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How to install Linux using Virtual Box on Windows

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Download Virtual Box and the Linux iso image

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- Virtual Box:
 - Download the Virtual Box for windows from:

http://download.virtualbox.org/virtualbox/5.0.10/VirtualBox-5.0.10-104061-Win.exe

Linux Mint

- Download the Linux Mint iso image from:
 - http://www.linuxmint.com/download.php
- Ubuntu:
 - Download the Ubuntu iso image from:

http://www.ubuntu.com/download/desktop

Enable "Intel Virtulisation Technology" in BIOS

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- Restart your Windows and enter BIOS.
 - There should be a message on start-up saying:

"press F(something) key to enter set-up".

- Once in set-up menu enter BIOS settings.
- Search for "Intel Virtulisation Technology".
- It may be in advanced features / configuration or security.
- Enable it.
- Exit BIOS and reboot the PC.

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- Go to where you saved the Virtual Box .exe file and double click.
- Click "Run" and this should appear. Click "Next".





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Click "Next" on the following two slides. The University of Manchester

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Select the way you want features to be installed.	Select the way you want features to be installed.
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• Click "Yes".

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• Click "Install".

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- When prompted to allow to install on your computer, click yes.
- When asked "install this device software?" check the box and select "Install".
- Finally, check the box to start Virtual Box and click "Finish".

• Click "New".

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- Give the virtual disk a name (e.g. Virtual Linux or Virtual Ubuntu).
- Make sure Linux is selected for "Type".
- Make sure you select the correct "Version".

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- For memory size I recommend a minimum of 2GB. Although if you only have 2GB on your PC then select 1GB.
- Do not set the memory to the maximum on your system.
- Click "Create".

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- Create a virtual hard drive by selecting the hard drive and folder, and select the size (a minimum of
 - 10GB).
- Select VDI.
- Select "Dynamically allocated".
- Click "Create".

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Select your "Virtual Linux" and click on "Settings".



 Click on Storage, click Empty and then click on the small CD icon on the far right. Click "Choose a virtual CD/DVD disk file..."



 Navigate to where you downloaded the iso image. Select it and "Open".



• Make sure the iso is listed under "Controller: IDE" and click OK.

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• Click "Start".

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• After a few minutes this should appear (right hand image).





- Double click on "Install Linux Mint" or "Install Ubuntu".
- Make sure you are connected to the internet.

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- Check the box to "Erase disk and install Linux Mint/Ubuntu. Install.
- Select London for the location and click "Continue".

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- Once it finishes click "Restart Now".
- You might have to click the X on the top right and select "Power off".



Starting Linux on the Virtual Box

• Click "Start" again.

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Install Extra Features

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- To enable full screen click "Devices" and select "Insert Guest Additions CD image".
- Click "Run".





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- Enter your password when prompted
- When finished hit Return.





Install Extra Features

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Select Shutdown to finalise all the additional features.





Done!

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- An extra tip: by hitting right Ctrl + F you can make it completely full screen.
- To close everything down just shut down Linux from the power icon and the window will close automatically and then you can close Virtual Box.
- Have fun!