Launch and configure **terminal** in Ubuntu Desktop

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Given:
Ubuntu Desktop;
User account on Ubuntu Desktop.

The version of installed Ubuntu Desktop is: 24.04.03

In this how-to, we will go step-by-step over launching and configuring the **terminal** app in Ubuntu Desktop. This includes adding the app to the Favorites bar, changing the size of fonts displayed in the terminal window; and changing the foreground and background colors in the terminal window.

The terminal application is how we connect to available shells in Ubuntu Desktop.

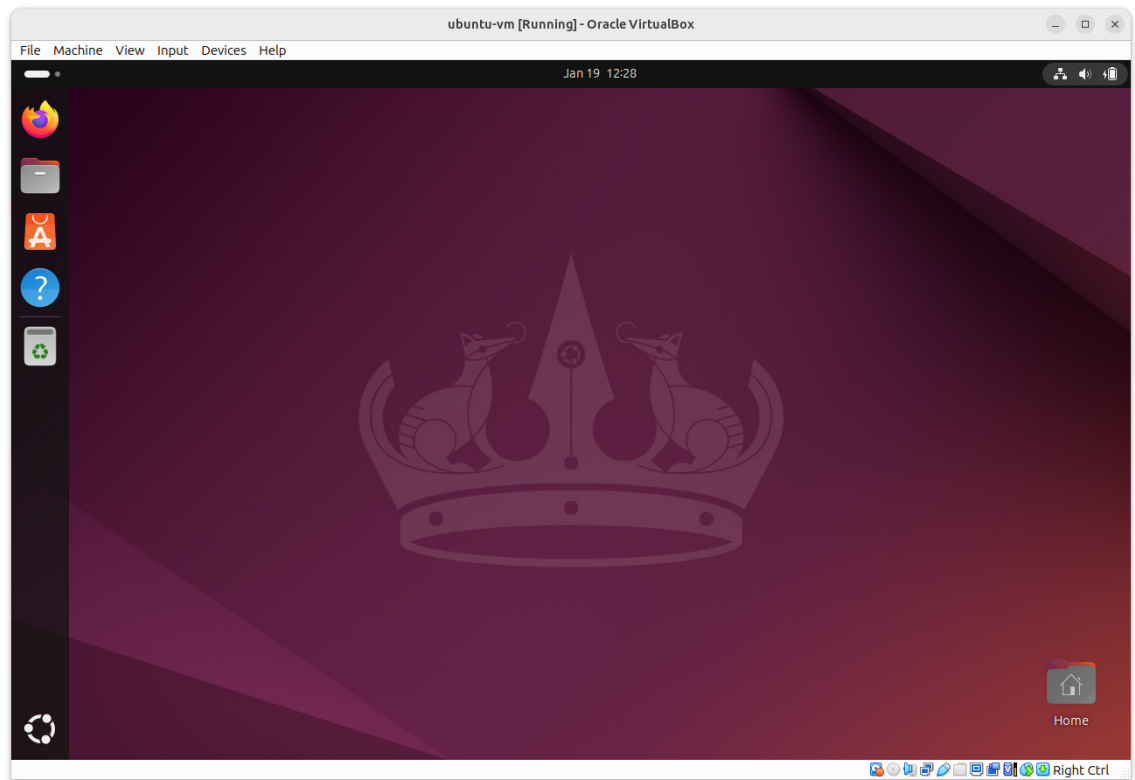After logging into the system, you should be presented with a clean desktop.

