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1. System Info

Hardware	Value
CPU architecture	amd64
CPU vendor	intel
Motherboard	UEFI
Hard Drive	NVMe
WiFi	iwlwifi
GPU	Intel + Nvidia

Table 1.1: System hardware overview.

Software	Value
RAID	-
LVM	-
Encryption	LUKS
Root filesystem	btrfs
SWAP	4GB (file)
Bootloader	rEFInd
Kernel	linux (artix)
Initramfs	dracut
Init	dinit
Shell	zsh
Virtualization	?

Table 1.2: System software overview.

1. SYSTEM INFO

Software	Value
Display server	Xorg
Window manager	bspwm
Desktop environment	-
Terminal emulator	rxvt-unicode

Table 1.3: Display software overview.

2. Download and Boot

2.1 Download Artix ISO

1. Download Artix ISO

- Artix download page:
<https://artixlinux.org/download.php>
- Select install file:

Official ISO images » base » artix-base-dinit-<YYYYMMDD>-x86_64.iso

2. Verify download: @TODO

2.2 USB Preparation

1. Unmount USB FS!
2. Flash image to USB:

```
root# dd if=<./artix-base-runit-<YYYYMMDD>-x86_64.iso>.iso of=</dev/sdX>  
[bs=4M] [conv=fsync] [status=progress] && sync
```

2.3 Boot USB

2.3.1 Disable Secure Boot

1. During POST press key to access BIOS/UEFI:
<https://techofide.com/blogs/boot-menu-option-keys-for-all-computers-and-laptops-updated-list-2021-techofide/>
2. Disable Secure Boot.
3. Poweroff/Restart.

2.3.2 Boot

1. Plug in flashed USB.
2. During POST press key to access Boot Menu:
<https://techofide.com/blogs/boot-menu-option-keys-for-all-computers-and-laptops-updated-list-2021-techofide/>
3. Select USB entry (UEFI).

3. Pre-Installation

3.1 Login

- Login to live environment:

```
> artix  
> artix
```

- Access root:

```
user$ sudo passwd root  
> <NEW_ROOT_PASSWORD>  
> <NEW_ROOT_PASSWORD (VERIFY)>  
user$ su -
```

3.2 Disable pcspkr Module

1. See if pcspkr is active:

```
root# lsmod | grep -i pcspkr
```

2. Disable pcspkr module:

```
root# modprobe -r pcspkr
```

3.3 Verify UEFI

- UEFI is used if following directory exists:
[/sys/firmware/efi/](#)
- Verify via kernel:

```
root# dmesg | grep -i efi
```

3.4 Connect To The Internet

1. Connect to the internet:
See section: [8](#).

3.5 Time Sync

1. Synchronize time:
See section: [6.2](#).

3.6 Install Additional Software

1. Synchronize database:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -Syy
```

2. Install parted:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] parted
```

3.7 Check Disk Sectors

3.7.1 Theory

- **Sector:** smallest unit size on disk. 512 or 4096 bytes (Advanced Format). 4096 Advanced Format disks have usually 512-byte conversion firmware.
- **Block:** allocation size the FS uses. Cannot be smaller than size of the sector. Can be group of sectors (4096b: 8 x 512b sectors).
 - **512b** = good for lot of small files. More blocks = more metadata.
 - **4096b** = good for larger files, less metadata. Waste if there are mostly small files.

3.7.2 Disk Information

- Find disks (block devices):

```
user$ lsblk [-ap | -apf]
root# fdisk -l [/dev/sdX]
root# gdisk -l </dev/sdX>
root# blkid
```

- Get raw disk info:

- Get disk physical sector size:

```
root# blockdev [-v] --getpbsz </dev/sdX[Y]>
```

- Get disk logical sector size (usually 512):

```
root# blockdev [-v] --getss </dev/sdX[Y]>
```

- Disk size in bytes:

```
root# blockdev [-v] --getsize64 </dev/sdX[Y]>
```

- Check if disk is readonly (1 = ro, 0 = rw):

```
root# blockdev [-v] --getro </dev/sdX[Y]>
```

- See partitions:

```
root# parted -s </dev/sdX> (p)rint [free]
```

3.7.3 Check Disk For Bad Sectors

1. Unmount FS!
2. Check disk for bad blocks:

```
root# badblocks [-b 4096] [-w [-t 0xaa]] [-v] [-s]  
</dev/sdX[Y]> | tee -a <OUTPUT_FILE>
```

4. Installation

4.1 Disk Partitioning

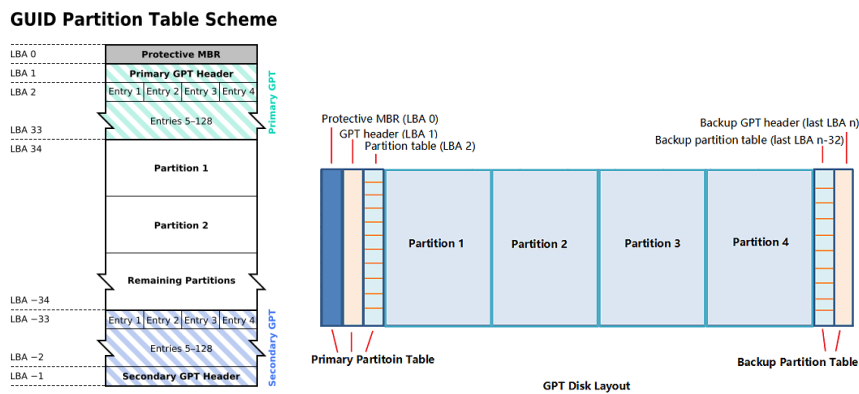


Figure 4.1: GPT Partition Table.

