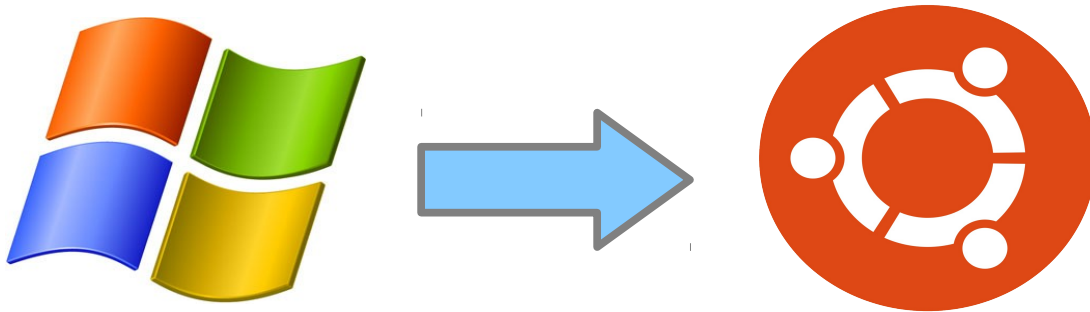
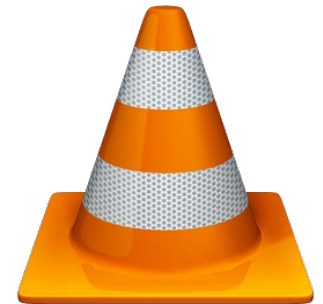


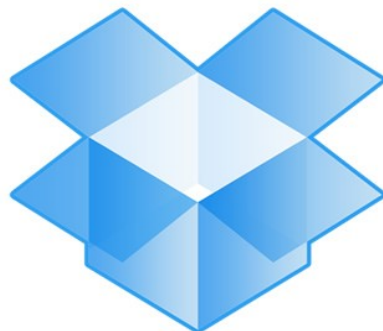
Switching to Ubuntu from Windows



Step 1 - Applications



LibreOffice



Dropbox

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Most Important step is to **check if the applications you use are available on Ubuntu.**

And if not, are there any alternatives?

Tip: Try Ubuntu CD live and see if you can perform basic tasks such as browsing Internet, listening to music and watching videos.

Read more at

<http://www.ubuntu.com/download/help/try-ubuntu-before-you-install>

Step 2- Is there a need for Windows?

If there are applications that you absolutely need and are only available for Windows, then you need to keep Windows as well.

Two ways to do this,

- Dual boot Windows and Ubuntu
- Run Windows in a virtualbox

Golden Rule

If your computer is a Core i5 (or better) with at least 3 Gb of RAM, go for virtual box.

Otherwise it is preferred to dual-boot

This is more a rule of thumb than a hard fixed requirement!

Dual boot



Dual boot

In dual boot, Windows and Ubuntu are installed side by side. When you power on your computer you will have the choice to run either Windows or Ubuntu.

You cannot run both of them at the same time!

Run Windows in a Virtual Box



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In this option, you install (simulate) Windows in a virtual box. This option allows you to run both Ubuntu and Windows at the same time.

Recommended only for strong computers.

Step 3 – Backup and Install

Do not forget to backup your personal data.
This is very important!



Install Windows on Virtualbox

Install Ubuntu first – Allow Ubuntu to partition your hard disk for you taking the full hard disk space.

Use cloud services such as Dropbox and Ubuntu One to share data between Windows and Ubuntu



Dual-booting Windows

If you use Windows a lot (more than 50% of the time)

- Create a separate partition for data. You will use this for sharing data between Windows and Ubuntu

Dual-booting Windows

If you use Windows rarely (less than 50% of the time)

- Let Ubuntu configure the partitioning setup for you automatically. Just tell it to dual boot.
- Use cloud services such as Dropbox and Ubuntu One to share data between Windows and Ubuntu



Optional Step

Note: This step is only required for users setting up a separate partition for data.

Install **ntfs-config** from the Ubuntu Software Center or the terminal.

