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**CI for the
Rails
/G(uy)lal/**

**Obligatory
Boiler
Plate**

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Who are YOU? CI?

Linux?

Virtualization?

Javascript

Testing?

Selenium?

what

CI ==

**Continuous
Integration**

Martin Fowler - Seminal CI Article

**Running all
your tests
on every
commit**

Automatically

How

**Takahashi
Method ==
Big Font!**

**Focused on how
to install and
make everything
work together, not
on details of how
to use the tools**

**Just the basics, no
obtuse shell tricks,
won't use the latest
extensions,
wrappers, libraries,
or plugins**

**But I encourage you
to look into them,
useful additions/
extensions will be
mentioned later.**

**Well, maybe a few
bleeding edge
things, time
permitting**

Agenda:

**1. Code: The
simplest tutorial
that could
POSSIBLY work**

Coding Tasks Outline

A. Install Linux on VMWare

**B. Install Prereqs:
ruby, java, sqlite,
svn, ant, alternate
browser**

**C. Create
sample Rails
Project**

D.
cruisecontrol.rb
setup

E. JsUnit Setup

F. Selenium Setup

Z. Git

2. Gettin' Fancier

3. Gotchas

4. Questions

Tools Used

**Cross-
Platform,
Mostly*
Free**

*** VMware is
not free on
all platforms**

VMware

Parallels is a Virtualization Alternative

**Or, you can skip
Virtualization and
install Ubuntu
directly on a spare
PC. Just burn the
ISO image to a CD.**

Ubuntu Linux

cruisecontrol.rb

JsUnit

Seleniumium

**There is a lot
of material in
this
presentation**

**We will
move FAST**

**Maybe too fast
for you to
follow along
during the
preso (sorry!)**

**But it's all
on the
slides**

**Overachievers
can yell “Bingo”
if you finish it
before I do.**

**Everyone else
can pair up and
help each other**

**Intended to be
comprehensive,
easily
repeatable,
generic, cross-
platform**

**Contains
everything*
you need to
try this on a
real project**

*** “everything” except
the stuff that doesn't
work on your project or
environment or latest
versions. Error
messages and Google
are your friend :)**

As a matter of fact, it almost certainly won't work perfectly for you. Integrating this stuff is hard, and new problems arise as tools and libraries evolve. Embrace the bleeding cutting edge, keep a positive attitude, and help fix bugs.

**It's OK to sit
back and
watch**

**Try it at your
home or
workplace, at
your own pace**

**You can try it on a
mac, but slides
target an Ubuntu VM
for maximum
portability and
repeatability**

Live!

**No Hand
Waving**

**Their
WILL be
typos!**

**You down
with
OCD?**

**Then
you'll
know me!**

**Just please
don't be
“That Guy”
(or Gal)!**

**You know, “That Guy”
who stands up and
wants to expound on
irrelevant minutiae
during the middle of a
presentation...**

**Nitpicks,
Flames and
Hints
Welcome...**

**...over beer,
AFTER the
tutorial**

**...but seriously, if you
are a bit OCDish, you
might make a good CI
G(uylal) - because
there's a lot of moving
parts that all have to
integrate...**

...Continuously!

**1. Time
to Code!**

**WARNING: If you try to
cut and paste
commands from the
presentation (and you
can, they're all there),
use the OpenOffice doc.
Pasting from PDF
inserts bad line breaks**

A. Install Linux on VMWare

**No time to install
Linux live, but
VMWare and
images are on
USB Keys**

My Barebones Linux VM Setup:

Base:

VMWare on Macbook Pro 17”

Ubuntu 7.10 desktop VM from ISO

VMware Tools installed

Optional:

**Change resolution (System > Preferences
> Screen Resolution)**

Mouse Acceleration and Sensitivity

Terminal scrollbar

**Everything should
work pretty much
the same on any
modern Unix
platform**

**Following are
screenshots and
instructions to set
up basic Ubuntu
on VMware**

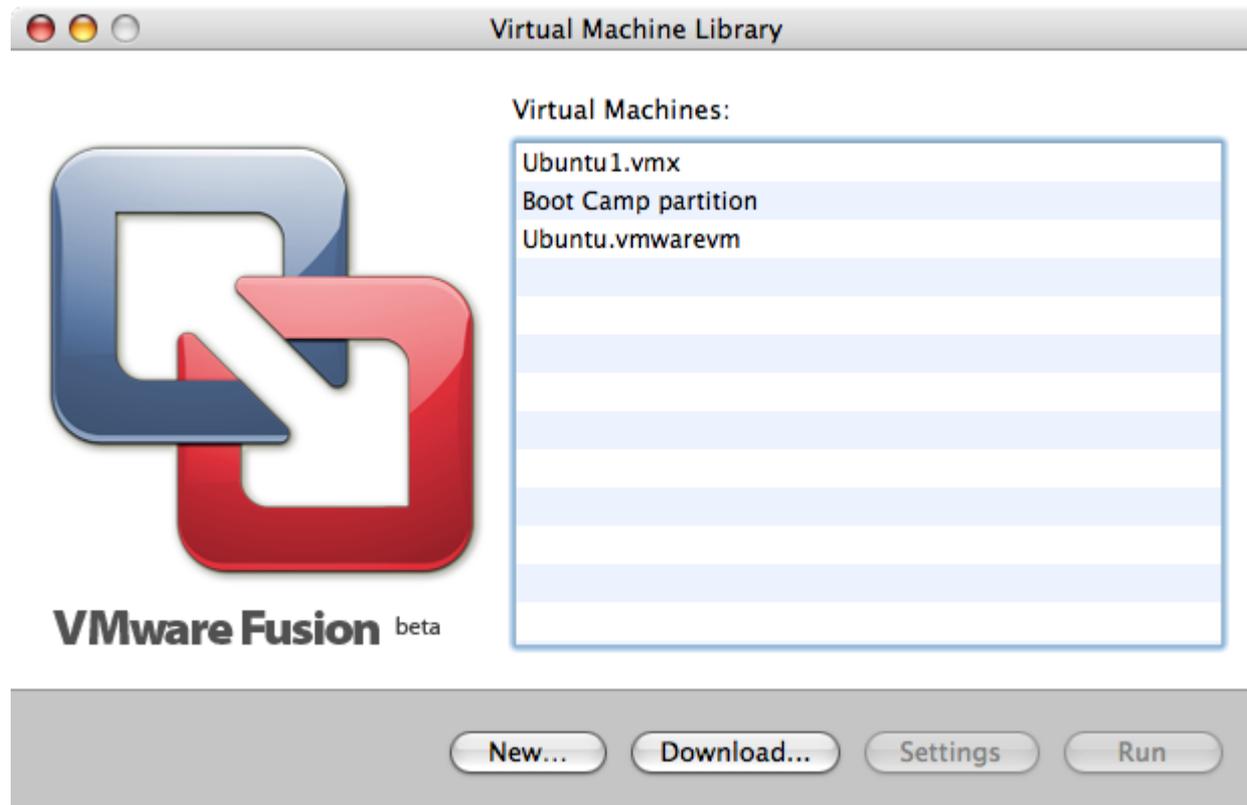
**We will skip them
for now, but you
can use them as a
guide when you
try it later**

**Exact steps may
vary depending on
your hardware**

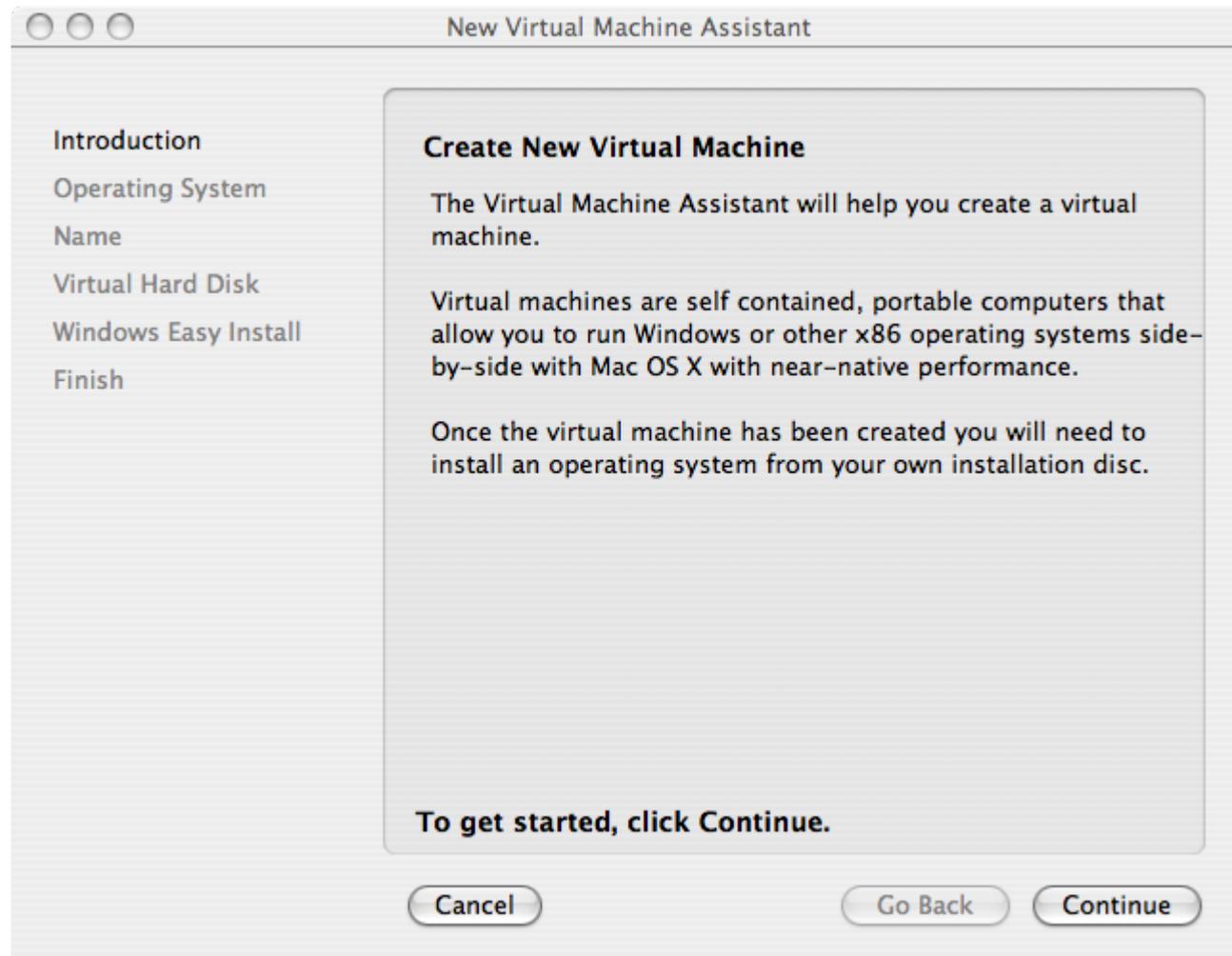
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screenshots in
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these are too
small to read**

VMware Mac Setup:
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fusion_screenshots

