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Allocated Operating System: Debian

Worldwide PC Brand: ASUS ROG

1. INTRODUCTION

Background

An operating system is system software that acts as an interface between computer hardware and users. It manages system resources such as CPU, memory, storage, and input/output devices. Among many operating systems, Linux-based systems are widely used due to their stability, security, and open-source nature.

Debian GNU/Linux is one of the oldest and most stable Linux distributions. It was developed by the Debian Project, a global community of volunteers. Debian strictly follows free software principles and provides a strong foundation for many other Linux distributions such as Ubuntu, Kali Linux, and Linux Mint.

Motivation

The motivation for selecting Debian is its reliability, long-term support, and wide usage in servers, cloud computing, and education. Installing Debian in a virtual environment helps students understand real-world operating system concepts without risking damage to physical hardware.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The main objectives of this project are:

To install Debian GNU/Linux in a virtual environment

To understand Linux system architecture and boot process

To learn disk partitioning and filesystem concepts

To practice troubleshooting during OS installation

To understand virtualization in modern operating systems

To gain confidence in Linux system usage and administration

3. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DEBIAN

Debian was first released in 1993 by Ian Murdock. The name “Debian” comes from Debra (his wife) and Ian. Debian is governed by the Debian Social Contract, which ensures that the operating system remains free and open-source.

Debian is known for:

Stability over cutting-edge features

Large software repositories

Strong security team

Community-driven development

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEBIAN INSTALLATION

Hardware Requirements (Host Machine)

Component	Minimum Req
CPU	Intel/AMD 64-bit
RAM	4 GB

Storage	20 GB free disk
BIOS	Virtualization enabled
Network	Internet connection

Software Requirements

Software	Description
Debian ISO	Debian 13 (Bookworm)
Virtualization Tool	Oracle VM VirtualBox
Host	Windows / Linux

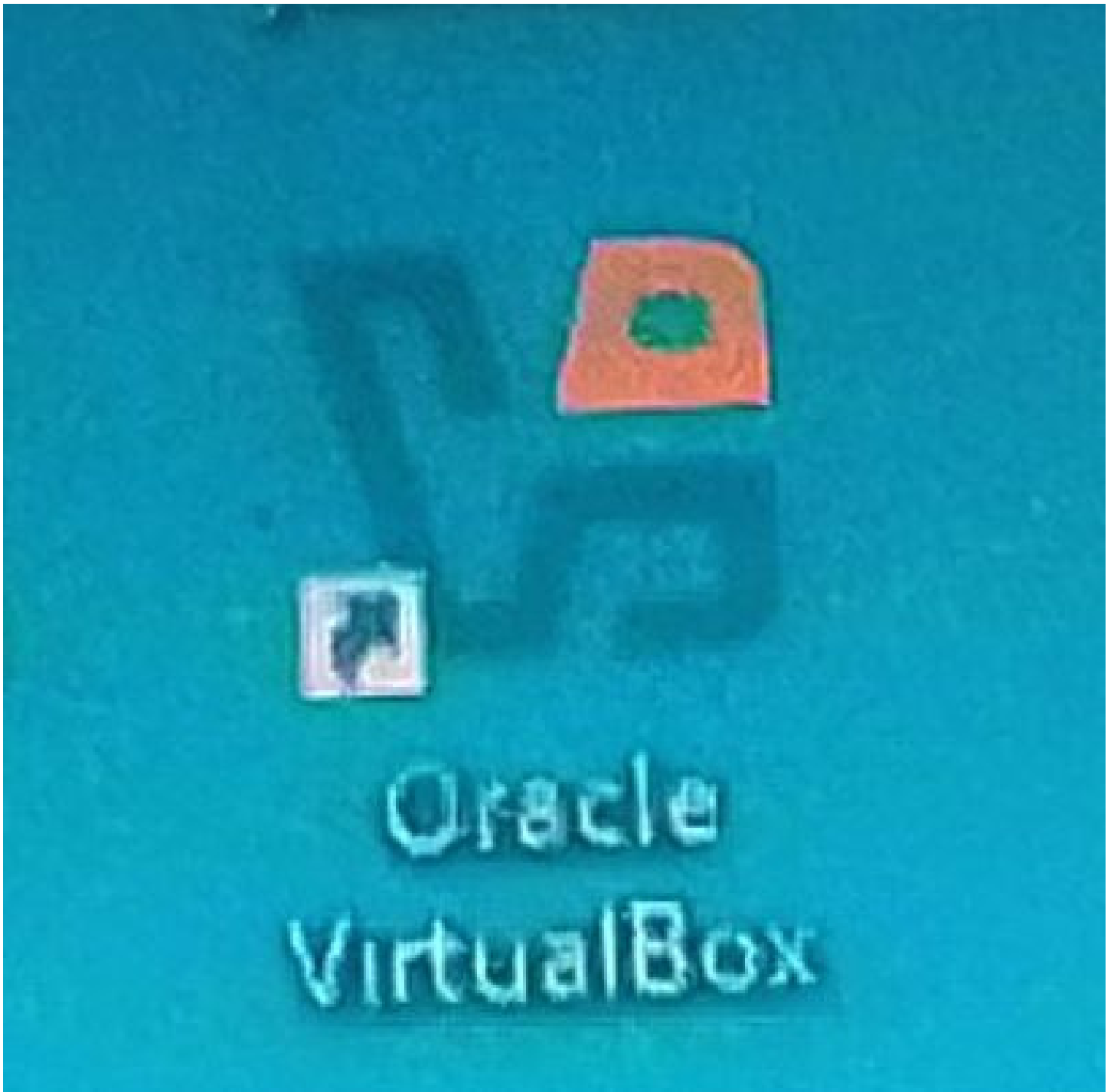
5. [INSTALLATION STEPS OF DEBIAN OS \(VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT\)](#)

Step 1: Download Debian ISO

Download Debian 13(64-bit) ISO from the official Debian website.

