Debian Installation on Virtual Machine Handbook

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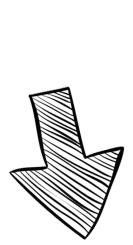
Introduction

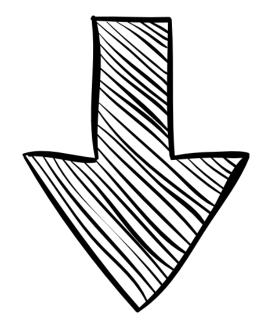
First let's start with a definition:

A virtual machine is a simulation of a computer created by software that allows a physical computer (or "host") to run several operating systems or programs at the same time. It allows the user to believe that he has several different computers when in reality everything is running on a single physical device.

We are going to use the Debian installer

Debian also known as Debian GNU/Linux, is a Linux distribution composed of free and open-source software, developed by the community-supported Debian Project.







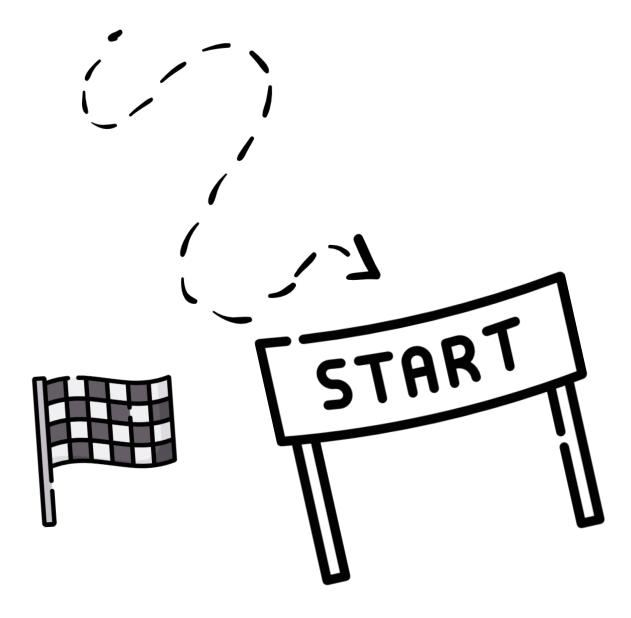
Start

Download the Debian ISO image from the official Debian website and choose the **Debian version 11.x**, nicknamed "bullseye for x86 64-bit processors with "netinst" ISO image.

(https://cdimage.debian.org/cdimage/release/current/amd64/iso-cd/)

Once you've downloaded it, go back to this page to verify the integrity of the iso image.

If the result is positive you can continue in this manual.



Installation

Everything highlighted in yellow like this must be executed in the virtual machine terminal and in grey like this in the terminal of your physical machine

Boot the machine on the installation ISO image and execute in your terminal this script:

S2.03-launch-installation

This is what this script do:

the script defines two variables and then checks whether the image already exists. Then it defines the drive variable, searches for the ISO image to use and finally defines the QEMU command, which launches QEMU with the appropriate parameters for the virtual machine: display, memory, cpu, network, etc.

Configuration

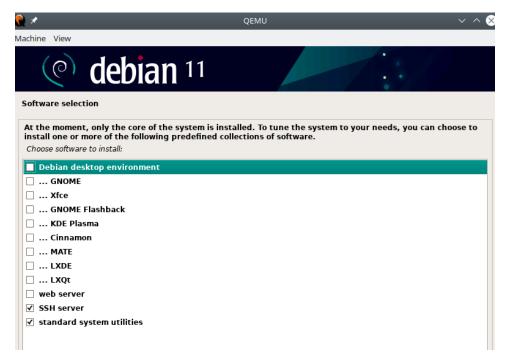
Go through the installation steps one by one. When nothing is specified, make the default choice. The most crucial choice is to install Debian without a graphical interface. Here are the main steps:

- Language: English (your language)
- Location: other/Europe/France (your location)
- Locales: United States, en_US.UTF-8
- Keyboard: French (or your main language)
- Hostname: use -"YOUR_LOGIN_UGA"
- Root Password: a simple password is recommended, "root". In this context, it poses no security problem. Check the "Show Password" box to be sure that the password you enter is the one you want.
 - User Account: your Full Name for example: "Jean Toto"

- User Name: enter your UGA login name



- User Password: enter a simple password, "etu". Check the "Show Password" box to make sure you have entered the right password.
 - Partition disks: Guided use entire disk
 - Partition disks : All files in one partition
 - Partition disks: Yes
 - Software Selection: check that "Debian desktop" is unchecked and that "ssh server" is checked



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jochumt@pc-dg-037-06:~$ rm //donnees/TP-infobut1/Debian-S2.03-jochumt.img
rm: remove regular file '//donnees/TP-infobut1/Debian-S2.03-jochumt.img'? y
jochumt@pc-dg-037-06:~$ ls //donnees/TP-infobut1/
jochumt@pc-dg-037-06:~$ S2.03-lance-installation
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- Install GRUB: Yes

- Device for boot loader : /dev/sda

Turn off the machine by executing this in your virtual machine terminal: #poweroff

Verification

Now that the installation is complete, run the following command to launch your virtual machine:

S2.03-launch-virtual-machine

- → check that your machine launches and works properly.
- → run this command in your virtual machine to check that the installation is correct :

cat /etc/fstab

By using the "cat" command to display the contents of "/etc/fstab", you can see the current file system mount configurations on the virtual machine.

You should get this result:

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                                                Debian GNU/Linux 11 jochumt tty1
 ochumt@pc-dg-037-06:~$
                                                jochumt login: jochumt
                                               Linux jochumt 5.10.0-22-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.10.178-3 (2023-04-22) x86_64
                                                The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
                                               the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
                                               Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
                                                permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Fri May  5 16:09:50 CEST 2023 on tty1
                                               jochumt@jochumt:~$ su -
Password:
                                                rassword:
root@jochumt:~# cat /etc/fstab
# /etc/fstab: static file system information.
                                                  Use 'blkid' to print the universally unique identifier for a
                                                  device; this may be used with UUID= as a more robust way to name devices that works even if disks are added and removed. See fstab(5).
                                                   systemd generates mount units based on this file, see systemd.mount(5).
                                                  Please run 'systematl daemon-reload' after making changes here.
                                               # <file system> <mount point> <type> <options> # / was on /dev/sda1 during installation
UUID=1d33f2ea-18ac-4279-a999-5874712c239d / # swap was on /dev/sda5 during installation
UUID=064abd3e-438f-4dd2-9151-dd29ed5cb733 none
/dev/sr0 /media/cdrom0 udf,iso9660 user,noauto
                                               root@jochumt:~#
```

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→ Execute: ip addr in your virtual machine to check that you can reach the outside. You should get this result:

→ Then run this command to check the absence of the Xorg server on your machine :

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dpkg -l | grep xorg
```

We're going to try and test the SSH connection to your virtual machine now.

Run this command in the terminal of your physical machine: (enter your username instead of toto)

\$ ssh toto@localhost -p 2222

Then type your password if requested.

You are now connected in your virtual machine with ssh



Run this command in the terminal of your virtual machine: apt install micro

Now Run this command in the terminal of your virtual machine: systemctl status ssh

You should get this result:

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jochumt@pc-dg-039-12:-$ /users/info/etu-la/jochumt/SEMESTRE 2.0 ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server bash: /users/info/etu-la/jochumt/SEMESTRE: No such file ord i jochumt@pc-dg-039-12:-$ ^[[200-/users/info/etu-la/jochumt/SEMESTRE: No such file ord i giochumt@pc-dg-039-12:-$ /users/info/etu-la/jochumt/SEMESTRE: No such file ord in jochumt@pc-dg-039-12:-$ /users/info/etu-la/jochumt/SEMESTRE: No such file ord in jochumt/SEMESTRE: No such
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We can now start the additional installation...



