

Getting Started with OMV

Addendum C:

Installing OMV5

On i386 (32-bit) PC's and

**** Alternate install for 64-bit PC's ****



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Introduction

- In consideration of Debian's continued support of i386 - 32-bit platforms, support for the installation of Openmediavault on 32-bit Debian is available as a two part process. After Debian is installed, Openmediavault (hereafter referred to as OMV) is installed by script.
- This process may also be used as an *alternate* install method, for 64 bit platforms, in the event that the standard OMV ISO installation fails. Note the 64-bit down instructions in the [i386 Download](#) section.

About this Guide

The purpose and intent of this guide is to provide a walk-through for the i386 build process, to get i386 - 32-bit users up and running as quickly and as easily as possible.

On fairly rare occasions, the integrated OMV ISO installer will not work with some 64 bit motherboards and hardware. The OMV installation method described in this guide will work with 64 bit motherboards as well, if the single change under [Alternate 64-bit installation](#) is noted and observed.

**** Considerations for i386 (32-bit) builds are very similar to amd64 (64-bit) builds. As an addendum to the [Getting Started with Openmediavault](#) User Guide, geared toward 64-bit platforms, users may benefit by reviewing preliminary information and notes in the larger guide, prior to the actual installation process.****

This guide assumes that users have a working Windows Client for installing and executing utilities. It is also assumed that Mac and Linux desktop users will be able to find, install, and use utilities equivalent to those called out in [Prerequisites](#).

- This guide contains links to external sources of information and software. It's best used on an Internet connected PC.
 - This is a community document and a work in progress. Input and feedback are welcome and can be sent to: omvguide@gmail.com
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Hardware Suggestions

OMV/Debian will run on i386 32-bit platforms, with 1GB of ram or even less. Hardware in this category will work well as a basic NAS server for home use, but performance expectations should be adjusted accordingly.

- More than 1GB of ram would be helpful. For file caching, in support of normal file system operations, performance is better with more RAM.
 - A gigabit Ethernet adapter would be preferred, to better support concurrent LAN users and streaming video content. 100Mbps will work, but a gigabit Ethernet adapter may produce better overall results.
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Prerequisites

This installation process requires a wired Ethernet connection and Internet access. To get started, a few utilities are needed.

- [PuTTY](#) is an SSH client that will allow users to connect to their SBC, from a Windows client, and get on the command line. PuTTY is Windows installable.
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When Installing to a USB Thumbdrive

- [h2testw_1.4](#) is a flash media test program. With a freshly formatted USB thumbdrive, h2testw_1.4 writes files with known content and verifies that content in a read operation, detecting errors in the process. **h2testw_1.4** downloads as a zip file. By right clicking on the zip file, and using “Extract All”, 7-Zip will expand the zip file to a folder named **h2testw_1.4**. The executable inside this folder is a portable application. Simply run the executable. (If needed 7-Zip is available → [here](#).)
 - [SD Formatter](#) is a utility for formatting flash media, that does a “TRIM” operation which cleans up remnants of deleted or previously existing files. While designed for SD-cards, it works with USB Thumbdrives as well.
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i386 Download

Go to the [Debian download page](#), find and download the **32-bit PC net install** version of Debian 10, Buster. ((While Debian's site changes often; look under **Download an installation image**, a **small installation image**, and select the **32-bit PC net install**..))

*****Alternate 64-bit installation*****

((**If doing an **alternate** 64-bit installation, download and use the **64-bit PC net install** version of Debian 10, Buster. Other than this *one* change, the following installation process will apply.**))

Installation Media

This guide assumes that the downloaded ISO will be burned to a CD or DVD. If using a USB thumbdrive as a software source, help with creating a bootable USB thumbdrive ISO can be found here:

[Burn an ISO file to a USB drive](#).

Choosing a Boot Drive

This subject is covered in the [OMV5 guide](#), in the section titled; **Selecting a Boot Drive**.

** If the decision is made to boot from a USB thumbdrive; pre-test the drive as shown, in the following, before use. Otherwise skip down to [Installation](#).

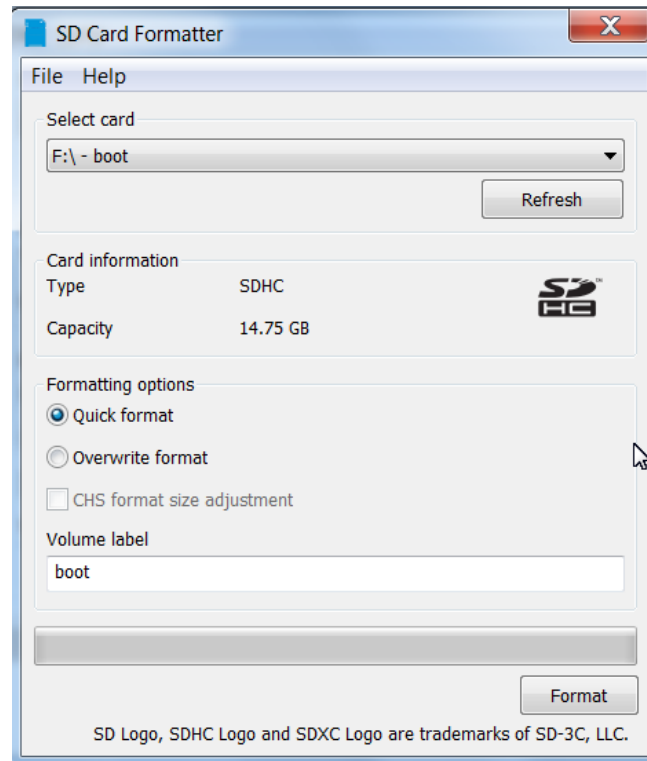
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Format and Test Flash Media

Using SDFormatter, do a clean format on the new USB Thumbdrive:

(Note that SDFormatter does a trim operation on the drive which cleans up remnants of deleted or previously existing files.)

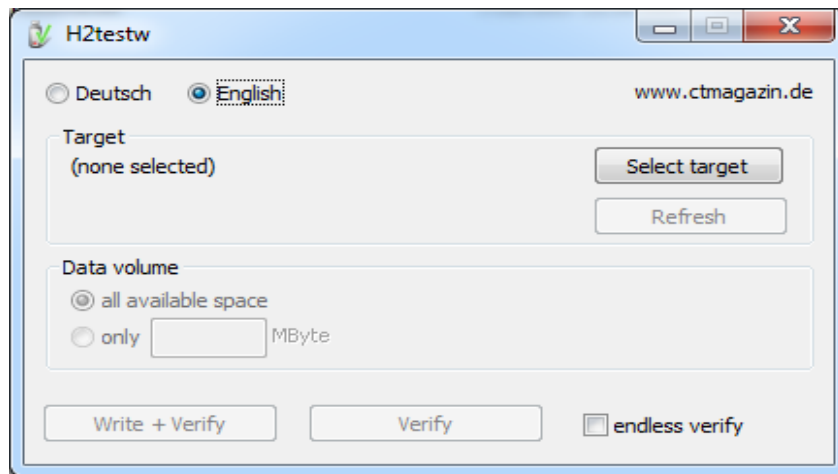
In most cases, SDFormatter will detect the thumb-drive. A volume label is not necessary, at this point, and the default options are fine.



