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#1

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4**Virtualbox and shared folders - permissions problem**

This is my first foray into Linux, so please bear with me if this is a dumb question..

To try out Ubuntu 12.10 Desktop I installed VirtualBox v4.2.4 on my Win7 64-bit Home Premium PC, and installed Ubuntu 12.10 32-bit as a guest OS. However, I can't get to share folders between host and guest.

In Win7, I've right-clicked the folder to share, selected Share with.../Specific people/Everyone/'Read/Write', and named the share "Main".

In VirtualBox Manager, I've now got the guest OS Shared Folders Settings to show the share under "Machine Folders", with properties:

Name: Main ;
Path: c:\users\john\documents\main;
Auto-mount: Yes;
Access: Full.

Rebooted the guest OS, and as stated in the Ubuntu documentation, I now have a folder in File System/Media called sf_Main.

However, opening this folder, gives me the error message:

"The folder contents could not be displayed.

You do not have the permissions necessary to view the contents of "sf_Main". "



What am I doing wrong? Surely "Access: Full." should give me full permissions? How do I get Linux to recognise the permissions?

Regards
John

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However, opening this folder, gives me the error message:

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You do not have the permissions necessary to view the contents of "sf_Main". "

Your user in the Ubuntu guest OS must be in the **vboxsf** group.

From a terminal, type:

Code:

```
sudo adduser xxxxxxx vboxsf
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where xxxxxx is your user account name. Log out and log back in to Ubuntu.

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Also, make sure the Virtualbox Guest Additions are installed in your Ubuntu guest, and the Virtualbox Extension Pack is installed in your VB installation in Win7.

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wheeze - The Man! Solved the problem instantly. Thanks!

Took me a few minutes to work out what a terminal window was, and how to open one (just like Windows/run/cmd), but this now works a dream (if a little slow). MUCH better than Windows Virtual PC - couldn't get Ubuntu to install at all in one of those.

Thanks again!

How do I mark this thread as solved - not at all obvious....

Regards
John

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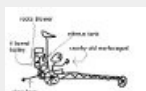
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Originally Posted by **dunbankin**

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a suspicious person could suspect deliberate intent on Microsoft's part...🙄

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Michael





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