Additional installation

Important note: for any installation, use the APT (Advanced Package Tool) package manager and the packages provided by the Debian distribution. Other installation methods exist, but they are more complicated. 😮

Start the virtual machine (execute this in your terminal): S2.03-lance-machine-virtuelle

Apache installation

In your virtual machine terminal, run this command: sudo apt install apache2

→ Accept what is asked of you and complete the installation.

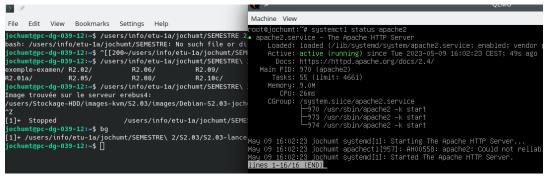
Congratulations apache2 is installed on your virtual machine



→ Use the following command to check that Apache has been started correctly (execute in your virtual machine):

#systemctl status apache2

You should get this result:



→ If Apache is not started :

#systemctl restart apache2

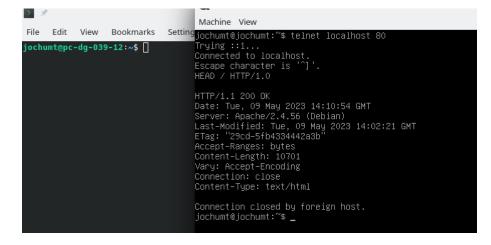
Let's do some test to verify that everything is working:

Since your machine is a server without a graphical interface, it is not possible to display an HTML page. You can connect to the Apache server by executing this command to check that the installation has

been successful:

\$ telnet localhost 80

You should get this:



Although it is not possible to display a web page on the virtual machine, it is possible to do so from the host machine.

Open a web browser on your physical machine, and paste this url: http://localhost:8080

You should get this result:



PostgreSQL installation

Carry out these 3 commands in your virtual machine to prepare the installation:

apt update

apt upgrade

apt clean

Install the program with this simple command in your virtual machine terminal:

apt install postgresql

We are now going to ensure that the server accepts external connections.

→ Run the command : su – postgres

Use the user: psql

We are going to edit the configuration file, for example using nano:

Usually this file can be found at this place :

nano /etc/postgresql/13/main/postgresql.conf

In the CONNECTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION section, find the following line to uncomment and update:

listen_addresses = '*'

And now uncomment and modify the following line:

cryptage du mot de passe = scram-sha-256

And then replace all occurrences of md5 with scram-sha-256

Now that the server is listening for connection requests from non-local IP addresses, you need to define an authentication rule that will be used for these requests. To do this, edit the :

nano /etc/postgresql/13/main/pg_hba.conf

add the following rule to authorize only connections authenticated by a password stored with a strong hash function :

#IPv4 remote connections:

host all all 0.0.0.0/0 scram-sha-256

To check that everything is working execute this command:

Systemctl status postgresql

You should get this result:

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Machine View
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jochumtepc-dg-039-12:-$

