# How to share folders between Windows and Ubuntu using VMware Player

1. Create a folder in your Windows file system that you want to use as the share. Make sure it’s in a location where your user account has full access rights.
2. Power down the VM shutting down Ubuntu
3. Select your VM in VMware Player and click Edit virtual machine settings
4. In the Options tab click Shared Folders in the left hand pane
5. Click Always enabled in the right and pane and click Add…
6. This will take you into the “Add Shared Folder Wizard”
7. Click Next and follow the prompts selecting the folder you created in Step 1
8. Also name the share – this is the name that the folder will have in Ubuntu
9. You will come back to the Settings screen with your share added
10. Click OK to close the settings
11. Play the VM to boot Ubuntu
12. Shared folders in Ubuntu appear in the location /mnt/hgfs but you probably won’t be able to see it
13. To check to see if Ubuntu is aware that there is a shared folder available run this command in a terminal window vmware-hgfsclient  
    This will output the share name into the terminal window, e.g.  
    $ vmware-hgfsclient WinLinShare
14. So far so good! Now we need to run the VMWare config tools. In terminal enter sudo vmware-config-tools.pl
15. Follow the prompts, accepting the default values
16. Check to see that your folder is now showing in the /mnt/hgfs directory $ dir /mnt/hgfs WinLinShare

[**Why is /mnt/hgfs not appearing?**](https://askubuntu.com/questions/74775/why-is-mnt-hgfs-not-appearing)

sudo apt-get install open-vm-tools

sudo apt-get install open-vm-tools-desktop

sudo mkdir /mnt/hgfs

sudo /usr/bin/vmhgfs-fuse .host:/ /mnt/hgfs -o subtype=vmhgfs-fuse,allow\_other

sudo vmhgfs-fuse .host:/ /mnt/hgfs/ -o allow\_other -o uid=1000