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Aim: To study and implement Hosted Virtualization using Virtual Box & KVM

Software Used: Virtual Box.

Theory:

Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) is an [open source virtualization](#) technology built into Linux. Specifically, KVM lets you turn Linux into a [hypervisor](#) that allows a host machine to run multiple, isolated virtual environments called guests or virtual machines (VMs).

KVM is part of Linux. If you've got Linux 2.6.20 or newer, you've got KVM. KVM was first announced in 2006 and merged into the mainline Linux kernel version a year later. Because KVM is part of existing Linux code, it immediately benefits from every new Linux feature, fix, and advancement without additional engineering.

How does KVM work?

KVM converts Linux into a type-1 (bare-metal) hypervisor. All hypervisors need some operating system-level components—such as a memory manager, process scheduler, input/output (I/O) stack, device drivers, security manager, a network stack, and more—to run VMs. KVM has all these components because it's part of the Linux kernel. Every VM is implemented as a regular Linux process, scheduled by the standard Linux scheduler, with dedicated virtual hardware like a network card, graphics adapter, CPU(s), memory, and disks.

KVM features

KVM is part of Linux. Linux is part of KVM. Everything Linux has, KVM has too. But there are specific features that make KVM an enterprise's preferred hypervisor.

Security

KVM uses a combination of [security-enhanced Linux \(SELinux\)](#) and secure virtualization (sVirt) for enhanced VM security and isolation. SELinux establishes security boundaries around VMs. sVirt extends SELinux's capabilities, allowing



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Mandatory Access Control (MAC) security to be applied to guest VMs and preventing manual labeling errors.

Storage

KVM is able to use any storage supported by Linux, including some local disks and [network- attached storage \(NAS\)](#). Multipath I/O may be used to improve storage and provide redundancy. KVM also supports shared file systems so VM images may be shared by multiple hosts. Disk

images support thin provisioning, allocating storage on demand rather than all up front.

Hardware support

KVM can use a wide variety of certified Linux-supported hardware platforms. Because hardware vendors regularly contribute to kernel development, the latest hardware features are often rapidly adopted in the Linux kernel.

Memory management

KVM inherits the memory management features of Linux, including non-uniform memory access and kernel same-page merging. The memory of a VM can be swapped, backed by large volumes for better performance, and shared or backed by a disk file.

Live migration

KVM supports live migration, which is the ability to move a running VM between physical hosts with no service interruption. The VM remains powered on, network connections remain active, and applications continue to run while the VM is relocated. KVM also saves a VM's current state so it can be stored and resumed later.

Performance and scalability

KVM inherits the performance of Linux, scaling to match demand load if the number of guest machines and requests increases. KVM allows the most demanding application workloads to be virtualized and is the basis for many enterprise virtualization setups, such as datacenters and private clouds (via [OpenStack](#)).

Scheduling and resource control

In the KVM model, a VM is a Linux process, scheduled and managed by the kernel. The Linux scheduler allows fine-grained control of the resources allocated to a Linux process and guarantees a quality of service for a particular process. In KVM, this includes the completely fair scheduler, control groups, network namespaces, and real-time extensions.

Lower latency and higher prioritization

The Linux kernel features real-time extensions that allow VM-based apps to run at lower latency with better prioritization (compared to bare metal). The kernel also divides



processes that require long computing times into smaller components, which are then scheduled and processed accordingly.

Installation of KVM

To install cpu-checker, run the following command:

sudo apt install cpu-checker

Step 1: Install KVM Packages

1. First, update the repositories:

sudo apt update

```
Terminal Mar 9 14:16
administrator@pc-48: ~
administrator@pc-48:~$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for administrator:
Hit:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal InRelease
Get:2 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates InRelease [114 kB]
Get:3 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports InRelease [108 kB]
Get:4 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 Packages [1,640 kB]
Get:5 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main i386 Packages [615 kB]
Get:6 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main Translation-en [312 kB]
Get:7 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [279 kB]
Get:8 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 s-n-f Metadata [14.8 kB]
```

2. Then, install essential KVM packages with the following command:

sudo apt install qemu-kvm libvirt-daemon-system libvirt-clients bridge-utils

This will start the installation of four KVM packages:

```
Terminal Mar 9 14:16
administrator@pc-48: ~
administrator@pc-48:~$ sudo apt install qemu-kvm libvirt-daemon-system libvirt-clients bridge-utils
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
cpu-checker dmeventd ibverbs-providers ipxe-qemu
ipxe-qemu-256k-compatible-efi-roms libaio1 libccard0 libdevmapper-event1.02.1
```

Step 3: Verify the Installation

1. Confirm the installation was successful by using the virsh command:

virsh list --all

You can expect an output as seen below:



```
administrator@pc-48:~$ virsh list --all
Id      Name      State
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```

2. Or use the systemctl command to check the status of libvirtd:

sudo systemctl status libvirtd

If everything is functioning properly, the output returns an active (running) status.

