

## **Aim -**

Creating and running virtual machines on Hosted Hypervisor like Virtual Box.

## **Theory -**

Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) is an open source virtualization technology built into Linux®. Specifically, KVM lets you turn Linux into a hypervisor that allows a host machine to run multiple, isolated virtual environments called guests or virtual machines (VMs).

KVM is part of Linux. If you've got Linux 2.6.20 or newer, you've got KVM. KVM was first announced in 2006 and merged into the mainline Linux kernel version a year later. Because KVM is part of existing Linux code, it immediately benefits from every new Linux feature, fix, and advancement without additional engineering.

How does KVM work?

KVM converts Linux into a type-1 (bare-metal) hypervisor. All hypervisors need some operating system-level components—such as a memory manager, process scheduler, input/output (I/O) stack, device drivers, security manager, a network stack, and more—to run VMs. KVM has all these components because it's part of the Linux kernel. Every VM is implemented as a regular Linux process, scheduled by the standard Linux scheduler, with dedicated virtual hardware like a network card, graphics adapter, CPU(s), memory, and disks.

KVM features

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- Security  
KVM uses a combination of security-enhanced Linux (SELinux) and secure virtualization (sVirt) for enhanced VM security and isolation. SELinux establishes security boundaries around VMs. sVirt extends SELinux's capabilities, allowing Mandatory Access Control (MAC) security to be applied to guest VMs and preventing manual labeling errors.
- Storage  
KVM is able to use any storage supported by Linux, including some local disks and network-attached storage (NAS). Multipath I/O may be used to improve storage and provide redundancy. KVM also supports shared file systems so VM images may be shared by multiple hosts. Disk images support thin provisioning, allocating storage on demand rather than all up front.

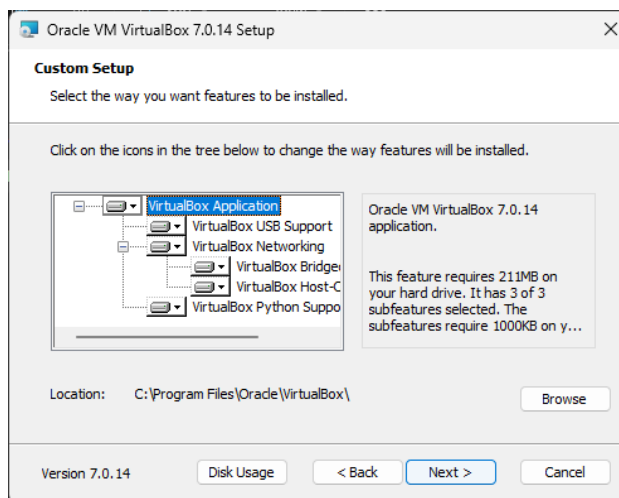
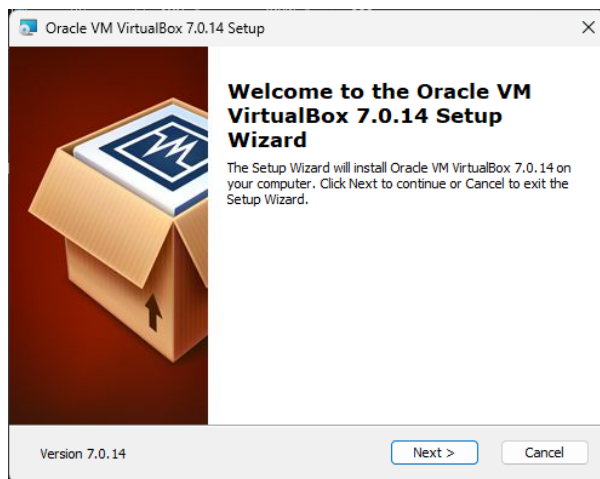
- **Hardware support**  
KVM can use a wide variety of certified Linux-supported hardware platforms. Because hardware vendors regularly contribute to kernel development, the latest hardware features are often rapidly adopted in the Linux kernel.
- **Memory management**  
KVM inherits the memory management features of Linux, including non-uniform memory access and kernel same-page merging. The memory of a VM can be swapped, backed by large volumes for better performance, and shared or backed by a disk file.
- **Live migration**  
KVM supports live migration, which is the ability to move a running VM between physical hosts with no service interruption. The VM remains powered on, network connections remain active, and applications continue to run while the VM is relocated. KVM also saves a VM's current state so it can be stored and resumed later.
- **Performance and scalability**  
KVM inherits the performance of Linux, scaling to match demand load if the number of guest machines and requests increases. KVM allows the most demanding application workloads to be virtualized and is the basis for many enterprise virtualization setups, such as data centers and private clouds (via OpenStack®).
- **Scheduling and resource control**  
In the KVM model, a VM is a Linux process, scheduled and managed by the kernel. The Linux scheduler allows fine-grained control of the resources allocated to a Linux process and guarantees a quality of service for a particular process. In KVM, this includes the completely fair scheduler, control groups, network name spaces, and real-time extensions.
- **Lower latency and higher prioritization**  
The Linux kernel features real-time extensions that allow VM-based apps to run at lower latency with better prioritization (compared to bare metal). The kernel also divides processes that require long computing times into smaller components, which are then scheduled and processed accordingly.

