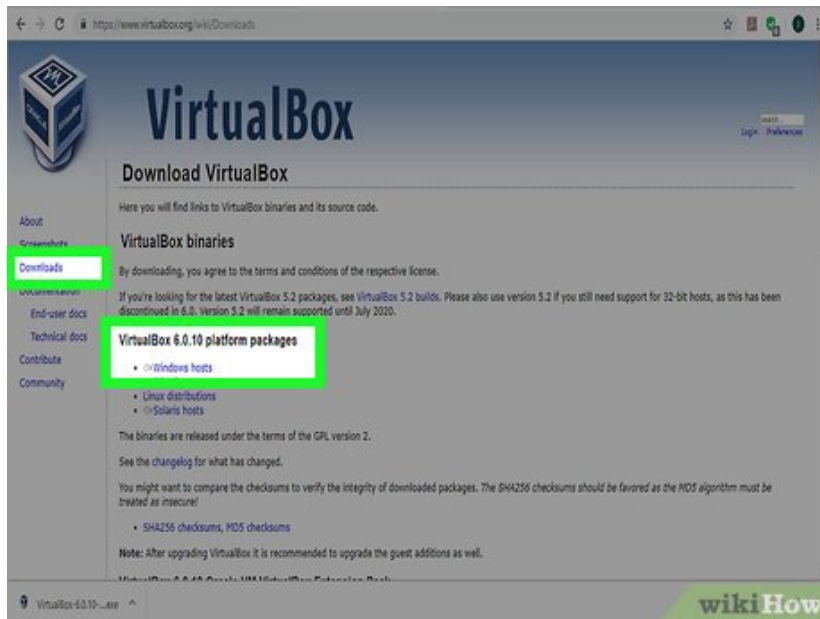


# How to Install Ubuntu in Windows

This wikiHow teaches you how to install and run Ubuntu Linux on your Windows computer's desktop. You'll use a free program called VirtualBox to do so; this will allow you to run Ubuntu without having to replace your current operating...

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## Installing VirtualBox



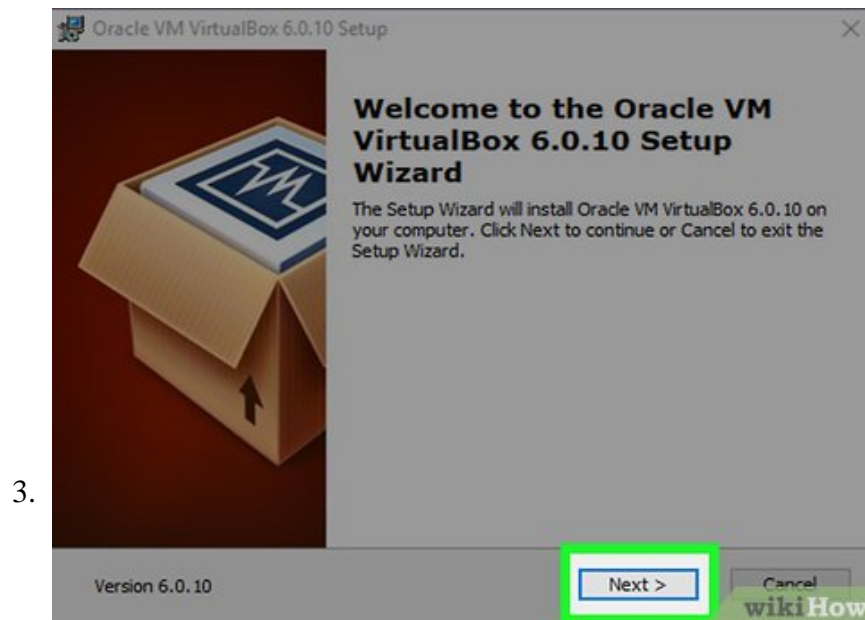
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**Download the VirtualBox installation file.** Go to <https://www.virtualbox.org/> in your computer's web browser, then do the following:

1. Click **Downloads** on the left side of the page.
2. Click the **Windows hosts** link under the "VirtualBox 5.2.16 platform packages" heading.



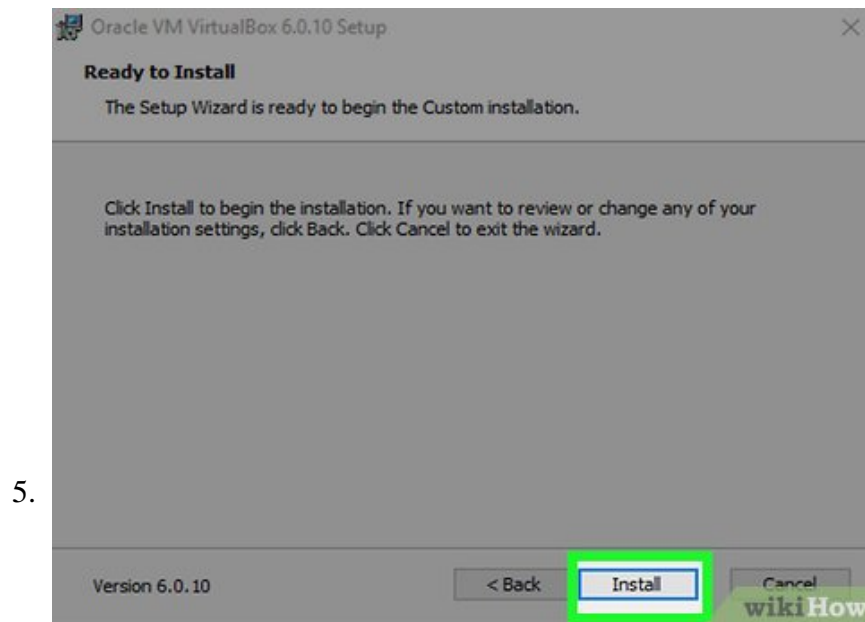
**Double-click the VirtualBox setup file.** Doing so will launch the VirtualBox installation window.



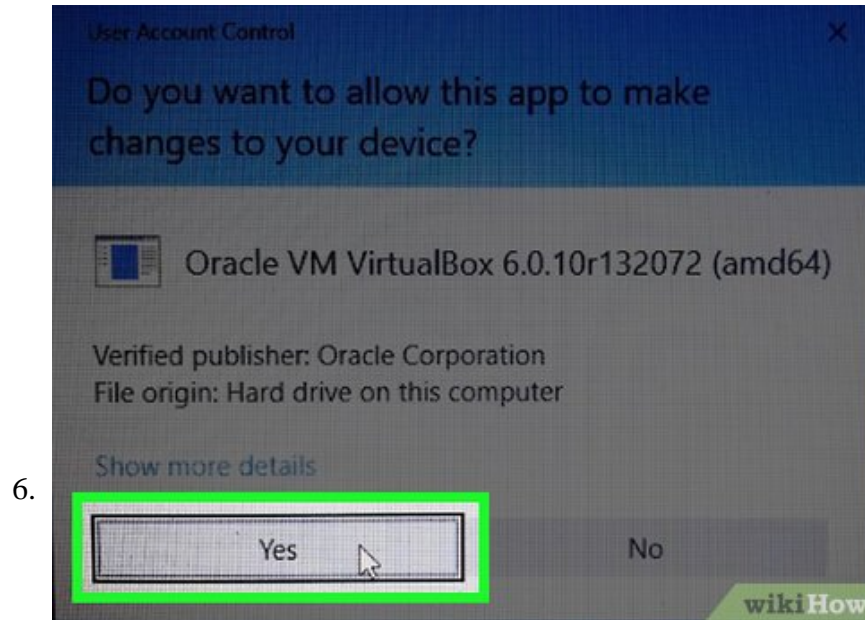
**Click  three times.** The **Next** button is at the bottom of the window. After clicking it three times, you should arrive at a warning about networking.



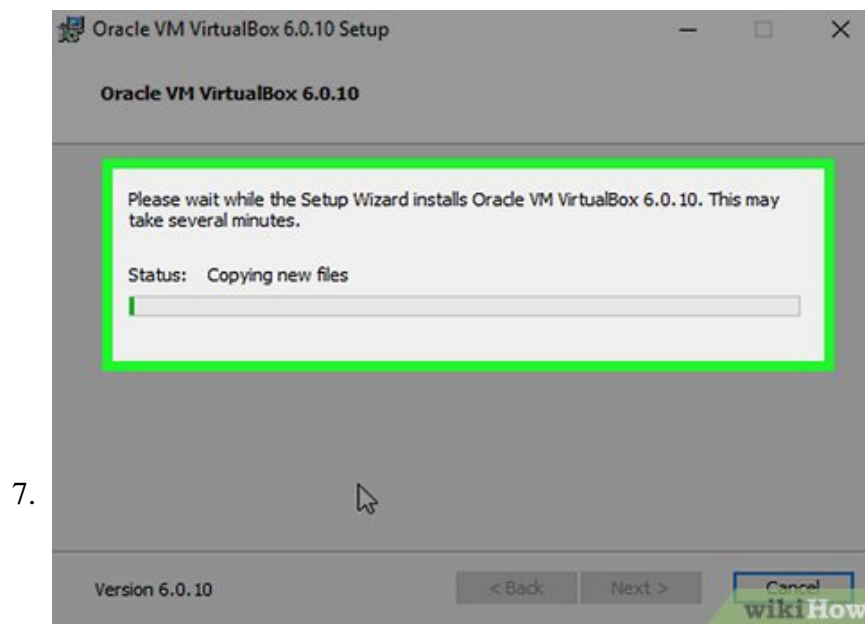
Click **Yes**. It's at the bottom of the window.