```
administrator@pc-48:~$ sudo systemctl status libvirtd
● libvirtd.service - Virtualization daemon
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/libvirtd.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-03-09 14:16:37 IST; 1min 46s ago
     TriggeredBy: ● libvirtd-admin.socket
                  ● libvirtd-ro.socket
                  ● libvirtd.socket
   Docs: man:libvirtd(8)
```

3. Press Q to quit the status screen.

4. If the virtualization daemon is not active, activate it with the following command:

sudo systemctl enable --now libvirtd

Creating a Virtual Machine on Ubuntu 20.04

1. Before you choose one of the two methods listed below, install virt-manager, a tool for creating and managing VMs:

sudo apt install virt-manager

```
administrator@pc-48:~$ sudo apt install virt-manager
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  gir1.2-appindicator3-0.1 gir1.2-gtk-vnc-2.0 gir1.2-libosinfo-1.0
  gir1.2-libvirt-glib-1.0 gir1.2-spiceclientglib-2.0
```

2. Type Y and press **ENTER**. Wait for the installation to finish.

Make sure you download an ISO containing the OS you wish to install on a VM and proceed to pick an installation method.

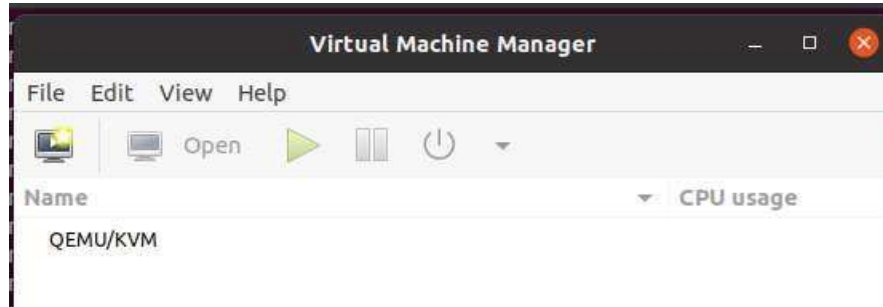


Method 1: Virt Manager GUI

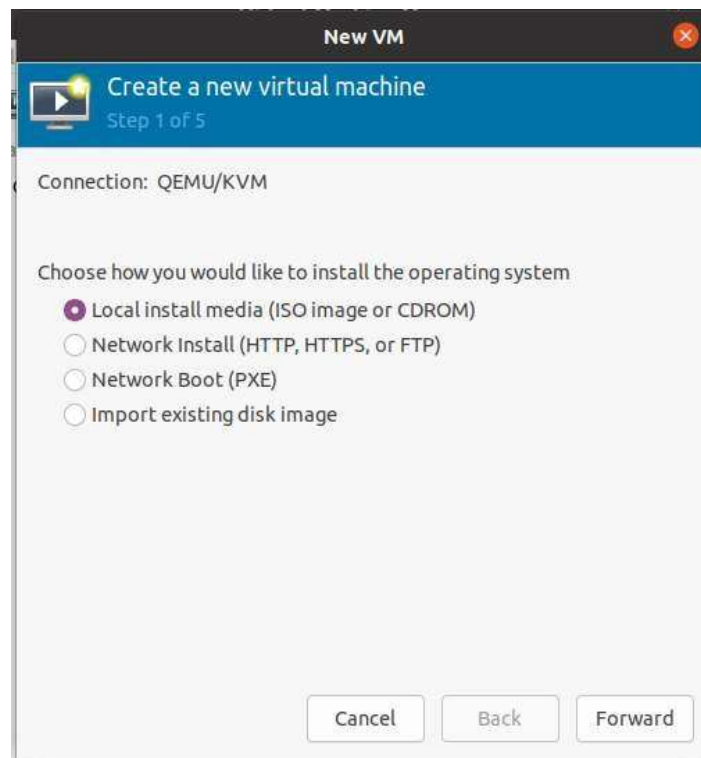
1. Start virt-manager with:

`sudo virt-manager`

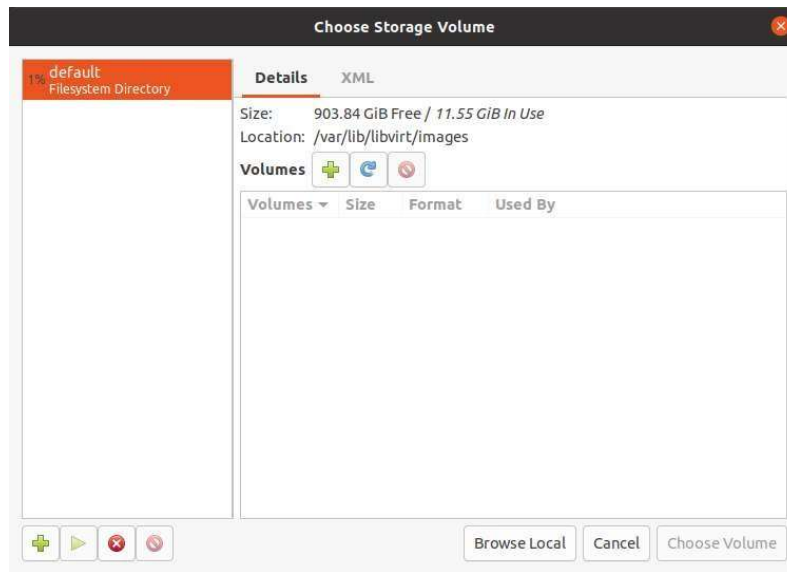
2. In the first window, click the computer icon in the upper-left corner.



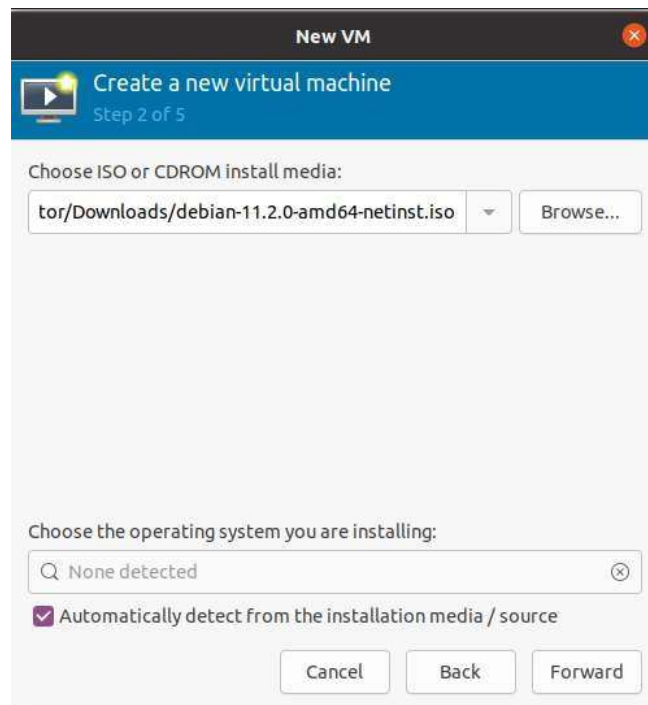
3. In the dialogue box that opens, select the option to install the VM using an ISO image. Then click **Forward**.



