

Got it.

You want a **full, clean, professional guide** for:

- ✓ **File transfer between two VirtualBox VMs using Shared Folder**
- ✓ **Using Windows 11 host**
- ✓ **Including all necessary commands and error handling**

I'll give it to you **clearly step-by-step** — with **commands + reasons + error fixes**.

Full Procedure to Transfer Files Between Two VirtualBox VMs (Using Shared Folders)

0. Requirements

- You are using **Windows 11** as **Host OS**.
- Two Virtual Machines (VM1 and VM2) running (example: Ubuntu inside VMs).
- VirtualBox is installed.
- VirtualBox Guest Additions ISO is available.

STEP 1: Install VirtualBox Guest Additions in Both VMs

Guest Additions are necessary to support **Shared Folders**.

Inside **each VM** (Ubuntu):

a) Update and install necessary packages:

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install build-essential dkms linux-headers-$(uname -r)
```

This installs tools needed to compile Guest Additions.

b) Insert Guest Additions CD Image:

In VirtualBox window (for each VM):

☞ Menu → Devices → Insert Guest Additions CD Image

A virtual CD should now appear in Ubuntu.

c) Install Guest Additions manually:

```
cd /media/$USER/VBox_GAs*
```

```
sudo sh VBoxLinuxAdditions.run
```

This installs Guest Additions drivers.

d) Reboot the VM:

```
sudo reboot
```

Common Errors during installation:

Error	Reason	Fix
Could not find gcc	Compiler missing	Run: <code>sudo apt install build-essential</code>
Permission denied	Not root	Use <code>sudo sh VBoxLinuxAdditions.run</code>

STEP 2: Create Shared Folder in VirtualBox Settings

Now on Windows Host (before starting VMs):

1. Open **VirtualBox Manager**.
2. Select **VM1** → **Settings** → **Shared Folders** → **Add (+) New Folder**.
3. Fill the details:
 - **Folder Path:** Select the folder you want to share (Example: `C:\Users\anshu\OneDrive\Desktop\aiissms`)
 - **Folder Name:** `shared_folder` (you will use this name inside Linux).
 - **Auto-mount:** Check it
 - **Make Permanent:** Check it
1. Repeat the same for **VM2**.

Now both VMs will have access to the **same shared folder**.

STEP 3: Create a Mount Point (Directory) Inside the VM

Inside each Ubuntu VM:

```
sudo mkdir -p /mnt/shared_folder
```

This creates the directory where shared folder will be mounted.

-p means create parent directories if not existing.

Common Errors and Fix:

Error	Reason	Solution
mkdir: cannot create directory	Directory already exists	Ignore or use -p option

STEP 4: Mount the Shared Folder

Inside each Ubuntu VM:

```
sudo mount -t vboxsf shared_folder /mnt/shared_folder
```

Now the shared folder from Windows will be accessible inside /mnt/shared_folder.

Explanation:

- shared_folder = Folder Name you set in VirtualBox settings.
- /mnt/shared_folder = Your Ubuntu path to access it.

STEP 5: Check Files

Go to:

```
cd /mnt/shared_folder
```

```
ls
```

You should now see files from Windows folder!

If not:

Problem	Reason	Solution
mount: unknown filesystem type 'vboxsf'	Guest Additions not properly installed	Reinstall Guest Additions
No such file or directory	Wrong folder name	Check VirtualBox → Shared Folders → Correct folder name

STEP 6: Make it Permanent (Optional - Auto Mount)

If you want the folder mounted automatically on reboot:

1. Edit /etc/fstab:

```
sudo nano /etc/fstab
```

1. Add at the bottom:

```
shared_folder    /mnt/shared_folder    vboxsf    defaults    0    0
```

Now it will auto-mount after reboot.

Quick Command Sheet (Summary)

Step	Command
Update packages	<code>sudo apt update</code>
Install tools	<code>sudo apt install build-essential dkms linux-headers-\$(uname -r)</code>
Mount Guest Additions CD	Devices → Insert Guest Additions CD Image
Install Guest Additions	<code>cd /media/\$USER/VBox_GAs* → sudo sh VBoxLinuxAdditions.run</code>
Reboot VM	<code>sudo reboot</code>
Create mount point	<code>sudo mkdir -p /mnt/shared_folder</code>
Mount shared folder	<code>sudo mount -t vboxsf shared_folder /mnt/shared_folder</code>
Auto-mount (optional)	Add line in /etc/fstab

✂ Example

You are using:

Field	Value
Windows Host Folder	C:\Users\anshu\OneDrive\Desktop\aissms
Folder Name in VirtualBox	shared_folder
Mount Point inside VM	/mnt/shared_folder
Done!	

⚡ Bonus Tip (Permission Fix):

Sometimes you will see you cannot **write** into the shared folder.

Fix it with:

```
sudo usermod -aG vboxsf $USER
```

```
newgrp vboxsf
```

This adds your user into vboxsf group (VirtualBox Shared Folder group).

Final Result:

Now both your VMs can share files easily between each other through /mnt/shared_folder, no network needed!

Would you also like me to give a **simple Bash script** that auto-creates mount point and mounts shared folder on boot?

(You just need to run it once!)

Would you like it?