Click **Install**. This option is at the bottom of the window.

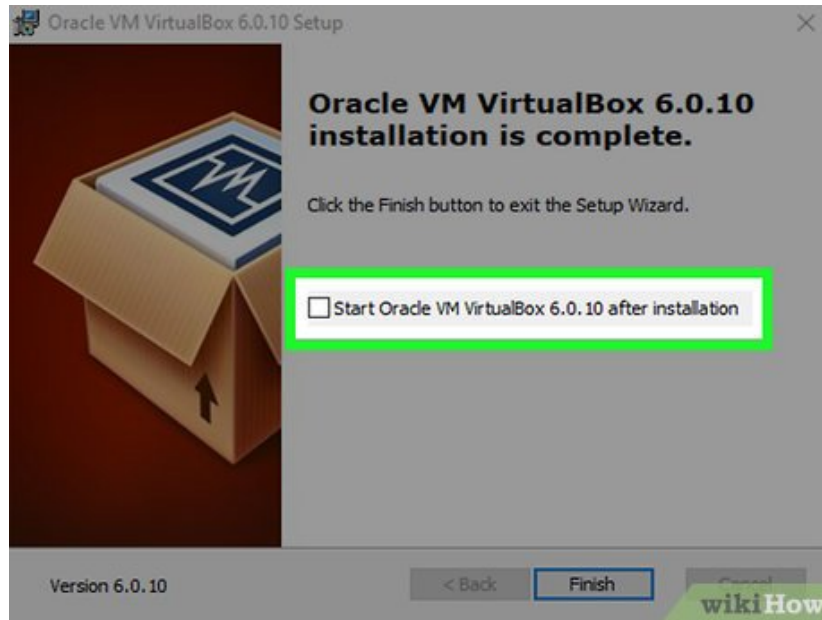


Click  when prompted. Doing so confirms your settings and allows VirtualBox to begin installing.



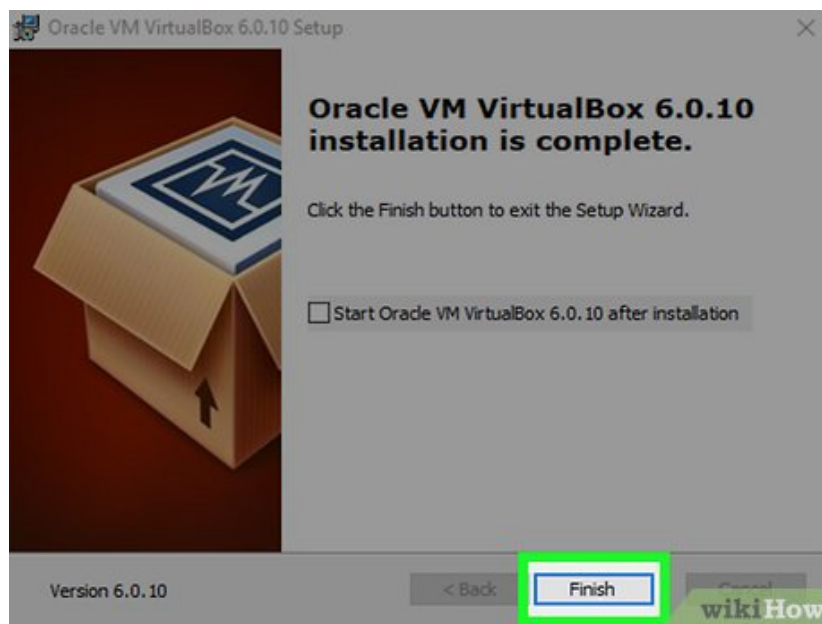
**Allow VirtualBox to install.** It can take up to ten minutes to finish installing VirtualBox, so just allow the installer to run.

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**Uncheck the "Launch VirtualBox" box.** Once VirtualBox finishes installing, this will appear in the middle of the window.

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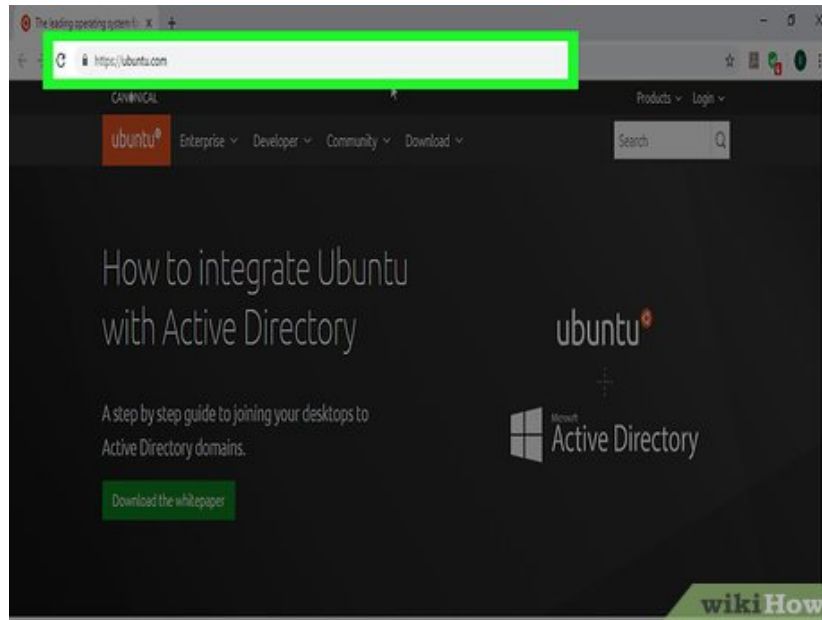


**Click **Finish** when prompted.** This option is at the bottom of the window. Clicking it completes the installation process.

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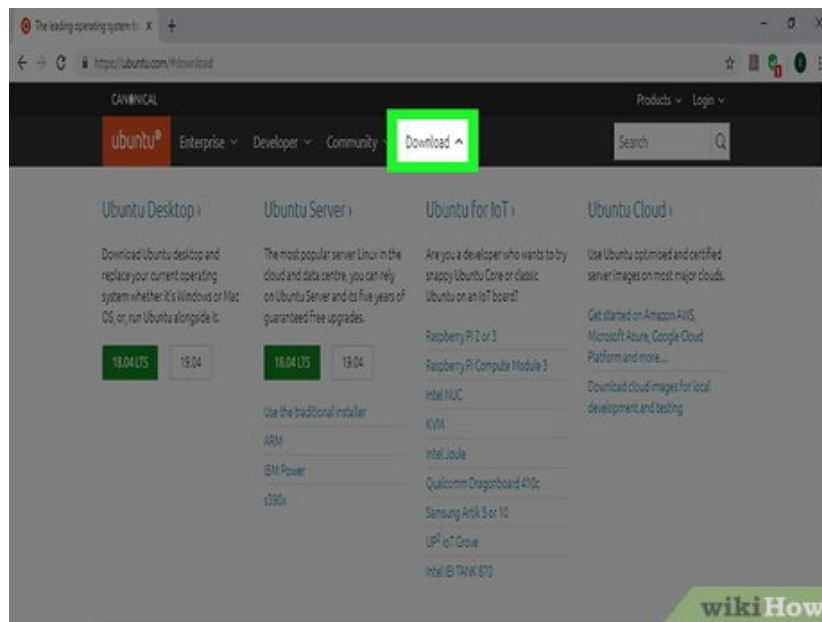
## Downloading the Ubuntu Installation File

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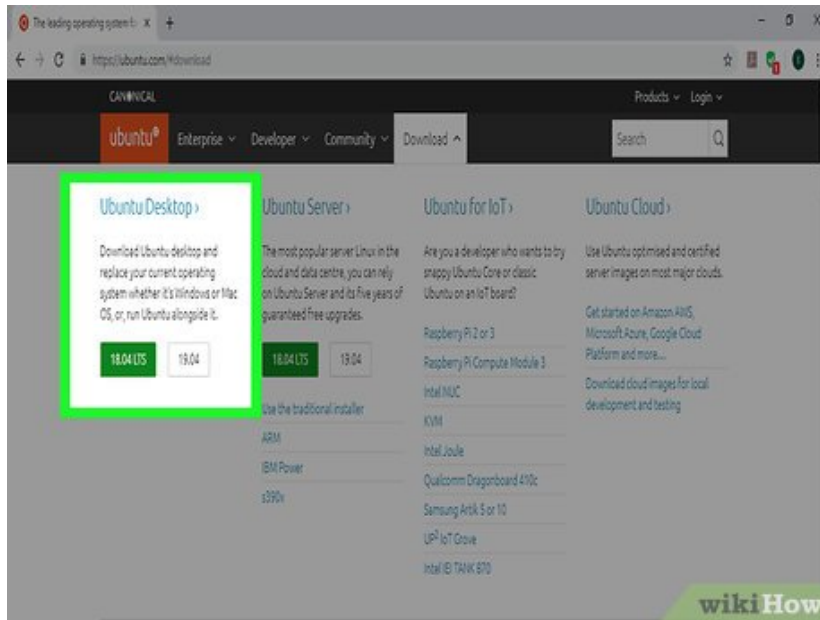


**Open the Ubuntu website.** Go to <https://www.ubuntu.com/> in your computer's web browser. This is the official site for Ubuntu support and downloads.

