

# Lab 1 (Week 1)

## Linux OS, Virtual Machine and Mininet

CAN201

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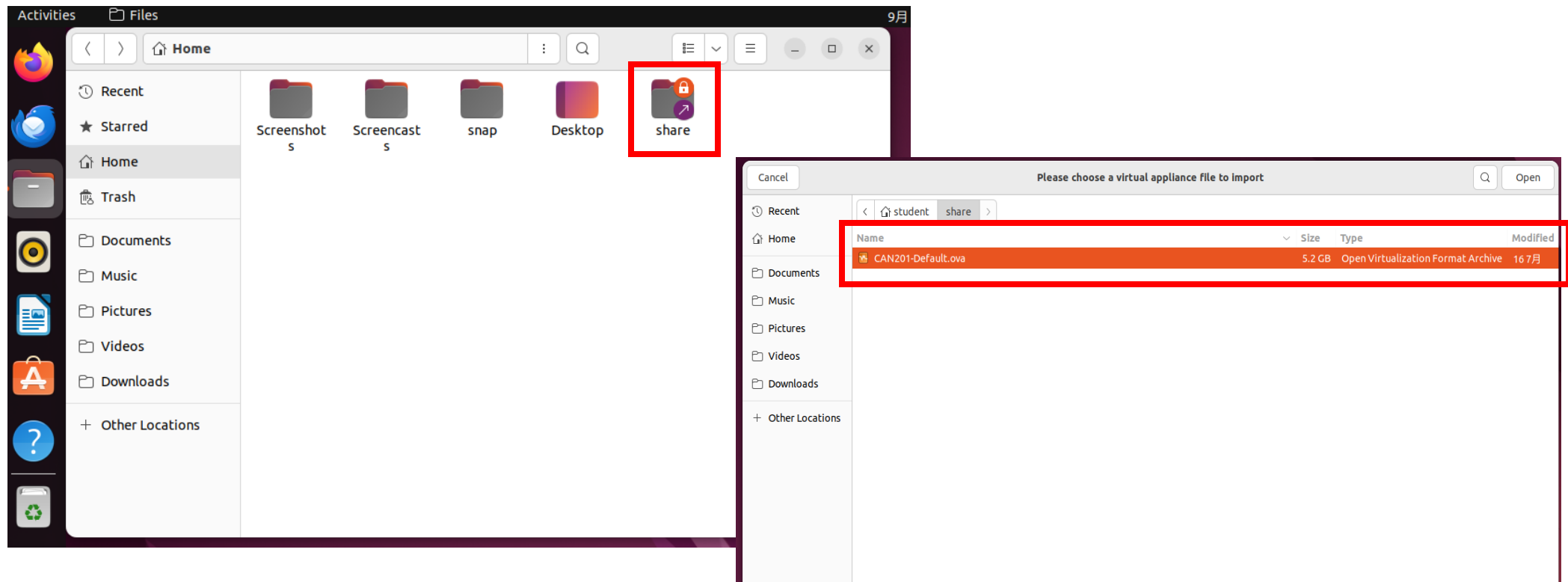
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- Getting VM hypervisor
  - VirtualBox (open-source)
    - ❑ <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
  - VMware (not free)
    - ❑ <https://www.vmware.com/products/workstation-player.html>
  - Other VM hypervisors: QEMU, KVM, UML, etc.

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- A Ready-made Ubuntu (20.04 LTS) OVA file “CAN201-Default.ova” has been created, which is located in the “share” folder.



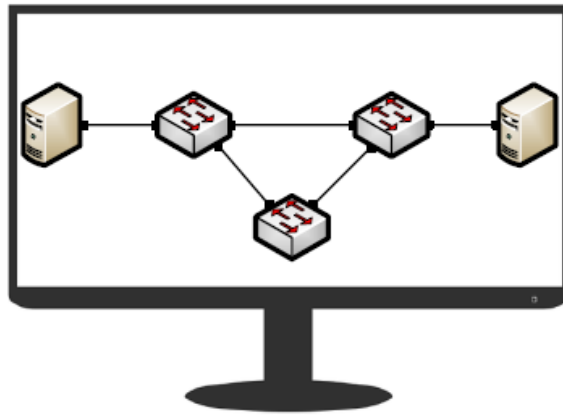
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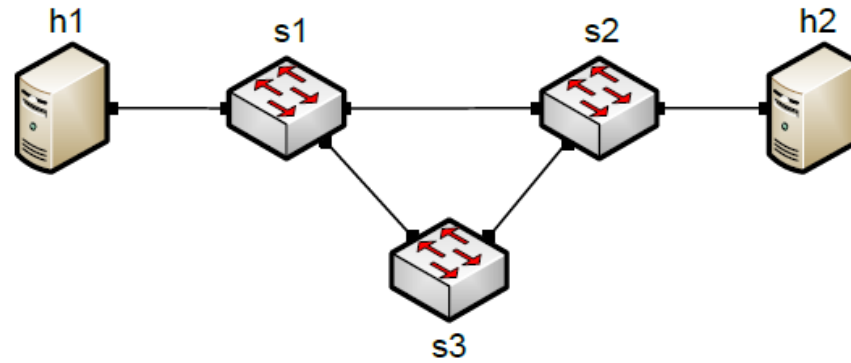
| Software Name                         | License number   |
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| Wireshark (install on Ubuntu)         | Version 3.4.9 or later (open source) <a href="https://www.wireshark.org/download.html">https://www.wireshark.org/download.html</a> |
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| Ryu SDN framework (install on Ubuntu) | Version 1 or later (open source) <a href="https://ryu-sdn.org/">https://ryu-sdn.org/</a>   |
| Python (install on Ubuntu)            | Version 3.0 or later (open source) <a href="https://www.python.org/downloads/">https://www.python.org/downloads/</a>               |
| Snort (install on Ubuntu)             | Version 3.0 or later (open source) <a href="https://www.snort.org/">https://www.snort.org/</a>                                     |
| Nmap (install on Ubuntu)              | Version 7.9 or later (open source) <a href="https://nmap.org/">https://nmap.org/</a>   |

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- Mininet: a virtual testbed used for testing network tools and protocols.



Mininet Emulated Network



Hardware Network

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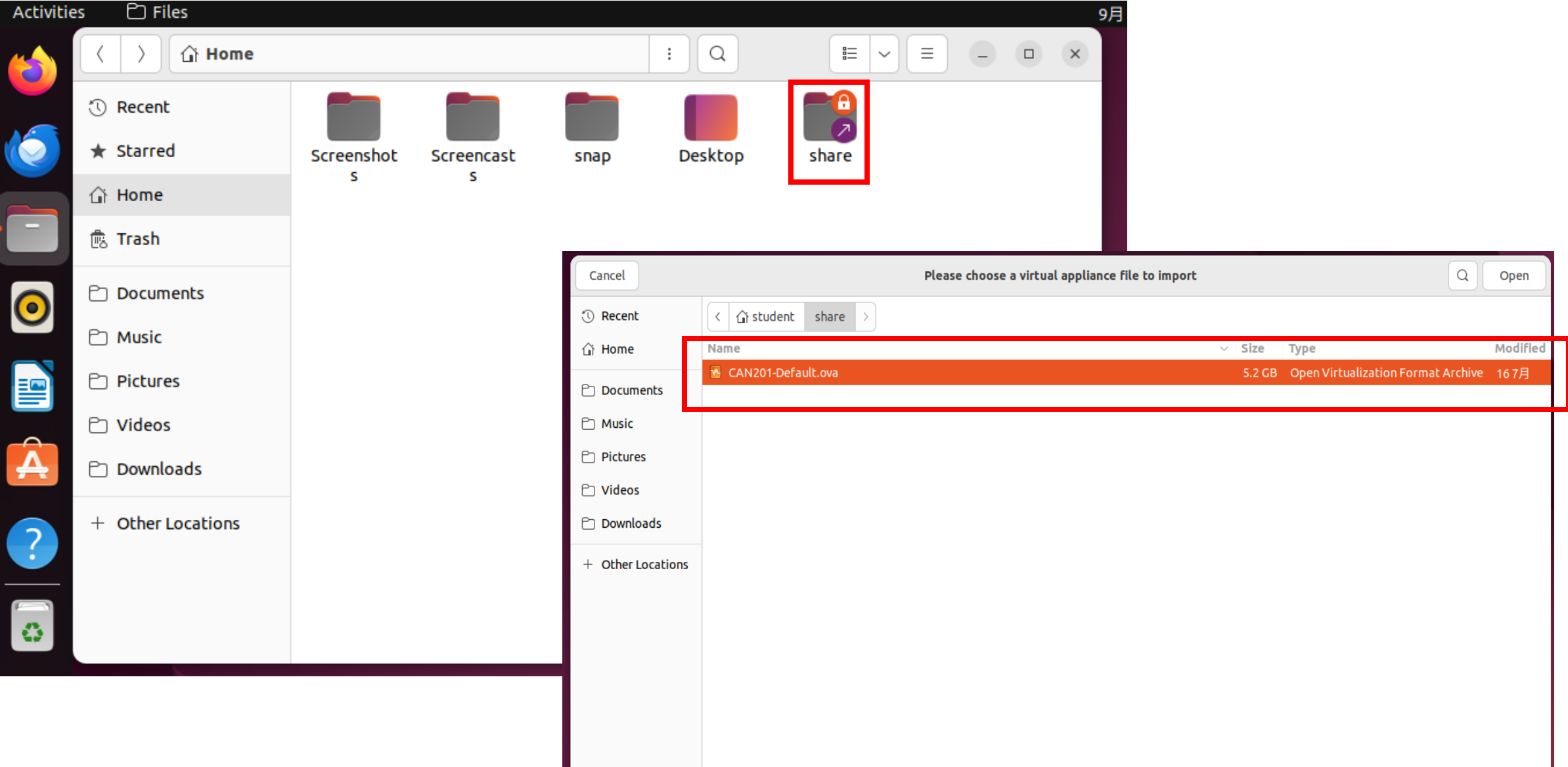
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# Appendix

