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Virtualbox: Share A Folder in Ubuntu Host to Windows Guest

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This quick tutorial shows how to share a folder in Virtualbox Ubuntu host and get access within Windows virtual machine.

One of the top things after installed a virtual machine via VirtualBox is how to transfer files between host OS and guest OS. And this can be done via Shared Folder feature.

1. In **Virtualbox** (6.0.8 in the case), open **Settings** of the Windows Guest OS. Then do:

- Navigate to **Shared Folders** in left pane.

- Click *'Adds new shared folder'* button in the right.

- In next pop-up dialog do:
  - **Folder Path**, choose a folder in the Host OS to share with.

  - **Folder Name**, auto generated after chosen folder.

  - Enable '**Auto-mount**'.

  - Enable 'Read-only' if you DON'T want to add/edit the folder files in Guest.

  - **Mount point:**, leave it empty.
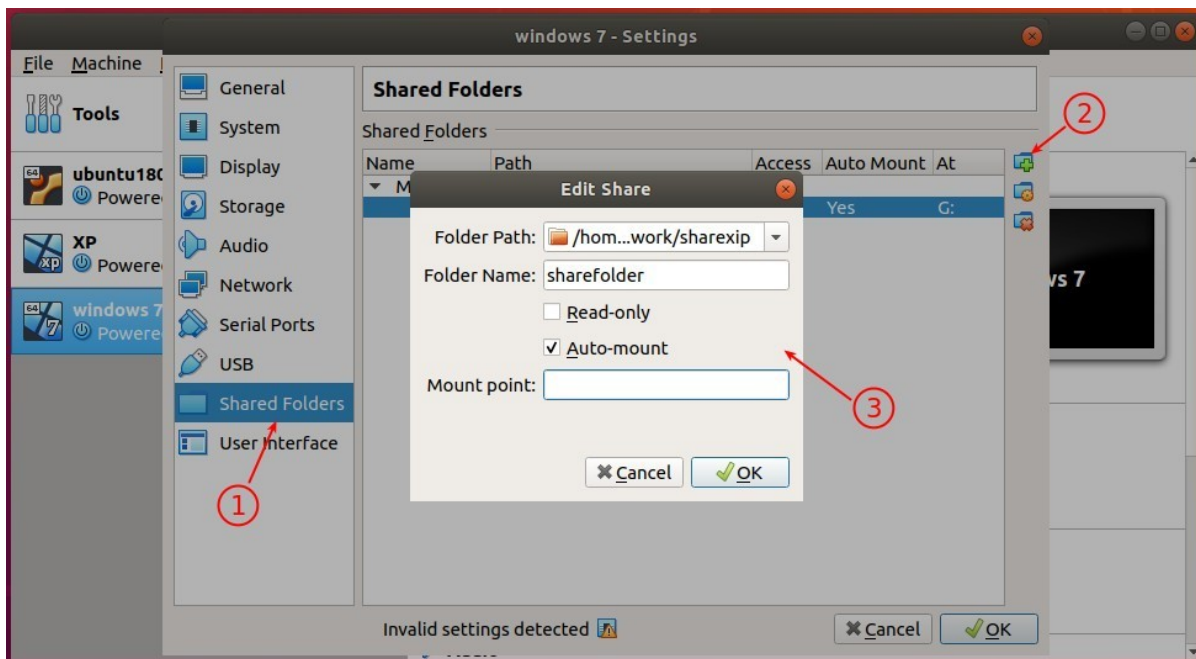
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2. Boot up the Guest OS (Windows 7 in the case), and then go to menu **Devices** -> **Insert Guest**

Additions CD image.

*If you don't see the Guest window menu, press right-**Ctrl** + **C** on keyboard.*