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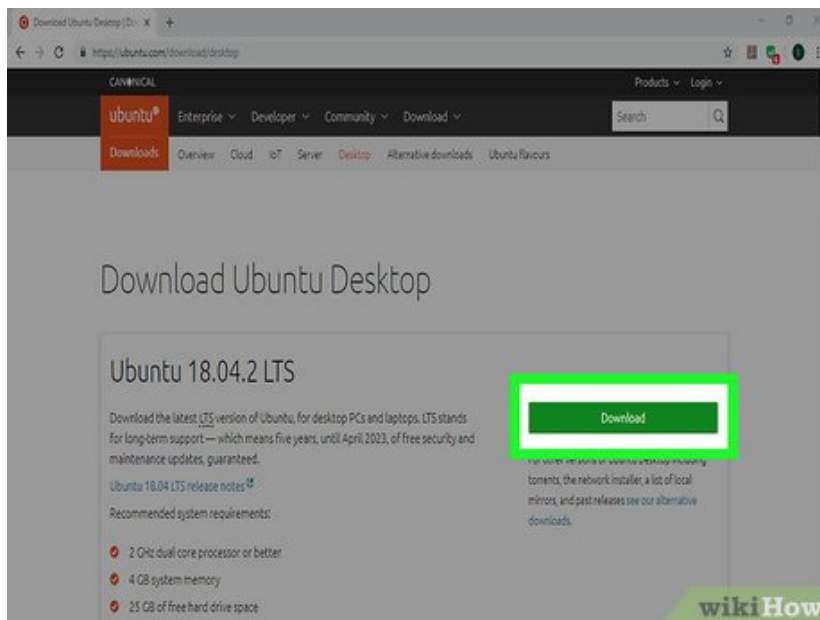


**Select **Downloads****. It's a tab in the upper-right side of the window. Placing your mouse cursor on this tab prompts a drop-down menu.



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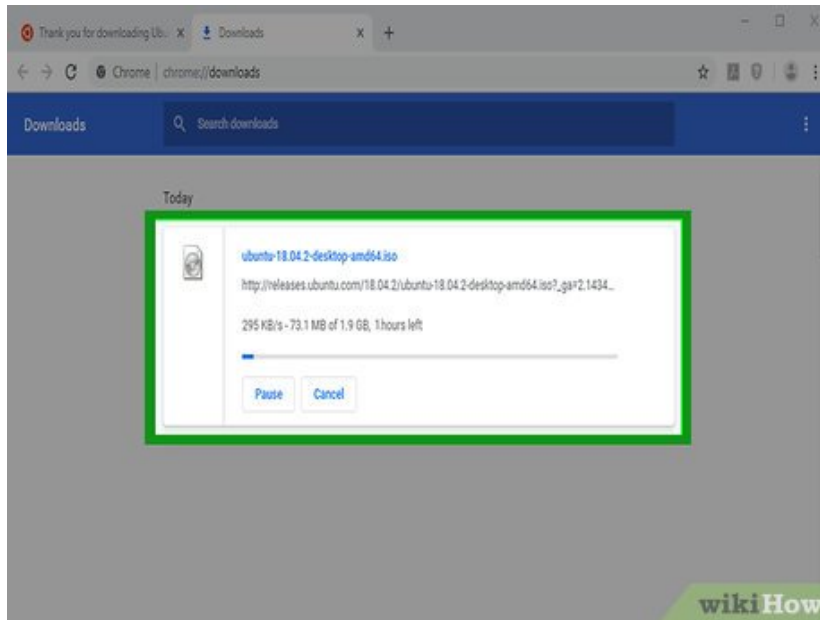
Click **Desktop**. You'll find this option in the **Downloads** drop-down menu.



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Click **Download**. This green button is to the right of the current version of Ubuntu. Doing so prompts the Ubuntu disk image (ISO) file to begin downloading onto your computer.

1. You may have to click **Save** or select a download location before the Ubuntu ISO will download.

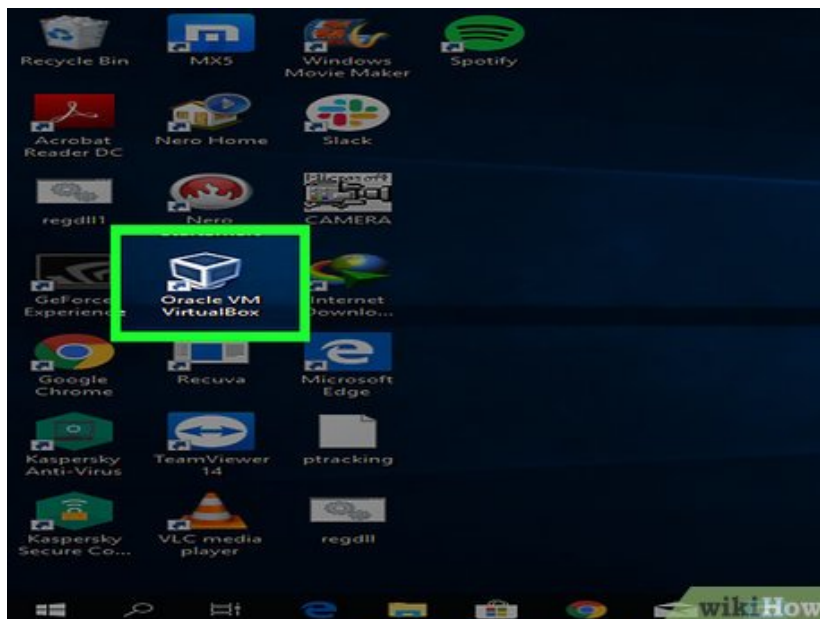


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**Wait for the download to complete.** The Ubuntu ISO file is close to 2 gigabytes in size, so it may take a while to finish downloading; once it does, you can proceed with creating a new virtual machine for your Ubuntu installation.

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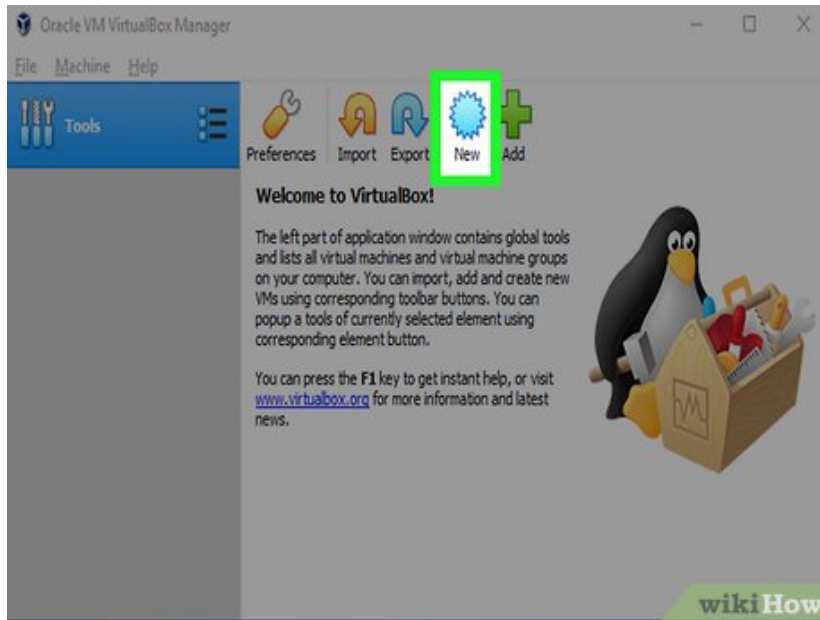
## Creating a New Virtual Machine



