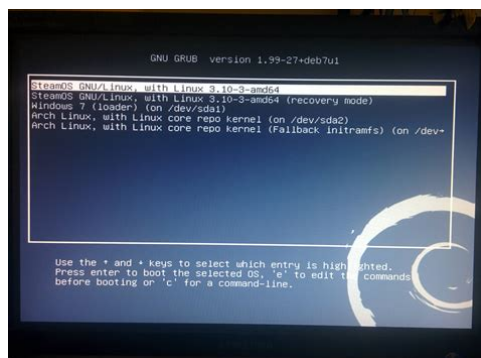


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It only takes a minute to sign up. The existing guides at least those I found here cover only automatic part and leave untouched the manual part or extremely short and contain no pictures. When this happens, the partition table on the disk is not yet touched, but the installation is completely halted with no other option than to restart the computer. My computer already had windows 7 and Windows 10 and I was trying to install Ubuntu in an unallocated 100 GB space. The instructions worked very smooth for me. Specially the screenshots while doing the partitioning was really crucial. This can be either CD or USB stick. Swap is the partition for keeping unneeded memory pages, like Windows swap. Also it can be used for hibernation. Also, you can place it in the end of disk, but thus it will be slow. This is the filesystem that contains your kernel, boot files, system files, commandline utilities, libraries, systemwide configuration files and logs. Its much more like Users folder in Windows. Simply, the first is much more flexible and the second is quicker. Set their size according to your needs It would be set by installer. But sometimes it does mistakes. Let me guide you how to deal with it You can also select other disk and set BIOS to boot from it. However, it belongs to personal taste. It will look like this This is done by clicking button. Do not delete Windows partition! This doesnt matter, in any case it will work perfect. It may be safer to shrink the Windows partition using Windows tools before beginning the install. My computer already had windows 7 and Windows 10 and I was trying to install Ubuntu in an unallocated 100 GB space. Specially the screenshots while doing the partitioning was really crucial. Starting with Windows 8 the partition table should be GPT, allowing for more than 4 primary partitions. Choose the Something else option if you see this screen. [http://beloezoloto.ru/userfiles/danby-air-conditioners-manual\(1\).xml](http://beloezoloto.ru/userfiles/danby-air-conditioners-manual(1).xml)

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Something else may be the most difficult option to understand, but considering existing bugs you know what you will get. There is a lot of articles around the Internet. However, there is one major problem Ubiquity installer doesnt account for the arrays created in the live session, so youll probably get unbootable system after installation on such array. Or reboot and see initramfs prompt In Allocate drive space screen Select Something else to partition your disk drive manually. In my case I put 500 MB Thats the standard order when shrinking one partition to create another for dualbooting. Whilst this may theoretically answer the question, it would be preferable to include the essential parts of the answer here, and provide the link for reference. Earn 10 reputation in order to answer this question. The reputation requirement helps protect this question from spam and nonanswer activity. Browse other questions tagged partitioning systeminstallation or ask your own question. Every computer I own has 6 to 10 Linux distributions and occasionally Windows as well although Windows is thankfully becoming less and less common on them. What I would like to do in this post is present a couple of simple examples of installing Linux for dualbooting on an existing Windows system. I will be using an old Lenovo T400 notebook running Windows 7, with MBR disk partitioning and legacy BIOS boot I will not discuss GPT partitioning or EFI boot in this post. If you dont know what MBR, GPT or EFI mean, dont worry it basically means the laptop disk I use will be very similar to most computers purchased with Windows 7 or older, but not like one with Windows 8 or Windows 10. In order to understand disk partitioning and make really good, informed decisions about this part of installing Linux, a lot of underlying information is required. If I try to present all of that first, though, a lot of readers are going to give up and move on to a more interesting

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Once that is done, I will spend some more time a lot more time explaining what really happened, and what the alternatives are. I recently posted screenshot walkthroughs of several common installers, so I won't repeat all the steps which lead up to this point if you want to see those details, please refer to Calamares and Ubiquity or Anaconda and Mint Install. Calamares Installer Partitioning The layout shown here is one of the simplest situations, and probably also one of the most common. It shows that my T400 has one disk drive, about 150GB, which contains two partitions Windows 7 Loader Windows C drive This would be very typical on a new PC that is preloaded with Windows 7. The task here is to change the partitioning of this drive so that Linux can be installed. The options that Calamares offers are Install Linux alongside the existing Windows installation The installer will automatically make the necessary changes and ask you for approval. This could be the case, for example, if you have a new computer with a C and a D drive, and you know that D hasn't been used for anything. Erase disk This is the best option, of course. Get rid of the Windows rubbish that is cluttering the disk and start over from scratch. As with the first option, the installer will automatically allocate the new partitions Manual Partitioning This is the option for those who know what they are doing and how they want to allocate the disk space. If you choose this option the installer changes to a more detailed partition management screen, and you can do pretty much anything you want. For this first very simple example I am going to choose, Install Linux alongside the existing Windows installation. Calamares then adds a second graphic bar showing the proposed new disk layout, and asks me to select a partition which will be reduced to make room for Linux installation.

