

DevOps

# Vagrant – Introduction, Installation & Provisioning

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# VAGRANT: Introduction: Why and What is Vagrant

Vagrant provides easy to configure, reproducible, and portable work environments built on top of industry-standard technology and controlled by a single consistent workflow to help maximize the productivity and flexibility of you and your team.

To achieve its magic, Vagrant stands on the shoulders of giants. Machines are provisioned on top of VirtualBox, VMware, AWS, or any other provider. Then, industry-standard provisioning tools such as shell scripts, Chef, or Puppet, can automatically install and configure software on the virtual machine.



# VAGRANT: Introduction: Uses of Vagrant in an Environment

## For Developers

If you are a developer, Vagrant will isolate dependencies and their configuration within a single disposable, consistent environment, without sacrificing any of the tools you are used to working with (editors, browsers, debuggers, etc.). Once you or someone else creates a single Vagrantfile, you just need to `vagrant up` and everything is installed and configured for you to work. Other members of your team create their development environments from the same configuration, so whether you are working on Linux, Mac OS X, or Windows, all your team members are running code in the same environment, against the same dependencies, all configured the same way. Say goodbye to "works on my machine" bugs.

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## For Operators

If you are an operations engineer or DevOps engineer, Vagrant gives you a disposable environment and consistent workflow for developing and testing infrastructure management scripts. You can quickly test things like shell scripts, Chef cookbooks, Puppet modules, and more using local virtualization such as VirtualBox or VMware. Then, with the same configuration, you can test these scripts on remote clouds such as AWS or RackSpace with the same workflow.

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## For Designers

If you are a designer, Vagrant will automatically set everything up that is required for that web app in order for you to focus on doing what you do best: design. Once a developer configures Vagrant, you do not need to worry about how to get that app running ever again. No more bothering other developers to help you fix your environment so you can test designs. Just check out the code, vagrant up, and start designing.

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## For Everyone

Vagrant is designed for everyone as the easiest and fastest way to create a virtualized environment!

# VAGRANT: Introduction: Alternatives of Vagrant

## Vagrant vs. CLI Tools

Virtualization software like **VirtualBox** and **VMware** come with command line utilities for managing the lifecycle of machines on their platform. Many people make use of these utilities to write their own automation. Vagrant actually uses many of these utilities internally.

The difference between these CLI tools and Vagrant is that Vagrant builds on top of these utilities in a number of ways while still providing a consistent workflow.

Other than this **Docker** and **Terraform** are other tools competing with Vagrant!



# VAGRANT: Introduction: Versions of Vagrant

**vagrant --version**

Vagrant 1.9.3

**vagrant version**

Installed Version: 1.9.3

Latest Version: 2.0.1

To upgrade to the latest version: <https://www.vagrantup.com/downloads.html>

In **Vagrantfile**

```
Vagrant.require_version ">= 1.9.3"
```

```
Vagrant.require_version ">= 1.8.5", "< 1.9.0"
```

## VAGRANT: Introduction: Versions of Vagrant

Configuration Version (For backward compatibility)

```
Vagrant.configure("2") do |config|  
  # ...  
end
```

Currently, there are only two supported versions: "1" and "2". Version 1 represents the configuration from Vagrant 1.0.x. "2" represents the configuration for 1.1+ leading up to 2.0.x.

# VAGRANT: Installation and Configuration of Virtual Box

<https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>



# VirtualBox

## Download VirtualBox

Here, you will find links to VirtualBox binaries and its source code.

### VirtualBox binaries

By downloading, you agree to the terms and conditions of the license.

- **VirtualBox 5.1.12 platform packages.** The binaries are
  - [Windows hosts](#)
  - [OS X hosts](#)
  - [Linux distributions](#)
  - [Solaris hosts](#)
- **VirtualBox 5.1.12 Oracle VM VirtualBox Extension Pack**  
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# VAGRANT: Installation and Configuration of Virtual Box

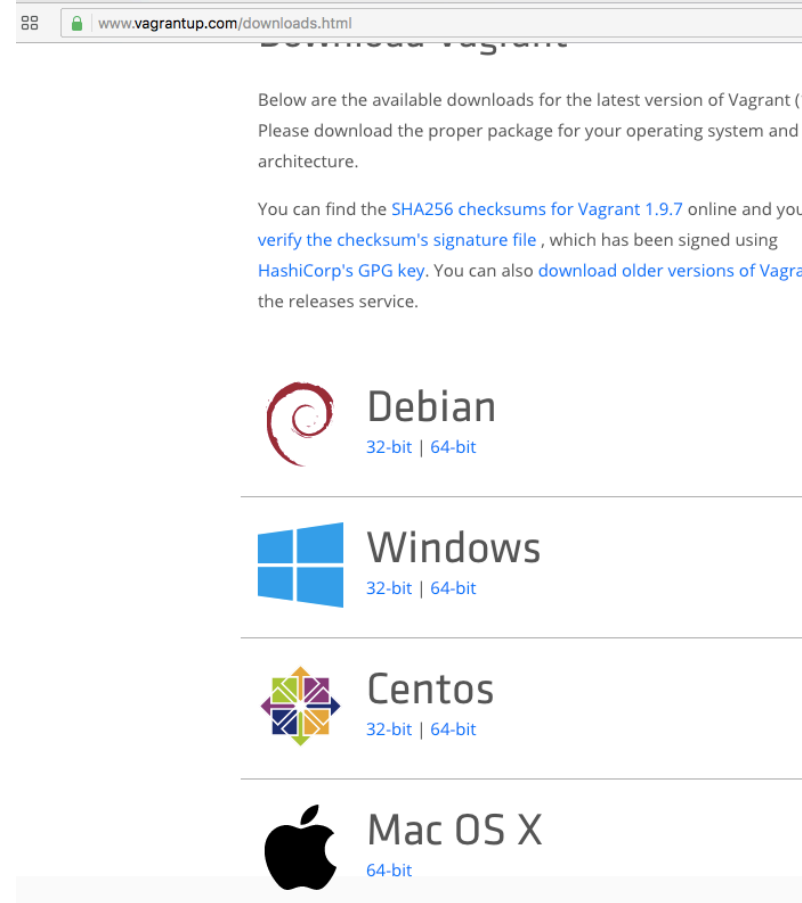
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# VAGRANT: Installation: Configuring Vagrant