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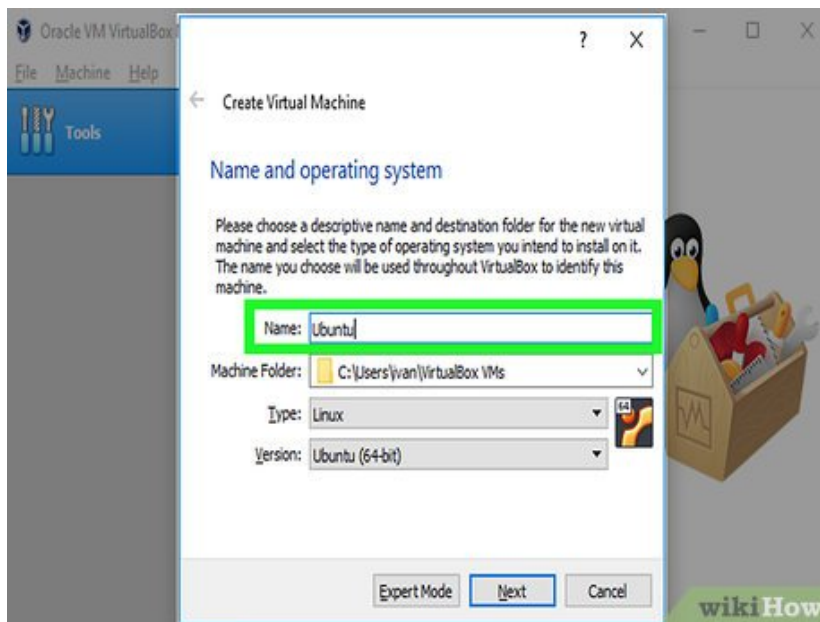
**Open VirtualBox.** Click or double-click the **Oracle VM VirtualBox** app icon, which resembles a 3D blue-and-white box.

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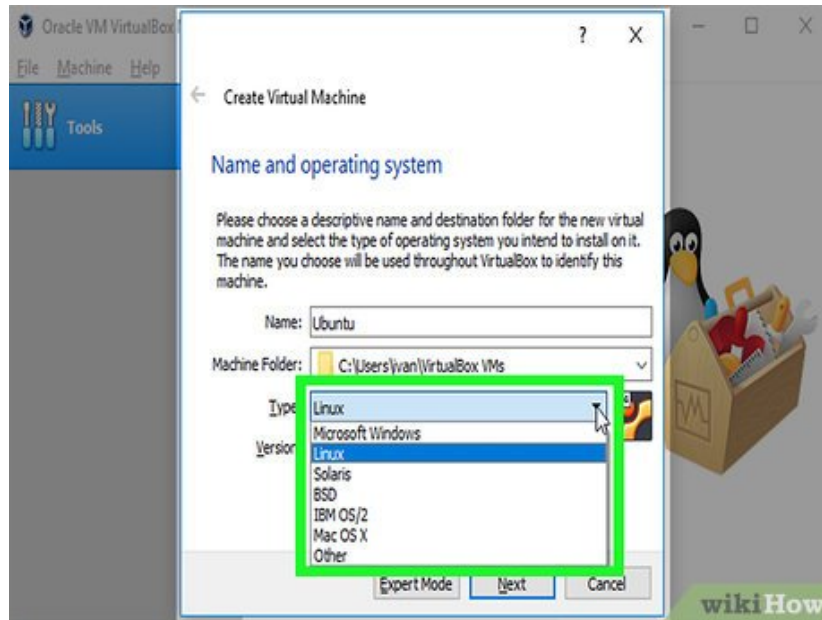
Click **New**. It's a blue icon in the upper-left side of the window. This prompts a pop-up window to open.

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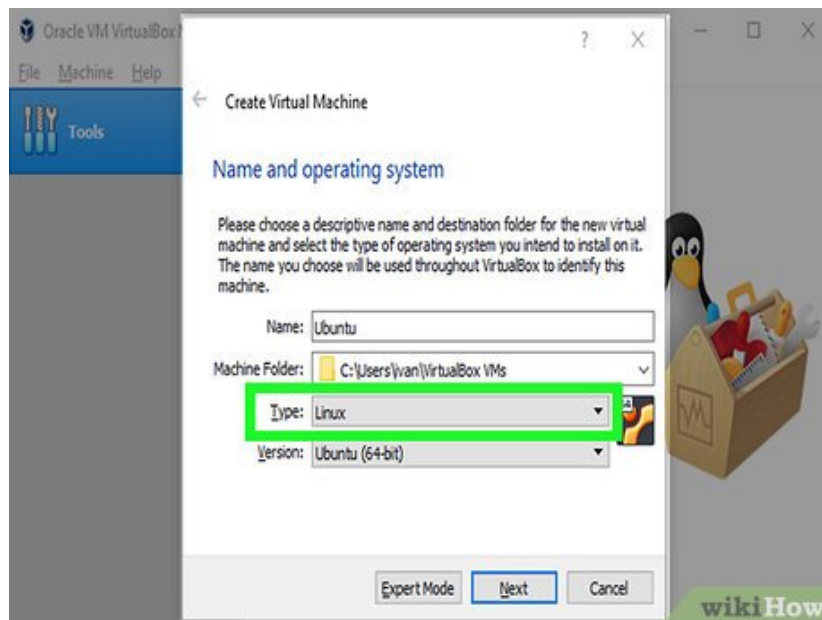
Enter a name for your virtual machine. Type in whatever you want to name the Ubuntu installation.

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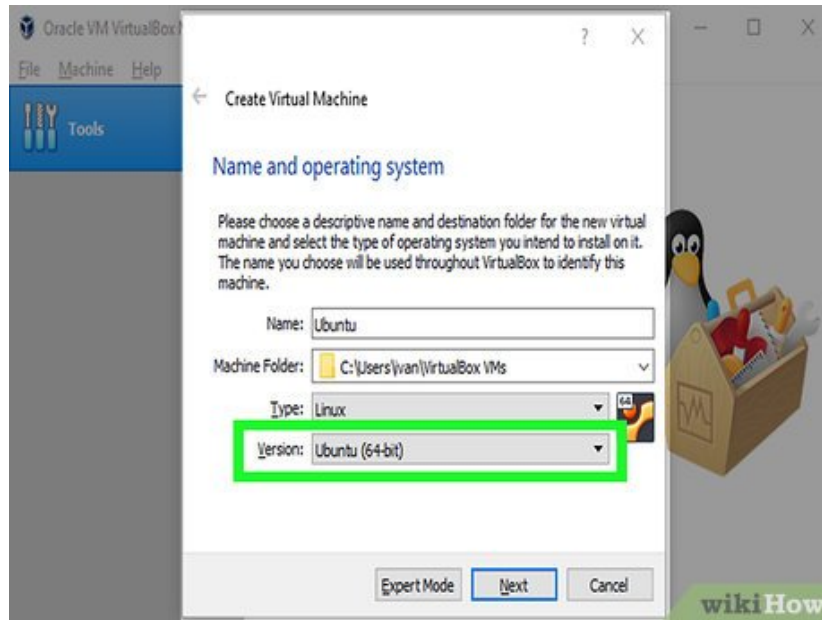
Click the "Type" drop-down box. It's below the "Name" text box. Clicking it prompts a drop-down menu.

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Click **Linux**. This option is in the "Type" drop-down box.

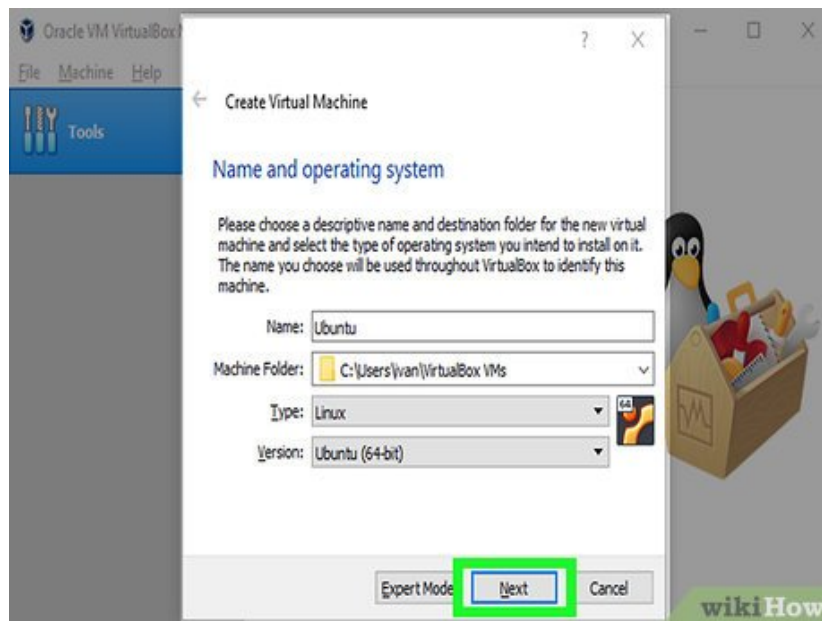
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**Select Ubuntu if it isn't already selected.** Upon selecting **Linux**, you should see "Ubuntu (64-bit)" appear in the "Version" section; if not, click the "Version" drop-down box and then click **Ubuntu (64-bit)** in the resulting drop-down menu.