In this case there's not much choice there is only one partition that is large enough to be used, so I select that one by clicking the button between the two bars. Calamares then splits that partition in the middle, and puts a bar there which I can drag in either direction, to give more or less space to Linux or Windows. When I'm happy with the sizes, I click Next. Believe it or not, that's all I have to do. The Linux installer will reduce the size of the Windows partition, and create what it needs to install Linux in the space that it recovers by doing that. I can then continue through the rest of the installation. When it is finished I will have Linux installed, and when I reboot it will present a multiboot menu where I can choose Linux or Windows, with Linux as the default. Zowie, that was amazingly easy. To see exactly what happened to the disk, I have used my preferred Linux disk management utility, Gparted. Here you can see that what it did was the absolute simplest thing that it could make one new partition, formatted with the Linux ext4 filesystem, and loaded Manjaro Linux there. I will explain more about this below, so please just bear with me for now. Let's take another look at that process with a different Linux installer. This time I will use Linux Mint 18 Beta. This installer is derived directly from the Ubuntu installer ubiquity, so what you see below is very, very similar to what it would be like when installing Ubuntu. Again, I am going to skip over the steps leading up to the disk partitioning, and start with this window. It is similar to the window we saw the first time, although this time it doesn't give you a graphic of the disk partitioning.

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The choices that it offers are Install Linux Mint alongside Windows 7 Pretty much the same as the last time Erase disk and install Linux Mint Still the best choice in my opinion Something else For experienced users who know what they are doing and what they want Once again I am going to choose, Install Linux Mint alongside Windows 7 and then click Continue. The next screen shows me what Mint is going to do, and gives me the opportunity to finetune it. There are a number of subtle points about this window which are quite interesting. First, obviously, it shows what the relative size of the resized Windows partition and the new Linux partitions will be, and there is a handle between those two which I can drag to change the sizes, pretty much the same as the previous example. Nice,

clear and easy. Second, if you look at the fine print inside each of those partitions, you can see that the installer has figured out that the Windows partition is an ntfs file system, and that 31.8GB of space is actually used in it. Really 32GB used for not much more than a simple Windows 7 installation Bletch. Thats useful to know, because if I want to reduce the amount of space left for Windows, now I have a good idea of how much it really needs. Third, you can see that the partition it is going to create for Linux will be formatted with the ext4 file system. Thats a good generalpurpose choice, especially if you are a novice Linux user. Fair enough, we dont have anything useful to do with that anyway. If you really want to see all of the gory details, you can click the link in that line of text to bring up the advanced partitioning tool. When I click Continue, the installer brings up this window to remind me that the changes I am about to make are irreversible. So, one more click on Continue and the installation starts. Whoops, no it doesnt, the installer puts up yet another confirmation window. Wow, they want to make sure you are really, really sure that you want to do this, arent they.

There are two new bits of information in this window that are interesting. First, it explicitly tells you that it is going to change the partition table duh, yeah, that is what we came here for., and second it tells you that it is not only going to create a Linux root partition, it is also going to create a swap partition Calamares didnt make a swap partition in its simplest installation above. It doesnt tell you how large the swap area is going to be, but we will see that in a few minutes. Click Continue one more time, and the installation will finally, honestly, really start. The dialog will also continue, to get the timezone, keyboard and user information. The whole process will take something like 10 minutes, and then it will be ready to reboot to the installed system. As with the Calamares Manjaro installation, there will be a multiboot menu which offers to start either Linux Mint 18 by default or Windows 7. Good, that is why we are doing all of this. I boot Mint, login, and run gparted to see what the disk really looks like now. Ok, there is one obvious thing and one notsoobvious thing in this display. The obvious thing is what we saw in the final screen of the installer, that there is now a Linux swap partition but now we can see how large it is, 4GB. Good.The notsoobvious thing is that the Mint installer didnt just create the two new partitions for root and swap. While this is technically not really necessary yet because four partitions are allowed on a simple MBR disk, it is a good idea because if it isnt done this way, you couldnt add any more partitions later without a lot of trouble. If youre not interested in the nutsandbolts of disk partitioning, this would be a good time to bail out. If you are interested, this would be a good time to get a fresh cup of coffee. Im going to assume that anyone reading this post at least understands the basic concepts of disk partitioning.

