Instructions of Installing Linux - ROOT on Windows Systems

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For those using Windows, the simplest process is to install Linux through a Virtual Machine.

What we need:

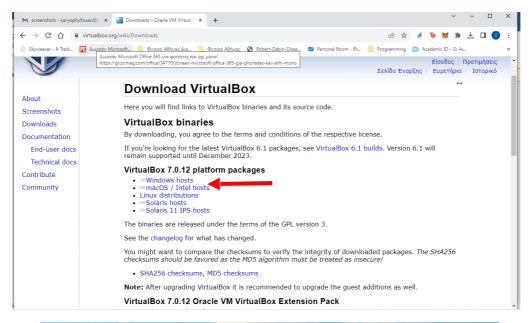
- 1. VirtualBox (This is what creates the Virtual Machine)
- 2. A Linux operating system image that we will install on our Virtual Machine.

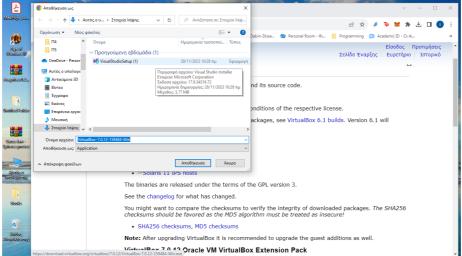
What are the steps we will follow:

- 1. VirtualBox Download Install
- 2. Ubuntu iso (Image) Download Install
- 3. Create Ubuntu VM with VirtualBox
- 4. Install Linux
- 5. Update Linux
- 6. Install ROOT prerequisites
- 7. Install ROOT
- 8. Use ROOT

1. VirtualBox - Download - Install

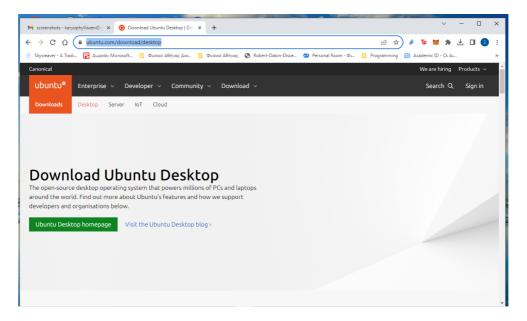
 Go to the VirtualBox page https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/ Downloads, click on the Windows hosts link, and download the installer. Install it on your computer.



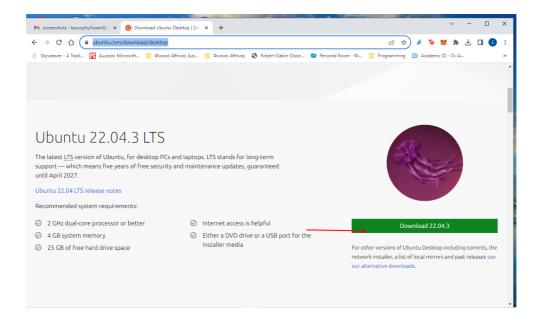


1. Ubuntu iso (Image) - Download - Install

Go to the Virtual Box page https://ubuntu.com/download/desktop

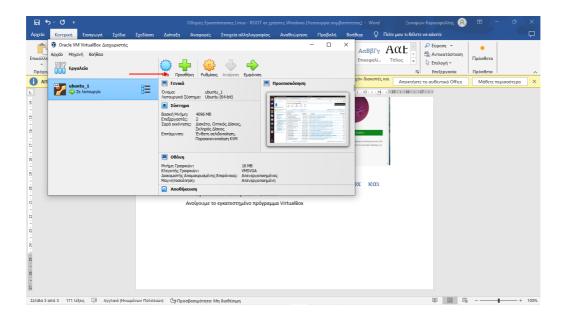


We click on the download link of the specific version that we want to install (in this example I am installing the ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS)

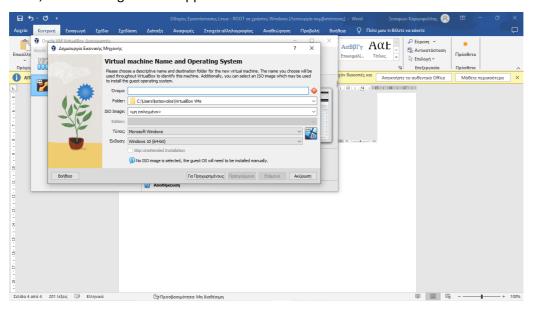


2. Create Ubuntu VM with VirtualBox

Open the installed VirtualBox program (if you haven't started any VM, there won't be any active VMs, just like mine doesn't have ubuntu_1). Click on "New" option.



Then, the following window appears:



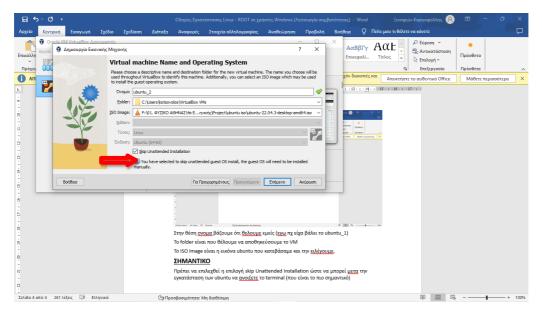
In the "Name" field, input whatever name you prefer (for example, I named it ubuntu_1).

Choose the folder where you want to store the VM.

