

Qimo Install Manual

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<http://www.simplehelp.net/2009/06/29/qimo-an-operating-system-designed-for-kids/#more-2920>

Qimo is a desktop operating system designed for kids. Based on the open source Ubuntu Linux desktop, Qimo comes pre-installed with educational games for children aged 3 and up.

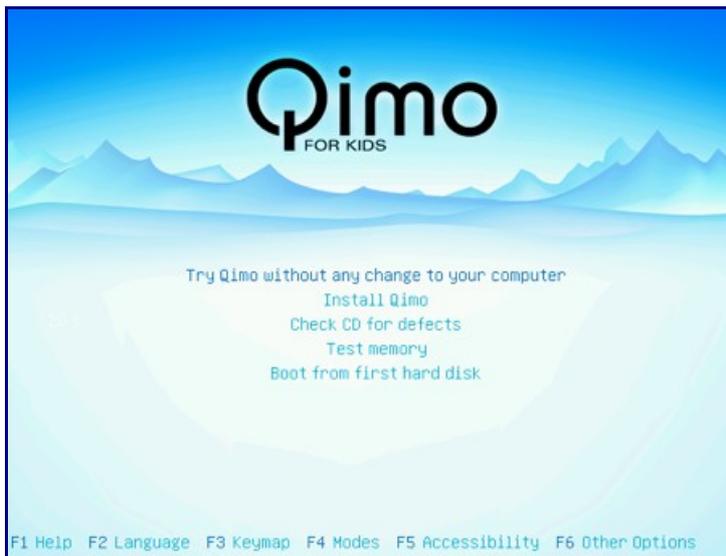
Qimo's interface has been designed to be intuitive and easy to use, providing large icons for all installed games, so that even the youngest users have no trouble selecting the activity they want.

Qimo needs a minimum of 256MB of memory to run from the CD, or 192MB to install. At least 6 GB of hard drive space is recommended, and a 400MHz or faster CPU. Because of its very minimal system requirements, it's a fantastic OS to install on that old PC sitting in your closet and put in your child's room (sans Internet.)

This tutorial will guide you through installing Qimo, and give a brief overview of the apps that are included, as well as instructions on removing some of the ones you may not want your child to access.

1. First, download the Qimo .iso (disk image) file from: <http://qimo4kids.com/page/Download.aspx>. You'll need to burn this .iso image to a CD. If you do not have burner software, try the free download at: www.ntfs.com/iso_burner_free.htm. Once completed, insert the CD into your CD/DVD drive and boot up your computer. Make sure that your PC is set to boot from the CD/DVD drive first.

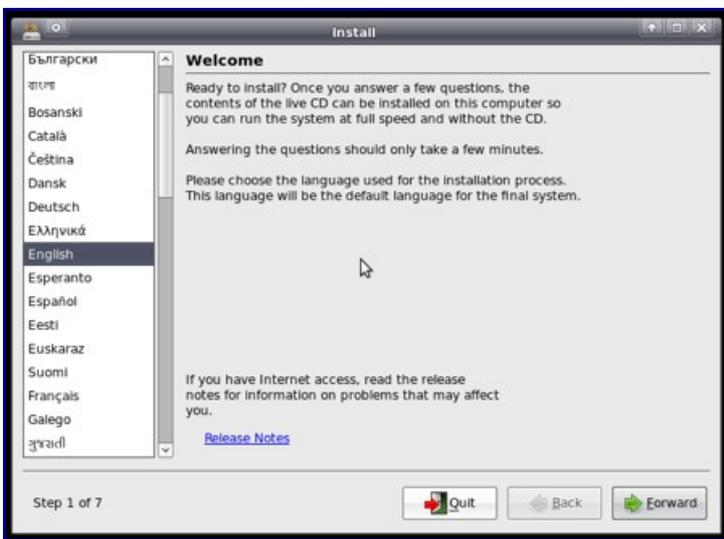
You'll be presented with the initial Qimo boot screen. Because Qimo is a LiveCD, you can try it before you install it, if you'd like. Select **Try Qimo without any change to your computer** if you'd like to give it a run before you actually install it. This tutorial will actually walk you through the complete installation process – to do so click the down arrow on your keyboard to highlight **Install Qimo** and then hit Enter.