- (Optional) Copy or Download the Ubuntu image VirtualBox OVA file
- Open VirtualBox software
- Create the virtual machine by importing the OVA file
- Set up the virtual network for the virtual machines
- Run the virtual machine

# Copy the Ubuntu OVA file





# Download the Ubuntu OVA file

## **1. OVA file is available:**

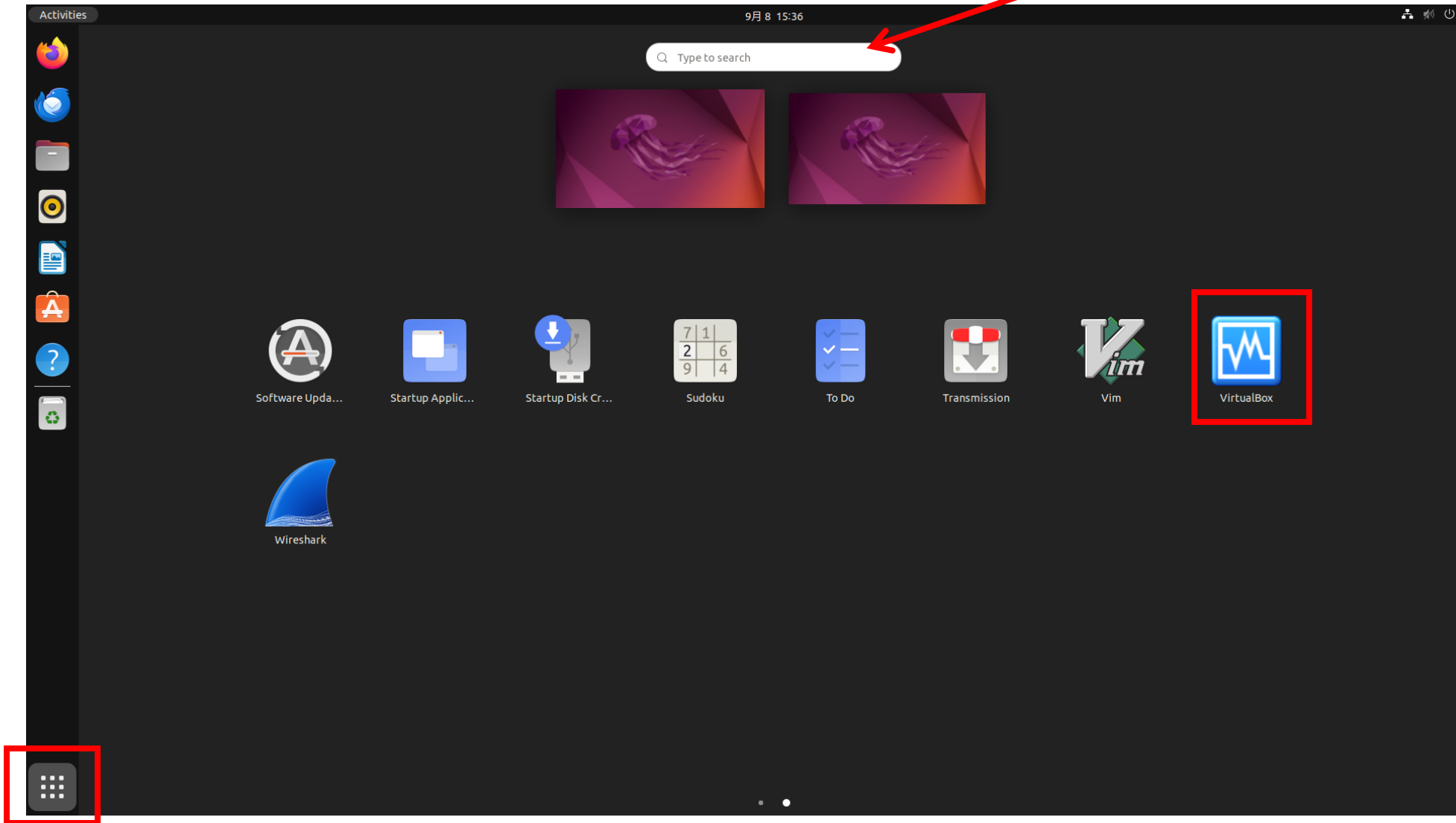
**Baidu Pan (extracting code: c201):**

[https://pan.baidu.com/s/17l3PSXkNA\\_4aVwS6ZwED0g?pwd=c201](https://pan.baidu.com/s/17l3PSXkNA_4aVwS6ZwED0g?pwd=c201)