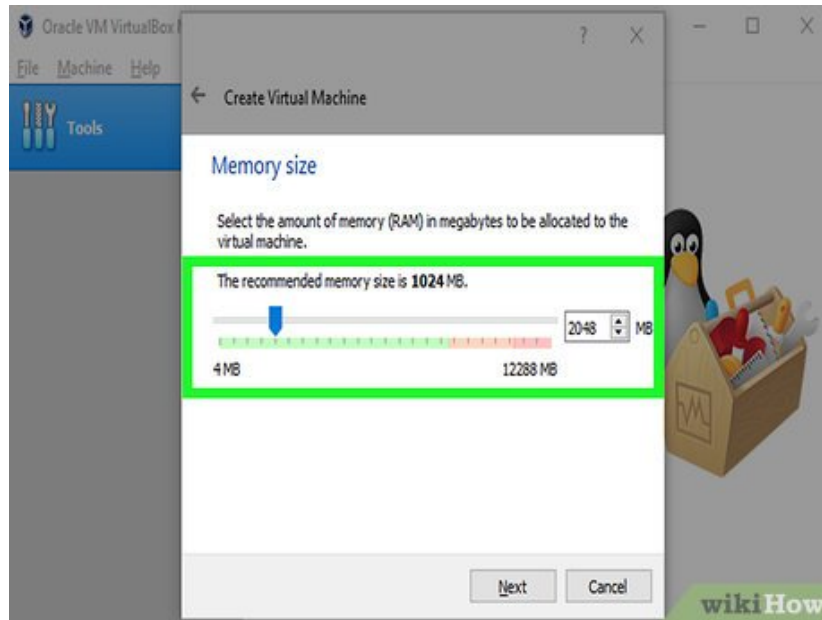
1. Since Ubuntu is the most common version of Linux, VirtualBox will usually default to Ubuntu when you select **Linux** as the operating system.

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Click **Next**. It's at the bottom of the window.

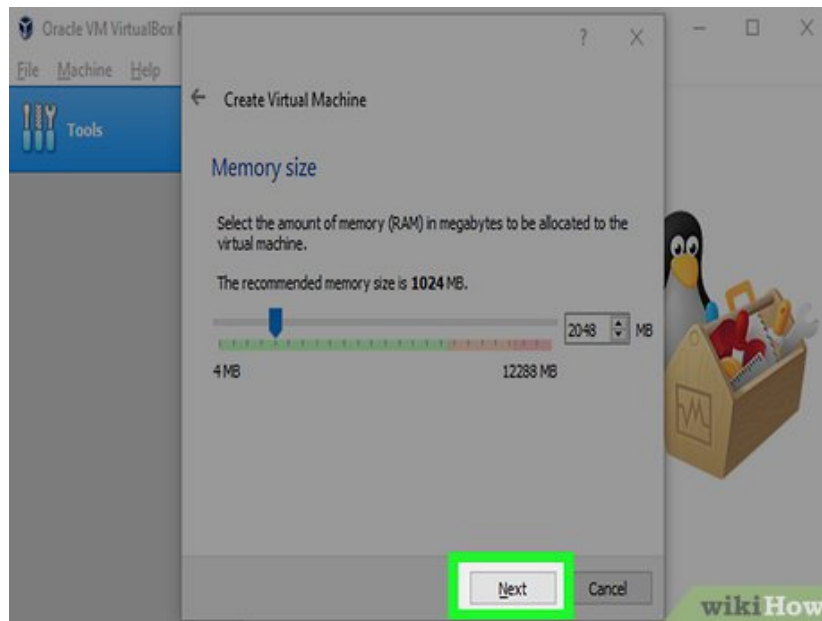
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Select an amount of RAM to use. Click and drag the slider left or right to decrease or increase the amount of RAM you want to allow Ubuntu to use.

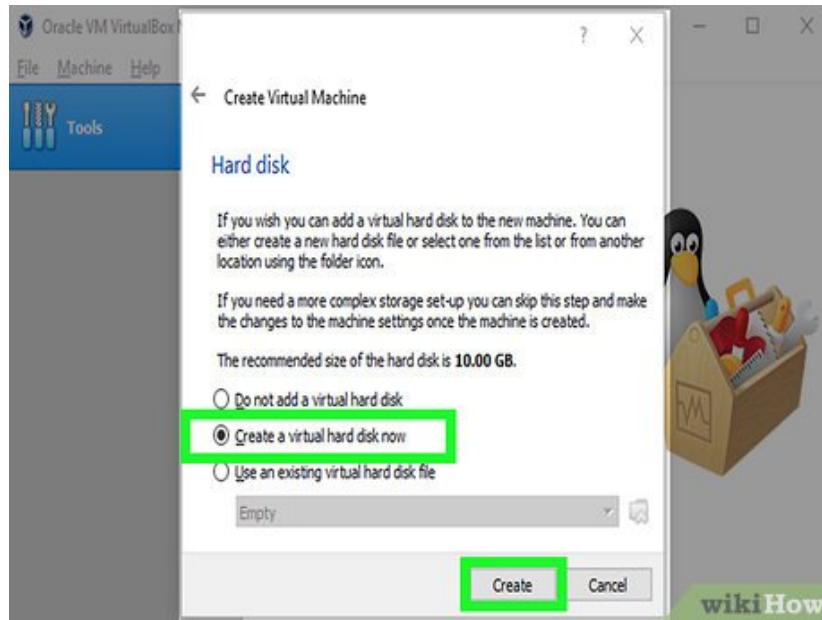
1. The Ubuntu support site recommends using at least 2 gigabytes (2048 megabytes) of RAM.<sup>[1]</sup>

9.



Click **Next**. It's at the bottom of the window.

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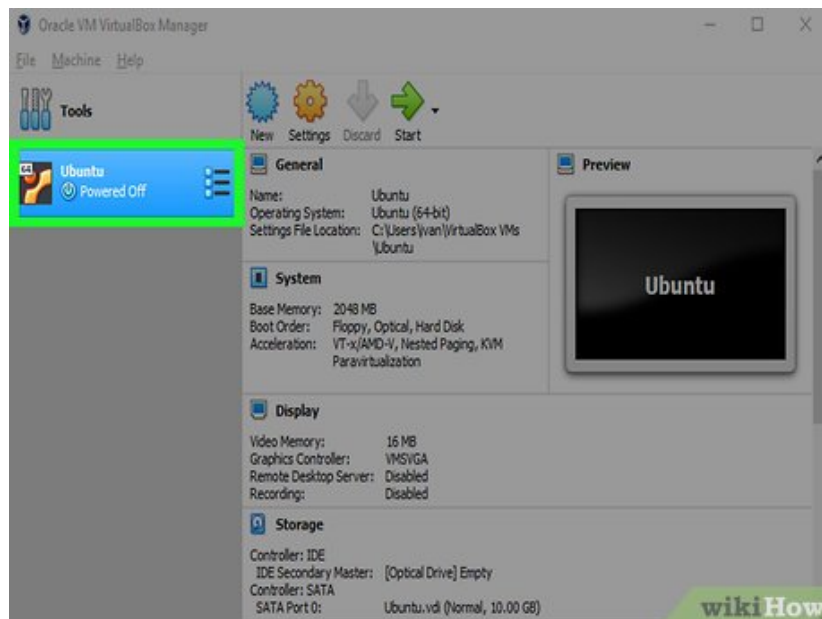
**Create a virtual hard disk.** This is just a folder which will act as Ubuntu's hard drive:

1. Check the "Create a virtual hard disk now" box.
2. Click **Create**.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Select a size for your virtual hard disk.
  1. When in doubt, use the recommended size that's set as the default on this page.
5. Click **Create**.

