

# Compile and boot a Linux Kernel

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

If you already have a Linux operating system (such as Ubuntu or CentOS/ Red Hat), you can skip ahead to the kernel installation instructions.

If you are on Windows or Mac, you can use Oracle's VirtualBox to test an installation.

## 1.1 Installing Oracle VirtualBox

1. Read the [installation instructions](#) for your OS.
2. Download the VirtualBox [binary / package](#) for your OS.
3. Download an ISO of a Linux OS (e.g. [Ubuntu](#), [CentOS](#), [Fedora](#)).
4. [Install](#) the ISO / installation media.