## **2. Or copy from the ubuntu computer in the lab SC464.**

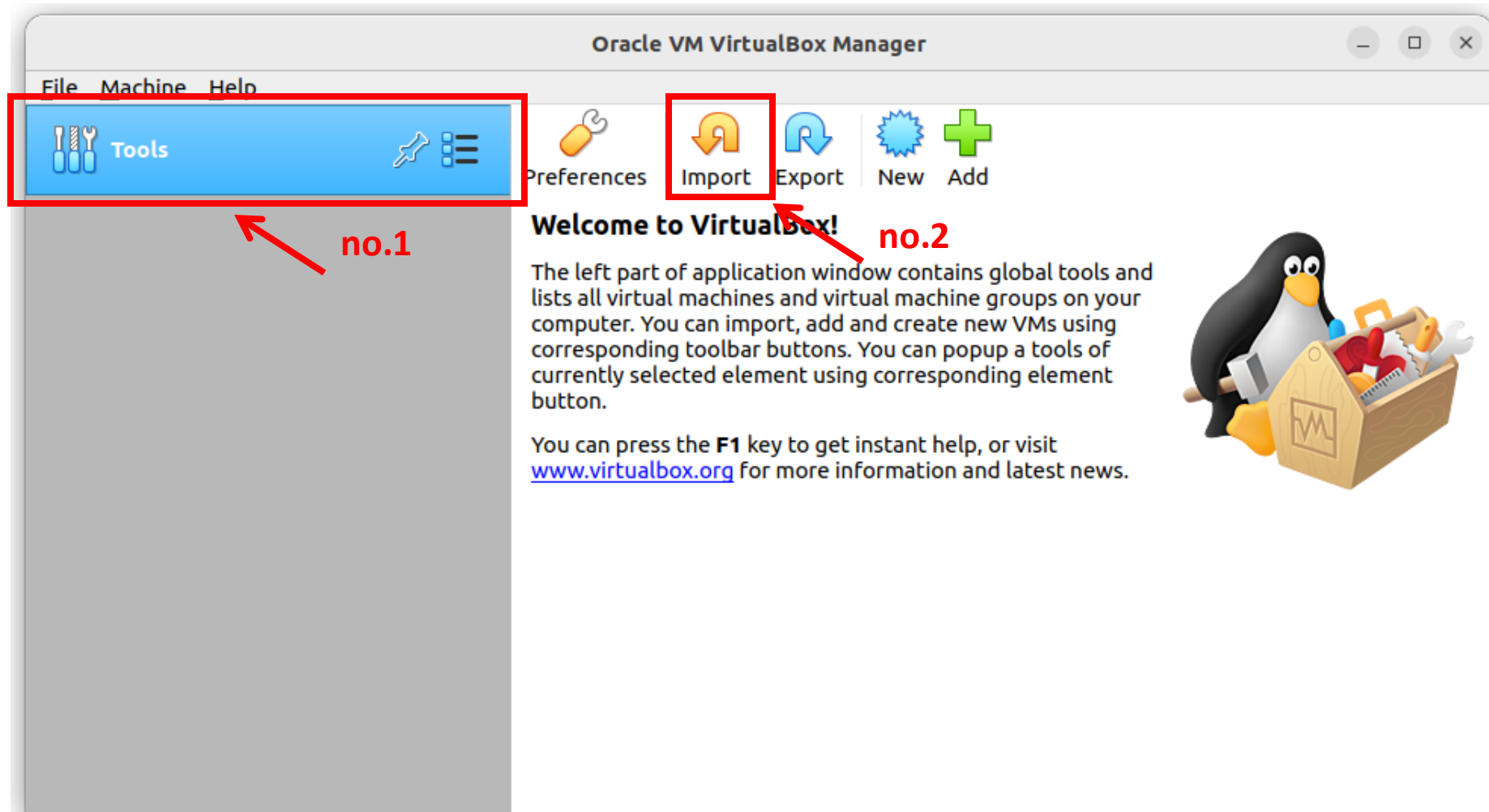
# Open VirtualBox software

Type "Virtualbox" to search



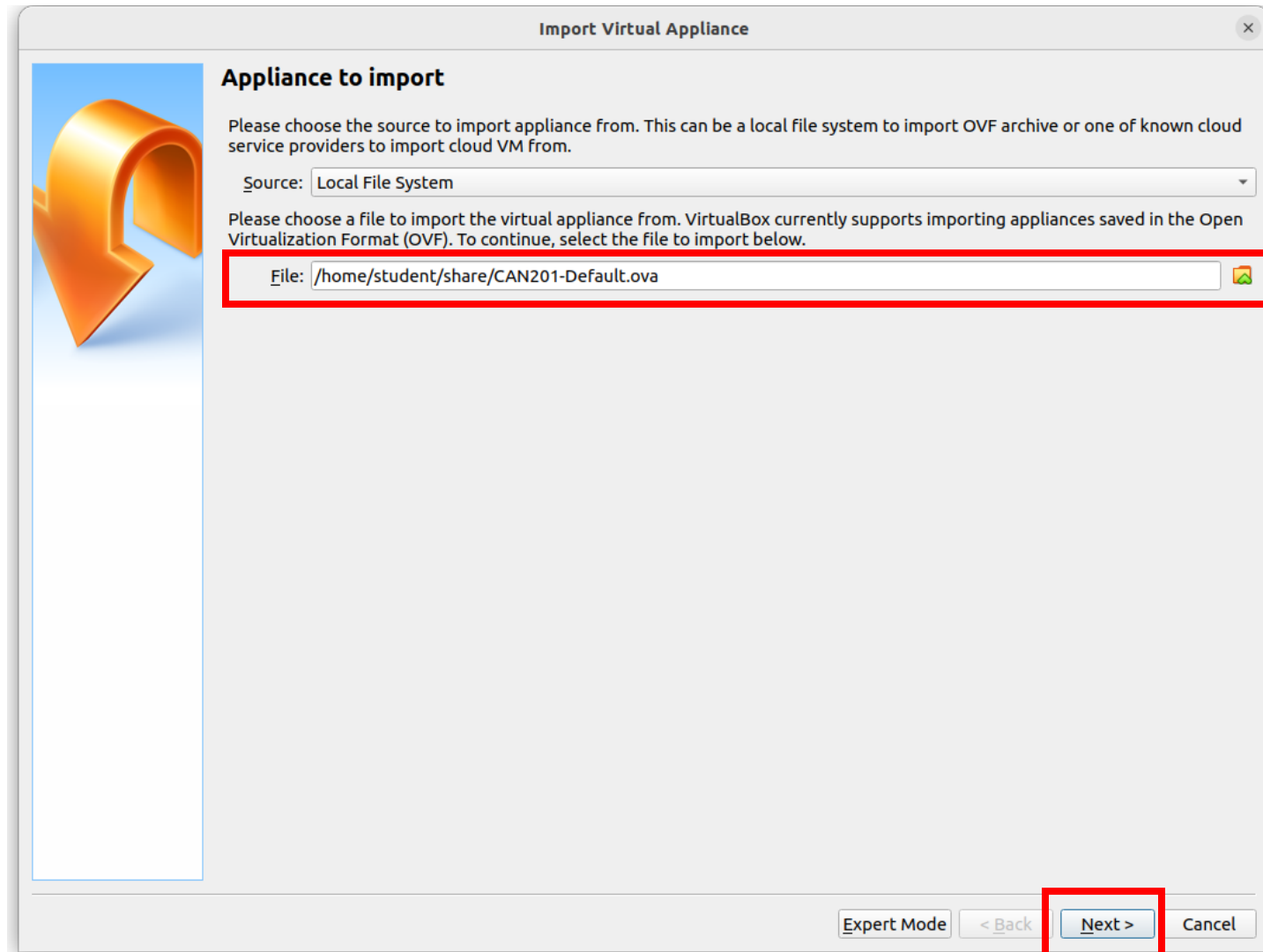
# Import the Ubuntu OVA file

## 1. Choose Tools and click Import in VirtualBox



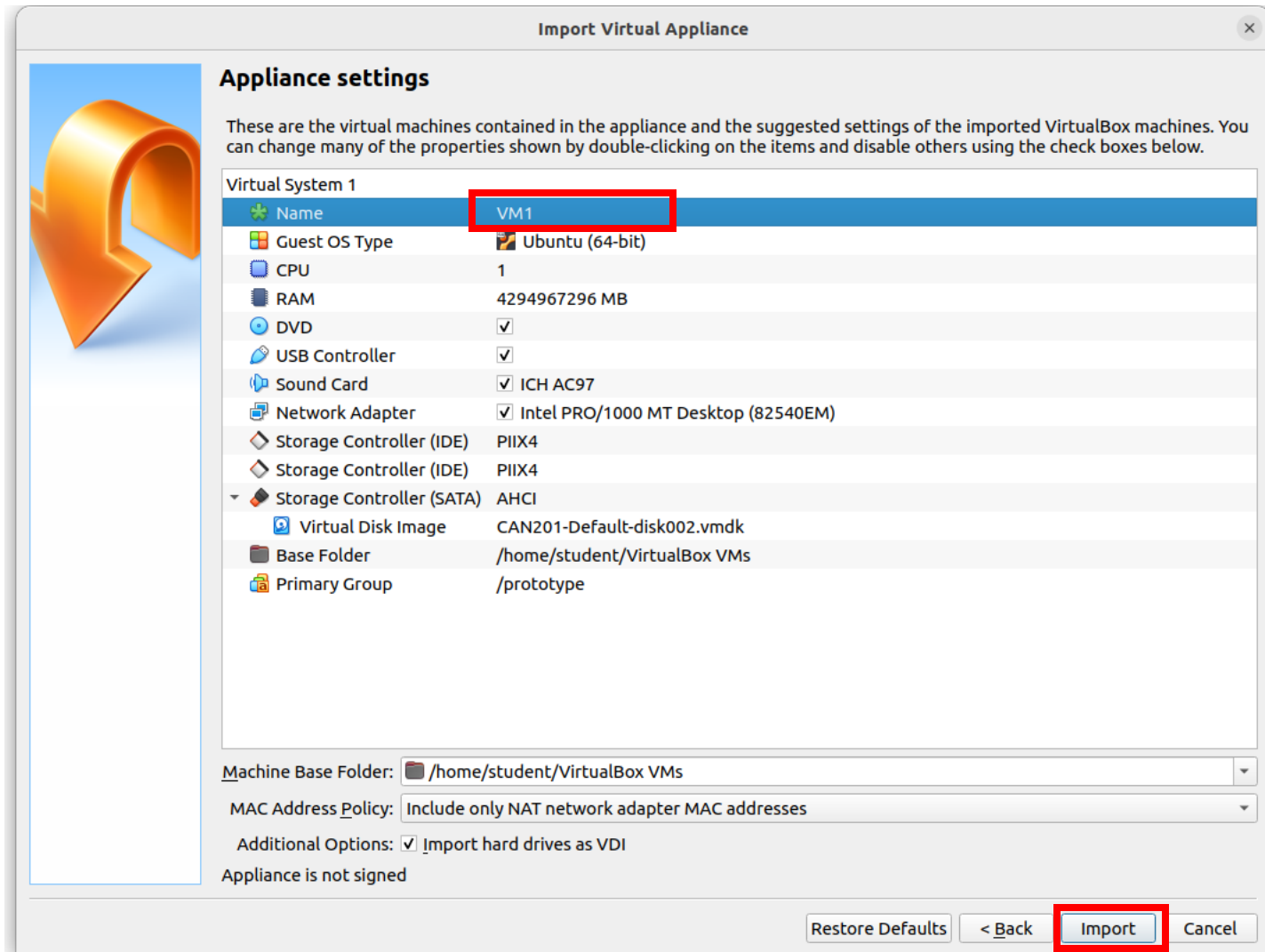
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## 2. Select the OVA file and click **Next**.