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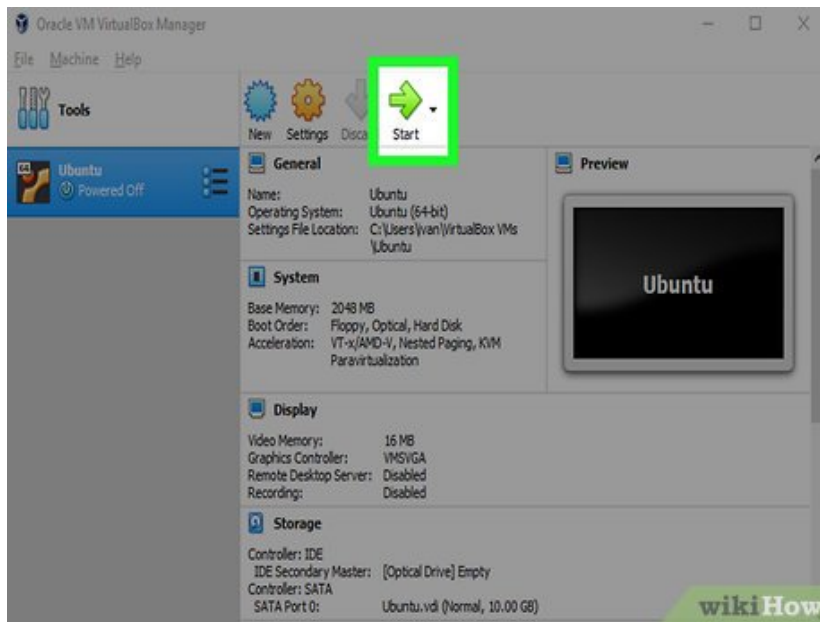
## Adding the Ubuntu ISO to VirtualBox

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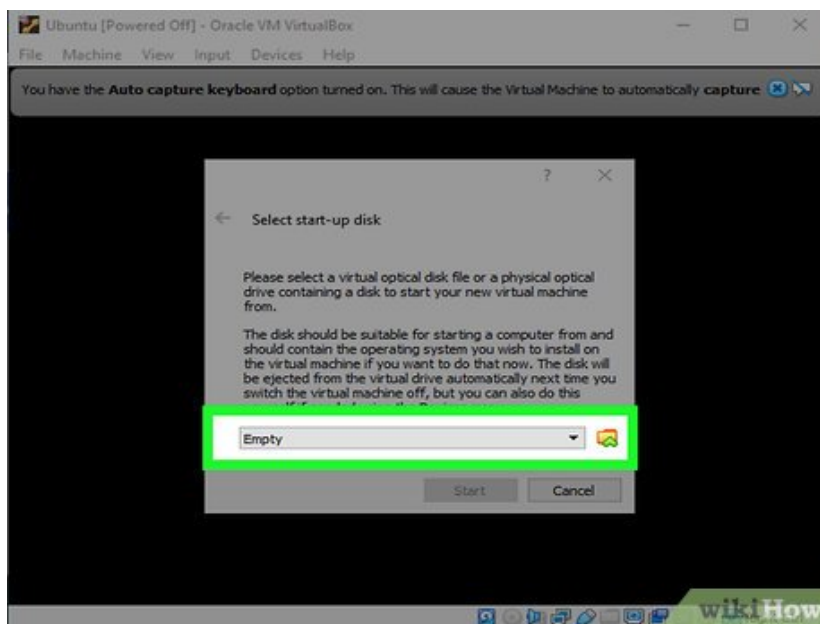
Select your virtual machine. Click the name of your Ubuntu machine on the left side of the window.

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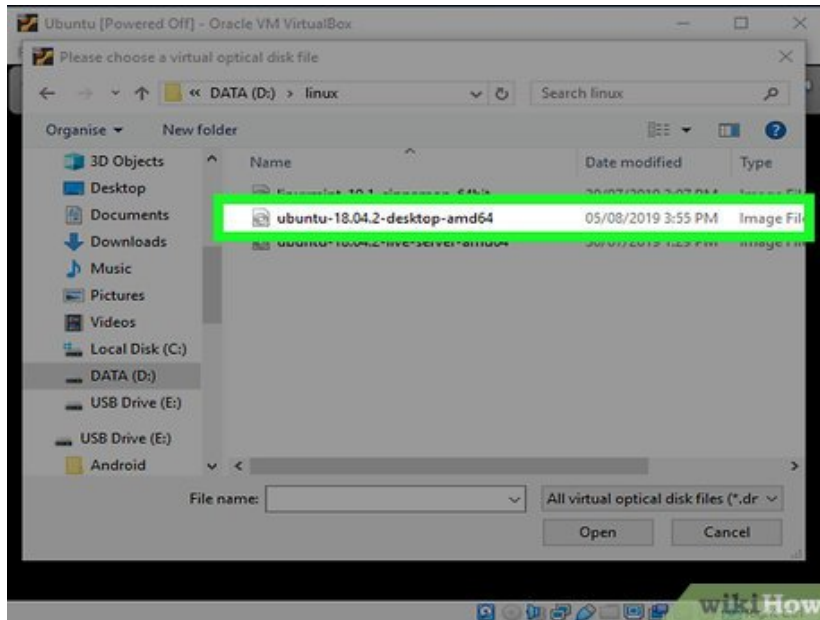
Click **Start**. It's a green arrow-shaped icon at the top of the window. Doing so opens a pop-up menu.

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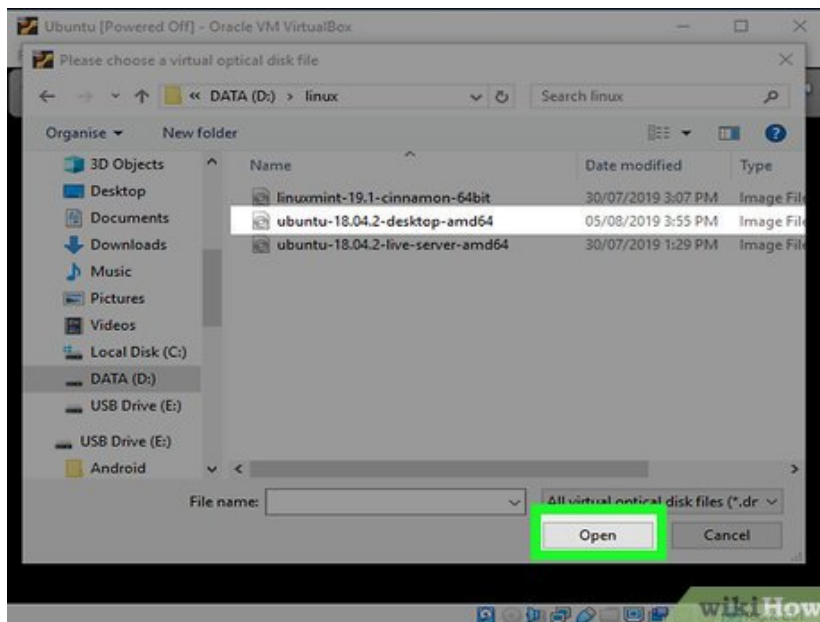
Click the "Browse" icon. This folder-shaped icon is to the right of the text box in the middle of the menu. Clicking it opens a File Explorer window.

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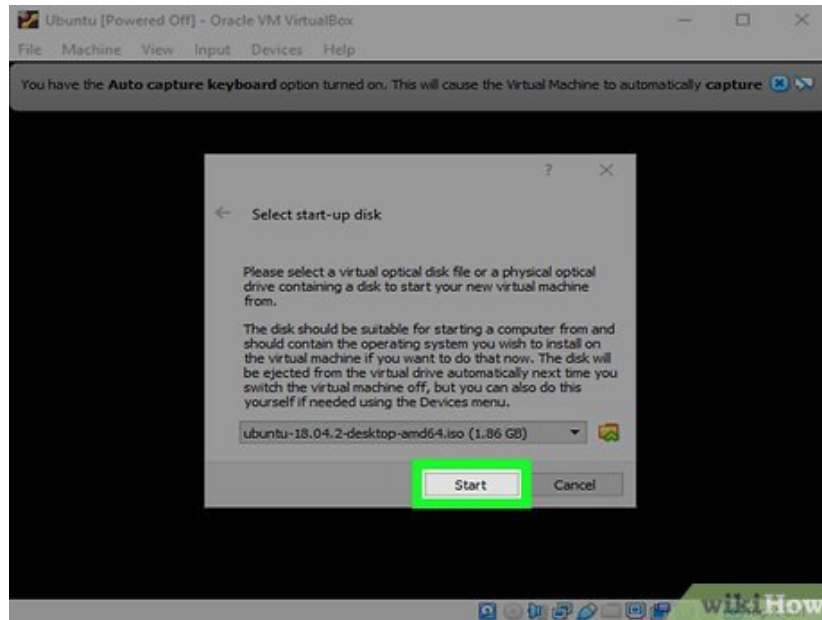
**Select your Ubuntu ISO file.** Go to the folder into which you downloaded the Ubuntu ISO from earlier, then click once the ISO file to select it.

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**Click .** It's in the bottom-right corner of the window. Doing so sets the ISO file as the virtual machine's target.