Figure 1: **The Ubuntu desktop.**
Note the icons in the upper-lefthand corner of the window. Clicking them opens a search textbox AND allows you to navigate between desktops.
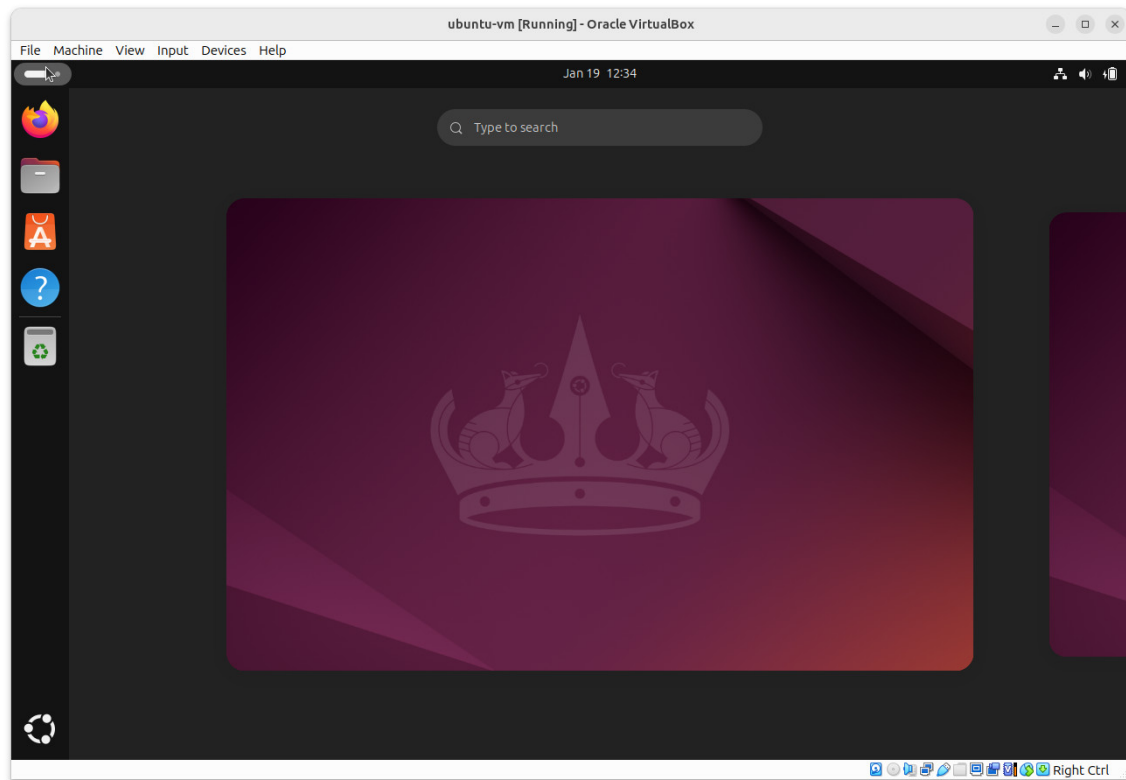
Figure 2: **Opening the search textbox on the desktop.**
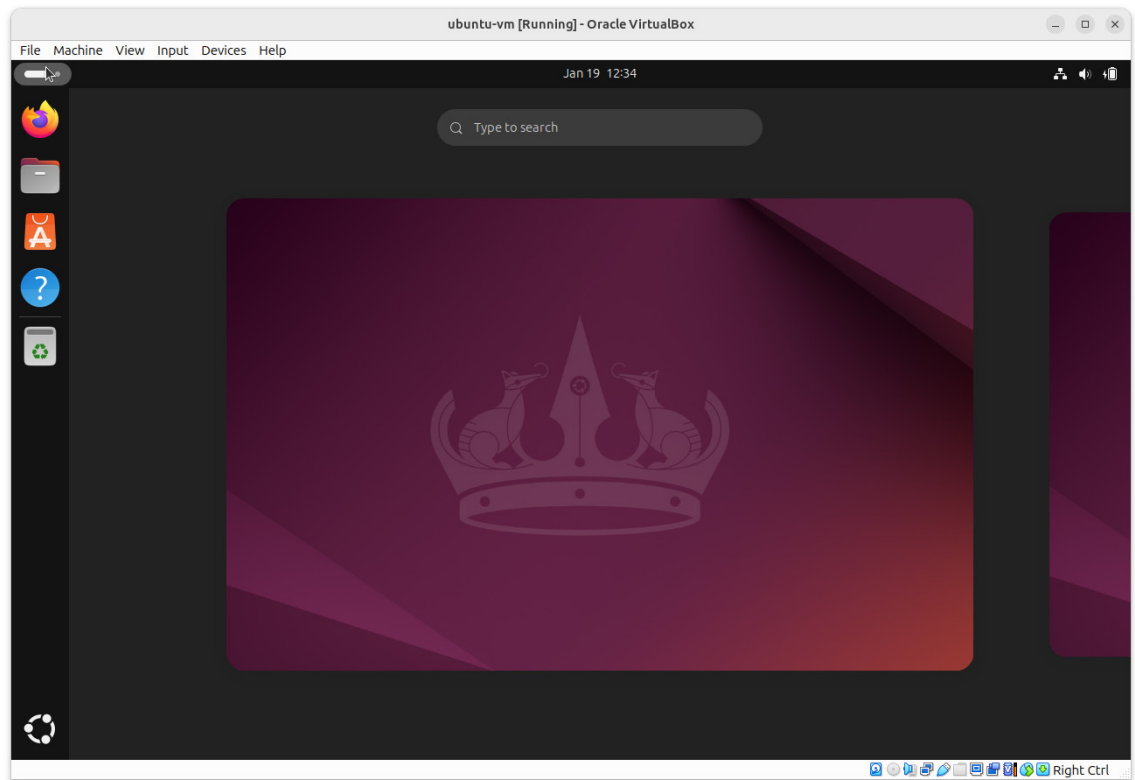We will launch the terminal app by invoking it by name in the search textbox.