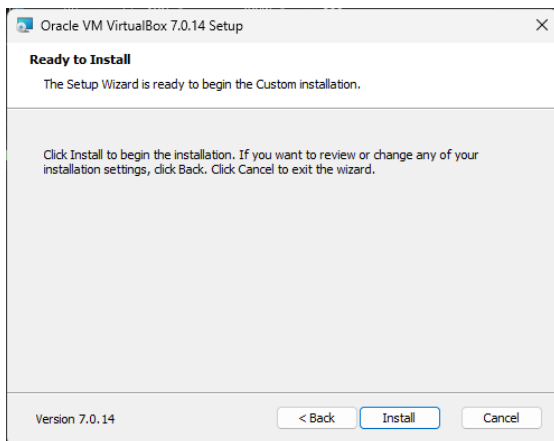
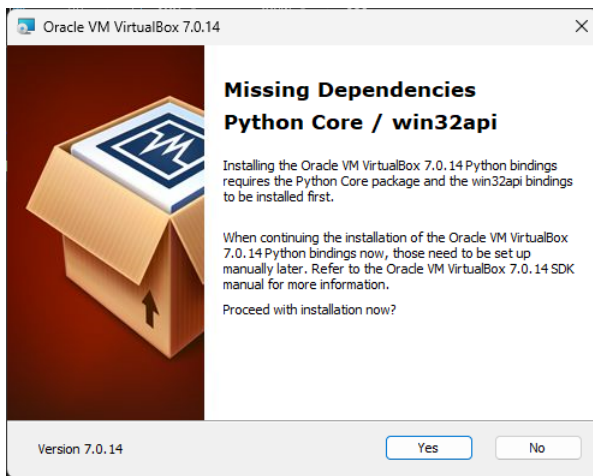
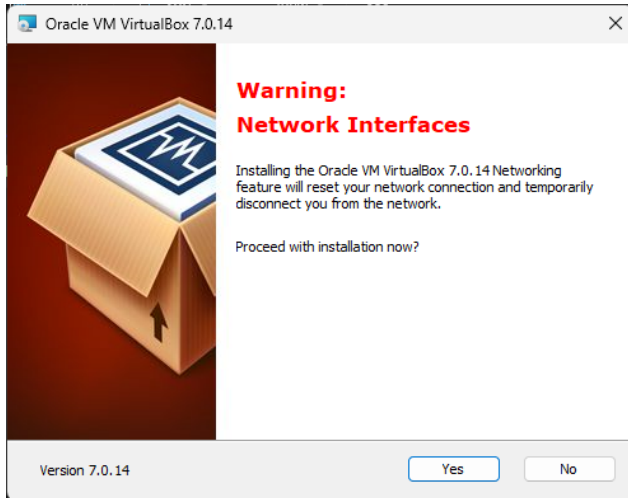
## Procedure -