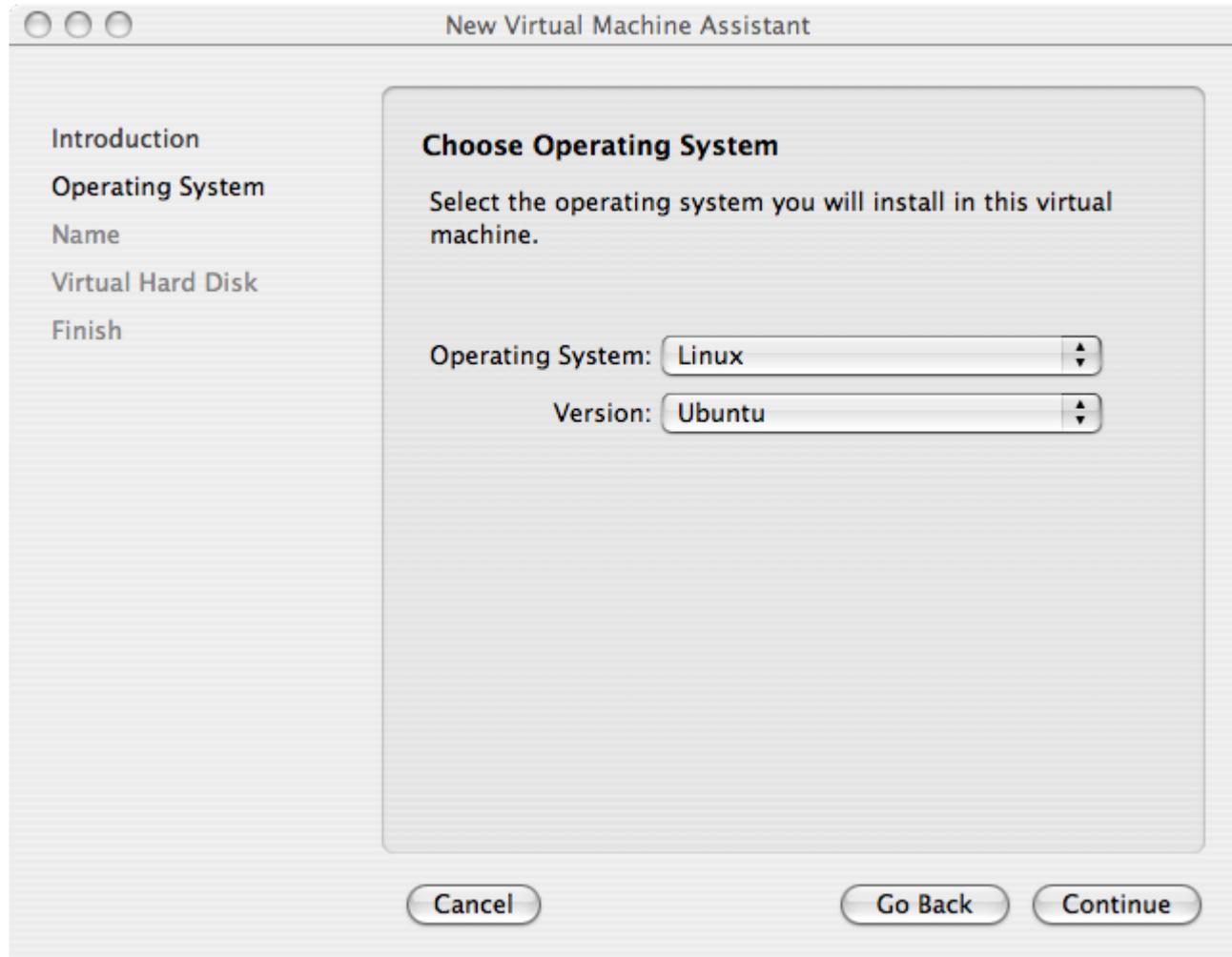
01_Virtual_Machine_Library.png



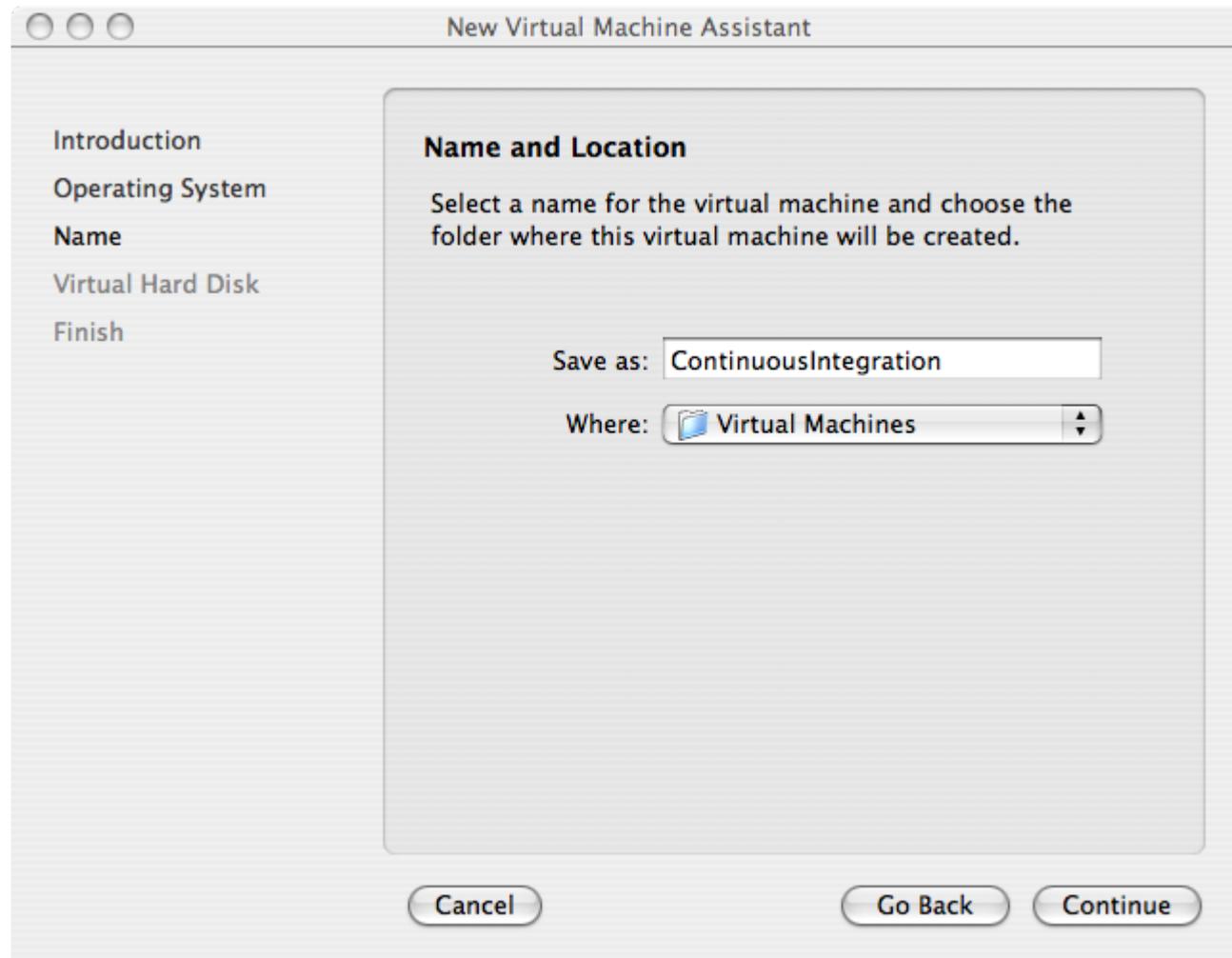
02_Create_New_Virtual_Machine.png



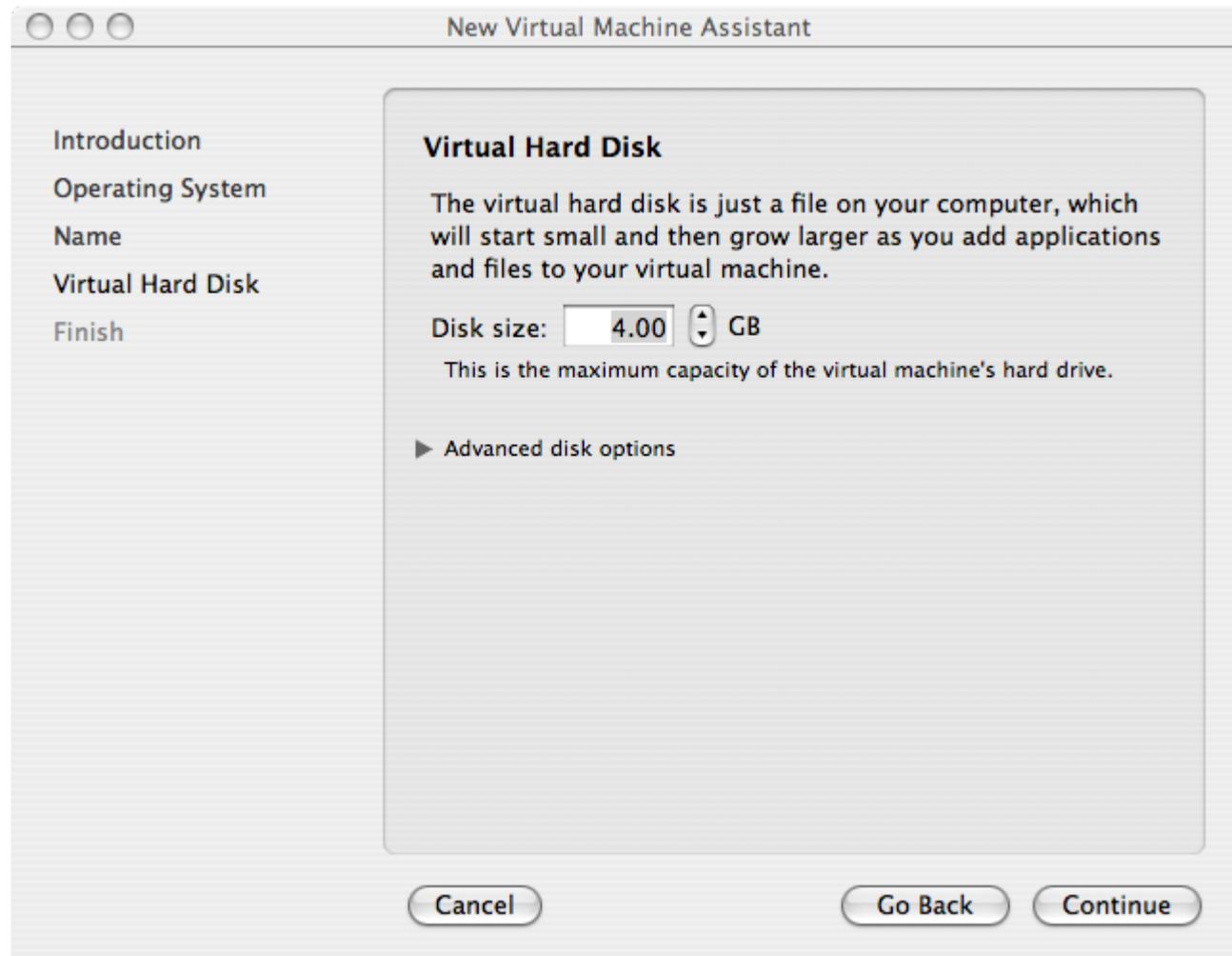
03_Choose_Operating_System.png



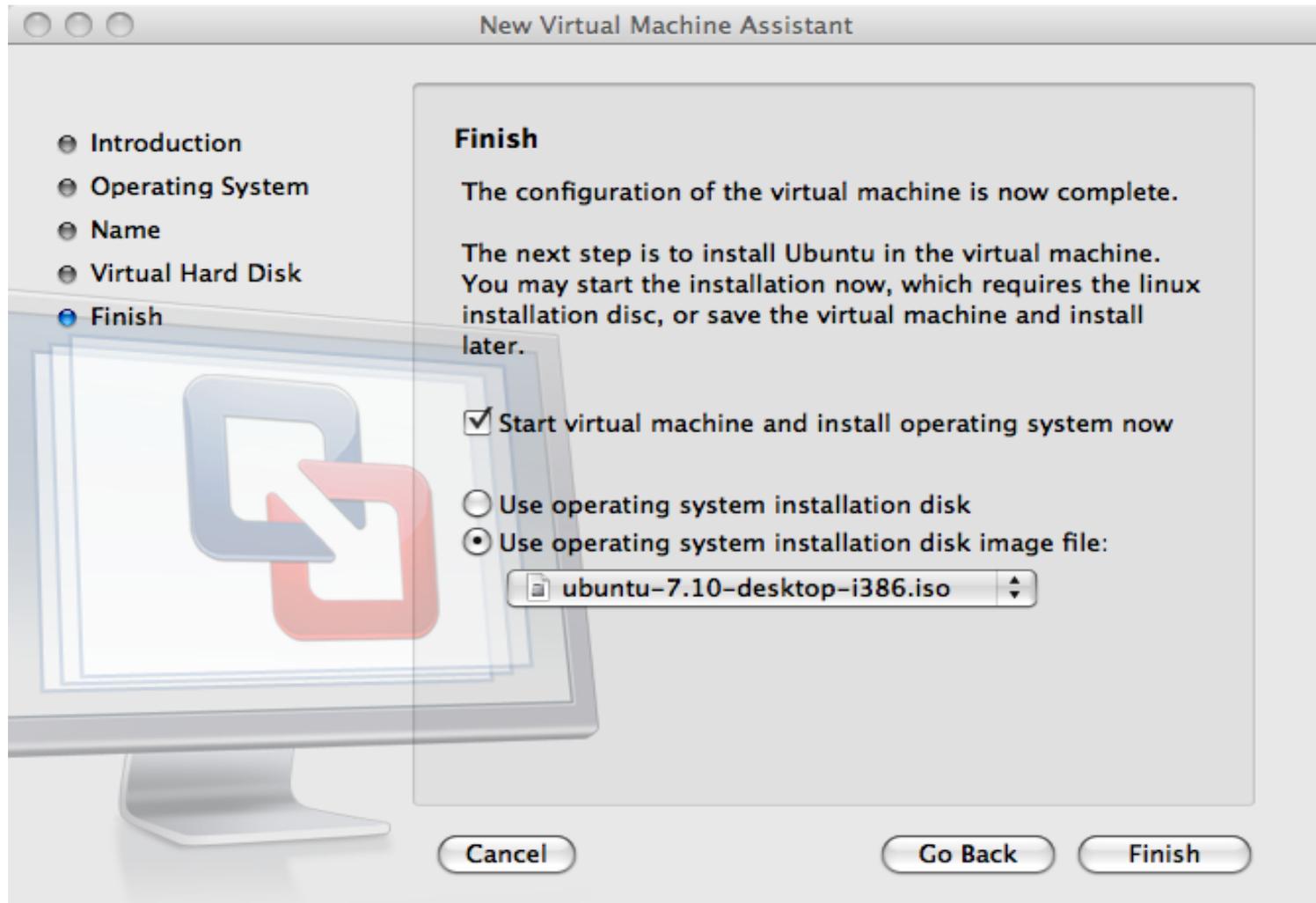
04_Name_and_Location.png



05_Virtual_Hard_Disk.png

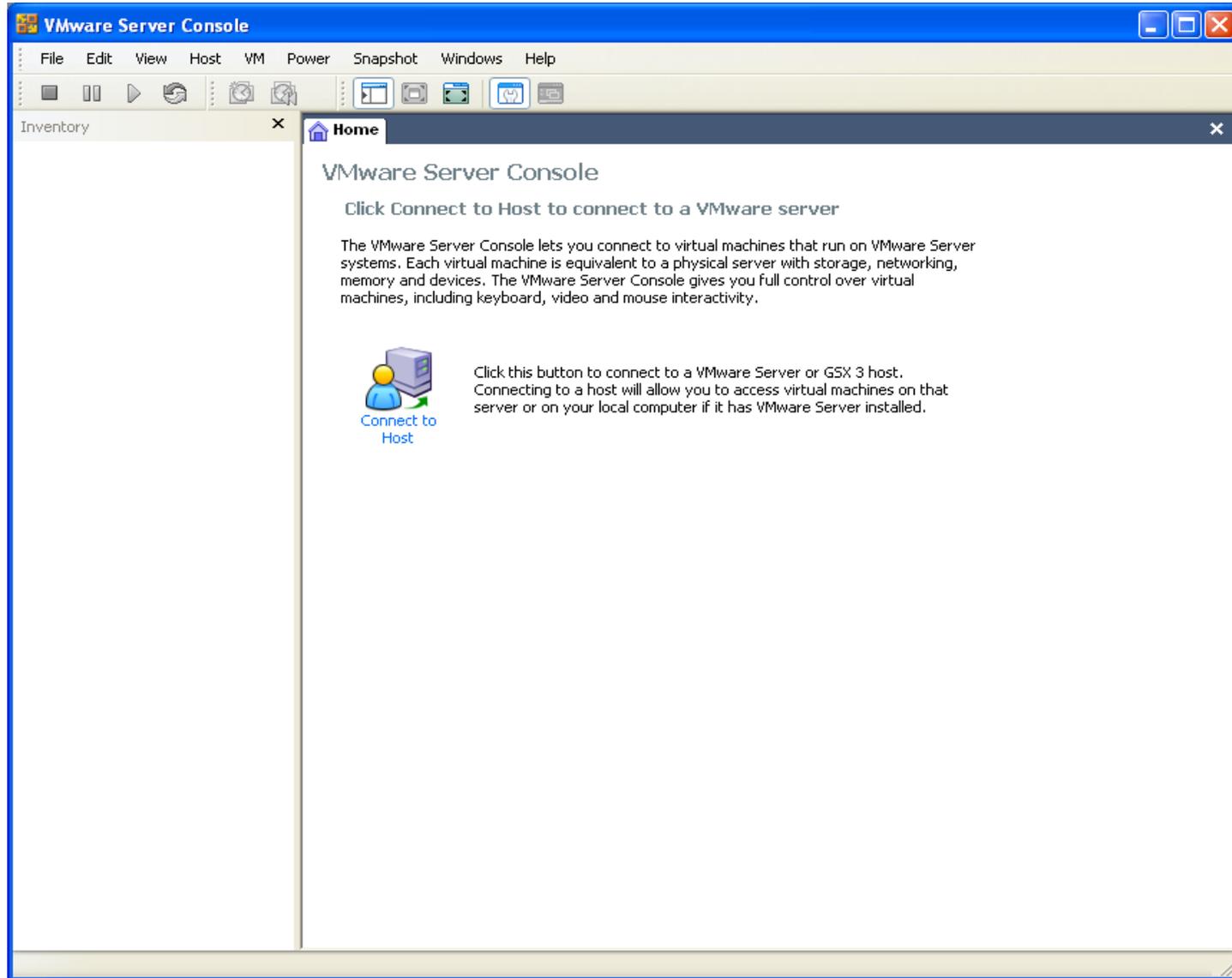


06_Finish.png

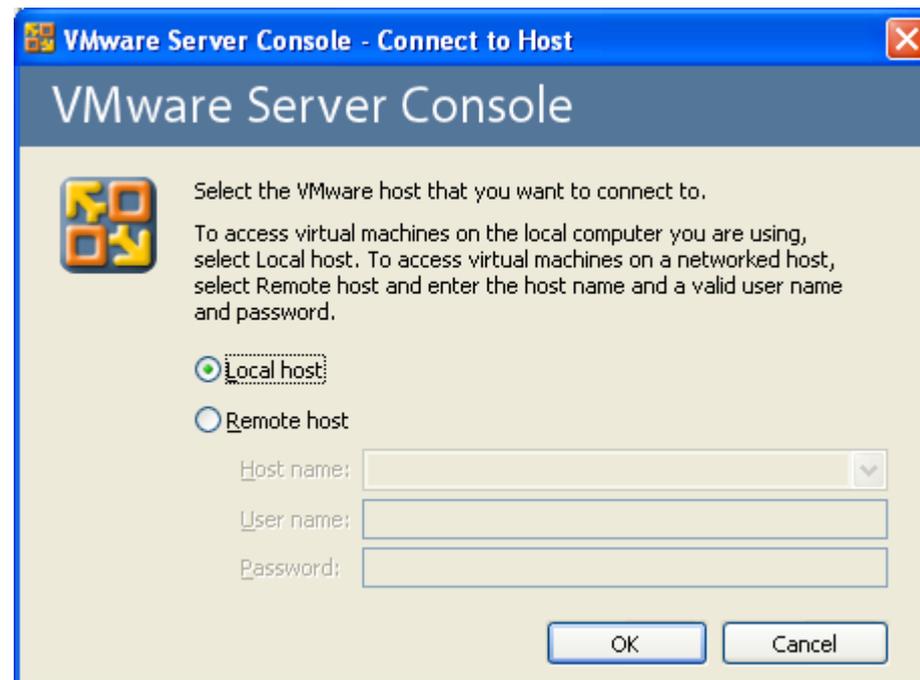


**VMware Win Setup:
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server_screenshots**

01_VMware_Server_Console.PNG



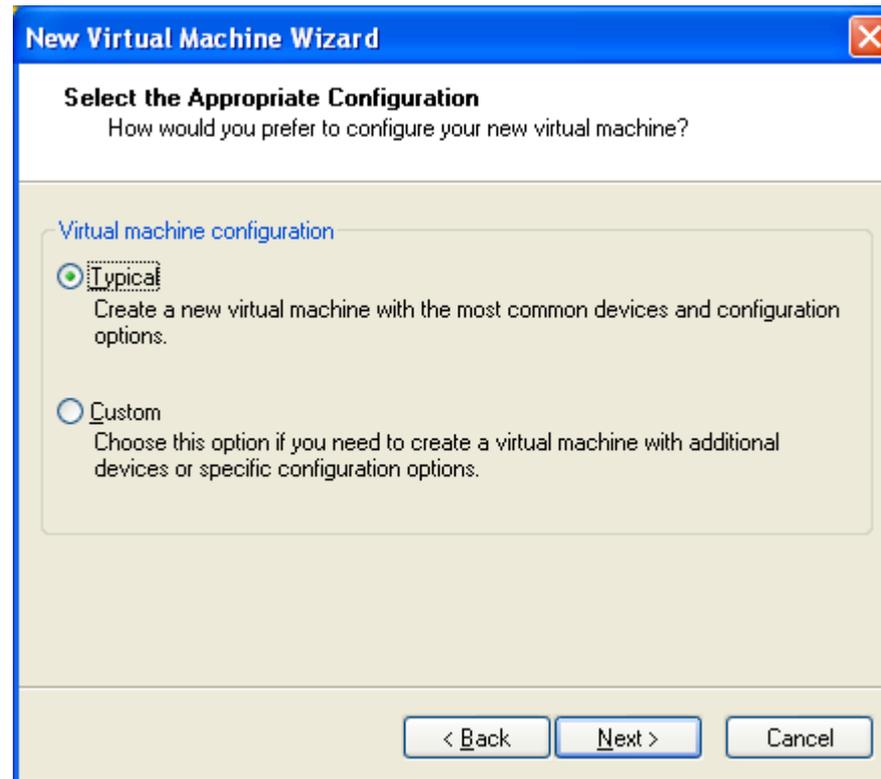
02_Connect_To_Host.PNG



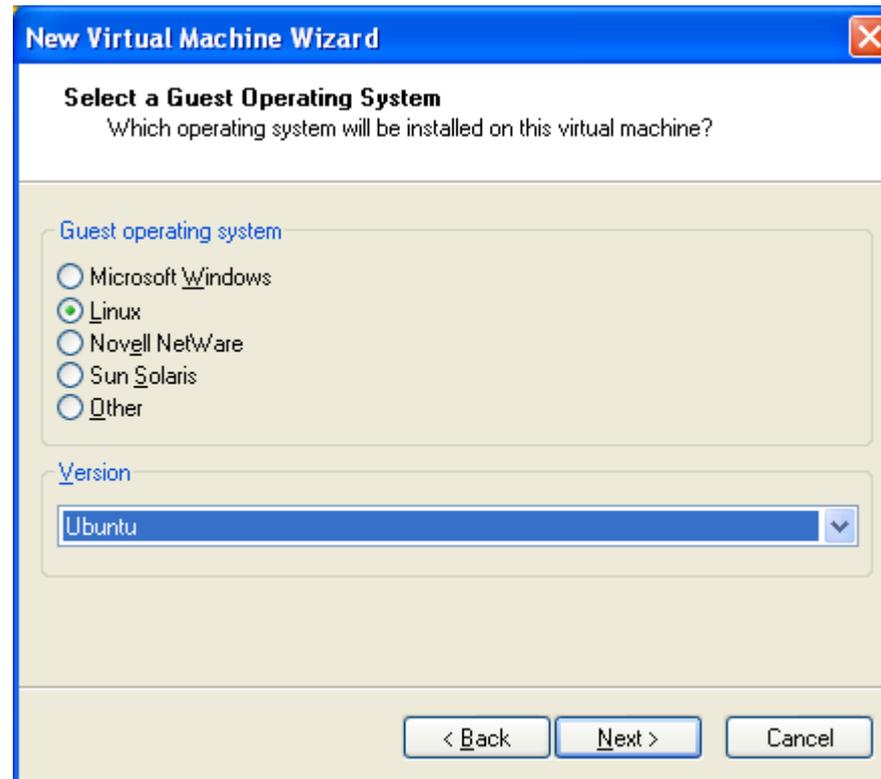
