

1-1. Software installation on Windows WSL (optional)

This section allows the user to install AI TOP Utility software on Windows 11 via Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

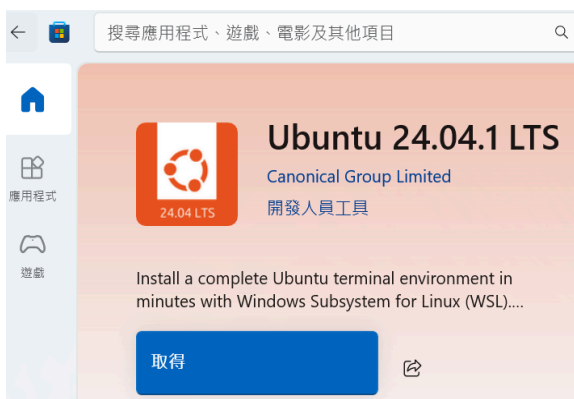
1-1-1. Prerequisites:

First, please go to “Applications’ and uninstall any existing versions of Ubuntu (if already installed). It is recommended that users install Windows 11 and WSL2 for this software.

WSL 2 (Windows Subsystem for Linux 2) is a powerful tool that allows you to run a Linux distribution alongside your Windows operating system. This section provides a step-by-step guide on how to install WSL 2 on your Windows system, enabling you to seamlessly work with Linux commands and applications within your Windows environment.

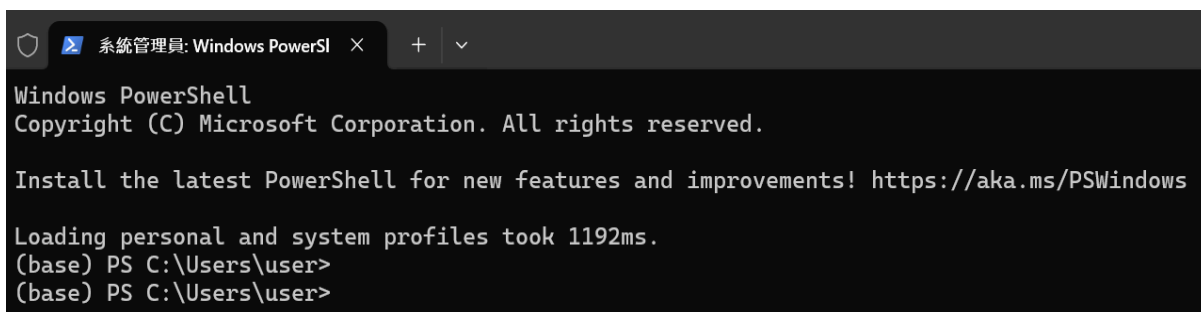
1-1-2. Download Ubuntu LTS or on Windows:

On Windows, search to open ‘Microsoft Store’ and find Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS, then click ‘Free’, then click ‘Get’ to install one of them.



1-1-3. Update WSL:

On the Desktop, right-click on the “Start” menu > select “Windows Powershell (System Administrator)”



Update WSL by this command:

`wsl --update`

1-1-4. Setting WSL system memory

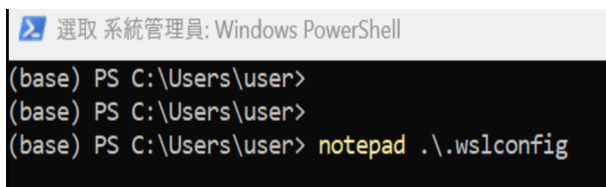
By default, **WSL2** automatically allocates up to **50% of your total system RAM** to the virtual machine (VM) where your Linux distribution runs. However, you can manually configure how much memory WSL should use by editing the `.wslconfig` file.

On the Desktop, right-click on the “Start” menu > select “Windows Powershell (System Administrator)”

Create the `.wslconfig` file and edit it using the following commands:

```
cd ~
```

```
notepad .\wslconfig
```




```

選取 系統管理員: Windows PowerShell
(base) PS C:\Users\user>
(base) PS C:\Users\user>
(base) PS C:\Users\user> notepad .\wslconfig
  
```

`memory=192GB` → WSL will use a maximum of **192GB of RAM** instead of the default 50%. Adjust this based on your needs.

`swap=8GB` → Creates an **8GB swap file** in case RAM usage exceeds the limit (optional).