Figure 3: **Opening the search textbox on the desktop.**
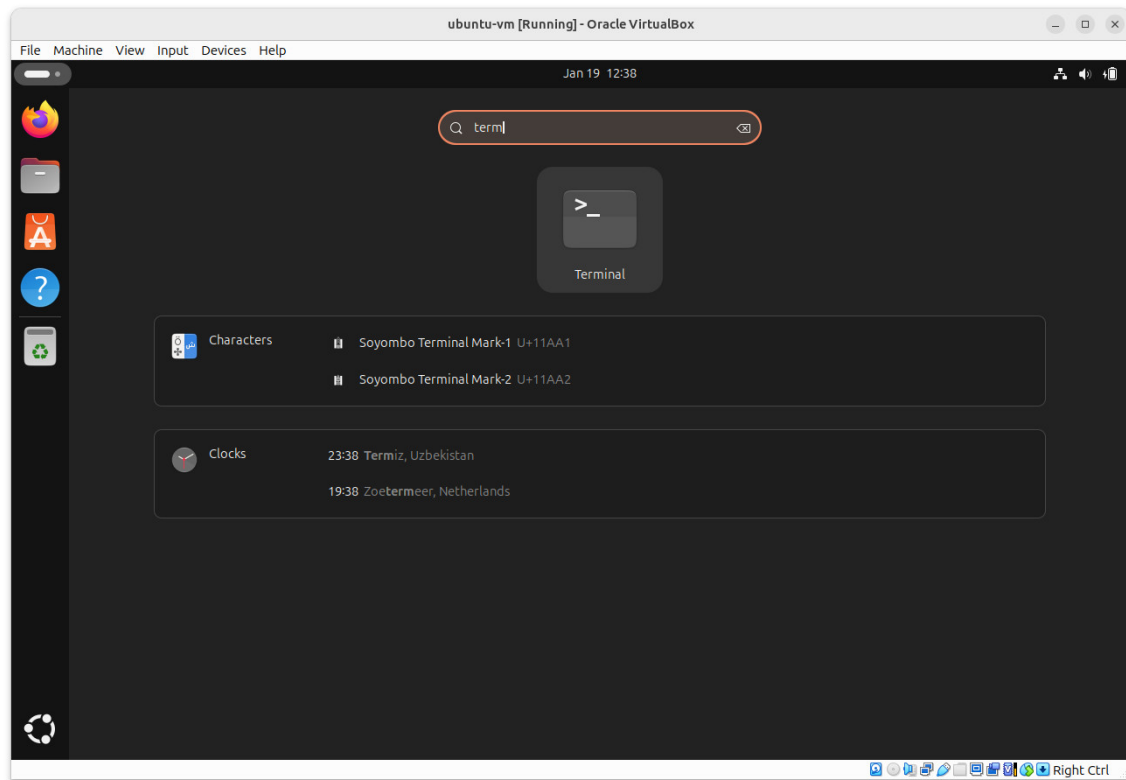We will launch the terminal app by invoking it by name in the search textbox.