03_New_Virtual_Machine.PNG



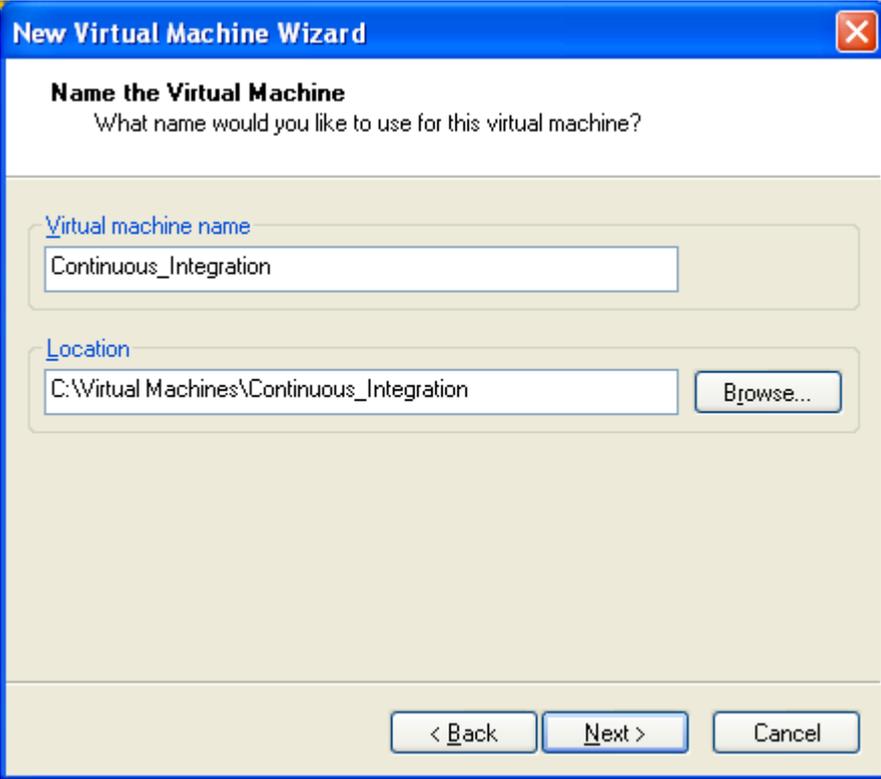
04_Virtual_Machine_Configuration.PNG



05_Select_a_Guest_Operating_System.PNG



06_Name_the_Virtual_Machine.PNG



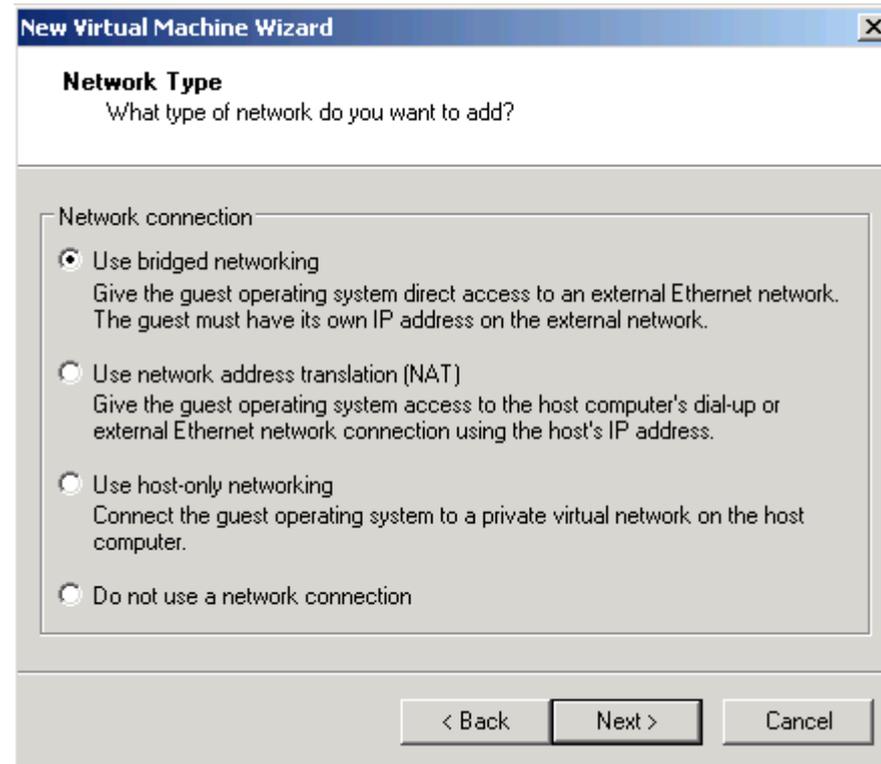
New Virtual Machine Wizard

Name the Virtual Machine
What name would you like to use for this virtual machine?

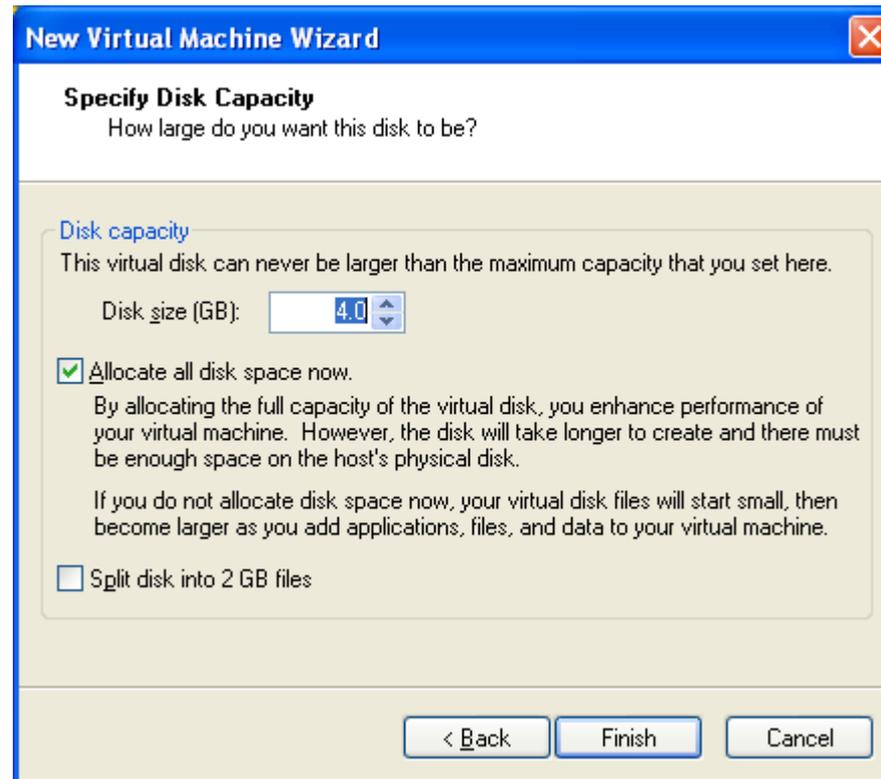
Virtual machine name
Continuous_Integration

Location
C:\Virtual Machines\Continuous_Integration

07_Network_Type.PNG



08_Specify_Disk_Capacity.PNG

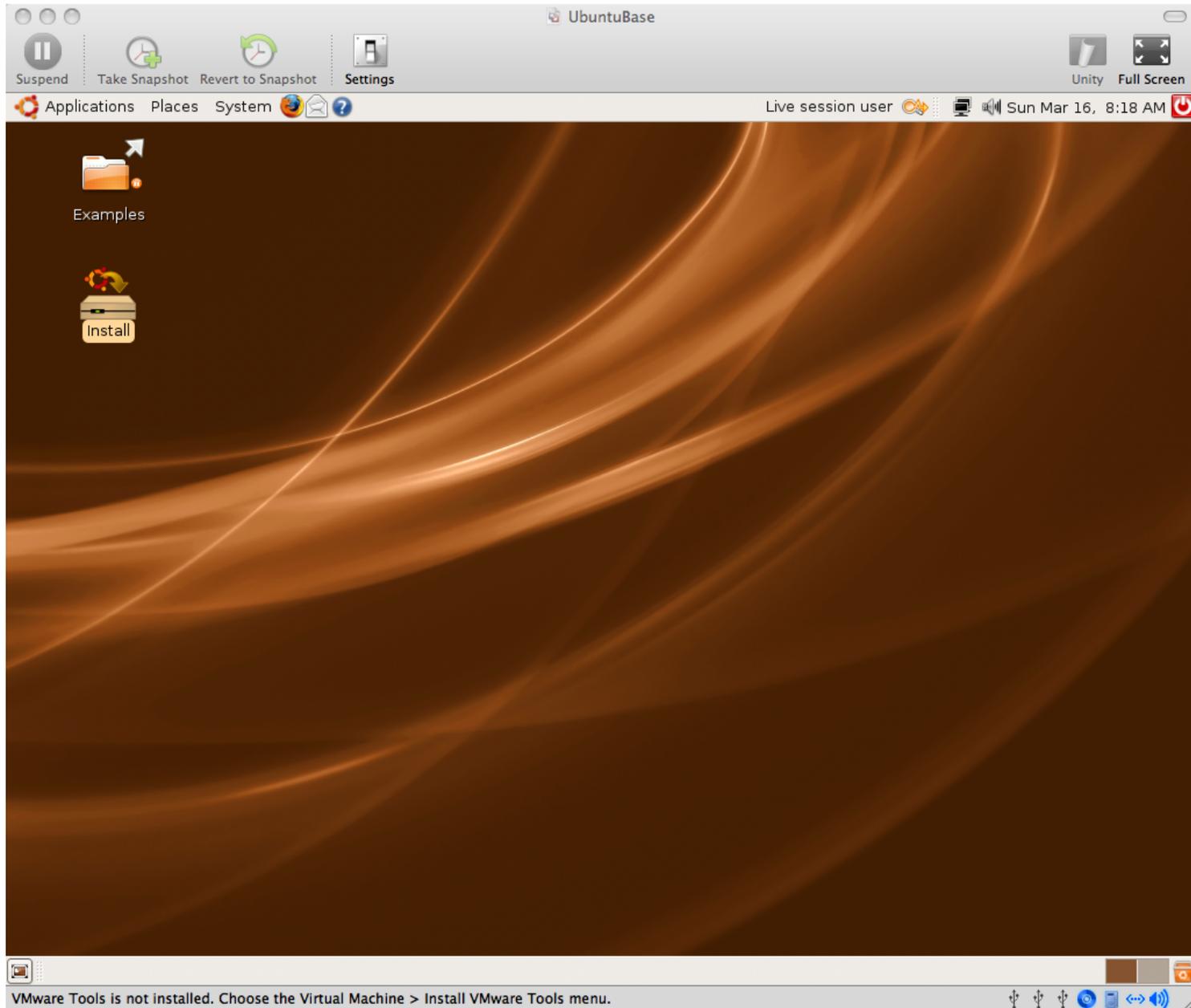


Mac/Win Ubuntu VM Setup:
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setup_screenshots

