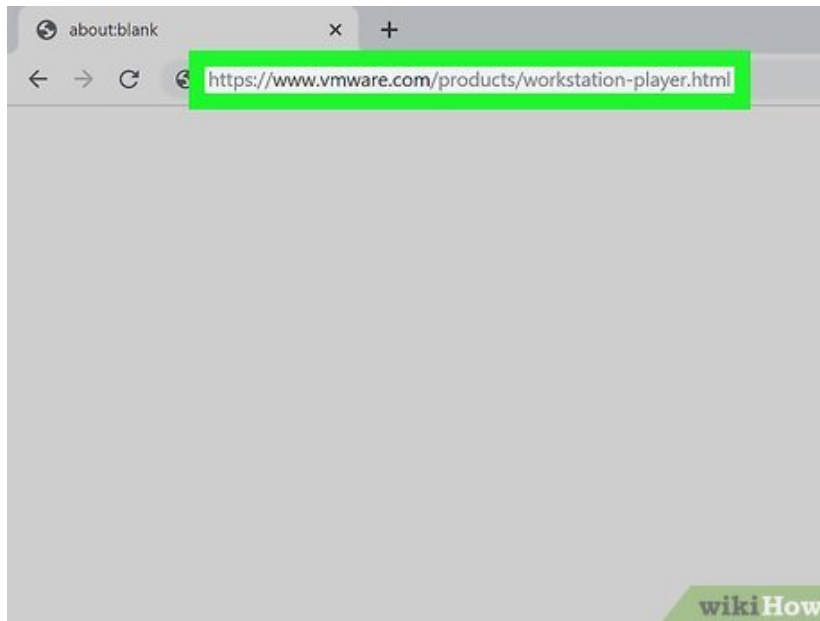


How to Install VMware Player

This wikiHow teaches you how to install VMware Workstation Player for Windows or Linux. VMware Workstation Player is a free PC-based tool that allows you to install and run a virtual version of another operating system in a window on your...

Method 1 of 2:

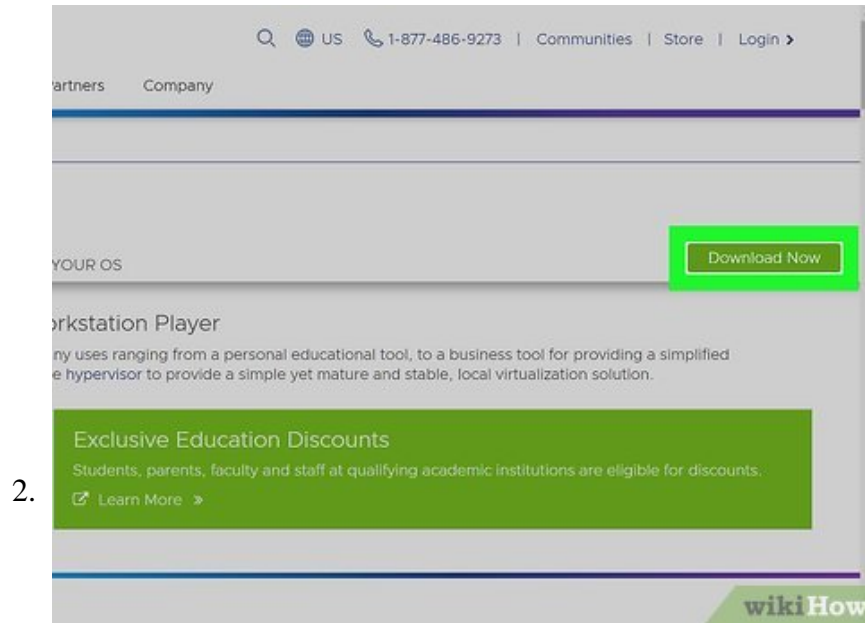
Windows



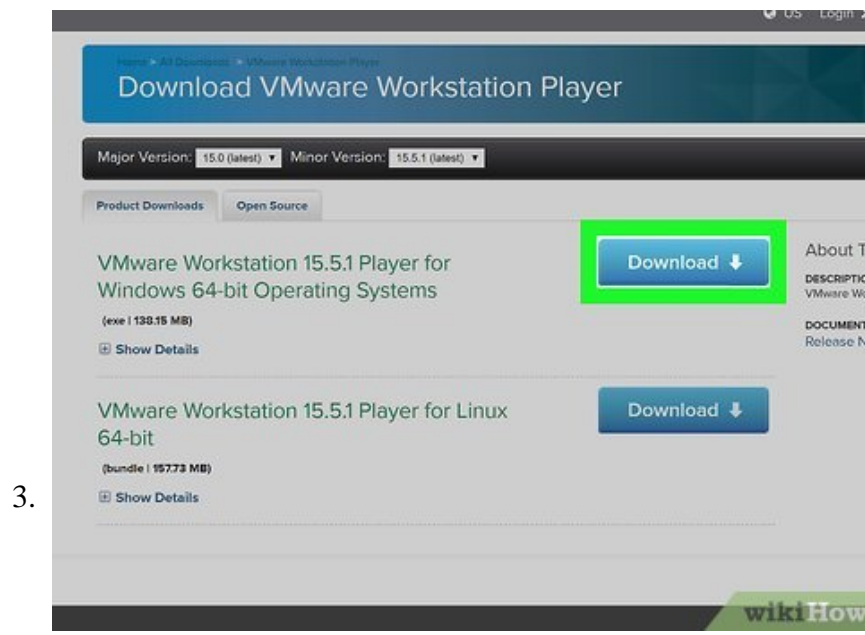
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1. You should be able to install VMware Workstation Player on your PC if it meets the following requirements: 2GB of RAM (4 or more recommended), 1GHz or faster 64-bit processor, and a CPU launched in 2011 or later.^[1]
2. The VMware Player requires you to restart your PC early in the install process. If you have any files open that you need to save, save them now before you continue.



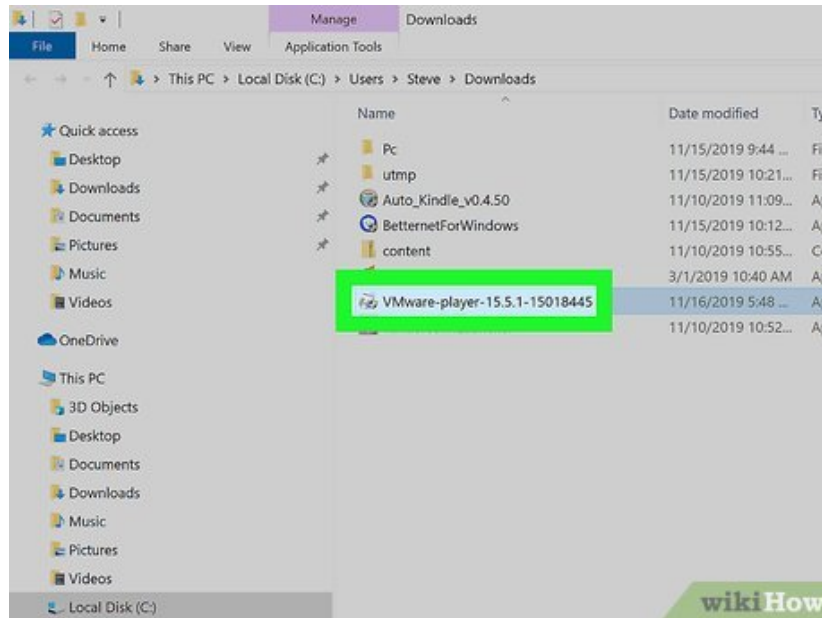
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Click **Download** next to the **Windows version**. It should be the first blue button on the page. This downloads the installer to your computer.