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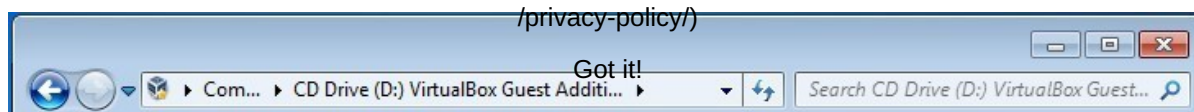
3. Open **Computer**, you'll see CD Driver marked as 'VirtualBox Guest'.
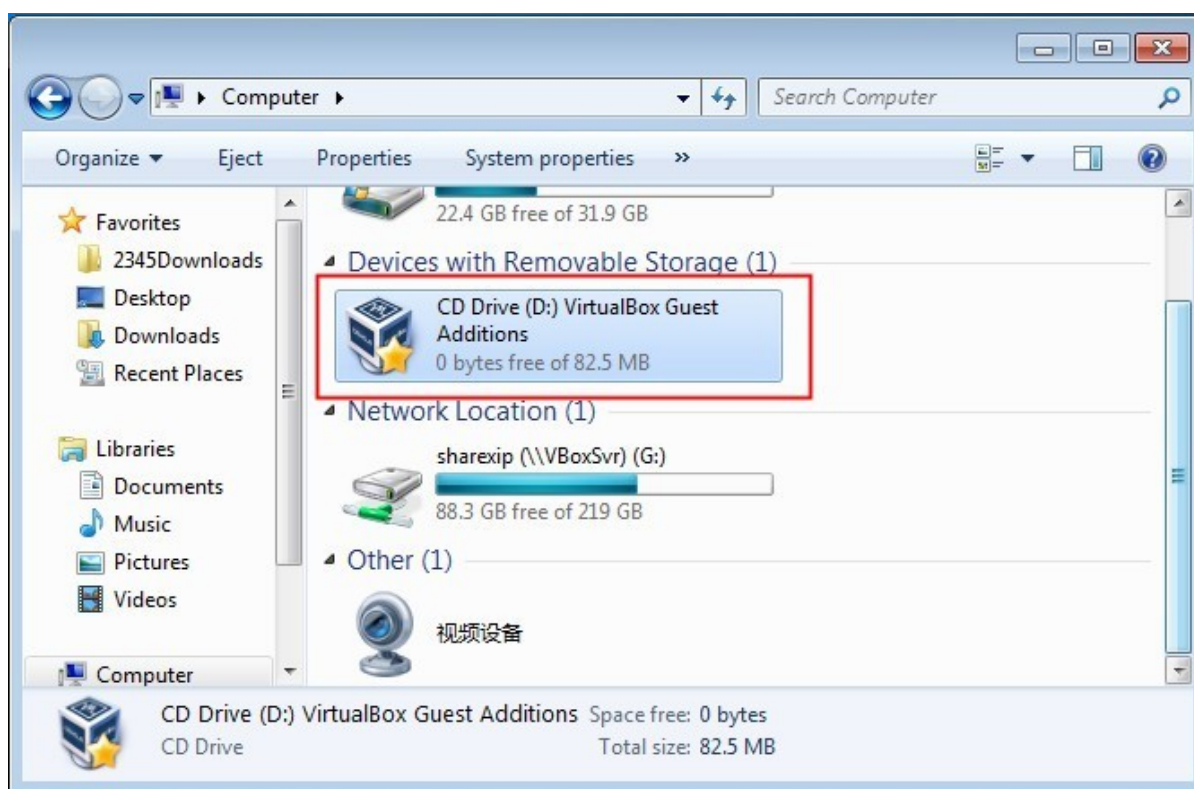
4. Go to the CD Driver and click install the exe file to bring up guest addition install wizard.
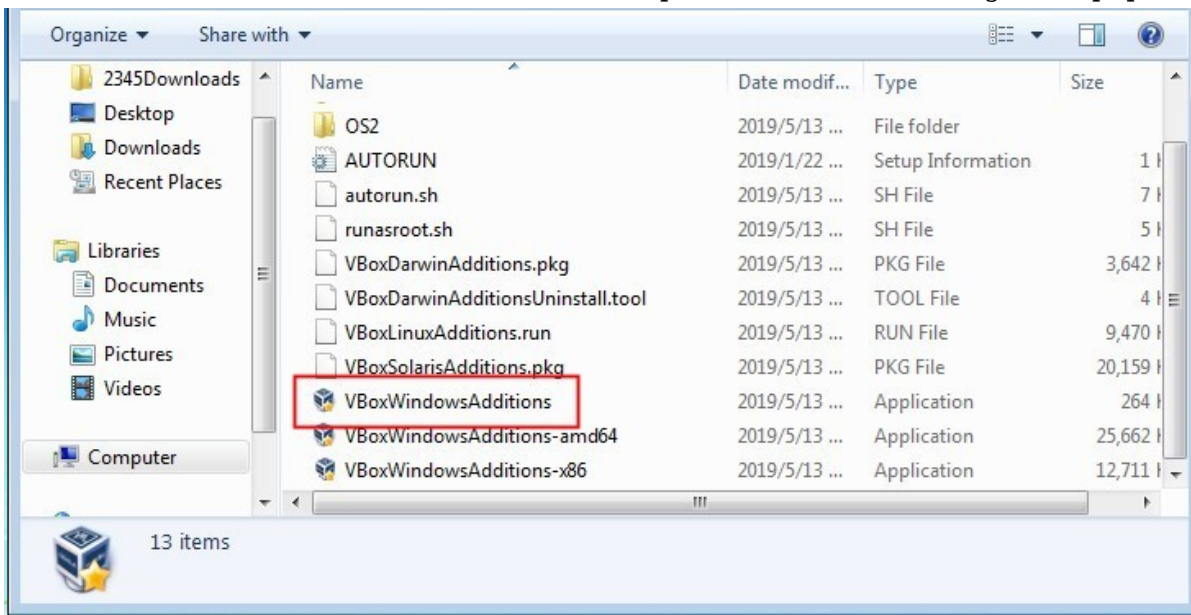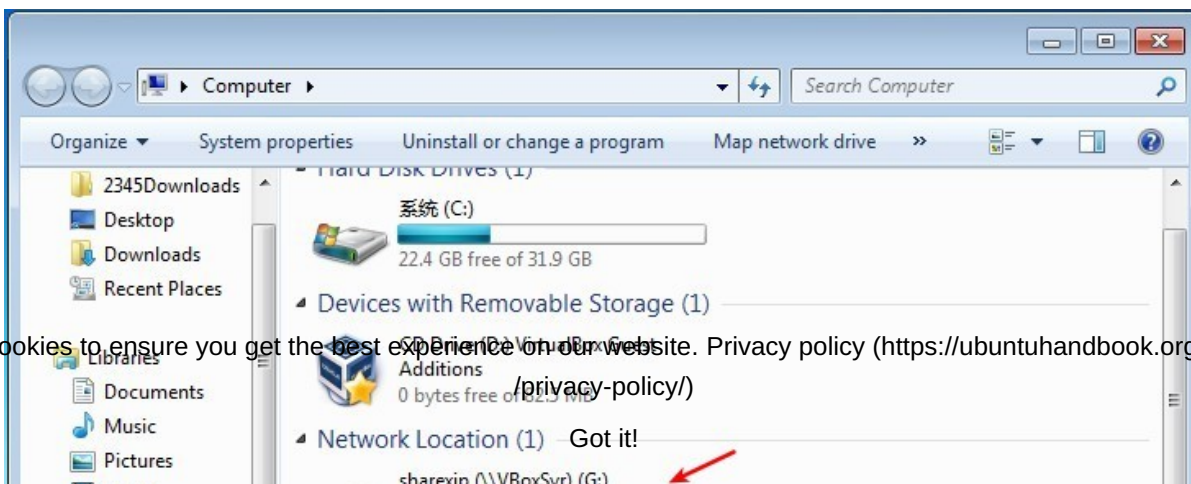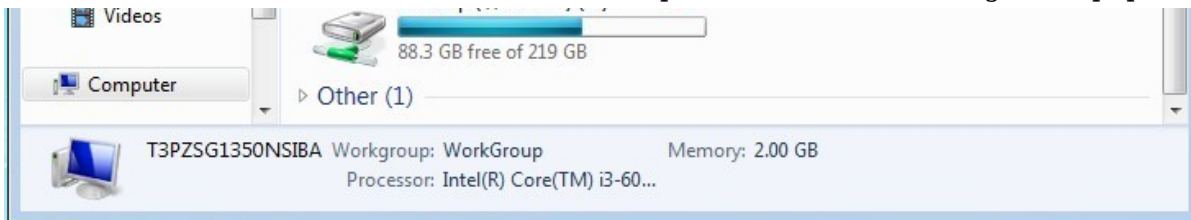
5. Follow the install wizard until done.