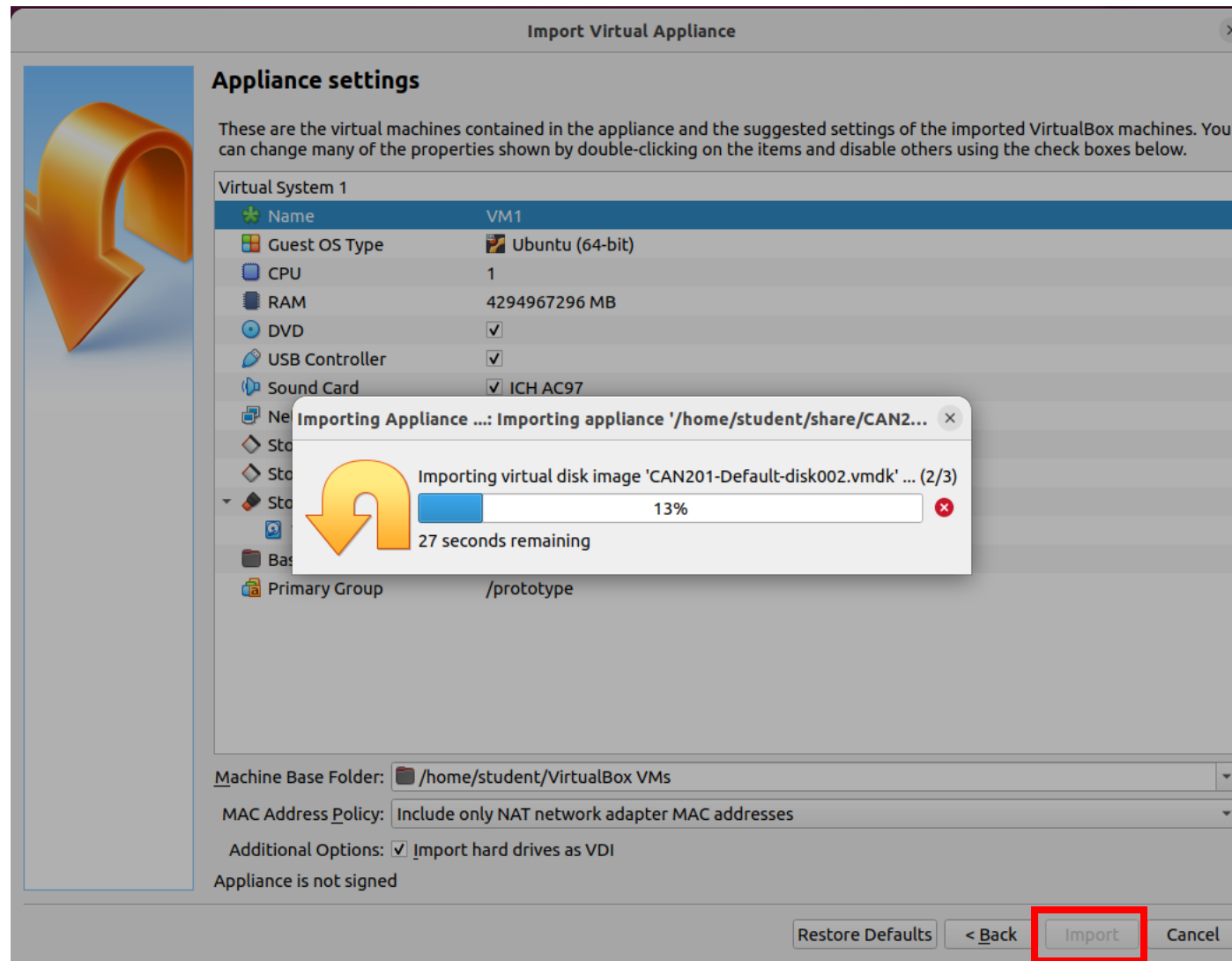
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## 2. Change the VM name from “CAN201-Default” to “VM1”.



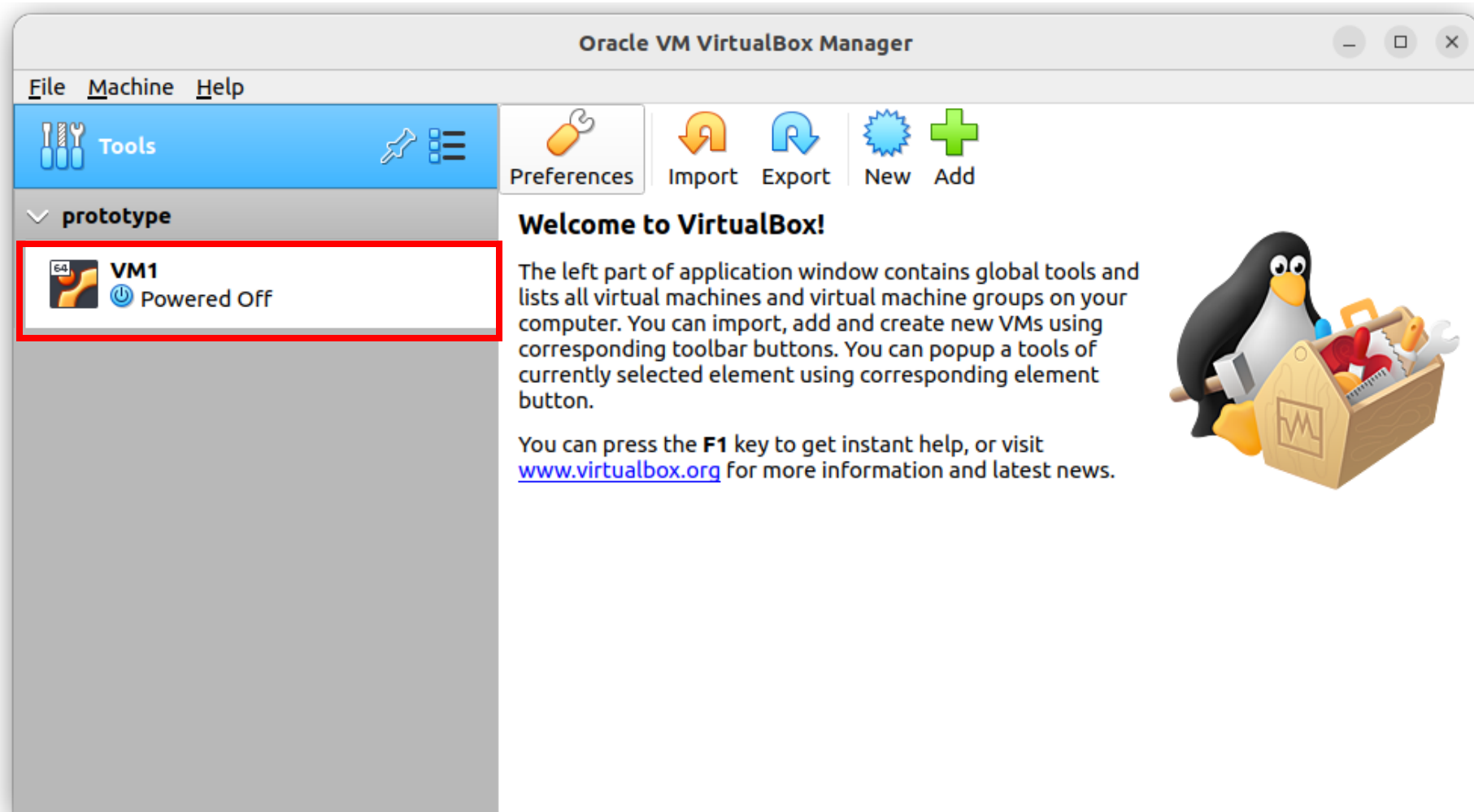
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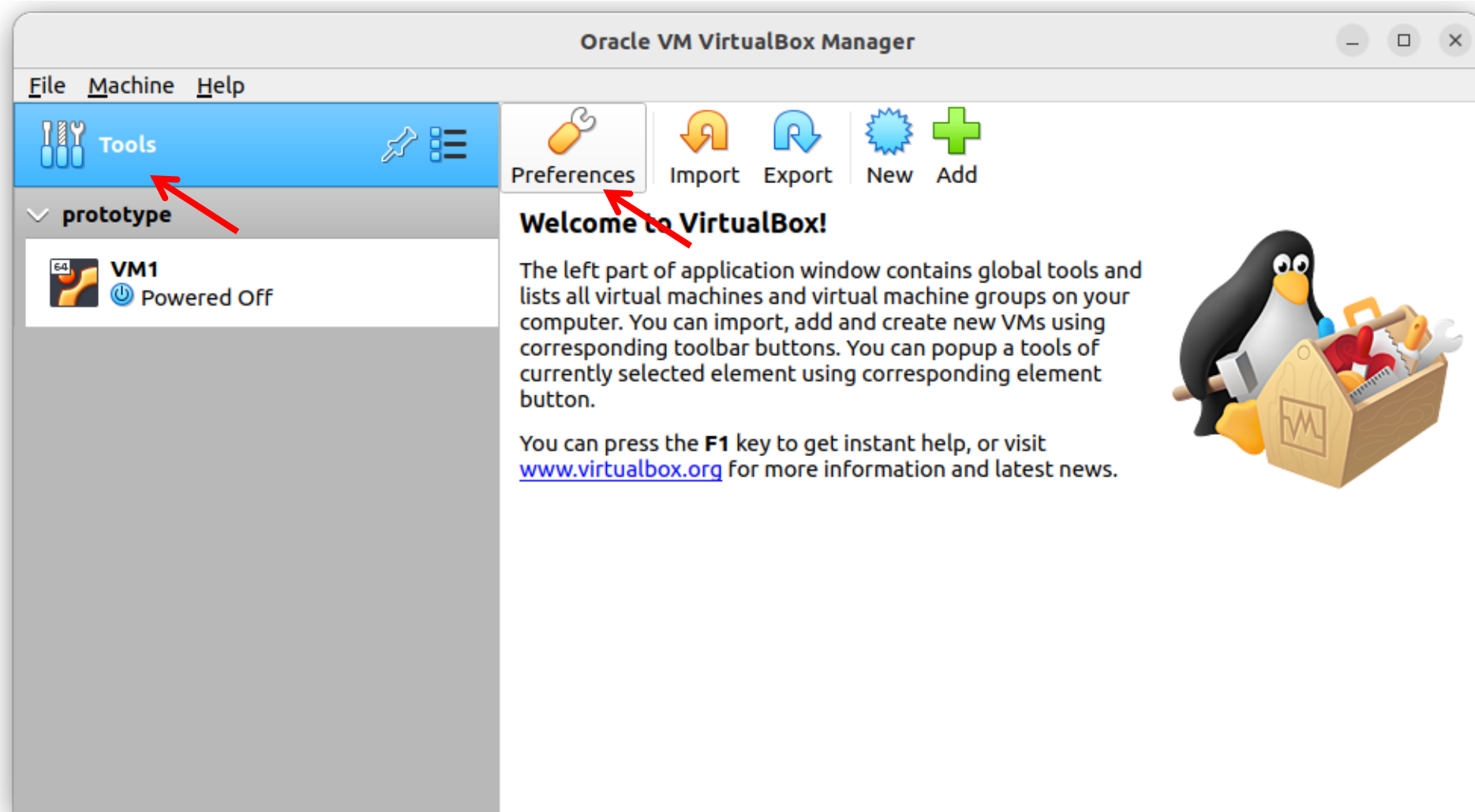
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After a while, a new virtual machine option (should be named VM1 rather than CAN201-Default) will appear in the list of VirtualBox.