Step 2: Install VirtualBox

Install Oracle VM VirtualBox on the host machine.

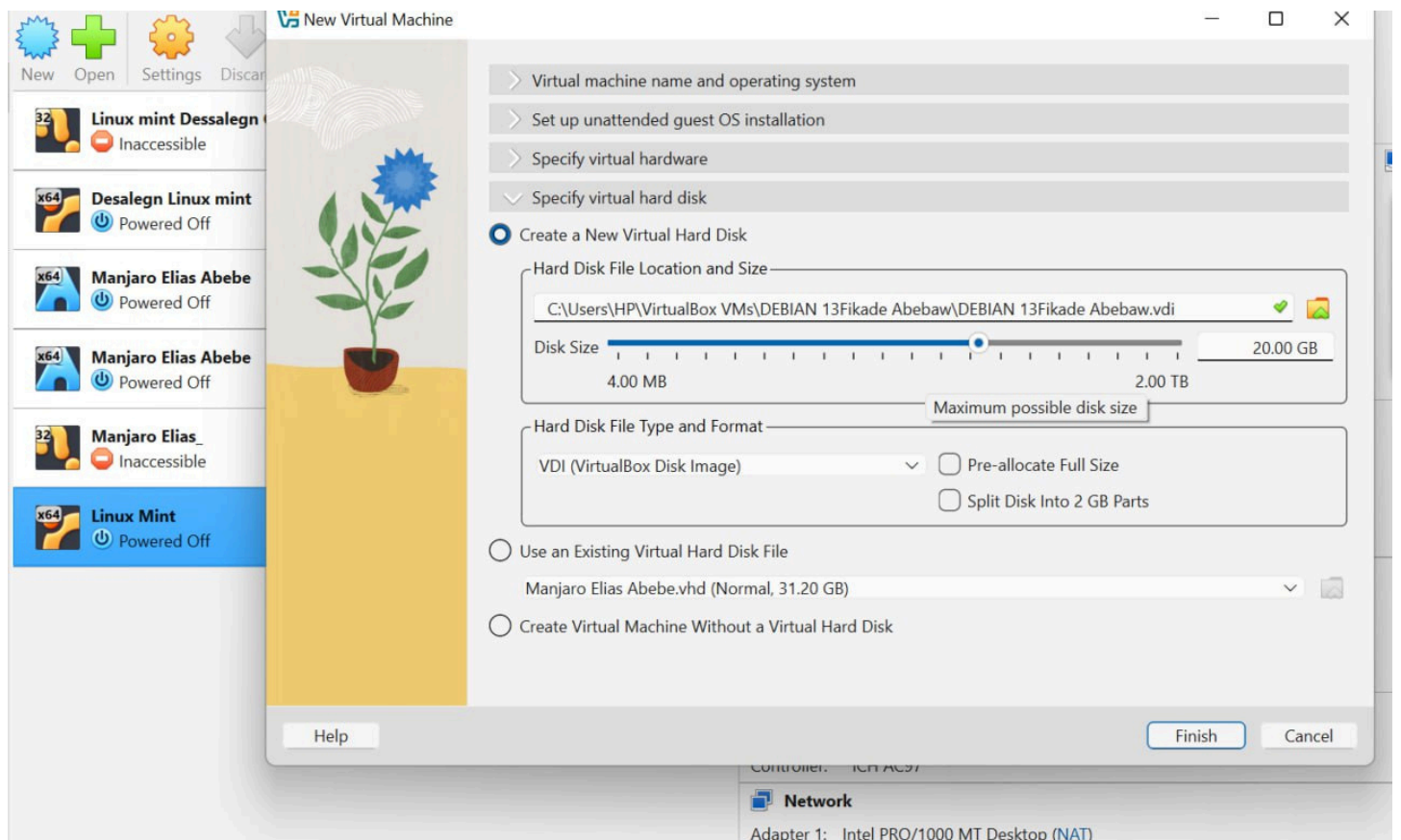
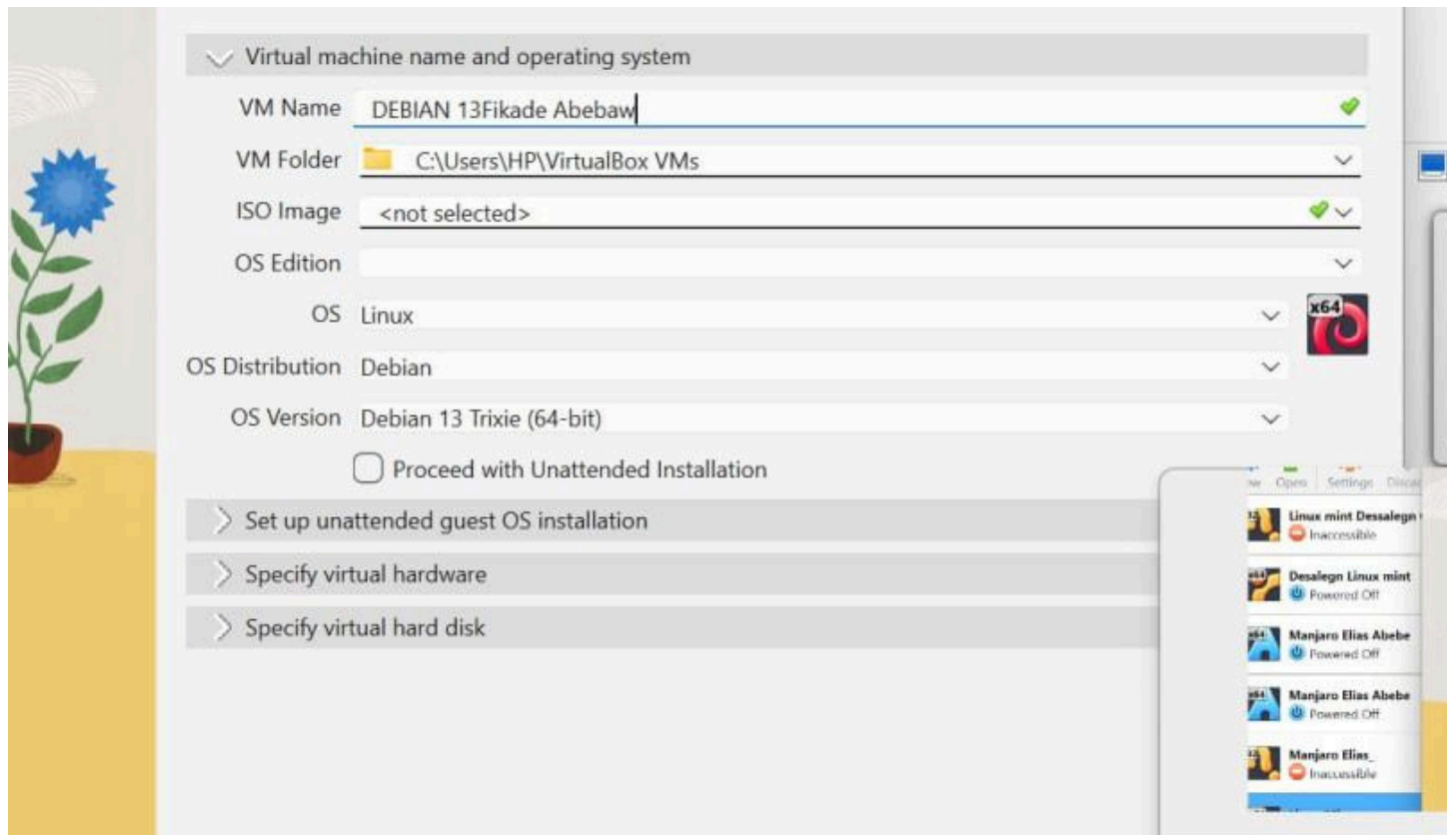


