintime wastage EVERYWHERE)
- why why why why why why why make it so hard? There is obviously ONE REAL CENT OS that is the daddy that is the one "everyone" is using.. I just couldn't find it... Is it my fault? No I gave it 4 hours so, no not really, why make a mess of everything. All it takes is a blurb about thing snot just some lame "CTRL-V that*is*the*mirror" site structure. Please please please try to make it easy for people who HAVEN'T used your OS before...