

# CAPACITYBAY

## INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION OF ELASTICSEARCH AND KIBANA ON CENTOS

### PREREQUISITE:

- Download and install virtual box
- Link: <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
- Download centos. Link: <https://www.centos.org/download/>
- Download mobaxterm [Link](https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/download.html)  
<https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/download.html>

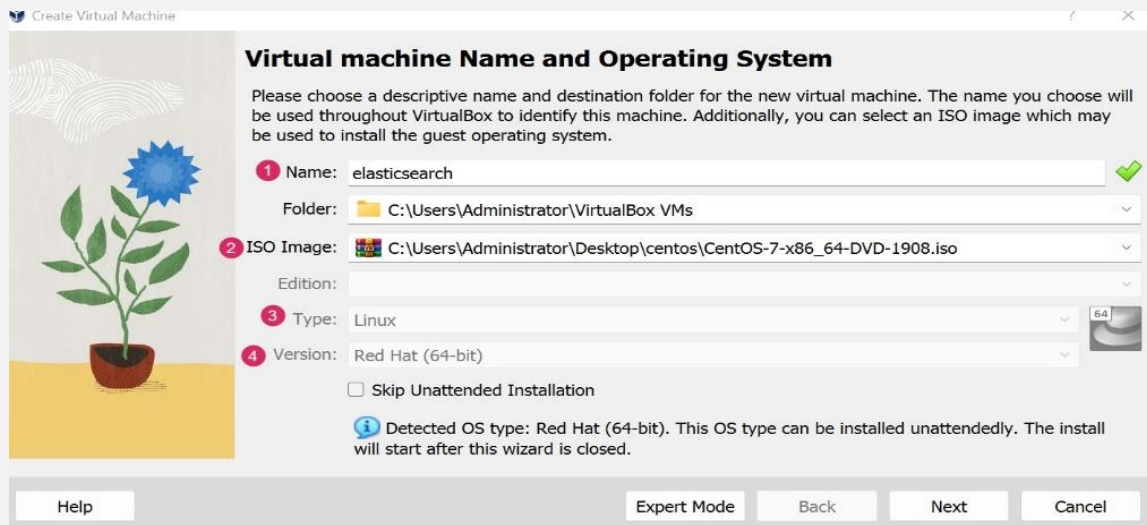
### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- RAM: minimum of 8gb
- PROCESSOR: core i3 and above
- Virtualization enable computer

**Step 1:** Lunch virtual box and click on the add icon



## Step 2: Centos server Setup



**Virtual machine Name and Operating System**

Please choose a descriptive name and destination folder for the new virtual machine. The name you choose will be used throughout VirtualBox to identify this machine. Additionally, you can select an ISO image which may be used to install the guest operating system.

1 Name:  ✓

Folder:

2 ISO Image:

Edition:

3 Type:

4 Version:

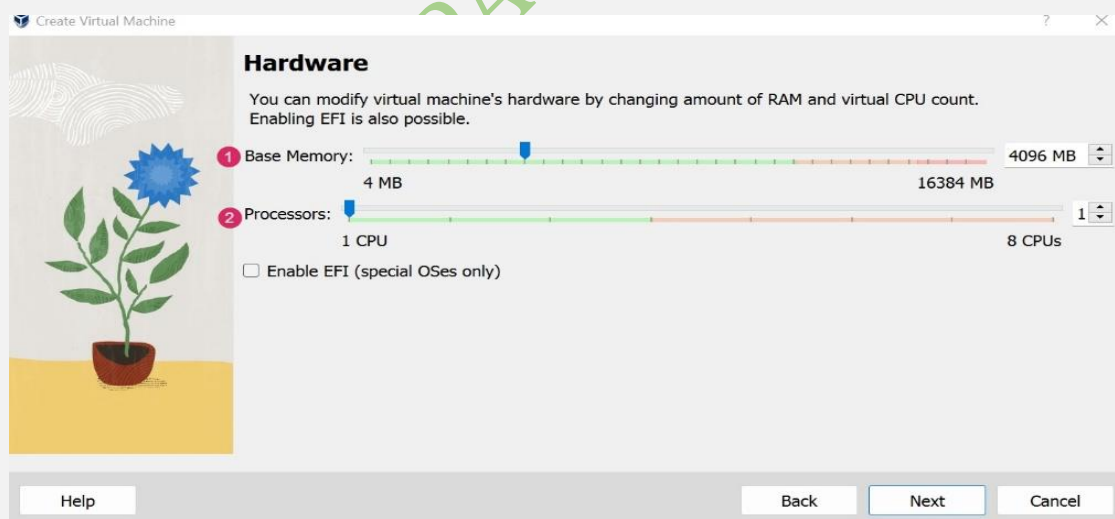
☐ Skip Unattended Installation

Detected OS type: Red Hat (64-bit). This OS type can be installed unattendedly. The install will start after this wizard is closed.

Help Expert Mode Back Next Cancel

1. Input your Elasticsearch server name
2. Select Centos ISO file
3. Select operating system type
4. Select RedHat (choose OS architecture type)
5. Click on next to proceed

## Step 3: RAM and CPU configuration



**Hardware**

You can modify virtual machine's hardware by changing amount of RAM and virtual CPU count. Enabling EFI is also possible.

1 Base Memory:  4096 MB

2 Processors:  1 CPU

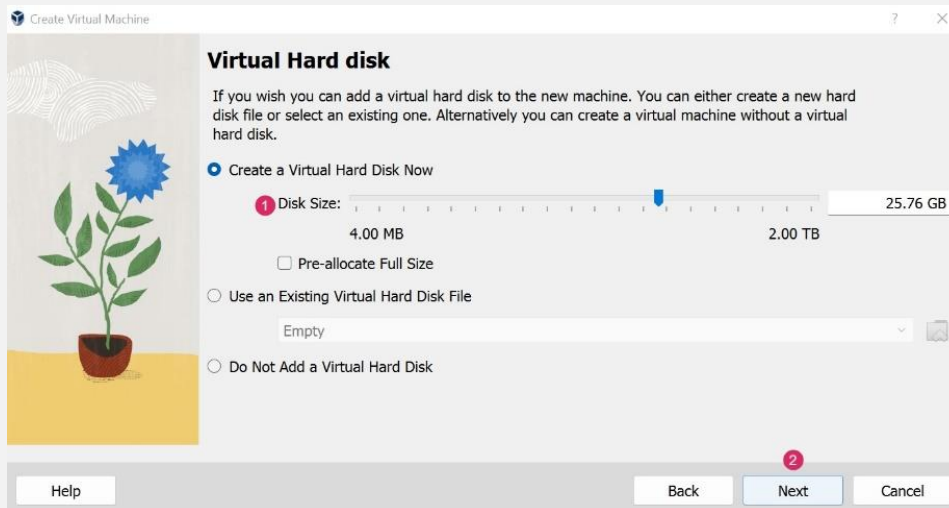
☐ Enable EFI (special OSes only)

Help Back Next Cancel

1. Select virtual RAM size

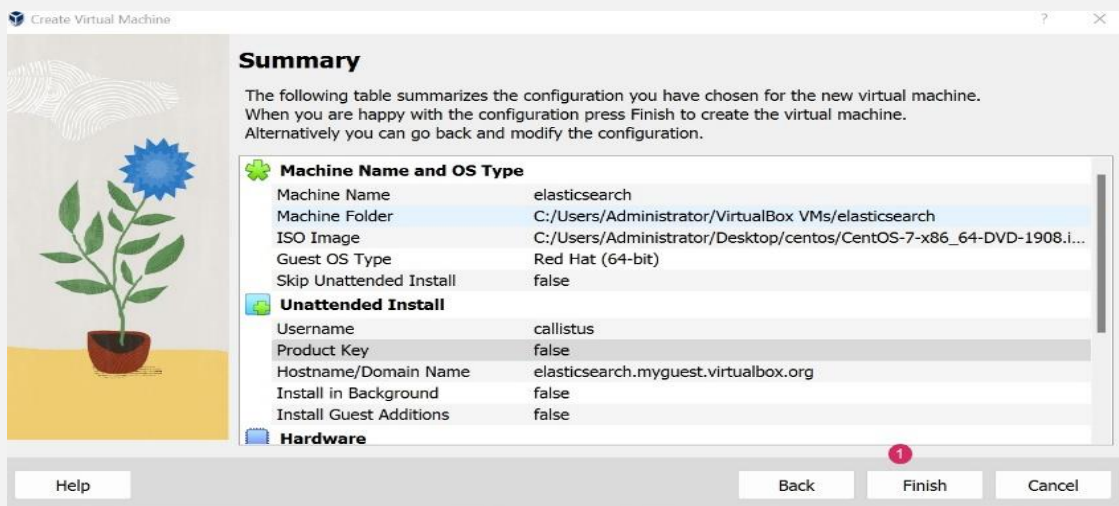
2. Choose number of virtual CPUs
3. Click on next