Figure 4: **Launching _terminal_ by invoking it by name.**
Please note that entering just the first four letters of its name is enough to ensure that only the terminal application is chosen.
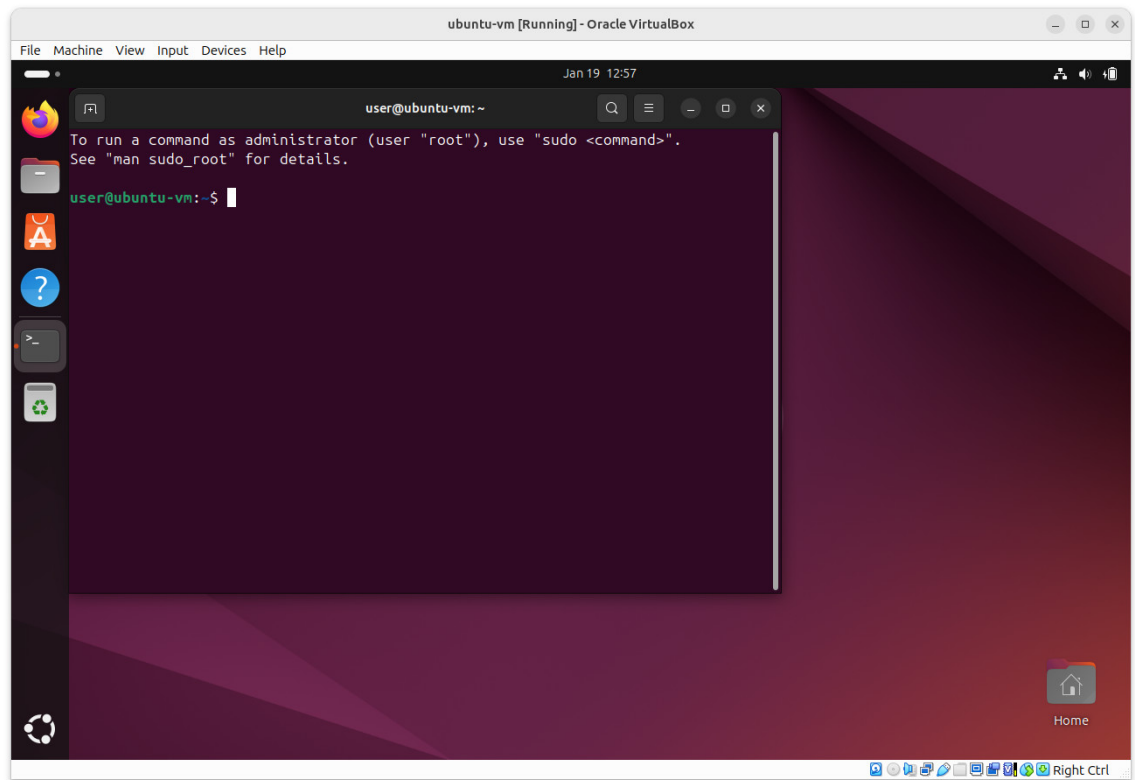Click the terminal icon to launch the app.