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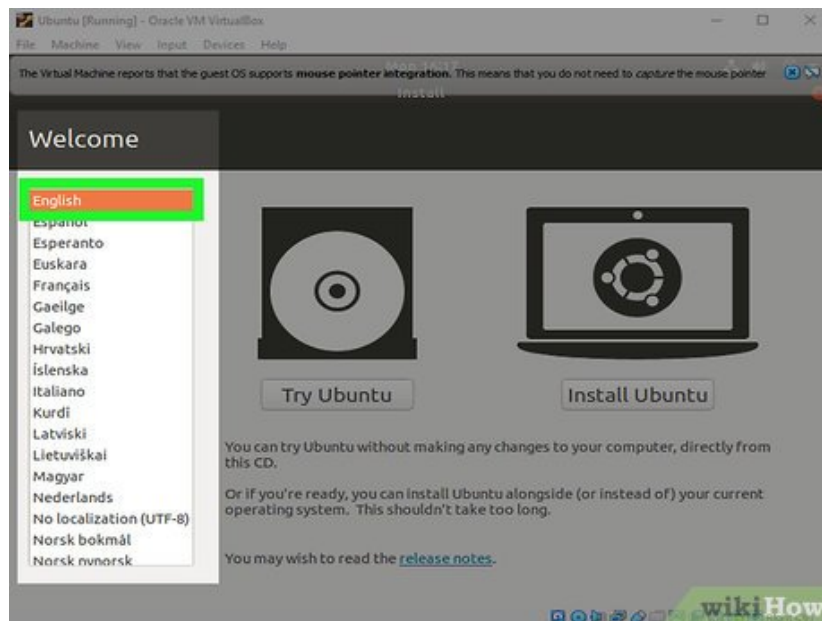


Click **Start**. This is at the bottom of the menu. At this point, you're finally ready to begin installing Ubuntu.

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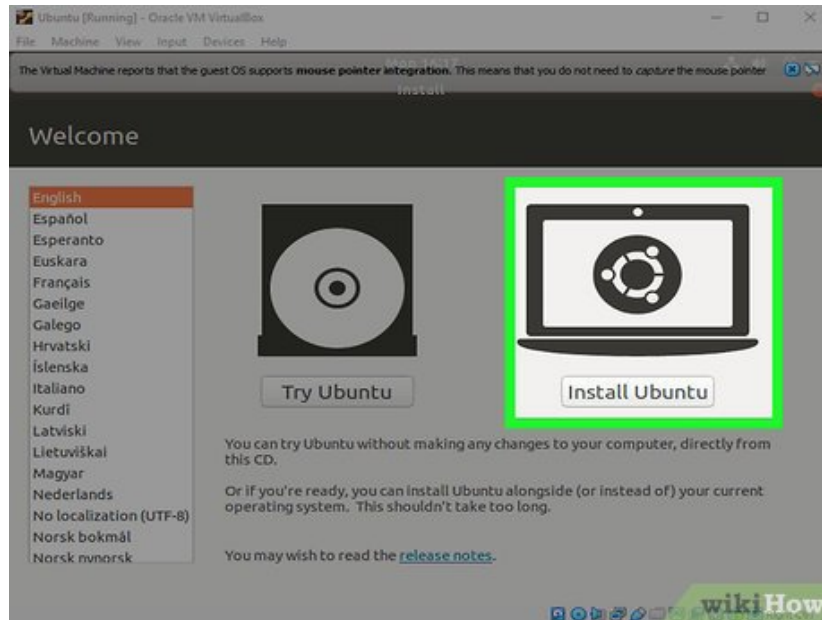
## Installing Ubuntu

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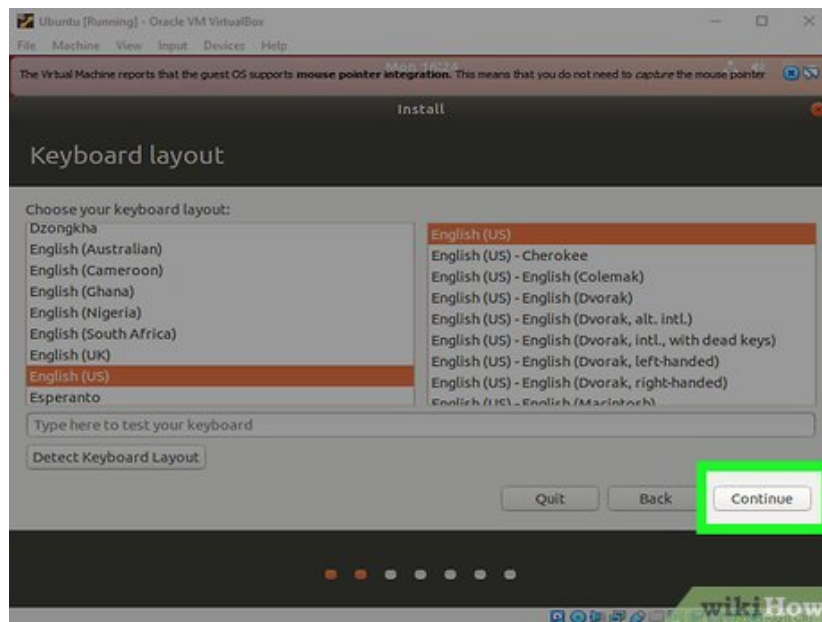
**Select a language.** Click the language you want to use in the left-hand sidebar.

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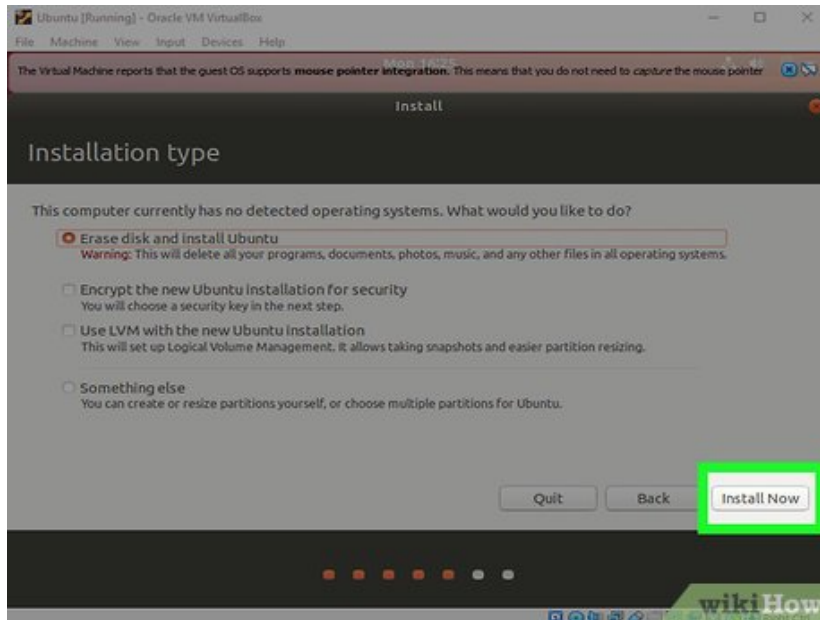
Click **Install Ubuntu**. It's a button on the far-right side of the window.

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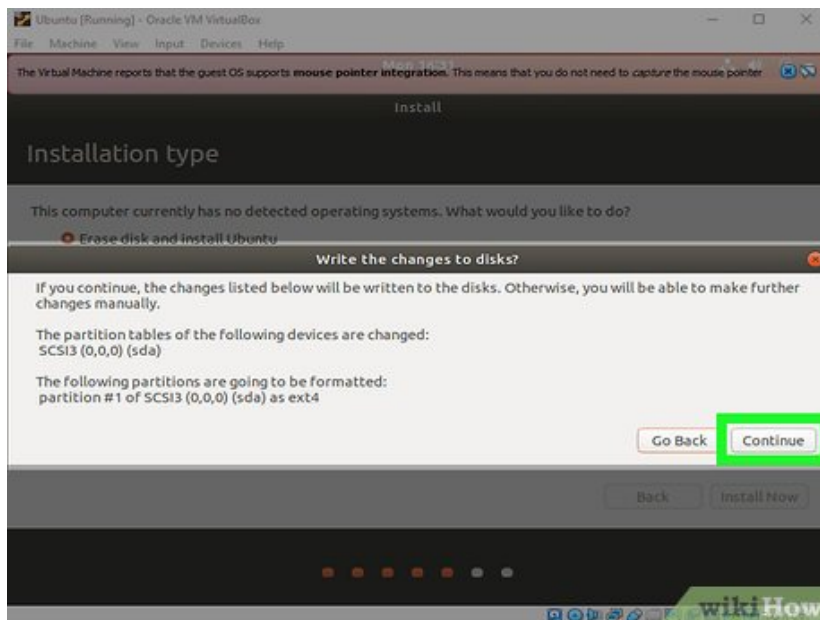
Click **Continue** twice. This option will be at the bottom of the window.