1. You may have to click **Save** or **Download** to start the download.

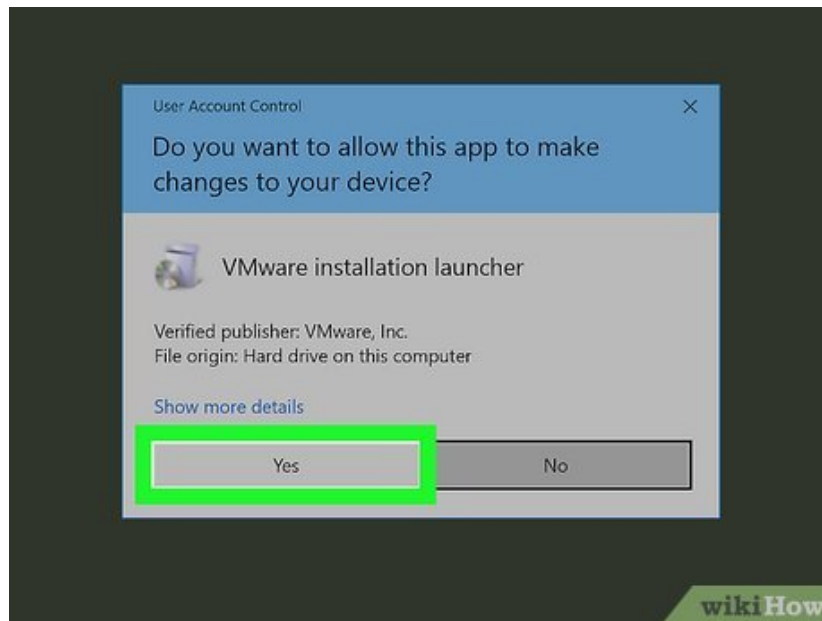
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Double-click the installer file. It's the file with a name similar to `VMware-player-1.5.5.0-1465864.exe` in your default downloads folder.

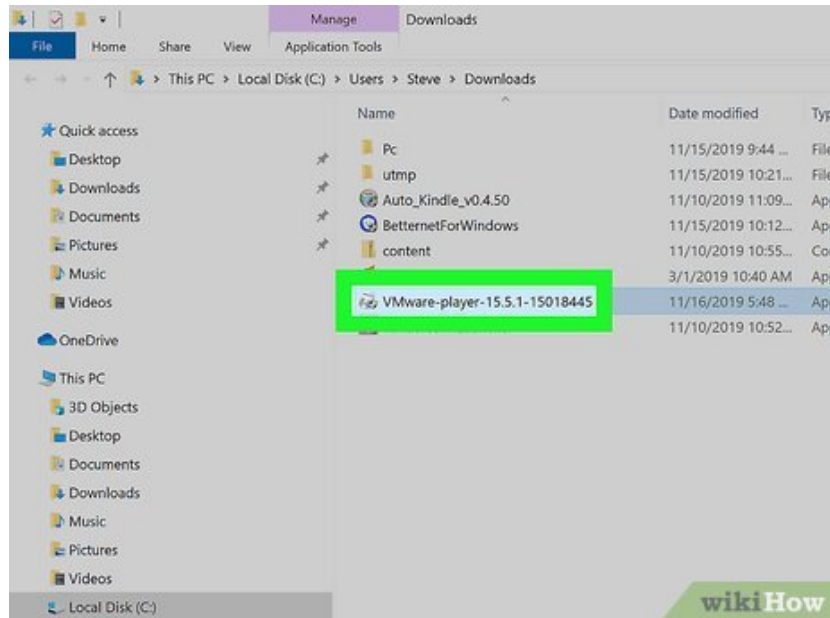
1. If prompted, click **Yes** to allow the installer to run.

5.



Click **Yes to restart your PC.** Before VMware Player can install, the installer must first install a tool called Microsoft VC Redistributable, which requires restarting the PC. When the PC is finished restarting, move to the next step.

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Run the installer file again. Once the computer comes back up, double-click the installer again in your default downloads folder to restart the installation.

