Ubuntu Linux Setup Guide

For ThinkPad P53, P73

*** Official support of Ubuntu 18.04 LTS and later.





Section 1 – BIOS Setup and Pre-Installation Steps

The first step before installing Linux is to make sure the system BIOS is setup correctly.

• Boot into BIOS by pressing the function F1 key at the "Lenovo" splash screen.



Tab over to the 'Restart' menu tab and set "OS Optimized Defaults" to "Disabled".

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- Switching the "OS Optimized Defaults" settings may give a warning message. Select "Yes" to continue to disable OS Optimized Defaults.

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• Tab over to the "Startup" menu tab.

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 Pressing F9 function key will allow Legacy and UEFI bootable devices by setting "UEFI/Legacy Boot" to "Both"; otherwise, it will be an unchangeable setting to "UEFI only".

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Option k	ey Display		[Enabled]			
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• Press function F10 key to save and exit BIOS setup.

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Section 2 – Discrete vs Hybrid Graphics

The Thinkpad P53 and P73 offer both Nvidia and Intel graphics. To run exclusively Nvidia graphics, use the discrete graphics mode highlighted below.

• Boot into BIOS, tab over to the "Config" menu option, and select the "Display" option.

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• By default, the "Graphics Device" will likely be set to "Hybrid Graphics". To run exclusively Nvidia graphics, set the "Graphics Device" to "Discrete Graphics".

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Section 3 – Installing Ubuntu Linux 18.04 LTS

Please refer to the following instructions and screenshots on how to install Ubuntu 18.04 LTS on the Lenovo Thinkpad P53 and P73.

- Insert the Ubuntu 18.04 LTS installation media (either through USB or CD/DVD).
- Power on the system and press the F12 function key whenever the following Lenovo splash screen appears.



• Select the Linux bootable installation media from the F12 boot menu list.



• Highlight "Install Ubuntu" from the GRUB boot menu and press 'e'.

	GNU GRUB version 2.02
Try Ubuntu without installing	
*Install Ubuntu	
Check disc for defects	

• The Ubuntu Linux Welcome Screen should appear. Select the appropriate language and "Continue".

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Welcome		°	
English Español Esperanto Euskara Français Gaelge Galego Hrvatski İslenska İtaliano Kurdî Latviski	ß	Quit Back Continue	

• Choose the keyboard layout and language accordingly by selecting each one.

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Select "Normal Installation" and "Continue". ٠

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 Normal installation Web browser, utilities, office software, games, and m 	nedia players.		J
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Web browser and basic utilities. Other options			
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This saves time after installation.			
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Choose the installation type. For simplicity, this guide was done using "Erase disk and • install Ubuntu"

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This computer currently has no detected operating systems. What would you like to do?	
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• If more than one drive is detected in the system, the installation will prompt which drive to use to install the operating system on.

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	Erase disk and install Ubuntu	
	Select drive: /dev/nvme0n1 - 1.0 TB NVMe Device	
	The entire disk will be used:	
6	Ubuntu /dev/nvme6n1 (ext4) 1.0 TB	
	Quit Back Install Now	
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• Select "Continue" to confirm changes will be made to the disk.

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The following partitions are going to be format partition #1 of /dev/nvme1n1 as ESP partition #2 of /dev/nvme1n1 as ext4	ted:	I	
		Go Back Continue	
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• Choose the appropriate geographical location and select "Continue".



• Fill out the appropriate input boxes and select "Continue".

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Install	
Who are you?	
Your name: Your computer's name: The name it uses when it talks to other computers. Pick a username: Choose a password: Confirm your password: Log in automatically • Require my password to log in	
Back Continue	
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• Ubuntu installation progress bar will be shown.



• Once the installation completes, select "Restart Now".

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Installation Complete	
<i>i</i> Installation is complete. You need to restart the computer in order to use the new installation. Restart Now	

• Remove the installation media and press ENTER.



• Ubuntu Desktop Screen.



Section 4 – Wireless Network Driver

The wireless network driver isn't native to the Ubuntu Linux 18.04 kernel. Therefore, the wireless device will not work following the Ubuntu 18.04 LTS installation by default. However, here are a couple of workarounds to get the wireless network working on the Thinkpad P53 and P73.

Option 1:

- Type the following commands into a terminal window.
 - # sudo add-apt-repository ppa:canonical-hwe-team/pc-oem-dkms
 - # sudo apt update
 - # sudo apt install backport-iwlwifi-dkms
 - # sudo modprobe iwlwifi
 - # sudo reboot

Option 2:

- Upgrade to the Linux kernel 5.0 and linux-firmware to the latest version by using the following commands:

sudo apt-get install linux-oem-osp1 linux-firmware

sudo reboot

Section 5 – Installing the Nvidia Graphics Driver

In order to get optimal performance out of the Nvidia GPU, it's a good idea to install the Nvidia graphics driver.

There are a couple of different ways to install the Nvidia driver: through the Ubuntu upstream repository or by downloading the Nvidia driver from Nvidia's website and installing manually.

Option 1: Install the Nvidia graphics driver from the Ubuntu Repository.

- Update Ubuntu after the completion of the installation process.
 # sudo apt update
- 2. Add the Nvidia repository using the following command.

sudo add-apt-repository ppa:graphics-drivers

3. Update Ubuntu again to update the source list file.

sudo apt update

4. Install the Nvidia driver.

sudo apt install nvidia-driver-430

5. Reboot the system.

sudo reboot

Option 2: Install the Nvidia graphics driver manually.

- 1. Download the latest Nvidia graphics driver for the appropriate Nvidia GPU from nvidia.com/drivers.
- 2. Open a terminal window and stop x-windows by using the following command.

sudo init 3



3. Make the Nvidia installer an executable by using the following command.

chmod +x NVIDIA-Linux-x86-64-*



4. Run the Nvidia driver executable by using the following command.

./NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64*



5. Select "Continue installation".



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6. Select "No" to not register the kernel module with DKMS.

NVIDIA Accelerated Graphic	s Driver for Linux-x86_64 (430.50)
Would you like to register the ker allow DKMS to automatically build kernel later.	nel module sources with DKMS? This will a new module, if you install a different
Yes	
NVIDIA Software Installer for Unix	/Linux www.nvidia.com

7. Select "OK".



8. Select "Ignore CC version check".



9. Select "OK".



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10. Nvidia driver installing progress bar may appear.



11. Select "Install and overw".



12. Select "Yes" to update the X-configuration file to use the Nvidia X driver.

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Yes		No	
NVIDIA Software Installer for	Unix/Linux		www.nvidia.com

13. Select "OK" to acknowledge the driver installation is complete.



14. Execute the following command to verify the Nvidia driver is loaded.



15. Reboot the system.

Section 6 – Revision History

Version	Date	Author	Changes/Updates
1.0	10/21/2019	Jason Moebs	Initial launch release