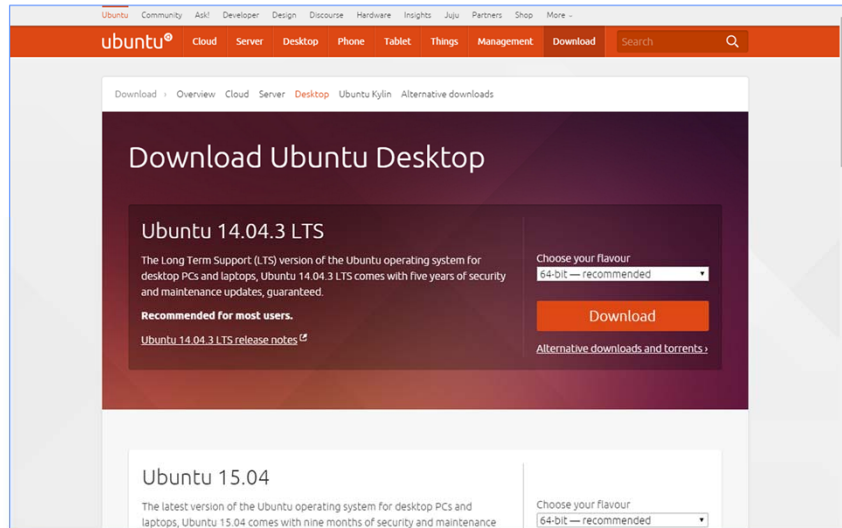




Capture Wireless Packets with Ubuntu Linux Dongle

Step 1. Download Ubuntu

- Goto <http://www.ubuntu.com/download/desktop>



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If you are not familiar with Linux, you can try with Ubuntu. If you are already a Linux user, you can select other Ubuntu flavor.

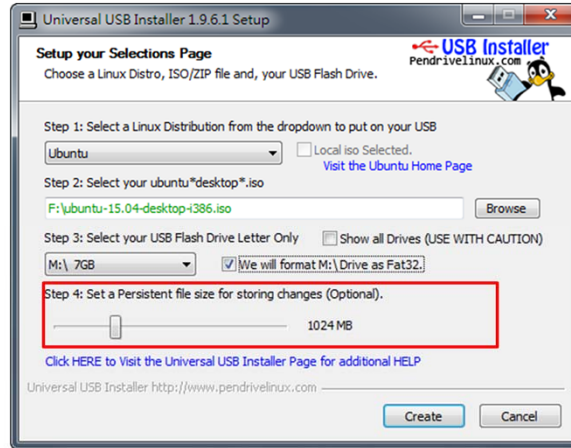
- Goto <http://www.pendrivelinux.com/universal-usb-installer-easy-as-1-2-3/>

The screenshot shows the website **Pendrivelinux.com** with the tagline "Easily run Linux® from a portable USB Device". The main heading is "Universal USB Installer - Easy as 1 2 3". Below this, there is a detailed description of the UUI tool, stating it is a "Live Linux USB Creator" that allows users to choose from various Linux distributions to install on a USB flash drive. The page also includes a section for "Universal USB Installer (UUI) Screenshots" which displays a window titled "Universal USB Installer 1.9.4.5 Setup". This window shows the "Setup your Selections Page" with the following steps:

- Step 1: Select a Linux Distribution from the dropdown to put on your USB (Ubuntu)
- Step 2: Select your ubuntu "installer".iso (USB/BIOS/Linux/ISO/ubuntu-gnome-13.10-desktop-386.iso)
- Step 3: Select your USB Flash Drive Letter Only (E:) (Format E: (Drive: Brass Content))
- Step 4: Set a Persistent file size for storing changes (Optional) (0 MB)

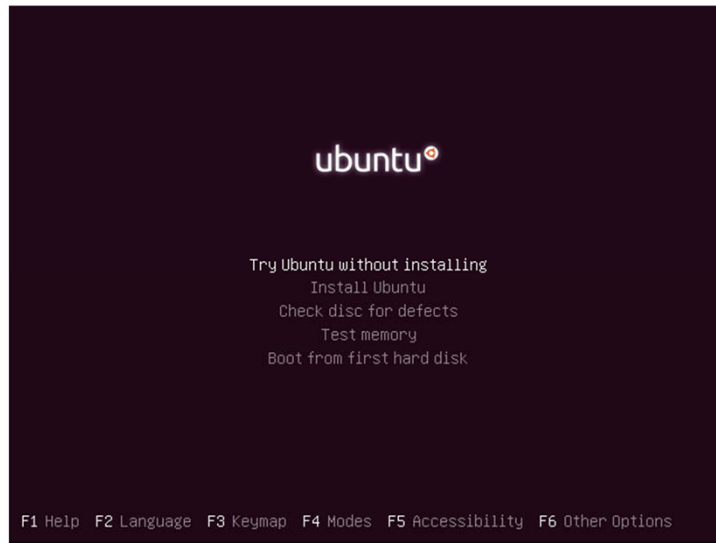
At the bottom of the window, there are "Create" and "Cancel" buttons. The website footer contains the text: "Copyright©2015 ZyXEL Communications Corporation. All rights reserved."