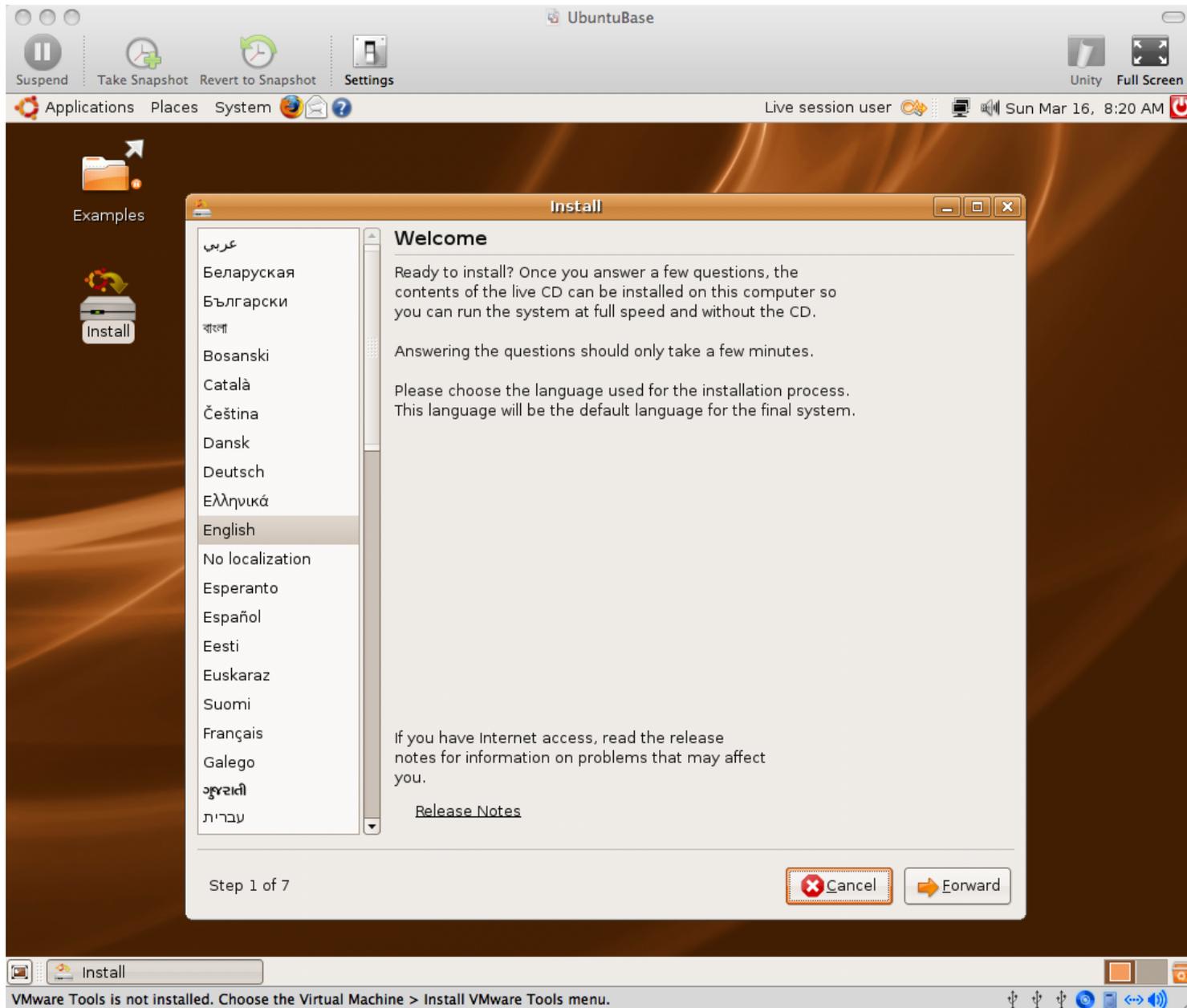
01_Start_or_Install_Ubuntu.png



02_Install_Icon.png



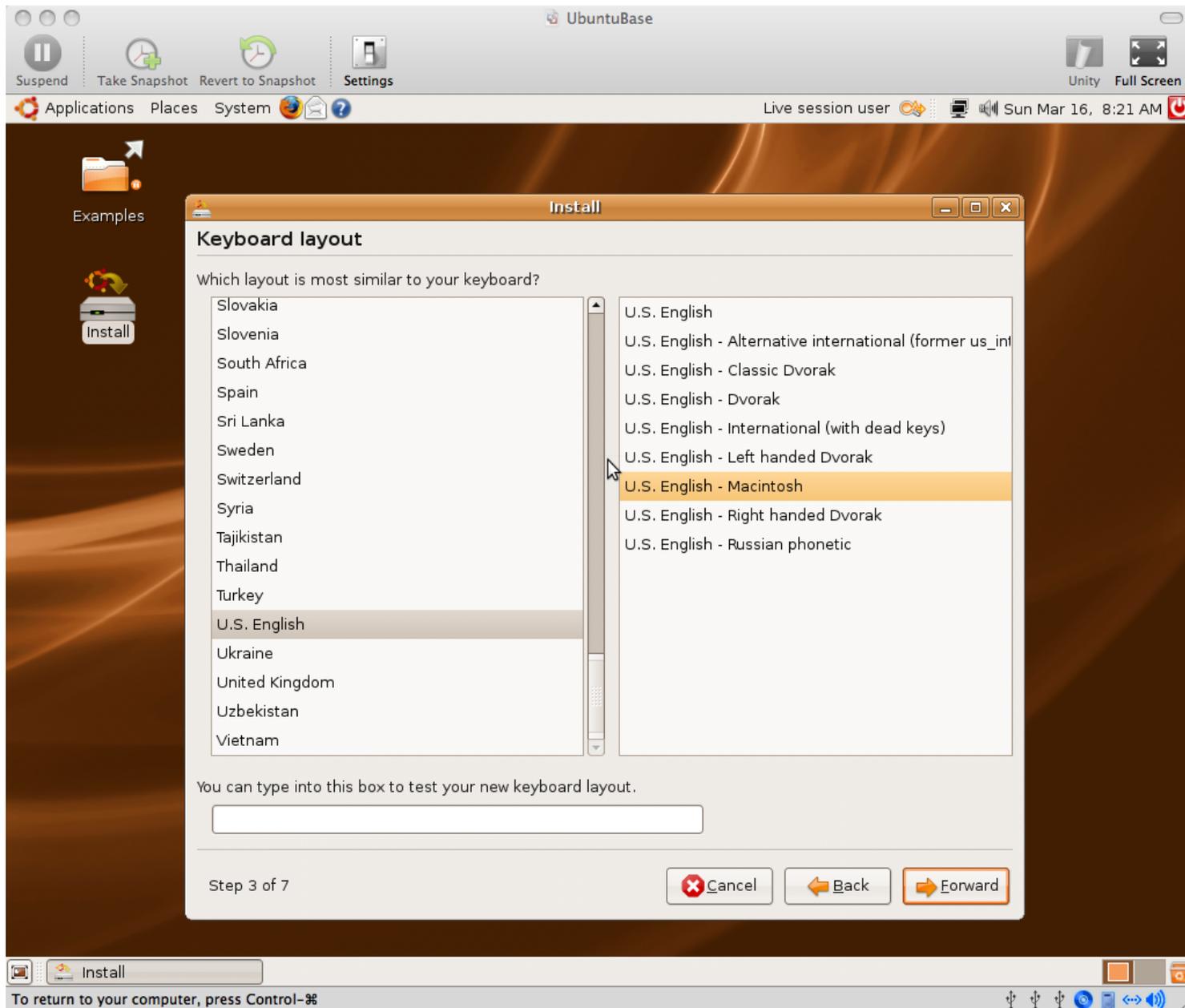
03_Welcome.png



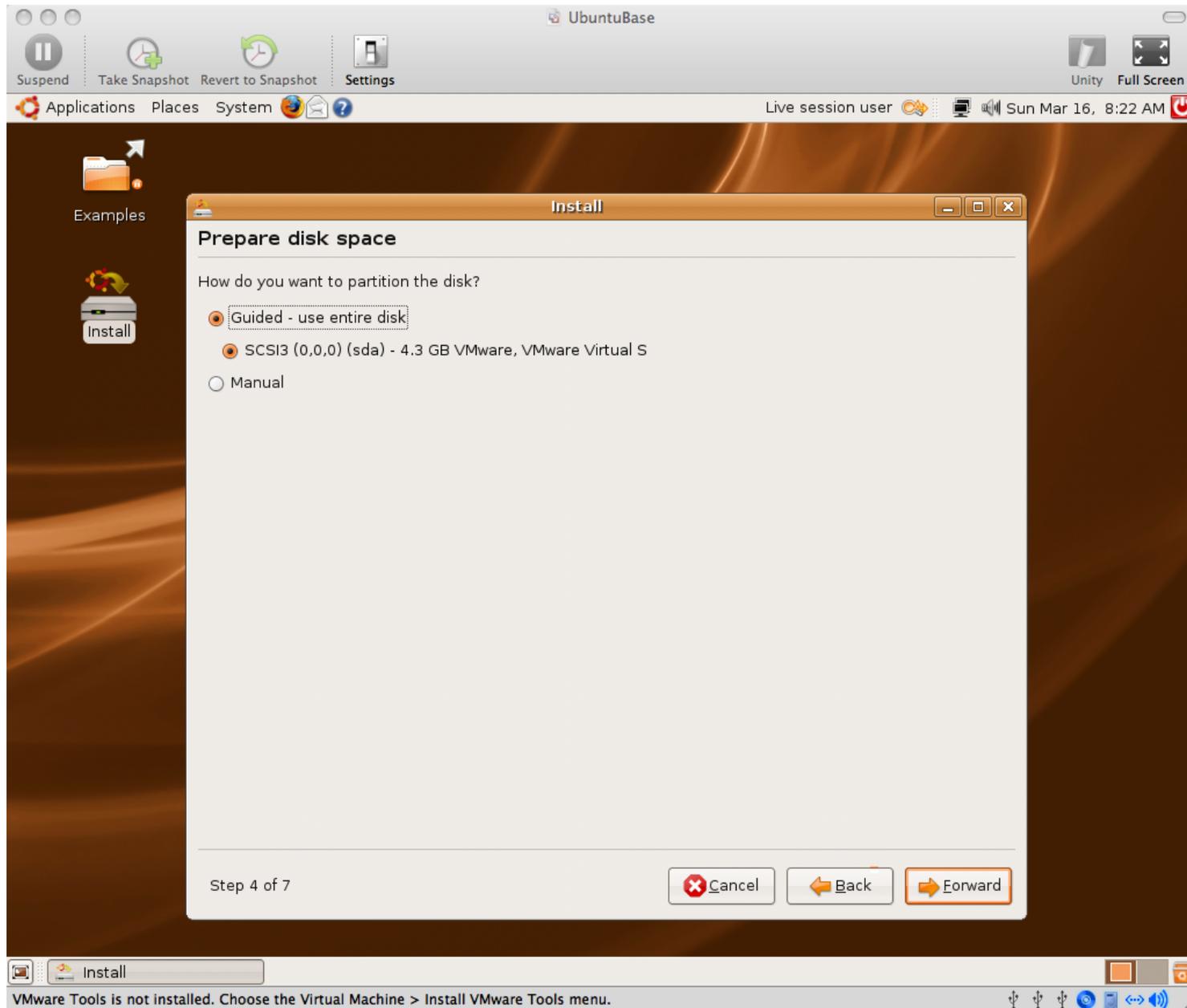
04_Where_are_you.png



05_Keyboard_Layout.png



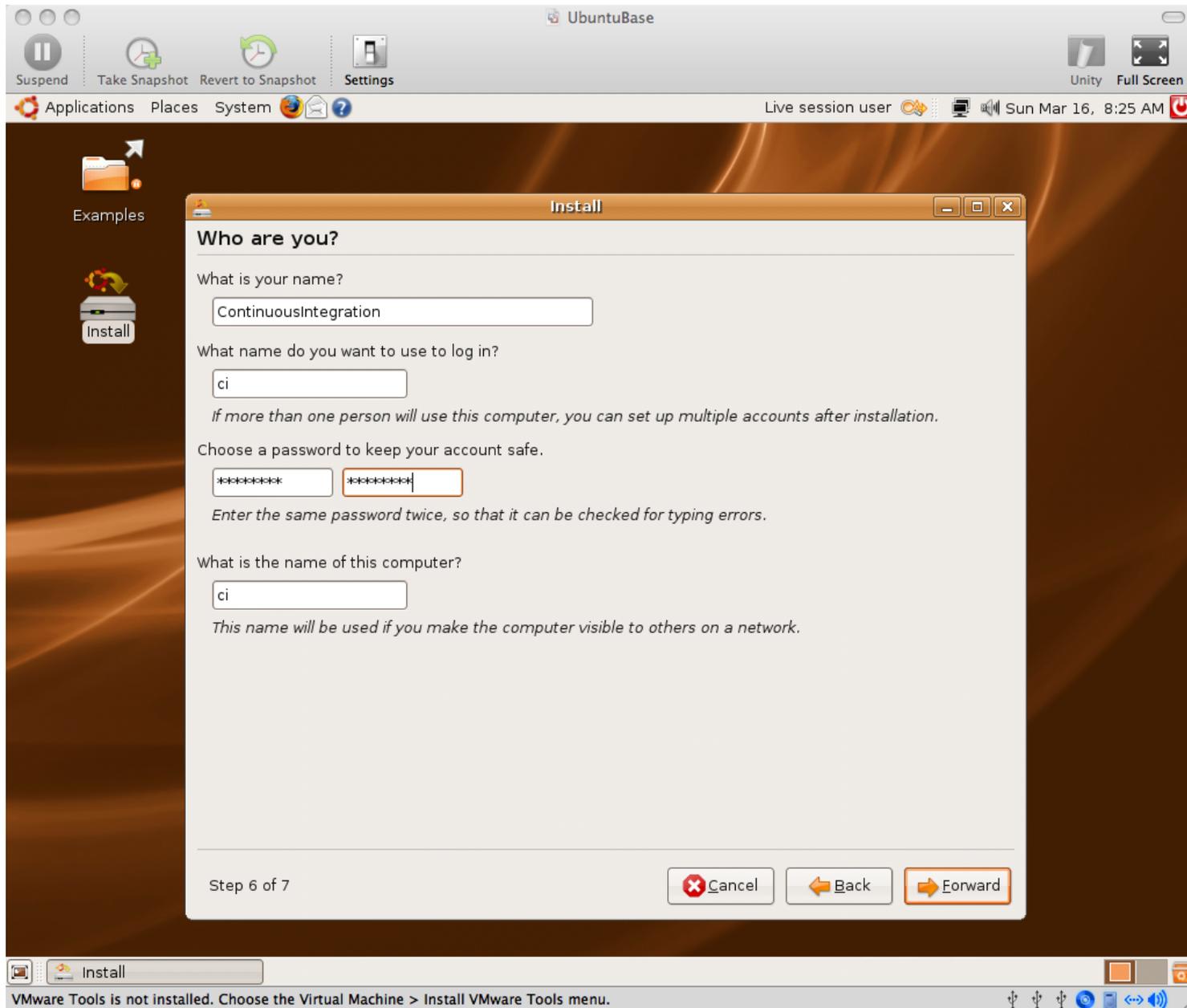
06_Prepare_disk_space.png



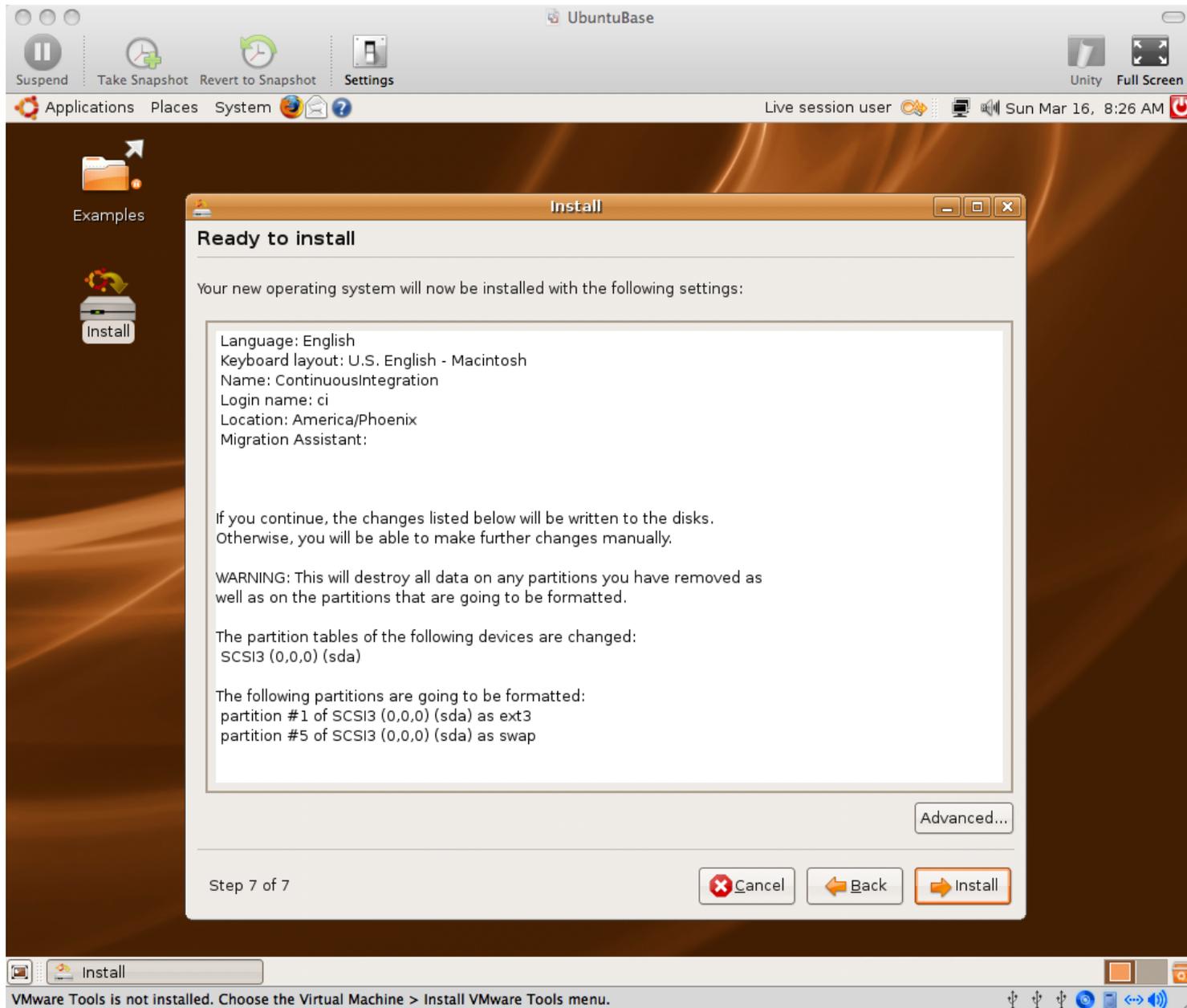
07_Guided_Partitioning.png



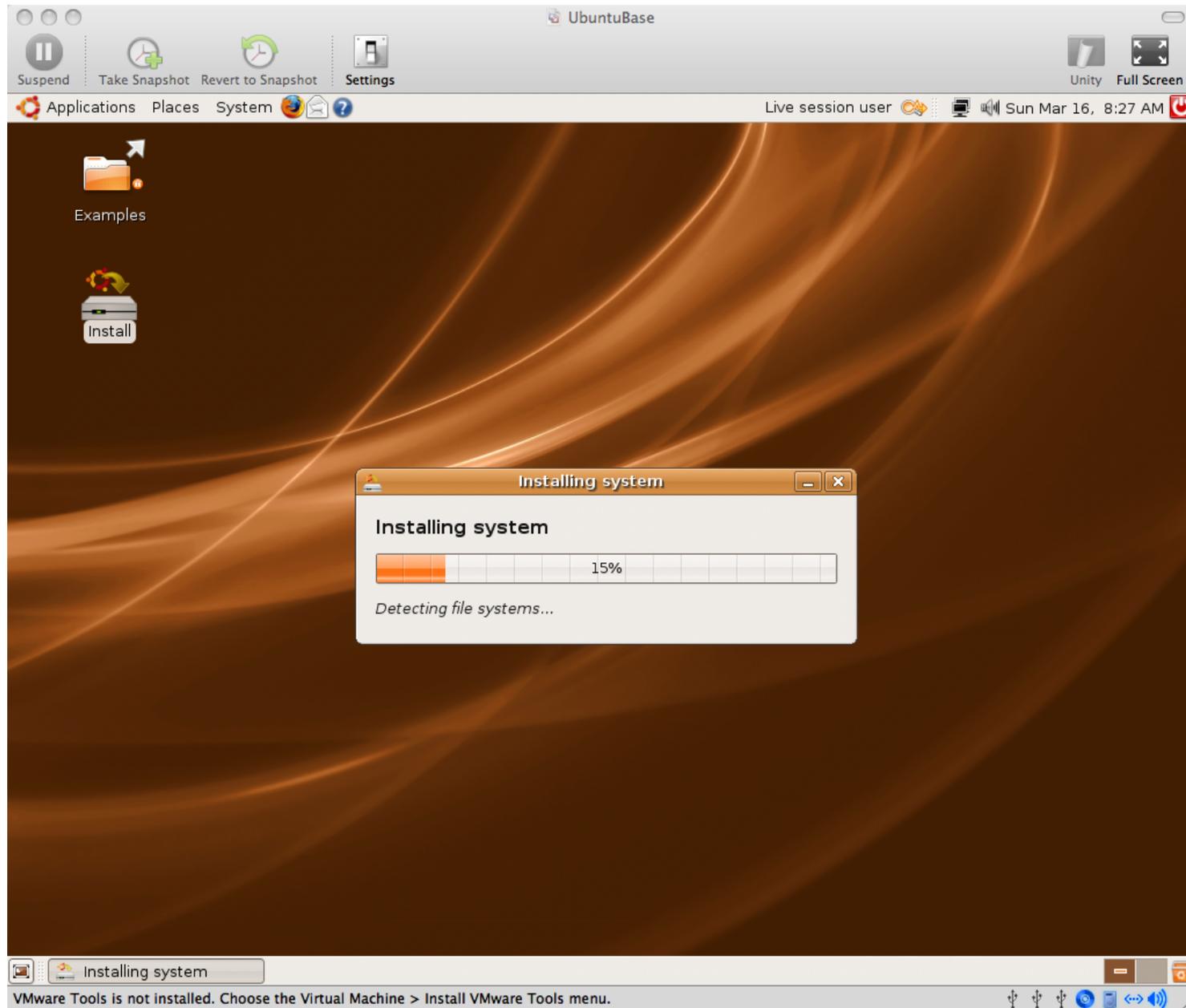
08_Who_are_you.png



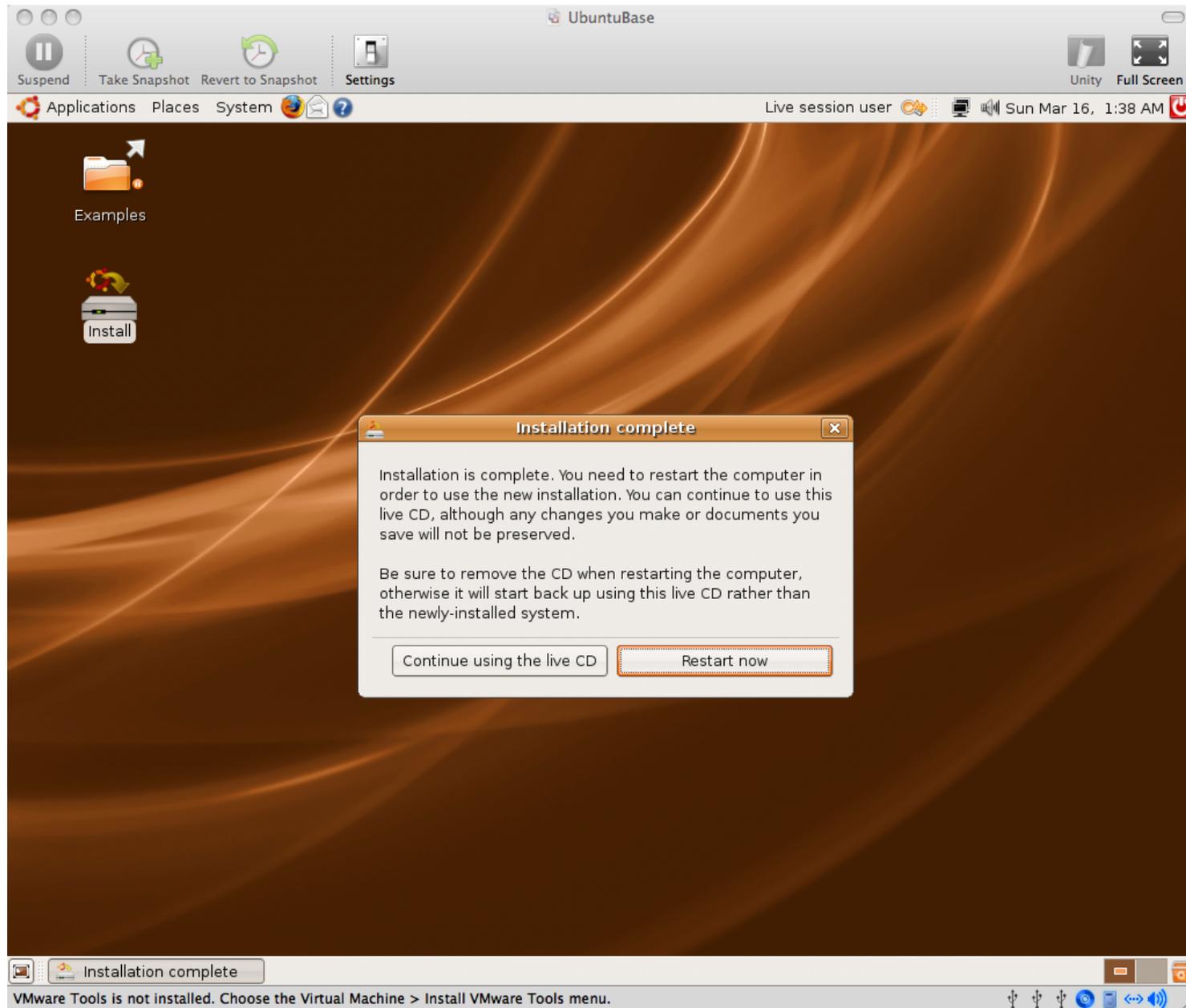
09_Ready_to_install.png



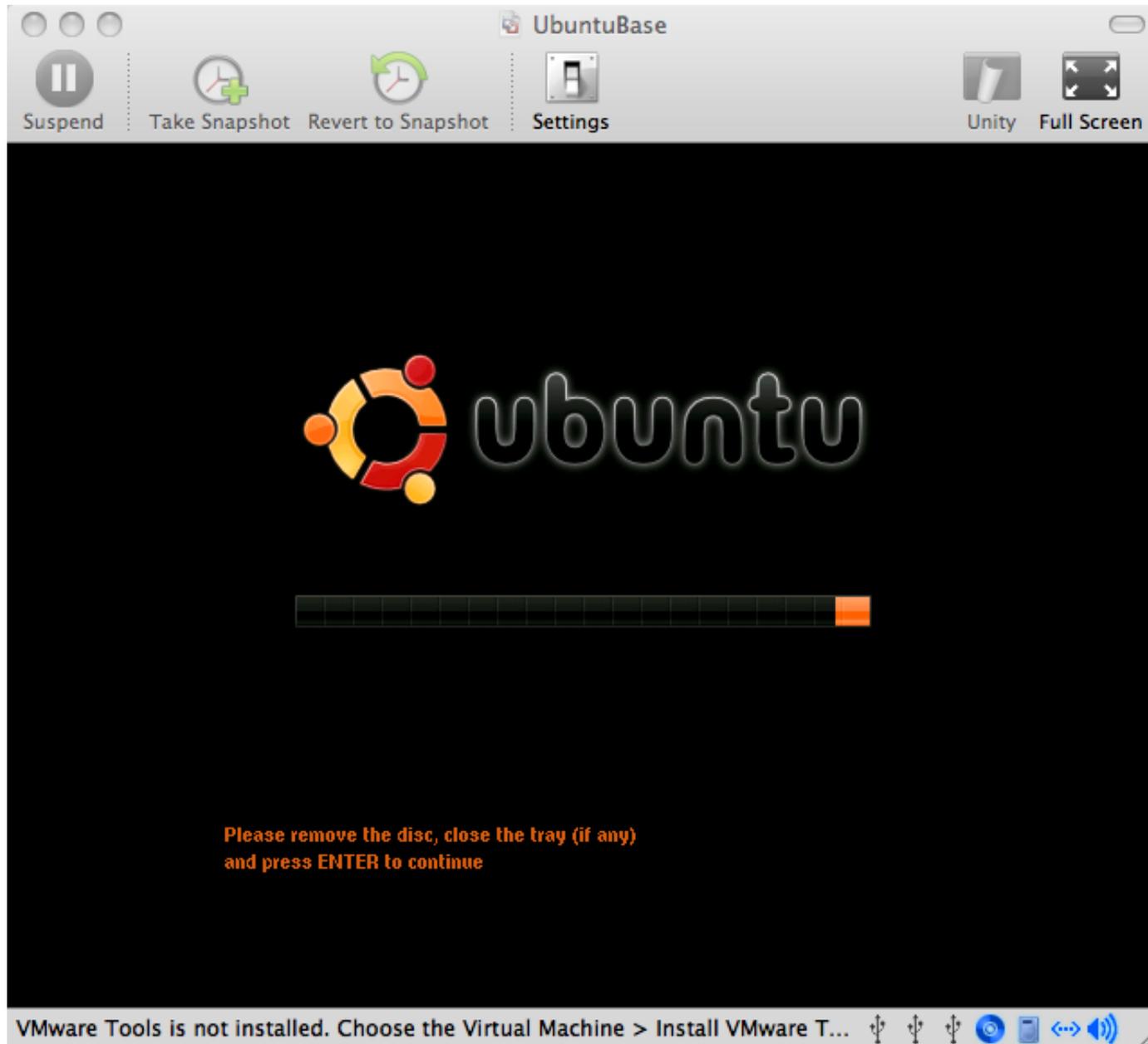
10_Installing_system.png



11_Installation_complete.png



12_Please_Remove_The_Disk.png



13_VMware_Tools_reminder.png



You do not appear to be running the VMware Tools package inside this virtual machine.