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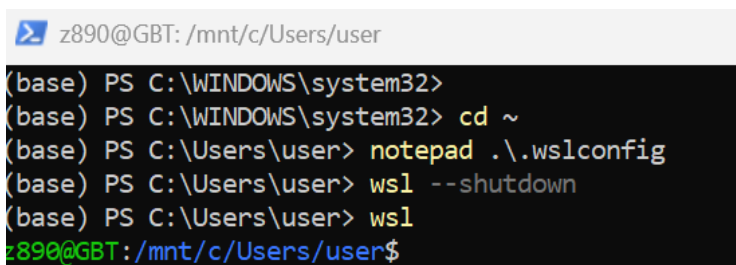
[ws12]
memory=192GB # Adjust as needed
swap=8GB     # Adjust as needed
  
```

After saving the `.wslconfig` file, restart WSL for the settings to take effect:

```
wsl --shutdown
```

Then, restart WSL by launching it again:

```
wsl
```



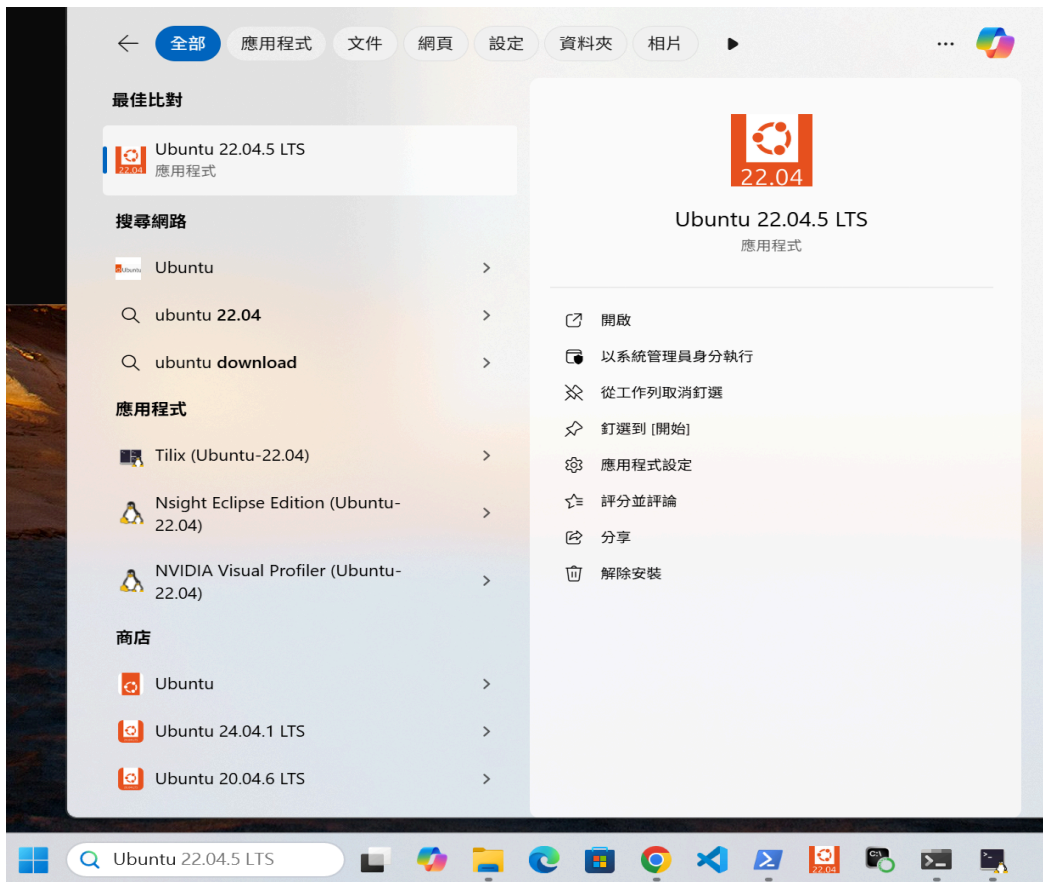
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z890@GBT: /mnt/c/Users/user
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(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> cd ~
(base) PS C:\Users\user> notepad .\wslconfig
(base) PS C:\Users\user> wsl --shutdown
(base) PS C:\Users\user> wsl
z890@GBT: /mnt/c/Users/user$
  
```

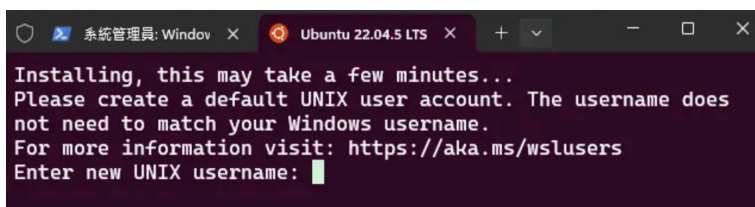
This should display the new memory allocation as per your `.wslconfig` settings.

1-1-5. Boot Ubuntu LTS and Install missing dependencies:

In the Start menu / Search window, the user types “**Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS**” into the search box and then clicks the result.



Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your username (any name) and password.