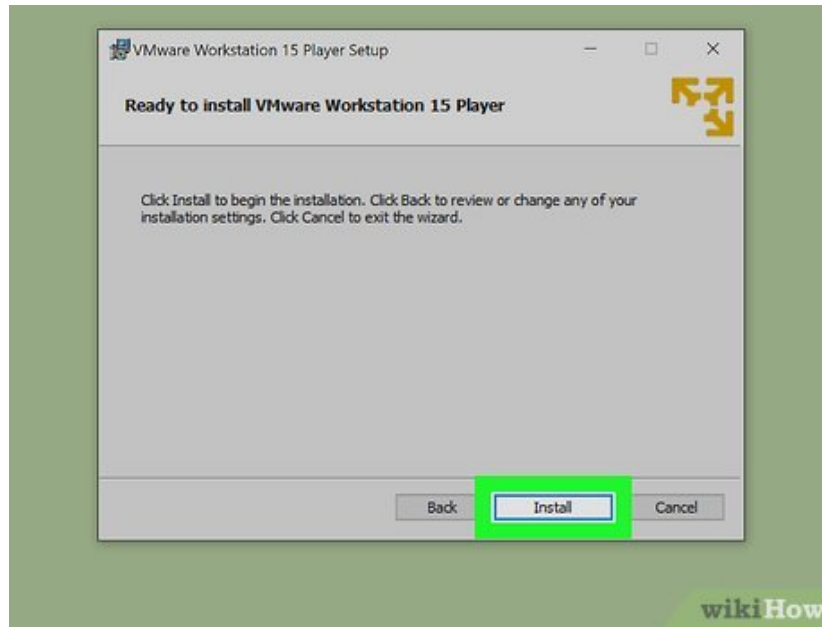
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Click to set up the program. The next steps will walk you through choosing your desired preferences and accepting the license agreement.

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Click **Install** to install VMware Workstation Player. The installation will take a few moments to complete.

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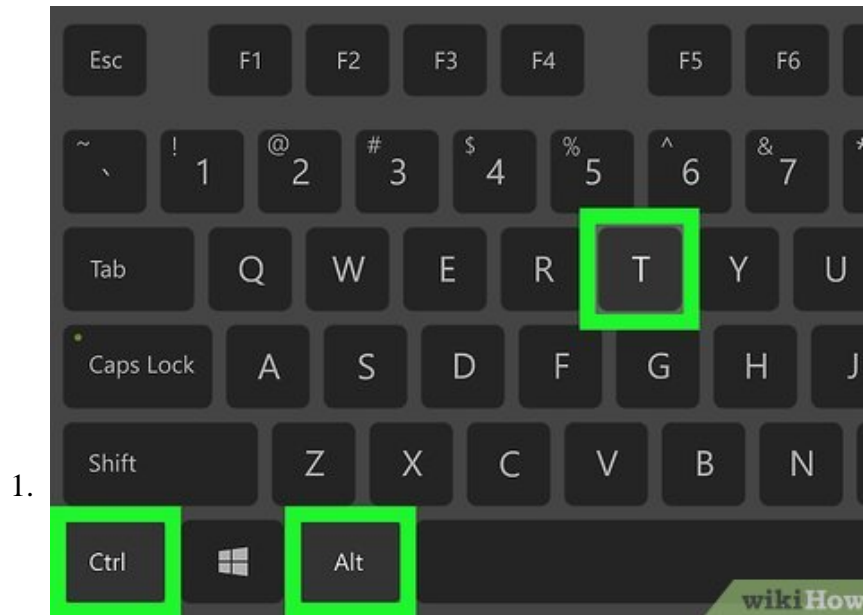


Click **Finish** to close the wizard. This option will appear once the installation is complete. You can now launch VMware Workstation Player from the Start menu and click **Create a New Virtual Machine** to set up your desired operating system.

1. If you purchased a license, click **License** to enter its information before clicking **Finish**.
2. Workstation Player does not come with any other operating systems. To install a virtual operating system, you'll need an ISO disk image of the desired operating system (e.g., macOS Sierra) already on your computer.

Method 2 of 2:

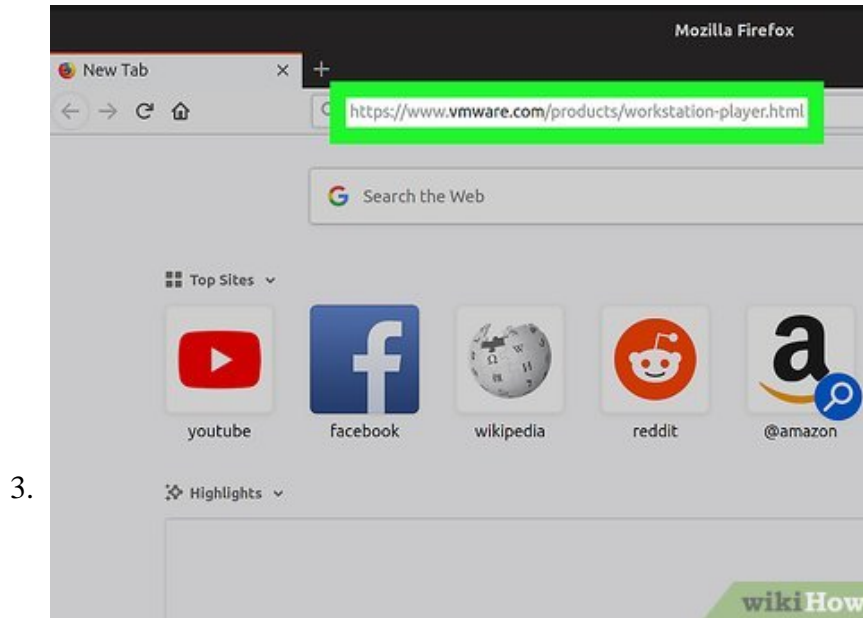
Linux



Open a terminal window. You can usually do this by pressing `Ctrl`+`Alt`+`T` on the keyboard.

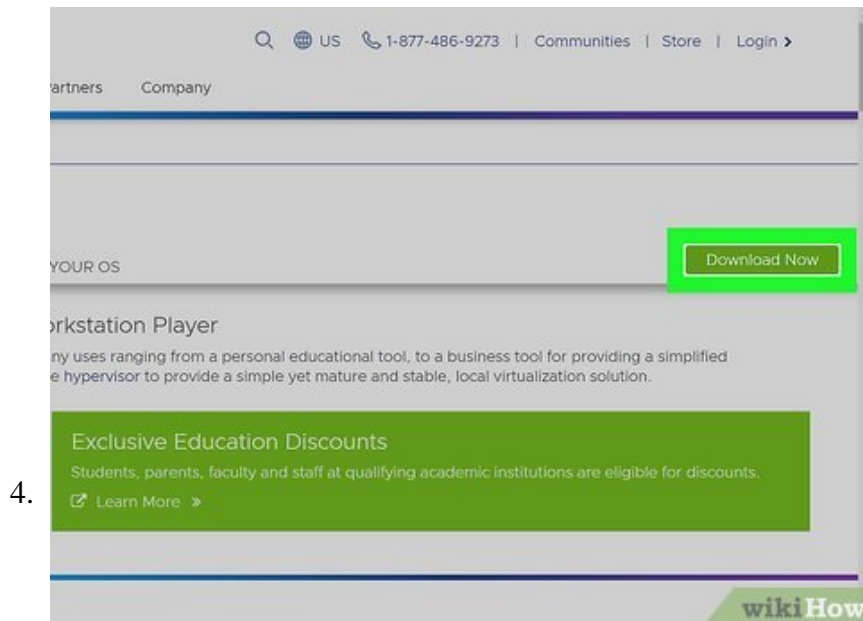


Run `sudo apt install built-essential`. To do so, type the command at the prompt and press `Enter`. This installs some extra files necessary to install the Player.^[2]