4.1.1 Partition Table

1. Unmount FS from disk on which linux will be installed!
2. Create GPT partition table:

```
root# parted -s </dev/sdX> mktable gpt
```

4.1.2 Basic Partitions

1. Enter cfdisk:

```
root# cfdisk </dev/sdX>
```

2. Create EFI partition (recommended 550 MiB):

```
cfdisk> n
cfdisk> 550MiB
cfdisk> t
cfdisk> EFI System
```

3. Create encrypted partition:

```
cfdisk> n
cfdisk> (Enter)
```

4. Write changes:

```
cfdisk> W
cfdisk> yes
```

5. Quit cfdisk:

```
cfdisk> Q
```

6. Name partitions:

```
root# parted -s </dev/sdX> name 1 ESP
root# parted -s </dev/sdX> name 2 LUKS
```

7. Format partitions:

(a) ESP:

```
root# mkfs.fat -F 32 </dev/sdX1>
root# fatlabel </dev/sdX1> <ESP>
```

(b) LUKS:

```
root# cryptsetup luksFormat --label <LUKS> </dev/sdX2>
> YES
> <NEW_LUKS_PASSWORD>
> <NEW_LUKS_PASSWORD (VERIFY)>
```

4.1.3 (Advanced LUKS Stuff)

- Open LUKS:

```
root# cryptsetup open --type luks </dev/sdX2> <luks>
> <PASSWORD>
```

- Close LUKS:

```
root# cryptsetup close <luks>
```

- LUKS header:

1. See LUKS header:

```
root# cryptsetup luksDump </dev/sdX2>
```

2. Make LUKS header backup:

```
root# cryptsetup luksHeaderBackup </dev/sdX2>
--header-backup-file <FILE>
```

3. Destroy LUKS header:

```
root# cryptsetup luksErase </dev/sdX2>
> YES
```

4. Restore LUKS header:

```
root# cryptsetup luksHeaderRestore </dev/sdX2>
--header-backup-file <FILE>
> YES
```

• Passwords

– Change password:

```
root# cryptsetup luksChangeKey </dev/sdX2>
> <OLD_PASSWORD>
> <NEW_PASSWORD>
> <NEW_PASSWORD (VERIFY)>
```

4.1.4 Encrypted Partition

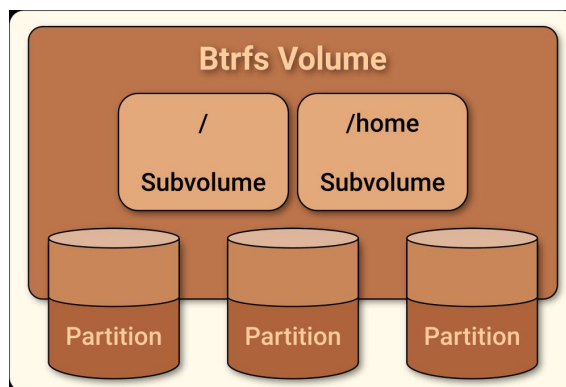


Figure 4.2: Btrfs structure.

1. Open encrypted partition:

```
root# cryptsetup open --type luks </dev/sdX2> <luks-root>
> <PASSWORD>
```

2. Format root partition:

```
root# mkfs.btrfs </dev/mapper/luks-root>
root# btrfs filesystem label </dev/mapper/luks-root> <LUKS-ROOT>
```

4.2 Base Artix Installation

1. Create mount directory:

```
root# mkdir </mnt/artix/>
```

2. Mount Artix:

```
root# mount </dev/mapper/luks-root> </mnt/artix/>
```

3. Install packages to new directory:

```
root# basestrap </mnt/artix/> base
```

4.3 Chroot

1. Mount all filesystems:

```
root# mount -t proc /proc/ </mnt/artix/proc/>
root# mount --rbind /sys/ </mnt/artix/sys/>
root# mount --make-rslave </mnt/artix/sys/>
root# mount --rbind /dev/ </mnt/artix/dev/>
root# mount --make-rslave </mnt/artix/dev/>
root# mount --bind /run/ </mnt/artix/run/>
root# mount --make-slave </mnt/artix/run/>
```

2. Chroot:

```
root# chroot </mnt/artix/> /bin/bash
root# source /etc/profile
root# export PS1="(chroot) ${PS1}"
```

3. Mount boot partition:

```
(chroot) root# mount </dev/sdX1> /boot/
```

4. Add DNS server:

```
(chroot) root# echo "nameserver 1.1.1.1" > /etc/resolv.conf
```

4.4 Pacman Configuration

1. Add additional Arch packages:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] artix-archlinux-support
```

2. Pacman configuration:

File (`/etc/pacman.conf`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/artix/pacman.conf>

3. Synchronize new repos [and update]:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -Syy[u]
```

4.5 Additional Packages

- Text editor:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] vim
```

- Git:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] git
```