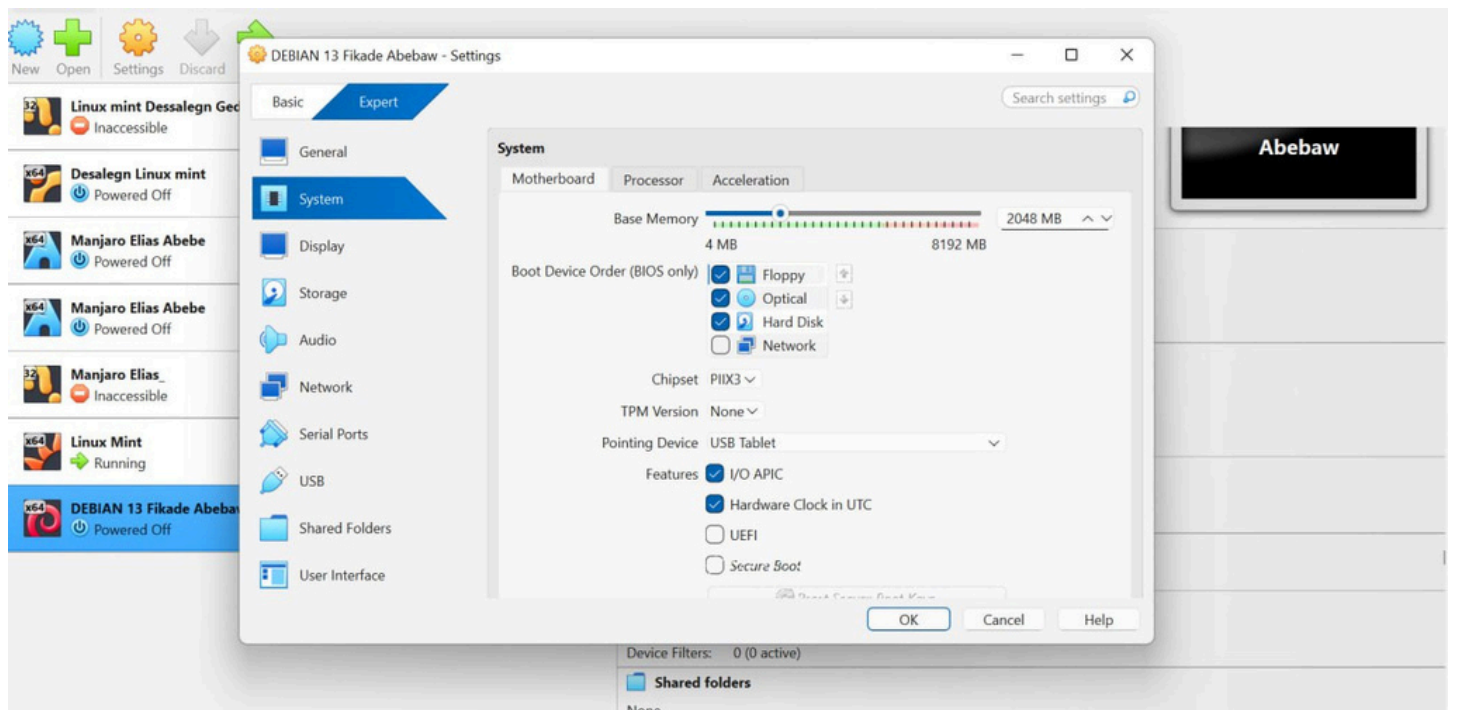
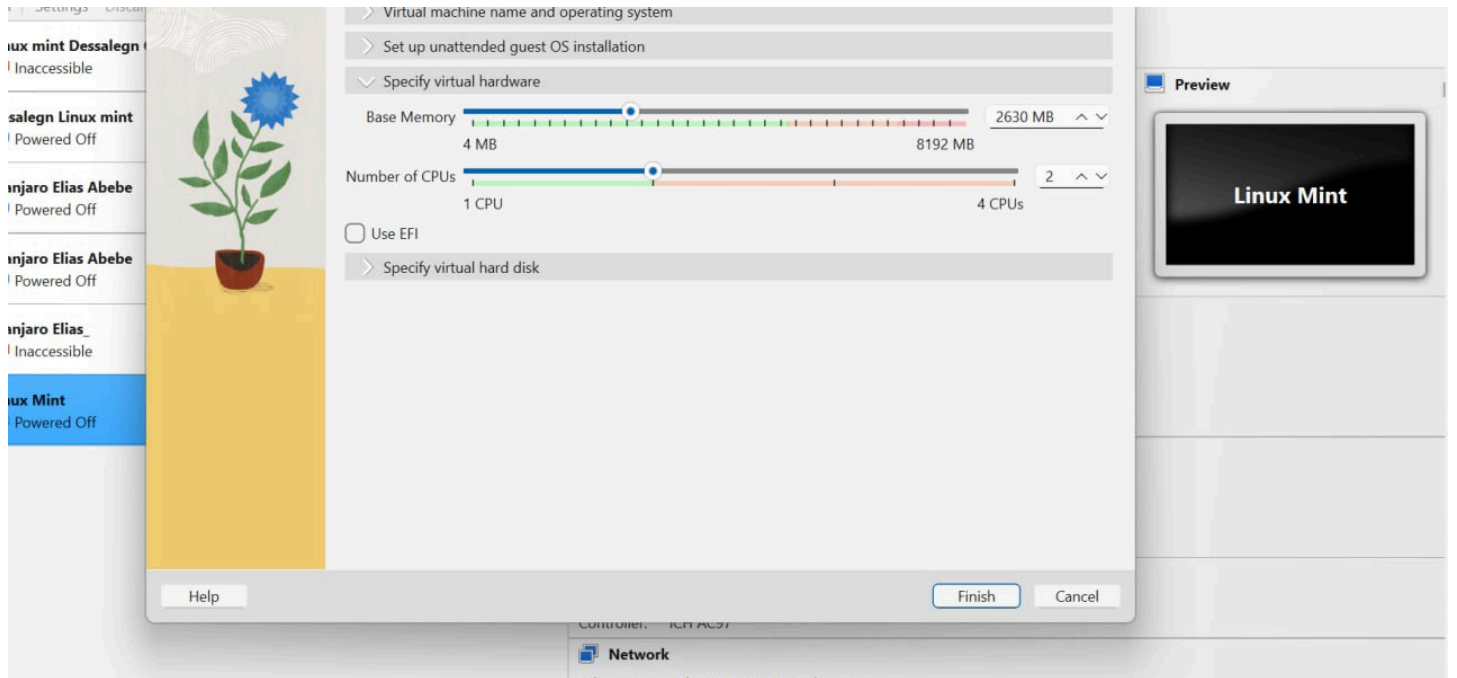
Step 3: Create Virtual Machine