<https://www.vagrantup.com/downloads.html>

The installer will automatically add vagrant to your system path so that it is available in terminals.



## VAGRANT: Installation: Installing Putty and GitBash

<http://www.putty.org>

<https://git-scm.com/downloads>

# VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Creating first VM

## **vagrant init**

Initialize Vagrant with a Vagrantfile and `./vagrant` directory, using no specified base image. Before you can do `vagrant up`, you'll need to specify a base image in the Vagrantfile.

## **vagrant init boxpath**

Initialize Vagrant with a specific box. To find a box, go shopping. When you find one you like, just replace it's name with `boxpath`.

For example

**vagrant init chef/centos-6.5**

**vagrant init ubuntu/trusty64**

## VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Operations on VM

**vagrant up** #starts vagrant environment (also provisions only on the FIRST vagrant up) Equivalent to pressing the power buttons on your servers.

**vagrant status** #outputs status of the vagrant machine

**vagrant halt** #stops the vagrant machine

**vagrant reload** #restarts vagrant machine, loads new Vagrantfile configuration

**vagrant provision** #forces reprovisioning of the vagrant machine

**vagrant ssh** #connects to machine via SSH

**vagrant destroy** #stops and deletes all traces of the vagrant machine

**vagrant suspend** #Suspends a virtual machine (remembers state)

**vagrant resume** #Resume a suspended machine (vagrant up works just fine for this as well)

**vagrant reload --provision** #Restart the virtual machine and force provisioning



# VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Connecting to the VM

# Login

**vagrant ssh** <name>

**vagrant port**            displays information about guest port mappings

## VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Adding Images

**Vagrant Boxes** are prebuilt VM images. (You never modify your box images)

**vagrant box list** #List the installed boxes

**vagrant box add** <name> <box path/HTTP URI> #Add the box for later use

**vagrant box remove** <name> virtualbox #delete a box

**vagrant box outdated** #Check for updates vagrant box update

**vagrant box update ...** # Add newest version

This URL has a list of common boxes you can use:

<https://app.vagrantup.com/boxes/search>

## **VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Manually Install Apache2**

**mkdir t1**

**cd t1**

**vagrant init ubuntu/trusty64**

**vagrant up**

**vagrant ssh**

**sudo apt-get update**

**sudo apt-get install -y apache2**

**curl localhost**

**Additional experiments... create a new file and confirm that it is browsable**

**Check if the webserver is accessible from outside the VM**

**Port forwarding to enable access**

**Destroy and up again and see what happens**

# VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Automated Apache2 install

## Method 1: Inline shell script in the Vagrantfile

```
config.vm.provision "shell", inline: <<-SHELL
  apt-get update
  apt-get install -y apache2
SHELL
```

## Method 2: Path to the shell script (relative to where your Vagrantfile is).

```
config.vm.provision "shell", path: "path to your shell script"
```

To run this either do: `vagrant destroy` and then `vagrant up`  
Or you can do: `vagrant provision`

# VAGRANT: Provisioning with Vagrant: Automated Apache2 install

**bootstrap.sh** in the same directory

as your Vagrantfile:

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
apt-get update
apt-get install -y apache2
if ! [ -L /var/www/html ]; then
    rm -rf /var/www/html
    ln -fs /vagrant /var/www/html
fi
```

NOTE: This command will map the /vagrant volume to /var/www/html

```
ln -fs /vagrant /var/www/html
```

At the end of the Vagrantfile before “end”

```
config.vm.box = "hashicorp/precise64"
```

```
config.vm.provision :shell, path: "bootstrap.sh"
```

```
config.vm.network :forwarded_port, guest: 80, host: 4567
```

# **VAGRANT: Home work**

**Install VirtualBox**

**Install Vagrant**

**Install Putty (only for Windows)**

**Install GitBash (Only for Windows)**

**Create an Ubuntu/Trusty64 Linux box**

**SSH into the box**

**Install Apache2**

**Install Apache with your custom index page loaded automatically**

**Destroy and Up again to confirm that the state is maintained**

**(The web server should be brows-able from outside the VM)**

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