Figure 5: **Terminal window on first launch.**
Please note that on first launch, the terminal app tells the user how to run statements that only a superuser like **root** can run.
Note the terminal icon in the favorites bar on the lefthand side of the VM window. Right-click the icon to bring up a pop-up menu.
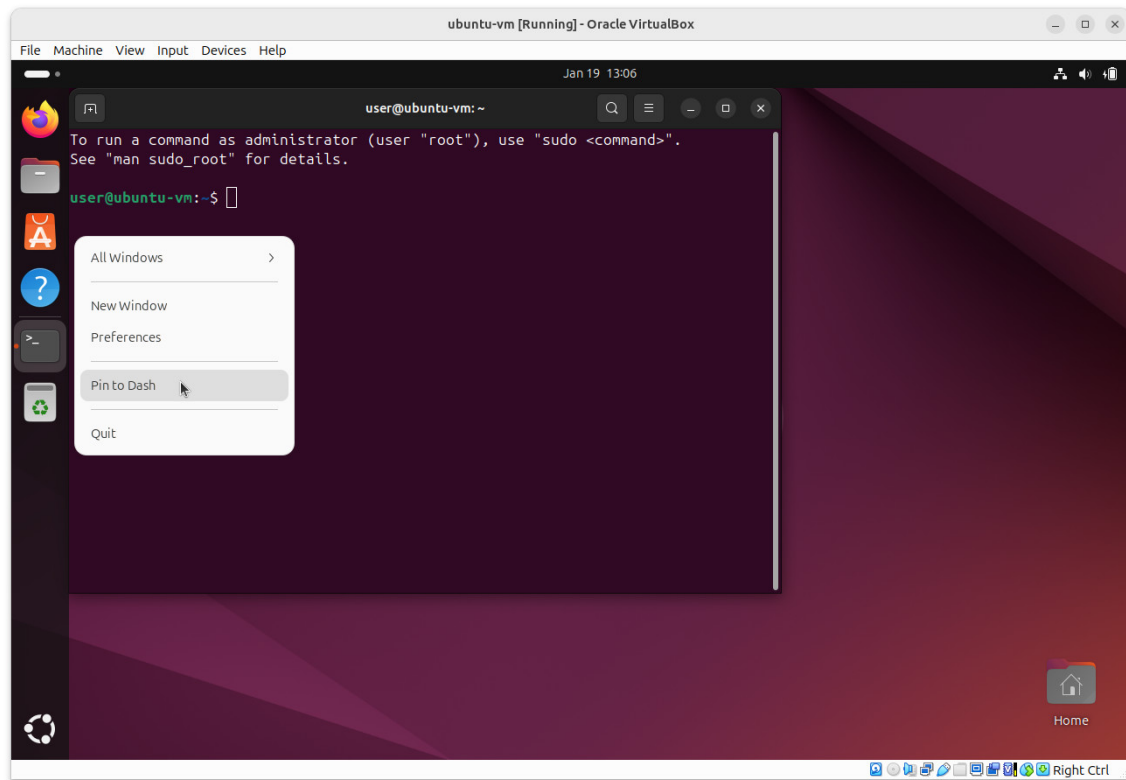
Figure 6: **Pinning term app to favorites bar.**
The icons of apps that you pin to the favorites bar remain on the bar even after you've closed the apps, making them easy to re-launch.
Make sure you click the **Pin to Dash** option.
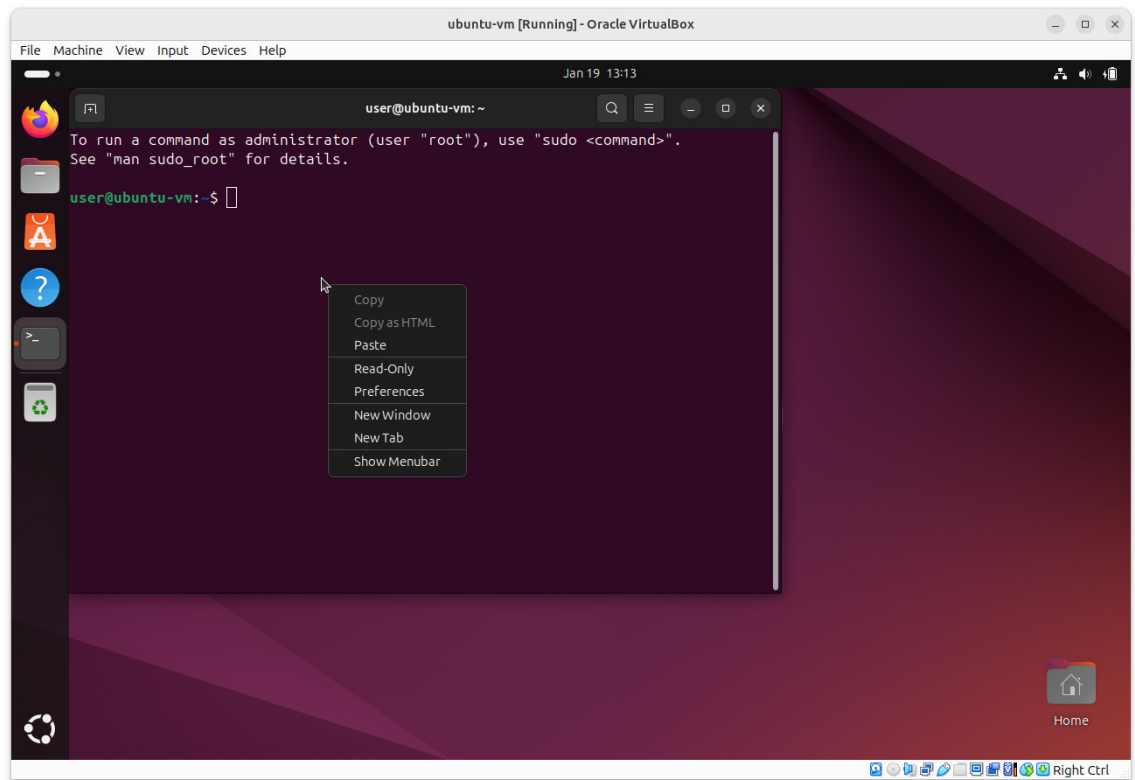Now please right-click within the terminal window to bring up another pop-up menu.

