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This section covers how to install scim and skim from the source.

scim requirements

You must have the standard C library, gcc compiler, and autoconfig tools in order to compile scim. Scim is best used in a Gnome/GTK desktop environment. Skim is optimized for a KDE/Qt desktop environment.

How to obtain scim

You can download latest source for scim at [page](#).

Install scim

Execute these commands in your console:

```
tar xzvf scim-x.y.z.tar.gz
cd scim-x.y.z
```

Unpack the source and change your current directory into the newly extracted directory. Then configure it:

```
./configure --prefix=/usr
```

It is highly recommended to install scim into a system wide dir, like /usr. Now you are ready to build and install scim:

```
make
make install
```

The second command needs to be executed as root.

You can now install other optional packages from the SCIM project. If you prefer the KDE desktop environment then read on to learn how to install skim, otherwise you can go to the System configuration howto.

skim requirments

Please consult the [project page](#) for details. Before compiling skim make sure that your system has KDE and Qt installed (versions must meet the requirements) and all the header files are also installed. (In RPM based systems, you have to install the rpms with "devel" in its name to have header files installed.)

How to obtain skim

skim is available at [page](#).

Install skim

```
To compile and install skim: tar xjvf skim-x.y.z.bz2
cd skim-x.y.z
./configure
make
make install
```

Before you can start to use the SCIM input method platform you have to configure your system correctly. Please go on to the next section .

Uninstallation

To uninstall scim/skim execute the following in the source directory as root:

```
make uninstall
```