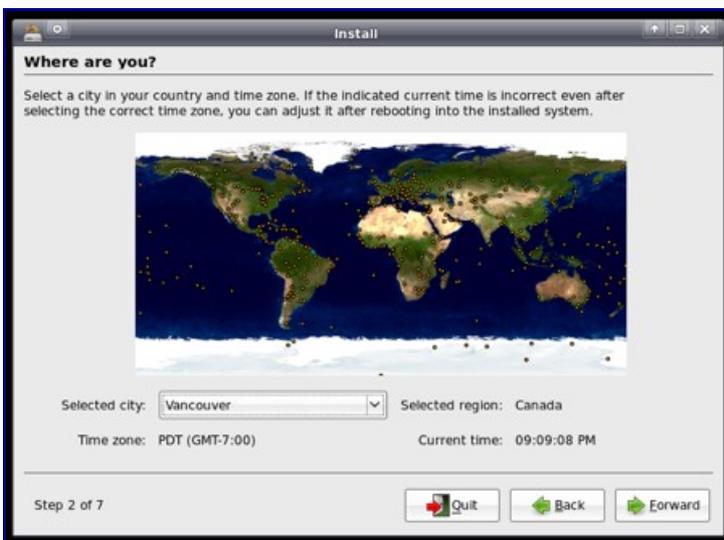
The Qimo installer will begin to load.



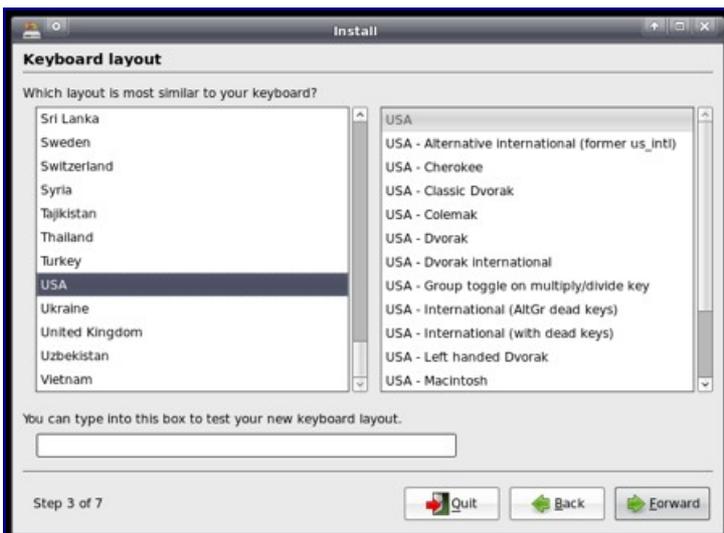
The first step of the installation is to select your language. Do so from the list on the left side of the screen, and then click the **Forward** button.



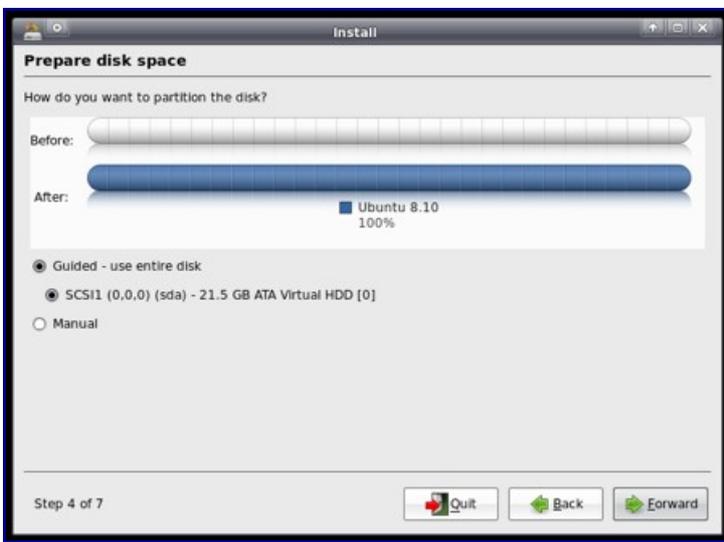
2. Now select the city closest to you (in your time zone) from the drop-down menu, and click the **Forward** button.