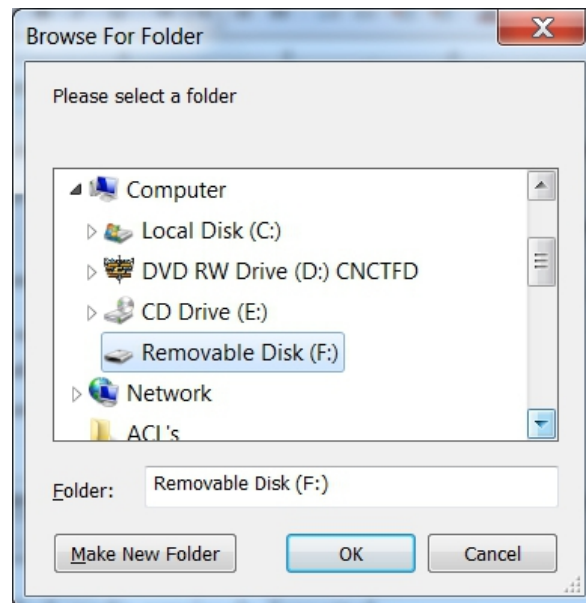
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After the Thumdrive format is completed, open **h2testw** and select your language.

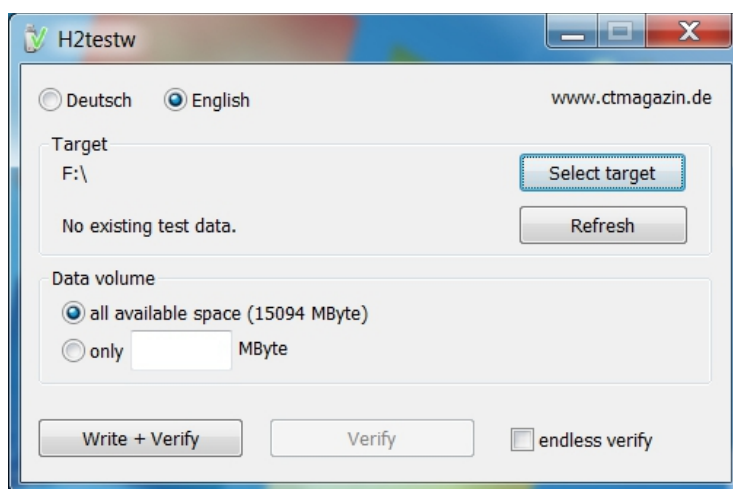
Then, click on **Select target**



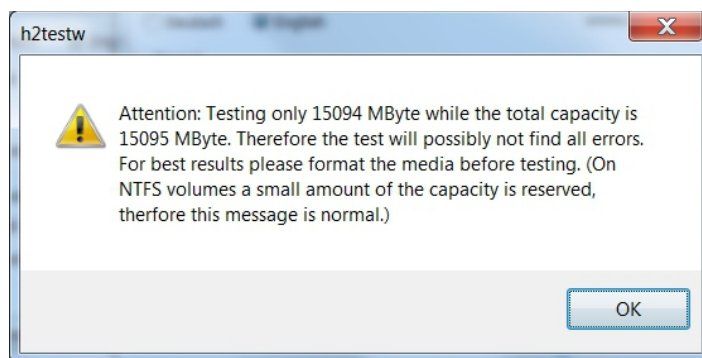
Under **Computer**, select the flash media previously formatted.



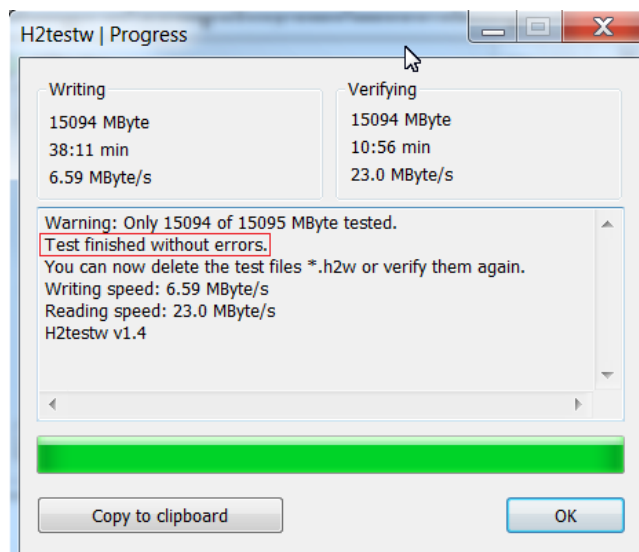
Select **Write+Verify**. (DO NOT check the **endless verify** box)



A dialog similar to the following may pop up, showing a 1MB difference. Ignore it and click on **OK**.



“Without errors” is the desired outcome. If the media tests with errors or is much smaller than is indicated by the Thumbdrive's labeled size, don't use it.



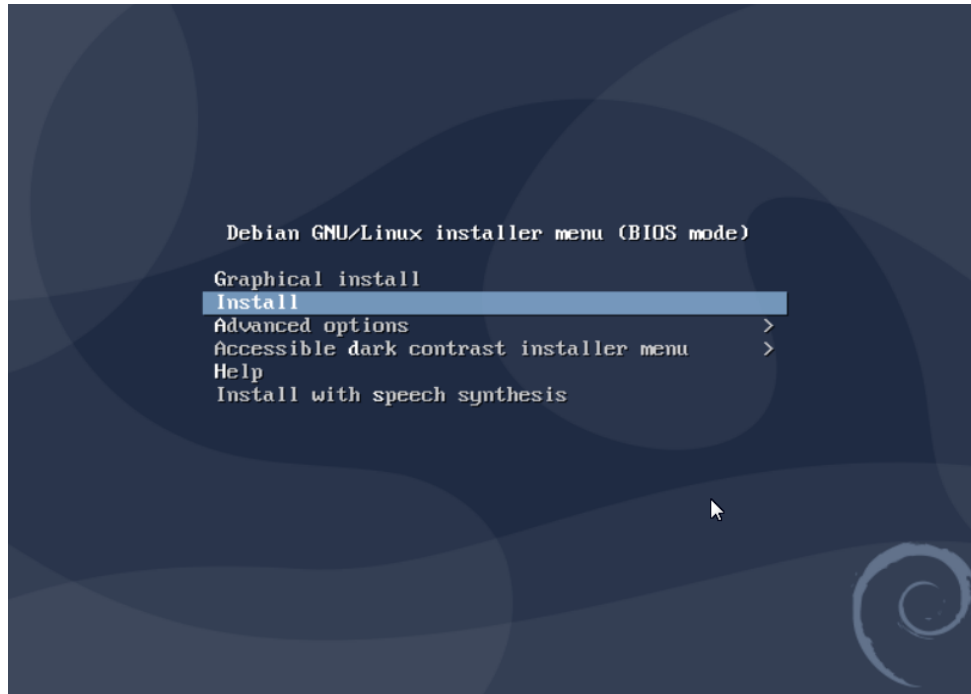
After H2testw verifies the USB thumbdrive; do one more clean format, using SDFormatter, before using thumbdrive.

