

# Picture your disk space with 3-D filesystem browsers

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You don't need a Ph.D. in scientific visualization to have some fun with three-dimensional data. Whether you're searching for an unused nook in a cramped disk partition, or trying to find the bloated temp/ folder that's crashing your system, sometimes the flat folder view of a traditional GUI file browser is little help. Luckily, Linux offers a variety of 3-D filesystem that can make your disk usage statistics come alive.

Take File System Visualizer (FSV), for instance. When you launch FSV, the view port brings up a 3-D palette representing the current working directory.

The top surface of the directory is filled with smaller blocks depicting all of the items inside -- files, directories, even symbolic links -- and each block is scaled to show proportionally how much space it takes up out of the whole. That's real handy if you've been using the same hard drive for years, and forget how much space all those term papers you bought for your college Ethics class are eating up.

You can navigate around your entire filesystem with the tree view on the left side, but be careful -- whenever you switch directories, FSV has to calculate the sizes for your new location. If you go all the way to /, it could take a while.

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