LTSP Server and Thin Client Setup

Initial Setup

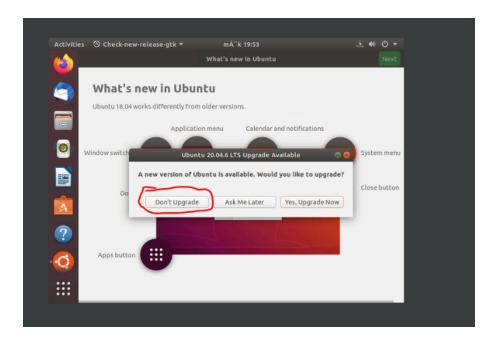
1: Download Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (Bionic Beaver)



- 2: Create a bootable USB drive with <u>Rufus</u> with the downloaded Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (Bionic Beaver)
- 3: With the bootable USB drive insert the drive into a desktop/laptop. This device will become the server for the thin client. (It will delete the preexisting OS if there isn't a secondary drive.)
- 4: Have the LTSP Server Device and the Thin Client Device both connected to a router. The router for the entire LTSP Server creation must have internet access! Once the LTSP Server is created internet access will no longer be needed.
- 5: Access the BIOS/UEFI to change the boot order to the USB drive boot. (Might be named differently depending on the motherboard)
- 6: Exit the BIOS/UEFI to begin the Ubuntu installation and setup.

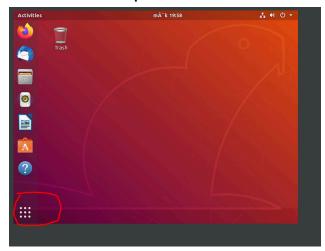
7: Once Ubuntu is setup on the welcome prompt will appear just click continue on the top right corner until the welcome prompt says you're done. (An upgrade prompt should appear as well. DO NOT UPGRADE so click the "Don't upgrade box")





LTSP Server Setup

8: Click on the 9 dotted box at the bottom left corner of the desktop to launch the app menu. Once it's open in the search bar search for terminal and open it.

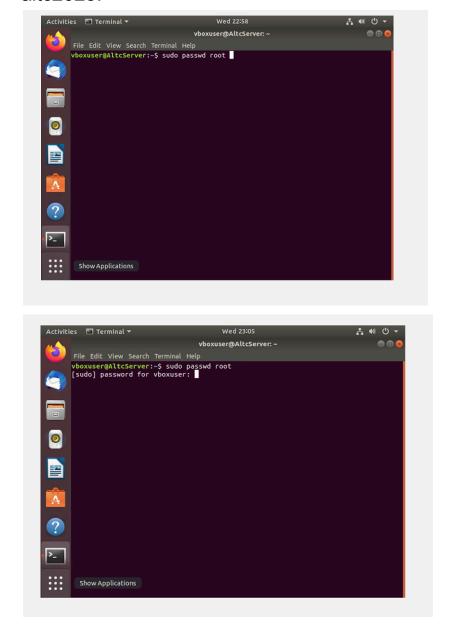




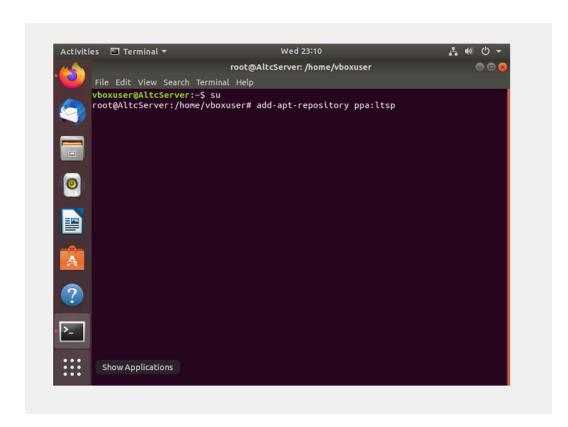


9: Type the Linux command *sudo su passwd root*

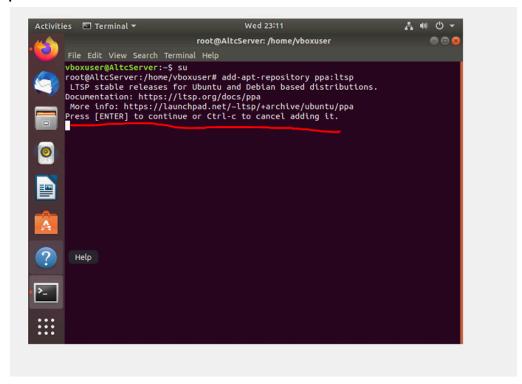
9:1 The terminal will be asking for the password that you created when making the first user. Enter the password and you will be prompted to created a new UNIX password. That password will be used to access the root terminal. Create a simple password such as altc2023.