# Set up the virtual network

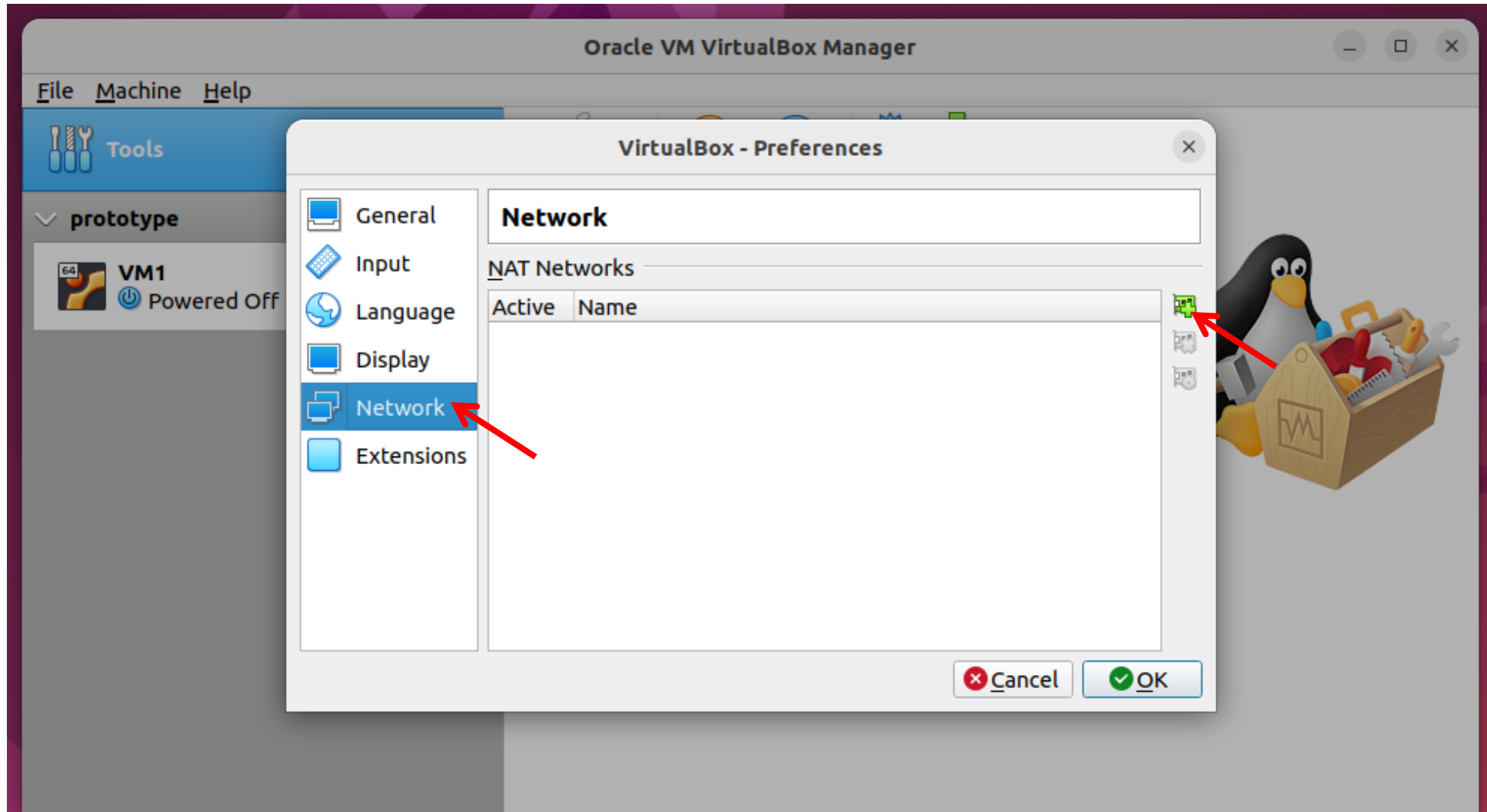
1. Click **Tools** and click **Preferences**.