Installation

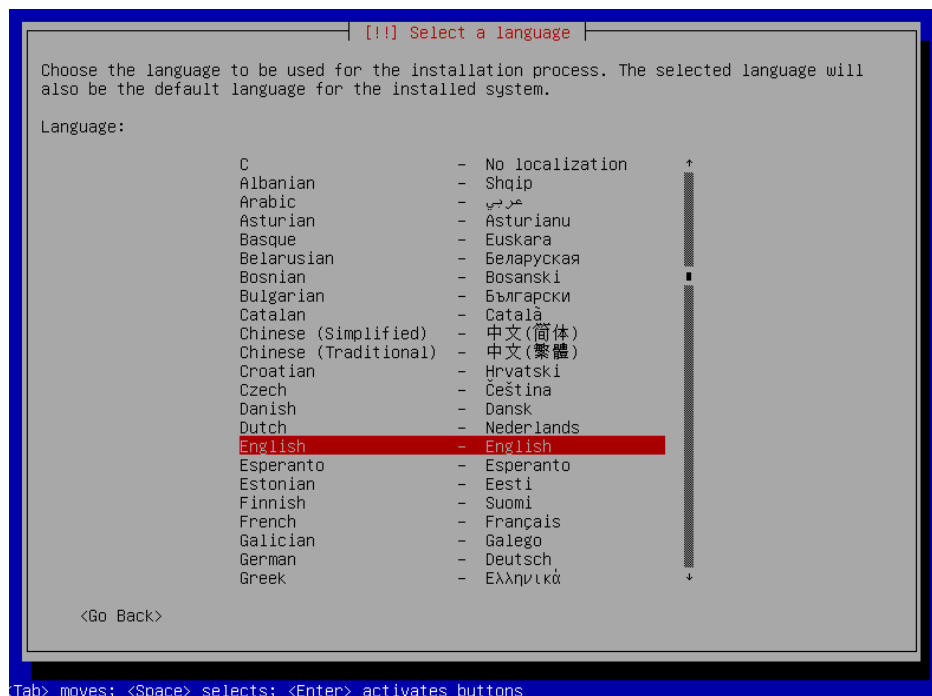
Boot up using the installation ISO.

The first screen offers a choice of installers. While both are roughly the same, for illustration, the standard (text) install is much clearer.

Select Install



Select a Language: (As needed)



Select your Location: (As appropriate.)

[[!]] Select your location

The selected location will be used to set your time zone and also for example to help select the system locale. Normally this should be the country where you live.

This is a shortlist of locations based on the language you selected. Choose "other" if your location is not listed.

Country, territory or area:

Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Botswana
Canada
Hong Kong
India
Ireland
New Zealand
Nigeria
Philippines
Singapore
South Africa
United Kingdom
United States
Zambia
Zimbabwe
other

<Go Back>

<Tab> moves; <Space> selects; <Enter> activates buttons

Configure the Keyboard: (Select as appropriate)

[[!]] Configure the keyboard

Keymap to use:

American English
Albanian
Arabic
Asturian
Bangladesh
Belarusian
Bengali
Belgian
Bosnian
Brazilian
British English
Bulgarian
Bulgarian (phonetic layout)
Burmese
Canadian French
Canadian Multilingual
Catalan
Chinese
Croatian
Czech
Danish
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Dvorak
Dzongkha
Esperanto
Estonian

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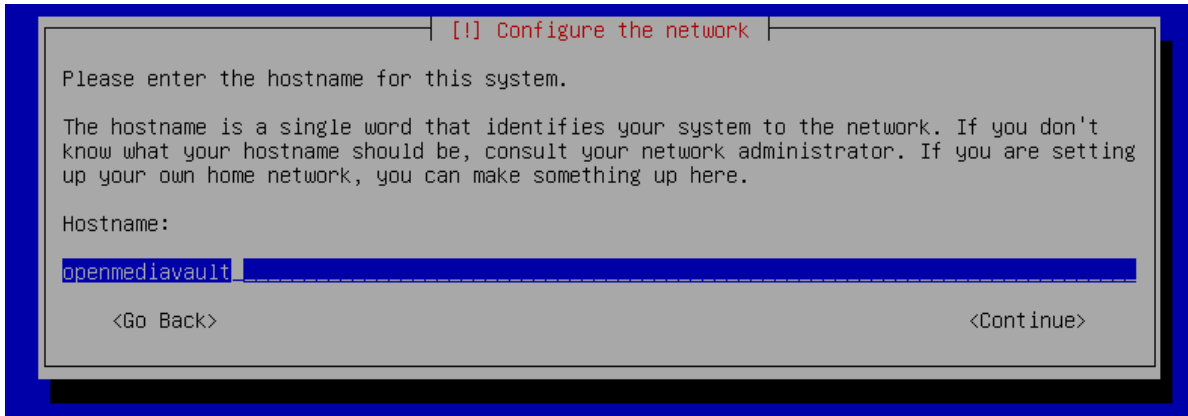
<Tab> moves; <Space> selects; <Enter> activates buttons

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Configure the Network:

Hostname

The default hostname, for this 32-bit install, is **debian**. In this example, it was changed to **openmediavault** which is the default hostname for an openmediavault install. Users might chose something like **OMV1** which is shorter and easier to type, for later use.

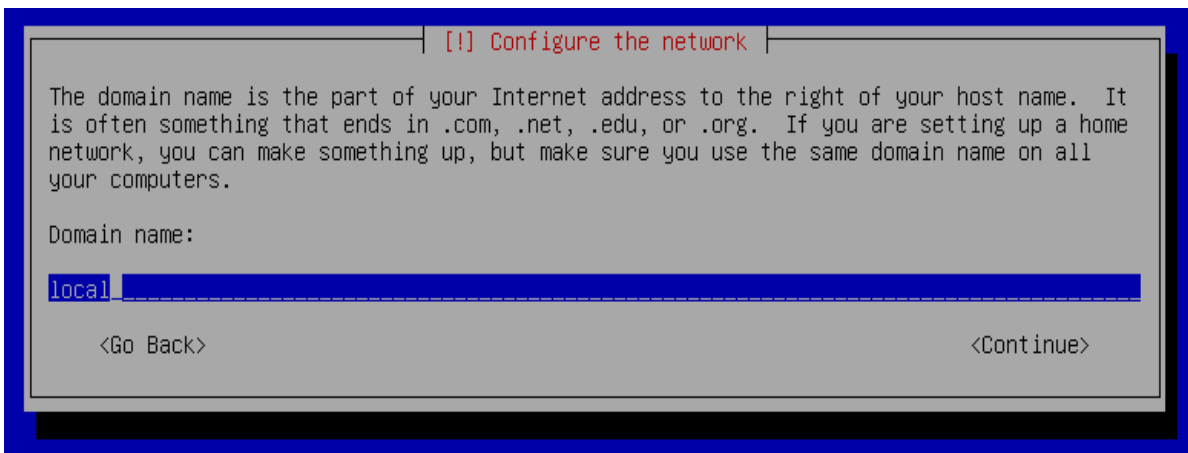


The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "[!] Configure the network". The text inside reads: "Please enter the hostname for this system. The hostname is a single word that identifies your system to the network. If you don't know what your hostname should be, consult your network administrator. If you are setting up your own home network, you can make something up here." Below this, it says "Hostname:" followed by a text input field containing "openmediavault". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "<Go Back>" on the left and "<Continue>" on the right.

Configure the Network:

Domain Name

If applicable, enter your domain name suffix. Otherwise, this entry can be left blank. (**local** is the default for an openmediavault install.)