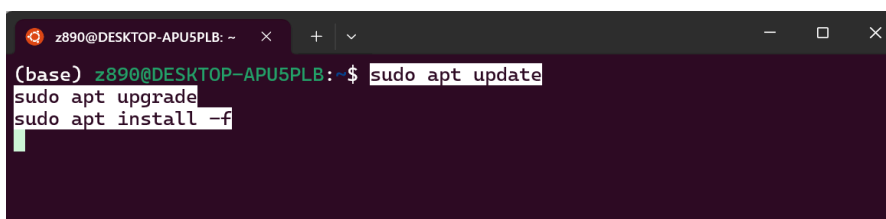
Continue to update the local package index in the Ubuntu environment:

Please reset the time (hh:mm) on your OS if it does not match your watch/clock.

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt upgrade
```

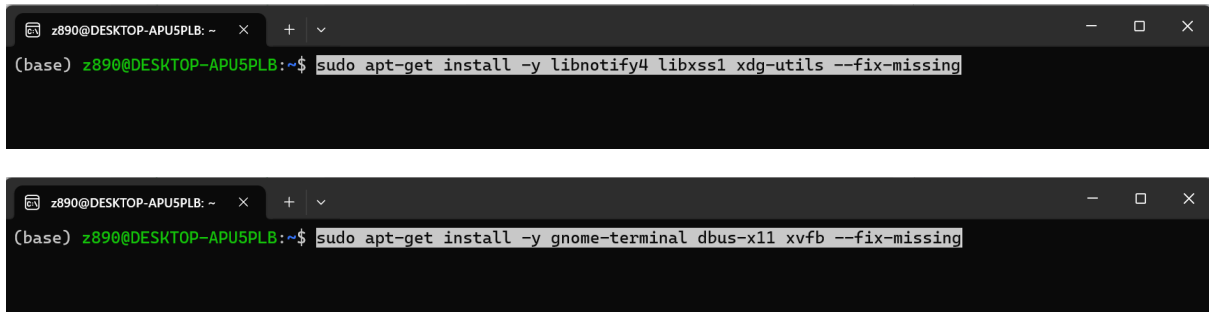
```
sudo apt install -f
```



Install all missing dependencies:

```
sudo apt-get install -y libnotify4 libxss1 xdg-utils --fix-missing
```

```
sudo apt-get install -y gnome-terminal dbus-x11 xvfb --fix-missing
```



1-1-6. Install VcXsrv (XLaunch.exe)

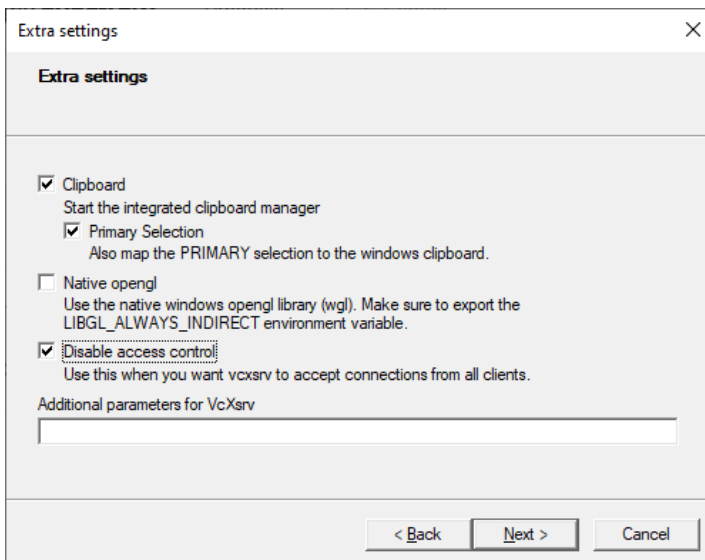
First, download the VcXsrv installer on Windows: [VcXsrv](#)

If you want WSL 2 to use VcXsrv:

- When running VcXsrv, select 'Disable access control.'
- Windows Firewall needs to allow VcXsrv (XLaunch.exe, VcXsrv.exe) to pass through, or you can turn off the firewall directly. Otherwise, WSL 2 will not be able to connect to VcXsrv, and the following error will occur: 'Authorization required, but no authorization protocol specified.'

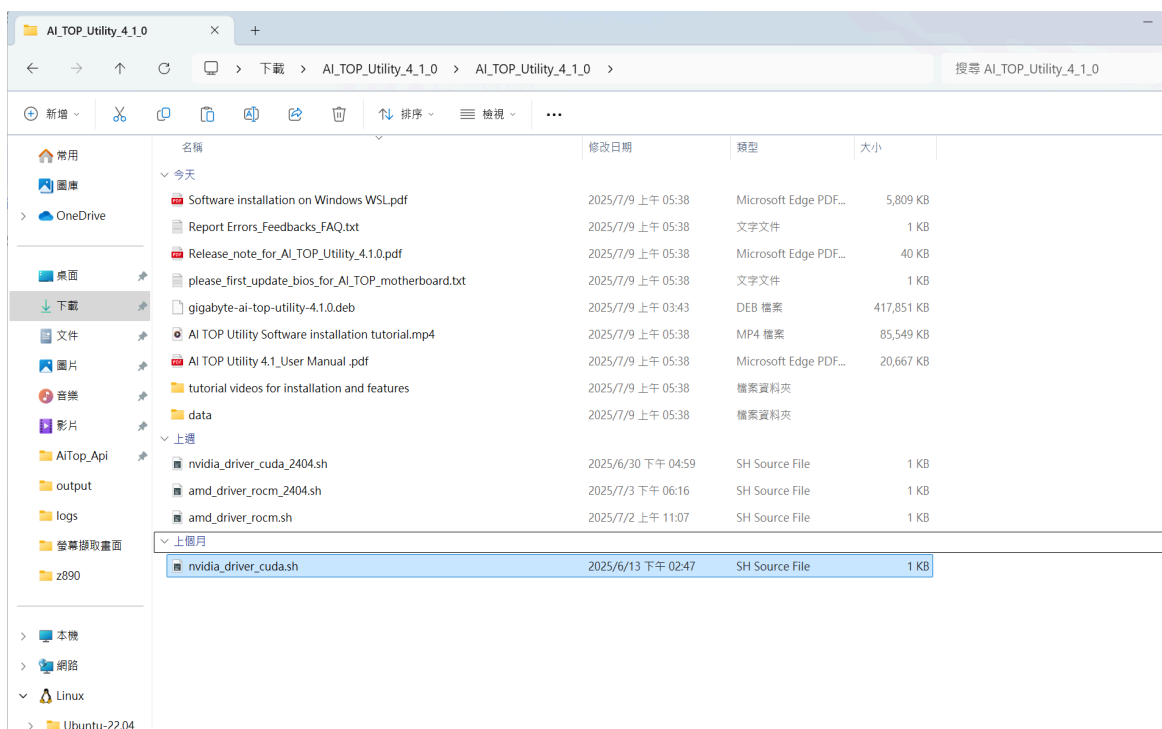
In Display settings, select Multiple windows.

In the Extra settings, select 'Disable access control.'

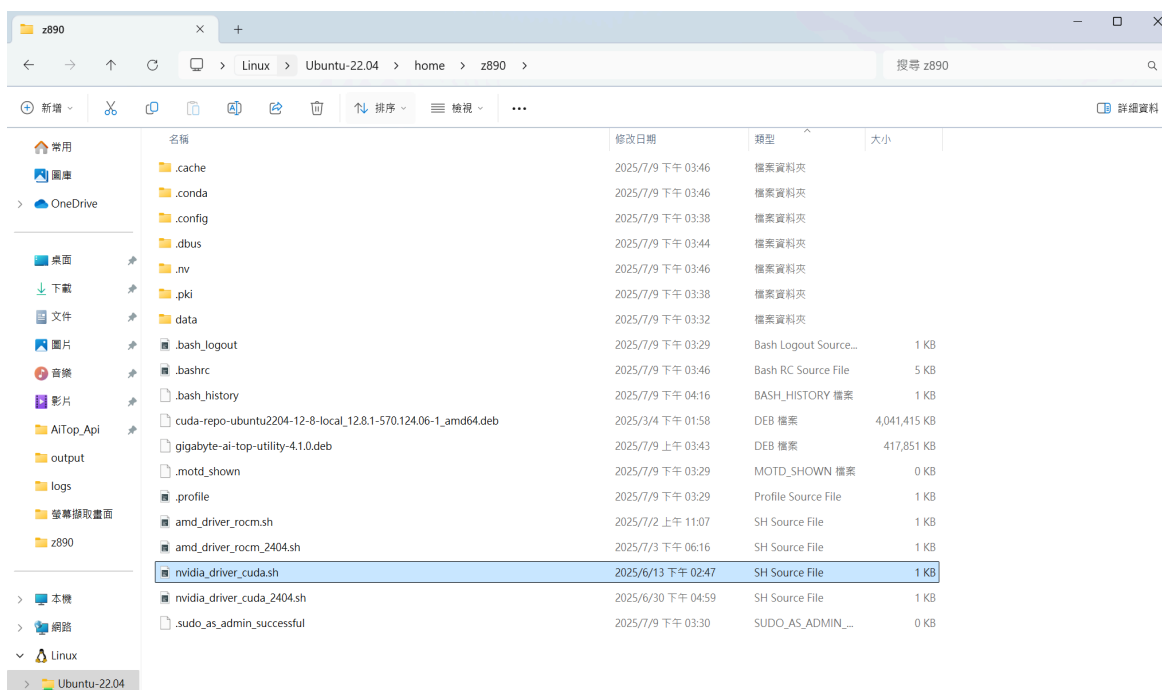


1-1-7. Install GPU driver and CUDA tool on WSL:

The NVIDIA driver script is `nvidia_driver_cuda_2404.sh` and the AMD driver script is `amd_driver_rocm_2404.sh`. Both files are located in the folder `(AI_TOP_Utility_ver_x_x)`.



Please copy `nvidia_driver_cuda_2404.sh` or `amd_driver_rocm_2404.sh` based on your GPU type (NVIDIA or AMD) to `\\wsl.localhost\Ubuntu-24.04\home\username`. Make sure to check your username. For example, if `$USER$ = z890`, the destination path should be: `\\wsl.localhost\Ubuntu-24.04\home\z890`.



Open a terminal in another command-line window by clicking the **Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS** desktop icon. Then, run the following command to install GPU driver and CUDA tool on WSL:

For **AMD GPUs**, install the ROCm driver on **Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS**:

```
bash ./amd_driver_rocm_2404.sh
```

For **NVIDIA GPUs**, install the NVIDIA driver and CUDA tools on **Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS**:

```
bash ./nvidia_driver_cuda_2404.sh
```

```
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$ ls -la
total 4459348
drwxr-xr-x 9 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 16:38 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root      4096 Jul  9 15:29 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890       606 Jul  9 16:16 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890       220 Jul  9 15:29 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890      4265 Jul  9 15:46 .bashrc
drwx----- 6 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:46 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 4 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:46 .conda
drwx----- 3 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:38 .config
drwx----- 3 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:44 .dbus
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890         0 Jul  9 15:29 .motd_shown
drwx----- 3 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:46 .nv
drwx----- 3 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:38 .pki
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890       807 Jul  9 15:29 .profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890         0 Jul  9 15:30 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890        742 Jul  2 11:07 amd_driver_rocm.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890        741 Jul  3 18:16 amd_driver_rocm_2404.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890 4138408938 Mar  4 13:58 cuda-repo-ubuntu2204-12-8-local_12.8.1-570.124.06-1_amd64.deb
drwxr-xr-x 6 z890 z890      4096 Jul  9 15:32 data
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890 427878418 Jul  9 03:43 gigabyte-ai-top-utility-4.1.0.deb
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890        729 Jun 13 14:47 nvidia_driver_cuda.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 z890 z890        727 Jun 30 16:59 nvidia_driver_cuda_2404.sh
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$ bash nvidia_driver_cuda.sh |
```

1-1-8. Restart WSL

After installing the GPU driver, you must restart WSL either by using a Windows PowerShell command or by restarting your PC.

Using Windows PowerShell :

On the Desktop, right-click the Start menu and select “Windows PowerShell (Administrator)”.

Then, enter the following command to shut down WSL:

```
wsl --shutdown
```

Then, restart WSL by launching it again:

```
wsl
```

```
z890@GBT: /mnt/c/Users/user
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> cd ~
(base) PS C:\Users\user> notepad .\wslconfig
(base) PS C:\Users\user> wsl --shutdown
(base) PS C:\Users\user> wsl
z890@GBT: /mnt/c/Users/user$
```

Restarting your PC:

You can also restart your PC to restart WSL.

[1-1-9. Install Google Chrome for Linux](#)

Some features in the AI TOP Utility require a fully functional graphical browser within the WSL environment. To ensure complete compatibility and performance, you must install the Linux version of Google Chrome inside WSL.

Note: This is not the same as the Chrome browser installed on your Windows system. It must be installed within the Linux (Ubuntu) environment on WSL.

Follow these steps:

1. Open your Ubuntu terminal in WSL.
2. Change to the temporary directory:

```
cd /tmp
```

3. Download the latest installation package:

```
wget
```

```
https://dl.google.com/linux/direct/google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb
```

4. Install the package with:

```
sudo apt install --fix-missing
```

```
./google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb
```

- The `--fix-missing` option helps resolve any missing dependencies during installation.
- The `./` prefix indicates the `.deb` file is located in the current directory. If the file is in a different location, adjust the path accordingly.


1-2-0. Install AI TOP Utility software on WSL

Place the `gigabyte-ai-top-utility-4.2.0.deb` file under `\\wsl.localhost\Ubuntu-24.04\home\username`.

Check the user name, for example: `$USER$ = trx50`. Open a terminal in another command line window by clicking the Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS desktop icon, then run:

```
cd ~
```

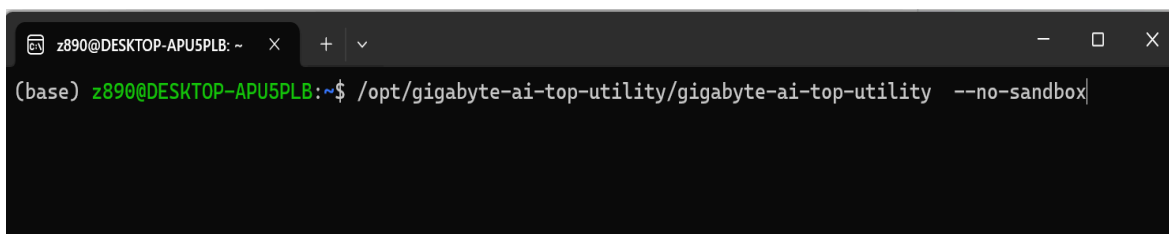
```
sudo dpkg -i gigabyte-ai-top-utility-4.2.0.deb
```



```
z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB: ~
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$ sudo dpkg -i gigabyte-ai-top-utility-4.1.0.deb |
```

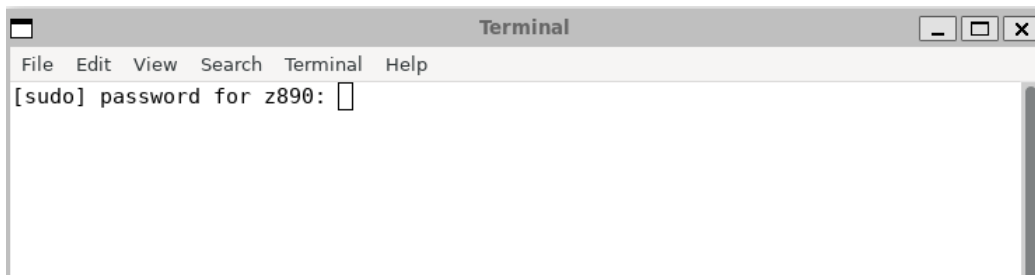
1-2-1. Run AI TOP Utility GUI

```
/opt/gigabyte-ai-top-utility/gigabyte-ai-top-utility --no-sandbox
```

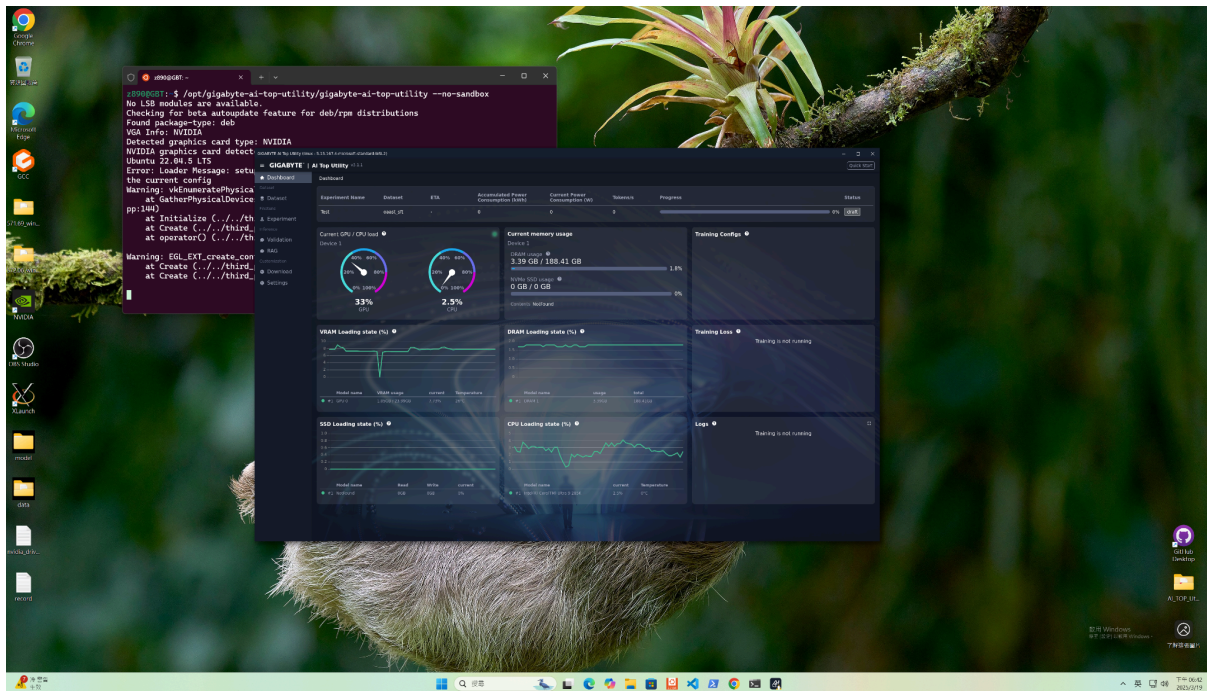