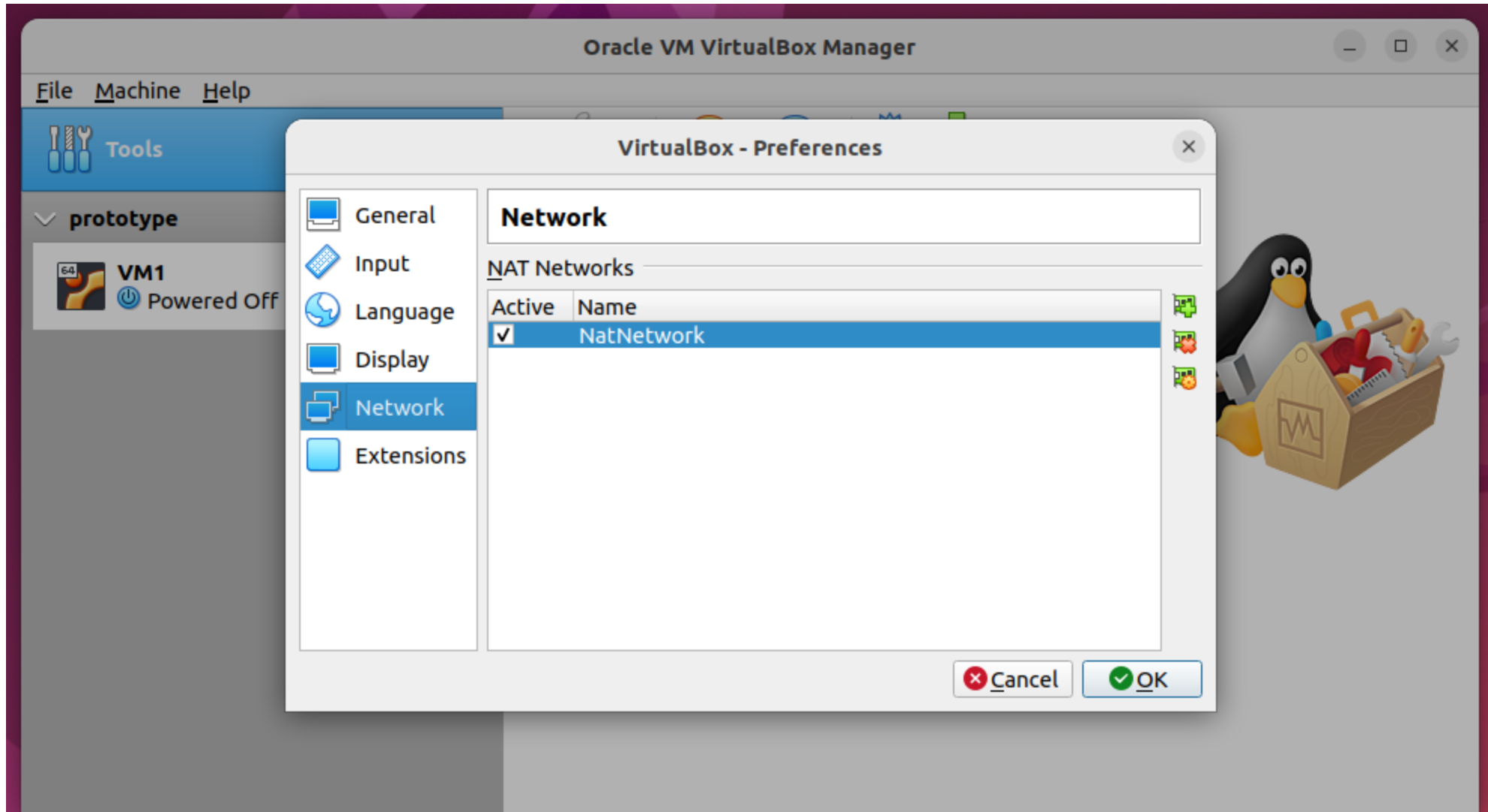
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2. Click **Network** and click  to create a new NAT network .



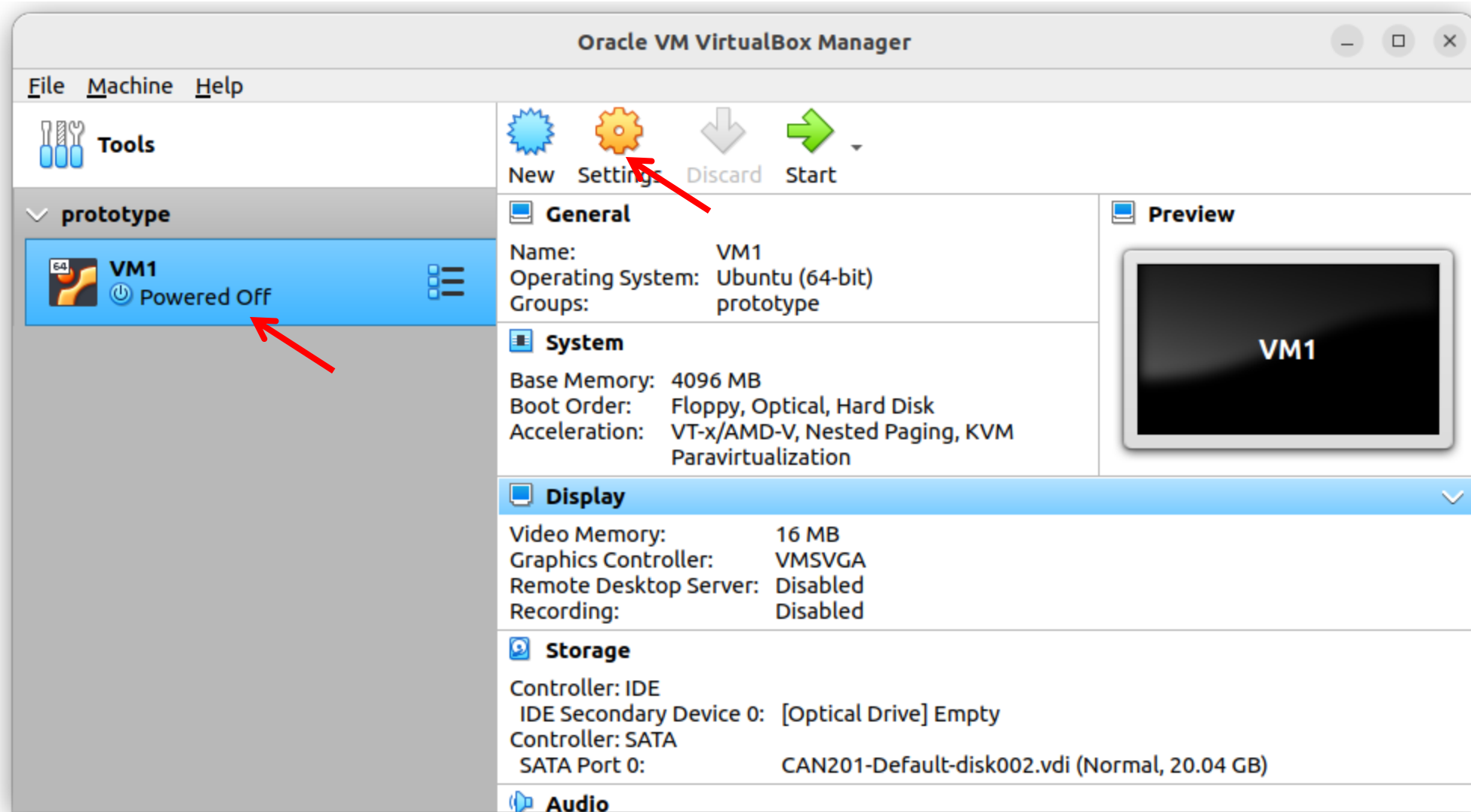
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3. Click **OK** .



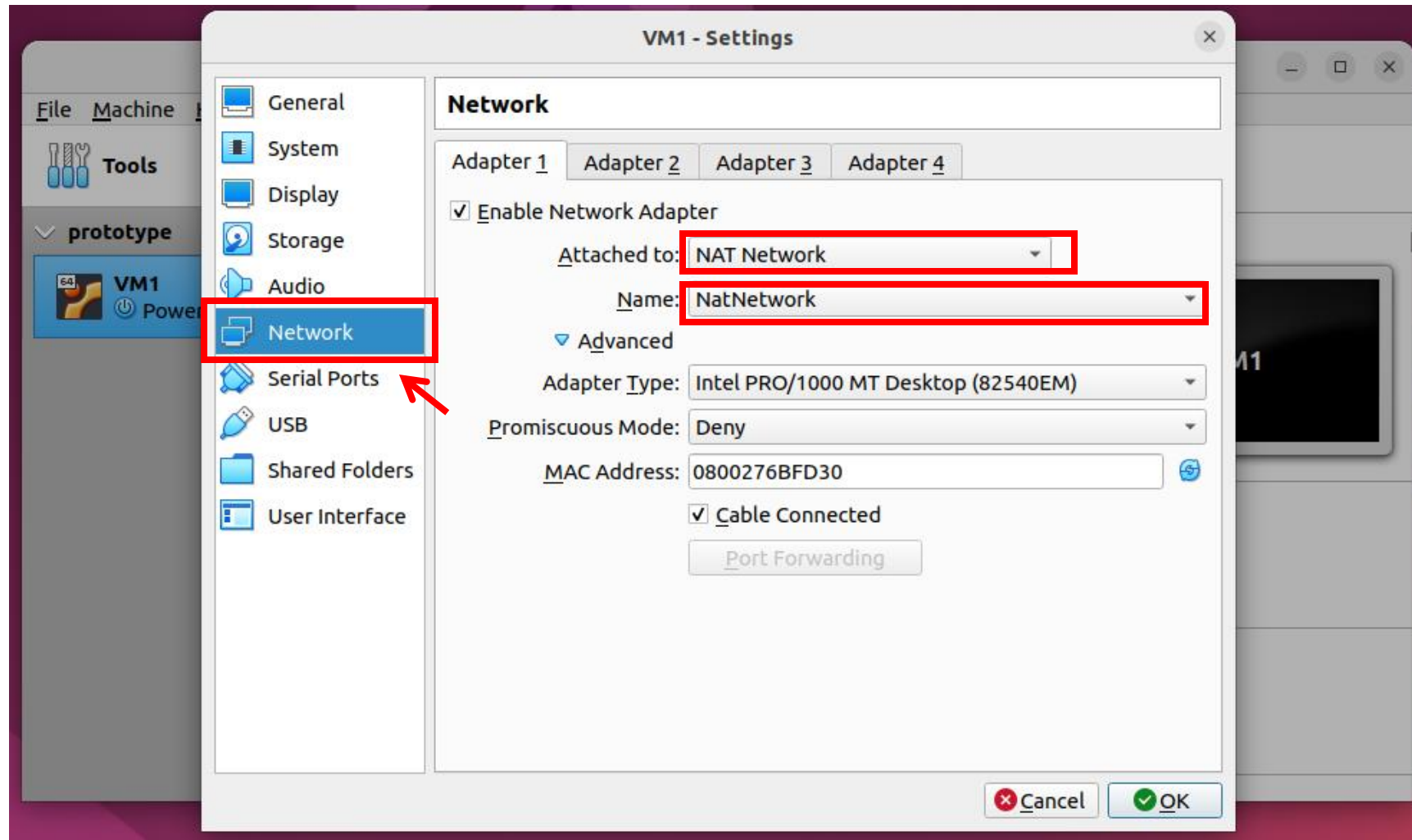
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4. Click **VM1** and click **Settings**.