### Step 4: Virtual disk configuration

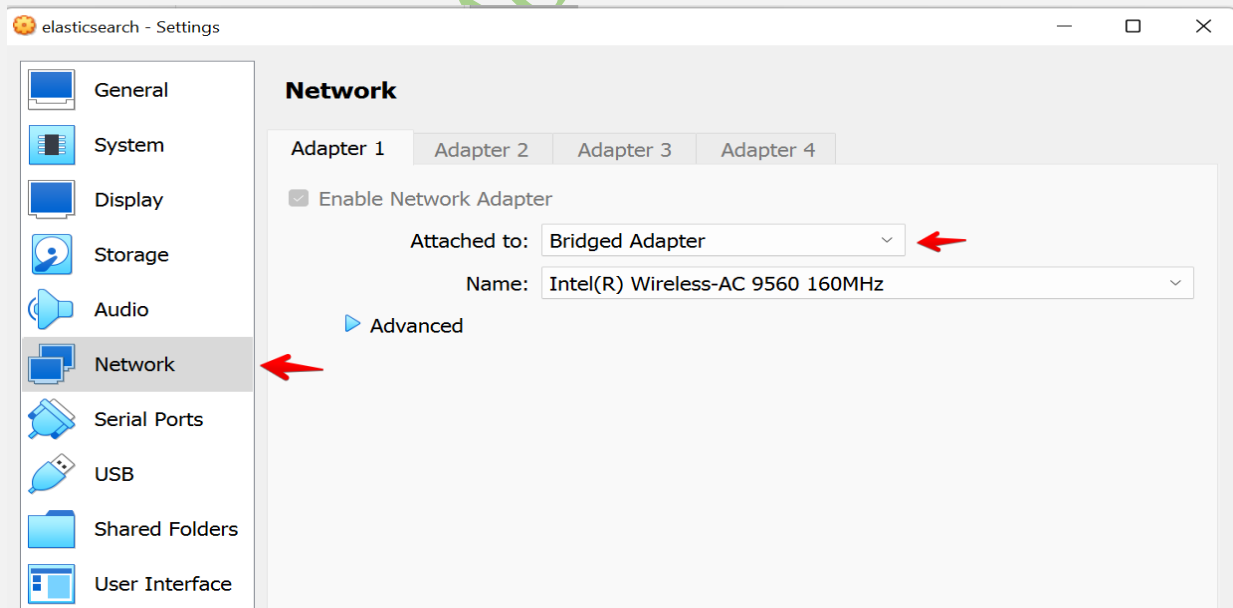
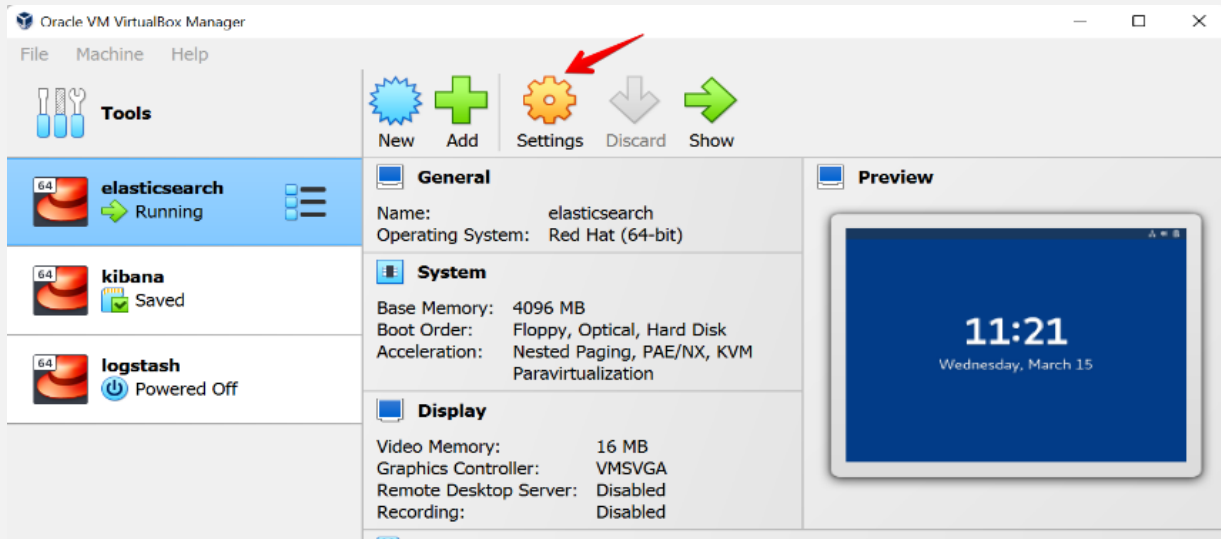


1. Select virtual disk capacity
2. Click on next

### Step 5: Review configuration Settings

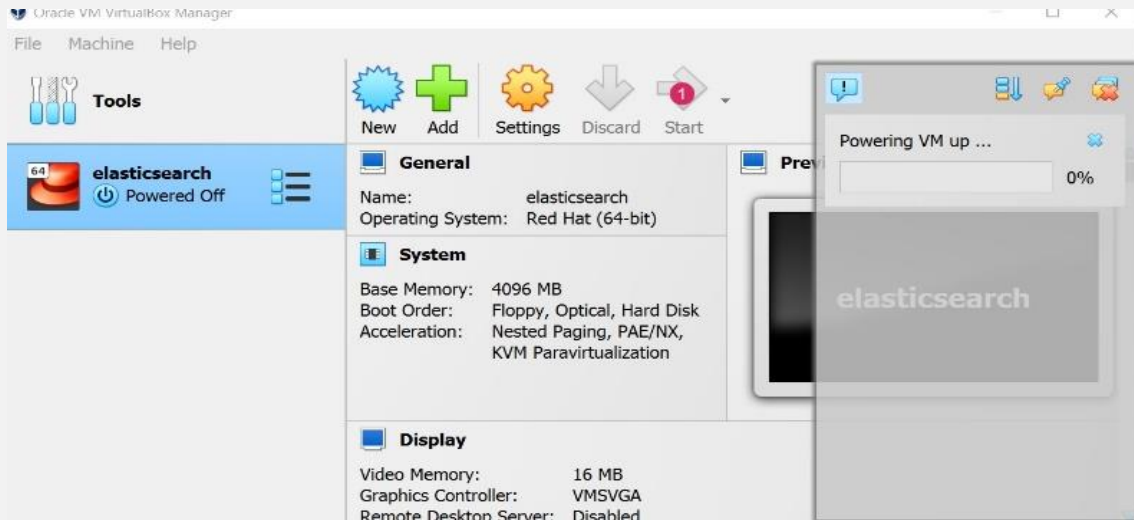


## Step 6: Network Configuration



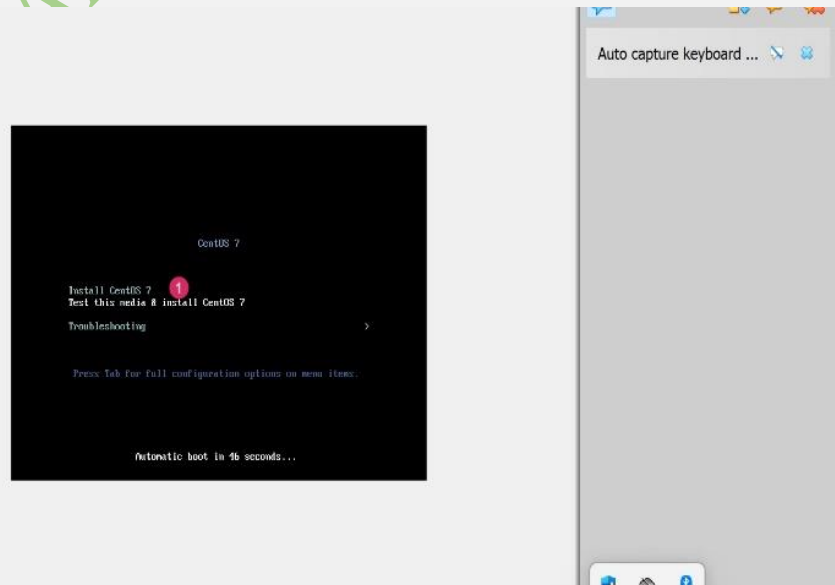
1. Click on network option
2. Select bridged adapter
3. Click ok