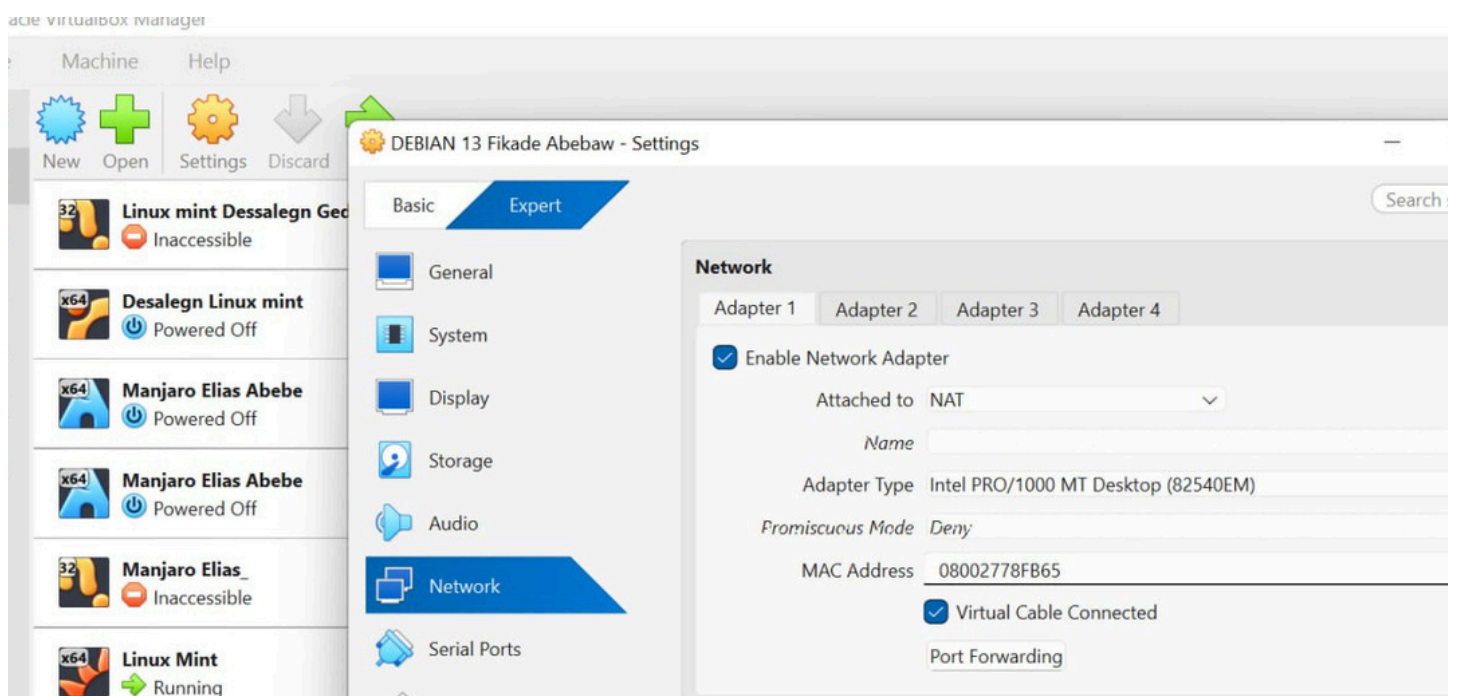
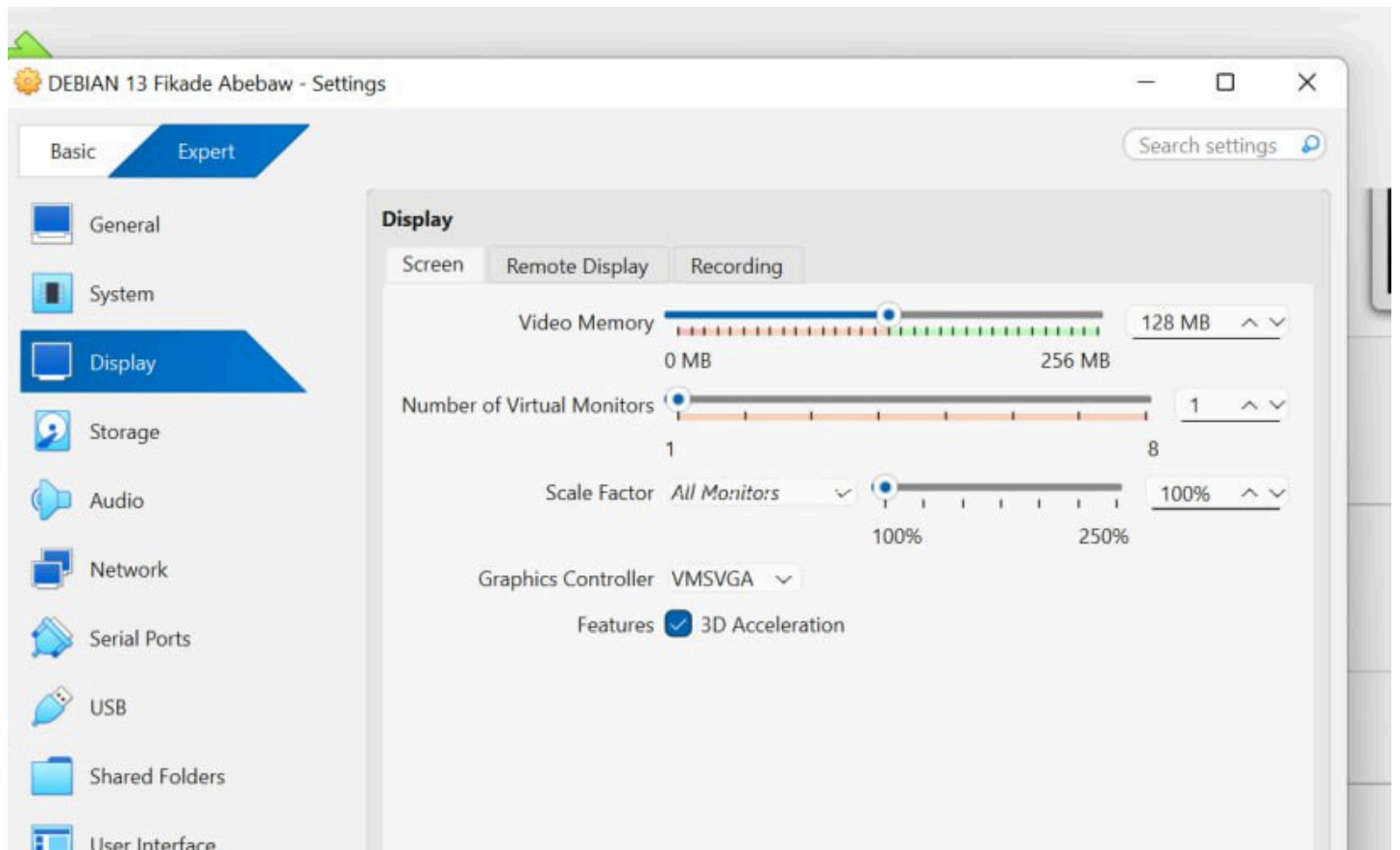
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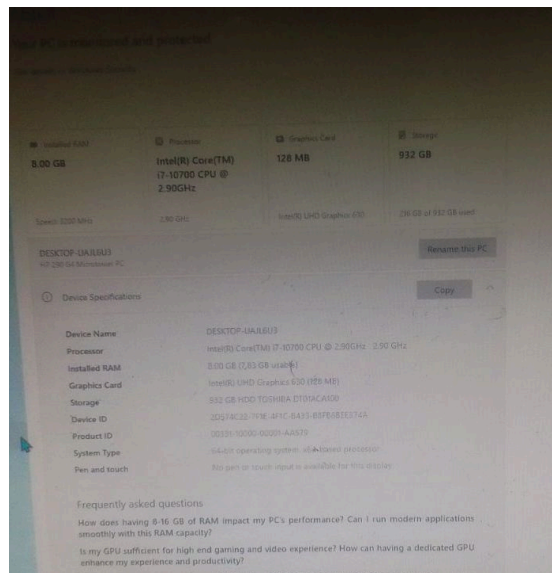
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Step 4: Allocate Resources