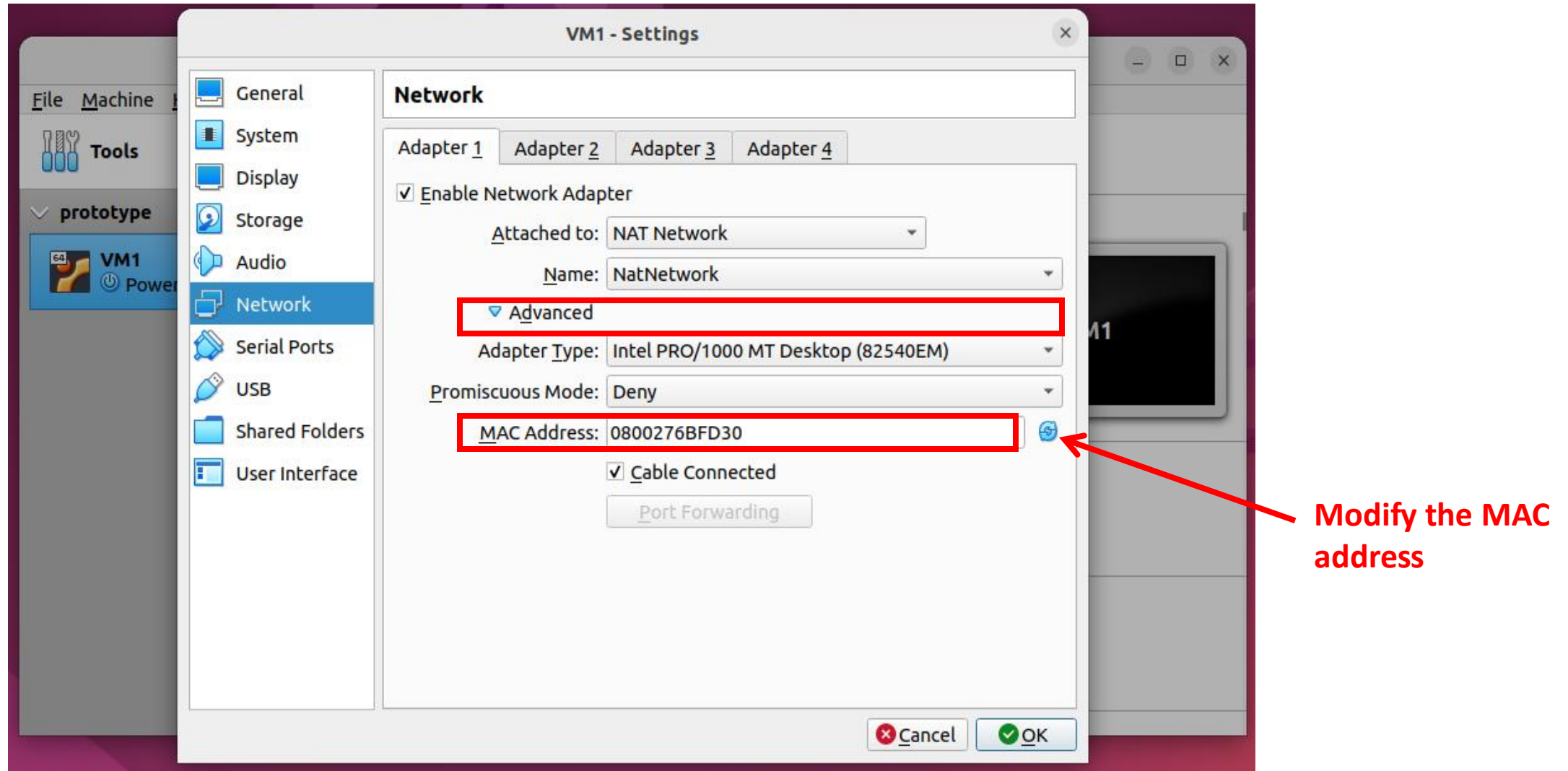
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5. Click **Network** and set **Attached to: NAT Network** ; **Name: NatNetwork**.



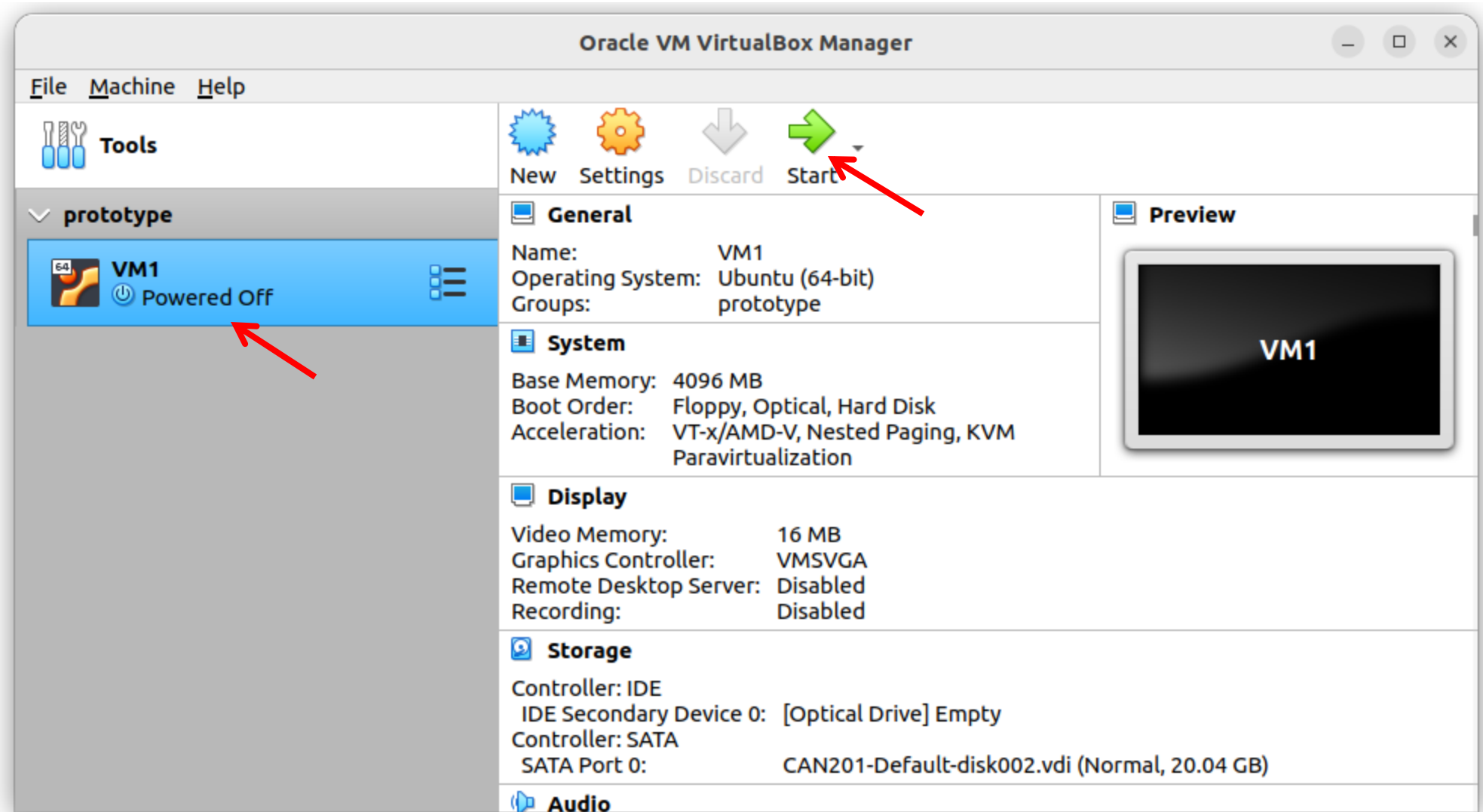
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6. Click **Advanced** and set **MAC Address** you want. Finally , click **OK**.