Step 3. Create the USB Stick



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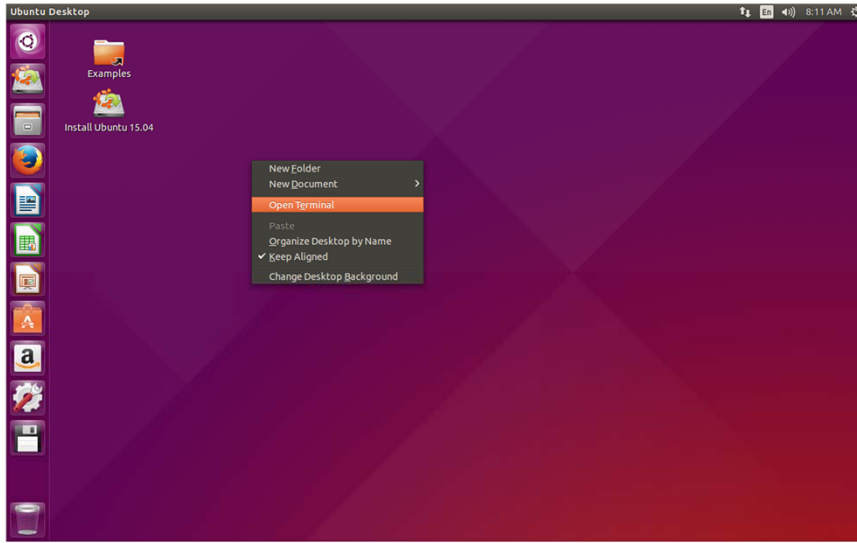
Set a Persistent storage here because we need to install packages on USB drive and don't want to do it every time.



Select “Try Ubuntu without installing” here to boot up Ubuntu Live USB. We will still be able to install packages on this USB stick later.



Step 5. Open a Terminal



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```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ dmesg | grep 80211
[ 7.982089] cfg80211: Calling CRDA to update world regulatory domain
[ 7.984635] cfg80211: World regulatory domain updated:
[ 7.984638] cfg80211: DFS Master region: unset
[ 7.984640] cfg80211: (start_freq - end_freq @ bandwidth), (max_antenna_gain, max_eirp), (dfs_cac_time)
[ 7.984642] cfg80211: (2402000 KHz - 2472000 KHz @ 40000 KHz), (300 mBi, 2000 mBm), (N/A)
[ 7.984643] cfg80211: (2457000 KHz - 2482000 KHz @ 40000 KHz), (300 mBi, 2000 mBm), (N/A)
[ 7.984645] cfg80211: (2474000 KHz - 2494000 KHz @ 20000 KHz), (300 mBi, 2000 mBm), (N/A)
[ 7.984646] cfg80211: (5170000 KHz - 5250000 KHz @ 40000 KHz), (300 mBi, 2000 mBm), (N/A)
[ 7.984647] cfg80211: (5735000 KHz - 5835000 KHz @ 40000 KHz), (300 mBi, 2000 mBm), (N/A)
[ 185.132730] leee80211 phy0: rt2x00_set_rt: Info - RT chipset 5592, rev 0222 detected
[ 185.597695] leee80211 phy0: rt2x00_set_rf: Info - RF chipset 080f detected
[ 185.618444] leee80211 phy0: Selected rate control algorithm 'minstrel_ht'
[ 185.678976] leee80211 phy0: rt2x00lib_request_firmware: Info - Loading firmware file 'rt2870.bin'
[ 185.679755] leee80211 phy0: rt2x00lib_request_firmware: Info - Firmware detected - version: 0.29
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ iwconfig
wlan0 IEEE 802.11abgn ESSID:off/any
Mode:Managed Access Point: Not-Associated Tx-Power=20 dBm
Retry short limit:7 RTS thr:off Fragment thr:off
Power Management:off

lo        no wireless extensions.

eth0     no wireless extensions.

ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

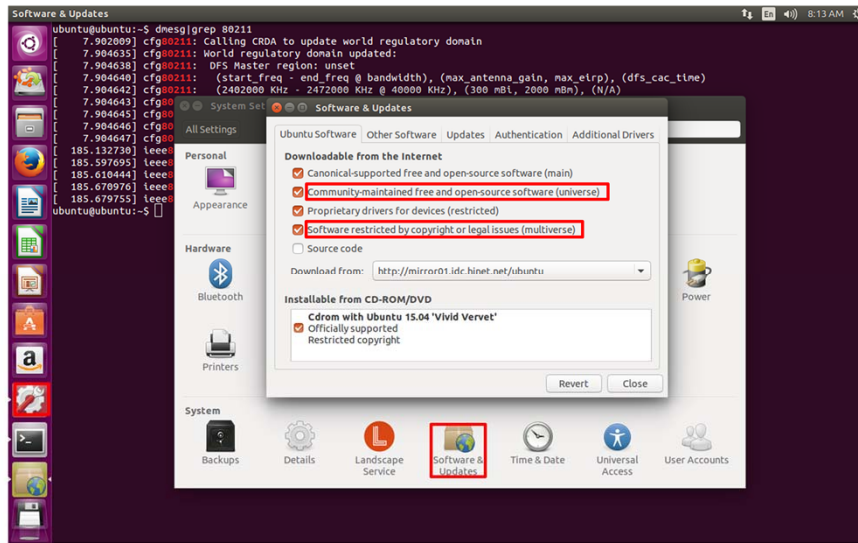
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For Linux kernel supported Wi-Fi dongle list, please check at:
https://wikidevi.com/wiki/List_of_Wi-Fi_Device_IDs_in_Linux

Use the following command:
\$ dmesg | grep '80211'

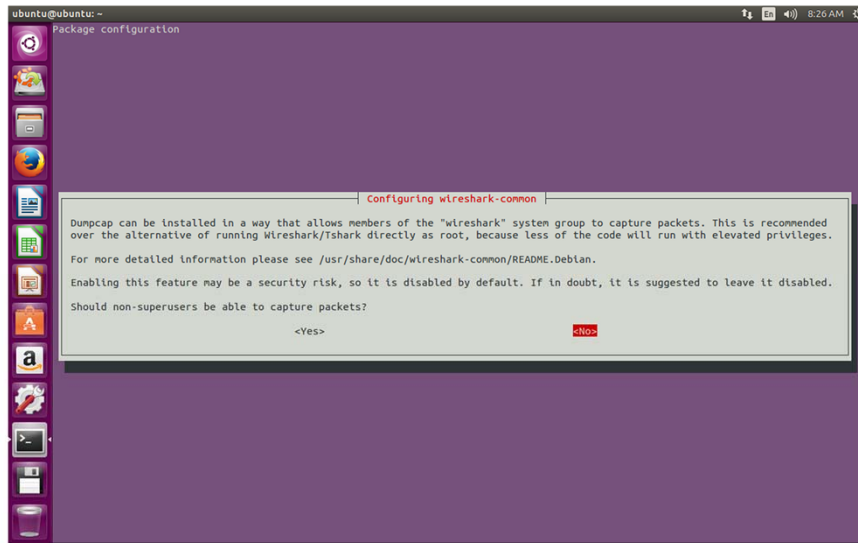
If you something comes out like 'phy0' here, it means your device is supported. If you cannot find anything, try (another) wireless dongle.

You can also use 'iwconfig' command to see if there is 'wlan0' listed.