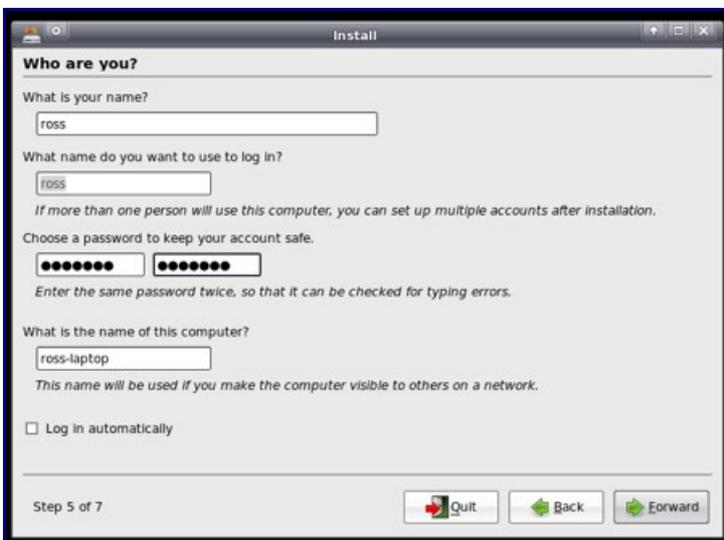
3. Select your keyboard layout from the list in the left column, and again, click the **Forward** button.



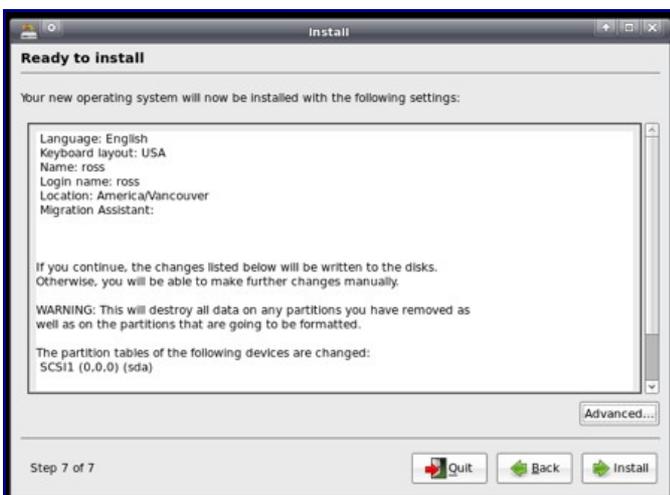
4. Now you'll need to decide how much disk space to allocate to Qimo. Because I'm going to dedicate the entire hard drive to Qimo, I selected **Guided – use entire disk**. If you don't want to use your entire hard drive for Qimo, select **Manual** and use the 'slider' to determine how much space Qimo gets vs. any other operating system(s) you may already have installed. When you're ready, click the **Forward** button.