For first time use only, type

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sudo mkdir -p /etc/hal/fdi/policy
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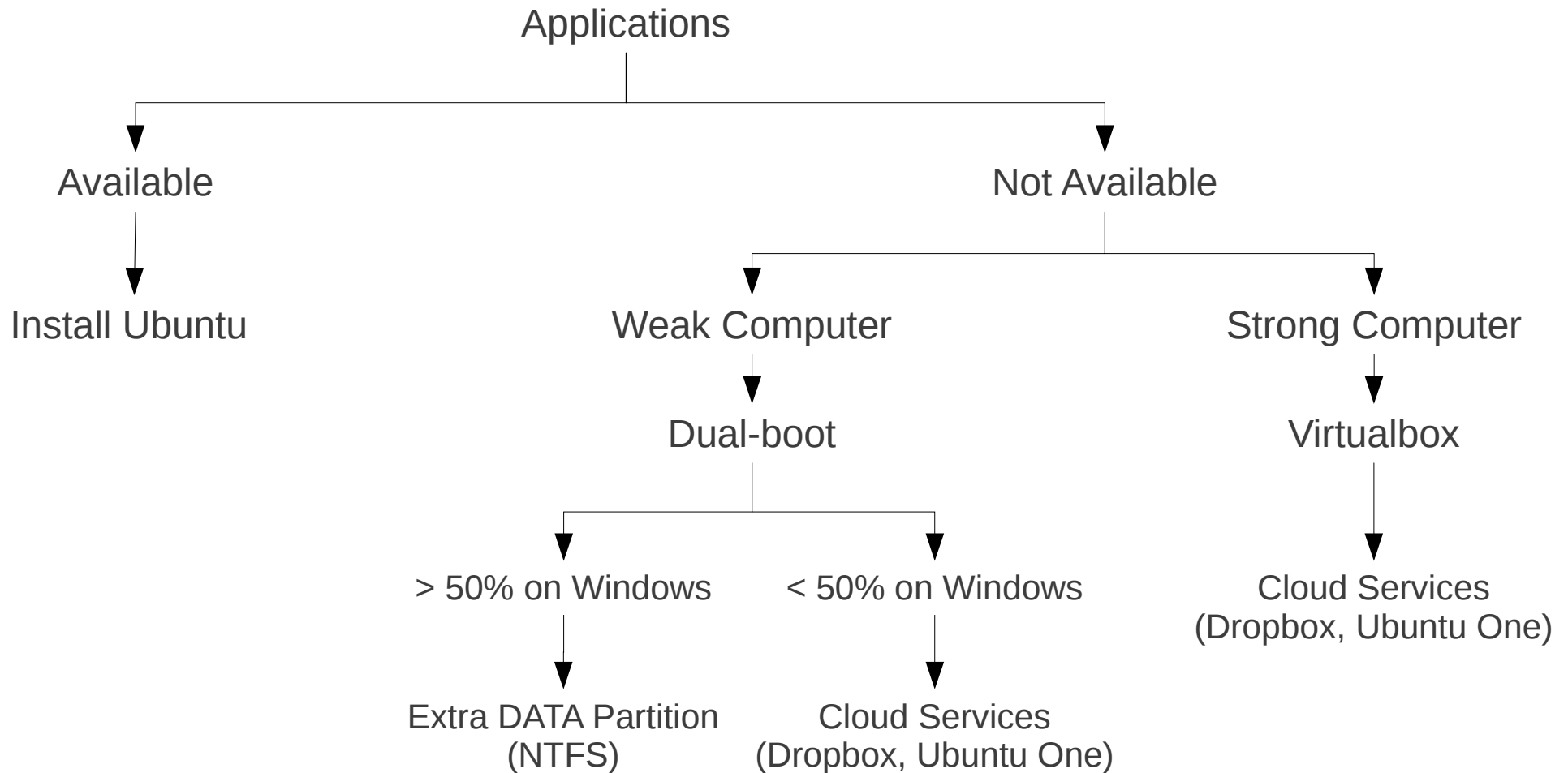
Then run the program to make your data partition automount at login.

More info at <http://askubuntu.com/questions/46588/how-to-automount-ntfs-partitions>

Finishing Touches

- You can configure Firefox and Google Chrome to sync your bookmarks, themes, history etc using their inbuilt sync services.
- Make best use of Dropbox, Ubuntu One to share data.
- Try using cross-platform applications like VLC etc for uniform work flow.

Decision Chart



Any Questions?

