

Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Batz - 01 May 2011 09:09

I have spent some time to build a clean install of Windows 2000 Pro (no service packs or updates). I removed programs that are not required and installed JZip (to allow Zip/Unzip).

I chose Windows 2000 because:

1. It is the smallest version of Windows that can run properly on Virtual Box
2. Microsoft are unlikely to get too upset at the distribution of a 12 year old OS!
3. It is not possible to run Windows 98 on Virtual Box properly (it works on VMWare workstation though)

Warlords 3: Darklords Rising is installed and then patched with the US v1.02 patch and then the 'No CD crack' is installed.

I have compressed the resulting virtual hard disk file as much as I can and it comes to 372MB. I am prepared to share this on a request basis (preferably via a private torrent) and/or upload it to this site if admins are agreeable.

All you need is to install Virtual Box and install it (on any current version of Windows).

I have been testing it and it works great. There are a number of advantages to running in a VM.

If people are excited by this idea then I will write some instructions and hints and tips into a page for this site.

Batz

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Klarote - 28 Dec 2011 14:02

Hi, I PMed Batz but got no answer so far.

Has someone else got it ?

Thanks

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by M0d3M - 28 Dec 2011 15:47

3. It is not possible to run Windows 98 on Virtual Box properly (it works on VMWare workstation though)

This is not true.

I tried to install Win98 on WirtualBox and it works. But i failed to setup internet connection.

Then I tried to install WinME and succeed. It works great. And it is possible to play ROH on WinMe too.

The only tricky place during the installation - installing video drivers.

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Batz - 16 Jan 2012 21:00

Sorry for those people who PM'ed me and got no reply, I was very busy and also 4shared deleted the file I had uploaded because I didn't log in frequently enough (grr) anyway, people kept asking me so I have just put up a page of help for my VM here:

www.warlords.com/warlords3-dlr/technic...in-a-virtual-machine

I am also ready to start sending the download link out again after I lost it just before Christmas so if you asked me for it over the last couple of months I should PM you shortly, if not then PM me again!

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by Aznagroth - 19 Mar 2012 20:38

error performing inpage operation

I get a lot of that error when transferig pbem from host to vm. Anyone else having the same problem? It seems to me like zipped files are better for this, but still they give this error now and then. I now have a file I can't get properly over to my vm.

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by Batz - 19 Mar 2012 20:53

I've never seen that in my VM, sorry!

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by Aznagroth - 21 Mar 2012 00:13

for now I found something that seems to work:

I have to quit warlords every time I transfer files to or from different folders.

I have another problem too which I think is unrelated but I guess I'll post it here since it might have something to do with the install of dlr on a vm.

When I try to check the eventlog in-game the game crashes to desktop. Is there a file that is corrupt or something that I would be able to replace without reinstalling the whole thing? I don't know if I'll actually be able to install it again either. I don't feel totally comfortable in the vm environment yet.

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by Asgeir - 22 Mar 2012 12:47

I am able to host the VM build at the following adress:

tihlde[dot]org/~asgeiraa/Utopia/Warlords.zip

(I'll remove it if you for some reason don't want me to host it)

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Molotov - 22 Mar 2012 13:23

does it require CD?

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Asgeir - 22 Mar 2012 14:05

No.

You only need to install virtual box and this file, and you are ready to play!

Short summary of the installation:

1. Install VirtualBox (virtualbox.org)
2. Download Batz' "Warlords.zip" and unpack it to Warlords.ova
3. Start VirtualBox, choose "File>Import Appliance..." and choose Warlords.ova
4. Start "W2k2" from VirtualBox, and you are ready to play!

All credits to Batz for this solution, and refer to his guides for details and instructions on how to transfer files to the folders inside VirtualBox OS. Also, thanks to Aznagroth for help and sending me links.

I suggest setting at least 32mb video memory and 256mb ram (W2k2 settings). Default is 16/64.

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR

Posted by Batz - 22 Mar 2012 20:37

Hi guys, glad the VM I put together is proving useful to people. I have no problem with the Zip file being hosted at tihlde.org by Asgeir.

I never had any issues with the RAM, mine is set at 96MB with 16MB video (which I think is the default in my VM).

Aznagroth - are the issues you are getting with my VM or another one?

The crash when viewing the event log is a common bug that seems to have emerged over the last few years along with more custom scenarios like Divine Right and Myth. Whether these custom scenarios cause the problem is not clear. At one point I wondered whether it was caused by particular player's installs of W3 and I was hoping it would be possible to find out by playing a game with all players using my VM, if there were no crashes then it might explain something. To be honest, I quite like it when a game gets the 'corrupt event log' bug because I can not worry about checking it (which I tend to forget to do anyway!)

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