Lecture 2 - Introduction to VMs

DSE 511

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Announcements

No class THIS THURSDAY on 9/1



- UTKDSE slack org
 - Everyone should have an invitation
 - Use channel #dse511-fall2022 for public chat
- Homework 1 graded

Homework 1 Comments

- *Very* diverse student backgrounds
- Lots of interest in git and the shell!
- Most know some R and Python (or equivalent) already
- Almost everyone going native (not a VM)
- This semester: git, bash, ...
- Next semester: HPC, the cloud, performance optimization, ...

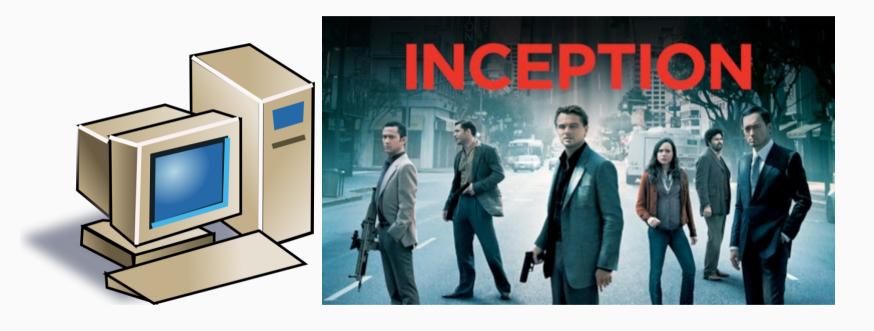
Today's Lecture

- VM Basics
- Setting Up a VM
- Installing Linux Software
- Wrapup

VM Basics

What Is a VM?

A VM is an entire OS living inside your OS.



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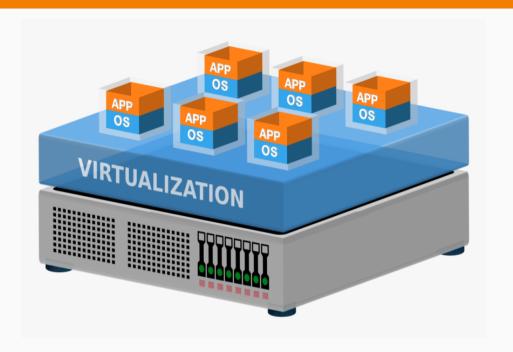
- Virtualization tool
- An OS inside your OS
- Now broadly lumped under "containerization" umbrella

History of Containerization

- 1980's: chroot
- 1990's: VM's
- 2000's: BSD Jails
- 2013: Docker
- 2016: Singularity
- 2016--Present: Kubernetes, OpenVZ, snap, flatpak, OpenShift, AND MANY MORE

What Is a VM?

A Virtual Machine (VM) is a compute resource that uses **software** instead of a **physical computer** to run programs and deploy apps. One or more virtual "guest" machines run on a physical "host" machine. Each virtual machine runs its own operating system and functions separately from the other VMs, even when they are all running on the same host.



From https://www.vmware.com/topics/glossary/content/virtual-machine.html

Why Though?

Benefits

- Isolation
- Reproducibility
- Distribution

Common Uses

- Web services
- Dev environment
- CI builds
- Batch runs

"Portability"



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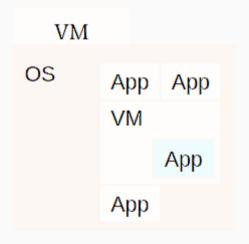
The only solution for python packaging is to mail your working computer to whomever wants to use your package

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How A Program Runs in a VM

- Full OS installs on your hdd
- Has to boot!
- Shallow integration with host OS



VM Uses

- The cloud
- Running non-native arch binaries
- Distributing software (less common these days)