Just to make sure that the terminology I am going to use is clear, I will summarize it by saying that partitioning is the process of dividing one disk called a physical drive into multiple pieces which can be viewed and processed separately called logical drives. As we saw with the first installation above, the absolute minimum number of partitions required for a Linux installation is one. That has not always been true, but it is certainly true of every Linux distribution I am familiar with today. Now, before all the experienced and semiexperienced Linux users panic and start writing nasty comments, let me say that one partition is not a typical installation, and it is almost certainly not an optimal installation, but it is possible. I will explain more about this below. Keep in mind that when you are a Windows user who has absolutely no experience or knowledge of Linux, and youre trying to make your first Linux installation, getting through the door with a minimum installation that actually works is a lot better than just standing outside confused and intimidated by information about root, boot, home and so on. As I said at the beginning, I am only talking about the original MBR partition table also sometimes known as DOS partitioning, I am not going to talk about the newer GPT partitioning. I might write about GPT partitioning and EFI boot later. Maybe. One of the alltime worst ideas that was ever foisted on PC users was that four partitions on a disk was enough. That is the limit for MBR disks. Unfortunately, by the time Microsoft realized how stupid that arbitrary and

very small limit was, it was too late. Well, at least they were starting to learn a little bit I would have expected them to impose some arbitrary limit like four, or maybe a very adventurous sixteen on the number of Logical partitions, but at least they managed to avoid that. No matter, I suppose.

Now I need to relate all of this partitioning information to what Linux needs, wants and can make use of. First, what does Linux need. As I said above, Linux systems today require a minimum of just one partition, to hold what we call the root filesystem if you will excuse my cringe as I say this, root is roughly the equivalent of the Windows C drive. A typical Linux installation will need somewhere between 4GB and 8GB of disk space, and you need at least a bit of space for user files, so I generally make my root partitions at least 12GB-16GB. Next, what does Linux want. That's a bit more tricky, because it gets into questions which cross over between functionality and personal preference. The other partition that most nearly all Linux installations have is a swap partition. This will only be used if the total amount of memory required for all running applications is greater than the amount of physical memory installed. That means it is possible to install a Linux system without a swap partition, if you are willing to accept the potential limitation on the total size of running programs you can have. How large should the swap partition be? Don't ask. That depends. The first dedicated swap device I can remember installing was a DEC fixedhead disk drive, I think it was an RS03 or RS05, I'm not sure. Something like 512KB or 1MB. That's probably not enough today. If you never run anything but a web browser and an email program, you might not need a swap partition at all. The rule of thumb that I use is to create a swap partition which is at least equal to the RAM memory, and preferably double that. But honestly, that has little more basis in fact than reading tea leaves, or dissecting a frog and reading the entrails. If you have too much, who cares. As long as you are not short on disk space, it doesn't matter. One other partition that falls between need and want is the boot partition.

This is where Linux has traditionally kept whatever it needs to boot, including various kinds of binary and configuration files. It has been kept in a dedicated partition for a couple of reasons over the years, but the most common has probably been that the Linux kernel has progressed with new and different filesystem formats much faster than the various Linux bootloaders have. The current example of this is UEFI firmware systems, which keep their boot files in a FAT partition. No Linux system is going to use FAT for the root partition, so you have to have a separate boot partition for this. If you have an ext4 root partition, and use Legacy boot not UEFI, then you don't need a separate boot partition. You can have one if you want, though. One common example is the home partition. This is just what the name implies, a separate partition which contains all of the ordinary users home directories and files. But again, this is not required and Linux can be installed and used just fine with the home directories in the root partition. I think you're probably getting the idea by now. Use them if you want, they can be good for logically separating things and preserving them across other changes. Whew, that was a lot of text even by my standards. Let's break it up with one more example installation, before I try to summarize it all. This time I'm going to look at the installer for openSUSE, because it does a couple of things that the first two examples didn't do. This is the openSUSE Suggested Partitioning window. That long list of partitions looks pretty scary, but don't worry it's only there because openSUSE uses a btrfs file system by default. Fortunately openSUSE gives you the possibility to change the parameters it uses to make the Suggested Partitioning and get an updated automatic proposal. Click on Edit Proposal Settings to get the Proposal Settings window. All I have to do here is change the File System for Root Partition to ext4, and then click OK.