RAM: 2048 MB or higher

CPU: 2 cores

Disk: 20 GB (VDI, dynamically allocated)

Step 5: Attach ISO and Start Installation

Choose Graphical Install

Select language, region, keyboard

Step 6: User Account Creation

Create user account using full name (Fikade Abebaw) as required.

Step 7: Disk Partitioning

Guided – use entire disk

All files in one partition

Step 8: Software Selection

Debian Desktop Environment

GNOME Desktop

Standard system utilities

Step 9: Bootloader Installation

Install GRUB and restart the system.

6. ISSUES FACED DURING INSTALLATION

Problem Faced	Description
No 64-bit option	Virtualization disabled
Network not	Adapter misconfigured
Black screen	Graphics driver issue

7. SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

Problem	Solution
64-bit missing	Enable virtualization in BIOS
Network error	Use NAT adapter
Display issue	Set graphics to VM SVGA

6. FILESYSTEM SUPPORT IN DEBIAN

ext4: Default and most stable filesystem for Debian.

Btrfs: Modern filesystem with snapshot support.

ZFS: Advanced filesystem for large storage systems.

NTFS: Windows filesystem supported for compatibility.

FAT32: Simple filesystem for small removable drives.

exFAT: FAT32 alternative for large files.

HFS+: Older macOS filesystem with limited support.

APFS: Apple filesystem with very limited Linux support.

I use ext4 because it is fast, stable, and reliable.

9. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DEBIAN

Advantages

High stability

Strong security

Free and open source

Large package repository

Long-term support

Disadvantages

Older software versions

Requires Linux knowledge

Less beginner-friendly

10.CONCLUSION

Debian is a powerful, stable, and professional Linux operating system suitable for servers, desktops,

and education. Installing Debian in a virtual environment provided hands-on experience with Linux

installation, filesystem management, and virtualization concepts.

Virtualization in Modern Operating Systems

What is Virtualization?

Virtualization is a technology that allows multiple operating systems to run on a single physical computer by creating virtual machines.

Why Virtualization?

