

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 Asgeir - 22 Mar 2012 20:50

The VM is helpful indeed ☺

I had problems with resize/fullscreen of the VM window and increasing ram/video memory seems to boost the performance a bit. Din't test much tho.

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

Posted by Aznagroth - 23 Mar 2012 02:44

I installed VM, then installed winXP on it. I was unable to create a folder that I could find on my host so I resorted to bugging you about getting that prebuildt version. I just ran that file after download and suddenly I was able to play warlords

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

Posted by Gordo - 19 Nov 2012 05:06

haya,

i am interested in trying your VM to play W3:DLR.

would be great to give it a go

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

Posted by Batz - 20 Nov 2012 09:16

Thanks for also sending me a Private Message.

I'm glad to report a steady stream of requests for the VM and 100% of the people who have replied have found it works for them and allows them to get back into Warlords.

Looks like our community has some life in it yet!

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

Posted by Le Magos - 01 Jan 2013 19:36

Batz wrote:

Looks like our community has some life in it yet!

Ian I hope so...

I would be more than happy if I could play this game again

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

Posted by mshunter - 02 Jan 2013 18:39

I would like to play this as well.

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

Posted by Chainsaw_Charlie - 05 Jan 2013 11:14

Finally! The game works with sound on my Windows 7 64-bit.. It took a while to figure it out..

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

Posted by Tanstaaf - 22 Mar 2013 07:18

Thank you very much for this.

I've copied across my darklords to and fro many computers, hacked, edited, flung around everything

inside I'm surprised I can get it to run even somewhat, but an early casualty was that my game crashed whenever listing campaigns or scenarios :/

Random & presaved games were fine, and I had a few campaigns saved at early chapter 1 but I'm really looking forward to being able to play the downloads here at long last.

The download was simple and easy to get running. Still looking at getting the files shared, thats next task ☹️

I like having it running in a window too, looks like can finally multitask while NPCs have their extended turns.

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by säbster - 14 Apr 2013 10:56

Asgeir wrote:

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

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

Great work on this, but I am not able to get single player to work.

I downloaded and installed Virtual Box. I downloaded and unzipped this Warlord.zip. VM i started and Warlods i started from Darklord short cut, but I can only select Multiplier mode. Single player mode is not possible to select - greyd out.

What have I missed?

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Re: Pre-built VirtualBox VM w/ Win2000 & W3:DLR
Posted by Batz - 14 Apr 2013 21:19

I've not come across this before, sorry! I'll send you my link to download from and perhaps this will work if you start over.

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