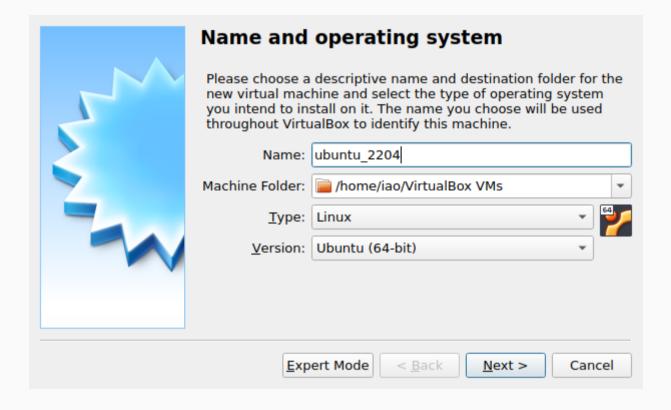
Hypervisors

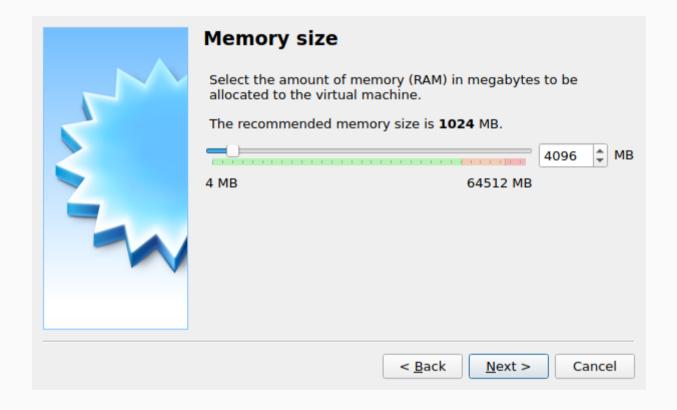
- Runs the VM
- Native vs hosted...
- Common hypervisors
 - o QEMU
 - VirtualBox
 - VMWare
 - Parallels (Mac)
 - \circ KVM

Setting Up a VM

Installing a VM

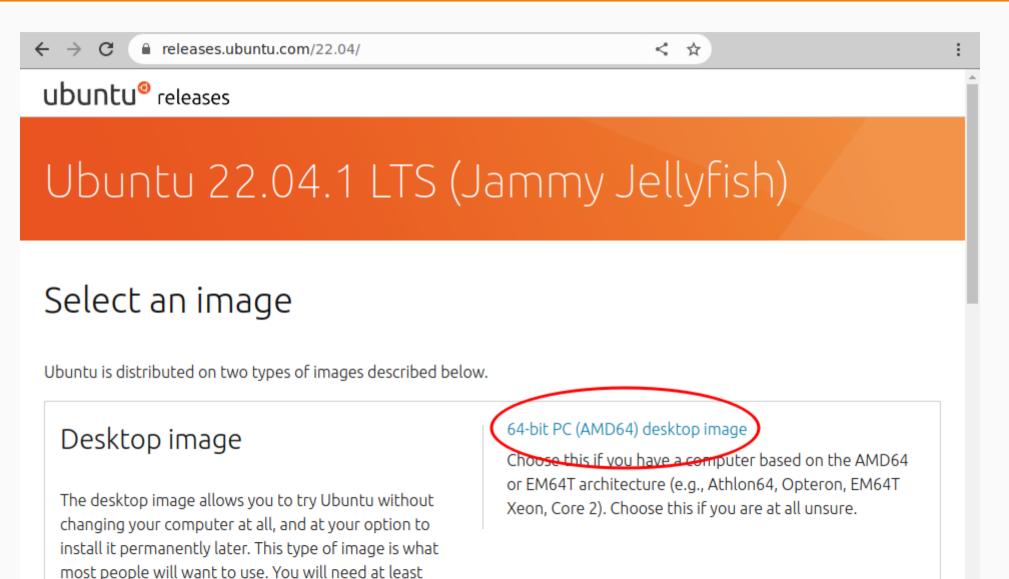
- VM thinks it's a computer
- We have to install the OS
- This is a bit time consuming
- For most modern applications, Linux containers are a better solution
- We'll use VirtualBox for demonstration