### Step 7: Lunch Centos server



1. Click on start

### Step 8: Select install centos

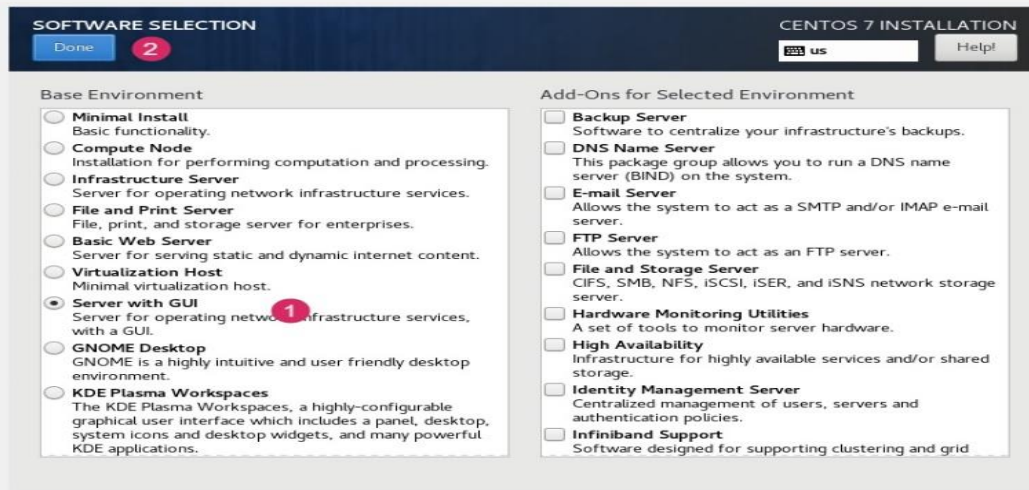


## Step 9: Centos Server configuration



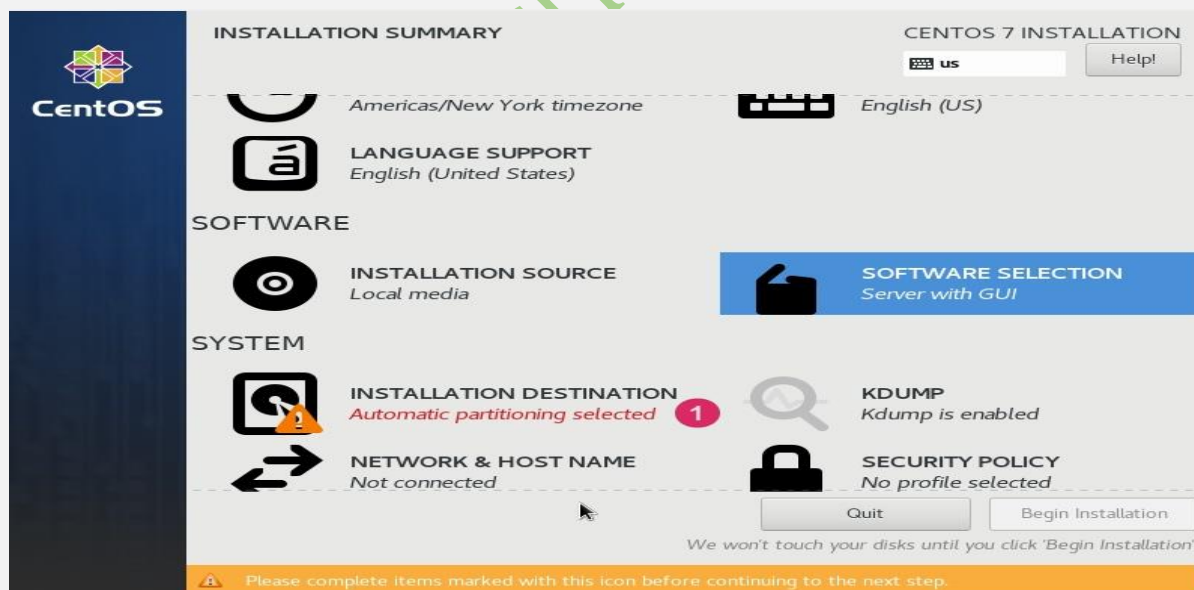
1. Click on software section

## Step 10: Choose server environment



1. Choose server with GUI or any other option of your choice

**Step 10:** Configure Installation destination(disk partition configuration)





INSTALLATION DESTINATION

Done

1

CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION

us

Help!

Device Selection

Select the device(s) you'd like to install to. They will be left untouched until you click on the main menu's "Begin Installation" button.

Local Standard Disks

25.76 GiB

ATA VBOX HARDDISK

sda / 25.76 GiB free

Disks left unselected here will not be touched.

Specialized & Network Disks

Add a disk...

Disks left unselected here will not be touched.

Other Storage Options

Partitioning

☒ Automatically configure partitioning.
 ☐ I will configure partitioning.
 ☐ I would like to make additional space available.

[Full disk summary and boot loader...](#)

1 disk selected; 25.76 GiB capacity; 25.76 GiB free

[Refresh...](#)

1. Click done or add custom disk configuration

## Step 11: Configure Network

CentOS

INSTALLATION SUMMARY

CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION

us

Help!

DATE & TIME

Americas/New York timezone

KEYBOARD

English (US)

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

English (United States)

SOFTWARE

INSTALLATION SOURCE

Local media

SOFTWARE SELECTION

Server with GUI

SYSTEM

INSTALLATION DESTINATION

Automatic partitioning selected

KDUMP

Kdump is enabled

NETWORK & HOST NAME

Not connected

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SECURITY POLICY

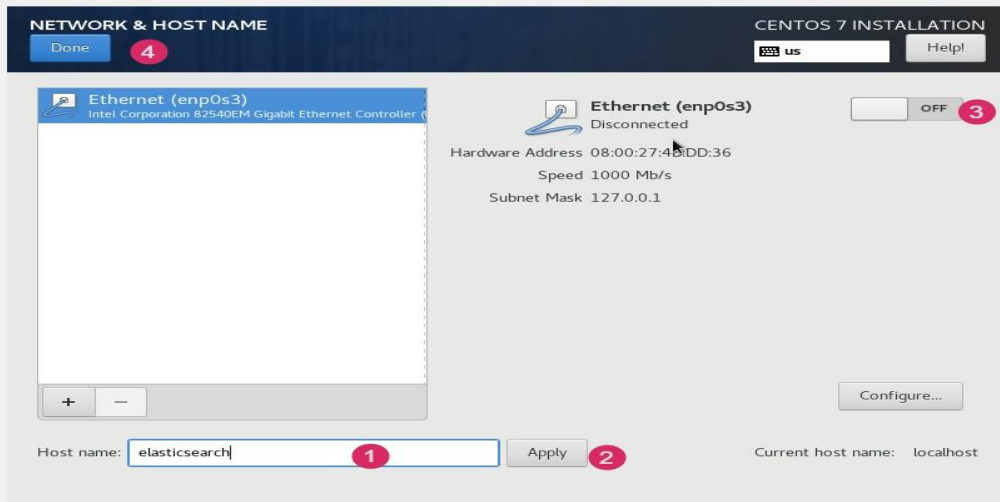
No profile selected

Quit

Begin Installation

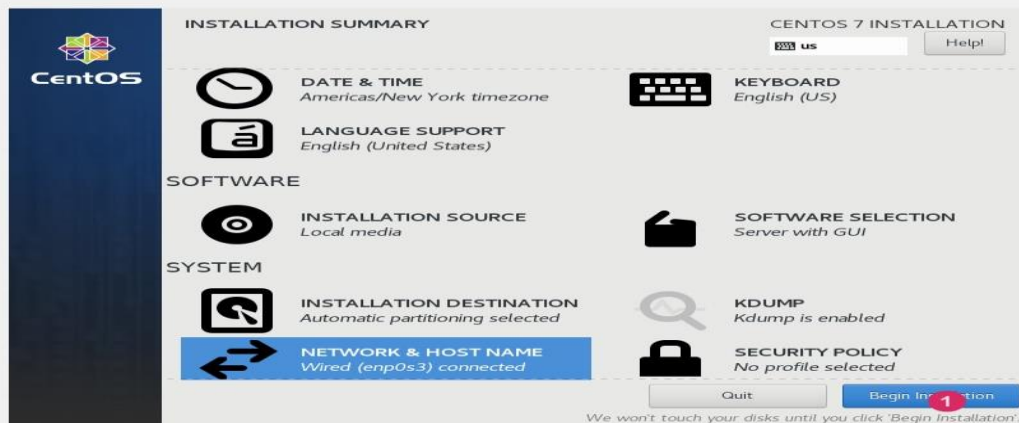
We won't touch your disks until you click 'Begin Installation'.



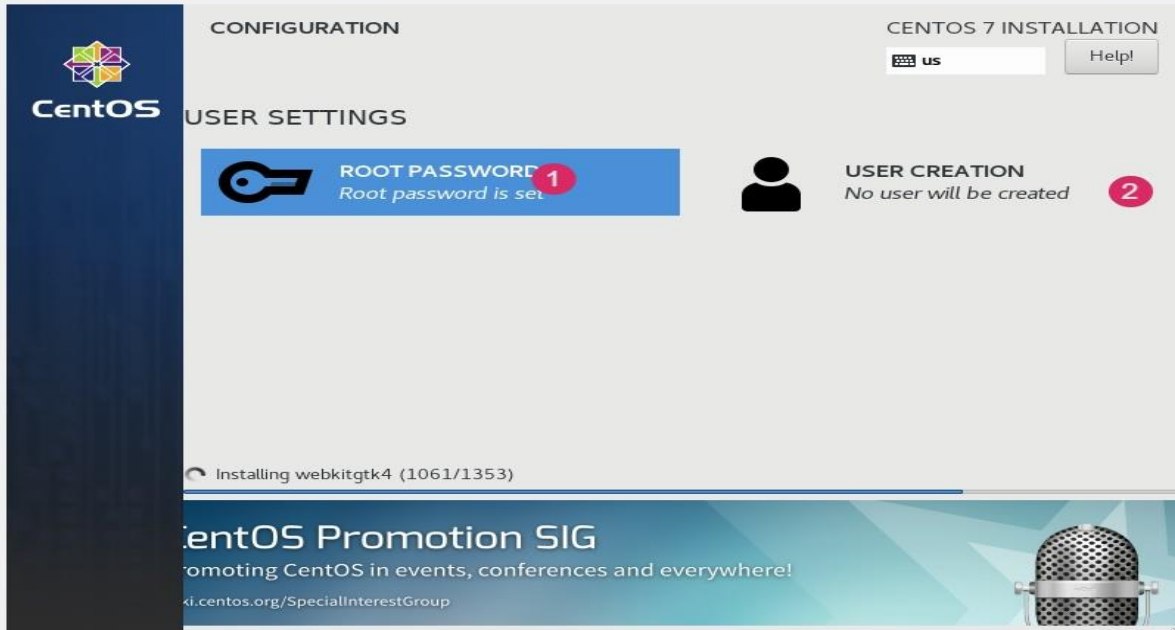


1. Enter Elasticsearch hostname
2. Click on apply
3. Connect network
4. Click on done button.

## Step 12: Begin Installation



## Step 13: Account setup (Setup Root account and user account)



1. Root account setup
2. User account setup

### Step 14: User account setup

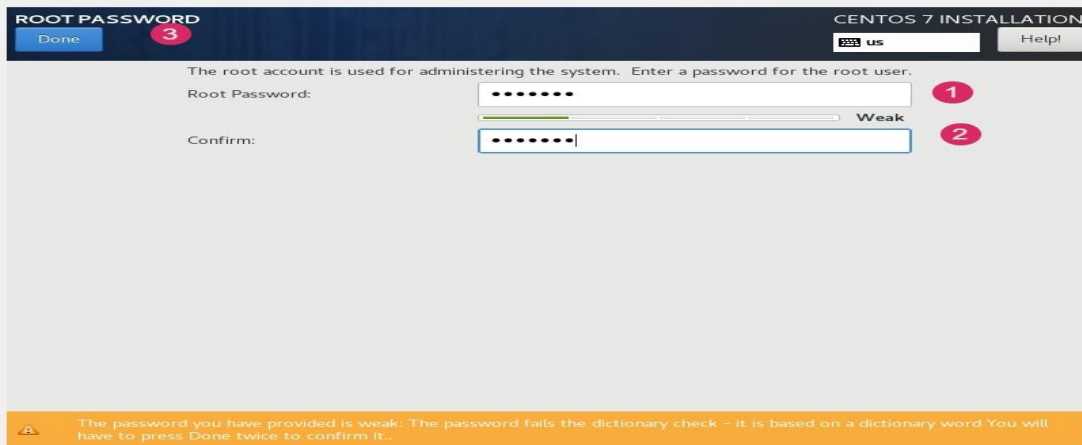
The 'CREATE USER' window in the CentOS 7 installation shows the following fields and options:

- Full name** (1): user1
- User name** (2): user1
- Tip:** Keep your user name shorter than 32 characters and do not use spaces.
- Make this user administrator** (3): ☒
- Require a password to use this account**: ☒
- Password** (4): [masked]
- Confirm password** (5): [masked]
- Advanced...** button

A warning message at the bottom states: "The password you have provided is weak: The password contains the user name in some form You will have to press Done twice to confirm it."

1. Enter full name
2. Enter a user name
3. Make user an admin by checking the box
4. Enter and (5) confirm password

## Setup 15: Root account setup



The screenshot shows the 'ROOT PASSWORD' setup screen in the CentOS 7 installation window. At the top left is a 'Done' button with a red circle containing the number 3. At the top right is a 'Help!' button. The main text reads: 'The root account is used for administering the system. Enter a password for the root user.' Below this are two password input fields. The first field is labeled 'Root Password:' and has a strength indicator below it showing a green bar and the word 'Weak' with a red circle containing the number 1. The second field is labeled 'Confirm:' and has a red circle containing the number 2. At the bottom, an orange warning bar states: 'The password you have provided is weak. The password fails the dictionary check - it is based on a dictionary word. You will have to press Done twice to confirm it.'

1. Enter root password
2. Confirm root password
3. Click on done

NB: Once installation completes, click on reboot to restart the server.

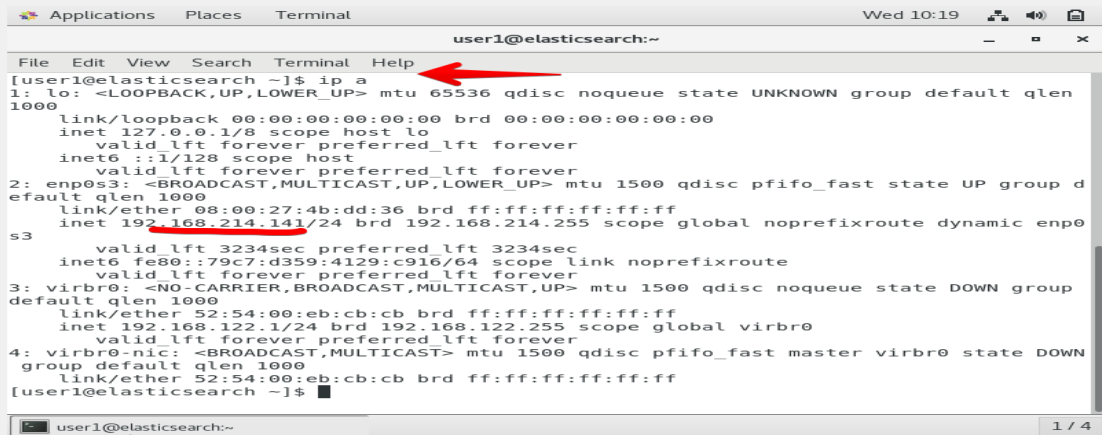
## Step 16: Account login



The screenshot shows a user login screen with a dark background. At the top, there is a user icon and the text 'user1'. Below this is a 'Password:' label and a password input field. A red arrow points to the password input field. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Unlock'. Below the buttons, it says 'Log in as another user'.

## Step 17: Get server IP

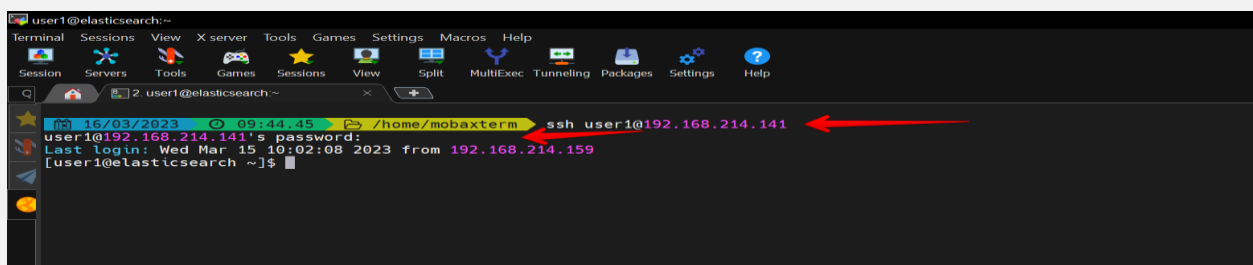
Note: After logging in, you can access the server terminal by right-clicking on the desktop and selecting the terminal option.



```
user1@elasticsearch:~$ ip a
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 qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:4b:dd:36 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.214.141/24 brd 192.168.214.255 scope global noprefixroute dynamic enp0s3
        valid_lft 3234sec preferred_lft 3234sec
    inet6 fe80::79c7:d359:4129:c916/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: virbr0: <NO-CARRIER,BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 52:54:00:eb:cb:cb brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.122.1/24 brd 192.168.122.255 scope global virbr0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
4: virbr0-nic: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast master virbr0 state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 52:54:00:eb:cb:cb brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$
```

1. Get ip address by typing “ip a” on the terminal
2. Copy IP address

**Step 18:** Access your Elasticsearch server by logging in via Mobaxterm or any other SSH client that you prefer.



```
user1@elasticsearch:~$ ssh user1@192.168.214.141
user1@192.168.214.141's password:
Last login: Wed Mar 15 10:02:08 2023 from 192.168.214.159
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$
```

1. Login using server user and IP address
2. Enter your server password

## ELASTICSEARCH VERSION 8 INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION

**Step 1:** Execute the following commands sequentially.

Note: you can get the latest version from:

<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/rpm.html#install-rpm>

1. `wget https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/elasticsearch/elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm`
2. `wget https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/elasticsearch/elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512`
3. `shasum -a 512 -c elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512`
4. `sudo rpm --install elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm`

```
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ wget https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/elasticsearch/elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512
--2023-03-12 19:00:13-- https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/elasticsearch/elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512
Resolving artifacts.elastic.co (artifacts.elastic.co)... 34.120.127.130, 2600:1901:0:1d7::
Connecting to artifacts.elastic.co (artifacts.elastic.co)[34.120.127.130]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 161 [binary/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512'

100%[=====] 161 --K/s

2023-03-12 19:00:20 (9.77 MB/s) - 'elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512' saved [161/161]

[user1@elasticsearch ~]$
```

```
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ sudo rpm --install elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

#1) Respect the privacy of others.
#2) Think before you type.
#3) With great power comes great responsibility.

[sudo] password for user1:
warning: elasticsearch-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm: Header V4 RSA/SHA512 Signature, key ID d88e42b4: NOKEY
Creating elasticsearch group... OK
Creating elasticsearch user... OK
----- Security autoconfiguration information -----

Authentication and authorization are enabled.
TLS for the transport and HTTP layers is enabled and configured.

The generated password for the elastic built-in superuser is : qRd4JnMMwyCV1eP-iLvB

If this node should join an existing cluster, you can reconfigure this with
'/usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reconfigure-node --enrollment-token <token-here>'
after creating an enrollment token on your existing cluster.

You can complete the following actions at any time:

Reset the password of the elastic built-in superuser with
'/usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reset-password -u elastic'.

Generate an enrollment token for Kibana instances with
'/usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-create-enrollment-token -s kibana'.
```

## Step 2: Running Elasticsearch

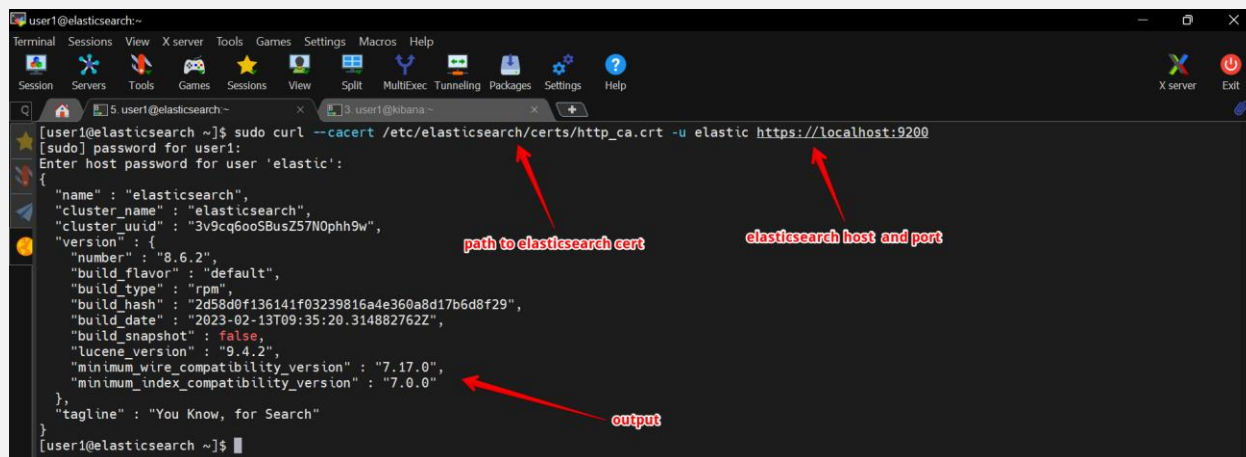
```
user1@elasticsearch:~$ sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
user1@elasticsearch:~$ sudo /bin/systemctl enable elasticsearch.service
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/elasticsearch.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service.
user1@elasticsearch:~$ sudo systemctl start elasticsearch.service
user1@elasticsearch:~$ sudo /usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reset-password -i -u elastic
This tool will reset the password of the [elastic] user.
You will be prompted to enter the password.
Please confirm that you would like to continue [y/N]y
Enter password for [elastic]:
Re-enter password for [elastic]:
Password for the [elastic] user successfully reset.
user1@elasticsearch:~$
```

