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How to Install VirtualBox 5.2 on Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

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Oracle VirtualBox 5.2.8 has been released on **February 27th, 2018**. Oracle VirtualBox 5.2 is the latest major release after launched by Oracle team. This version has the new feature to export VM to Oracle Cloud, Unattended guest installation, improved tools handling with more attractive icons. Oracle team also added an experimental feature for audio support for video recording. See the ChangeLog for more details.

This article helps you to install VirtualBox on **Ubuntu 16.04 LTS** systems.

Step 1 – Prerequsities

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You must have logged in to your server using root or sudo privileged user. After login to your system update current packages of the system to the latest version.

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get upgrade
```

Step 2 – Configure Apt Repository

Let's import the Oracle public key to your system signed the Debian packages using the following commands.

```
$ wget -q https://www.virtualbox.org/download/ora
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```

Now, you need to add Oracle VirtualBox PPA to Ubuntu system. You can do this by running the below command on your system.

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository "deb http://download.vi
```

This command will add an entry to /etc/apt/sources.list at end of the file.

Step 3 – Install Oracle VirtualBox

After completing the above steps, let's install VirtualBox using the following commands. If you have already installed an older version of VirtualBox, Below command will update it automatically.

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install virtualbox-5.2
```
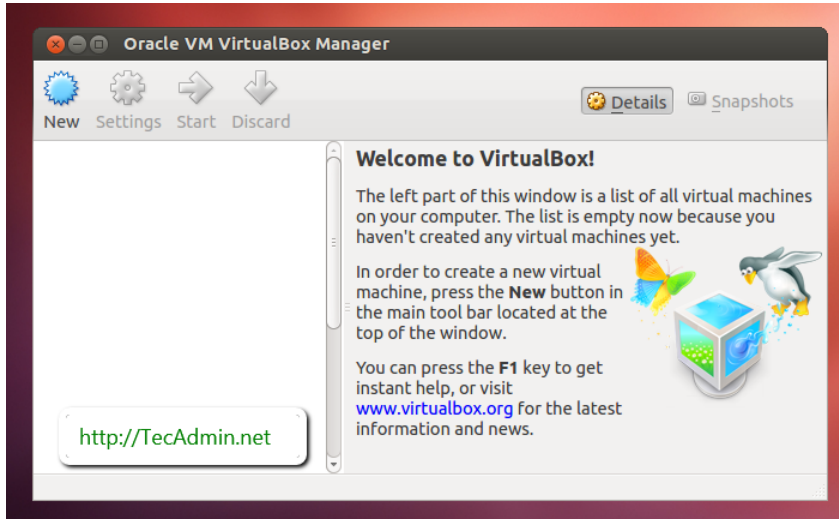
Step 4 – Launch VirtualBox

We can use dashboard shortcuts to start VirtualBox or simply run following command from a terminal.

```
$ virtualbox
```

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SAM   REPLY TO SAM

April 14, 2019 at 9:31 pm

Great tutorial, I think there is a typo. Is the line added to your /etc/apt/sources.list should be "https" and not "http"? Thanks

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TOM   REPLY TO TOM

April 11, 2019 at 7:42 pm

just get rid of the version number

sudo apt-get install virtualbox

MUNENDRA SINGH   REPLY TO MUNENDRA

February 9, 2019 at 11:47 am

aaaaaaa@munendra-latitude:~$ sudo   apt-get   install virtualbox-5.2
Reading package lists… Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information… Done
Some packages could not be installed. This may mean that you have
requested an impossible situation or if you are using the unstable
distribution that some required packages have not yet been created
or been moved out of Incoming.
The following information may help to resolve the situation:

The following packages have unmet dependencies:
virtualbox-5.2 : Depends: libcurl3 (>= 7.16.2) but it is not installable
Depends: libpng12-0 (>= 1.2.13-4) but it is not installable
Depends: libvpx3 (>= 1.5.0) but it is not installable
Recommends: libsdl-ttf2.0-0 but it is not installable
Recommends: gcc but it is not going to be installed
Recommends: make but it is not installable or
build-essential but it is not installable or
dpkg-dev but it is not going to be installed
E: Unable to correct problems, you have held broken packages.
aaaaaaa@munendra-latitude:~$

FABIO SANTOS   REPLY TO FABIO

January 13, 2019 at 2:02 pm

Run
sudo gedit /etc/apt/sources.list

then copy and past the following at last of the file and Save it, if your dist is xenial, or run lsb_release -c to see your dist

Then add this line in your source list, and remove others dist
deb   http://download.virtualbox.org/virtualbox/debian   xenial contrib

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AHBEHNAM   REPLY TO AHBEHNAM

December 20, 2018 at 9:58 am

Thanks very much

SUNIL   REPLY TO SUNIL

October 11, 2018 at 8:35 am

worked like charm for ubuntu 16.04 on AMD 64
thanks
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YOGESH   REPLY TO YOGESH

August 10, 2018 at 8:02 am

There were problems setting up VirtualBox. To re-start the set-up process, run
/sbin/vboxconfig
as root.

I can try this ,but error is not resolved, please help me.

CHAKI   🗩 **REPLY TO CHAKI**

September 18, 2018 at 8:13 am

I have the same problem! Did you solve it?

GYURME   🗩 **REPLY TO GYURME**

October 12, 2018 at 10:46 am

I had problem running virtualbox after setting up. This was because I was using older kernel version (4.15) on ubuntu. To find out kernel version run:

uname -r

if it shows older version, update your kernel version to 4.19

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