

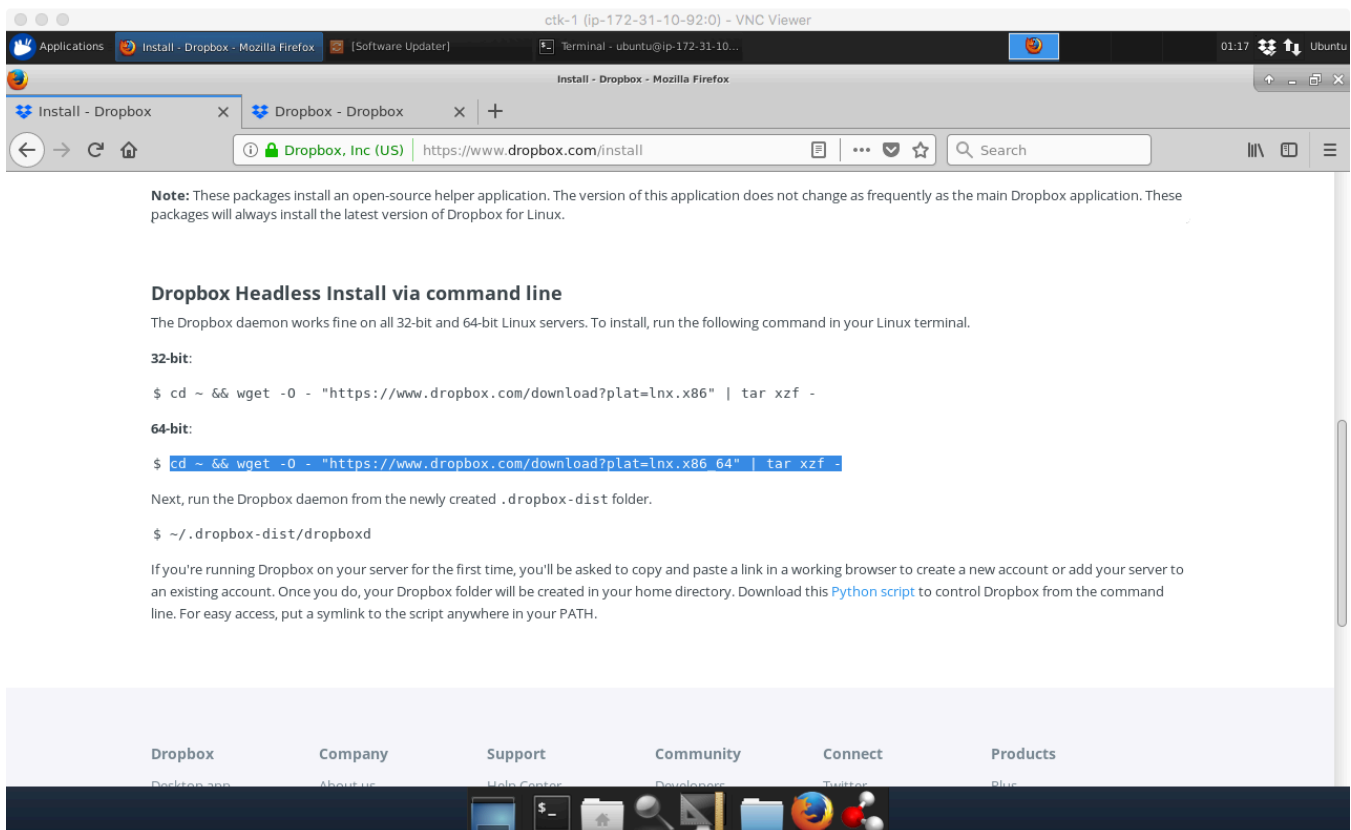
# Setting up a Dropbox folder on your AMI

## Introduction

If we are working from both our local desktop or laptop and the cloud-based AMI, we often want to transfer files between the two systems. One easy way to do this is to install **Dropbox** on the Linux-based AMI, and configure one folder to selectively sync.

