PUPPY LINUX INSTALLATION

Puppy LINUX is an optimized distribution working in RAM memory. Current changes to system, and created data/files are saved at system shutdown – generally it does not make any disadvantages, and greatly speeds up work. Such session is configured at first shutdown – just read provided instructions. She or he should posess USB to SATA adaptor (few \$), and install live CD to it. In author opinion it is efficient on SSD's disk at modern Personal Computer PC – even the cheapest. I did not check it on M.2 disk. There is possibility to use majority of Debian packages under Puppy.

1) download gparted and format SSD disk/pendrive:

#sudo aptitude install gparted && sudo gparted

choose proper disk (!) in /dev/, unmount it

Device->Create Partition Table->msdos

Partition->New->{New Size MiB: 4096, File System: ext4}->Add (512MB would be too much, in general)

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First 4GB partition: Partition->Manage Flags: {esp, boot }

mount first 4GB partition

- 2) download LINUX puppy distro from "http://puppyLINUX.com/" for exampe Ubuntu Xenial 64bit edition,
- 3) download unetbootin package:

#sudo aptitude install unetbootin

- 4) install puppy iso to mounted 4GB partition via unetbootin,
- 5) find your vesamenu.c32 file (I did it under Ubuntu), and copy files to disk:

#sudo find /usr -name 'vesamenu.c32'

for example:

#cd /usr/lib/sysLINUX/modules/bios/

#sudo cp libcom32.c32 menu.c32 libutil.c32 vesamenu.c32 /MEDIA/MOUNTED_DRIVE

- 6) set BIOS boot array, start Operating System OS, mount disk from which you have booted (!) to be honest: the disk from which the OS image was read to RAM,
- 7) make some small change for example on desktop add shortcut, or something,
- 8) at shutdown write named session to disk from which one has booted (for first usage use defaults),
- 9) restart and check whether desktop change was written from previous session, and successfully loaded at startup, at current session,

Post Scriptum: please do not make it heavy loaded with packages – it makes no sense, for lightweight distro, but make as you wish. It is intended for advanced LINUX users – for beginners Lubuntu would be better choice.

Post Post Scriptum: please consider checking latest OpenBSD release – installation is quite straightforward, and onboard there is everything necessary for professional programming. Fully loaded, it goes on 6-25MB of RAM. Also it provides low amount of overheads on ongoing tasks. Package maintenance is intended for advanced users. Linux administrator should switch to Unix smoothly.