6. Finally reboot the Windows guest OS, and shared folder should be there in 'Computer'

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Definitely, Windows-based systems are more userfriendly rather than using Ubuntu based systems. It is delivering all the tactics for making easy access.

Larry Myerscough *June 11, 2019 at 11:29 am (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3666680)*

What an excellent guide! I was up and running and sharing data very quickly.

rgs *September 5, 2019 at 8:15 pm (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3666909)*

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Regards

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Thanks for this post, It was helpful

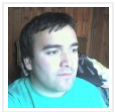**alella** *December 28, 2019 at 7:00 am (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3667567)*

thanks.
very simple and so good.

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Many thanks. Excellent guide.

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thanks mate!

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Thanks simple and easy

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thanks, very straightforward guide and clear instruction.

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Tanks work perfectly

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Excellent tutorial. Works fine for OpenSuse and Windows 10 as well. Kudos and thanks!

Cheesus Mensas *November 25, 2021 at 10:27 pm (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3712158)*

Excellent tutorial and straight to the point

Sleepy Papi *February 6, 2022 at 8:11 pm (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3719956)*

I have been searching for this solution for a few days. Thank you. It works perfectly

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Juan Carlos *February 14, 2022 at 2:02 am (https://ubuntuhandbook.org/index.php/2019/06/virtualbox-share-a-folder-in-ubuntu-host-to-windows-guest/#comment-3720490)*

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