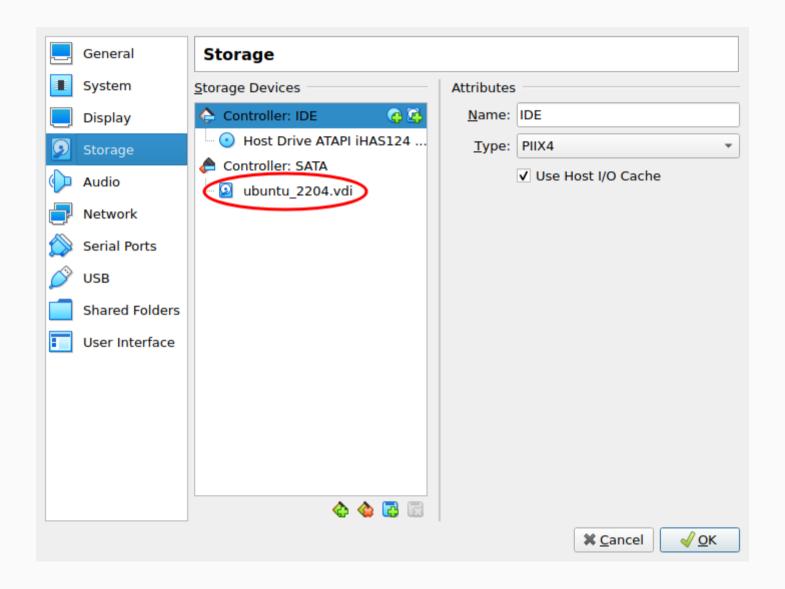


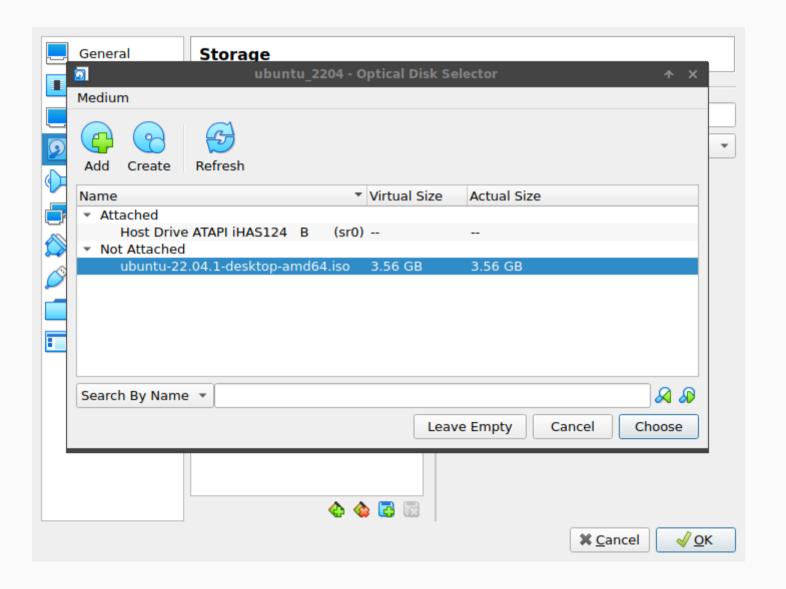


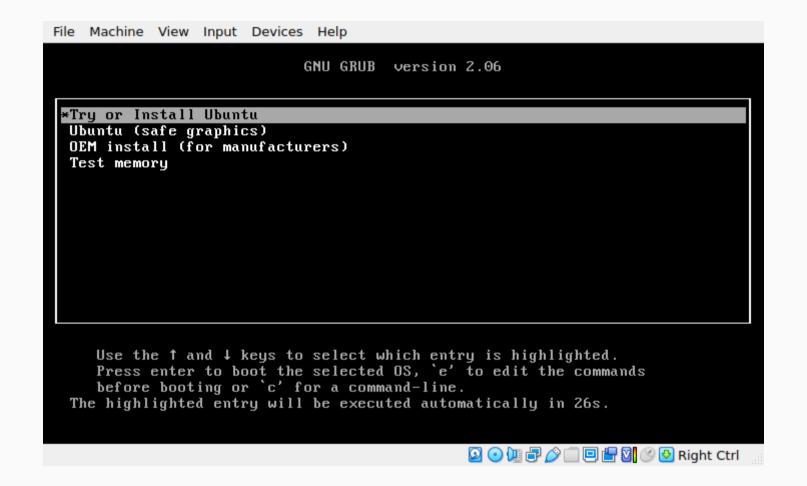


1024MiB of RAM to install from this image.









Installing Linux Software

Installing Software

- So you set up your VM
- Now what?



Installing Software

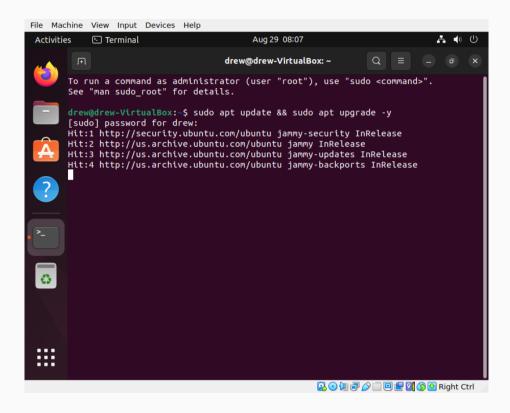
- On Windows: click click click click ...
- On Mac: click click click click ...
- On Linux: use the package manager

Installing Linux Software

- Various package managers exist
- Each "distro" has one