| Postgres@jochumt:~$ systemctl status postgresql
| Postgres@jochumtepc-dg-039-12:-$
| Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/postgresql.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
| Active: active (exited) since Tue 2023-05-09 16:13:24 CEST; 1min 14s ago
| Main PID: 2534 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
| Tasks: 0 (limit: 4661)
| Memory: 0B
| CPU: 0
| CGroup: /system.slice/postgresql.service
| postgres@jochumt:~$
```

Restart your service to finalize everything!

Service postgresql restart

PostgreSql configuration

We are now going to create a user for PostgreSQL:

Execute theses commands:

su - postgres

<mark>psql</mark>

CREATE USER [your_username] with password 'your_password';

Service postgresql restart

Now on your physical machine:

psql -h localhost postgres

Now we're going to create a database and run a few tests on it.

Create base voile;

Create table personne(nom varchar, prenom varchar, age numeric);

Insert into personne values 'Shall, Gabriel, 18';

Insert into personne values 'Jochum, Tom, 19';

Create user aflau with password'aflau'

Create user guy with password'guy'

Let's do a test on the base:

Select * from personne;

You should get this result:

You can also see the list of databases with their owners by running this command in your virtual machine:

First log in:

su - postgres

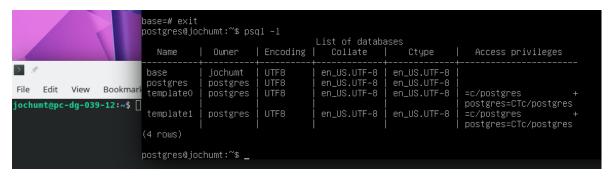
Connect with your username et password

your_username

'your_password'

Then execute:

Psql -l



Let's now do a little test on our virtual machine : execute this :

Select * from personne;

You should get this result:

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base=#
ba
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We will now query the PostgreSQL database showing the pg_shadow system table, which should contain passwords hashed with the SHA-256 hash function.

To do this execute this: select * from pg_shadow

You should get this result:

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jochumt@pc-dg-039-12:~$ (2 rows)

(END)
```

We can see that the password hash is SCRAM-SHA-256

Php installation

We're now going to install php, which is a general-purpose, open-source scripting language.

Execute this in your virtual machine:

apt install php-common libapache2-mod-php php-cli

Once it's done restart your machine like this:

systemctl restart apache2

To test your installation we are going to place an info.php file in the /var/www/html/directory.

In your virtual machine execute:

Nano /var/www/html/info.php

And copy this script in it:

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<?php
phpinfo();
phpinfo(INFO_MODULES);
?>
```

Finally, go to a search engine on your physical machine and consult this address:

http://localhost:8080/info.php

PhpAdmin installation

phpPgAdmin is a Web application written in PHP to help manage the PostgreSQL DBMS.

On your virtual machine execute this:

apt install phppgadmin

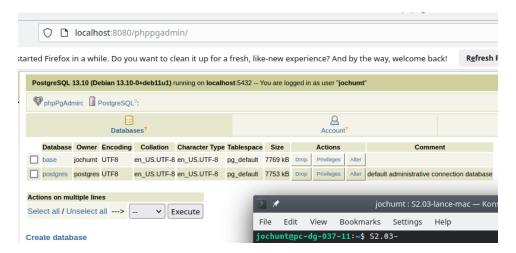
You can restart your machine:

systemctl restart apache2

And visit this website on your physical machine:

http://localhost:8080/phppgadmin

You should get this result:



Last things to check

Execute this on your virtual machine:

/sbin/blkid

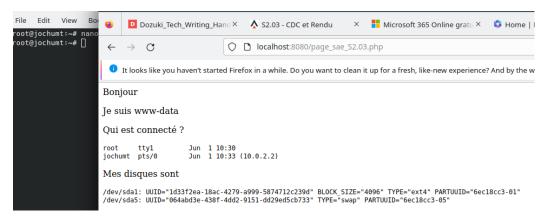
Make sure that you can visit this on your physical machine.

/users/info/www/intranet/enseignements/S2.03/page_sae_S2.03.php

Or this one on a web site:

https://www-info.iut2.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/intranet/enseignements/S2.03/page_sae_S2.03.php

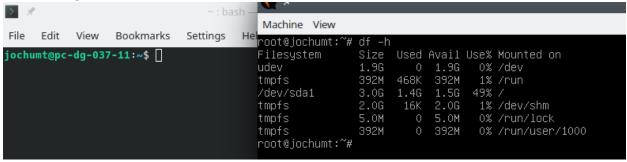
you should get this result:



You can check your storage and the installation will be complete!

Execute this: df -h

You should get this result:



You can now enjoy your 100% functional virtual machine!



You can now create your network service installation on your own 🕢

Congratulations!

