ReactOS Attempt

I recently just learned of ReactOS, a Free and Open Source Operating System that has been in the works for over 20 years and aims to be able to natively run Windows programs and drivers. The program is still feature-incomplete alpha software, but I thought it could be a good way of running ham radio programs made for Windows so I gave it a try in Virtualbox and tried to install Winlink.

TLDR:

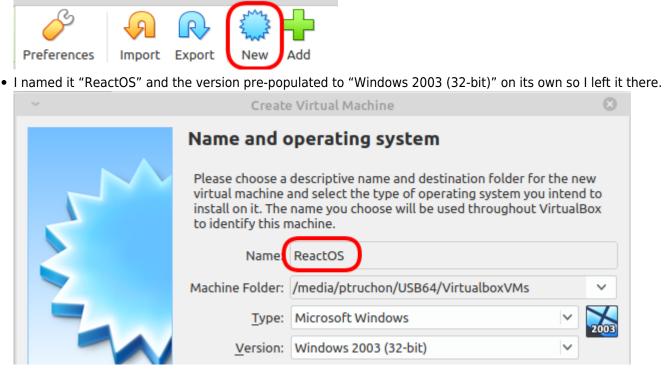
Winlink loads but I can't seem to be able to even configure it properly. Here's what I've done so far and where it fails. If anyone else is interested in tinkering with this, let me know if you manage to get passed any of these issues...

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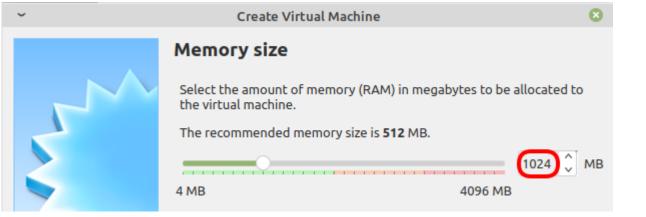
• First step: I downloaded the BootCD (not LiveCD) of ReactOS 0.4.13 and saved it.

Virtualbox

- I used Virtualbox 6.1 under LinuxMint 20 XFCE.
- I created a new machine:



• I doubled the RAM to 1024MB



• To load the "install CD", click on the word "Storage":

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	ReactOS.vdi (Normal, 20.00 GB)	
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Install ReactOS

• The install screen will start and you simply press ENTER.

 ReactOS 0.4.13 Setup

 Language Selection

 • Please choose the language used for the installation process. Then press ENTER.

 • This Language will be the default language for the final system.

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- ENTER = Continue F3 = Quit
- In fact, you'll have to press ENTER a few times until this partition screen. At this screen, you need to press P first, and then ENTER:

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•	Press UP or DOWN to select a list entry.
•	Press ENTER to install ReactOS onto the selected partition.
•	Press P to create a primary partition.
•	Press E to create an extended partition.
•	Press L to create a logical partition.
•	Press D to delete an existing partition.
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