Efficient hardware usage

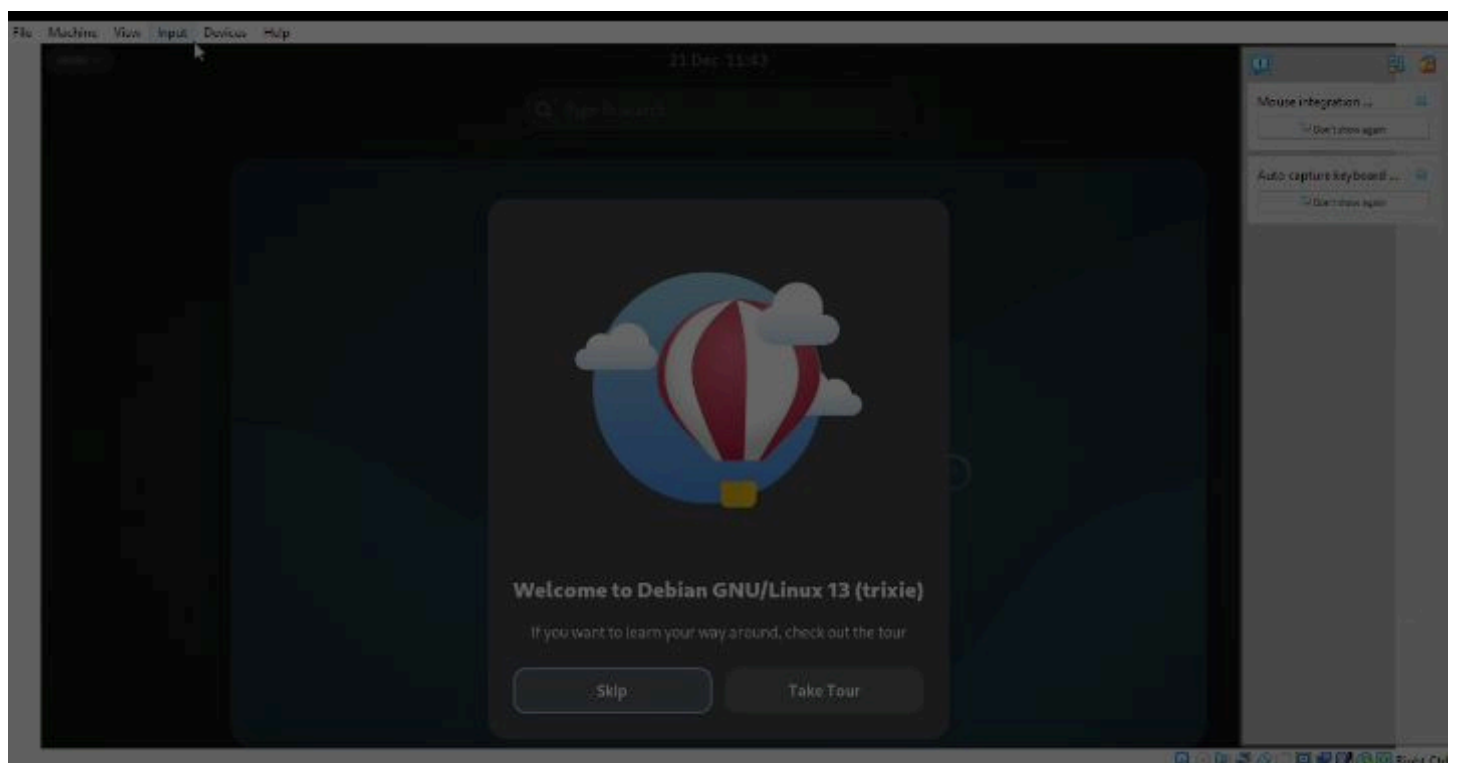
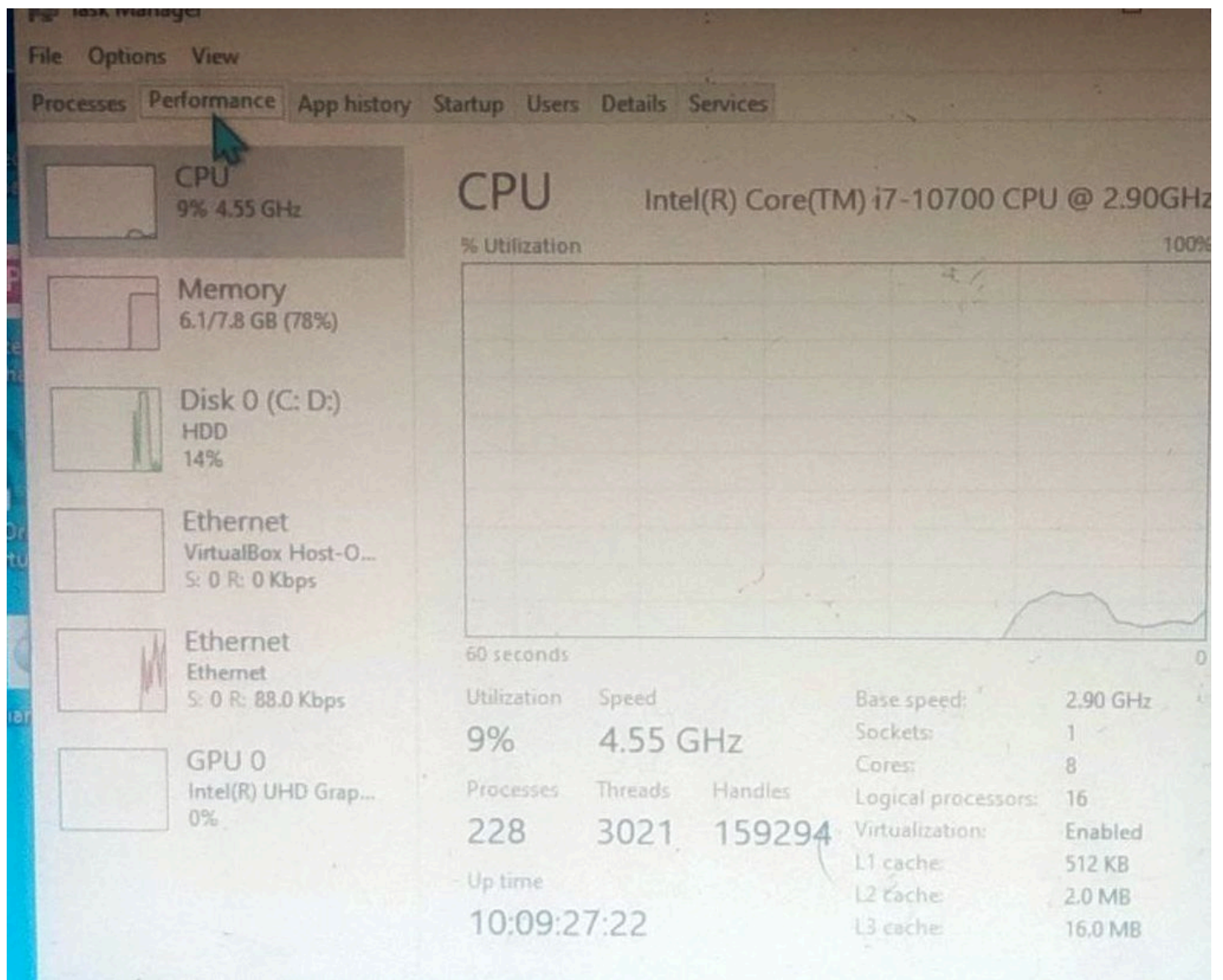
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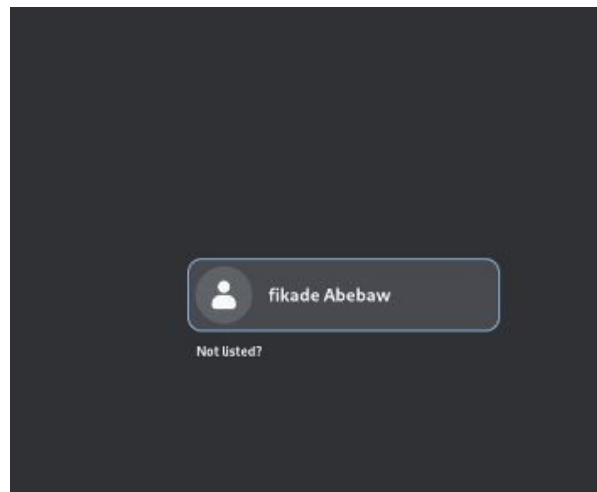
Cost reduction