- We'll be using Ubuntu
 - It's basically the standard
 - o If you have strong opinions: use whatever you want I don't care

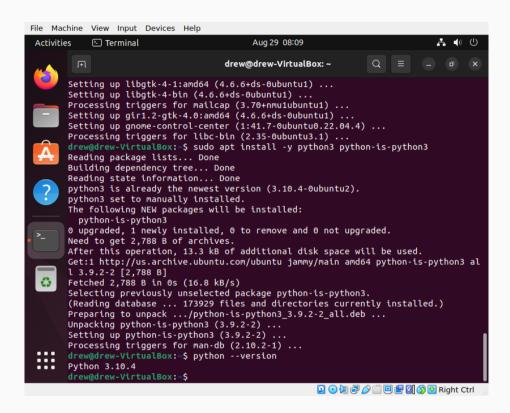
Updating Your System

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y



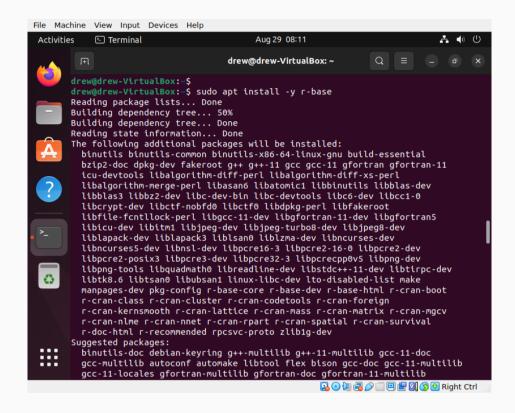
Installing Python

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sudo apt install -y \
python3 python-is-python3
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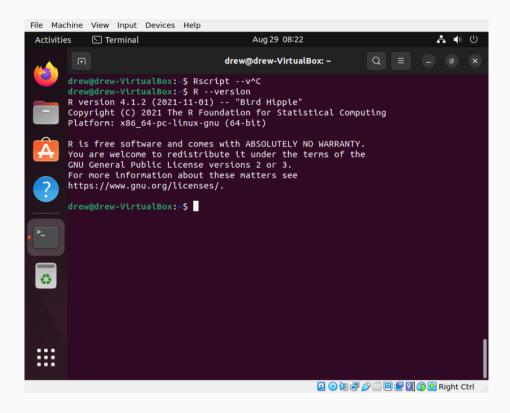
Installing R

