

How to Get vim v7.3 and Compile It

1. Getting vim 7.3:

```
ftp ftp.home.vim.org
cd pub/vim/unix
binary
get vim-7.3.tar.bz2
quit
```

2. Extracting:

```
(place vim-7.3.tar.bz2 where you'll want it extracted)
bunzip2 vim-7.3.tar.bz2
tar xf vim-7.3.tar
```

3. Configuring:

```
cd vim7
```

If you type `configure --help` you'll find the various options you have. As a suggestion:

(a) For those who want to install vim 7.3 as root:

```
./configure --with-features=huge}
```

(b) For those who want to install vim 7.3 to their local directory as a user: (ie. what you need to do on the CUA Ubuntu systems)

```
./configure --with-features=huge --prefix=$HOME/vim}
```

4. Compiling

(a) Normal method: `make`

(b) If you have multiple cores, let's say two: `make -j2`

5. Installing

(a) For those doing system-wide root-style installation:

```
su
(enter password)
make install
exit
```

(b) For those doing user-style installation:

```
make install
```

The binaries in the user-style installation should have gone into `$HOME/vim/bin`, so you'll want to extend your `PATH` to incorporate that directory. `export PATH="$HOME/vim/bin:${PATH}`
I confess that I haven't done the user-style installation myself lately, so let me know if there's a problem.