4. In the next dialogue, click **Browse Local** and navigate to the path where you stored the ISO you wish to install.



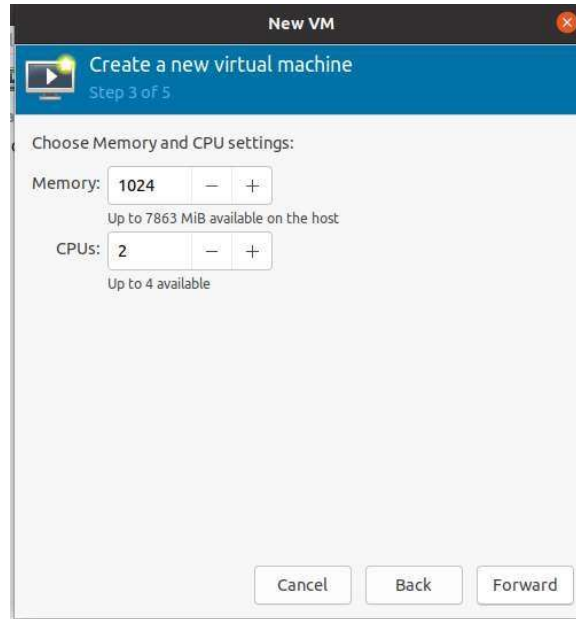
5. The ISO you chose in the previous window populates the field in Step 2. Proceed to Step 3 by clicking **Forward**.



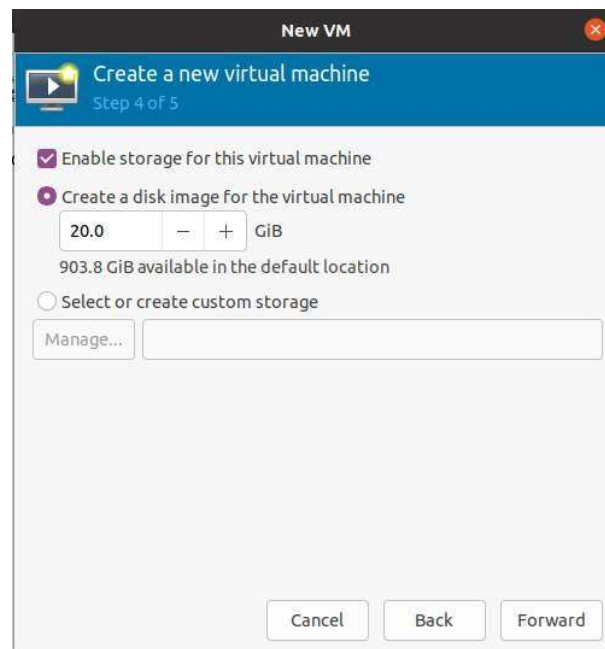
6. Enter the amount of RAM and the number of CPUs you wish to allocate to the



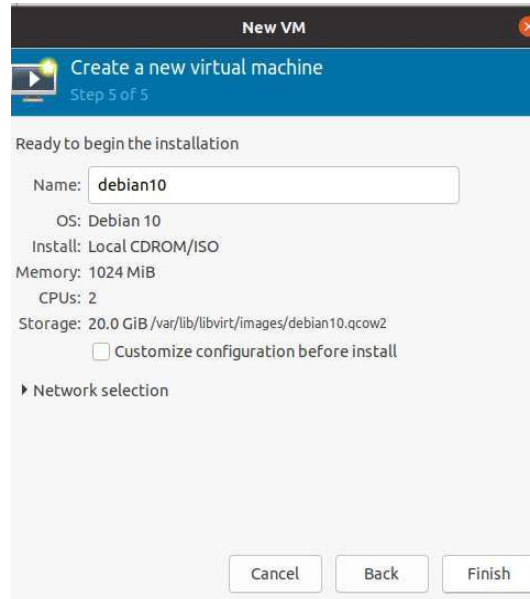
VM and proceed to the next step.



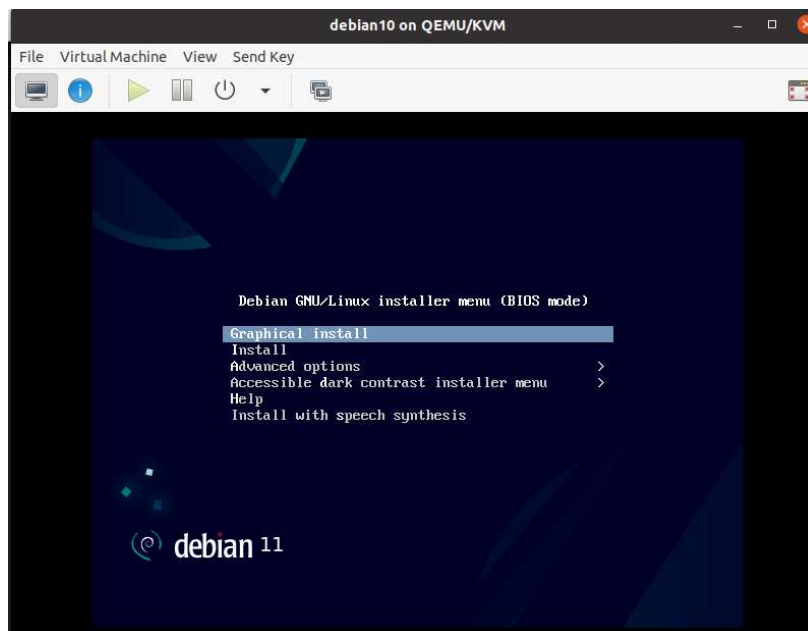
7. Allocate hard disk space to the VM. Click **Forward** to go to the last step.



8. Specify the name for your VM and click **Finish** to complete the setup.



9. The VM starts automatically, prompting you to start installing the OS that's on the ISO file.



Conclusion: Thus, we have successfully implemented Hosted Virtualization using KVM