sudo apt install -y r-base



Installing R

R --version

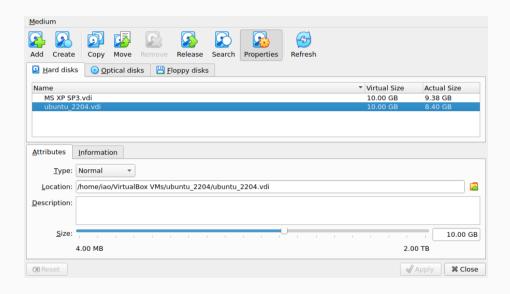


Uh-Oh!

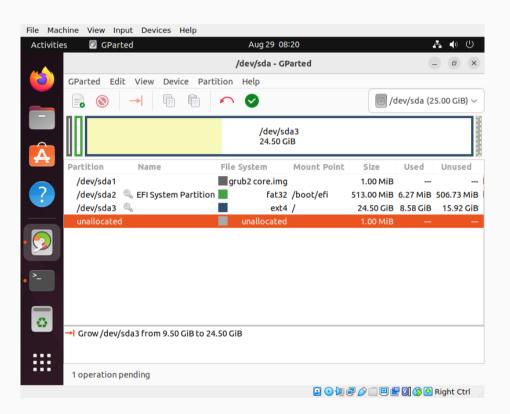
We ran out of storage space!

