

Using the Synaptics Package Manager



The Synaptics Package Manager is a great way to find programs that run on Ubuntu. It takes a little to used to it but is really quite easy if you know what you're looking for.

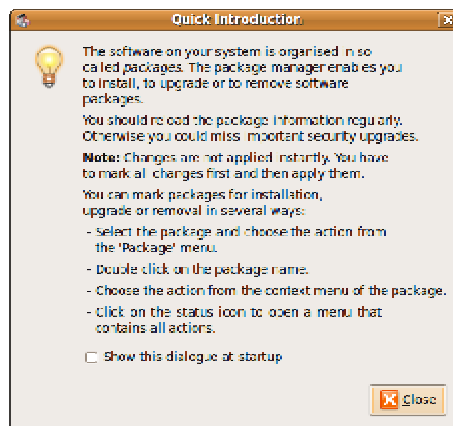
You can start it from the "System" menu.

Click on "Administration" and from the sub menu that opens select "Synaptics Package Manager".



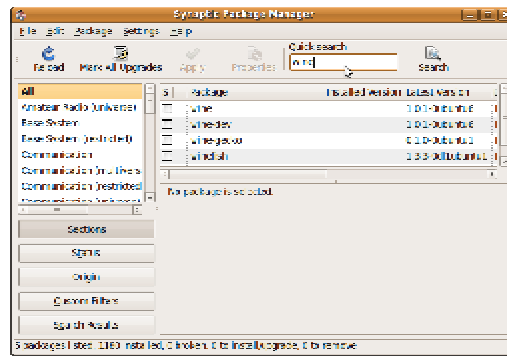
You'll immediately be asked for a password to open the program.

Unless you've changed it you can find it on the white label stuck on the computer.



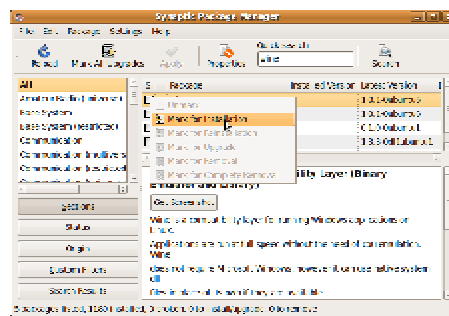
For most of this video we've just shown the window that appears on the desktop to make it easier to read.

You may see this window giving a brief outline of the process.

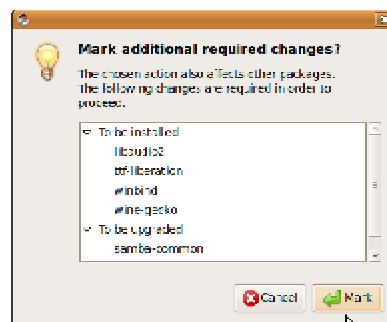


On this window make sure that "All" is selected from the list on the left. Type the name of the program you're looking for into the "Quick search" box at the top right. In this we've typed in "Wine" - it's a program that can help some Windows programs to run in Ubuntu.

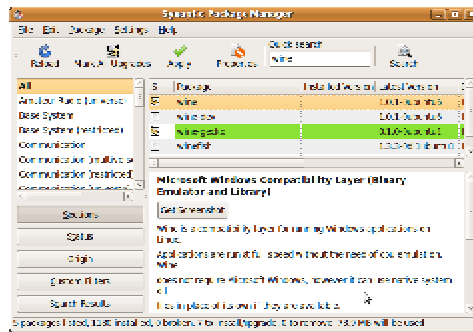
A tip to remember: There are a large number of programs available and the names & explanations may seem confusing to begin with. So start by looking for programs you have been told about.



A list of programs will appear attempting to match your search. When you see the program you want click on it.

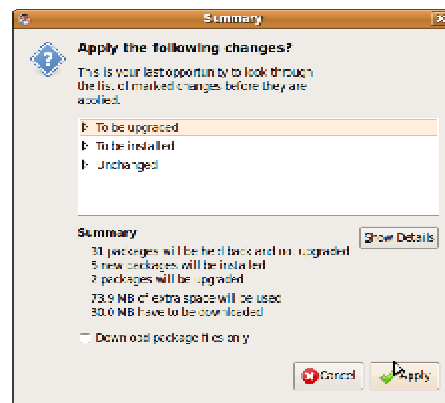


This window opens asking you to "Mark" the program to be installed - just click on the "Mark" button.



Here you can see that the programs involved in your selection have a mark against them.

Click on the "Apply" button with the green tick at the top middle of this window when you're ready.



Confirm your choice by clicking on "Apply" button on this new window.



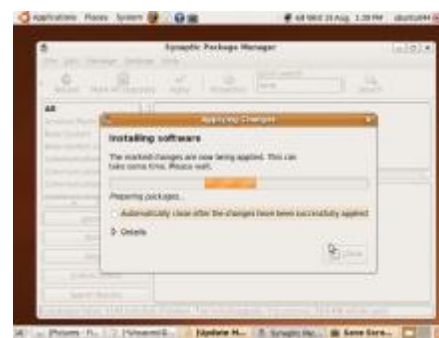
This is what the same window looks like on the desktop.

You can see it's on top of others.

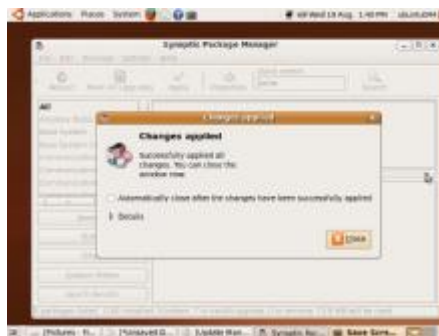
The current, or active, window is always the one with the darker brown bar across the top. Here it's titled "Summary"



A smaller window appears showing that the files are being downloaded. The orange bar shows the progress.



Next the files need to be installed, so after they've finished downloading this new window opens.



This window appears to show that changes are completed. Click the "Close" button.