You can also see in this window that openSUSE gives you the choice of having a separate home partition, and of the filesystem type to use if you have one. Click OK to return to the Suggested Partitioning window, which will then show a new proposal based on using ext4 for the root filesystem. That looks a lot more reasonable, especially compared to that long list of partitions shown in the first proposal. This list is short enough you can see and understand exactly what the

openSUSE installer is going to do. The line at the top in red says that it will start by shrinking the existing Windows partition to 67GB. That sounds reasonable, we saw earlier than Windows is currently using about 32GB of space, so it will have about 50% free space. It will then create an Extended Partition in the 75GB of space that it frees up by shrinking the Windows partition. This time it really needs the Extended Partition, because it is going to create a total of more than four partitions. Finally, it will create Logical Partitions for swap, root and home within that Extended partition. Rather than just completing the installation and showing another gparted view of the layout, here I have selected the Expert Partitioner. You would normally not have to go to this window for a simple installation, but it gives a different view of what the disk is going to look like. This shows the partition table, and which partitions will be mounted at what points. If you wanted to use any additional partitions, this would be the place where you would come to create and position them. But before I finish, there is one more thing I want to do. I have been asked several times about the configuration of my Samsung N150 Plus. I know it sounds like an extreme case because it is multibooting eight different Linux distributions, but it is really just a continuation of the last two examples, using an Extended partition to hold multiple Linux installations. This is the gparted view of the disk in the N150 Plus.

The first Primary Partition is openSUSE it is actually Tumbleweed, not Leap, that label is wrong. That partition is large enough to hold all the pictures I unload from my cameras when I am traveling. When I am at home it looks like a lot of wasted space. Next, I almost always put the swap in a Primary Partition, but that is more out of habit than necessity. Then there is another Primary Partition where I currently have Fedora installed. This is only because I use the N150 for testing lots of different distributions; if I were setting it up just for everyday use or just for traveling use I would probably use the third Primary Partition for home and make the root partition much smaller. Finally, there is an Extended Partition for all the other Linux distributions I am trying out on this little netbook. The actual number installed varies depending on what I am doing. There are currently six different distributions installed there, and there is enough free space at the end to add one or two more if I want. The important thing here is that the Linux grub bootloader will boot either a Primary or a Logical Partition without requiring any unusual manipulation of boot files or partitions. Ok, that's enough probably more than enough. I hope that what all of this showed was that installing Linux doesn't require complicated disk partitioning, it can actually be quite simple. Read more of Jamies Mostly Linux Stuff [Linux distributions Recommendations for a novice](#) [Fedora 24 Comparing Gnome, KDE Plasma, Cinnamon, MATE, Xfce, LXDE](#) [Fedora Anaconda and Mint Install Handson](#) with two more Linux installers [Raspberry Pi Zero Handson](#) with the [Zero4U 4Port USB Hub](#) A closer look You may unsubscribe from these newsletters at any time. You may unsubscribe at any time. You also agree to the Terms of Use and acknowledge the data collection and usage practices outlined in our [Privacy Policy](#). Xubuntu is a variant of Ubuntu with Xfce desktop environment instead of the default Unity.

Light on resources, Xubuntu can be a good Linux alternative of Windows XP. I hardly use Windows but it gives me sort of back up if I mess up with things. Dual booting Linux with Windows is always suggestible for the beginners. In this tutorial, we shall see how to install Ubuntu in dual boot mode with Windows. You can read this [article](#) for dual booting Windows 10 and Ubuntu with UEFI. Don't be confused. The steps given here are equally applicable to Ubuntu, Xubuntu or even Linux Mint. Later I installed Linux on it in dual boot mode. I changed the partition and kept around 100 GB of total 320 GB for Linux installation. In the course of time, I upgraded to Windows 8 and subsequently to Windows 8.1. I never had to face the problem of Windows 8s secure boot thingy. It is just to clarify that this process does not show you how to deal with UEFI. In Windows, my favorite tool to create a live USB is Universal USB Installer. While booting the computer press F10 or F12 function key defers from computer to computer to go to the boot menu. Now, choose the option to boot from USB or Removable Media. Once booted, you will be immediately provided with option to either try

Ubuntu or install Ubuntu. Even if you choose to try, you can find the option to install on the desktop. Just choose press continue Where to install Ubuntu. Windows is already installed here, so, we'll prepare a new partition for Ubuntu. In the Installation Type window, choose Something Else. If you don't have ext4 partition, don't worry, we don't need that. As you can see in the picture below, one of the NTFS partitions consists of Windows installation. This should be untouched if you want to keep your Windows installation safe. What you need to do here is to delete a NTFS or existing ext4 partition and create some free space. This will delete all the data in that partition and this is why I asked you to verify if you have Windows installed in a different partition. Now, there are several ways to do it.