Resizing Your VM

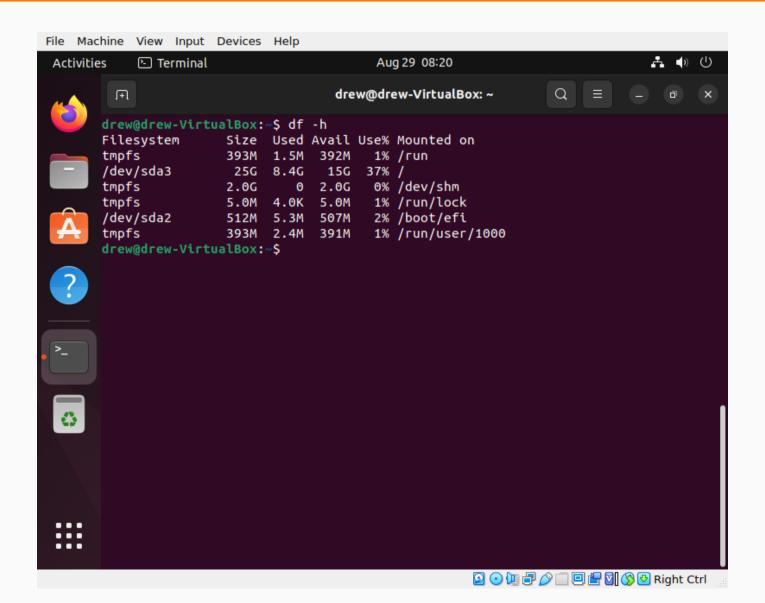
Hypervisor



VM

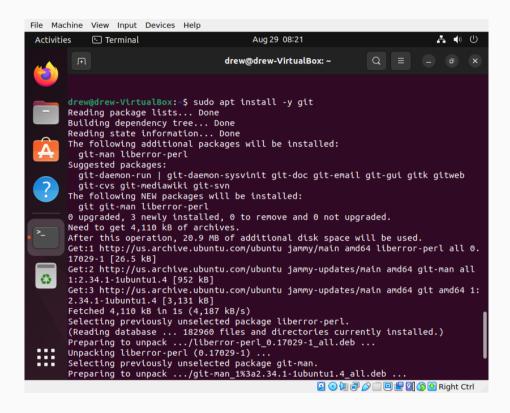


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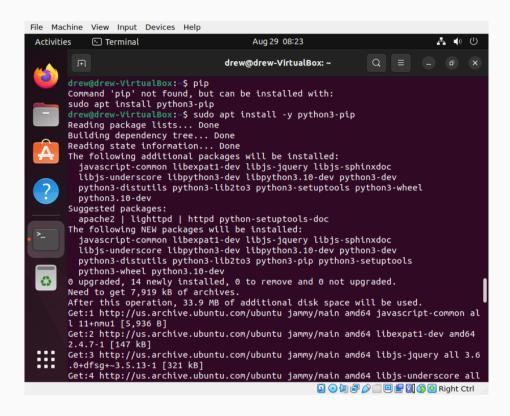
Installing git

sudo apt install -y git



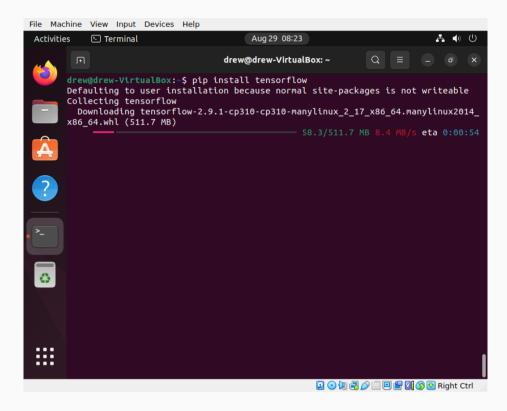
Installing pip

sudo apt install -y python3-pip



Installing tensorflow

pip install tensorflow



What About Windows/Mac?

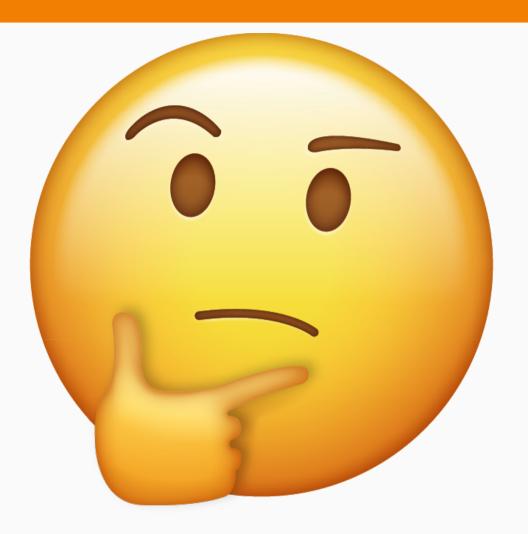
- WSL uses Ubuntu
 - Step 1: Install WSL
 - ∘ Step 2: sudo apt install ...
- There are "similar" things for Mac (homebrew, ports)

How "Ubuntu" Is This?

- Short answer: kinda
- apt: Debian, Ubuntu, ...
- yum: Fedora, CentOS, RedHat,

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• Others exist; largely irrelevant



Wrapup

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- A VM is a virtualized OS + apps
- Advantages of a VM
 - Isolation
 - Reproducibility
 - Distribution
- Install Linux software via the software repo

Ungraded (aka optional) Homework

- VM
 - Install an Ubuntu 22.04 VM with VirtualBox
 - Install the VirtualBox guest additions
 - I/O
 - Mount a folder from your host OS in your VM
 - Put a text file in the folder (from host OS)
 - From terminal: cat the file
 - Set up sshd in your VM and ssh to it (Windows users will need Putty or WSL for ssh)
- Native
 - o On Windows (WSL): install git, R, and Python using apt
 - On Mac: experiment with homebrew

Questions?