Easy backup and recovery

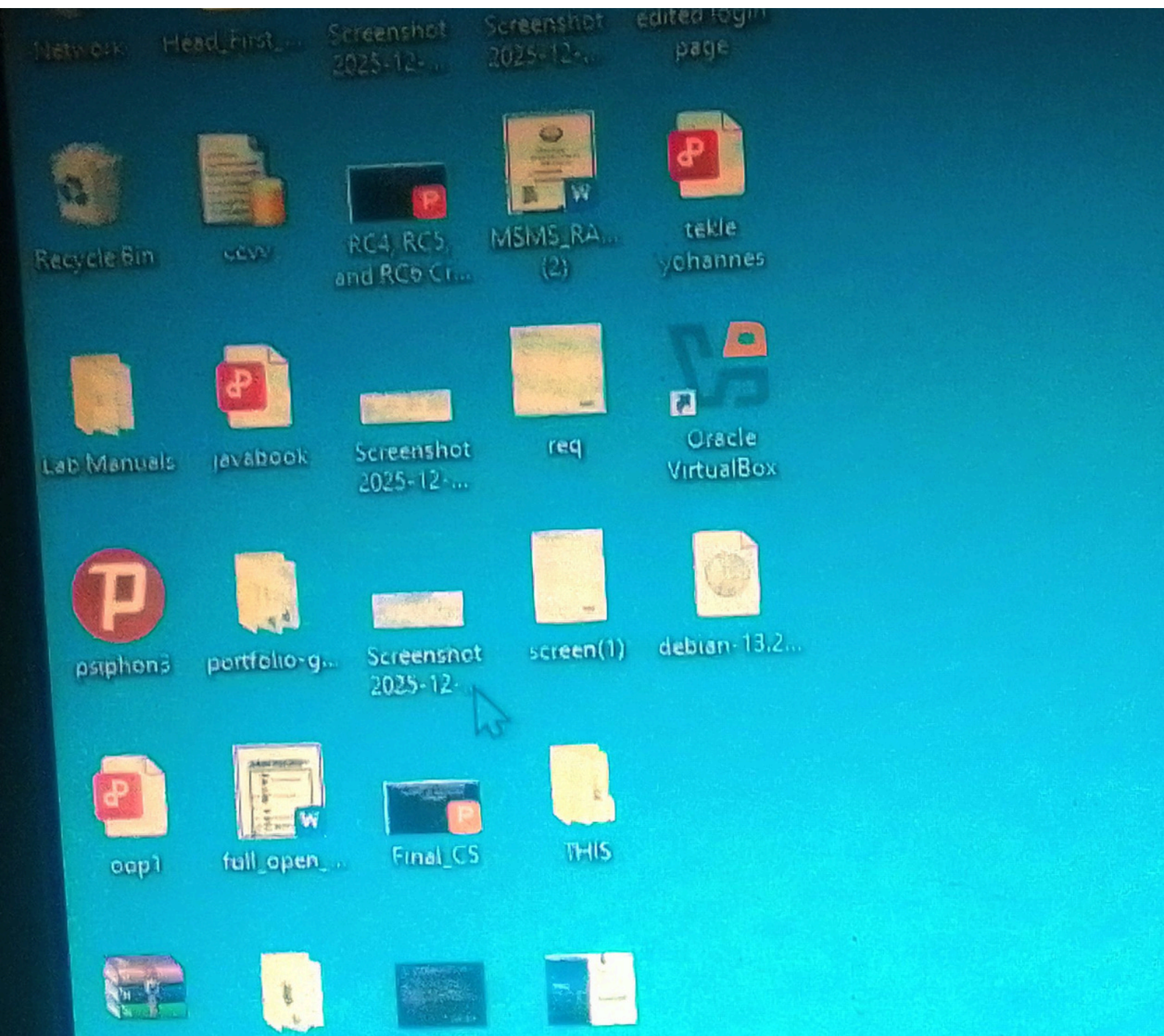
How Virtualization Works

A hypervisor (VirtualBox) manages hardware resources and distributes them to virtual machines. Each VM behaves like a real computer.





FINALLY! I installed debian 13 see below the display screenshots



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