Figure 7: **Pop-up menu for terminal window.**
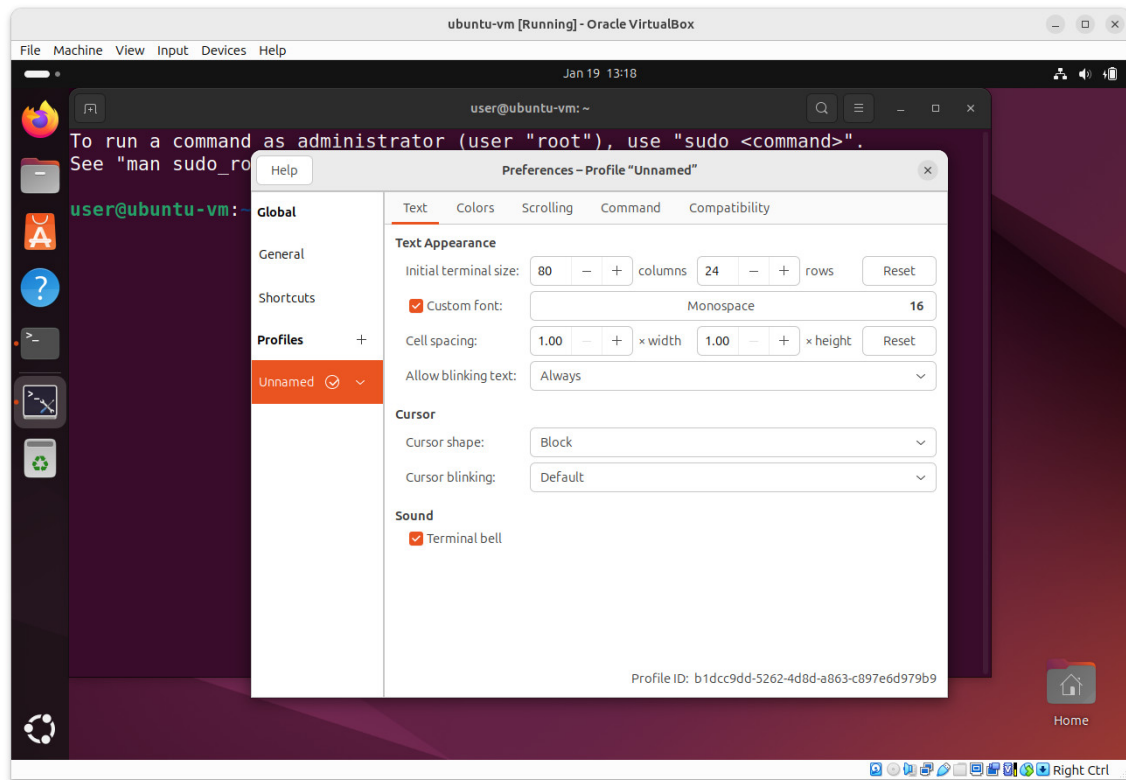Please choose the **Preferences** option.