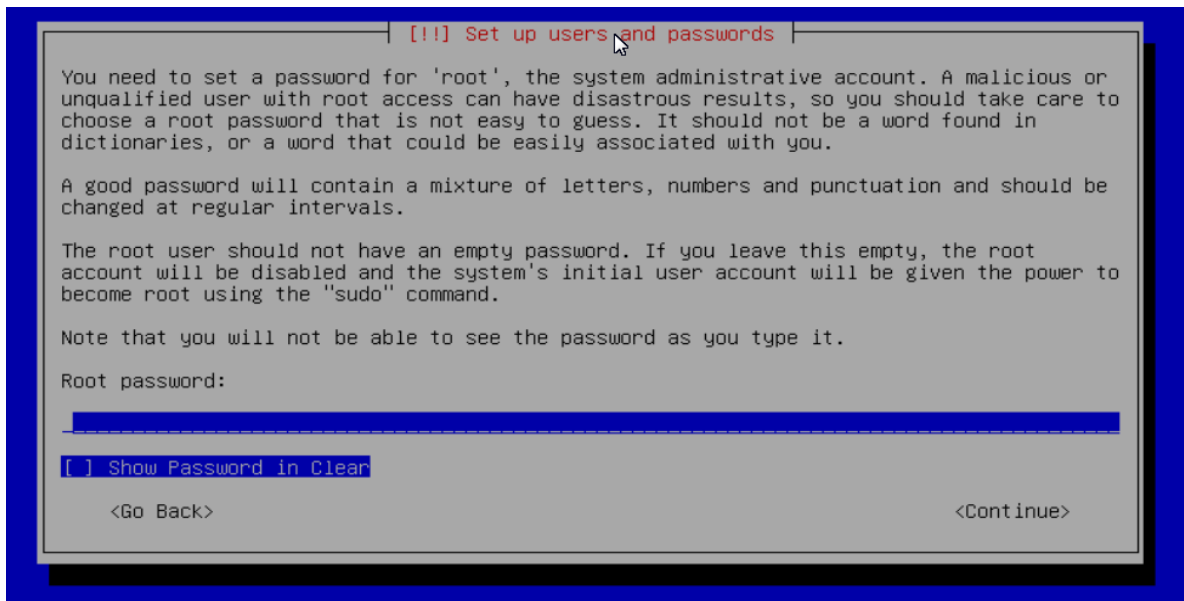
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "[!] Configure the network". The text inside reads: "The domain name is the part of your Internet address to the right of your host name. It is often something that ends in .com, .net, .edu, or .org. If you are setting up a home network, you can make something up, but make sure you use the same domain name on all your computers." Below this, it says "Domain name:" followed by a text input field containing "local". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "<Go Back>" on the left and "<Continue>" on the right.

Set up users and passwords:

root password

Follow the on screen guidance for setting the **root password**.

While not recommended, it would be better to write down the root password, then to forget it.



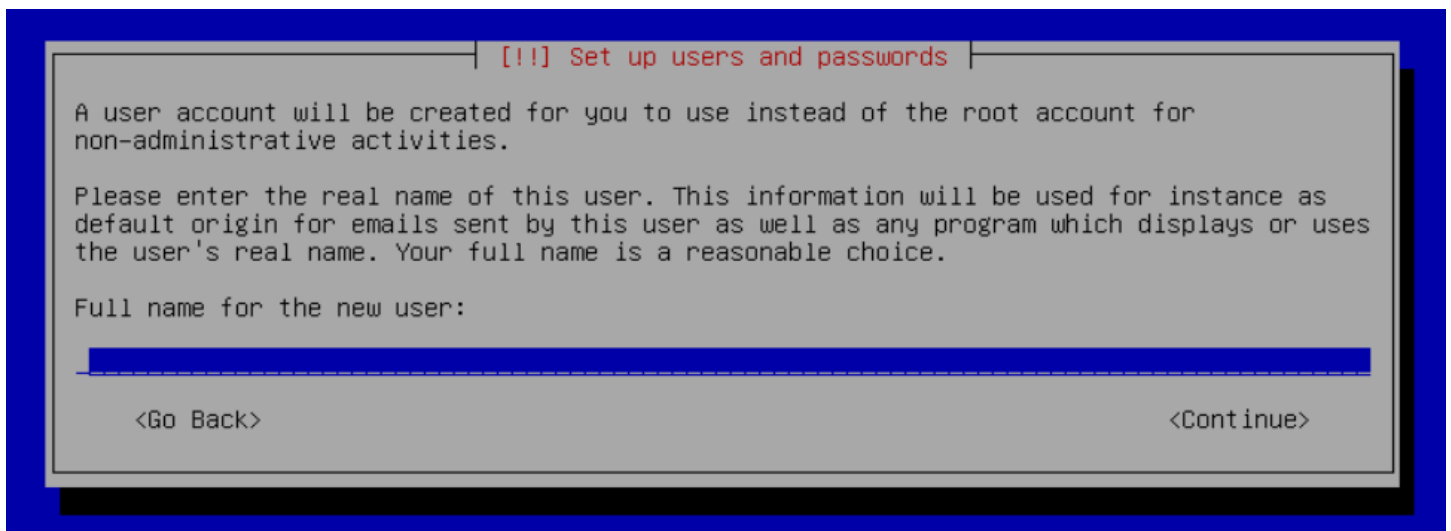
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "[!!] Set up users and passwords". The text inside reads: "You need to set a password for 'root', the system administrative account. A malicious or unqualified user with root access can have disastrous results, so you should take care to choose a root password that is not easy to guess. It should not be a word found in dictionaries, or a word that could be easily associated with you. A good password will contain a mixture of letters, numbers and punctuation and should be changed at regular intervals. The root user should not have an empty password. If you leave this empty, the root account will be disabled and the system's initial user account will be given the power to become root using the 'sudo' command. Note that you will not be able to see the password as you type it. Root password:" followed by a password input field. Below the field is a checkbox labeled "[] Show Password in Clear". At the bottom are two buttons: "<Go Back>" and "<Continue>".

Set up users and passwords:

Admin User

Follow the on screen guidance for setting up a new user and password.

(This username and password are necessary for an SSH log in, later.)



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "[!!] Set up users and passwords". The text inside reads: "A user account will be created for you to use instead of the root account for non-administrative activities. Please enter the real name of this user. This information will be used for instance as default origin for emails sent by this user as well as any program which displays or uses the user's real name. Your full name is a reasonable choice. Full name for the new user:" followed by a text input field. At the bottom are two buttons: "<Go Back>" and "<Continue>".

Configure the Clock:
Select your time zone.