The package might be necessary for your guest operating system to run at resolutions higher than 640x480 with 16 colors. The package provides significant performance benefits as well. To install it, choose Virtual Machine > Install VMware Tools... after your guest operating system has finished booting.

If you like, VMware Fusion can remind you to install the VMware Tools package when you power on. Select OK to enable the reminder.

Never show this dialog again

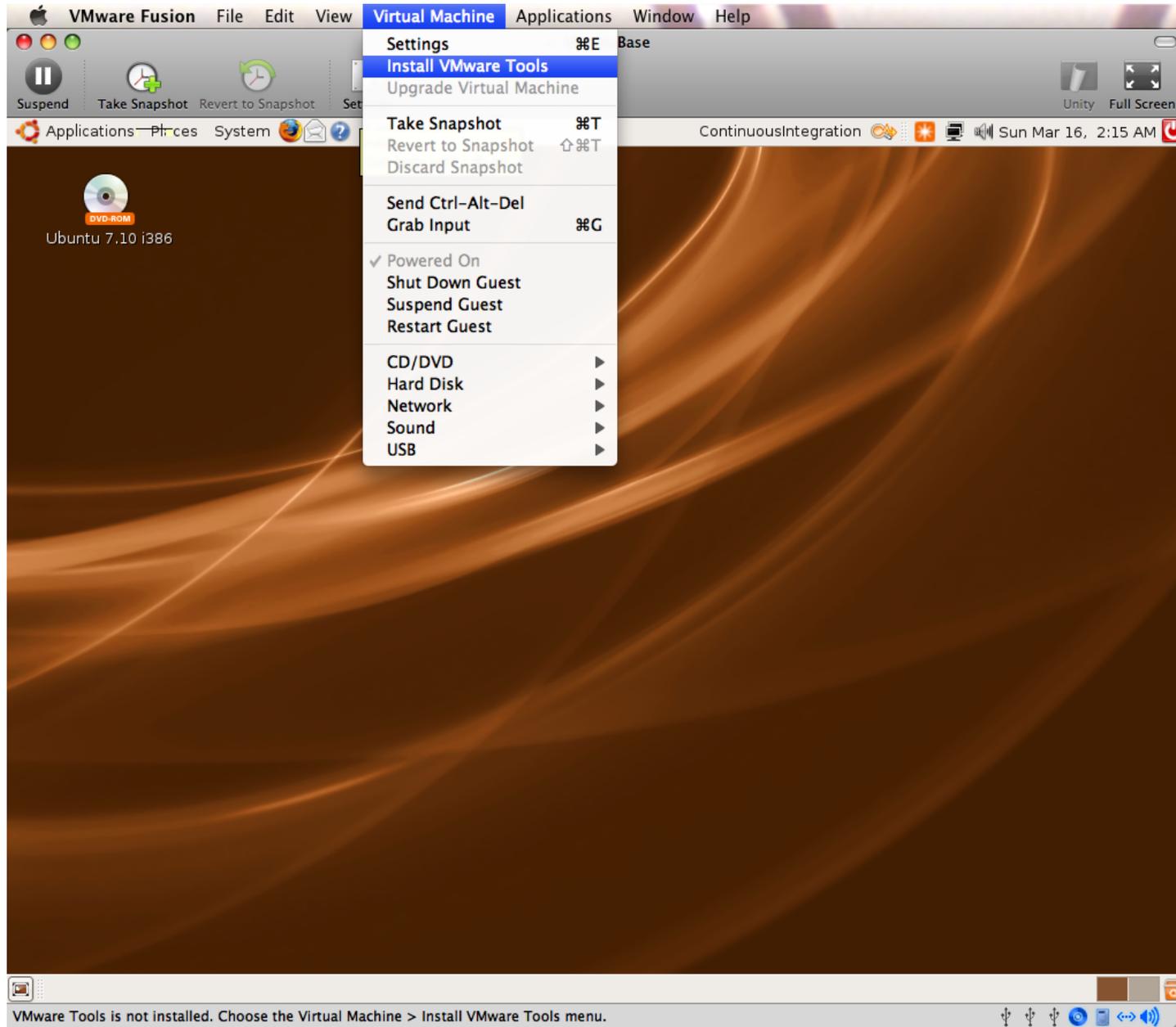
Cancel

OK

14_Login.png



15_Virtual_Machine_Menu_Install_VMware_Tools.png



16_Installing_the_VMware_Tools_package.png



Installing the VMware Tools package will greatly enhance graphics and mouse performance in your virtual machine.

WARNING: You cannot install the VMware Tools package until the guest operating system is running. If your guest operating system is not running, choose Cancel and install the VMware Tools package later.

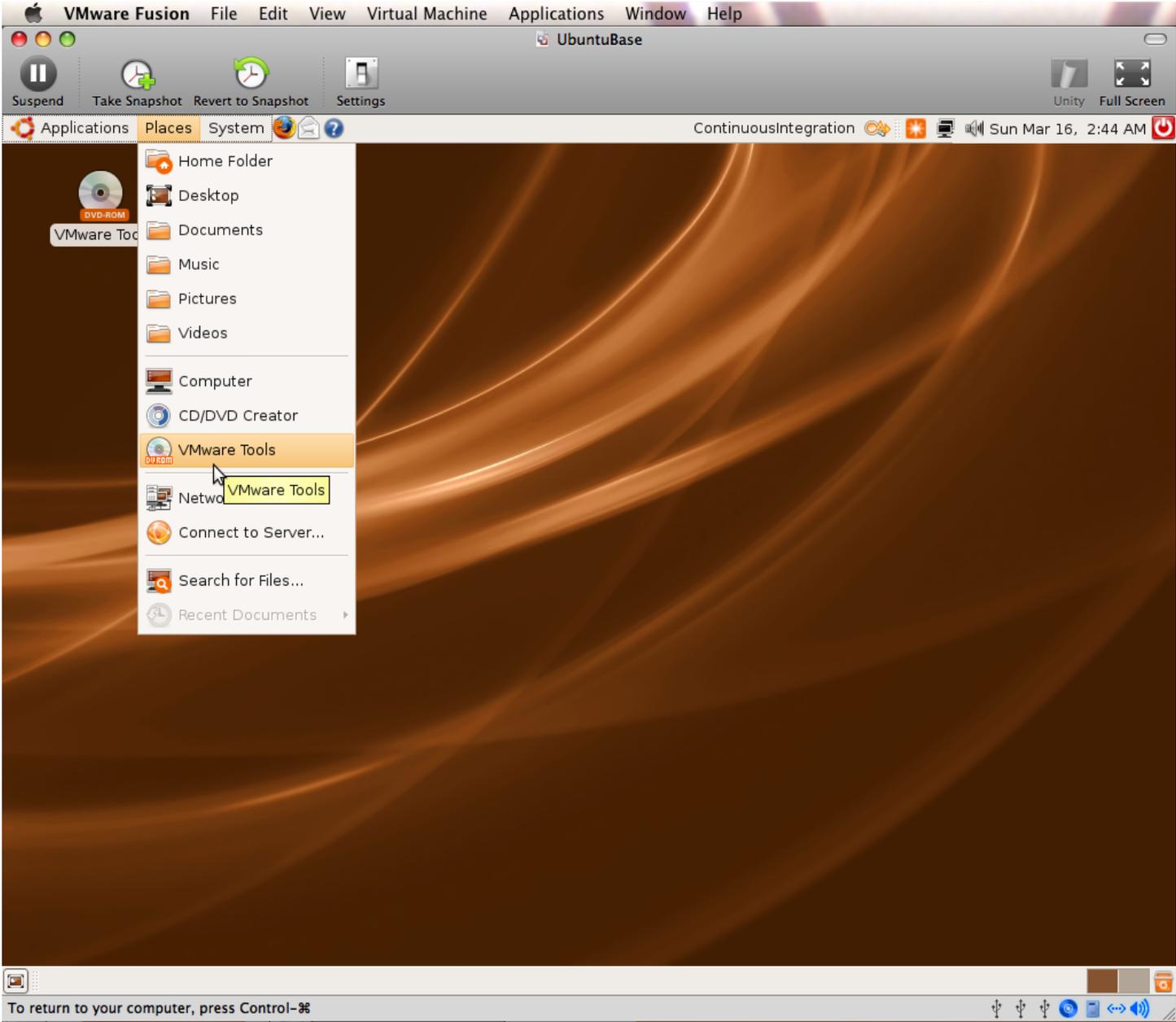
Cancel

Install

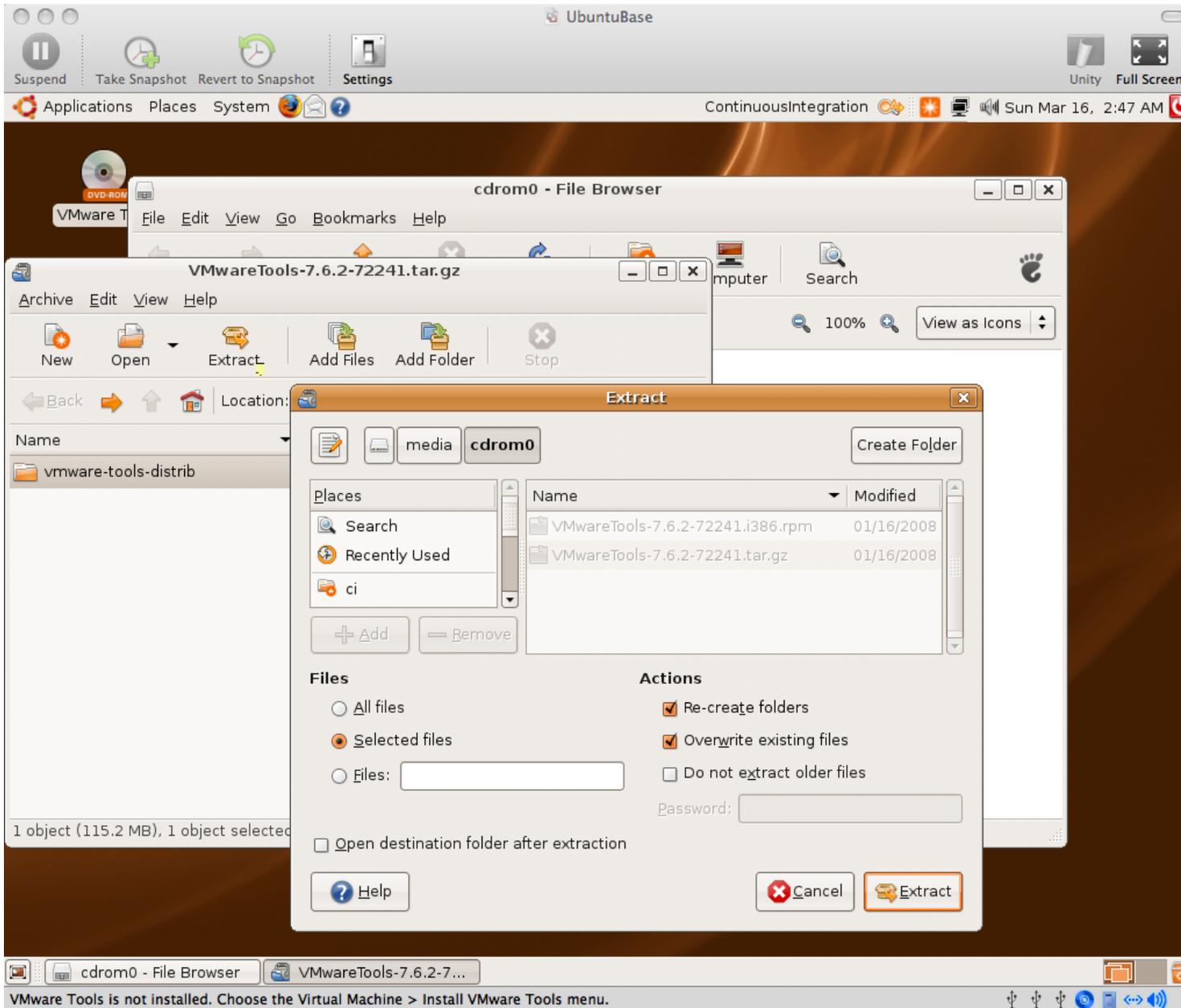
At this point, you may need to reboot (System -> Quit -> Restart) in order for the VMware Tools CD image to mount correctly, especially if you already have the Ubuntu ISO image mounted.

In fact, with Leopard/ VMWare Fusion 1.1.1/Ubuntu 7.10, the VMWare Tools image was corrupt until VM reboot. This didn't happen with Tiger/VMWare Fusion Beta/Ubuntu 7.04

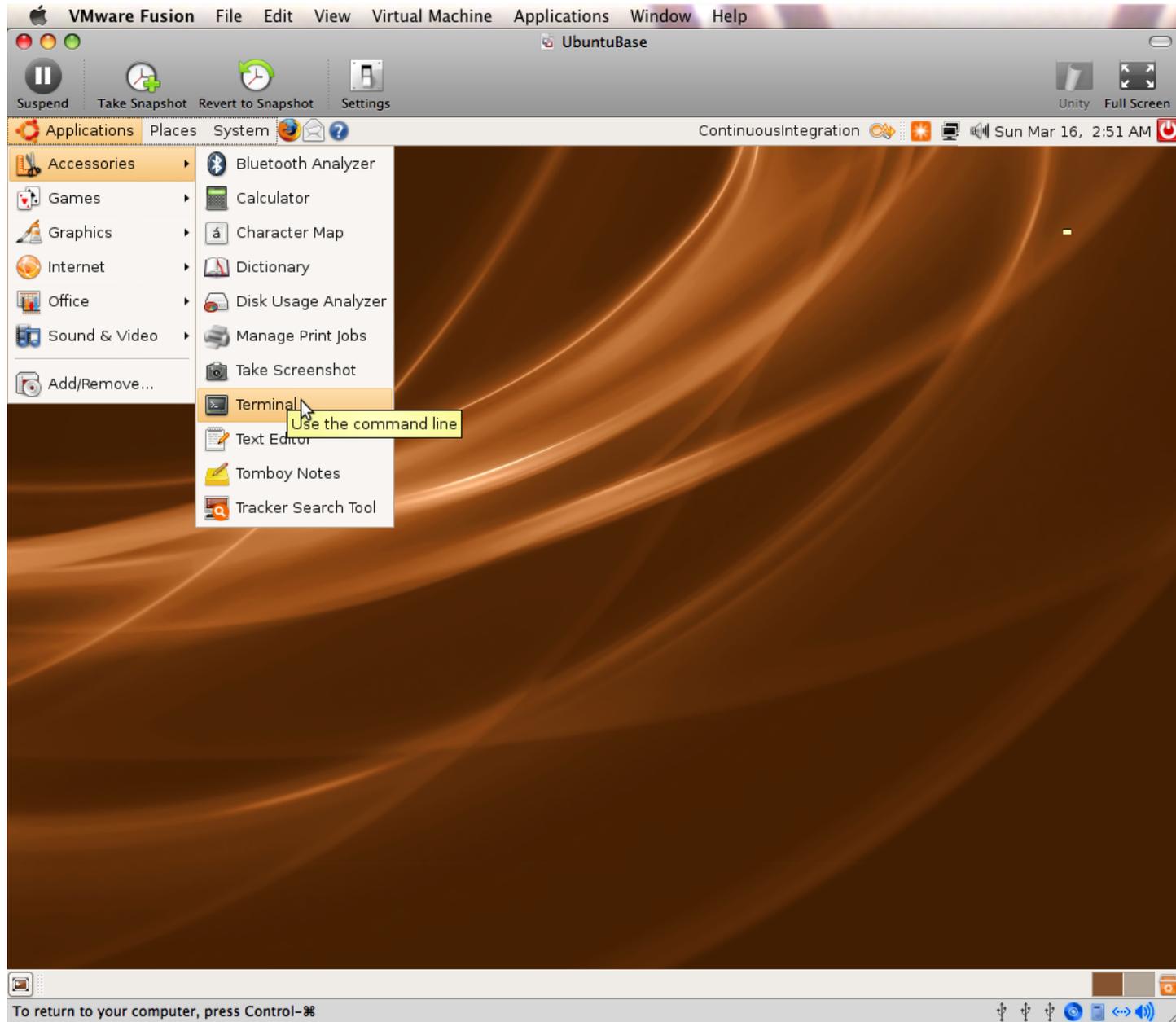
17_Open_VMWare_Tools_Image.png



18_Extract_VMware_Tools.png



19_Applications_Accessories_Terminal.png



Install VMware Tools (Optional):

```
$ cd
```

```
$ tar -zxvf /media/cdrom0/VMwareTools-7.6.2-72241.tar.gz
```

```
$ cd ~/vmware-tools-distrib
```