## Step 3: Reset Elasticsearch default user password

```
user1@elasticsearch:~$ sudo /usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reset-password -i -u elastic
This tool will reset the password of the [elastic] user.
You will be prompted to enter the password.
Please confirm that you would like to continue [y/N]y
Enter password for [elastic]:
Re-enter password for [elastic]:
Password for the [elastic] user successfully reset.
user1@elasticsearch:~$
```

**Step 4:** Verify if Elasticsearch is up and running with this command

Cmd: `sudo curl --cacert /etc/elasticsearch/http_ca.crt -u https://localhost:9200`

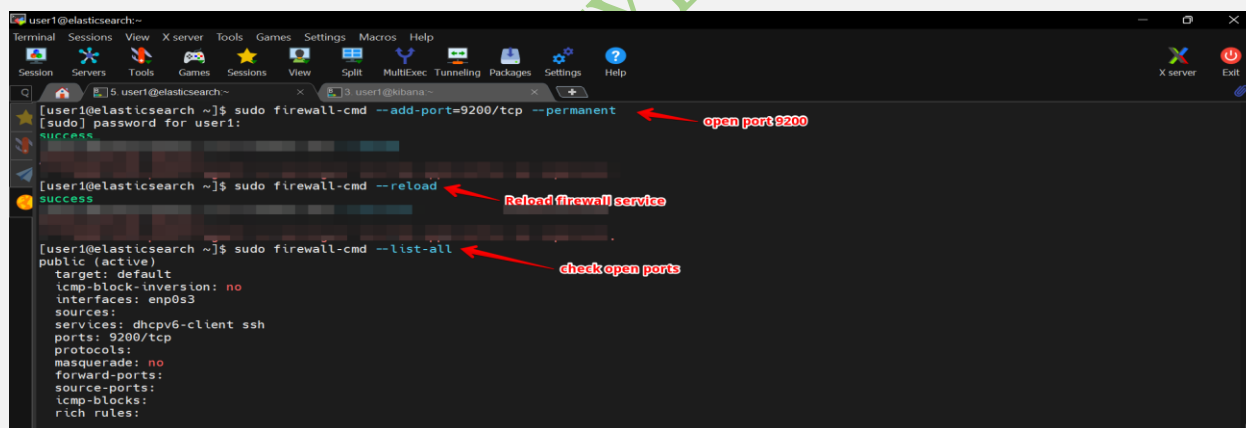


```
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ sudo curl --cacert /etc/elasticsearch/certs/http_ca.crt -u elastic https://localhost:9200
[sudo] password for user1:
Enter host password for user 'elastic':
{
  "name" : "elasticsearch",
  "cluster_name" : "elasticsearch",
  "cluster_uuid" : "3v9cq6ooSBusZ57N0phh9w",
  "version" : {
    "number" : "8.6.2",
    "build_flavor" : "default",
    "build_type" : "rpm",
    "build_hash" : "2d58d0f136141f03239816a4e360a8d17b6d8f29",
    "build_date" : "2023-02-13T09:35:20.314882762Z",
    "build_snapshot" : false,
    "lucene_version" : "9.4.2",
    "minimum_wire_compatibility_version" : "7.17.0",
    "minimum_index_compatibility_version" : "7.0.0"
  },
  "tagline" : "You Know, for Search"
}
```

Annotations in the image:

- path to elasticsearch cert (points to `/etc/elasticsearch/certs/http_ca.crt`)
- elasticsearch host and port (points to `https://localhost:9200`)
- output (points to the JSON response)

**Step 5:** To enable Elasticsearch to listen on port 9200 through the firewall, you can use the `firewall-cmd` command. Here's how:



```
[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=9200/tcp --permanent
success

[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload
success

[user1@elasticsearch ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --list-all
public (active)
target: default
icmp-block-inversion: no
interfaces: enp0s3
sources:
services: dhcpv6-client ssh
ports: 9200/tcp
protocols:
masquerade: no
forward-ports:
source-ports:
icmp-blocks:
rich rules:
```

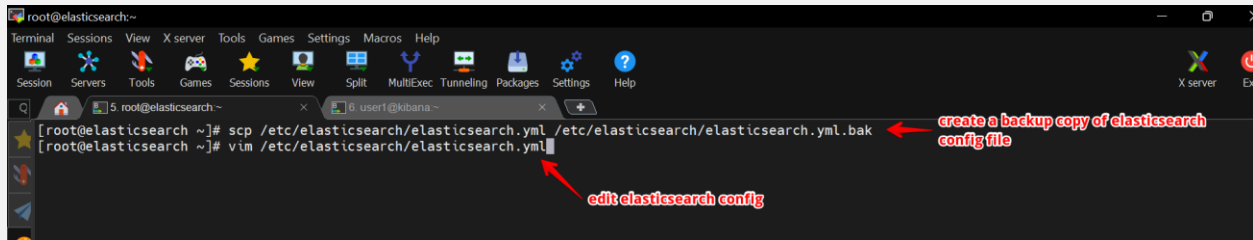
Annotations in the image:

- open port 9200 (points to `--add-port=9200/tcp`)
- Reload firewall service (points to `--reload`)
- check open ports (points to `--list-all`)

**Step 6:** Edit Elasticsearch configuration file

Note: Make a backup of the configuration file before editing





- set Node name, network host and port

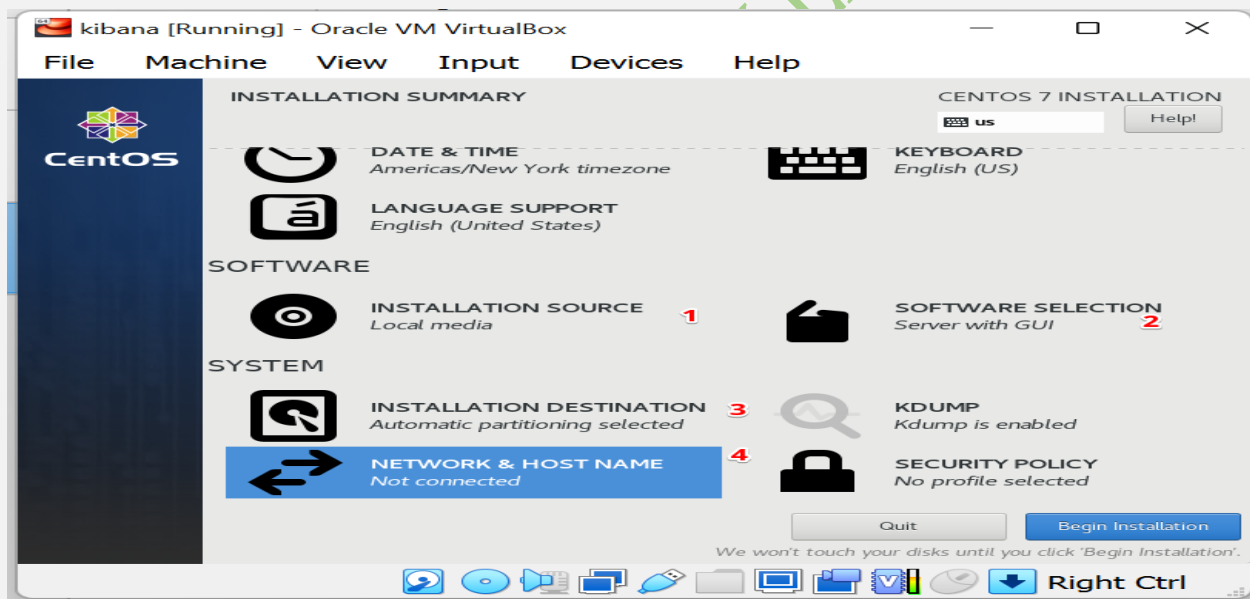
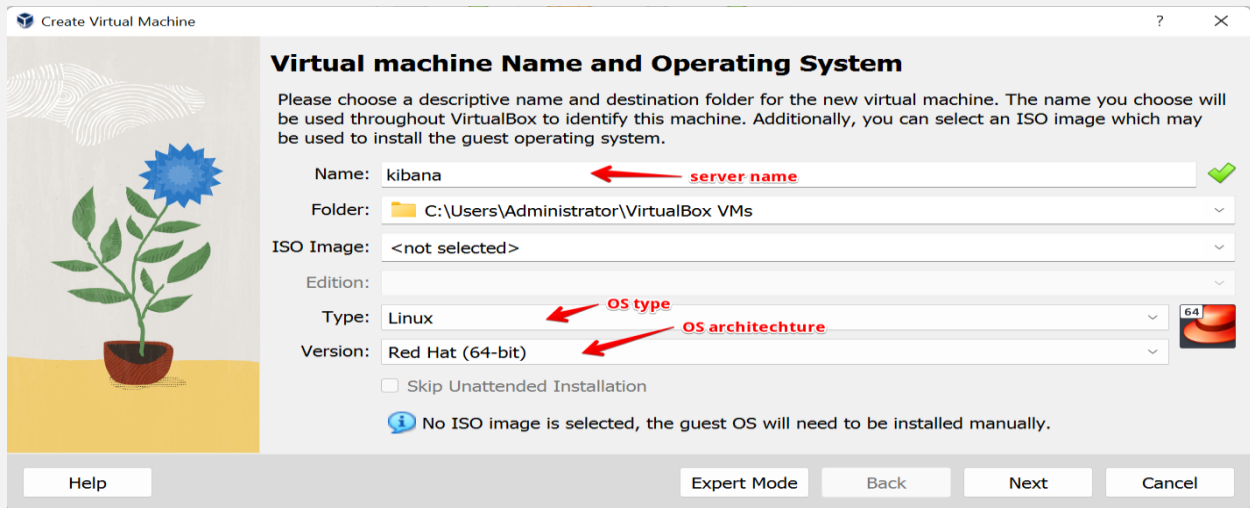
```
# address here to expose this node on the network:
#
network.host: 192.168.110.199 ← set your machines ip address
#
# By default Elasticsearch listens for HTTP traffic on the first free port it
# finds starting at 9200. Set a specific HTTP port here:
#
http.port: 9200 ← uncomment this
#
# For more information, consult the network module documentation.
#

#cluster.name: my-application
#
# ----- Node -----
#
# Use a descriptive name for the node:
#
node.name: node-1 ← uncomment and set a name
#
# Add custom attributes to the node:
#
#node.attr.rack: r1
#
# ----- Paths -----
#
# Path to directory where to store the data (separate multiple locations by comma):
#
```