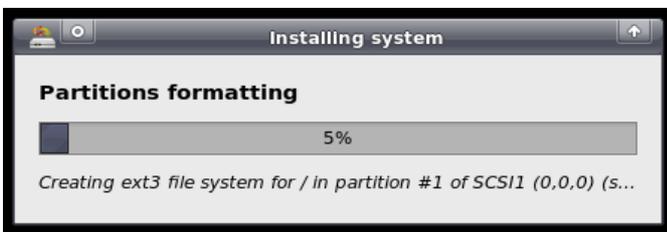
5. Now you'll need to create a profile. Enter your name, a user name, password and name for the computer. **NOTE:** do **NOT** place a check in the box labeled **Log in automatically**. Qimo will automatically create a username named "qimo" which is the user that your child will log in with. This username automatically signs in each time Qimo starts – your child doesn't need to enter a user or pass. The account created on this screen is for **you** to use to administrate the PC. Click the **Forward** button to continue.



6. That's it – you're ready to install Qimo. Click the **Install** button after you've reviewed all the info on the summary page.



7. Qimo will now install. This may be a good time to go grab a cup of coffee.



8. Once the installation has completed, click the **Restart now** button.



9. Qimo will now start up.



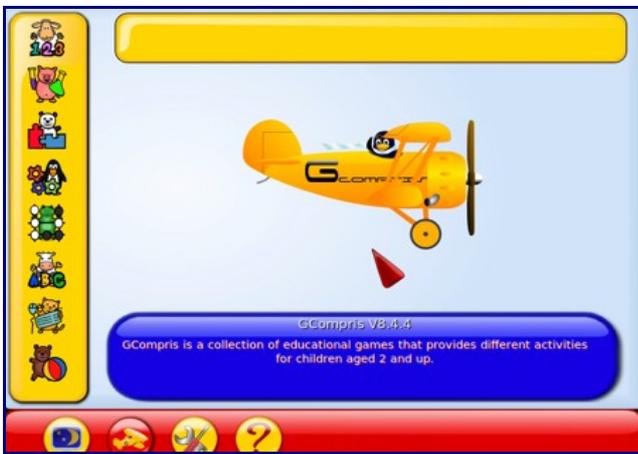
10. Because Qimo automatically logs in with the 'qimo' account (the account your child should/will use) you'll be taken directly to the desktop.



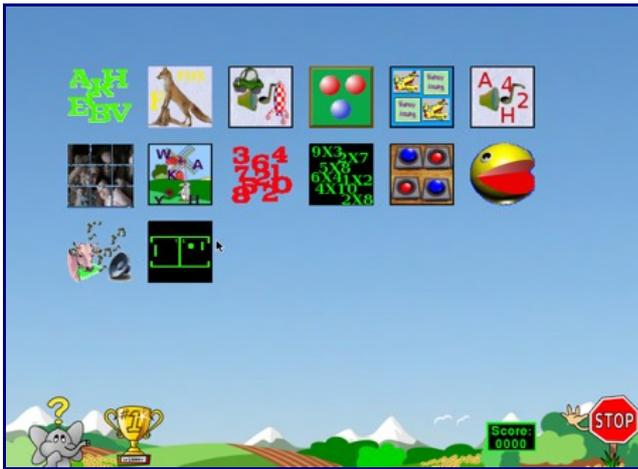
11. The "Dock" at the bottom of the screen includes links to the apps your child will use most.

12. The first app in the Toolbar is **Text Editor** which is exactly as you'd guess – a text editor. Your kids can create brief notes or use it to write out homework.

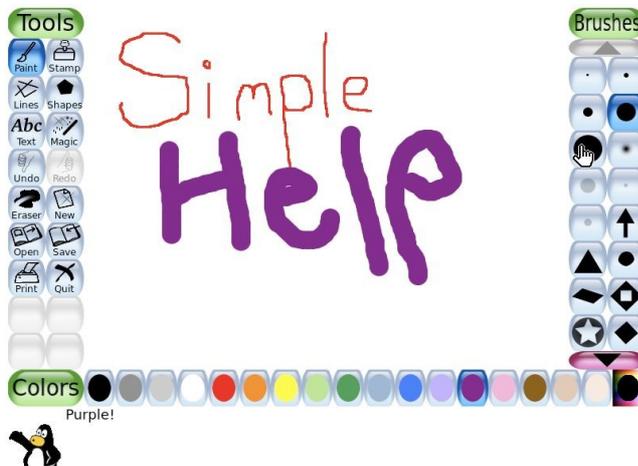
13. The second app in the Toolbar is **GCompris**, a collection of general educational games that are appropriate for children ages 2 and up.