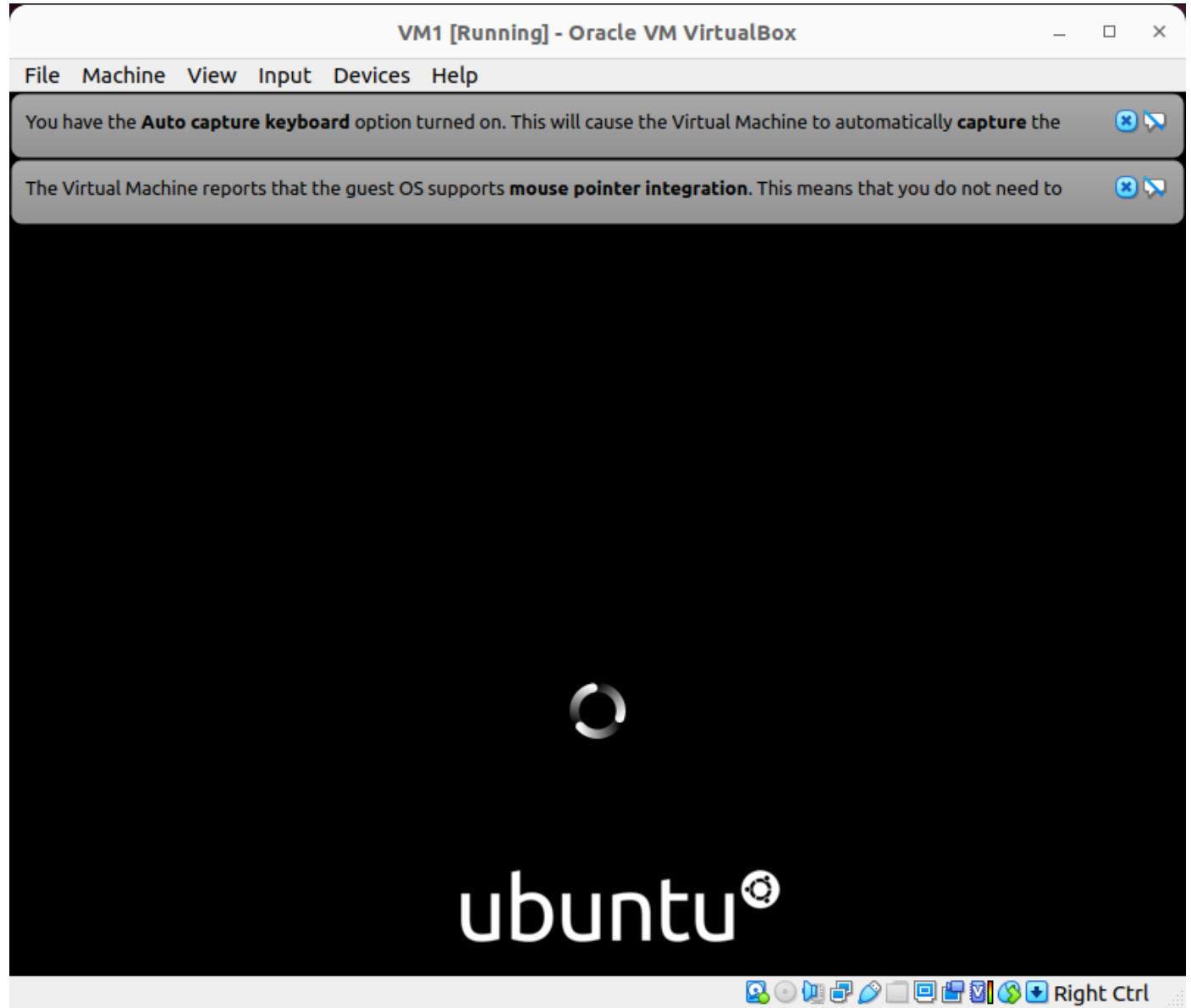
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1. Choose VM1 and click the Start.



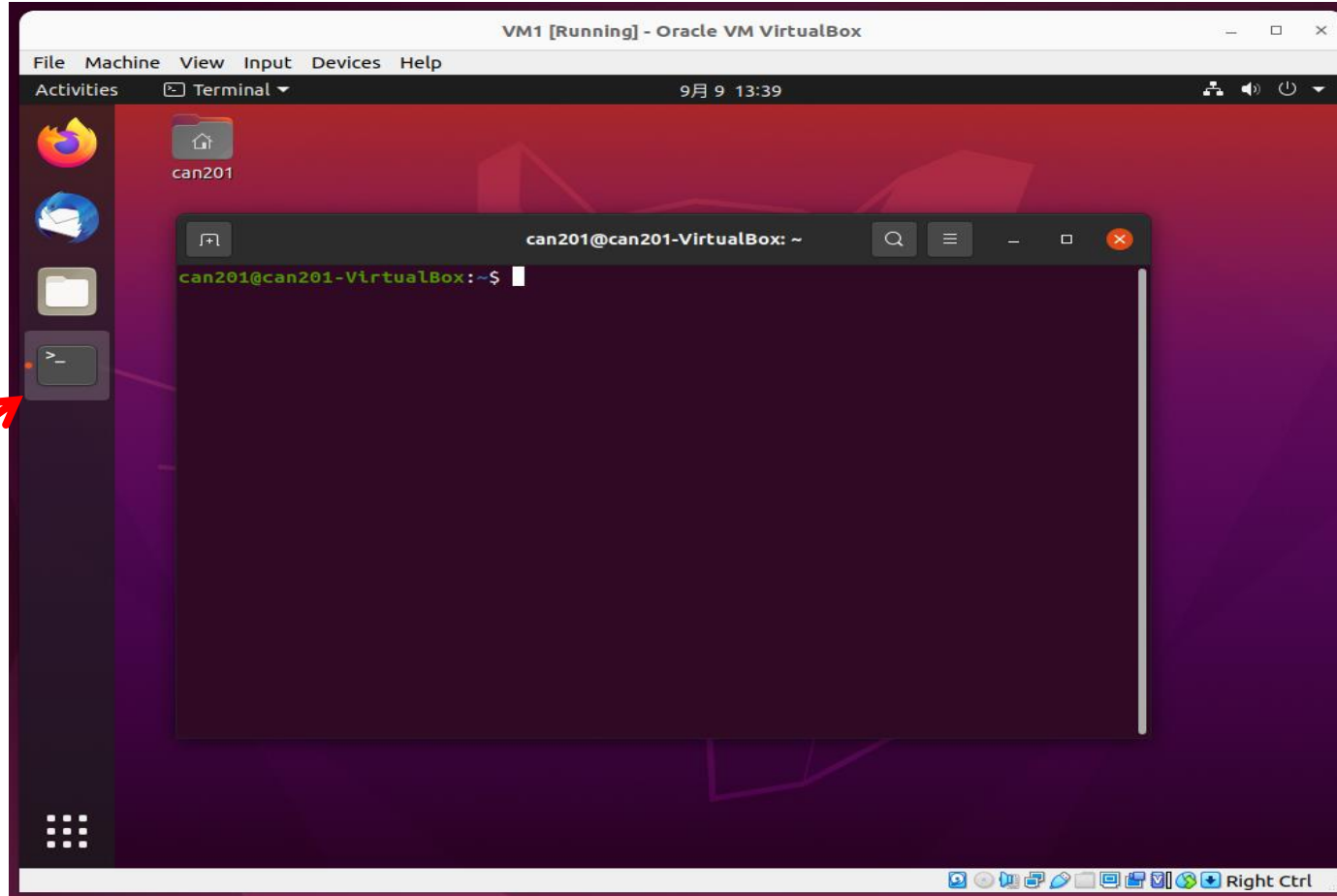
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2. Wait a few seconds.



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Ubuntu graphic interface/window shows up.



Open a  
terminal

Entering ubuntu does not require a password, but remember that the administrator password is **password**.