Installing WSL

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Requirements

- This tutorial **only applies** to Windows users
- Must be running Windows 10 or higher

1   Regular installation

1. Search for *PowerShell* in Windows search
2. Right-click on the application and select "Run as administrator"
3. Enter the following command, and run it by pressing `Enter`

   ```
   wsl --install
   ```
4. Try it out by searching for *Ubuntu*, and running the application
5. You will be asked to enter a username, which **must be lowercase**
6. You will be prompted for a password. It does not need to be particularly secure, and you **will not see it being typed**

Note : The official installation instructions can be found on the Microsoft page on WSL.

2   Installing software

1. Always update before installing

   ```
   sudo apt update
   sudo apt upgrade
   ```
2. Install the package. Let's try with the compiler we'll be using : `g++`

   ```
   sudo apt install g++
   ```
3. To uninstall packages, run

   ```
   sudo apt purge <packagename>
   ```

   where `<packagename>` must be replaced by the name of the package you want to get rid of.

2.1   Qt Creator

We can install Qt Creator with the following command

```
sudo apt install qtcreator
```

(WSL 2 allows running GUI apps without configuration).

To start up Qt, one can run

```
qtcreator &
```

3 Possible errors

3.1 `Error: 0x80004002 No such interface supported`

In PowerShell, run

```
Enable-WindowsOptionalFeature -Online -FeatureName `
Microsoft-Windows-Subsystem-Linux
```

3.2 `WSLRegisterDistribution failed with error 0x80370102`

1. Search for *Configuration Panel* in Windows search
2. Select "Applications", then "Turn Windows features on or off"
3. Make sure **Hyper-V** and **Virtual Machine Platform** are enabled

3.3 When updating : `Temporary failure resolving '<url>'`

1. Edit the `/etc/resolv.conf` file with

   `sudo nano /etc/resolv.conf`

   and replace `nameserver 172.28.176.1` with `nameserver 8.8.8.8`
2. To make sure the change survives a reboot, edit the `/etc/wsl.conf` with

   `sudo nano /etc/wsl.conf`

   and add the following two lines

   ```
   [network]
   generateResolvConf = false
   ```