- Partitioning

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] parted
```

- Filesystems:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] dosfstools cryptsetup  
btrfs-progs
```

- Bootloader:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] refind
```

- Initramfs:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -Rns mkinitcpio  
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] dracut
```

- Microcode:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] intel-ucode
```

- Kernel and drivers:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] linux linux-firmware
```

- Init:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] dinit elogind elogind-dinit
```

- Networking:

```
(chroot) root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] ethtool wpa_supplicant  
[iw] dhcpcd
```

4.6 SWAP File

1. Allocate space on COW filesystem:

```
(chroot) root# truncate -s 0 </swap>  
(chroot) root# chattr +C </swap>  
(chroot) root# fallocate -l 2G </swap>  
(chroot) root# chmod 0600 </swap>
```


2. Make SWAP:

```
(chroot) root# mkswap </swap>
(chroot) root# swapon </swap>
```

4.7 Fstab and Crypttab

4.7.1 Fstab

1. Find UUIDs for block devices:

```
(chroot) root# blkid
```

2. Configure fstab:

File (`/etc/fstab`):

##	<partition>	<mount>	<fs>	<options>	<dump>	<pass>
	LABEL=ESP	/boot/	vfat	umask=0077	0	1
	LABEL=LUKS-ROOT	/	btrfs	defaults,noatime	0	0
	/swap	none	swap	defaults	0	0

4.7.2 Crypttab

1. Add root filesystem partition to crypttab:

File (`/etc/crypttab`):

##	</dev/mapper/name>	<device>	<password>	<options>
	luks-root	UUID=<UUID_/dev/sdX2>	none	luks

4.8 Local Settings

1. Configure local settings:

See section: [6](#).

4.9 Boot

4.9.1 ESP File Structure

1. Create directories for entries:

```
(chroot) root# mkdir -p </boot/EFI/BOOT/> </boot/EFI/artix/>
```

2. Remove auto-generated initramfs:

```
(chroot) root# rm /boot/init*
```

3. Move microcode to correct directory:

```
(chroot) root# mv /boot/intel-ucode.img </boot/EFI/artix/>
```

4. Move kernel to linux directory:

```
(chroot) root# mv /boot/vmlinuz-linux </boot/EFI/artix/>
```

4.9.2 Initramfs

1. Add numlock module to dracut modules directory:

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/tree/main/configs/dracut/50numlock>

(Original author: <https://github.com/FivEawE/dracut-numlock>)

```
(chroot) root# git clone https://www.github.com/aisk11/artix
```

```
(chroot) root# cp -r <./artix/configs/dracut/50numlock/>  
/usr/lib/dracut/modules.d/
```

2. Find kernel version:

- Kernel version in boot:

```
(chroot) root# file </boot/EFI/artix/vmlinuz-linux>
```

- Available kernels:
[/lib/modules/](#)

3. Generate initramfs:

```
(chroot) root# dracut -f </boot/EFI/artix/initramfs-linux.img>  
--kver <5.16.16-artix1-1> -H
```

4.9.3 Bootloader

1. Copy rEFInd to ESP:

```
(chroot) root# cp /usr/share/efind/efind_x64.efi </boot/EFI/BOOT/>
```

2. Copy rEFInd to fallback:

```
(chroot) root# cp </boot/EFI/BOOT/efind_x64.efi> </boot/EFI/BOOT/BOOTX64.EFI>
```

3. Copy default rEFInd icons and fonts:

```
(chroot) root# cp -r /usr/share/efind/icons/ /usr/share/efind/fonts/  
</boot/EFI/BOOT/>
```

4. Copy rEFInd config file:

- Github:

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/efind/efind.conf>

- Default rEFInd file:

```
(chroot) root# cp /usr/share/efind/efind.conf-sample  
</boot/EFI/BOOT/efind.conf>
```

5. Add manual entry to refind config file:

File ([/boot/EFI/BOOT/efind.conf](#)):

```
scanfor manual,internal,external,optical

menuentry "Artix" {
    #volume "ESP"
    icon      /EFI/BOOT/themes/refind-theme/icons/128-48/os_artix.png
    loader    /EFI/artix/vmlinuz-linux
    options   "initrd=/EFI/artix/intel-ucode.img \
    initrd=/EFI/artix/initramfs-linux.img rw root=/dev/mapper/luks-root quiet"
    submenuentry "Debug" {
        options "initrd=/EFI/artix/intel-ucode.img \
        initrd=/EFI/artix/initramfs-linux.img rw root=/dev/mapper/luks-root \
        rd.debug"
    }
    #disabled
}
```

6. Create efibootmgr entry for rEFInd:

```
(chroot) root# efibootmgr -c -d </dev/sdX> -p 1
-l </EFI/BOOT/refind_x64.efi> -L <"rEFInd"> -v
```

7. Apply rEFInd theme:

(a) Create directory for themes:

```
(chroot) root# mkdir </boot/EFI/BOOT/themes/>
```

(b) Copy theme to themes directory:

```
https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/tree/main/configs/refind/
themes/refind-theme
(chroot) root# git clone https://www.github.com/aisk11/artix
(chroot) root# cp -r <./artix/configs/refind/themes/refind-theme/>
</boot/EFI/BOOT/themes/>
```

4.10 Root User

1. Set password for root user:

```
(chroot) root# passwd root
> <NEW_ROOT_PASSWORD>
> <NEW_ROOT_PASSWORD (VERIFY)>
```

4.11 Finishing

1. Reboot:

```
(chroot) root# reboot
```

5. Post-Installation

5.1 Blacklist pcspkr

1. See if pcspkr is in use:

```
root# lsmod | grep -i pcspkr
```

2. Add pcspkr to blacklisted file:
File (`/etc/modprobe.d/blacklist.conf`):

```
blacklist pcspkr
```

3. Reboot PC:

```
root# reboot
```

5.2 Create doas group

1. Install doas:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] opendoas
```

```
root# [yes] | pacman -Rns sudo
```

2. Create symlink for apps that needs sudo:

```
root# ln -sf /usr/bin/doas /usr/bin/sudo
```

3. Create group for privilege escalation:

```
root# groupadd <doas>
```

4. Add rights to the group:

File (`/etc/doas.conf`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/doas/doas.conf>

```
## <permit|deny> [nopass|persist] <USER>[:GROUP] [as <USER2>]
```

```
[cmd <COMMAND> [args <ARGUMENTS>]
```

```
permit nopass :doas
```

5. Change read permissions for doas config file:

```
root# chmod 0600 /etc/doas.conf
```

5.3 Create non-root user

1. Create user with home directory:

```
root# useradd -m <USER>
root# passwd <USER>
> <NEW_USER_PASSWORD>
> <NEW_USER_PASSWORD (VERIFY)>
```

2. Add user to the doas group:

```
root# usermod -aG <doas> <USER>
```

5.4 Additional Basic Tools

- Manuals:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] man-db man-pages tldr
user$ tldr -u
```

- Hardware monitoring:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] usbutils inxi
```

- System monitoring:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] htop neofetch ncd u tree
```

- Networking:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] mtr
```

- File management:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] zip unzip
```

- Multimedia:

- Music:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] mpv youtube-dl ffmpeg
```

6. Local Settings

6.1 Hostname

Valid hostname characters: **a-z**, **0-9** and hyphens (-), but not on start.

1. Set hostname:

```
root# echo "<HOSTNAME>" > /etc/hostname
```

6.2 Date & Time

6.2.1 Timezone

1. List timezones:
[/usr/share/zoneinfo/](#)
2. Set timezone:

```
root# ln -sf </usr/share/zoneinfo/Europe/Copenhagen> /etc/localtime
```

6.2.2 System Clock

1. Show current datetime:

- Default:

```
user$ date
```

- ISO 8601 (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss(+|-)xx:xx):

```
user$ date '+%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S%:z'
```

- Hardware clock (RTC):

```
user$ hwclock
```

2. Set time:

```
root# date <MMDDhhmmYYYY>
```

3. Update hwclock (RTC):

```
root# hwclock --systohc
```

6.3 Locales

1. Show current locales:

```
user$ locale
```

2. Supported locales:

```
/usr/share/i18n/locales/
```

3. Choose locales:

File (`/etc/locale.gen`):

```
...
en_DK.UTF-8 UTF-8
en_DK ISO-8859-1
en_GB.UTF-8 UTF-8
en_GB ISO-8859-1
...
en_US.UTF-8 UTF-8
en_US ISO-885-1
...
```

4. Generate locales:

```
root# locale-gen
```

5. Show all available locales:

```
user$ locale -a
```

6. Set system locale:

File (`/etc/locale.conf`):

```
https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/artix/locale.conf
```

7. Apply changes:

```
root# reboot
```

6.4 CLI Keyboard

Dracut initramfs will include keymap and font on initramfs on next re-generation!

- Keymap:

1. List all available keyboards:

```
/usr/share/kbd/keymaps/[i386/]
```

2. Set CLI keyboard language:

File (`/etc/vconsole.conf`):

```
KEYMAP=us
```

3. Apply changes:

```
root# reboot
```

- **Font:**

1. **Show current CLI font:**

```
user$ showconsolefont
```

2. **Show available fonts:**

[/usr/share/kbd/consolefonts/](#)

3. **Set font:**

- **Temporary:**

```
user$ setfont <lat2-16>
```

- **Permanently:**

File ([/etc/vconsole.font](#)):

```
FONT=eurlatgr
```

4. **Apply changes:**

```
root# reboot
```


7. Dinit

7.1 List services

- List all services:
[/etc/dinit.d/](#)
- List all loaded services:

```
root# dinitctl list
```

- Status of a service:

```
root# dinitctl status <SERVICE>
```

7.2 Start/Stop

- Start service:

```
root# dinitctl start <SERVICE>
```

- Stop service:

```
root# dinitctl stop <SERVICE>
```

7.3 Enable/Disable

- List enabled services:
[/etc/dinit.d/boot.d/](#)
- Enable service on startup:

```
root# dinitctl enable <SERVICE>
```

- Disable service on startup:

```
root# dinitctl disable <SERVICE>
```

7.4 Logs

- See logs for services:
[/var/log/dinit/](#)

8. Network

8.1 Rfkill

1. List rfkill rules:

```
root# rfkill list
```

2. Block all RF devices:

```
root# rfkill block all
```

8.2 Ethernet

8.2.1 Monitoring

- Show link info:

```
root# ethtool <eth0>
```

8.2.2 Connect

1. Put interface logically UP:

```
root# ip l set <eth0> up
```

2. Connect to network:

- Static IP:

```
root# ip a add <10.0.0.11>/<24> dev <eth0>
```

```
root# ip r add default via <10.0.0.1> [dev <eth0>]
```

