

Section 3: Getting VirtualBox

VirtualBox is a well-established virtualization tool that has been around since 2007, when it was first released by Innotek GmbH. Over the years, it has become one of the most popular and widely used virtualization platforms, thanks to its combination of robust features, ease of use, and, importantly, its open-source nature. In 2010, Oracle acquired VirtualBox, continuing to develop and support it, making it a reliable choice for both personal and professional use.

One of the most appealing aspects of VirtualBox is its cross-platform compatibility. Whether you're running Windows, macOS, Linux, or even Solaris, VirtualBox will work seamlessly on your system. This means you can follow along with this project no matter what kind of workstation you're using, making it accessible to a wide audience.

To get started with VirtualBox, you'll need to download it from the official VirtualBox website.

Here's the link: [Download VirtualBox](#).

Once you're on the site, choose the download option that matches your operating system. VirtualBox offers straightforward installation packages for different platforms, so just select the one that fits your setup.

Installation Instructions:

1. **For Windows Users:**

- Download the Windows installer from the link above.
- Run the installer and follow the prompts. The default settings work fine for most users.
- After the installation is complete, you can launch VirtualBox from the Start menu or desktop shortcut.

2. **For macOS Users:**

- Download the macOS installer (.dmg file) from the VirtualBox website.
- Open the downloaded file and drag the VirtualBox icon to your Applications folder.
- You might need to allow the installation from System Preferences under Security & Privacy, especially if your system is configured to only allow apps from the App Store.

3. **For Linux Users:**

- Most Linux distributions include VirtualBox in their repositories. You can install it using your package manager, or download the latest version directly from the VirtualBox website.
- For example, on Ubuntu, you can use the following commands in the terminal:

- `sudo apt update`
`sudo apt install virtualbox`

- If you're downloading it from the website, follow the provided instructions for your specific distribution.

After installing VirtualBox, you'll be ready to create your first virtual machine and begin exploring the LOGG stack setup. The beauty of VirtualBox is that you can do this on almost any workstation, regardless of the operating system, making it an incredibly versatile tool for learning and development.

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