

Maverick Enterprises - Solutions Guide

To Use VirtualBox Safe Browsing Solution:

1. Launch the VirtualBox application.
2. Highlight the virtual machine in the left pane list and left click the start button object.
3. Linux Mint will load.
4. To maximize the screen, restore down the window (the middle button object in the upper right hand corner of the application window) and then maximize the window. This will cause VirtualBox to scale Linux Mint to fill the monitor screen.
5. If the network icon in the task bar has a red 'x', left click the icon once and select Auto eth0, this will establish a bridge to the host internet connection.
6. Use Linux Mint as you would any GUI (Graphical User Interface) operating system. There is no need for any anti-virus or anti-spyware. Browse the Internet and check webmail using the Firefox Browser as you would any standard Internet browser.
7. You can at any time pause the Virtual Machine by select the 'Machine' drop-down menu in the upper left hand corner of the application window and then selecting 'Pause' from the drop-down list. Repeat the steps to 'Resume' the Virtual Machine.
8. When you are ready to close the Virtual Machine, there are two basic choices. You can select the 'Menu' button object, then the 'Quit' button object, and then the 'Shut Down' button object. The Virtual Machine will shut down and the application window will close. Using this option to close the virtual machine application window requires the machine to start cold (normal operating system load routine) when you are ready to use it again.
9. The second option allows you to save the machine state that hibernates the Virtual Machine. This allows the Virtual Machine to start hot (restore from image to RAM) and is a very fast boot method. If you use this method, periodically do a normal 'Shut Down' to preserve the machine's file system integrity. This form of closing the virtual machine application can be initiated by selecting the red 'x' close application object button in the upper right hand corner of the application window. When the menu appears, select the 'Save machine state' option and then the 'OK' button object. The machine state will be written to the hard drive and the application window will close. Restart the virtual machine as usual using the VirtualBox application GUI.
10. VirtualBox also supports a shared folder function. The shared folder can be accessed within the Virtual Machine through the "1m9" shortcut on the desktop and in the "Home" folder. Files and folders saved to this folder in the Virtual Machine will appear in the Windows Explorer file system under the "Documents" folder in the in the "1m9" folder. I suggest that you do not maintain two files systems. What I mean by this is any files or folders that you create in the "1m9" virtual machine should be cut from the virtual machine file system and pasted into the "1m9" shared folder. This file system convention makes all files and folders in the "1m9" shared folder assessable to both the host and the guest operating systems. This also facilitates printing any of these documents through the printers installed on the host operating system.