Computational Neuroscience Virtual Machine

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Installation:

1. Download and install VirtualBox: (Windows, Mac OS and Linux installers available)
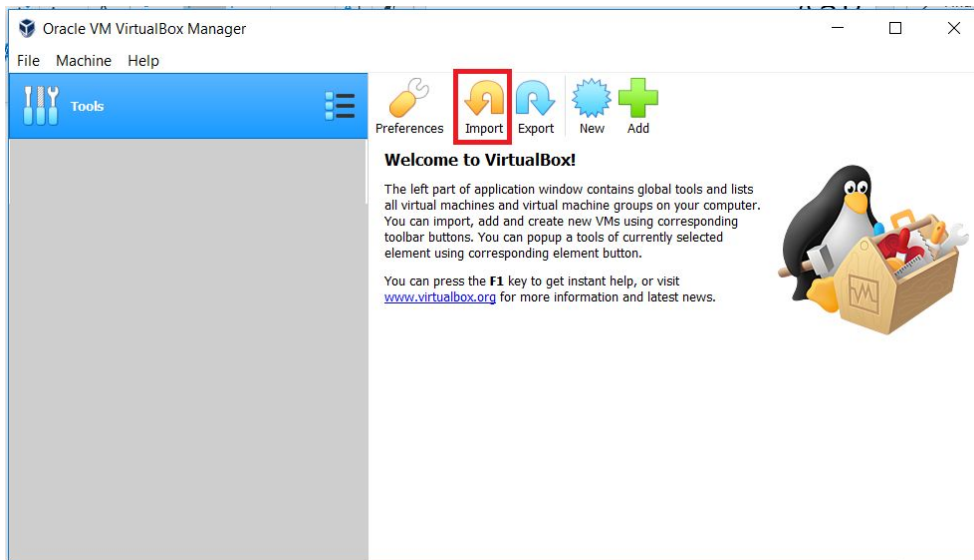https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads

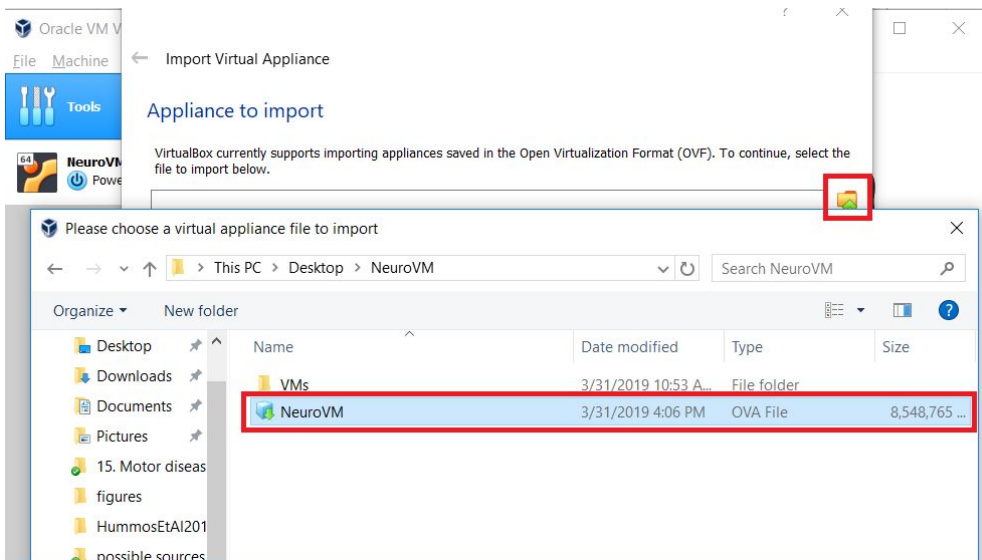2. Download the CompNeuro Virtual Appliance provided by the Mizzou Neural Engineering Lab:
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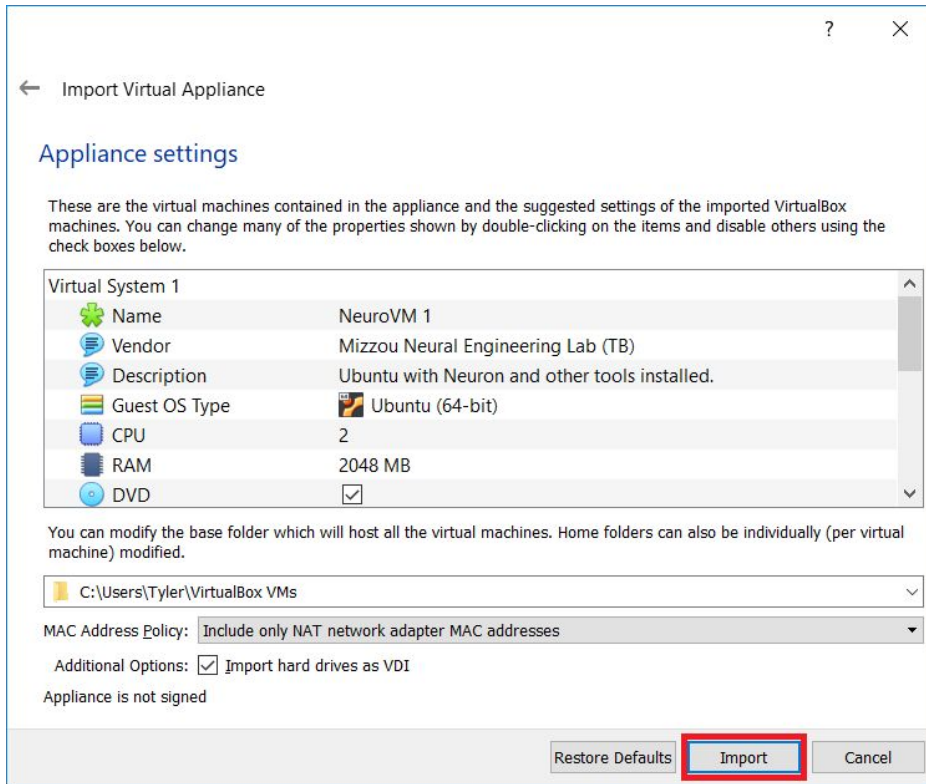
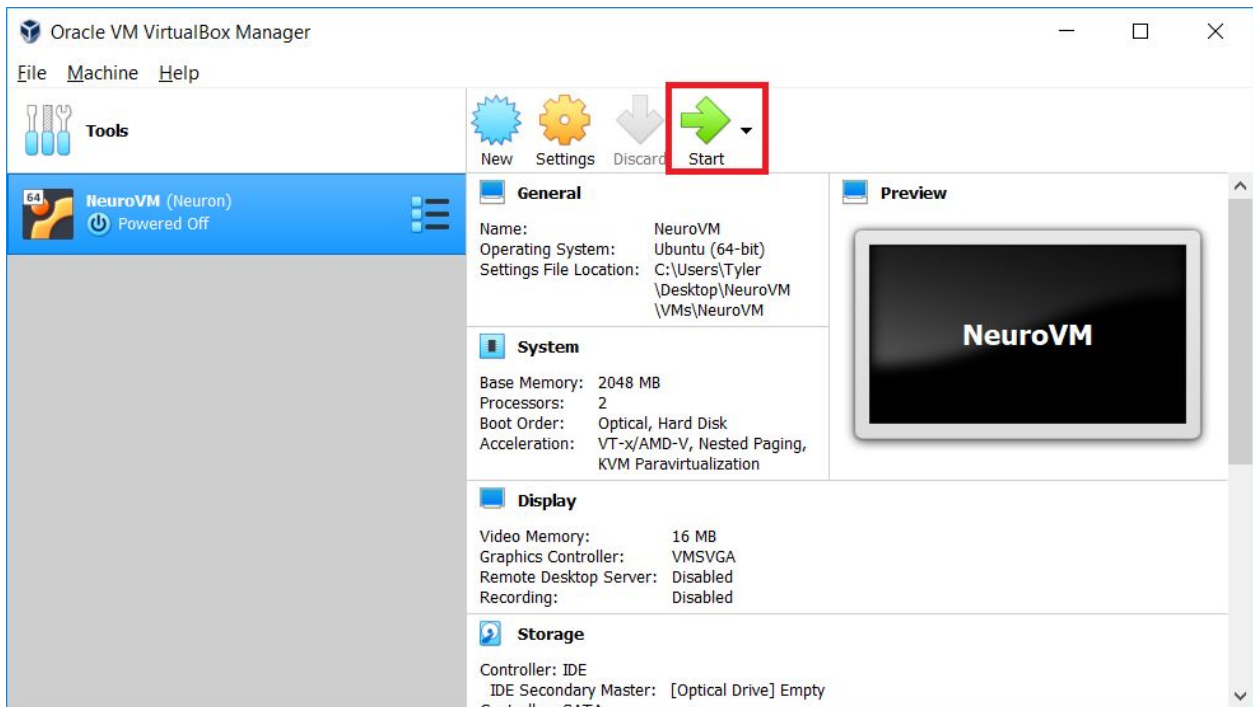3. Import the appliance in VirtualBox

4. Select the downloaded NeuroVM ova file.

5. Change settings if needed (increase memory, etc.). This process may take several minutes.

6. Start the VM and you're ready to go!

Usage

Ubuntu 18.04LTS is installed

Username: mizzou

Password: mizzou

The system should automatically log you in, password will only be required when installing additional software. VirtualBox tools are available, transferring files from the host system can be done through drag and drop.

Software provided:

Neuron 7.5 (with IV and MPI) https://www.neuron.yale.edu/neuron/

Anaconda 3 https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/

Nest http://www.nest-simulator.org/

BMTK https://github.com/Alleninstitute/bmtk

SimAgentMPI https://tylerbanks.net/SimAgentMPI/

BMTools https://github.com/tjbanks/bmtools

VSCode https://code.visualstudio.com/

Running Neuron

nrniv, nrngui, nrnivmodl are all available from the terminal.

Navigate to the directory with your model and run from there.

Jupyter Notebooks

Open terminal and type

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jupyter notebook
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The web browser will open and you will be able to navigate to your notebooks.

Python and BMTK Code

Python 3.6 will be available from the terminal by default

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python your_program.py
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