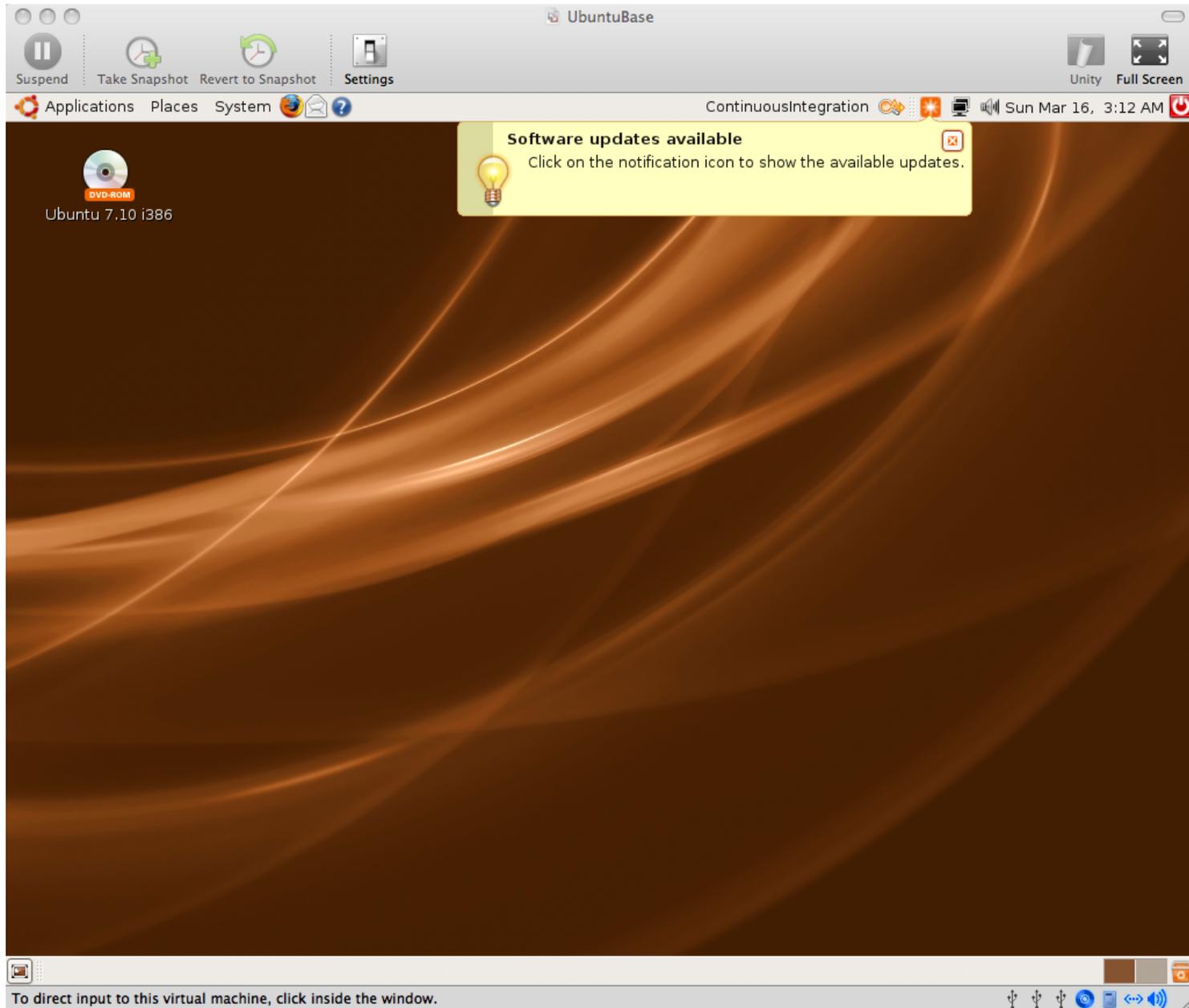
```
$ sudo ./vmware-install.pl
```

```
# enter password for sudo
```

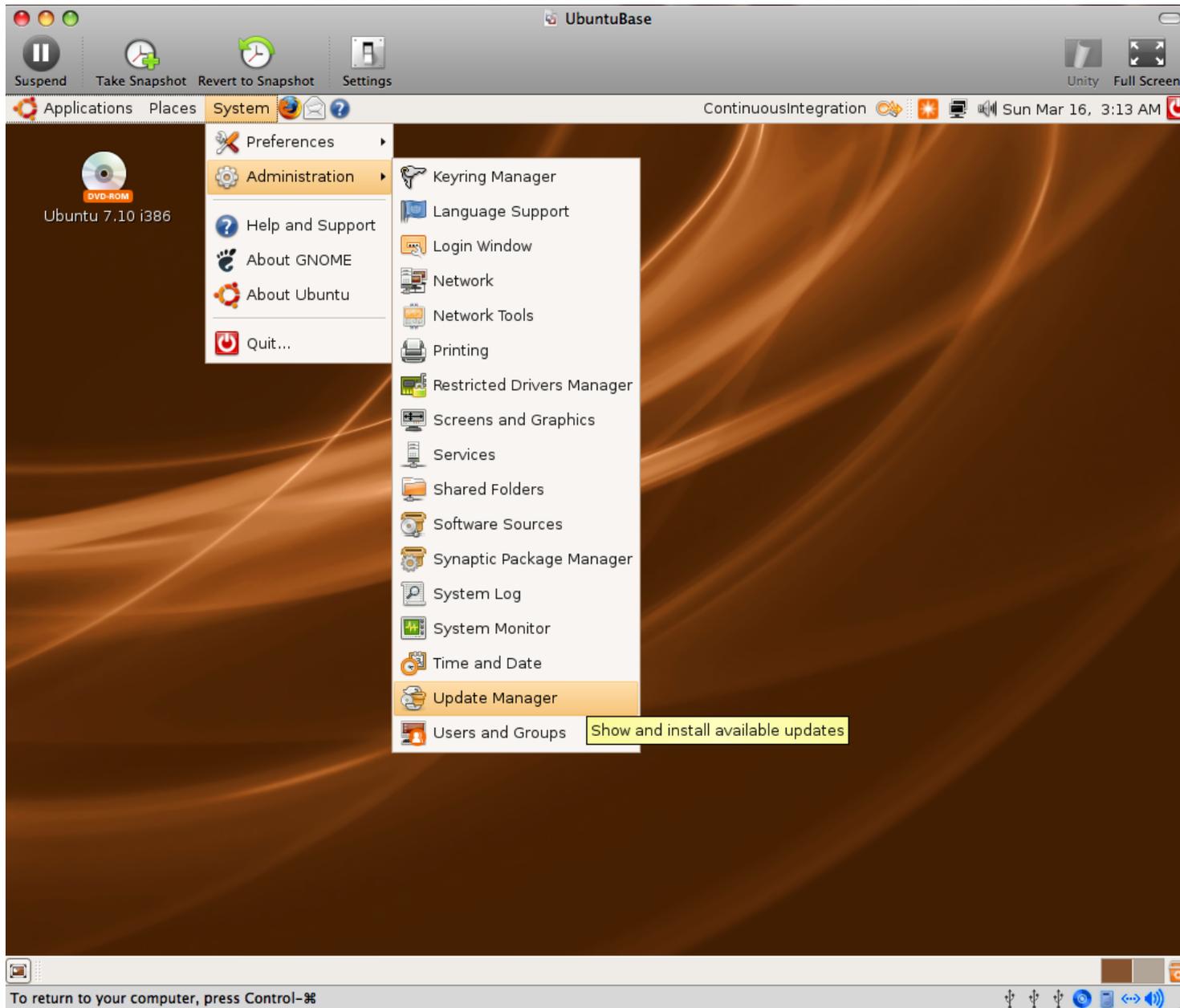
```
# hit enter repeatedly to accept defaults for all prompts, override display size if desired
```

```
# reboot (System -> Quit -> Restart)
```