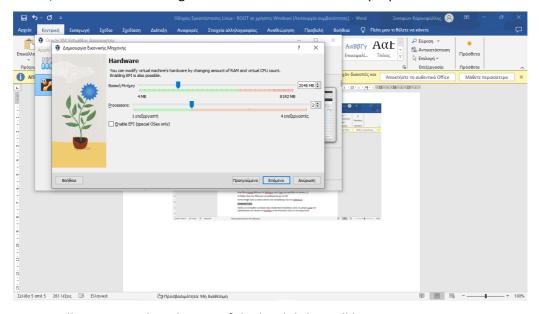
For "ISO Image", select the Ubuntu image you downloaded.

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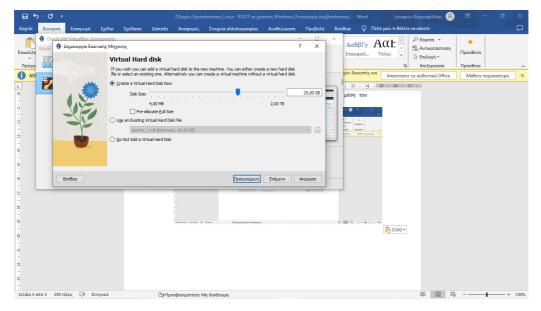
Make sure to select "Skip Unattended Installation" option so that you can open the terminal after Ubuntu installation (which is crucial).



Next, the window prompts us to choose the amount of memory and processors the computer will allocate to the virtual machine. Each person allocates resources as they see fit, but I think a mid-range allocation works well for our purposes.



Next, it allows us to select the size of the hard disk it will keep. For our purposes, 20-30GB should be sufficient.



The next window is the summary, and then the installation begins.

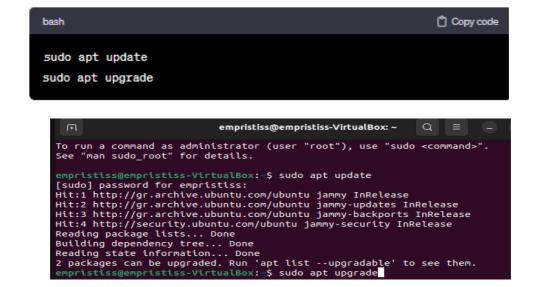
After the installation, Ubuntu automatically starts. In case it doesn't, click "Start" in the VirtualBox initial menu.

3. Install Linux

After starting the VM, the Ubuntu installation will begin automatically, following the same process as installing any operating system.

4. Update Linux

With the Ubuntu installation, it will automatically download some updates. Then, open the terminal and type the following commands:



With these commands, it downloads additional upgrades.

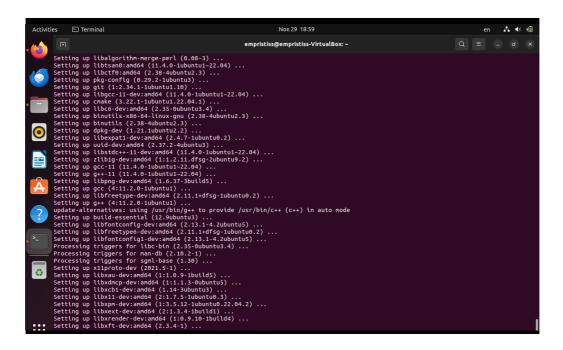
5. Install ROOT prerequisites

To download the ROOT prerequisites, use the following command:

sudo apt-get update

sudo apt-get install git dpkg-dev cmake g++ gcc binutils libx11-dev libxpm-dev libxft-dev libxext-dev libafterimage-dev

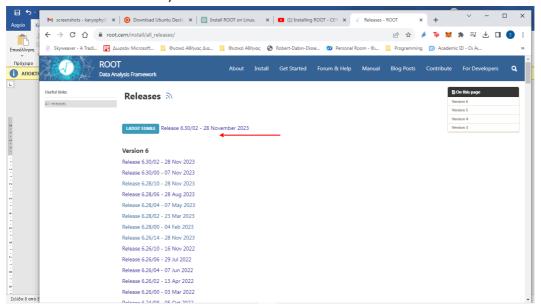
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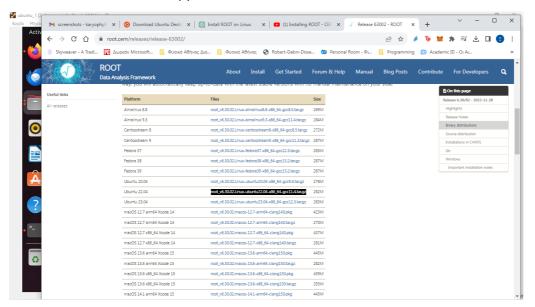
6. Install ROOT

Next, we'll install ROOT.

Go to the ROOT page with various releases and choose the release you want. (Currently, I have the latest Root v6.03).



Then, go to the corresponding version for our operating system (Ubuntu 22.04 now) and select the tar file and copy it.



Then, go to the terminal and type the corresponding command:

wget https://root.cern/download/ and we right click in order to paste and have the following command:

wget https://root.cern/download/root_v6.30.02.Linux-ubuntu22.04-x86_64-gcc11.4.tar.gz and we press enter

Then, it needs to be compiled writing the following command:

Tar -xzvf root v6.30.02.Linux-ubuntu22.04x-86 64-gcc11.4.tar.gz

7. Using ROOT

Every time we run a terminal, we need to provide the environmental variable path to the terminal.

This can be done with the command:

source root/bin/thisroot.sh

In Ubuntu 22.04, this can be automated with the following commands:

nano ~/.bashrc

With this command the file bashrc opens with the nano editor

At the end of the file we write the environmental variable command that we wrote above:

source root/bin/thisroot.sh

After saving the file, in the terminal, type the command:

source ~/.bashrc

So, whenever we reopen the terminal, simply type 'root', and it will enter the root environment without needing to do it manually.