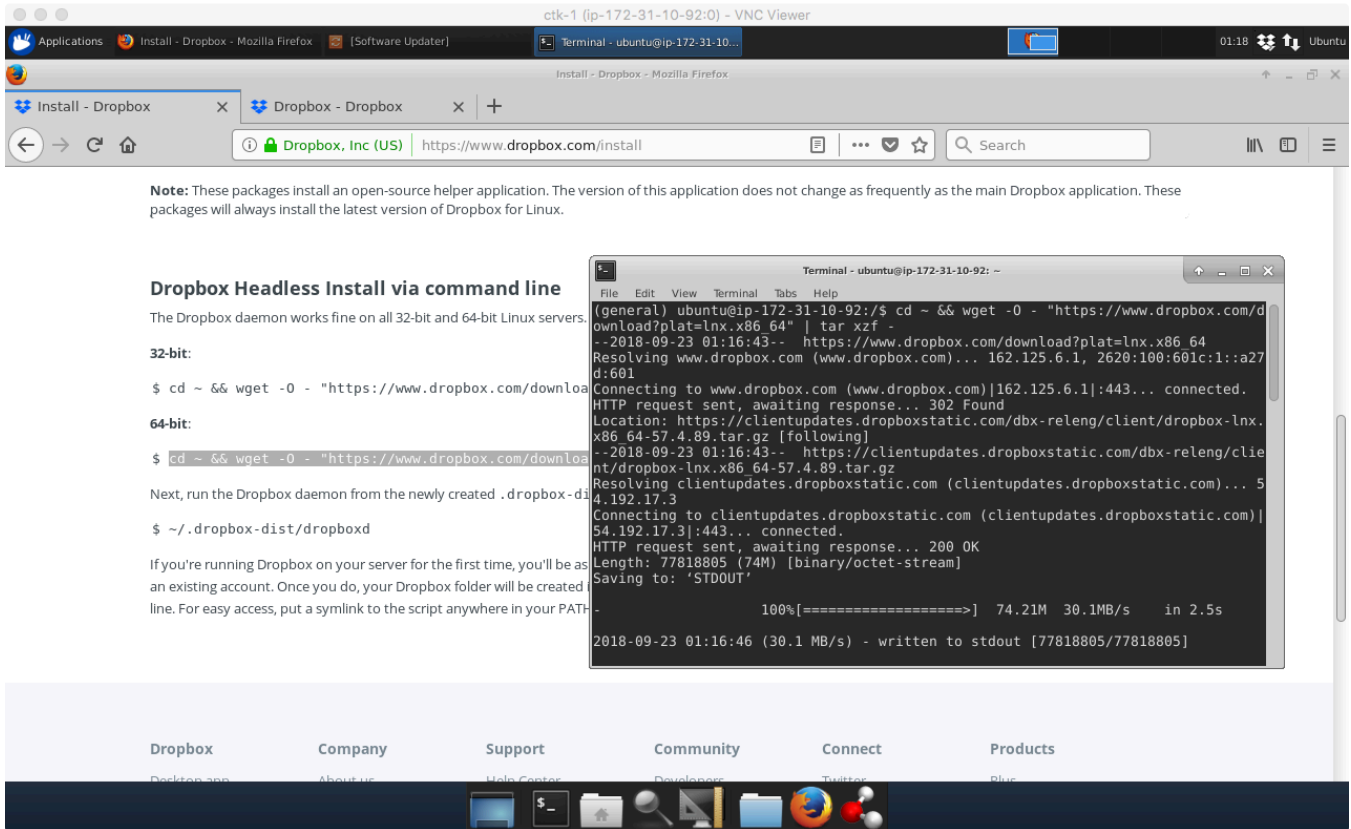
## Step 1: Visit [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com) on Firefox from inside the AMI environment

If you navigate to [www.dropbox.com/install](https://www.dropbox.com/install), you should be able to scroll down to find a command for the Headless Install via the command line. The 64-bit version seems to work:

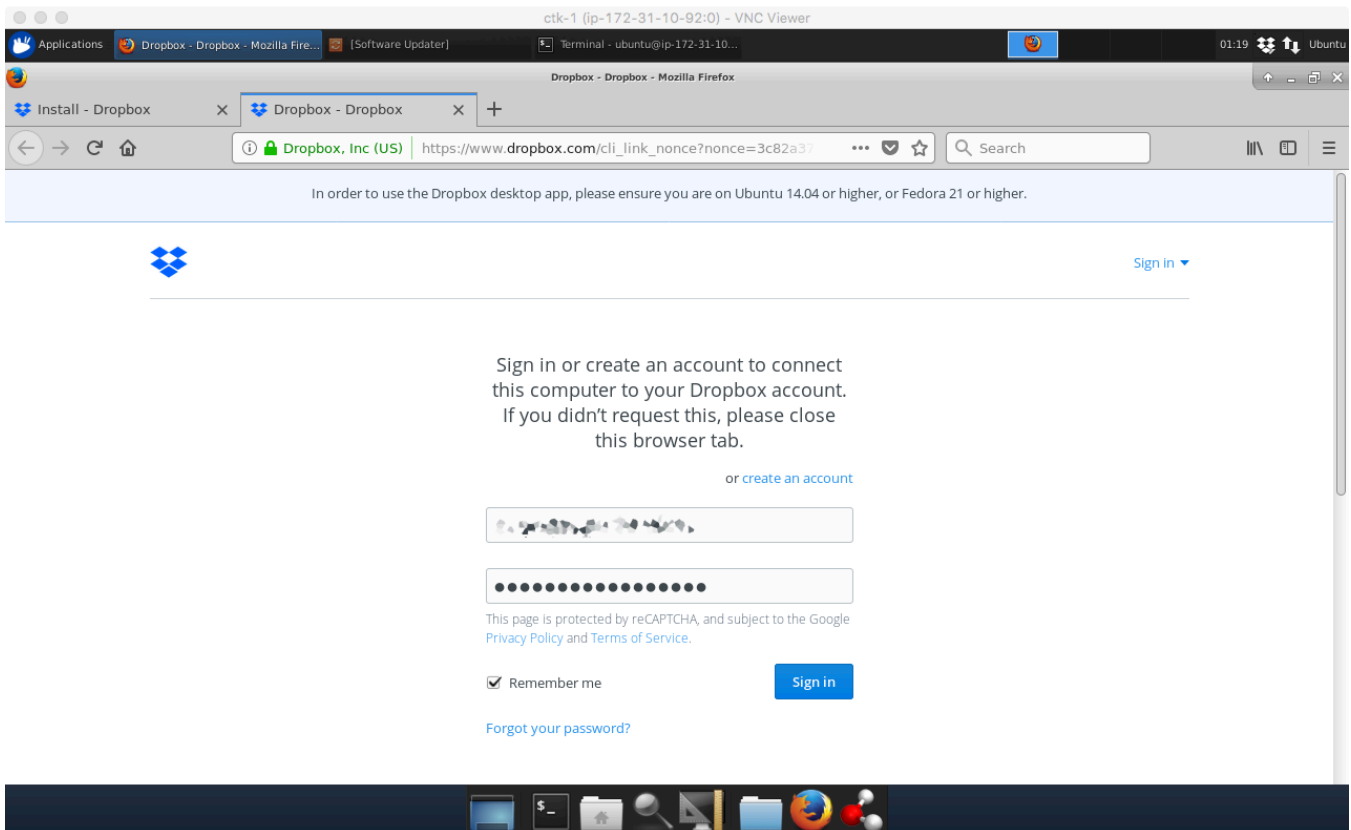


## Step 2: Run the Headless Install Command inside a Terminal window

Highlight the command in the browser. If you have a 3-button mouse, you can typically middle-click in the **Terminal** window to paste. Otherwise, right-click and use the context menu to copy and paste.