(NO PIC)

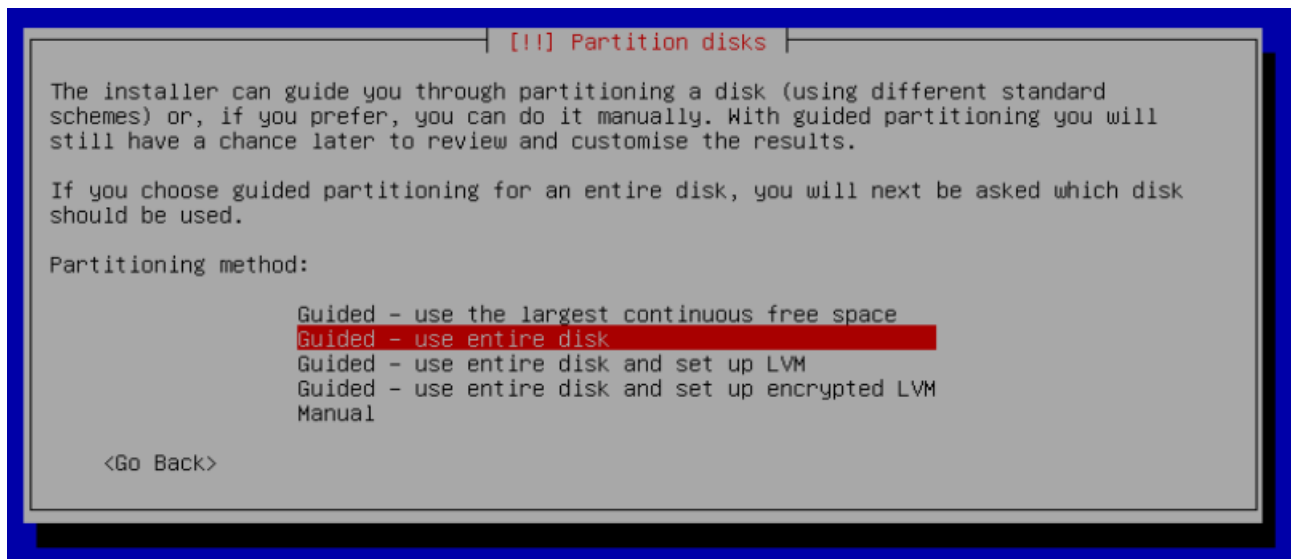
Partition Disks 1:

If two storage devices are available for installation, this screen may be displayed.



Partition Disks 2:
Partitioning

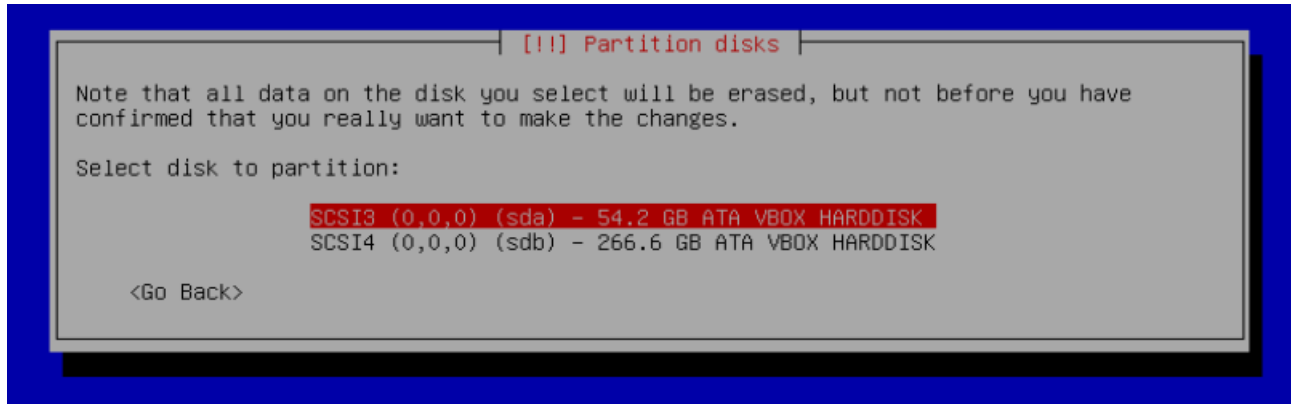
Make the selection shown; **Guided – use entire disk.**



Partition Disks 3:

Partition Disks

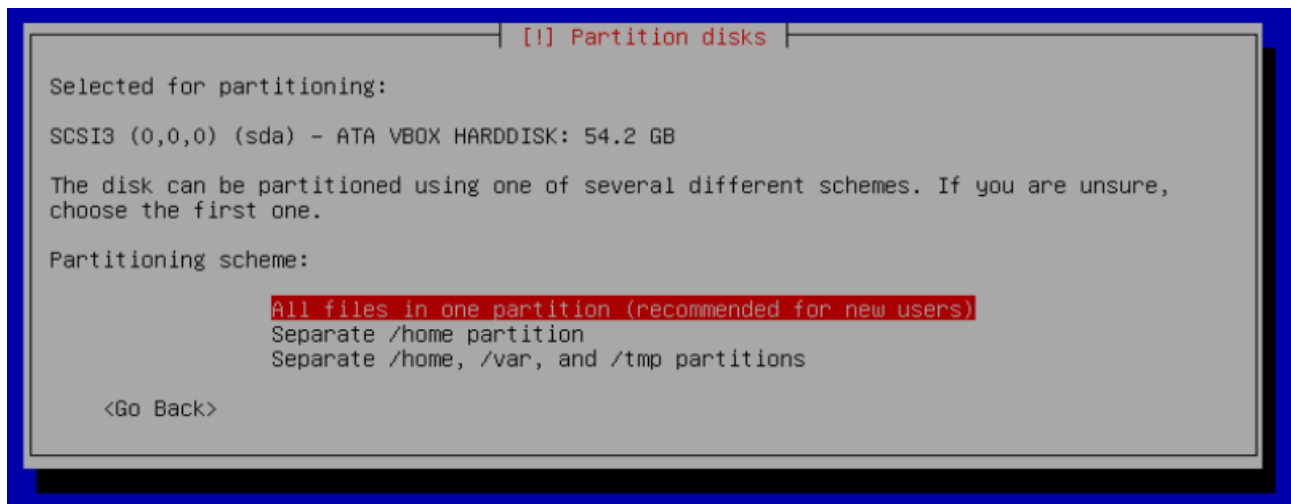
If installing to a single internal drive, there will be only one selection available. USB Thumb drives are obvious because many bear their OEM names and their capacity is usually small.



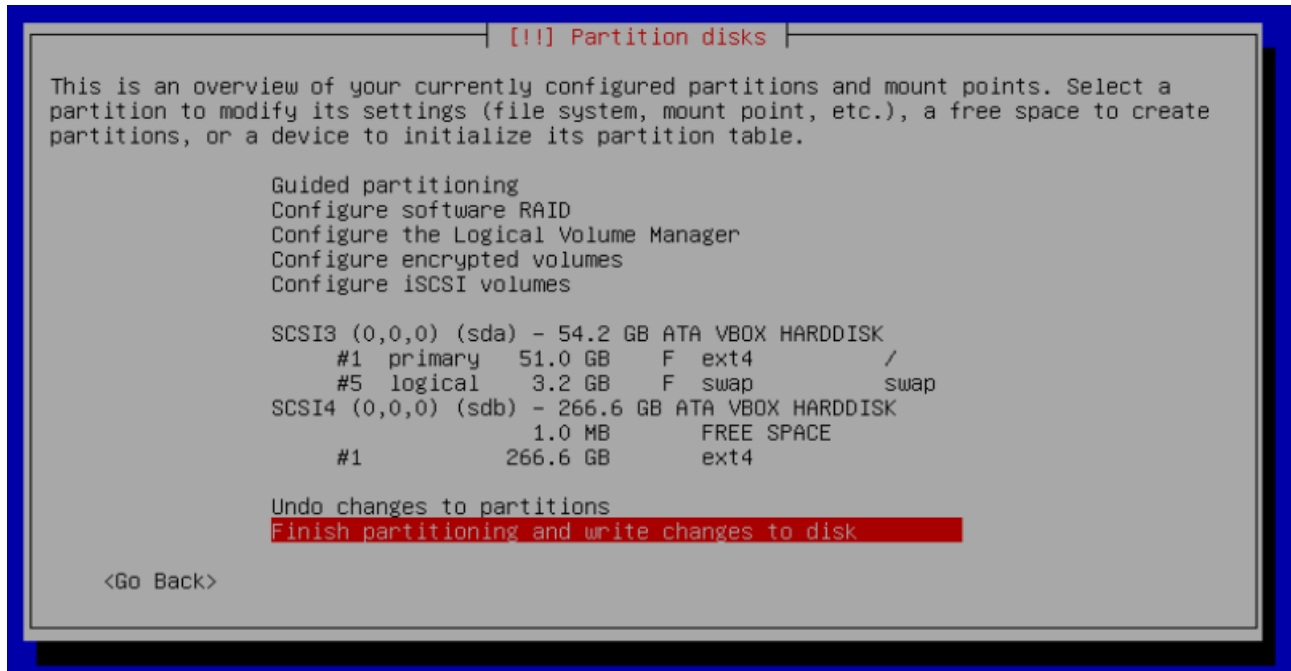
Partition Disk 4:

Partitioning Scheme

Select as shown.

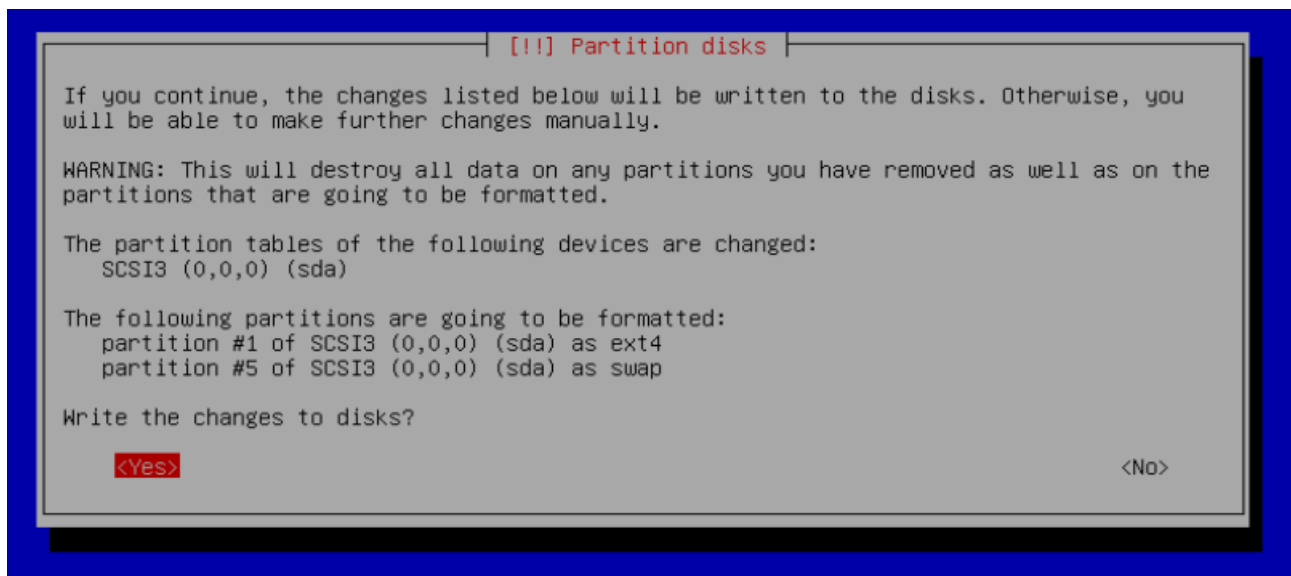


**Partition Disk 4:
Finish Partitioning**
Select as shown.



**Partition Disk 4:
Write Changes**

This screen forces the user to manually select **Yes**.



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The system installs.....

**Configure the Package Manager:
Installation CD or DVD
(NO PIC)**

User will be prompted to Scan another CD or DVD. Select **NO**.

**Configure the Package Manager:
Debian Archive Mirror Country
(NO PIC)**

The default choice is usually best.

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Debian Archive Mirror
(NO PIC)**

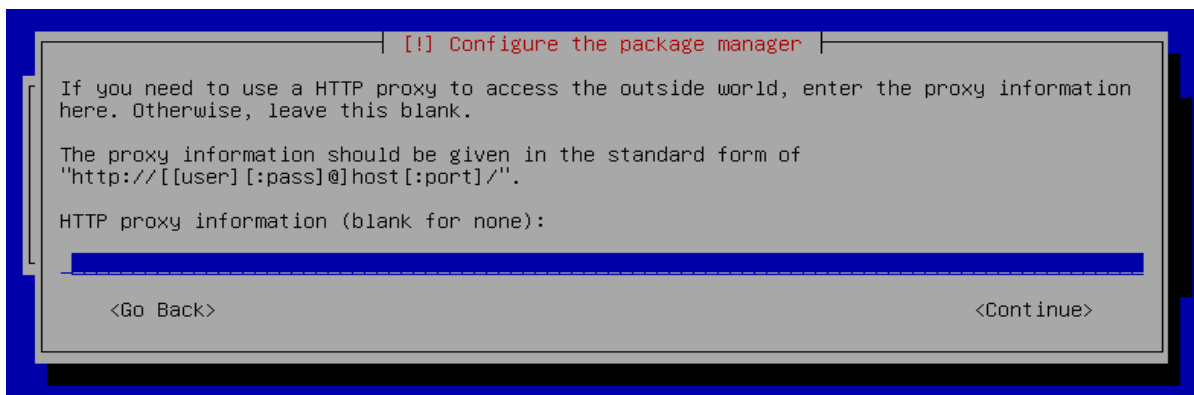
The default choice is usually best.

**Configure the Package Manager:
HTTP proxy**

In most cases this entry will be blank.

(If a proxy is required, note the form of entry required in the dialog box.)

Select **Continue**.



[!] Configure the package manager

If you need to use a HTTP proxy to access the outside world, enter the proxy information here. Otherwise, leave this blank.

The proxy information should be given in the standard form of "http://[[user] [:pass]@]host[:port]/".