### 1. Download and install VirtualBox.



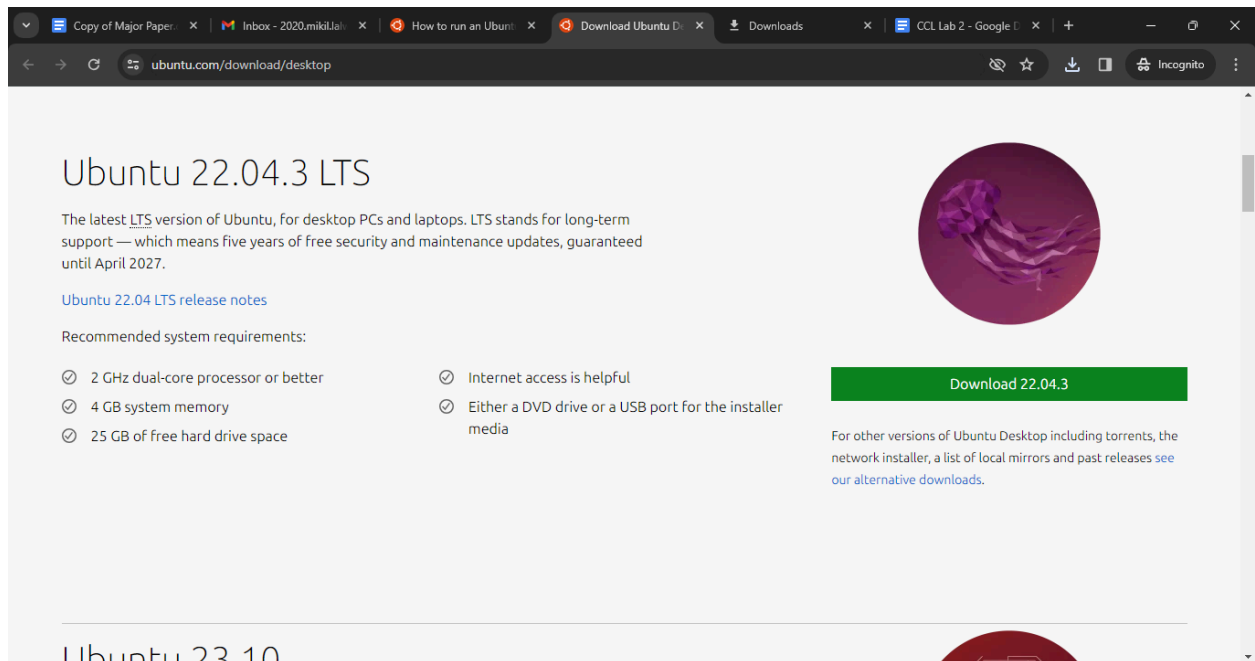
The screenshot shows the VirtualBox website's download page. The browser address bar displays 'virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads'. The page has a sidebar with links: About, Screenshots, Downloads, Documentation (with sub-links for End-user docs and Technical docs), Contribute, and Community. The main content area is titled 'Download VirtualBox' and includes a navigation bar with 'Login', 'Preferences', 'Start Page', 'Index', and 'History'. The text on the page states: 'Here you will find links to VirtualBox binaries and its source code.' It then lists 'VirtualBox binaries' and 'VirtualBox 7.0.14 platform packages' with links for Windows, macOS / Intel, Linux, Solaris, and Solaris 11 IPS hosts. A note mentions the GPL version 3 and a changelog. It also provides instructions on verifying checksums (SHA256 vs MD5) and a note about upgrading. At the bottom, it mentions the 'VirtualBox 7.0.14 Oracle VM VirtualBox Extension Pack' and links to 'All supported platforms'. A URL is visible at the bottom of the page: 'https://download.virtualbox.org/virtualbox/7.0.14/VirtualBox-7.0.14-161099-Win.exe'.