```
z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB: ~
(base) z890@DESKTOP-APU5PLB:~$ /opt/gigabyte-ai-top-utility/gigabyte-ai-top-utility --no-sandbox|
```

When starting it for the first time, you'll need to install the necessary packages. Multiple windows may open during this process. Follow the prompts to enter your user password or press 'Y' when required. The installation may take around 40 minutes, depending on your network speed.



The software's GUI will pop up on your screen.



Now, you can start using the AI Top Utility software in the Windows WLS environment.

Please note that WSL is a virtualization layer, so system scheduling and resource allocation may not be as direct or efficient as on native Linux, which could affect computing speed.

1-2. Mount SSD for WSL (optional):

In cases where the model size is too large for VRAM and DRAM to handle during training, users need to offload training memory to an NVMe SSD for additional capacity.

First, users must mount the SSD on WSL by Windows Powershell with System Administrator privileges.

On the Desktop, right-click the “Start” menu > select “Windows Powershell (System Administrator)”

Command for mounting SSD on WSL:

```
ws1 --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --type ext4
```

This command is used in Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) to mount a physical drive with an **EXT4** filesystem.

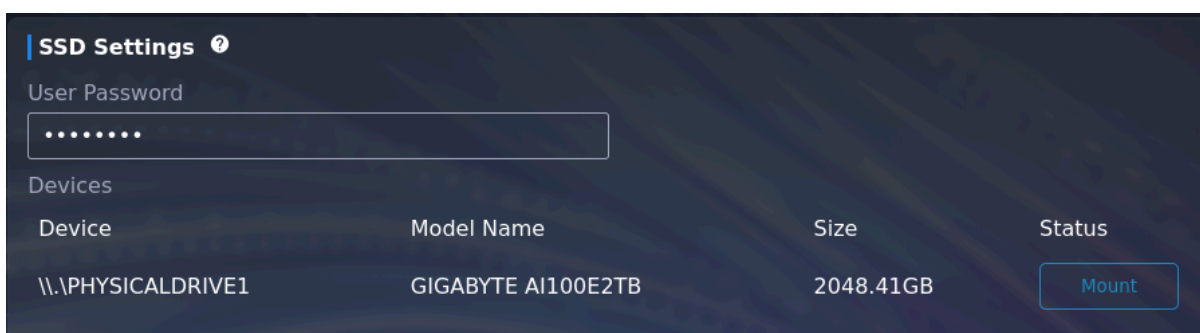

```

系統管理員: Windows PowerShell
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --type ext4
磁碟已成功裝載為 '/mnt/wsl/PHYSICALDRIVE1'。
注意：如果您在 /etc/wsl.conf 中修改 automount.root 設定，位置會有所不同。
若要卸載並中斷連結磁碟，請執行 'wsl.exe --unmount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1'。
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>

```

Then, it successfully mounts a physical drive (named PHYSICALDRIVE1) on WSL at (/mnt/wsl/PHYSICALDRIVE1).

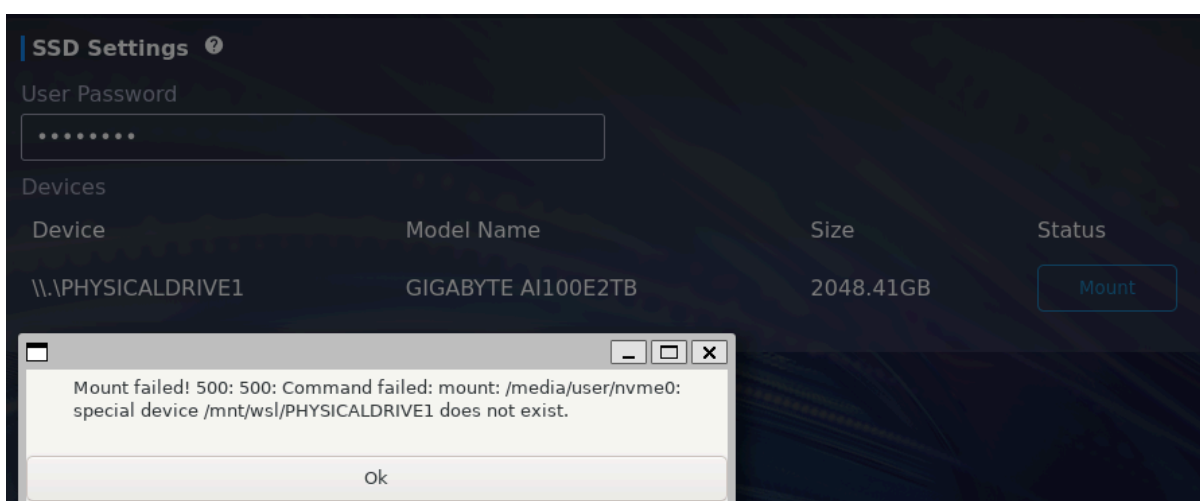
Second, users must enter their OS user password and click the **'Mount'** button in the **Settings** tab. This will mount the physical drive in WSL (/mnt/wsl/PHYSICALDRIVE1) to the Linux system's training path (/media/user/nvme0).



Then, the SSD is successfully mounted in WSL.

Device	Model Name	Size	Status
\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1	GIGABYTE AI100E2TB	2048.41GB	Unmount

However, if you do not run the command `wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --type ext4` in "Windows Powershell (System Administrator)" before clicking the **'Mount'** button, an error will appear: "Mount failed! 500: Command failed: mount: /media/user/nvme0: special device /mnt/wsl/PHYSICALDRIVE1 does not exist."



If mounting the SSD still fails after completing the **First** and **Second** steps, the SSD is likely formatted as **NTFS** instead of the required **EXT4** format. In this case, you will need to reformat the SSD to **EXT4** before attempting to mount it again.



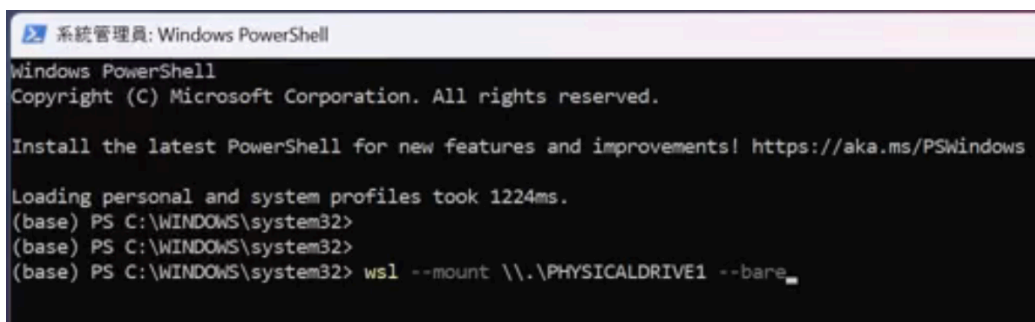
1. Open Windows Terminal as Administrator (PowerShell):

First, mount the SSD to WSL without specifying a filesystem. This step mounts the entire physical SSD directly into WSL.