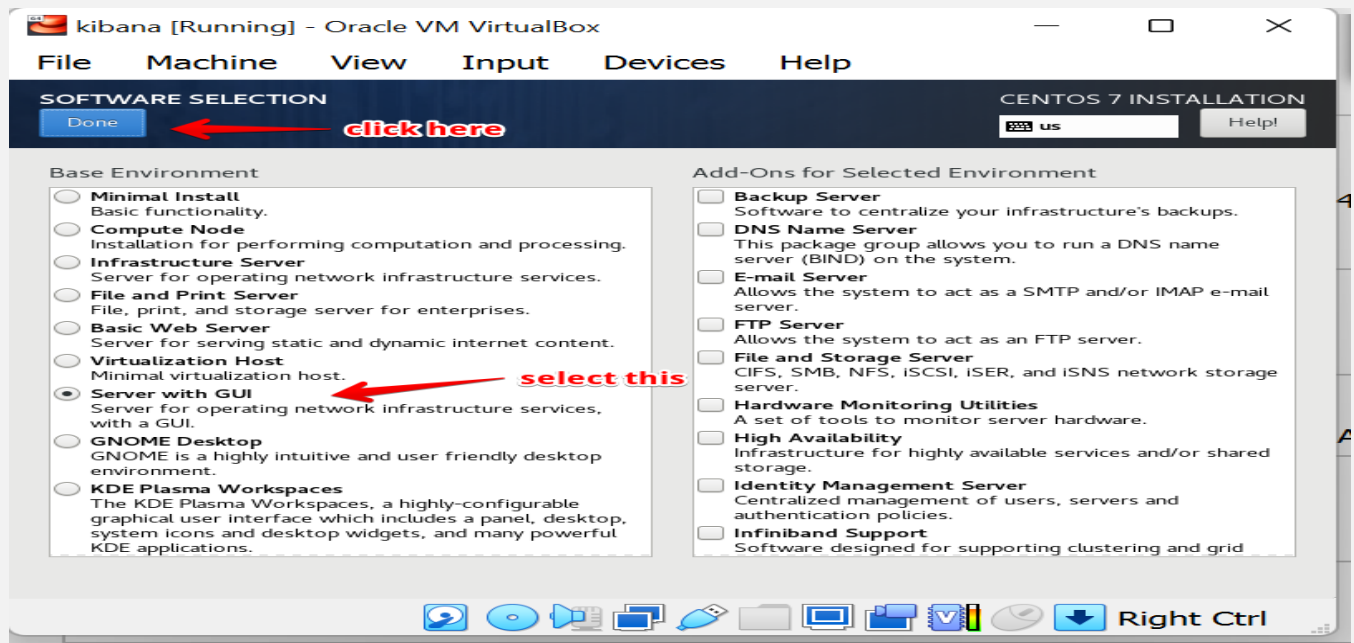
## KIBANA INSTALLATION AND SETUP

**Step 1:** Create a new virtual machine

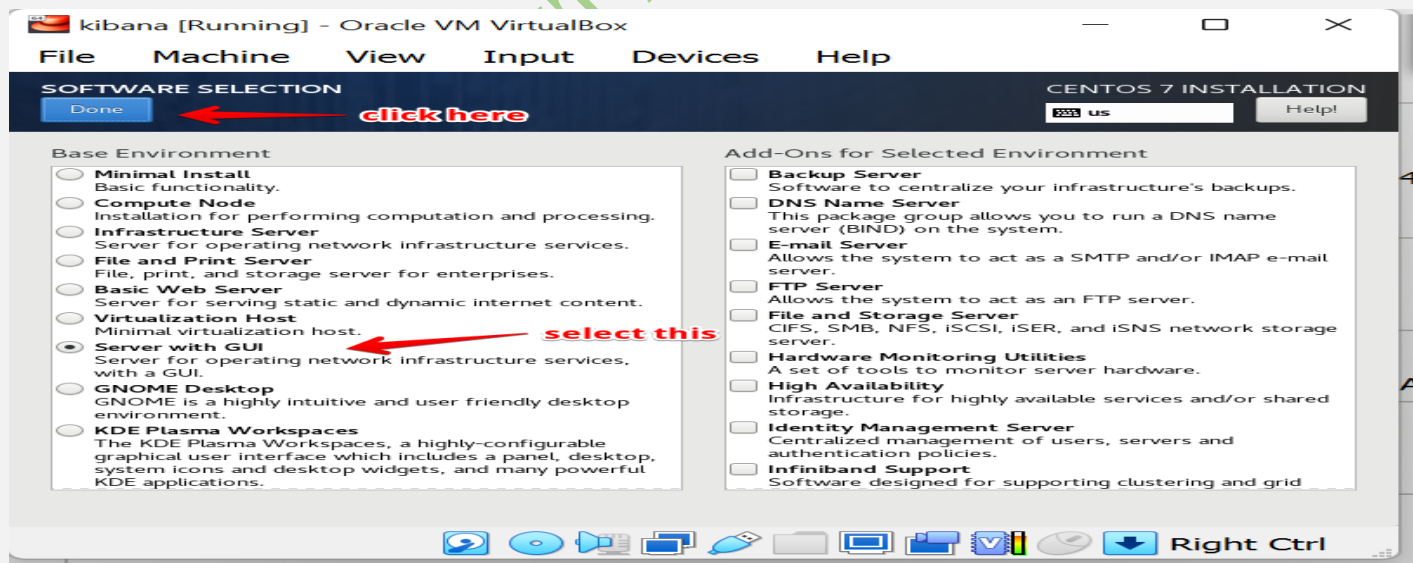
NOTE: Please utilize the same virtual machine setup guide that was used for setting up the Elasticsearch server.