HTTP proxy information (blank for none):

<Go Back> <Continue>

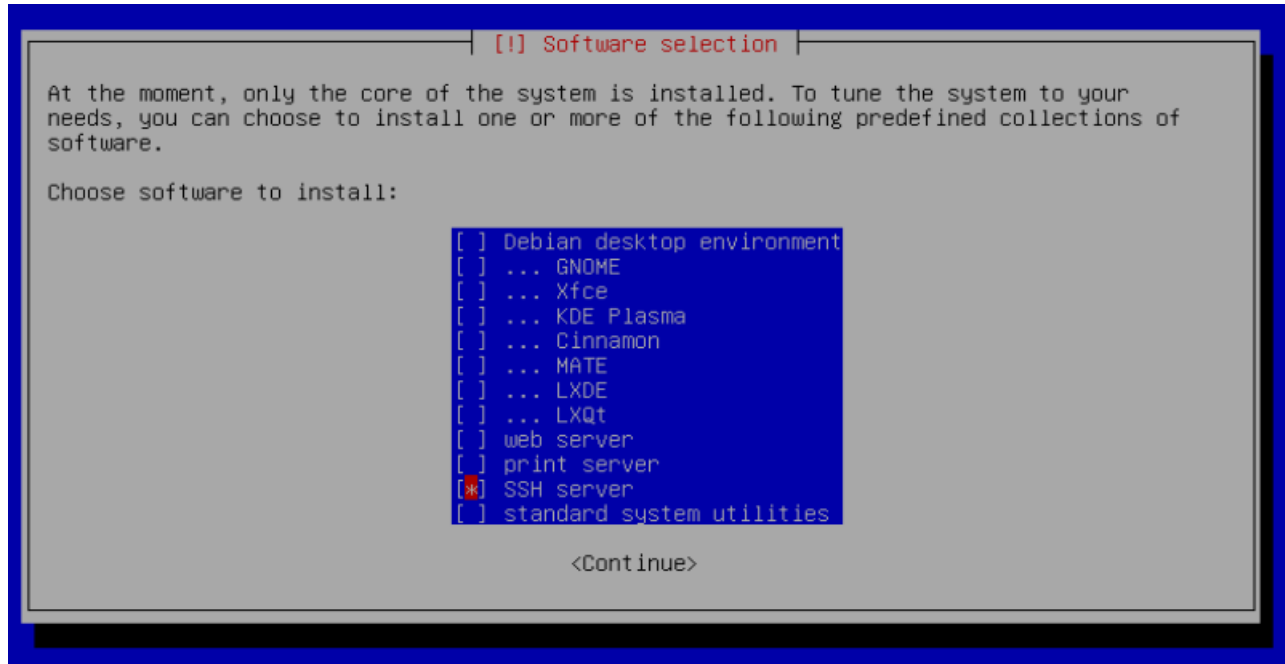
**Configure popularity-contest
Participate in the package usage survey?**

(NO PIC)

The user's choice.

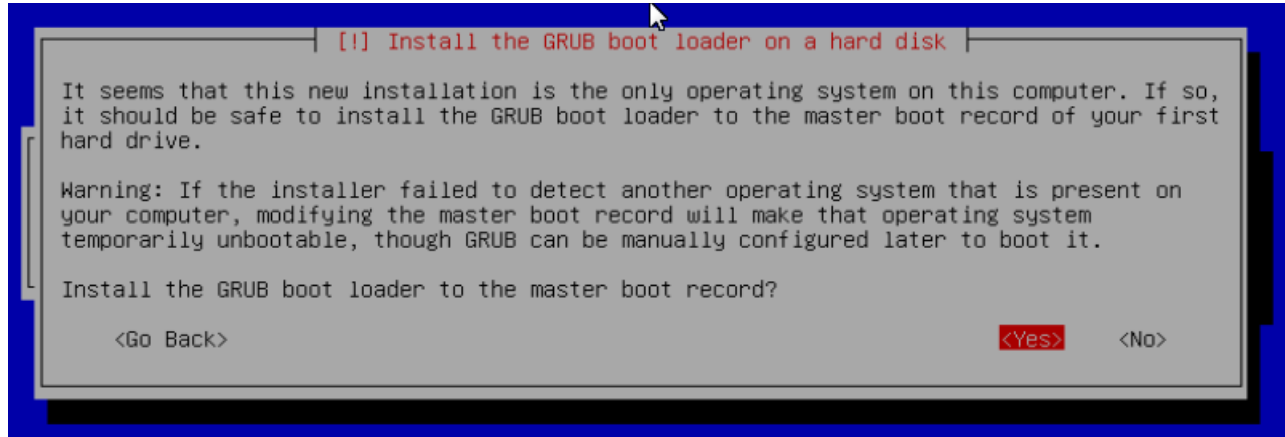
Software selection

Only the SSH server should be selected. Make changes to reflect the following and **Continue**.



Install the GRUB Boot Loader on a Hard Disk:

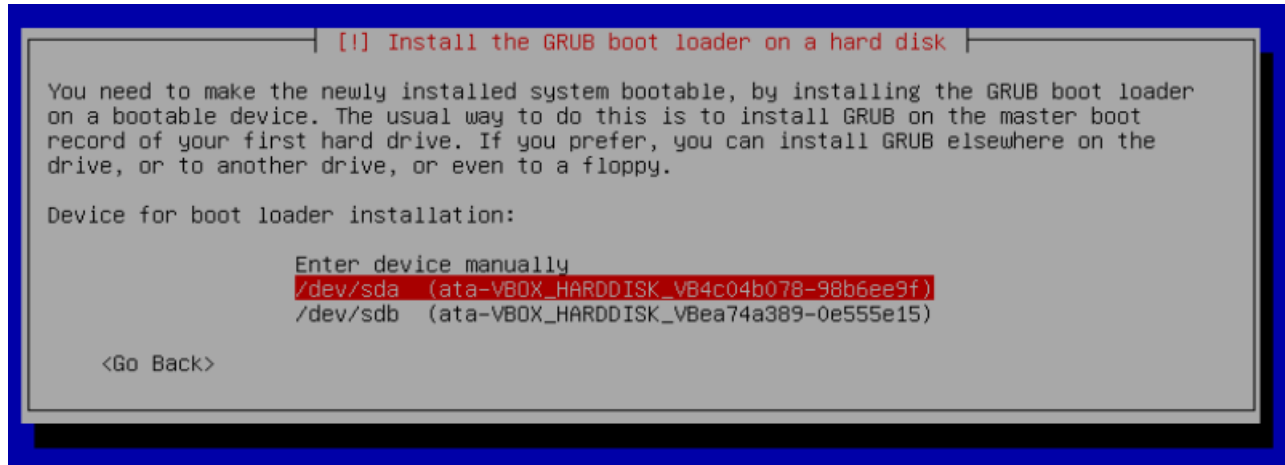
Accept the default – Yes.



Install the GRUB Boot Loader on a Hard Disk:

Select the appropriate boot disk in your server.

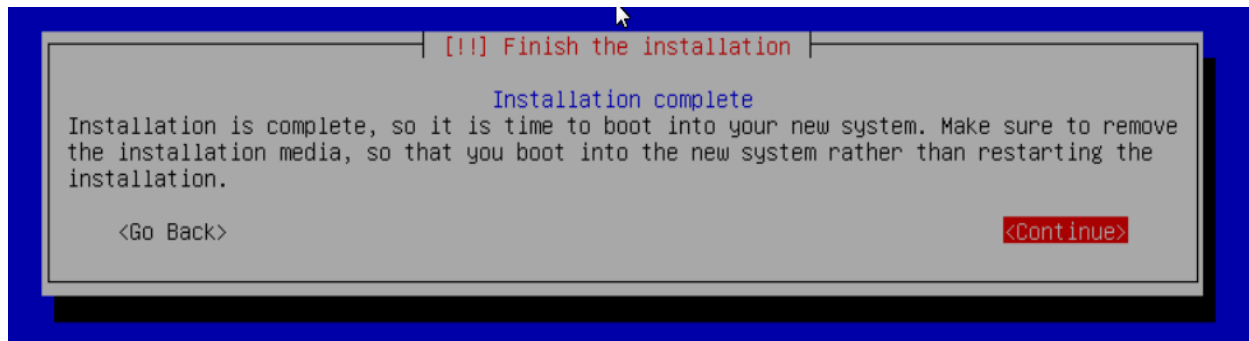
(Generally the boot drive will be `/dev/sda` which is, in most cases, the first sata port. Otherwise, a USB Thumb-drive will be obvious.)