```

wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE<disk_number> --bare
wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --bare

```



2. Enter your WSL environment (e.g., Ubuntu) and verify the disk has been mounted:

```

sudo fdisk -l

```

Look for the mounted disk path, typically something like `/dev/sdb`.

3. Format the SSD to EXT4 (e.g., Ubuntu)

```

sudo mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb

```

This step will erase all data on the SSD. This formats the SSD `/dev/sdb` to the EXT4 filesystem.

4. Unmount the SSD (PowerShell with Administrator):

```

wsl --unmount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1

```

5. Remount the SSD with EXT4 filesystem type (PowerShell with Administrator):

```
wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --type ext4
```

```

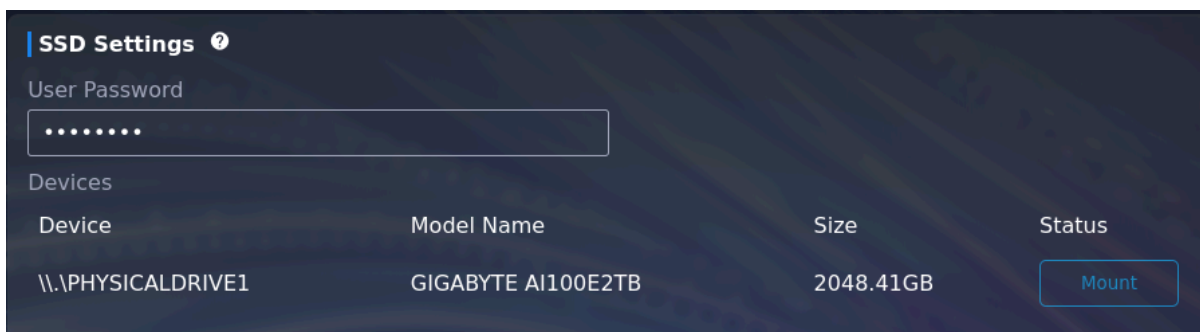
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(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> wsl --mount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1 --type ext4
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注意：如果您在 /etc/wsl.conf 中修改 automount.root 設定，位置會有所不同。
若要卸載並中斷連結磁碟，請執行 'wsl.exe --unmount \\.\PHYSICALDRIVE1'。
(base) PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>

```

Now your SSD is mounted in WSL with the EXT4 format.

6. Complete the mounting in the application settings:

As the **Second** step, enter your OS user password and click the **"Mount"** button in the Settings tab. This will mount the physical drive from WSL (/mnt/wsl/PHYSICALDRIVE1) to the Linux system's training path (/media/user/nvme0).



Then, the SSD is successfully mounted in WSL.

Device	Model Name	Size	Status
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