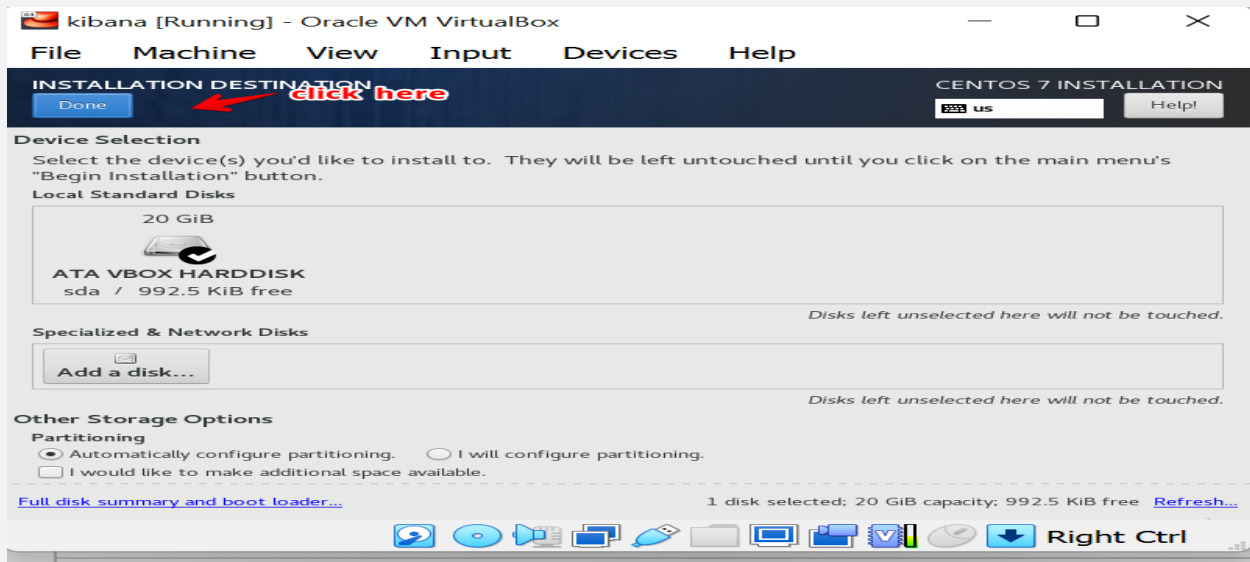
a. Setup partition manager



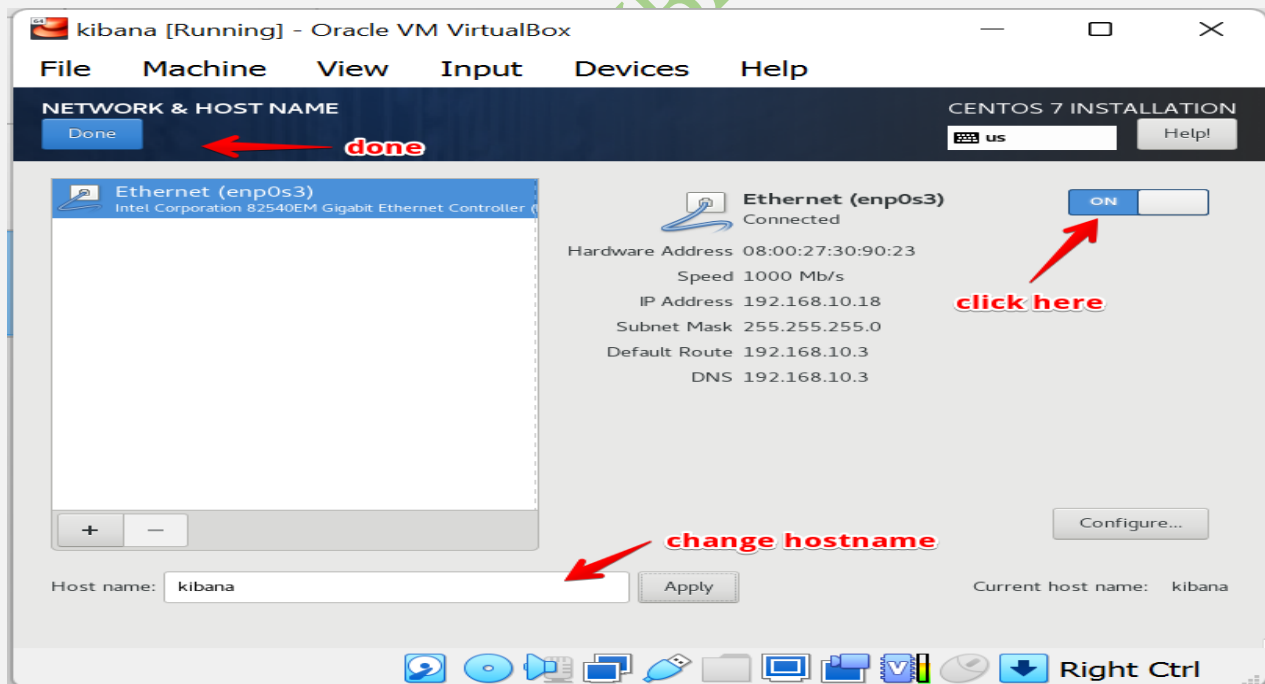
b. Setup Installation type



### c. Server Partition Setup



### d. Server Network setup



## Step 2: User Account Setup

**CREATE USER** Done 6 CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION us Help!

Full name:  1

User name:  2

Tip: Keep your user name shorter than 32 characters and do not use spaces.

☒ Make this user administrator 3

☒ Require a password to use this account

Password:  4

Confirm password:  5

Advanced...

**Warning:** The password you have provided is weak: The password contains the user name in some form You will have to press Done twice to confirm it...

1. Enter full name
2. Enter a user name
3. Make user an admin by checking the box
4. Create password
5. Confirm password

## Step 3: Root account setup

**ROOT PASSWORD** Done 3 CENTOS 7 INSTALLATION us Help!

The root account is used for administering the system. Enter a password for the root user.

Root Password:  1

Confirm:  2

**Warning:** The password you have provided is weak: The password fails the dictionary check - It is based on a dictionary word You will have to press Done twice to confirm it...

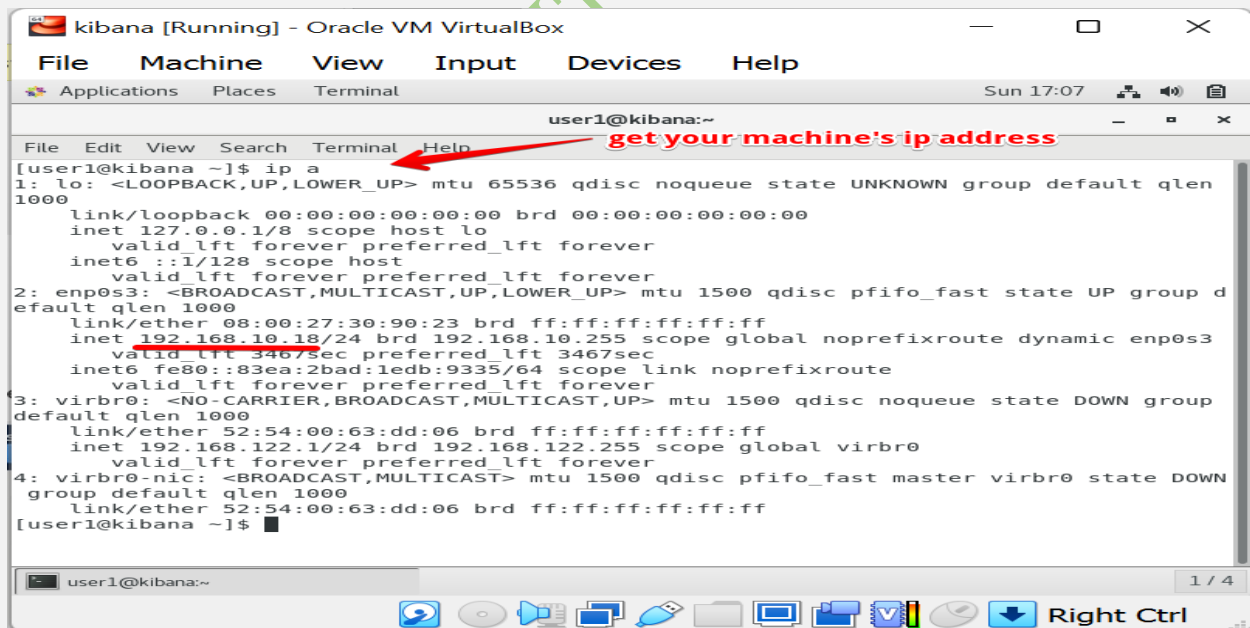
1. Enter root password
2. Confirm root password
3. Click on done

NOTE: Once the installation completes, click on reboot to restart the server

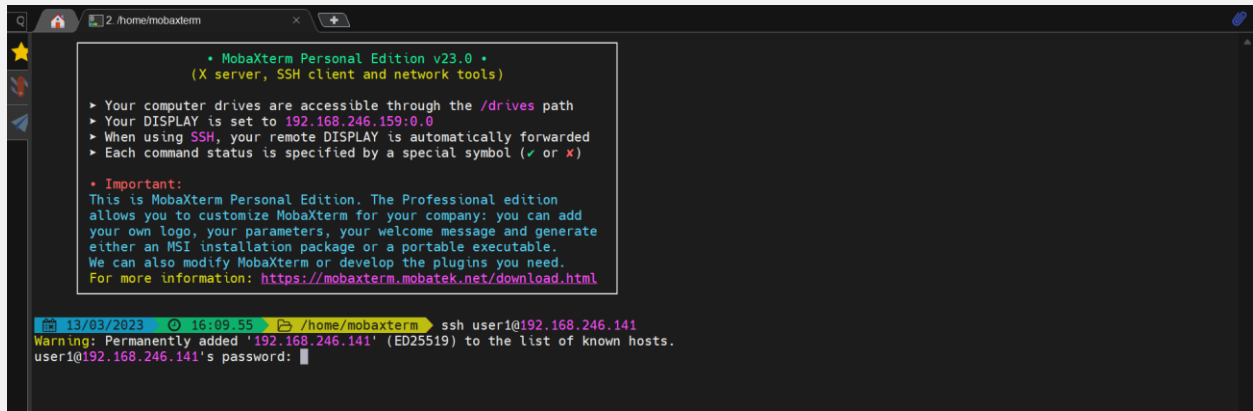
## Step 4: Account Login



## Step 5: Get server IP



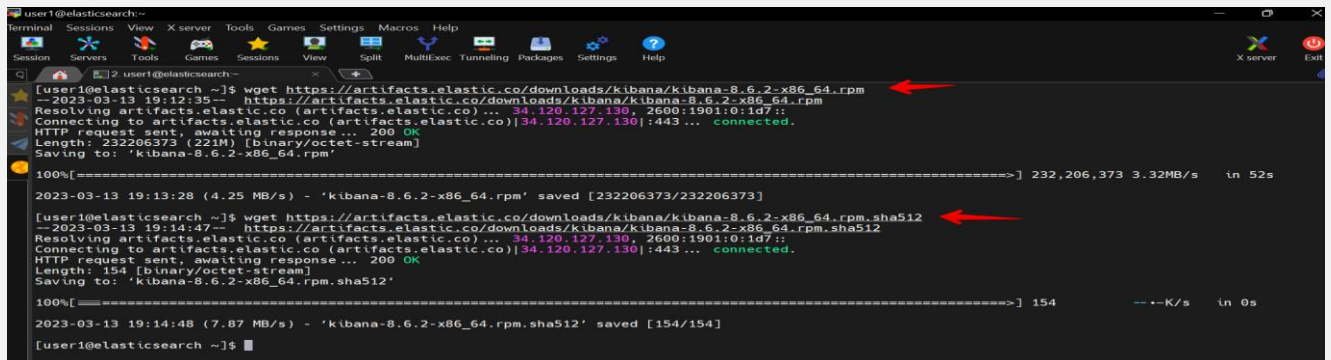
## Step 6: Server Login, from MobaXterm



## Step 8: Kibana Download and Installation

Run the following commands sequentially

1. `wget https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/kibana/kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm`
2. `wget https://artifacts.elastic.co/downloads/kibana/kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm.sha512`
3. `shasum -a 512 -c kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm`
4. `sudo rpm --install kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm`





```
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo rpm --install kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm
We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

#1) Respect the privacy of others.
#2) Think before you type.
#3) With great power comes great responsibility.

[sudo] password for user1:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for user1:
warning: kibana-8.6.2-x86_64.rpm: Header V4 RSA/SHA512 Signature, key ID d88e42b4: NOKEY
Creating kibana group ... OK
Creating kibana user ... OK
Created Kibana keystore in /etc/kibana/kibana.keystore
```