Finish the Installation: Installation Complete

Remove the CD or USB installation source, then hit ENTER.

(Otherwise, the installation process may re-start.)



First Boot

Allow the installation to boot.

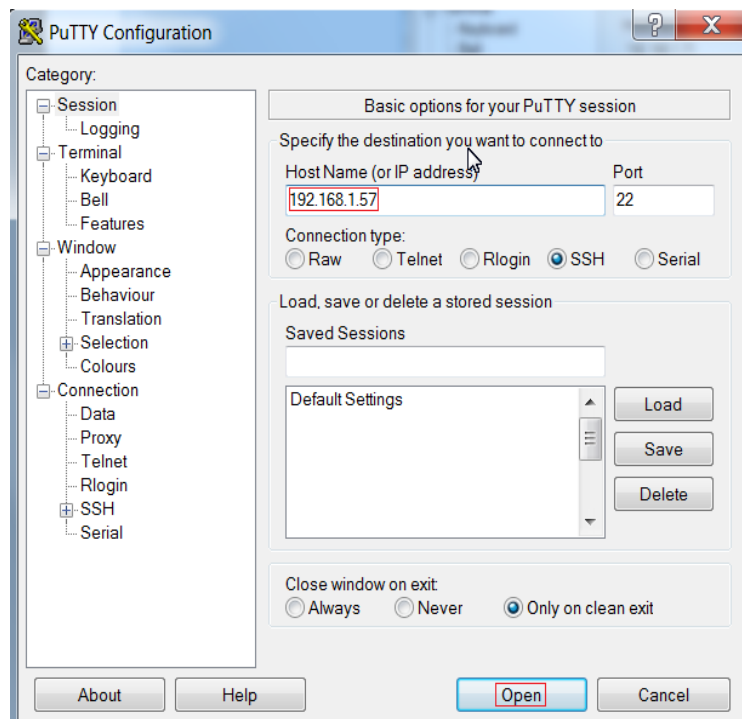
Log into the console as **root** and type **ip addr** on the command line.

```
root@openmediavault:~# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default
    link/ether 08:00:27:51:16:cd brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.1.57/24 brd 192.168.1.255 scope global dynamic enp0s3
        valid_lft 117sec preferred_lft 117sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe51:16cd/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root@openmediavault:~# _
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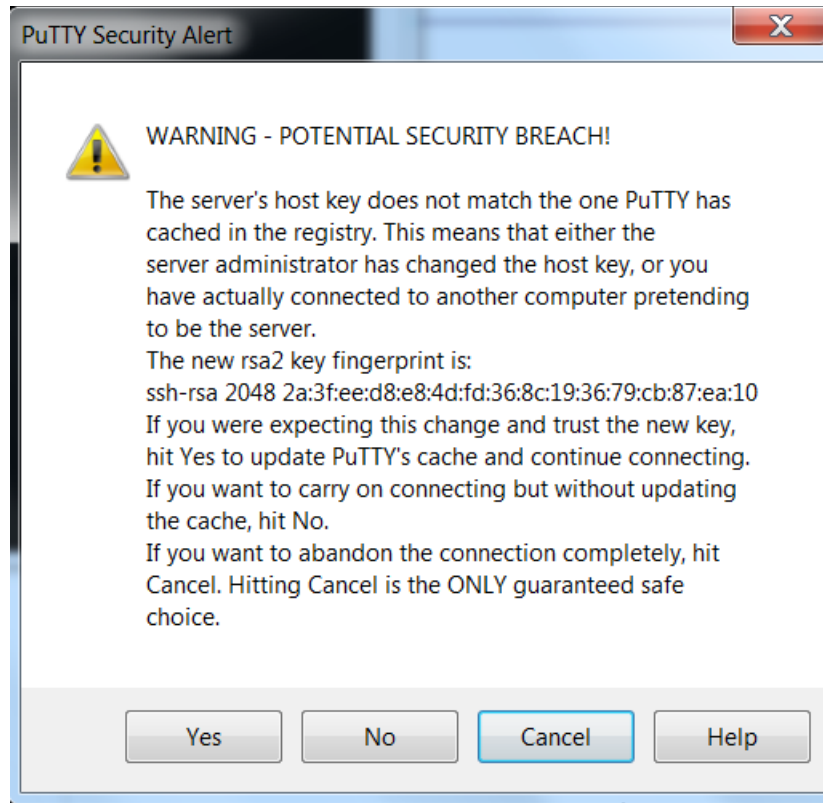
Note the address in this case - 192.168.1.57

First Time SSH Logon

Open PuTTY and type in the IP address as previously noted.



A PuTTY Security Alert will pop up in a first time connection.
This is normal. Ignore it and select **Yes**.



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- Log into the SSH connection with the Admin user account and password, set during the Debian install.
 - To get root access to the installation, type the command **su - root** <enter>. Type in the root password when prompted.

```
login as: fredl
fredl@192.168.1.57's password:
Linux openmediavault 4.19.0-6-686-pae #1 SMP Debian 4.19.67-2+deb10u2 (2019-11-11) i686

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.
fredl@openmediavault:~$ su - root
Password:
root@openmediavault:~#
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Preliminary Prep for OMV

(**Note: “**Paste**” is supported by PuTTY, with a **right mouse click**.**)

Copy (highlight and **Ctrl+C**) and paste (right mouse click) the following into the SSH window. Hit **Enter**.

```
apt-get install wget sudo -y
```

Install OMV

Installing OMV on i386 platforms is very easy, thanks to Arron Murray (**ryecoaaron** on the [OMV forum](#)) for providing a comprehensive installation script that's executed from a single line.

Copy the following line complete (**Ctrl+C**) and paste it into PuTTY's SSH window, with a right mouse click. Then hit **Enter**.

```
wget -O - https://github.com/OpenMediaVault-Plugin-Developers/installScript/raw/master/install | sudo bash
```

Once the script is running, click out of the SSH window so the script will not be interrupted.

****Note: Do Not close PuTTY** – that will terminate the root session. Minimizing PuTTY is OK, but it must be running.**

Depending on several factors, running this script may take up to 30 minutes.

When the script is complete, the PC will automatically reboot.

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32-bit Limitations

Users should be aware that packages, plugins and other options that are available for 64-bit platforms may not be available or work on 32-bit platforms.

Further, certain types of dockers and other types of virtualization may not install or work on 32-bit platforms. (As a practical example, the Portainer Docker will not install on i386 platforms.)

First Time GUI Logon

After 3 to 5 minutes, OMV can be logged into using the same IP address that was used for the SSH client, entered in a web browser address bar.

The web GUI user is **admin** and the default password is **openmediavault**

With OMV installed and logged in, new users can continue to configure their servers, using the OMV5 guide found → [here](#). With the installation complete, users should begin with the section titled; **OMV - Initial Configuration** .

This concludes the i386, 32-bit, OMV installation.

Donate

Openmediavault on 32bit PC's is the project of OMVextras.org

In addition to enabling the installation of OMV on 32bit PC's and Single Board Computers, OMV-extras.org develops plugin's for OMV that make Portainer (Dockers) and other extensions available for your R-PI possible.

Please consider a modest donation at OMV-extras.org to offset some of the Developer's costs and to support continuing development.