- DHCP:

```
root# dhcpcd <eth0>
```

8.3 Wi-Fi

8.3.1 Configuration

1. Configure wpa_supplicant:

File (`/etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf`):

https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf

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```
## Basic settings (needed to be able to launch wpa_cli).
ctrl_interface=/run/wpa_supplicant
update_config=1

## Country for wireless channels (2 letter ISO country code, e.g. DK = Denmark).
country=DK

## UNPROTECTED:
network={
    ssid="<ESSID>"
    scan_ssid=1                ## Find hidden network
    key_mgmt=NONE
    priority=3                 ## Connection priority
}

## WPA-PSK:
network={
    ssid="<ESSID>"
    scan_ssid=1                ## Find hidden network
    key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
    psk="<PASSWORD>"
    #psk=<32byte-HEX-NUMBER>
    priority=1                 ## Connection priority
}

## WPA-EAP:
network={
    ssid="<ESSID>"
    scan_ssid=1                ## Find hidden network
    key_mgmt=WPA-EAP
    #eap=PEAP
    identity="<EMAIL@ADDRESS>"
    password="<PASSWORD>"
    #psk=<32byte-HEX-NUMBER>
    #ca_cert="/etc/cert/ca.pem"
    #phase1="peaplabel=0"
    phase2="auth=MSCHAPV2"
    priority=2                 ## Connection priority
}
```

2. Change config file permissions:

```
root# chmod 0600 </etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf>
```

8.3.2 Connect

1. Unblock Wi-Fi in rkill:

```
root# rfkill unblock wlan
```

2. Put interface logically UP:

```
root# ip l set <wlan0> up
```

3. Find ESSID:

- (a) Run wpa_supplicant process:

```
root# wpa_supplicant -B -D wext -i <wlan0>  
-c </etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf>
```

- (b) See available interfaces and select one:

```
root# wpa_cli interface  
root# wpa_cli interface <wlan0>
```

- (c) Show current wireless link status:

```
root# wpa_cli status  
user$ iw <wlan0> link
```

- (d) See current wlan status and scan for networks:

```
root# wpa_cli scan  
root# wpa_cli scan_results
```

- (e) Add ESSID to </etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf>.

- (f) Remove current wpa_supplicant process to avoid problems:

```
user$ ps -ef | grep '<wlan0>' | grep 'wpa_supplicant'  
root# kill -9 <PID>  
root# rm -f </run/wpa_supplicant/<wlan0>>
```

4. Connect to configured ESSID:

```
root# wpa_supplicant -B -D wext -i <wlan0>  
-c </etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf>
```

5. Connect to network:

- Static IP:

```
root# ip a add <10.0.0.11>/<24> dev <wlan0>  
root# ip r add default via <10.0.0.1> [dev <wlan0>]
```

- DHCP:

```
root# dhcpcd <wlan0>
```

8.4 DHCP

8.4.1 Configuration

1. Configuration file:

File (`/etc/dhcpd.conf`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/dhcpd/dhcpd.conf>

8.5 DNS

DNS resolvers list: <https://www.privacytools.io/#dns>

1. Configure DNS server list:

File (`/etc/resolv.conf`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/configs/artix/resolv.conf>

8.6 Bluetooth @TODO

9. Pacman

9.1 Files

- Configuration:
 - `/etc/pacman.conf`
- Mirrors:
 - `/etc/pacman.d/mirrorlist`
 - `/etc/pacman.d/mirrorlist-arch`

9.2 Update System

1. Synchronize DB and upgrade pkgs:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -Syyu
```

2. Remove all files from cache:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -Scc
```

9.3 Install Packages

1. Search for a package:

```
user$ pacman -Ss[q] <REGEX>
```

2. Show info about package:

```
user$ pacman -Sii <PACKAGE>
```

3. Install package:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] <PACKAGE>
```

9.4 List Packages

- List all installed packages:

```
user$ pacman -Q[q]
```

- List explicitly installed packages:

```
user$ pacman -Qe[q]
```

- List installed dependency packages:

```
user$ pacman -Qd[q]
```

- List unrequired [optional] dependencies:

```
user$ pacman -Qdt[t] [q]
```

- Search within locally installed packages:

```
user$ pacman -Qs[q] <REGEX>
```

- Show info about installed package:

```
user$ pacman -Qii <PACKAGE>
```

9.5 Package Files

- Check for missing files:

```
user$ pacman -Qk[k] [PACKAGE]
```

- Show which package owns the file:

```
user$ pacman -Qo <FILE>
```

- List all files of an installed package:

```
user$ pacman -Ql <PACKAGE>
```

- List all files of a remote package:

```
user$ pacman -Fyy
```

```
user$ pacman -Fl <PACKAGE>
```

9.6 Remove Packages

- Uninstall package with dependencies and config files):

```
root# [yes |] pacman -Rns <PACKAGE>
```

10. AUR

10.1 Setting Up

1. Install dependencies:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] base-devel
```

2. Change compilation variables:

File (`/etc/makepkg.conf`):

```
...  
MAKEFLAGS="-j$(nproc)"  
...
```

3. Create directory for AUR packages:

```
root# mkdir </aur/>
```

4. Transfer directory ownership to doas group:

```
root# chown -R :doas </aur/>
```

5. Make directory writable for doas group:

```
root# chmod -R 0775 </aur/>
```

10.2 Install Package

1. Find package in AUR repository:

<https://aur.archlinux.org/>

2. Clone AUR package to AUR directory:

```
user$ git clone <https://aur.archlinux.org/bvi.git> </aur/bvi/>
```

3. Go to cloned directory:

```
user$ cd </aur/bvi/>
```

4. Check AUR package content:

```
user$ less ./PKGBUILD
```

5. Compile package:


```
user$ makepkg -si
```

6. If there was GPG key fault:

(a) Import key:

```
user$ gpg --recv-keys <KEY>
```

(b) Compile again:

```
user$ makepkg -si
```

10.3 DEB Packages

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S dpkg
```

2. Download .deb package.

3. Install package with dpkg:

11. Vim & Zsh

11.1 Vim

1. Create symlink for visudo (ignores EDITOR and VISUAL):

```
root# ln -sf </usr/bin/vim> /usr/bin/vi
```

2. Set as default editor:
File (`/etc/profile`):

```
...  
VISUAL="/bin/vim"  
EDITOR="/bin/vim"
```

3. Configuration:
File (`~/.vimrc`):
<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.vimrc>

11.2 Bvi

1. Install:
 - <https://aur.archlinux.org/packages/bvi/>
 - See section: [10](#).
2. Configuration:
File (`~/.bvirc`):
<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.bvirc>

11.3 Zsh

1. Install packages:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] zsh zsh-syntax-highlighting  
zsh-autosuggestions [zsh-completions]
```
2. Set as default shell:
 - User by user:

```
user$ chsh -l
user$ chsh -s </bin/zsh>
> <USER_PASSWORD>
```

- User by root:

```
root# usermod -s </bin/zsh> <USER>
```

3. Configuration:

File (`~/.zshrc`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.zshrc>

12. Audio

12.1 Install

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] alsa-utils pulseaudio
```

12.2 Audio

- Get audio:

```
user$ amixer get <Master|PCM|Headphone|Speaker>
```

- Mute and unmute:

```
user$ amixer set <Master|PCM|Headphone|Speaker> <mute|unmute|toggle>
```

- Set volume:

- Specific volume:

```
user$ amixer set <Master|PCM|Headphone|Speaker> <0-100>%
```

- Increase/decrease volume:

```
user$ amixer set <Master|PCM|Headphone|Speaker> <0-100>%<+|->
```

12.3 Microphone

- Get mic:

```
user$ amixer get Capture
```

- Mute and unmute:

```
user$ amixer set Capture <cap|nocap|toggle>
```

- Set volume:

- Specific volume:

```
user$ amixer set Capture <0-100>%
```

- Increase/decrease volume:

```
user$ amixer set Capture <0-100>%<+|->
```

13. Xorg

13.1 GPU Drivers

1. Detect GPUs:

```
root# lspci -v | grep -i -e 'VGA' -e '3D'
```

2. Install drivers:

- Intel (open source):

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] xf86-video-intel mesa lib32-mesa  
vulkan-intel lib32-vulkan-intel [intel-gpu-tools]
```

- Nvidia (proprietary):

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] nvidia nvidia-utils lib32-nvidia-utils  
[nvidia-settings]
```

3. Monitor drivers:

- Intel:

```
root# intel_gpu_top [-s <MILLISECONDS>]
```

- Nvidia:

```
user$ nvidia-smi [-d <TENTHS_OF_A_SECOND>]  
user$ nvidia-settings
```

13.2 Touchpad Drivers

1. Uninstall synaptics driver:

Explanation: causing middle button to be almost whole area bug.

```
root# pacman -Rns xf86-input-synaptics
```

13.3 Xorg

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] xorg xorg-drivers xorg-xinit
```

2. Start X on tty1:

File (`~/.zshrc`||`~/.bashrc`):

```
...
if [[ -z ${DISPLAY} ]] && [[ $(tty) = '/dev/tty1' ]]; then
    source /etc/profile
    startx
fi
...
```

13.4 Brightness

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] light
```

2. Get current brightness:

```
user$ light -G
```

3. Set minimum brightness:

(a) See current minimum brightness:

```
root# light -P
```

(b) Set minimum brightness

```
root# light -N 1
```

4. Set brightness:

• Specific value:

```
root# light -S <MIN-100>
```

• Increase/decrease value:

– Increase:

```
root# light -A <0-100>
```

– Decrease:

```
root# light -U <0-100>
```

14. Window Manager @WIP

14.1 Bspwm

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] bspwm
```

14.2 I3

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] bspwm
```

2. Run i3 after Xorg:

File (`~/.xinitrc`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.xinitrc>

3. I3 configuration:

File (`~/.config/i3/config`):

14.3 I3 Tools

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] feh light rxvt-unicode
```

15. WM Tools @WIP

15.1 Fonts

- See all installed fonts:

```
user$ fc-list
```

- Install fonts from repository:

- Unicode coverage and emojis:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] noto-fonts
```

- Chinese, Japanese and Korean:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] noto-fonts-cjk
```

- Other:

- * Monospaced:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] ttf-fira-mono ttf-dejavu
```