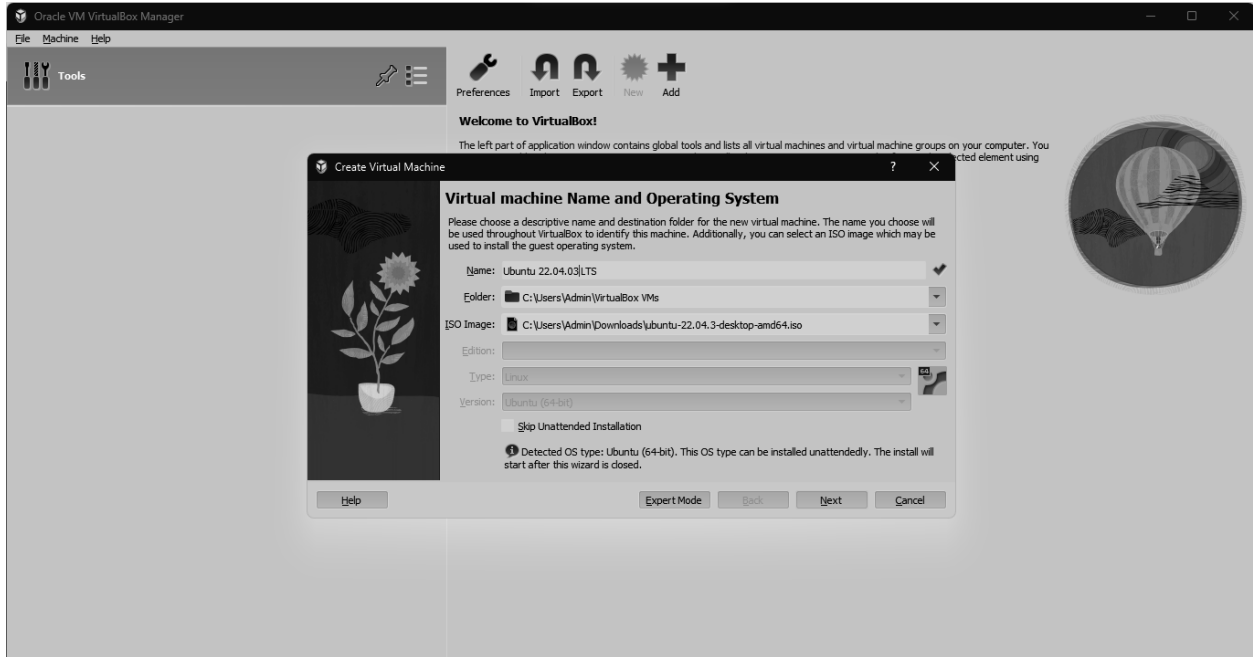


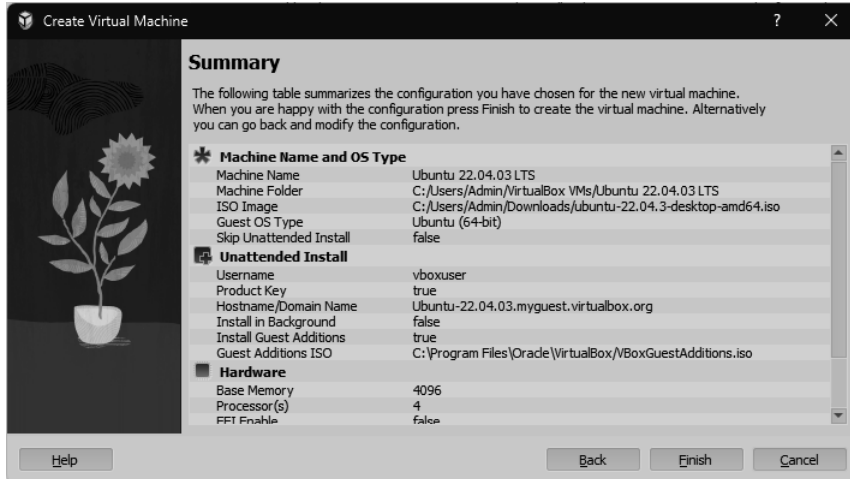


## 2. Download the latest Ubuntu ISO to create a new VM.



## 3. Create a new VM by clicking on “New” and follow the instructions below.





## Conclusion -

Thus we have successfully learned about creating and running virtual machines on Hosted Hypervisor like Virtual Box.