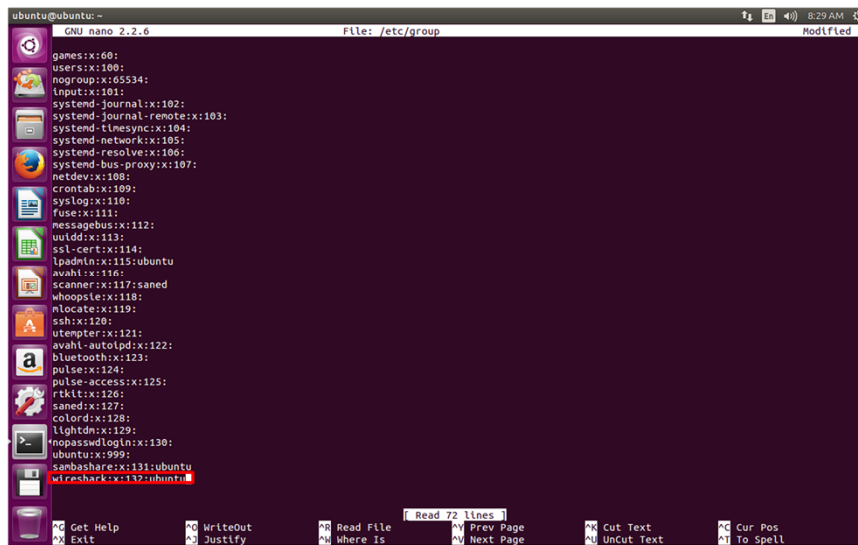


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If you find error in previous step, open System Settings, select “Software & Updates”, check “universe” and “multiverse”, then Close and reload.

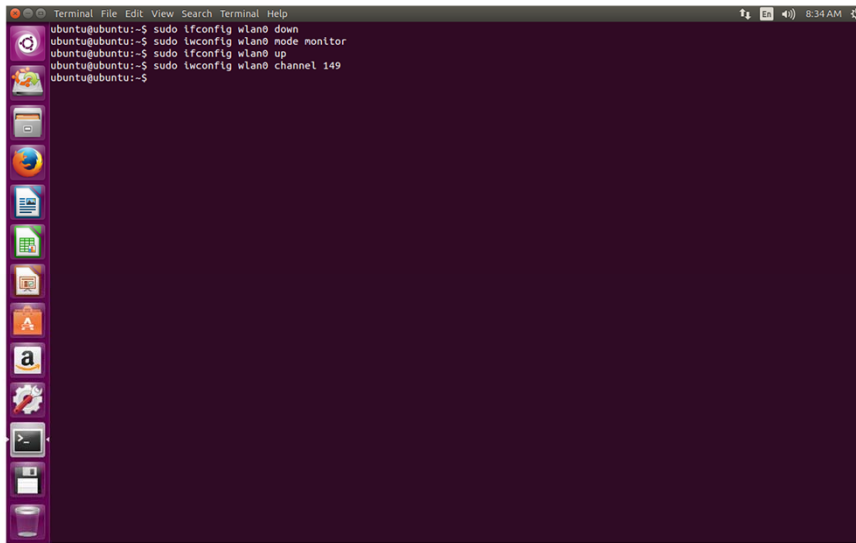


Select "Yes" here to let non-root user run Wireshark and able to capture packets



```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ nano /etc/group
GNU nano 2.2.6 File: /etc/group Modified
games:x:60:
users:x:100:
nogroup:x:105534:
input:x:101:
systemd-journal:x:102:
systemd-journal-remote:x:103:
systemd-timesync:x:104:
systemd-network:x:105:
systemd-resolve:x:106:
systemd-bus-proxy:x:107:
netdev:x:108:
crontab:x:109:
syslog:x:110:
fuse:x:111:
messagebus:x:112:
uidd:x:113:
ssl-cert:x:114:
lpadmin:x:115:ubuntu
avahi:x:116:
scanner:x:117:saned
whoopsie:x:118:
mllocate:x:119:
ssh:x:120:
utempter:x:121:
avahi-autoipd:x:122:
bluetooth:x:123:
pulse:x:124:
pulse-access:x:125:
rtkit:x:126:
saned:x:127:
colord:x:128:
lightdm:x:129:
nopasswdlogn:x:130:
ubuntu:x:999:
sambashare:x:131:ubuntu
wireshark:x:132:ubuntu
```

Edit “/etc/group” and add user “ubuntu” into group “wireshark”
You need to logout and re-login after doing this

A terminal window screenshot showing the execution of four commands to configure the wlan0 interface. The commands are: 'sudo ifconfig wlan0 down', 'sudo iwconfig wlan0 mode monitor', 'sudo ifconfig wlan0 up', and 'sudo iwconfig wlan0 channel 149'. The terminal output shows the prompt 'ubuntu@ubuntu:~\$' before each command and a new prompt after each command is executed. The terminal window has a dark purple background and a standard Ubuntu desktop environment visible on the left side.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ifconfig wlan0 down
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo iwconfig wlan0 mode monitor
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ifconfig wlan0 up
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo iwconfig wlan0 channel 149
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

Use the following command to set your WLAN card into monitor mode:

```
$ sudo ifconfig wlan0 down
```

```
$ sudo iwconfig wlan0 mode monitor
```

```
$ sudo ifconfig wlan0 up
```

```
$ sudo iwconfig wlan0 channel 11 (change 11 to the channel you want to use for capture)
```

Step 8b. Open Wireshark & Start