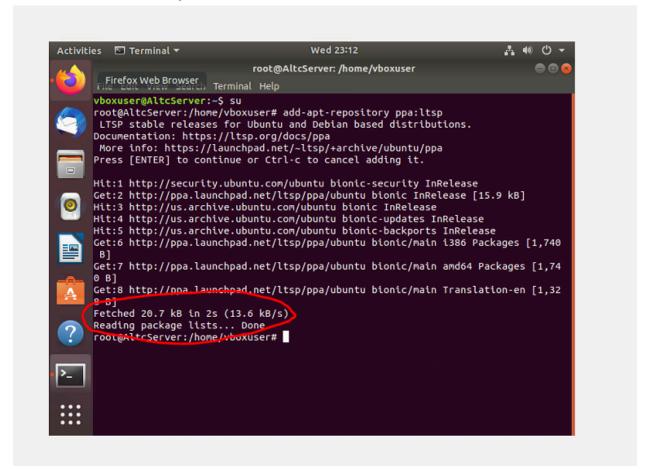
10: Once you're terminal has gained root access you want to enter this Linux Command to download LTSP PPA *add-apt-repository ppa:ltsp*



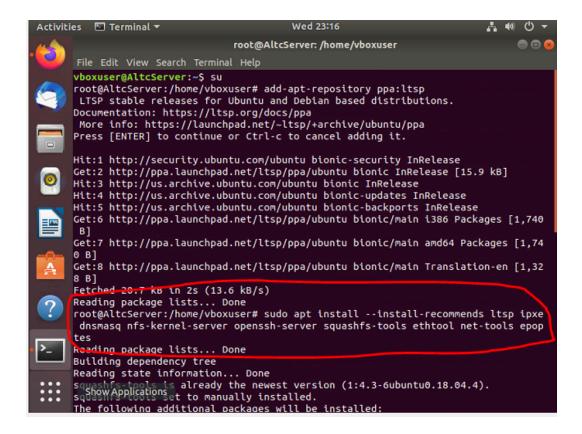
10:1 You will be prompted to click enter to continue the installation process. Click enter to continue installation.



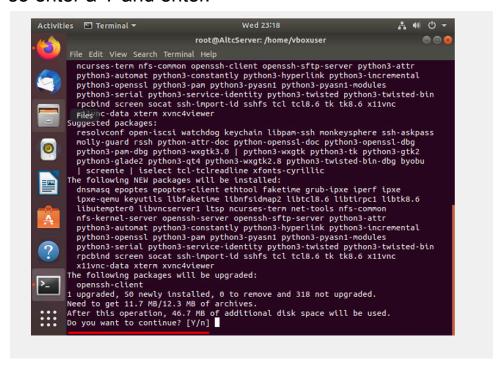
10:2 Once you see done in the terminal that means LTSP PPA is installed onto the system.



11: Now enter this Linux Command to install the LTSP packages **sudo** apt install --install-recommends Itsp ipxe dnsmasq nfs-kernel-server openssh-server squashfs-tools ethtool net-tools epoptes



11:1 Once the command is imputed you will be prompted to continue so enter a Y and enter.



12: Now you want to enter this Linux Command **gpasswd -a administrator epoptes** (change the administrator text with the first account you created on Ubuntu. Such as the account name on this example vboxuser.)

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser

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writing new private key to '/etc/epoptes/server.key'