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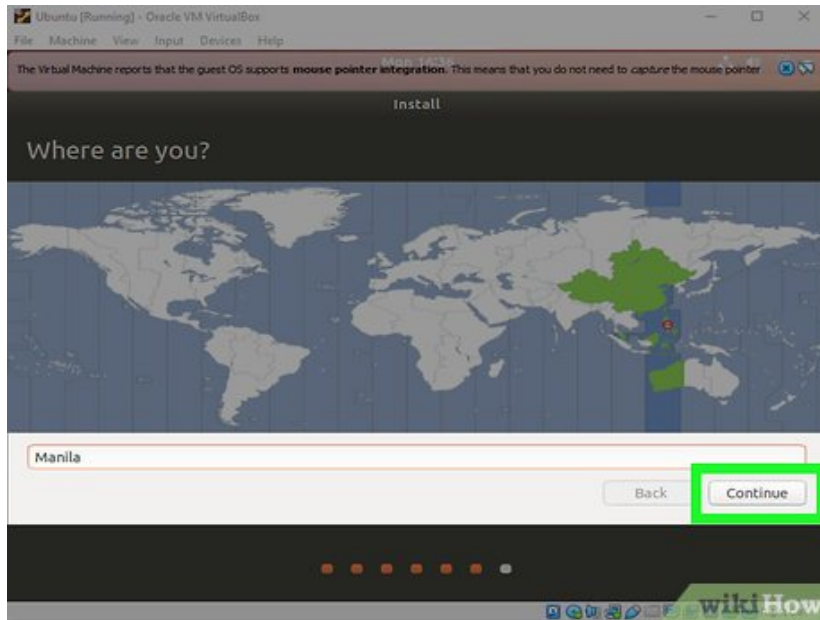
Click **Install Now**. It's in the bottom-right corner of the window.

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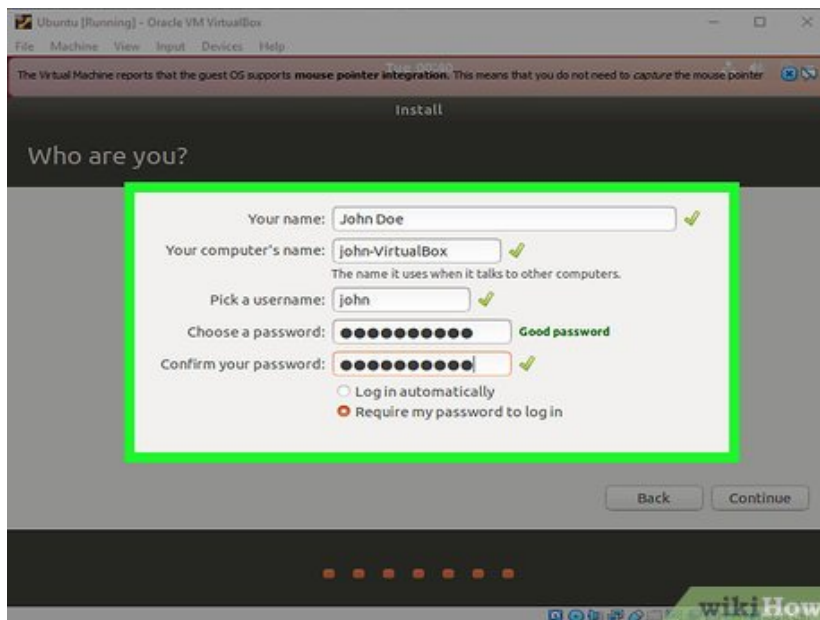
Click **Continue** when prompted. This confirms that you want to install Ubuntu without creating a separate partition for it (since you're using VirtualBox, this won't harm your computer).

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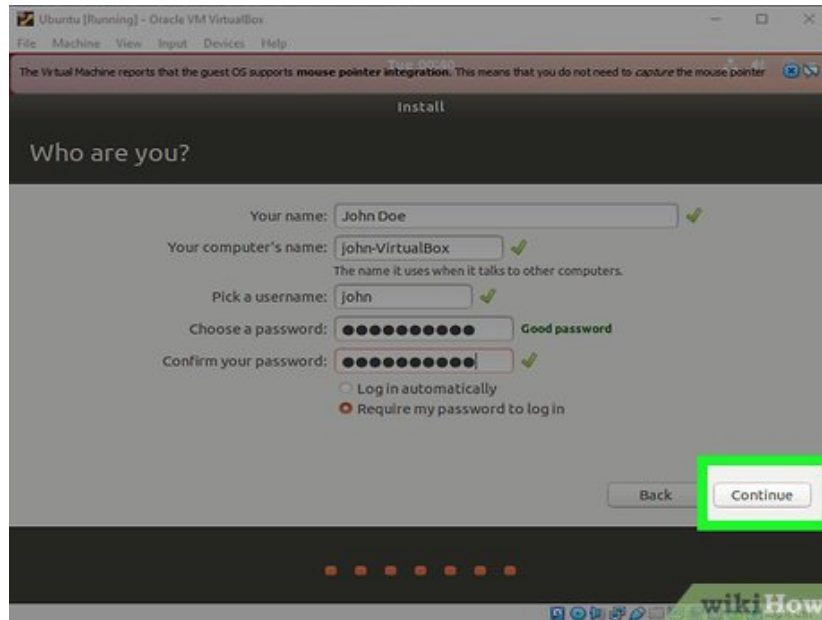
Select a time zone. Click a point near your current city, then click **Continue**.

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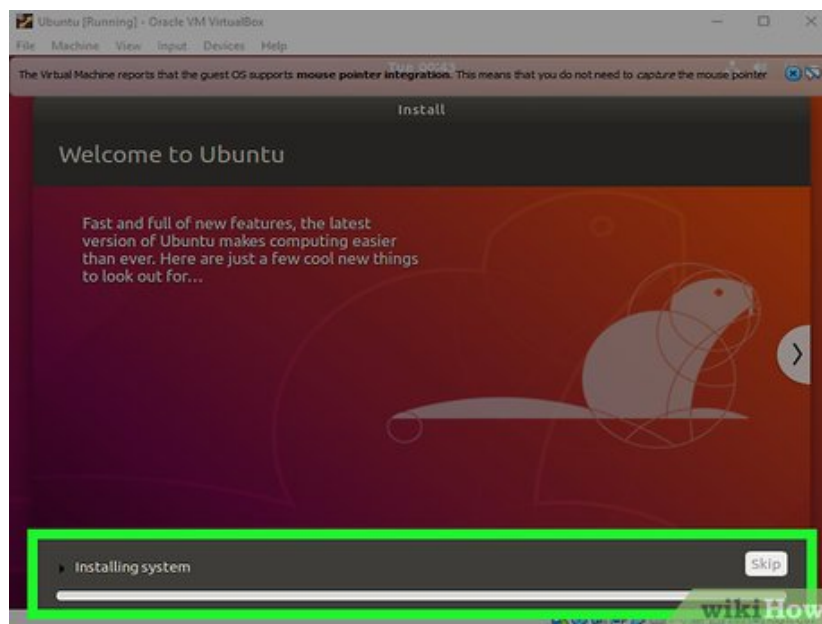
Create your user account. Type your name into the "Your name" text box, then enter a password into the "Choose a password" and "Confirm your password" text boxes.

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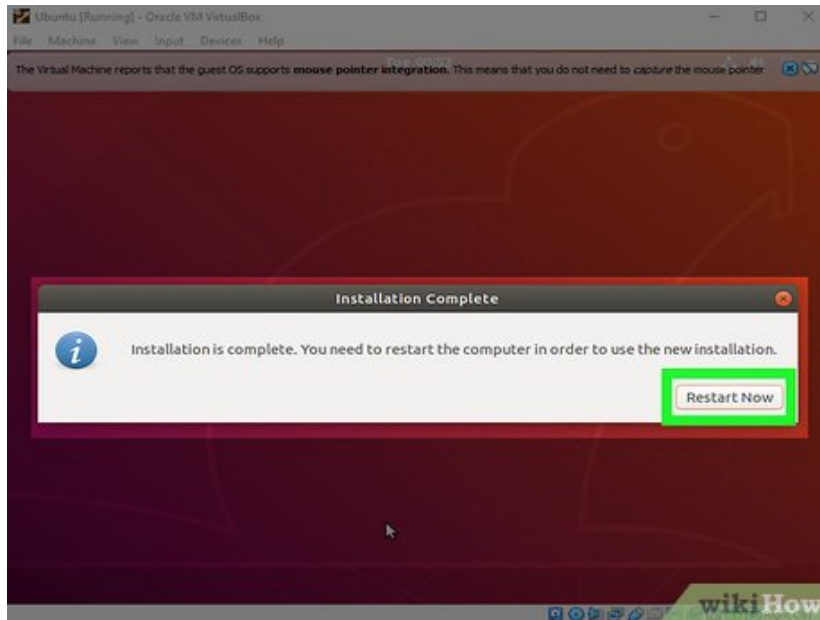
Click **Continue**. It's at the bottom of the window. Doing so prompts Ubuntu to begin installing to VirtualBox.

9.



**Allow Ubuntu to install.** Ubuntu may take anywhere from a few minutes to well over half an hour to install.

10.



Click  when prompted. Doing so will cause Ubuntu to restart inside of the VirtualBox window. Once it finishes restarting, you're free to use Ubuntu as you please.

1. If prompted to "remove the installation media and press ENTER", just press  until Ubuntu restarts again.

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