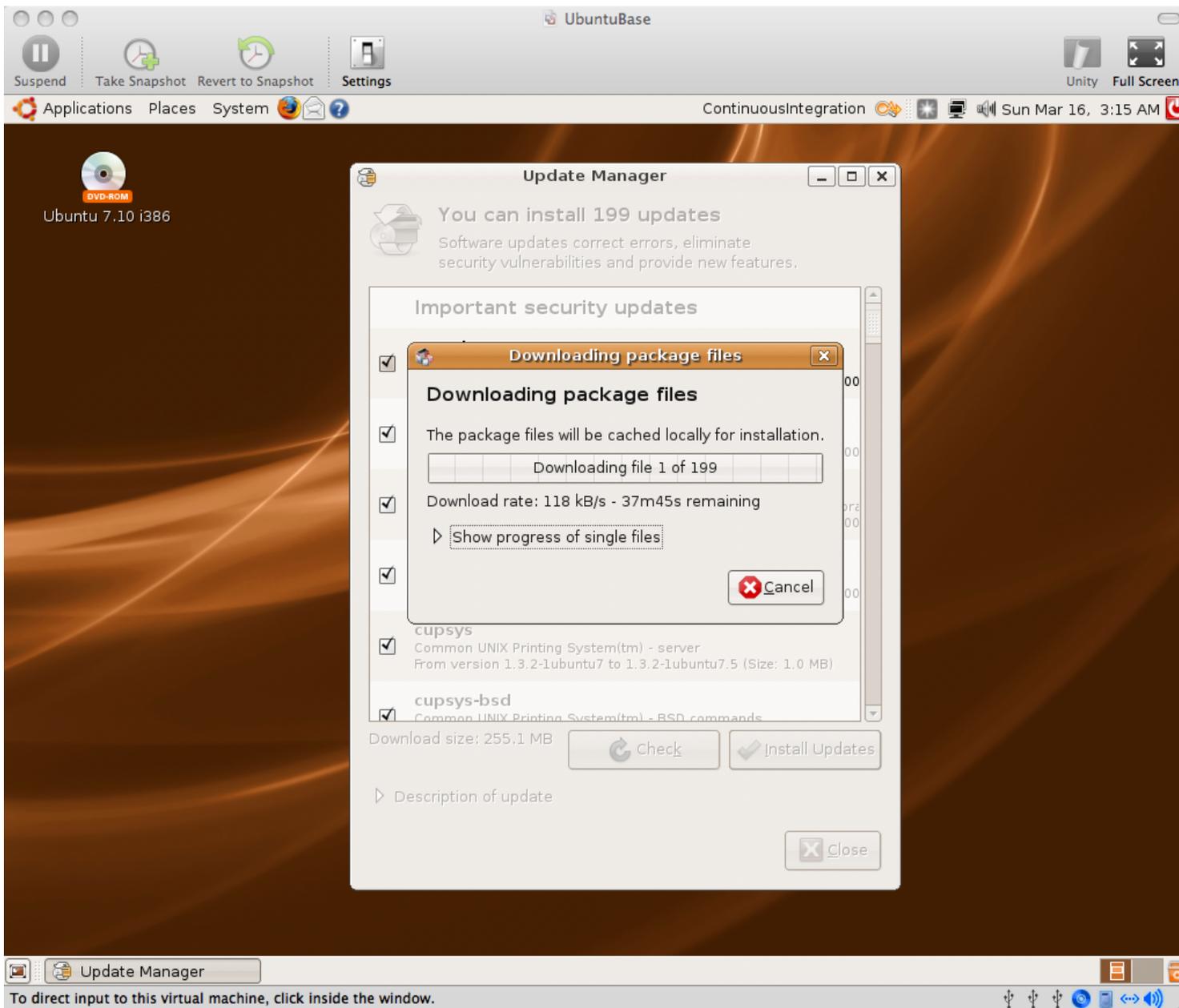
20_Software_Updates_Available.png



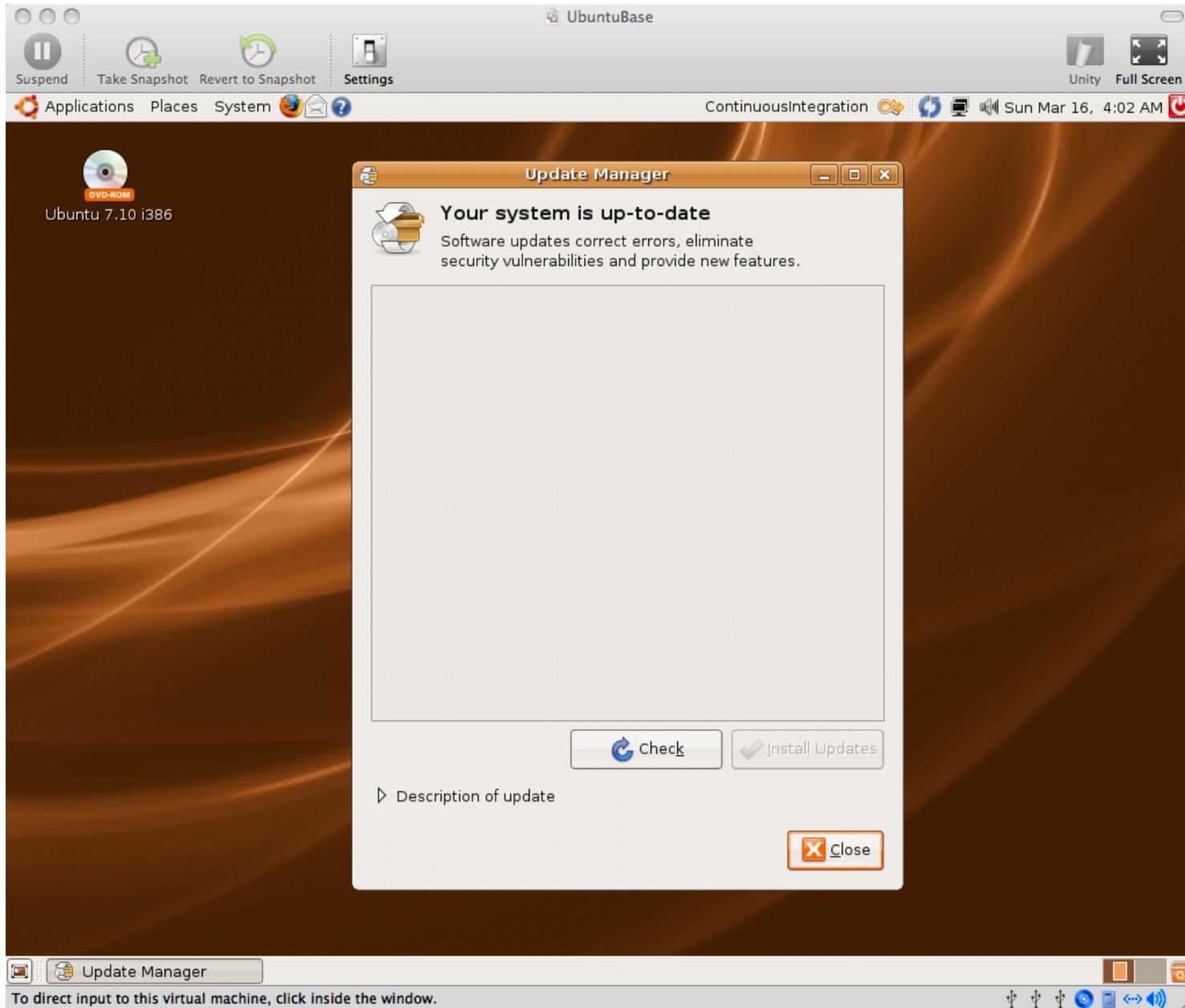
21_Update_Manager_Menu_Item.png



22_Update_Manager_Downloading_Package_Files.png

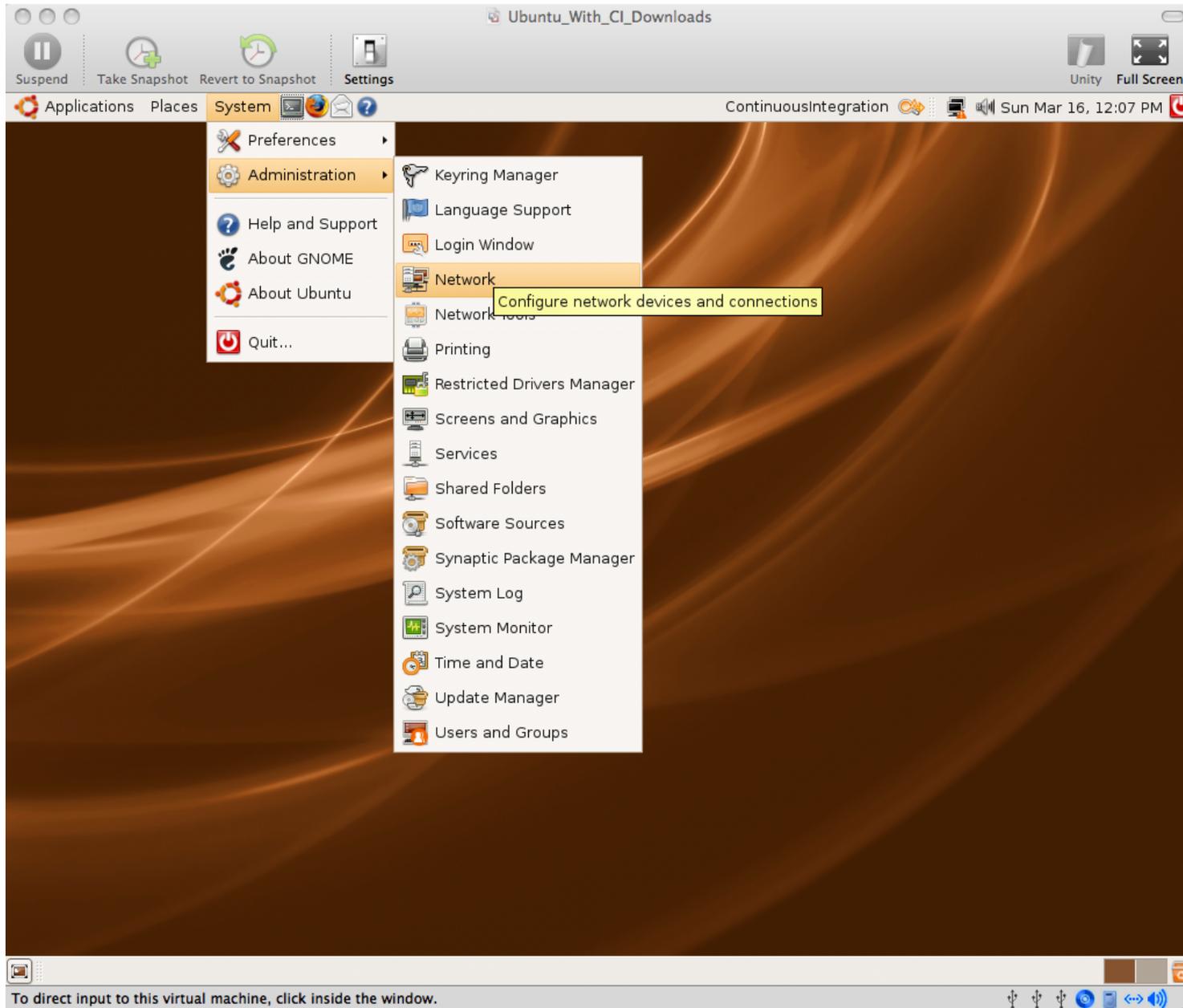


23_Your_System_is_Up_To_Date.png

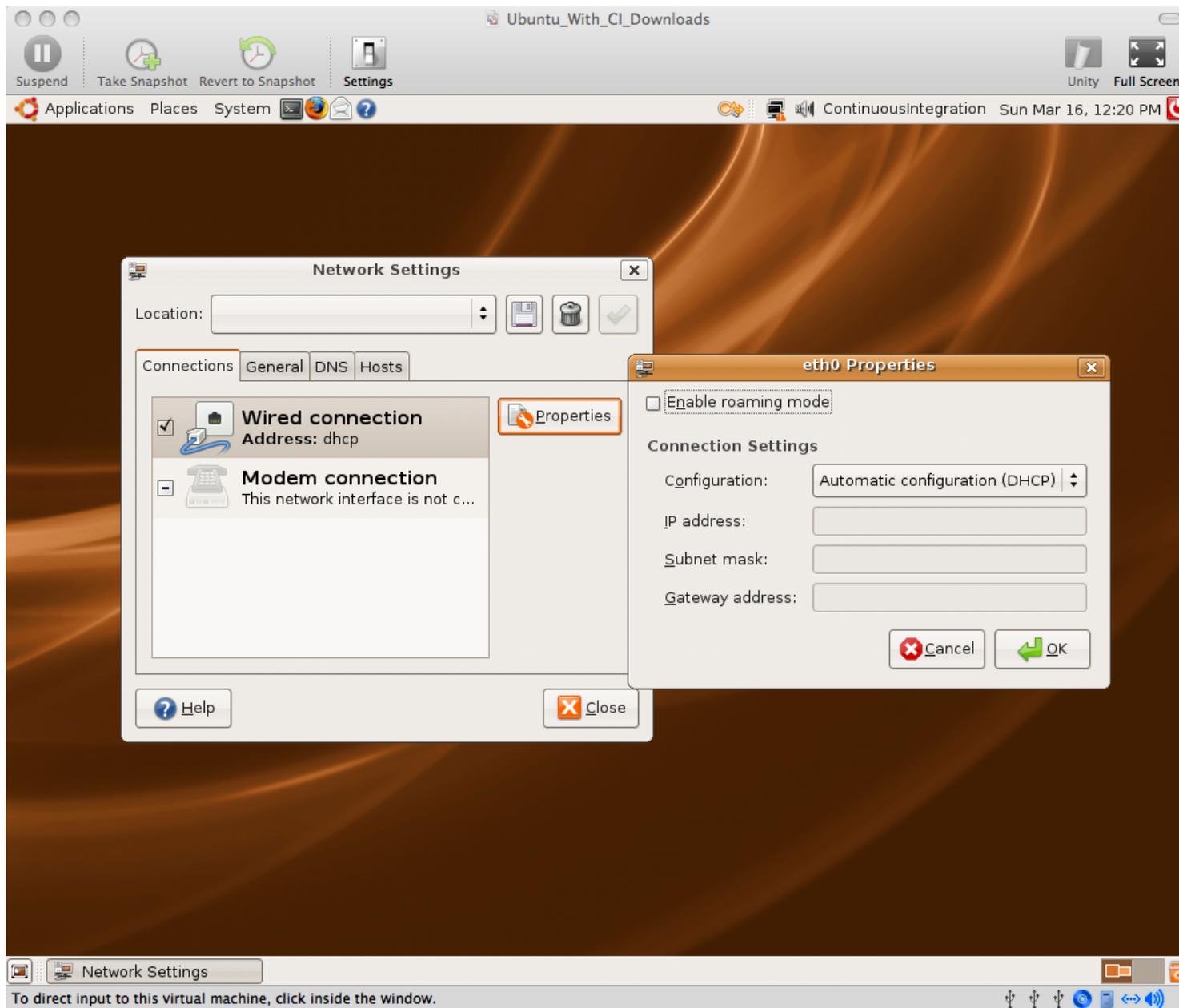


By default on Ubuntu 7.10, the virtual wired network connection was set to “enable roaming mode”. I had to manually disable this and enable DHCP to get network access.

24_Network_Administration.png

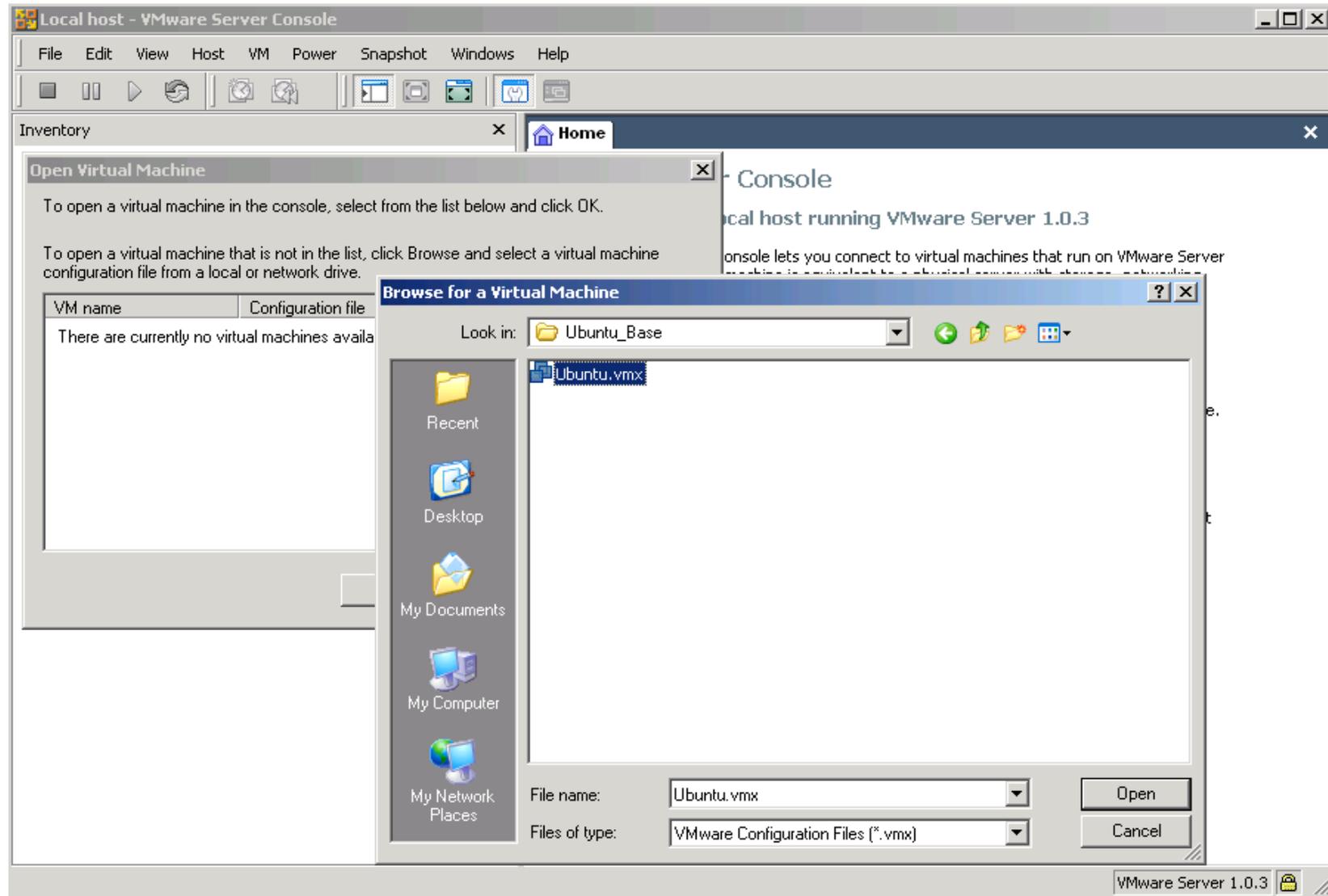


25_Checked_Wired_Connection_DHCP.png

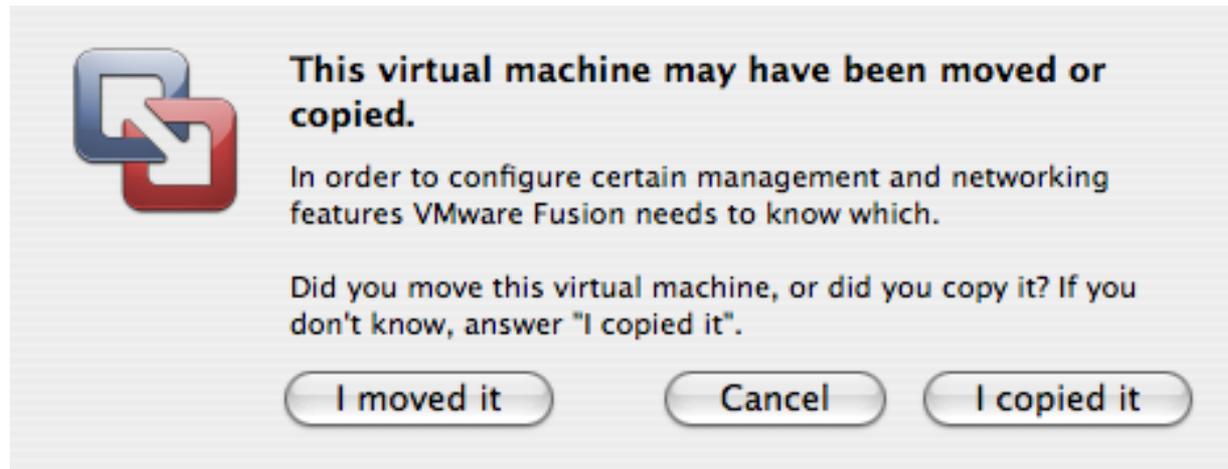


**Opening an existing VM
Image Copy:
/presentation
/screenshots
/03_virtual_machine_copy**

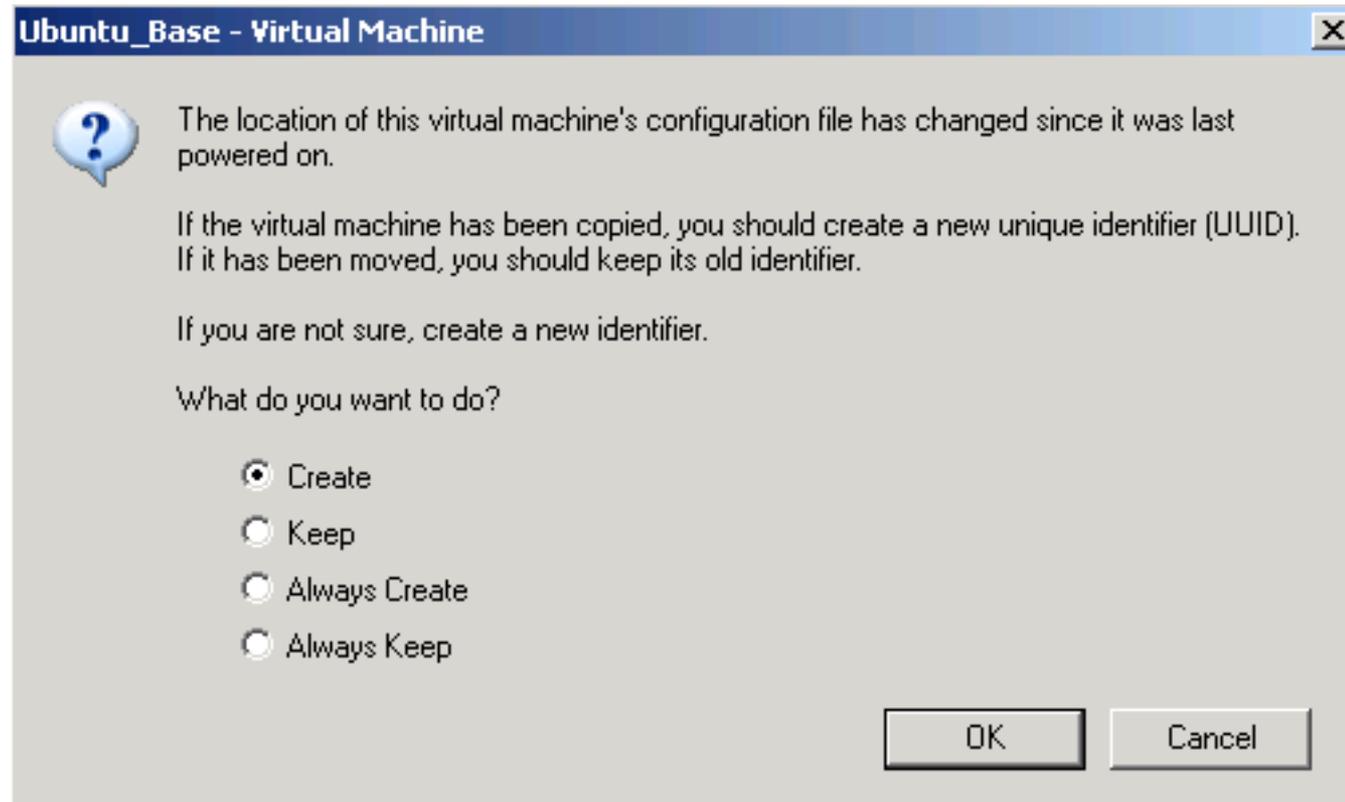
01_Browse_for_a_Virtual_Machine.PNG



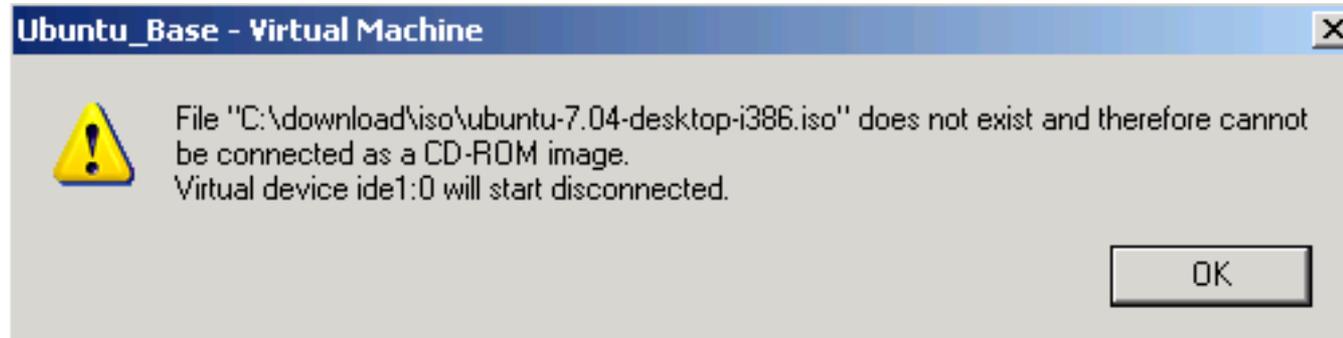
02a_Mac_Virtual_Machine_Copy.png



02b_Win_Virtual_Machine_Copy.png



03_Missing_ISO_CDRROM_Image.PNG



Other Ubuntu Tweaks (Optional):

- * System -> Preferences -> Screen Resolution**
- * System -> Preferences -> Mouse**
- * Drag Applications -> Accessories -> Terminal icon to quick launch area**
- * Terminal -> Edit -> Current Profile -> Scrolling -> Scrollback = 99999**
- * Ctrl +, Ctrl - in Terminal to change font size**

B. Install Prerequisites

Legend

\$ == shell input

== comment or instructions

(nothing) == editor input or stdin

Example:

**# sudo should prompt for a password unless you've
sudo'd recently**

\$ sudo ls

password

should get file list

**We will keep
everything in the
home dir, or "~"
You can put it
wherever you
want**

**You can install
ruby via aptitude, I
will build from
source to make
the instructions
more portable.**

Install Ruby from source:

This is already done on the VMware image

“Ubuntu_With_CI_Downloads”

install all prereqs/extensions in case you need them

```
$ sudo aptitude update
```

```
$ sudo aptitude install -y zlib1g zlib1g-dev
```

```
$ sudo aptitude install -y libssl-dev openssl
```

```
$ wget ftp://ftp.ruby-lang.org/pub/ruby/ruby-1.8.6-p114.tar.gz
```

```
$ tar -zxvf ruby-1.8.6-p114.tar.gz
```

```
$ cd ruby-1.8.6-p114
```

```
$ gedit ext/Setup
```

Uncomment all “non-Win” lines (all except Win32API and win32ole) by removing “#”

```
$ ./configure
```

```
$ make
```

```
$ sudo make install
```

Install RubyGems:

Already done on “CI_Downloads” image

```
$ cd
```

```
$ wget
```

```
http://rubyforge.org/frs/download.php/35283/rubygems-1.1.1.tgz
```

If this fails, check for a new mirror on:

```
# http://rubyforge.org/frs/?group_id=126
```

```
$ tar -zxvf rubygems-1.1.1.tgz
```

```
$ cd rubygems-1.1.1
```

```
$ sudo ruby setup.rb
```

Install Sun java:

Already done on “CI_Downloads” image

\$ sudo aptitude install -y sun-java6-bin

accept all prompts

Install subversion:

Already done on “CI_Downloads” image

\$ sudo aptitude install -y subversion

Install ant:

Already done on “CI_Downloads” image

All remaining downloads are in that image too, but won't be specifically pointed out

\$ sudo aptitude install -y ant

\$ sudo aptitude install -y ant-optional

By default, this installs Gnu java, not Sun's...