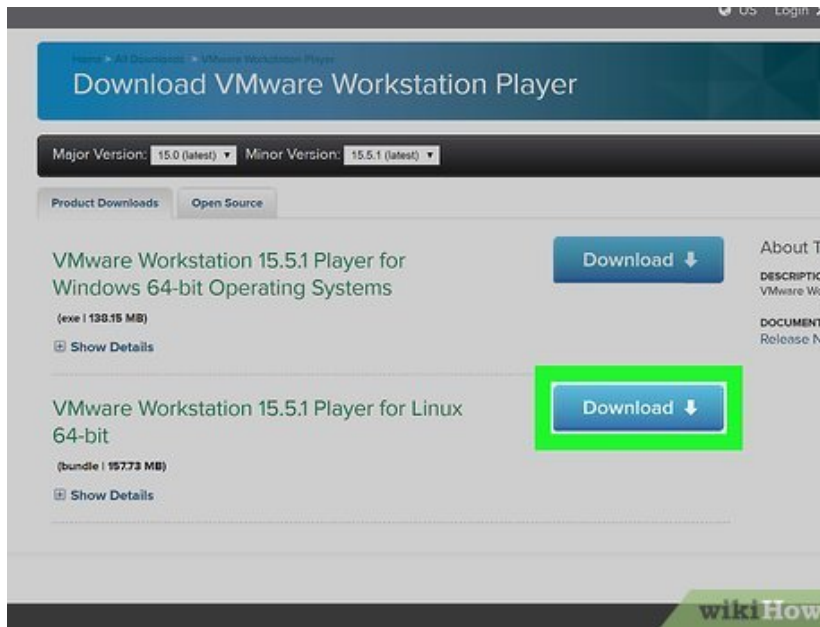


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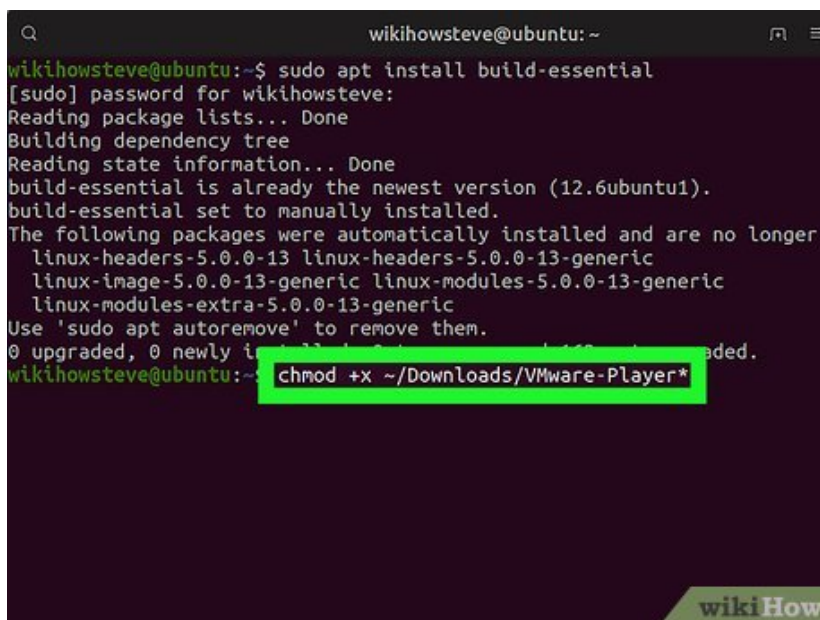
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Click **Download** next to the **Linux** version. It should be the second blue button on the page.

1. You may have to click **OK** to save the file.



6.

Make the downloaded file executable. The downloaded file, which has a name like `VMware-Player-15.0.0.103445.x86_64.bundle`, must be made executable before it can be run. You can do this in one of two ways:

1. If you're using a graphical file manager, navigate to the folder where the installer was saved. Right-click the installer, select **Properties**, click the **Permissions** tab, and then check the box next to "Execute."
2. If you'd rather use the command prompt, use `cd` to change to the directory where the installer is saved, and then run the command `chmod +x VMware-Player*`.

7.

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wikihowsteve@ubuntu: ~  
wikihowsteve@ubuntu:~$ sudo apt install build-essential  
[sudo] password for wikihowsteve:  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree  
Reading state information... Done  
build-essential is already the newest version (12.6ubuntu1).  
build-essential set to manually installed.  
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer  
linux-headers-5.0.0-13 linux-headers-5.0.0-13-generic  
linux-image-5.0.0-13-generic linux-modules-5.0.0-13-generic  
linux-modules-extra-5.0.0-13-generic  
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.  
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 163 not upgraded.  
wikihowsteve@ubuntu:~$ sudo ~/Downloads/VMware-Player*  
wikihowsteve@ubuntu:~$
```

Run the installer. If you're using a graphical file manager, you can double-click the installer to run it. If you're at the command prompt, type `sudo VMWare-Player *` and press `?Enter`.

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wikihowsteve@ubuntu:~$ sudo ~/Downloads/VMware-Player*  
Extracting VMware Installer..done.  
Installing VMware Player 15.5.1  
Configuring...  
#####] 100%  
Installation was successful
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Follow the on-screen instructions to install. If you've purchased a license key, you'll be prompted to enter it during the installation process. Once the install is complete, you'll see a success message.

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VMware Player 15.5.1
Installing...
#####] 100%
Installation was successful.
ubuntu:~$
```

9.

Click **Close** to complete the installation. Now that VMWare Workstation Player is installed, you can click its name in your Applications menu to launch the program and create your first virtual machine.

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