

How to enable VirtualBox Windows XP FullScreen with VboxGuestAdditions.iso on Ubuntu 11.10 Linux

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Right after installing Windows XP inside VirtualBox, I've found out everything works fine except the screen. Even though pressing (**Right CTRL + F**) was changing the Windows XP running window to FullScreen the XP screen was taking only a part of the whole screen area, where almost half of the screen was visible as simply staying blank.

A bit of research and I found the issue is caused by missing **VirtualBoxGuestAdditions** .

VBoxAdditions is a package which should be installed inside the VirtualBox by navigating to **Devices -> Install Guest Additions**

Virtualbox offers a download of a VboxGuestAdditions_4.1.2_Ubuntu.iso from url;
http://dlc.sun.edgesuite.net/virtualbox/4.1.2_Ubuntu/VBoxGuestAdditions_4.1.2_Ubuntu.iso, anyways this download fails since the URL is currently unavailable.

To fix this two ways are possible:

1. [Download VBoxGuestAdditions.iso from here](#) and put it in directory `/usr/share/virtualbox` , e.g.:

```
root@ubuntu:~# cd /usr/share/virtualbox
root@ubuntu:/usr/share/virtualbox# wget http://www.pc-freak.net/files/VBoxGuestAdditions.iso
...
```

2. [Download and install virtualbox-guest-additions-iso_4.1.2-1_all.deb](#)

```
root@ubuntu:~# wget http://www.pc-freak.net/files/virtualbox-guest-additions-iso_4.1.2-1_all.deb
...
root@ubuntu:~# dpkg -i virtualbox-guest-additions-iso_4.1.2-1_all.deb
```

...

Next to enable and install guest additions once again use menus:

Devices -> Install Guest Additions



The screen to appear next will be similar to:



Further on follow the few dialogs to complete the installations and integration of Guest Additions and restart the Virtual machine and hooray the **Windows will appear in Full screen in VirtualBox ! ;)**