

# Qubes OS Cheatsheet

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## VM Management

`qvm-start` - starts a vm

Usage:

`qvm-start [options] <vm-name>`

e. g.:

`qvm-start personal`

starts the *personal* vm

`qvm-start ubuntu ↵`

`--cdrom personal:/home/user/ ↵`

`Downloads/ubuntu-14.04.iso`

starts the *ubuntu* vm with cdrom

`qvm-run` - runs a specific command on a vm

Usage:

`qvm-run [options] [<vm-name>] [<cmd>]`

e. g.:

`qvm-run personal xterm`

runs *xterm* on *personal* vm

`qvm-run personal xterm --pass-io`

runs *xterm* and passes all *sdtin/stdout/stderr* to the terminal

`qvm-run personal "sudo yum update" --pass-io`

`--nogui`

pass a specific command directly to the VM

`qvm-block` - list/set VM PCI devices

Usage:

`qvm-block -l [options]`

`qvm-block -a [options] <device> <vm-name>`

`qvm-block -d [options] <device>`

`qvm-block -d [options] <vm-name>`

e. g.:

`qvm-block -A personal dom0:/home/user/extradisks/data.img`

attaches an additional storage for the *personal* vm

`qvm-prefs` - *list/set various per-VM properties*

Usage:

`qvm-prefs -l [options] <vm-name>`

`qvm-prefs -s [options] <vm-name> <property>`  
[...]

e. g.:

`qvm-prefs win7-copy`

*lists the preferences of the **win7-copy** vm*

`qvm-prefs win7-copy -s mac 00:16:3E:5E:6C:05`

*set a new network cards mac*

`qvm-prefs lab-win7 -s qrexec_installed true`

*sets the qrexec installed preference*

`qvm-prefs lab-win7 -s qrexec_timeout 120`

*usefull for windows hvm based vms*

`qvm-prefs lab-win7 -s default_user joanna`

*sets the login user*

`qvm-ls` - *list VMs and various information about their state*

Usage:

`qvm-ls [options] <vm-name>`

e. g.:

`qvm-ls`

*lists all vms*

`qvm-sync-appmenus` - *updates desktop file templates for given Standalone VM or Template VM*

Usage:

`qvm-sync-appmenus [options] <vm-name>`

e. g.:

`qvm-sync-appmenus archlinux-template`

*useful for custom .desktop files or distributions not using yum*

`qvm-ls` - *list VMs and various information about their state*

Usage:

`qvm-ls [options] <vm-name>`

e. g.:

`qvm-ls -n`

*Show network addresses assigned to VMs*

`qvm-ls -d`

*Show VM disk utilization statistics*

## Dom0

`qubes-dom0-update` - *updates software in dom0*

Usage:

`qubes-dom0-update [--clean] [--check-only] [--gui]`

[<yum opts>] [<pkg list>]

e. g.:

`sudo qubes-dom0-update`

*updates dom0*

`sudo qubes-dom0-update qubes-windows-tools`

*install the windows tools*

## Copy from & to Dom0

Copy from Dom0 to VM:

```
cat /path/to/file_in_dom0 |  
qvm-run --pass-io <dst_domain>  
'cat > /path/to/file_name_in_appvm'
```

Copy from VM to Dom0:

```
qvm-run --pass-io <src_domain>  
'cat /path/to/file_in_src_domain' >  
/path/to/file_name_in_dom0
```

## DomU

### Shortcuts

Copy text between VM A and B.

*On VM A (source):*

1. CTRL+C
2. CTRL+SHIFT+C

*On VM B (destination):*

1. CTRL+SHIFT+V
2. CTRL+V

### Grow disk

```
sudo resize2fs /dev/xvdb
```

## VM ↔ VM Networking

Make sure:

- Both VMs are connected to the same firewall VM
- Qubes IP addresses are assigned to both VMs
- Both VMs are started

### For the current session

In the firewall VM's terminal:

```
sudo iptables -I FORWARD 2 -s <IP address of A> -d <IP address of B> -j ACCEPT
```