Install “Galeon” as an alternate browser
because jsunit will kill the browser it is testing
\$ sudo aptitude install -y galeon

Create Subversion Repo
\$ svnadmin create repo

C. Create sample Ruby on Rails Project

Install sqlite3 and gem (default database for Rails)
\$ sudo aptitude install -y libsqlite3-dev sqlite3
\$ sudo gem install sqlite3-ruby

Install Rails

```
$ sudo gem install rails
```

```
# version used in this tutorial is 2.0.2
```

```
# later versions may behave differently
```

```
Create a rails project  
$ rails mysite  
$ cd mysite
```

Remove default index.html and create a page

```
$ rm public/index.html
```

```
$ script/generate scaffold User name:string
```

```
$ rake db:migrate
```

Test rails site

\$ rake # should pass all tests

\$ script/server

New Terminal Tab: File -> Open Tab or Ctrl-Shift-T

should be in mysite dir

\$ firefox http://localhost:3000/users

create a user

Import site into subversion

back to Terminal, new tab

change back to home dir (~)

\$ cd

remove temp files we don't want to check in

\$ rm -rf mysite/log/*

\$ rm -rf mysite/tmp

\$ svn import mysite file:///home/ci/repo/mysite -m
"import"

\$ rm -rf mysite

\$ svn co file:///home/ci/repo/mysite mysite

Set svn:ignores

ignore all temp files, always have a clean working copy. Boring and obsessive, but avoids 'mysterious' errors on CI due to missing files

```
$ cd mysite
```

```
$ export EDITOR=gedit
```

```
$ svn propedit svn:ignore .
```

```
tmp
```

```
logs
```

```
$ svn propedit svn:ignore log
```

```
# add * to ignore list
```

```
*
```

```
$ svn commit -m "ignores"
```

```
$ cd
```

D.
cruisecontrol.rb
setup

cruisecontrol.rb is still in active development. We will use the 1.3.0 release, but there are new features in trunk, like Git support

Check

**<http://cruisecontrolb.thoughtworks.com/projects>
for a recent, successfully
building revision if you want
to use trunk - as soon as they
have their new Git repo
building there ;)**

Download and unzip cruisecontrol.rb:

```
$ wget
```

```
http://rubyforge.org/frs/download.php/36026/cruisecontrolrb-1.3.0.tgz
```

```
# If this fails, check for a new mirror on:
```

```
# http://rubyforge.org/frs/?group_id=2918
```

```
$ tar -zxvf cruisecontrolrb-1.3.0.tgz
```

```
# rename cruise dir to cc
```

```
$ mv cruisecontrolrb-1.3.0 cc
```

Set up project in cruisecontrol

```
$ cd cc
```

```
$ ./cruise add MySite --url file:///home/ci/repo/mysite
```

```
$ ./cruise start
```

View cruisecontrol web page

Go to Galeon browser

Applications -> Internet -> Galeon to start

open <http://localhost:3333>

click MySite

Should be passing

Remember, this can be any non-firefox browser, we are just using a different one that won't get killed by jsunit

Take this opportunity to familiarize yourself with `cruisecontrol.rb`. It's not covered here ;)

<http://cruisecontrolrb.thoughtworks.com/>

Add cruise task to Rakefile

Go back to Terminal, open another tab

cd to Rails project dir

\$ cd ~/mysite

\$ gedit Rakefile

Add cruise task to bottom after 'requires':

```
task :cruise do
```

```
  Rake::Task['test'].invoke
```

```
end
```

\$ svn commit Rakefile -m "add cruise task"

Check cruise webpage, should still be passing

Tweak firefox for automation

open or switch to firefox, navigate to 'about:config'

search for

'browser.sessionstore.resume_from_crash'

toggle to false

Edit - Preferences - Tabs - uncheck all warnings

Advanced - Update - turn off automatic updates

Note – sometimes this doesn't “take”...

Exit firefox

E. JsUnit Setup

Download and Unzip JsUnit

```
$ cd
```

```
$ wget
```

```
http://easynews.dl.sourceforge.net/sourceforge/jsunit/jsunit2.2alpha11.zip
```

```
$ unzip jsunit2.2alpha11.zip
```

```
# copy junit.jar file to Ant lib dir (required by Ant)
```

```
$ sudo cp jsunit/java/lib/junit.jar /usr/share/ant/lib/
```

Copy jsunit to your app and check in

```
$ cd ~/mysite/public/javascripts
```

```
$ mv ~/jsunit .
```

```
$ svn add jsunit
```

```
$ export EDITOR=gedit
```

```
$ svn propedit svn:ignore jsunit/logs
```

```
# add * to ignore list
```

```
*
```

```
$ svn propedit svn:executable jsunit/bin/unix/start-  
firefox.sh
```

```
# enter "true"
```

```
$ svn commit -m "add jsunit"
```

Create a jsunit test

```
$ mkdir test_pages
```

```
$ gedit test_pages/prototype_test.html
```

```
<html>
```

```
<head>
```

```
  <script language="JavaScript"  
type="text/javascript"  
src=" ../jsunit/app/jsUnitCore.js" ></script>
```

```
  <script language="JavaScript"  
type="text/javascript" src=" ../prototype.js" ></script>
```

```
  <script language="javascript">  
    function testPrototypeWordSplit() {  
      string = 'one two three';  
      assertEquals('one', ($w(string))[0]);
```

```
    }  
  </script>
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body></body>
```

```
</html>
```

Run the jsunit test manually from browser and commit

```
$ cd ~/mysite
```

```
$ ruby script/server # unless you still have it running
```

```
$ firefox
```

```
http://localhost:3000/javascripts/jsunit/testRunner.html
```

```
# Enter this in the "Run" field and click "Run":
```

```
http://localhost:3000/javascripts/test_pages/prototype_test.html
```

```
# exit Firefox, go back to terminal
```

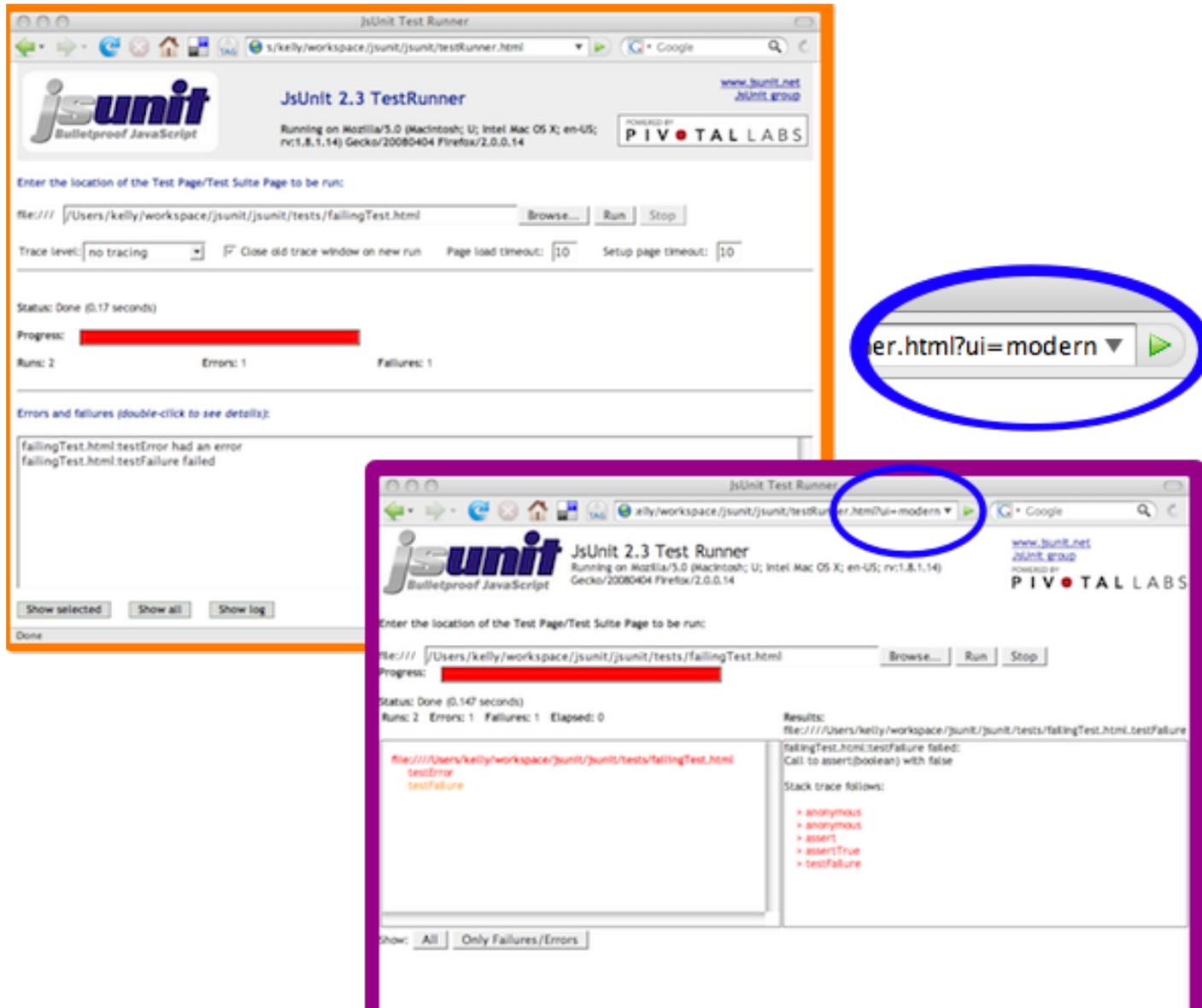
```
$ svn add public/javascripts/test_pages
```

```
$ svn commit -m "jsunit test"
```

Take this opportunity to familiarize yourself with JsUnit and JsUnit Server. It's not covered here ;)

<http://jsunit.net/>

JsUnit Modern UI (in trunk)



```
"Punt" and make a manual jsunit_start_server script
# Because automated process management is not
TSTTCPW for this tutorial, and it's hard
# This is also easily ported to a batch file on windows
$ cd ~/mysite
$ gedit script/jsunit_start_server.sh
ant -f
/home/ci/mysite/public/javascripts/jsunit/build.xml
-DbrowserFileNames=
/home/ci/mysite/public/javascripts/jsunit/bin/unix/star
t-firefox.sh -Dport=8081 start_server
```

Check in jsunit_start_server script and leave it running

```
$ svn add script/jsunit_start_server.sh
```

```
$ svn propedit svn:executable
```

```
script/jsunit_start_server.sh
```

```
# add 'true' line
```

```
$ script/jsunit_start_server.sh
```

```
# ignore warning about tools.jar
```

```
# make sure it starts and leave it running
```

```
# (ctrl-c when you want to kill it later)
```

```
# open a new terminal tab
```

```
$ cd ~/mysite
```

```
$ svn ci -m "add jsunit start script"
```

Add jsunit task

```
$ gedit Rakefile
```

```
task :cruise do
```

```
  Rake::Task['test'].invoke
```

```
  Rake::Task['jsunit_distributed_test'].invoke
```

```
end
```

```
task :jsunit_distributed_test do
```

```
  output = `ant -f public/javascripts/jsunit/build.xml
```

```
-Durl=http:
```

```
//localhost:8080/jsunit/jsunit/testRunner.html?testPa
```

```
ge=/jsunit/test_pages/prototype_test.html
```

```
-DremoteMachineURLs=http://localhost:8081
```

```
-DresourceBase=public/javascripts distributed_test`
```

```
  raise "JsUnit Failed:\n" + output unless
```

```
 $? .success?
```

```
  puts "JsUnit tests passed"
```

```
end
```

Commit jsunit task and check cruise
Open cruise webpage under galeon, if not open
jsunit will kill firefox, so we need a different
browser
Applications - Internet – Galeon, open
http://localhost:3333
\$ svn commit Rakefile -m "add
jsunit_distributed_test task"
Check cruise webpage, should still be passing
You will see jsunit pop up Firefox automatically as
the build is running

F. Selenium Setup

Install Selenium Gem

WARNING: use capital “S” Selenium – there is another rubyforge lowercase “s” selenium project, and a dozen other similarly-named ones.

Whatever...

```
$ sudo gem install Selenium --version=1.0.7
```

NOTE: Version 1.0.7 currently has some mirror issue on RubyForge, if it doesn't download, try to pull from my gem server:

```
$ sudo gem install Selenium --  
source=http://gems.thewoolleyweb.com
```

Start selenium using command from Selenium gem

\$ selenium

make sure it starts and leave it running, ctrl-c to kill it

Open new terminal tab

Set up selenium test dir

```
$ cd ~/mysite
```

```
$ mkdir test/selenium
```

Create selenium test stub

```
$ gedit test/selenium/user_test.rb
```

```
require 'test/unit'
```

```
require 'rubygems'
```

```
require 'selenium'
```

```
class UserTest < Test::Unit::TestCase
```

```
  def setup
```

```
    @browser = Selenium::SeleniumDriver.new("localhost",  
4444, "*firefox /usr/lib/firefox/firefox-bin",  
"http://localhost:3001", 10000)
```

```
    @browser.start
```

```
  end
```

```
  def teardown
```

```
    @browser.stop
```

```
  end
```

```
  def test_user_add_flow
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

Fill in selenium test stub

```
$ gedit test/selenium/user_test.rb  
def test_user_add_flow  
  timestamp = Time.new.to_s  
  user_name = 'joe ' + timestamp  
  @browser.open "http://localhost:3001/users"  
  @browser.click "link=New user"  
  @browser.wait_for_page_to_load  
  @browser.type "id=user_name", user_name  
  @browser.click "commit"  
  @browser.wait_for_page_to_load  
  assert @browser.is_text_present(user_name)  
end
```

Create selenium_test rake task including start and stop of server

```
$ gedit Rakefile  
task :cruise do
```

```
  ...  
  Rake::Task['selenium_test'].invoke  
end
```

```
task :selenium_test do
```

```
  begin  
    process = IO.popen("ruby  
/home/ci/.cruise/projects/MySite/work/script/server --  
port=3001")  
    output = `ruby test/selenium/user_test.rb`  
    raise "Selenium Failed:\n" + output unless $? .success?  
    puts "Selenium tests passed"  
  ensure  
    Process.kill(9,process.pid)  
  end  
end
```

Check in and check cruise

\$ svn add test/selenium

\$ svn commit -m "selenium test"

check cruise, it should run everything and be green

Break tests and fix them!

cause ruby/jsunit/selenium failures, and check them in

see cruise go red, then fix them

click links for ruby/selenium failures

there's a test bug! (next page after too many tests)

good to drop DB before each CI run...

This naive implementation has return code bugs (crash if webrick already running)

**Same concept
for other tools/
Languages/
CI Engines**

**Now for some
bleeding edge
ccrb + Git, hot
off the press**

Install Git:

```
# For some reason, Ubuntu/aptitude wanted to install  
git off the Ubuntu CD, so disable that  
$ sudo gedit /etc/apt/sources.list  
# comment first 'cdrom' line and save  
$ sudo aptitude install -y git-core git-svn
```

Clone current svn repository to git:

```
$ git-svn clone file:///home/ci/repo/mysite ~/mysite-  
git
```

Clone and run trunk of ccrb, which has Git support:

```
$ git clone git://rubyforge.org/cruisecontrolrb.git
```

```
~/cc-git
```

```
# find tab currently running cc 1.3.0, ctrl-c to stop it  
(look for localhost:3333 in console)
```

```
$ cd ~/cc-git
```

```
$ ./cruise start
```

```
# go to a new tab
```

Create and run ccrb project for the mysite git project:

\$ cd ~/cc-git

\$./cruise add MySiteGit -s git -r /home/ci/mysite-git

open/refresh Galeon for new project

Applications -> Internet -> Galeon -> localhost:3333

Click “Start Builder”

Watch for jsunit and selenium to run

should get a successful build!

Notice truncated GUID as build ID instead of svn revision

Coding Done!

2. Gettin' Fancier

All

Handwaving

Now

Multiplatform

Multibrowser

Farms

SeleniumGrid
JsUnitServer

Virtualization: One Box, Three Platforms mac/win/linux

Automate and Test Deployment Process

**Test
Rollback
process!**

Configuration Management / Version Control

**Auto-tag
Green
Builds**

**Automatically
pre-create
Release
Branches**

**Build ALL
active
branches
under CI**

**Multiple
Libraries/
Projects**

Dependencies Among Common Libraries and Projects

**Dependency
modifications
should trigger
builds of all
dependents**

**Consistent
Tags/Baselines
Among
Projects:
Naming/Usage**

Versioning of Dependencies (or not):

**Mainline / Snapshot /
trunk / HEAD**

vs

baselines / tags

Different Builds for Different Environments: Development vs Demo/Prod

Publishing Artifacts/ Dependencies:

**Deployed
(Jars/Gems)**

vs

SCM (svn:externals)

**Hackability vs
Stability: Fear
should not inhibit
improvement of
common libraries**

**What dependency
versions are you
running on prod?
Is it the same as
dev?**

Cautious

Optimism

<http://tinyurl.com/2cvbj4>

**Nirvana: Green
tags/artifacts instantly
used across all dev
environments, all
deploys have known,
green, stable, baselined
dependencies**

**Suites:
You can
have more
than one!**

**It's all
about
Feedback**

Timely
vs
Comprehensive

Fast

vs

Thorough

Commit- Triggered vs Scheduled

**Minimize
Checkout
Time**

**But safer
to do
clean
builds**

**Get HUGE
Dependencies and
binaries out of
Source Control if
they take a long
time to check out**

RubyGems

vs

piston/

svn:externals

Metrics

**Code
Coverage -
rcov**

Mutation Testing – Heckle

**Flog:
Hurt Your
Code**

**red/green
trends**

Build Length Trends

Notification

Information Radiator(s)

email

**CCMenu /
CCTray**

RSSS

MM

Growl

Ambient Orb

**13" CRT
with
red/green
background**

**Suggested audio for first
failure, continued failure,
fixed: Homer Simpson &
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Doh!, You Lack
Discipline!, WooHoo!
(The Louder the Better)**

**Whatever
people will
pay
attention to!**

**Aggregate and
display multiple
ccrb instances
via RSS feeds
(easy Rails app)**

Tool Shoutouts

GemInstaller

<http://geminstaller.rubyforge.org>

jQuery

<http://jquery.com>

JSSpec

<http://code.google.com/p/jsspec>

**Polonium,
js_spec
(runner),
Funkytown**

<http://rubyforge.org/projects/pivotalrb>

Screw::Unit

<http://rubyforge.org/projects/screwunit>

JsUnitTest

<http://jsunittest.com/>

Any More?

3. Gotchas

Random Gotchas / Mantras:

- * “It's not easy being Green”**
- * Broken Windows are Bad (“Who cares, it's always red...”)**
- * False Negatives are Bad**
- * Crying Wolf (“it failed for no reason”)**
- * “Intermittent” failures (but it's not intermittent after you can reproduce it)**
- * “Works Locally” (is your local environment the same as CI? Which one is Prod closer to???)**
- * You can always “temporarily” disable a test in CI**
- * One disabled test is better than a red CI**
- * Browser Settings (autoupdate, etc) Preventing Browser Close**

More Random Gotchas:

- * False Positives are Bad too - being Green, when return code (echo \$?) from some step is not 0**
- * Tricks to avoid false positives:**
 - * Use rake task exec**
 - * `system("cmd") || raise("cmd failed")`**
- * Test::Unit had return code bugs for a long time due to not handling entire Exception class hierarchy correctly (Finally fixed in Ruby 1.8.6/1.9???)**

4. Questions?

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