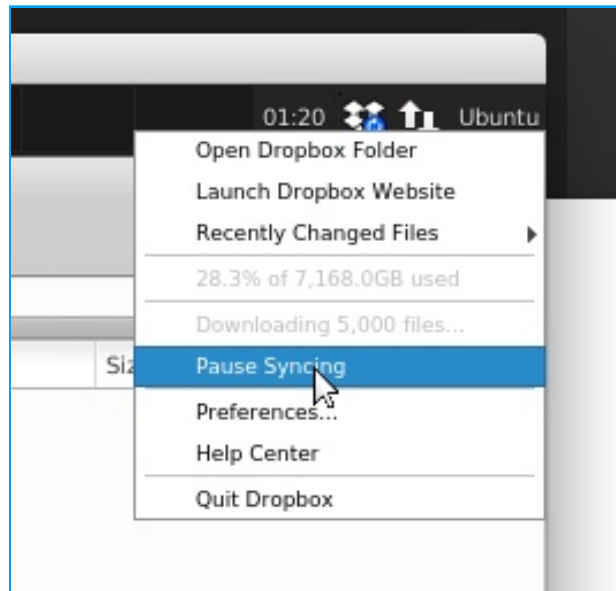


When you run the command, it should download and install Dropbox. When it completes, it should open a browser window and prompt you to log in. One you complete this step, quickly move on to Step 3.



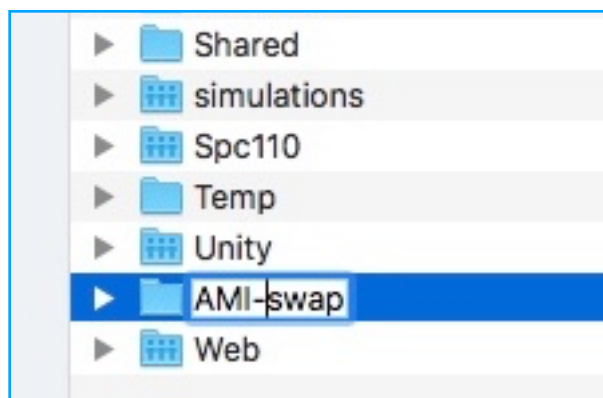
### Step 3: Pause Syncing

When Dropbox launches, it will immediately start syncing your entire folder. As soon as possible, right click and pause the syncing.



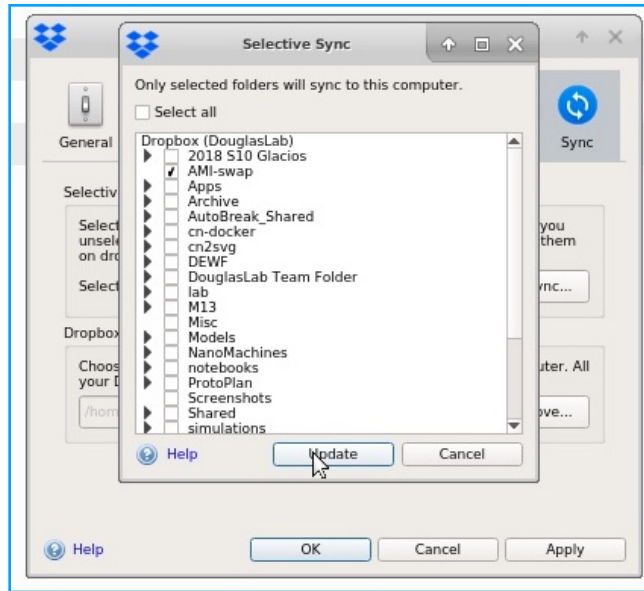
### Step 4: Create a new Dropbox folder that will serve as a swap space

Using your local laptop or desktop machine, create a new Dropbox folder, for example “AMI-swap”.