- Install custom font:

1. Create global and local directory for fonts:

```
user$ mkdir <~/.local/share/fonts/>
```

```
root# mkdir </usr/local/share/fonts/>
```

2. Download font (TTF or OTF).

3. Move font to the directory:

- Global:

```
root# mv <FONT> </usr/local/share/fonts/>
```

- Local:

```
user$ mv <FONT> <~/.local/share/fonts/>
```

- Install fontawesome (desktop free version):

1. Download fontawesome:

```
https://fontawesome.com/download
```

2. Install fontawesome (globally):

```
user$ unzip <~/Downloads/fontawesome-free-6.1.1-desktop.zip>
```

```
root# cp -r <~/Downloads/fontawesome-free-6.1.1-desktop/otfs/>
```

```
</usr/local/share/fonts/fontawesome/
```

```
user$ rm -rf ~/Downloads/fontawesome*
```


15.2 Terminal Emulator

1. Install terminal emulator:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] rxvt-unicode
```

2. Configure terminal emulator:

File (`~/.Xresources`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.Xresources>

3. Apply changes for current X session:

```
user# xrdp ~/.Xresources
```

15.3 Bar

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] polybar
```

2. Config:

File (`~/.config/polybar/config.ini`):

<https://github.com/AISK11/Artix/blob/main/dotfiles/.config/polybar/config.ini>

15.4 Compositor

15.5 Lxappearance

16. GUI Programs

16.1 Atom

1. Download dependencies:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] atom
```

16.2 Steam

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] lib32-fontconfig ttf-liberation  
wqy-zenhei steam
```

2. Enable Proton support:

```
Steam » Settings » Steam Play » Enable Steam Play for all other titles » Restart Steam
```

3. Disable shader pre-caching:

```
Steam » Settings » Shader Pre-Caching » Disable Shader Pre-Caching
```

4. Run game with Nvidia instead of intel:

```
__NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1 __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME=nvidia %command%
```

17. Virtualization @WIP

17.1 Theory

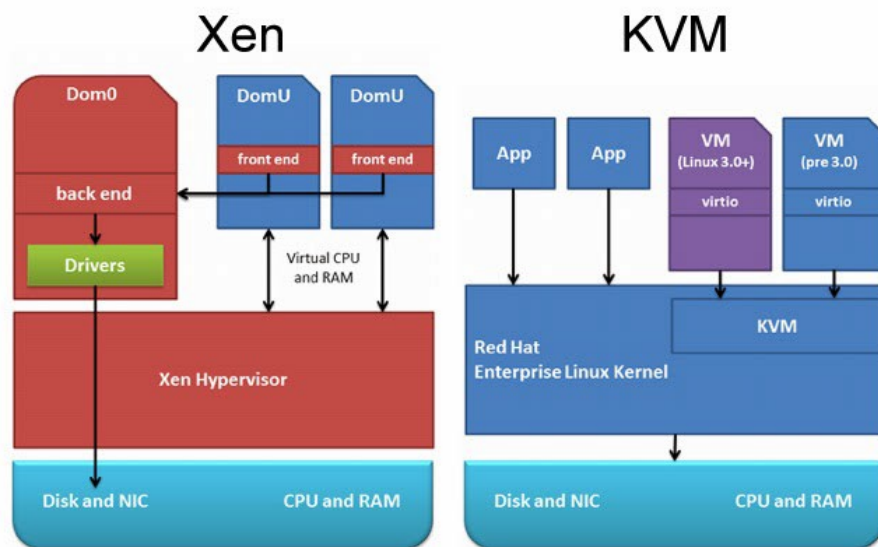


Figure 17.1: Comparison between Xen, KVM and QEMU hypervisors.

- **Hardware VM (HVM):** full virtualization, VMs are not aware, that they are sharing processing time with other clients on the same hardware.
- **Paravirtual (PV):** lighter virtualization, near native speed compared to HVM.

17.2 Virtualization Support

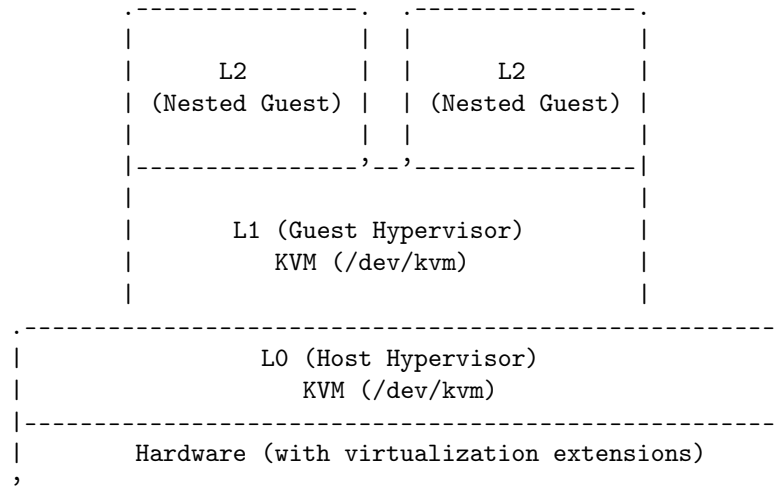
1. See if virtualization is supported:

```
user$ grep -E 'vmx|svm|0xc0f' /proc/cpuinfo
```