A new OpenSSL certificate has been generated for epoptes.
Please ensure that you transfer /etc/epoptes/server.crt
to your clients by issuing 'epoptes-client -c' from your
regular workstations or from your LTSP chroots.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/epoptes.service -
lib/systemd/system/epoptes.service.
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.27-3ubuntu1.4) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (237-3ubuntu10.52) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.8.3-2ubuntu0.1) ...
Processing triggers for mone-menus (3.13.3-11ubuntu1.1) ...
Processing triggers for ufw (0.36-0ubuntu0.18.04.1) ...
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Processing triggers for desktop-file-utils (0.23-1ubuntu3.18.04.2) ...
Processing triggers for install-info (6.5.0.dfsg.1-2) ...
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Processing triggers for initranfs-tools (0.130ubuntu3.13) ...
update-initranfs: Generating /boot/initrd.img-5.4.0-84-generic
Processing triggers for python3-twisted (17.9.0-2ubuntu0.3) ...
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# gpasswd -a vboxuser epoptes
```

12:1 Click enter and once you see that your account's name has been added to epoptes this step is complete.

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# gpasswd -a vboxuser epoptes
Adding user vboxuser to group epoptes
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

13: Now you want to enter this Linux Command Itsp dnsmasq

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp dnsmasq
```

13:1 Once the terminal states that Installed and restarted that means dnsmasq has been installed.

```
Installed /usr/share/ltsp/server/dnsmasq/ltsp-dnsmasq.conf in /etc/dnsmasq.d/lt
sp-dnsmasq.conf
Restarted dnsmasq
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

- 14: Now enter this command *Itsp image* /
- 14:1 This will create the image that is needed for pxe boot to take place.

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp image /
```

14:2 This is what you will see once the image is created

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 43342969 Oct 25 23:20 /srv/tftp/ltsp/x86_64/initrd.img
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9457920 Sep 15 2021 /srv/tftp/ltsp/x86_64/vmlinuz
To update the iPXE menu, run: ltsp ipxe
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

15: Now run this Linux command to create the user for the pxe boot **Adduser alex** (alex must be lowercase)

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# adduser alex
Adding user `alex' ...
```

15:1 Create the user's password. Remember to keep it simple such as altc2023.

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# adduser alex
Adding user `alex' ...
Adding new group `alex' (1001) ...
Adding new user `alex' (1001) with group `alex' ...
Creating home directory `/home/alex' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
```

15:2 The terminal is going to ask you for information for the user. Just create random information.

```
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for alex
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []:
```

15:3 At the end of the information asking its going to "is this information correct" say Yes with Y

```
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []: alex
Room Number []: alex
Work Phone []: alex
Home Phone []: alex
Other []: alex
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
```

16: Now to refresh the image use this Linux Command Itsp ipxe

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp ipxe
Installed /usr/share/ltsp/server/ipxe/ltsp.ipxe in /srv/tftp/ltsp/ltsp.ipxe
Installed /boot/memtest86+.bin in /srv/tftp/ltsp/memtest.0
memtest.efi not found, that iPXE menu won't work
Installed /usr/lib/ipxe/ipxe.efi in /srv/tftp/ltsp/snponly.efi
Installed /usr/lib/ipxe/undionly.kpxe in /srv/tftp/ltsp/undionly.kpxe
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

17: Now you want to run this Linux Command Itsp initrd

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp initrd
Generated ltsp.img:
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 161280 Oct 25 23:43 /srv/tftp/ltsp/ltsp.img
```

18: Now you want to run this Linux Command Itsp nfs

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp nfs
Installed /usr/share/ltsp/server/nfs/ltsp-nfs.exports in /etc/exports.d/ltsp-nf
s.exports
Restarted nfs-kernel-server
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

19: Now you want to enter this Linux Command Itsp ipxe

```
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser# ltsp ipxe
Installed /usr/share/ltsp/server/ipxe/ltsp.ipxe in /srv/tftp/ltsp/ltsp.ipxe
Skipped existing /srv/tftp/ltsp/memtest.0
memtest.efi not found, that iPXE menu won't work
Skipped existing /srv/tftp/ltsp/snponly.efi
Skipped existing /srv/tftp/ltsp/undionly.kpxe
root@AltcServer:/home/vboxuser#
```

Thin Client Device Setup

- 20: Now you don't need internet access on the router device.

 Disconnect from the schools network. Make sure that the LTSP Server Device and the Thin Client Device are connected to the same router.
- 21: With the Thin Client Device change the boot order in the BIOS/UEFI to pxe boot. The boot order settings might be named differently such as NIC BOOT/IPV4 BOOT/IPV6 BOOT.
- 22: The Thin Client Device should start entering into pxe boot.
- 23: A blue screen should appear with the image that you created. You could click enter and start it or wait a few seconds for it to start.
- 24: The Thin Client should start booting into the Ubuntu Thin Client.
- 25: Enter the password you created for alex.
- 26: Now you have created an LTSP server and thin client.