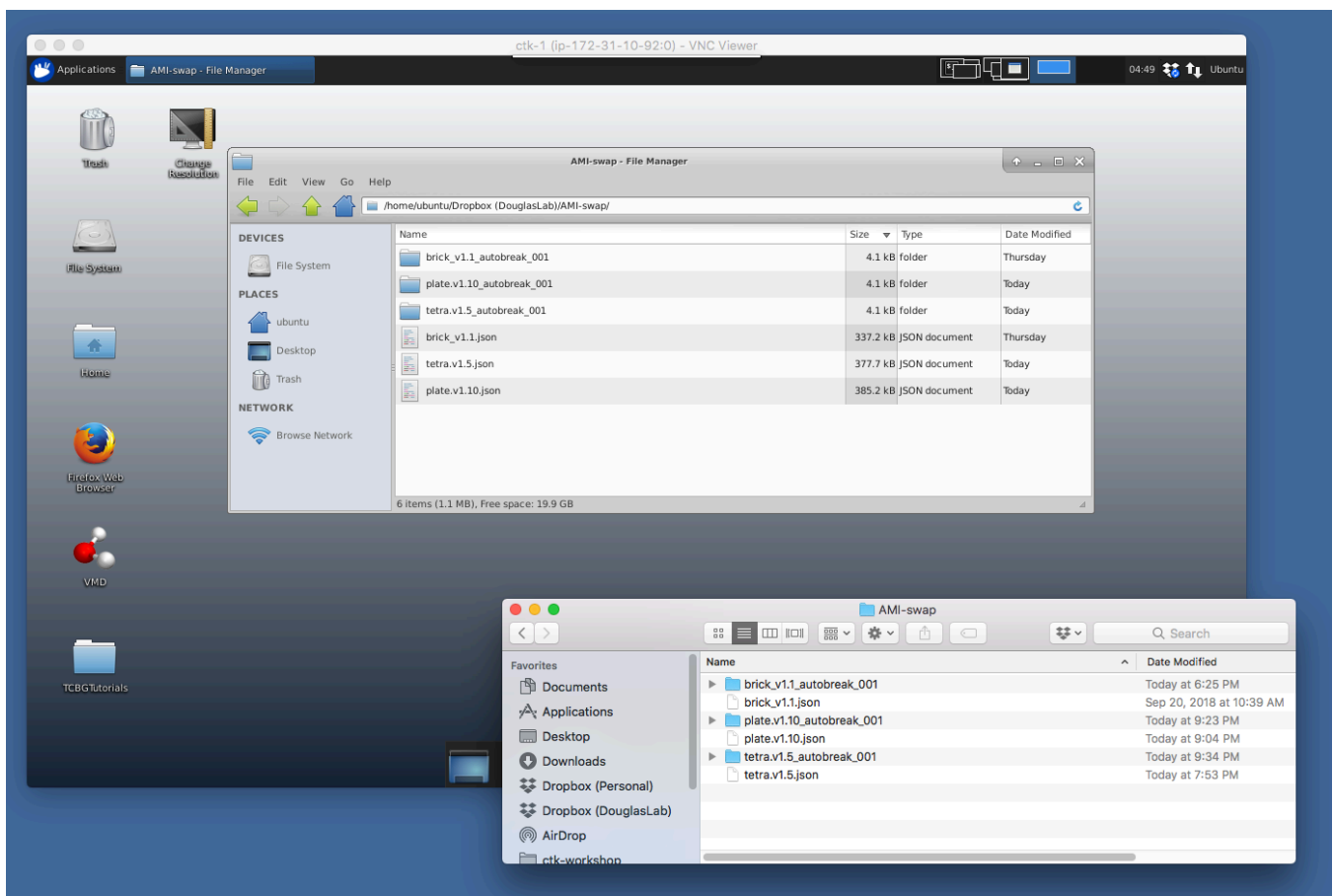


### Step 5: Enable Selective Syncing on the AMI Dropbox

Back on the AMI, right click again on the Dropbox toolbar icon. Next, right below the **Pause Syncing** item, open the **Preferences...** then select the last **Sync** tab, and choose [**Selective Sync**].



Uncheck the “Select all” box at the top to deselect all folders. Then click only the “AMI-swap” folder (or whatever you called it) to enable syncing just this folder. Click **[Update]** and then **[OK]** to exit Preferences.



All done! You should see the swap folder appear on both your local system and the AMI.