2. If virtualization is not supported, check if it is not disabled in BIOS/UEFI.

17.3 Virtualbox (T2 Hypervisor)

17.4 KVM/QEMU (T1/T2 Hypervisor)



17.4.1 Installation

1. Enable nested KVM:

(a) Check if KVM module is loaded:

```
user$ lsmod | grep -i kvm_intel
```

(b) Configure kvm module to allow nesting:

File (`/etc/modprobe.d/virtualization.conf`):

```
options kvm-intel nested=y
```

(c) Reload module:

```
root# modprobe -r kvm_intel
```

```
root# modprobe kvm_intel
```

(d) Verify if nested is enabled (Y):

```
user$ cat /sys/module/kvm_intel/parameters/nested
```

2. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] qemu libvirt libvirt-dinit edk2-ovmf
iptables-nft dnsmasq virt-manager virt-viewer
```

3. Do not start libvirtd on startup and now (if running):

```
root# dinitctl disable libvirtd
```

```
root# dinitctl stop libvirtd
```

4. Create directory for iso files:

```
root# mkdir /iso/
```

17.4.2 Start virtualizing:

1. Start libvirt and virtlog daemons:

```
root# dinitctl start libvirtd  
root# virtlogd -d
```

2. Start (default) network:

```
root# virsh net-list --all  
root# virsh net-start <default>
```

3. Start libvirt GUI client:

```
root# virt-manager
```

17.4.3 Libvirt files:

- Images (qcow2): </var/lib/libvirt/images/>

17.5 Xen (T1 Hypervisor) @TODO

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed]
```

18. Programming & Development @TODO

18.1 Git

18.1.1 Configuration

1. Change default branch from 'master' to 'main':

18.2 Atom

19. Additional Software

19.1 FossCORD (Discord Client)

19.1.1 Client @WIP

1. Install:

```
root# [yes |] pacman -S [--needed] yarn
user$ git clone https://github.com/fossCORD/fossCORD-client
user$ cd ./fossCORD-client/
user$ yarn install
user$ yarn run
> linux
```

19.1.2 Server @TODO

20. Anonymity & Security

```
motd /etc/issue
```

```
usbguard
```

```
macchanger
```

```
nftables
```


21. Xen???

- <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Xen>
- <https://aur.archlinux.org/xen.git>

```
/etc/AUR/xen/pkg/xen/boot/xen.gz
```

```
/etc/AUR/xen/pkg/xen/boot/xen.efi
```

```
/etc/AUR/xen/xen.conf
```

22. ToDo

zsh parameter colors

bspwm

polybar

lockscreen

rofi

compton

power saving

virtualization (KVM or Xen)

GUI programs for: wifi

Programming: Atom, git, Unity

GUI: lxappearance, keepassxc, Firefox, Fosscord/Webcord

security + anonymity

VIRTUALIZATION:

See archcraft apps and rice

See debian getty program

See QubesOS Xen solution

test optimization Arch, Debian, Artix

Rice:

.zshrc = PS1

rxvt-unicode = color scheme + Font

bspwm + polybar + compton = desktop 9 Font

lxappearance = gtk theme

icons

(rEFInd + CLI font)

23. Quick Reference

23.1 Filesystem

- Btrfs:
 - <https://btrfs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/Introduction.html>
 - <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Btrfs>
 - <https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Btrfs>

23.2 Bootloaders

- rEFInd:
 - <https://www.rodsbooks.com/refind/>
- GRUB:
 - https://gnu.huihoo.org/grub-0.90/html_chapter/grub_12.html
 - <https://web.mit.edu/rhel-doc/3/rhel-rg-en-3/s1-grub-configfile.html>

23.3 Linux

- Kernel:
 - <https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/>
 - <https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/v4.14/admin-guide/kernel-parameters.html>

23.4 Microcode

- Microcode:
 - <https://gms.tf/check-cpu-microcode-version-on-linux.html>
 - <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Microcode>
 - <https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Microcode>
 - <https://wiki.debian.org/Microcode>

23.5 Init Systems

- Dinit:
 - <https://davmac.org/projects/dinit/>
 - <https://github.com/davmac314/dinit/>
 - <https://wiki.artixlinux.org/Main/Dinit>
- Elogind:
 - <https://wiki.artixlinux.org/Main/Elogind>
 - <https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Elogind>

23.6 X11 and WM

- Xorg:
 - <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Xorg>
- i3:
 - <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/I3>

23.7 Useful

- Zsh documentation: <https://zsh.sourceforge.io/Doc/>
- Zsh highlighting <https://github.com/zsh-users/zsh-syntax-highlighting/blob/master/docs/highlighters.md>
- Linux app list: https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/List_of_applications
- I3 config options: <https://i3wm.org/docs/userguide.html>
- Polybar: <https://github.com/polybar/polybar/wiki/Configuration>
- Polybar themes: <https://github.com/kiddae/polybar-themes>

23.8 Virtualization

- KVM:
 - Nested KVM guests: <https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/v5.16-rc1/virt/kvm/running-nested-guests.html>
 - Installation: <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Libvirt>
 - Default network manual config: <https://jamielinux.com/docs/libvirt-networking-handbook/nat-based-network.html>
- Xen:
 - Installation: <https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Xen>