14. Childsplay is a collection of educational games.



15. TuxPaint is a simple program that allows children to create colorful pictures, posters, cards and letters.

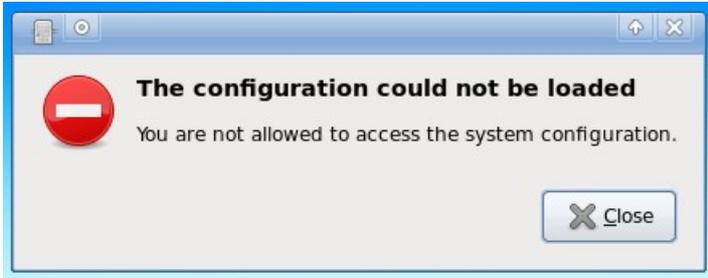


16. Tux Math teaches mathematics through a series of fun games.



17. Certain programs are off-limits to the 'qimo' user (your child's account). When/if they try to run those

programs, they'll get an error message similar to the one displayed in the screenshot below.

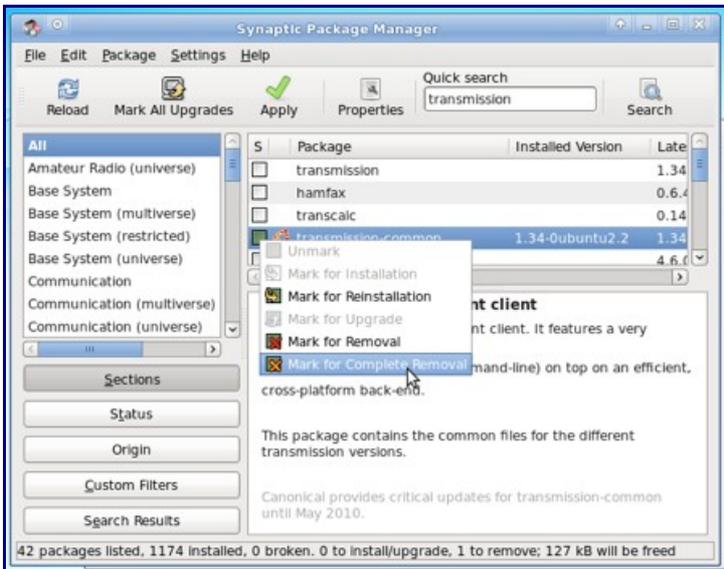


18. However, some programs are *not* off limits. For example, Firefox can be used by the qimo user. The easiest solution to avoid having your child use programs like Firefox, Transmission (bittorrent), IRC or Instant Messaging, is to keep the PC offline entirely.



19. To quickly *update* the system, open the System Update tab under the System Tab on the menu shown above. However, DO NOT run the "*Upgrade to 9.04*", as Qimo is not compatible with that system. You will be prompted to enter your password (the one you set back in step #7).

20. If you'd like to remove programs from qimo entirely, you can do so under the Add/Remove tab of the System tab on the menu. Some programs used by Qimo or the system cannot be removed.



21. If you wish to use the Xubuntu operating system for Internet access, word processing, etc., you may find it convenient to add Weather, Disk Space or other information icons to the menu bar at the top of the screen. This is done by simply clicking on the bar and selecting the information icons you desire. You can also adjust the size of both the top menu bar and the bottom Qimo menu by the same procedure.

22. Encourage children (of all ages) to keep learning, trying, and enjoying your RECYCLED computer!