But I prefer to have a Root, a Swap and a Home. If you have more disk space, increase the root size. Suppose you have 100 GB of disk space. You can easily devote 30 GB of space to root. It is advised by many that Swap should be double of your system's RAM size. You can choose the swap size accordingly. Try to allocate the maximum size to Home because this is where you'll be downloading and keeping the files. Rest is just some trivial steps to follow. You will be taken through a number of screens to select options like keyboard layout, login credentials etc. You don't have to be a genius to figure out what to do here afterwards. I have attached screenshots for reference purpose here. And thus you can enjoy the beautiful, beginner friendly and world's most popular Linux distribution. I hope you found this guide to dual boot Ubuntu with Windows helpful. If you need, you can change the boot order easily to make Windows your default OS. Since you have just installed Ubuntu 14.04, you can check out things to do after installing Ubuntu. I am an avid Linux lover and open source enthusiast. I use Ubuntu and believe in sharing knowledge. Apart from Linux, I love classic detective mysteries. I'm a huge fan of Agatha Christie's work. BUT don't choose 15 gb of size for the root partition you should aim at least to 50 gb if you plan on using ubuntu on a daily basis. What do you see in the boot settings. Can you change the boot order to Ubuntu if it is there. If it's not there, do check your spam folder. Clear your doubt After logging in you can close it and return to this page. Good decision! And if you chose to use Linux Mint, that's even a better decision. Using Linux Mint is fairly easy and installing Linux Mint is no rocket science either. In this tutorial, we'll see how to install Linux Mint along side Windows 10. There are a few ways you can start using any Linux based operating system. This is also one of the safest ways to get a feel of Linux.

However, this will utilize your system resources and if you have less than 4Gb of RAM, I won't advise using it extensively. Use a live version of Linux. In this method, you put Linux on a USB or DVD and you boot from it. This is usually slow and your changes done to the Linux system are normally not saved. This is particularly useful if you just want to see what Linux feels like. Remove Windows and Linux. If you have backed up your data and have a recovery or installation disk of Windows ready with you or if you are determined that you are not going back to Windows, you can remove Windows completely and use only Linux. Install Linux alongside Windows. This method is called dual booting Linux with Windows. Here, you install Linux on a system that already has Windows. And when your system powers up, you can choose if you want to use Windows or Linux. This involves touching the disk partition and sometimes boot order. Absolute beginners often find it complicated but this is the best way to use Linux and Windows together in one system. And in this article, we'll see how to dual boot Linux Mint with Windows 10. So, the short answer is no. Dual booting Linux and Windows won't slow your system in any way. Once you have booted into either of Linux or Windows, it will work the same as if it is the only OS in the system. No impact on the usability of your system. Dual boot won't slow down your system. Normally, it's not a big issue but just in case if you touched wrong partition etc, you may lose data. So my advice is to back up your important files, documents, music, movies etc to an external disk or cloud, whichever suits you. Have a boot repair disk. If your boot gets messed up, you can try to repair it with boot repair disk. If you have an extra USB or CD, you can use that to create boot repair disk.

Have a live or recovery disk of Windows ready. If your boot gets messed up and despite all efforts, you ended with an unbootable system, you can use the Windows disk to reinstall Windows. I am asking you to be prepared for the worst case scenario. You are installing Linux Mint on an already installed Windows system, not the other way round. You can refer to it if you want to see all the steps in even more details. I also advise you to subscribe to our YouTube channel for more Linux tutorials. This ISO file is the disk image that you can burn to a USB or DVD. The default is Cinnamon. If your computer supports 64 bit, go with 64 bit Linux Mint 19.3 Cinnamon. If you know about other desktop environments, you can make your mind and choose whichever Mint version you want. I recommend using a free tool called Universal USB Installer in Windows. Just double click on it to run the software and browse it to the ISO. Make sure that you have your USB key plugged in. If you have multiple partitions not the recovery ones, you can either use one of them or create a new partition from an existing partition. Your existing data will be safe if you have enough free space. Typically, you install Linux in under 10 Gb, however, if disk space is not a concern, I advise using 3040Gb at least. This way you can have more space at your disposal for downloading and keeping various files. This will bring up Disk Management utility. Now carefully select the disk in which you'll make some free space by shrinking the volume. So I shrunk it to make 110Gb of free partition on it. I recommend watch the video to see the exact steps you need more hint. While booting the computer press F10 or F12 function key defers from computer to computer to go to the boot menu. Now, choose the option to boot from USB or Removable Media. Most modern system with Windows 10 should not need this step, especially with Linux Mint or Ubuntu. Have some patience.

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