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Installing Minikube on Windows

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Let's learn how to install the latest Minikube release on Windows 10 with VirtualBox v6.1 specifically.

NOTE: For other OS, VirtualBox, and Minikube versions, the installation steps may vary! Check the [Minikube installation](#)!

Verify the virtualization support on your Windows system (multiple output lines ending with 'Yes' indicate supported virtualization):

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> systeminfo
```

Install the [VirtualBox](#) hypervisor for 'Windows hosts'. Download and install the **.exe** package.

NOTE: You *may* need to disable Hyper-V on your Windows host (if previously installed and used) while running VirtualBox.

Install Minikube. We can download the latest release or a specific release from the [Minikube release page](#). Once downloaded, we need to make sure it is added to our **PATH**. There are multiple packages available to download for Windows, found under a Minikube release. However, downloading and installing the **.exe** will automatically add the executable to the **PATH**. Let's download and install the **latest minikube-installer.exe** package.

Start Minikube. We can start Minikube using the **minikube start** command, that bootstraps a single-node cluster with the latest stable Kubernetes version release. For a specific Kubernetes version the **--kubernetes-version** option can be used as such **minikube start --kubernetes-version v1.22.0** (where **latest** is default and acceptable version value, and **stable** is also acceptable). More advanced start options will be explored later in this chapter. Open the PowerShell using the *Run as Administrator* option and execute the following command:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> minikube start
```

```
🤗 minikube v1.25.2 on Windows 10
🌟 Automatically selected the virtualbox driver
💿 Downloading VM boot image ...
👍 Starting control plane node minikube in cluster minikube
💾 Downloading Kubernetes v1.23.3 preload ...
🔥 Creating virtualbox VM (CPUs=2, Memory=6000MB, Disk=20000MB) ...
🐳 Preparing Kubernetes v1.23.3 on Docker 20.10.12 ...
🔍 Verifying Kubernetes components...
🌞 Enabled addons: default-storageclass, storage-provisioner
💡 kubectl not found. If you need it, try: 'minikube kubectl -- get pods -A'
🏃 Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube" cluster and "default" namespace by default
```

NOTE: An error message that reads "Unable to pick a default driver..." means that Minikube was not able to locate any one of the supported hypervisors or runtimes. The recommendation is to install or re-install a desired isolation tool, and ensuring its executable is found in the default **PATH** of your OS.

Check the status. With the **minikube status** command, we display the status of the Minikube cluster. Open the PowerShell using the *Run as Administrator* option and execute the following command:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> minikube status
```

```
minikube
type: Control Plane
host: Running
kubelet: Running
apiserver: Running
kubeconfig: Configured
```

Stop Minikube. We can stop Minikube using the `minikube stop` command. Open the PowerShell using the *Run as Administrator* option and execute the following command:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> minikube stop
```

```
👉 Stopping node "minikube" ...
```



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