Figure 8: **Setting terminal window font preferences.**
The preferences window opens on text options. In **Text appearance** section, choose **Custom font**, click on the options bar to the right, and choose your available font and font size.
I've kept the default font, but increased font size to 16 points.
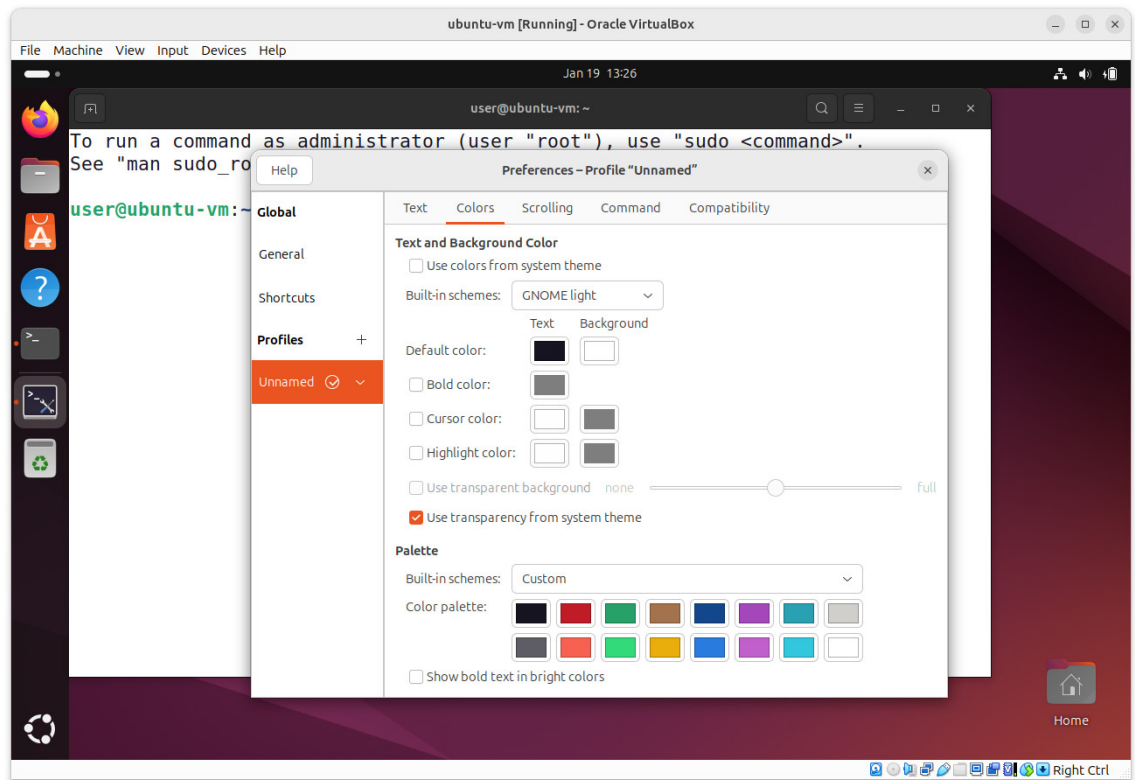Now click on the **Colors** tab.

Figure 9: **Setting color scheme for terminal app.**
Please uncheck the option **Use colors from system theme**.
Preferences should default to the built-in scheme **GNOME light**.
This scheme essentially places black font against a white background, which I find easier to read.
Close the preferences window.

This ends this how-to on configuring terminal options in Ubuntu Desktop.