## Step 9: Enable and run Kibana

```
Created Kibana keystore in /etc/kibana/kibana.keystore
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo /bin/systemctl enable kibana.service
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kibana.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/kibana.service.
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo systemctl start kibana.service
[user1@kibana ~]$
```

**Step 10:** Create a duplicate of the Kibana configuration file, and modify the primary Kibana configuration file.

```
user1@kibana:~
Terminal Sessions View X server Tools Games Settings Macros Help
Session Servers Tools Games Sessions View Split MultiExec Tunneling Packages Settings Help
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo cp /etc/kibana/kibana.yml /etc/kibana/kibana.yml.bak
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo ls /etc/kibana/
kibana.keystore kibana.yml kibana.yml.bak node_options
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo vim /etc/kibana/kibana.yml
```

## Step 10: Update the configuration file

- Go to the server port and remove the commenting to enable it.
- Configure the server.host property with the IP address of the Kibana server.
- Set the elasticsearch.host field to the IP address of the Elasticsearch server.
- Configure the Elasticsearch credentials that Kibana will use for authentication.
- Enable SSL certificate authorities for Kibana. Provide the path where Kibana will locate the Elasticsearch SSL certificate

```
# ===== System: Kibana Server =====
# Kibana is served by a back end server. This setting specifies the port to use.
server.port: 5601 ← uncomment server port

# Specifies the address to which the Kibana server will bind. IP addresses and host names are both valid v
# The default is 'localhost', which usually means remote machines will not be able to connect.
# To allow connections from remote users, set this parameter to a non-loopback address.
server.host: "192.168.10.18" ← uncomment and enter your kibana server IP

# Enables you to specify a path to mount Kibana at if you are running behind a proxy.
# Use the 'server.rewriteBasePath' setting to tell Kibana if it should remove the basePath
# from requests it receives, and to prevent a deprecation warning at startup.
# This setting cannot end in a slash.
#server.basePath: ""

# authority for your Elasticsearch instance.
elasticsearch.ssl.certificateAuthorities: [ "/etc/kibana/certs/http_ca.crt" ] ← set path for elasticsearch certificate

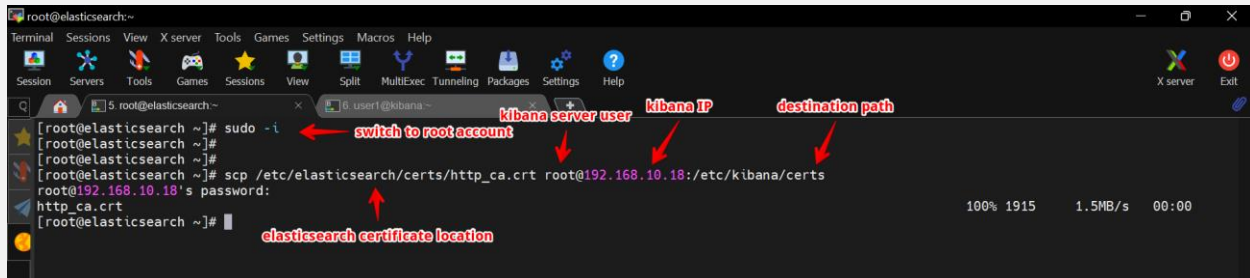
# To disregard the validity of SSL certificates, change this setting's value to 'none'.
#elasticsearch.ssl.verificationMode: full

# ===== System: Logging =====
```

**Step 11:** Create a directory named "certs" within the "/etc/kibana/" path to store the Elasticsearch SSL certificate.

```
user1@kibana:~
Terminal Sessions View X server Tools Games Settings Macros Help
Session Servers Tools Games Sessions View Split MultiExec Tunneling Packages Settings Help
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo mkdir /etc/kibana/certs ← create a repository for cert files
[sudo] password for user1:
```

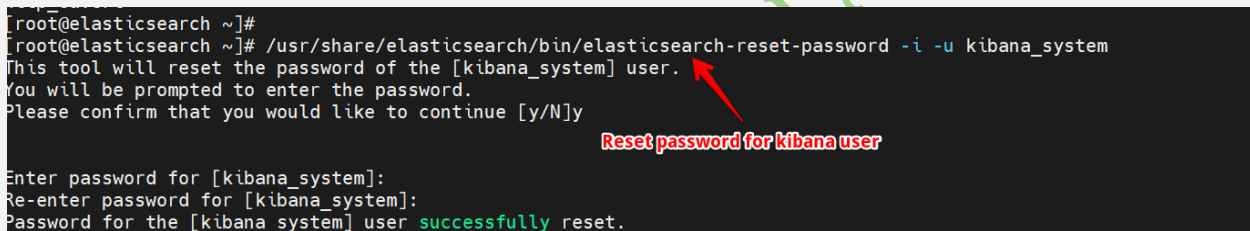
**Step 12:** Login to Elasticsearch server and transfer the SSL certificate to kibana server



A terminal window showing the transfer of an SSL certificate. The user is logged in as root on the Elasticsearch server. They switch to the root account (indicated by a red arrow labeled "switch to root account"), then use the scp command to transfer the http\_ca.crt file from /etc/elasticsearch/certs to the kibana server user at IP 192.168.10.18, specifically to /etc/kibana/certs (indicated by a red arrow labeled "destination path"). The file is named http\_ca.crt on the kibana server (indicated by a red arrow labeled "elasticsearch certificate location").

```
[root@elasticsearch ~]# sudo -i
[root@elasticsearch ~]#
[root@elasticsearch ~]# scp /etc/elasticsearch/certs/http_ca.crt root@192.168.10.18:/etc/kibana/certs
root@192.168.10.18's password:
http_ca.crt
[root@elasticsearch ~]#
```

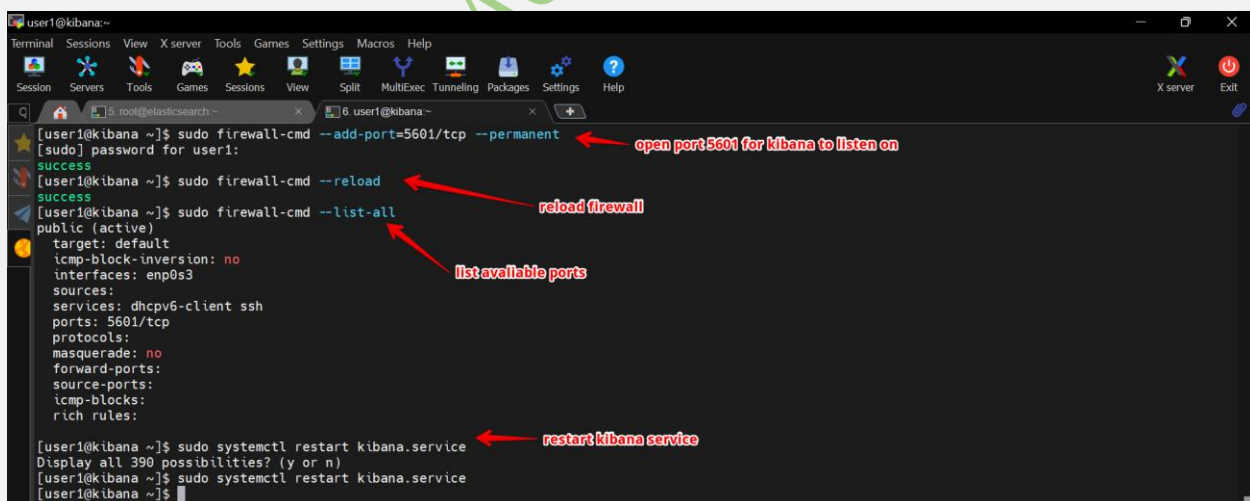
**Step 13:** Still on Elasticsearch server, reset password for Kibana default system user



A terminal window showing the password reset process. The user is logged in as root on the Elasticsearch server. They run the command /usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reset-password -i -u kibana\_system (indicated by a red arrow labeled "Reset password for kibana user"). The tool prompts for confirmation to continue (y/N), then asks for the password for the kibana\_system user, and finally confirms the successful reset.

```
[root@elasticsearch ~]#
[root@elasticsearch ~]# /usr/share/elasticsearch/bin/elasticsearch-reset-password -i -u kibana_system
This tool will reset the password of the [kibana_system] user.
You will be prompted to enter the password.
Please confirm that you would like to continue [y/N]y
Enter password for [kibana_system]:
Re-enter password for [kibana_system]:
Password for the [kibana_system] user successfully reset.
```

**Step 14:** Allow Kibana to listen on port 5601



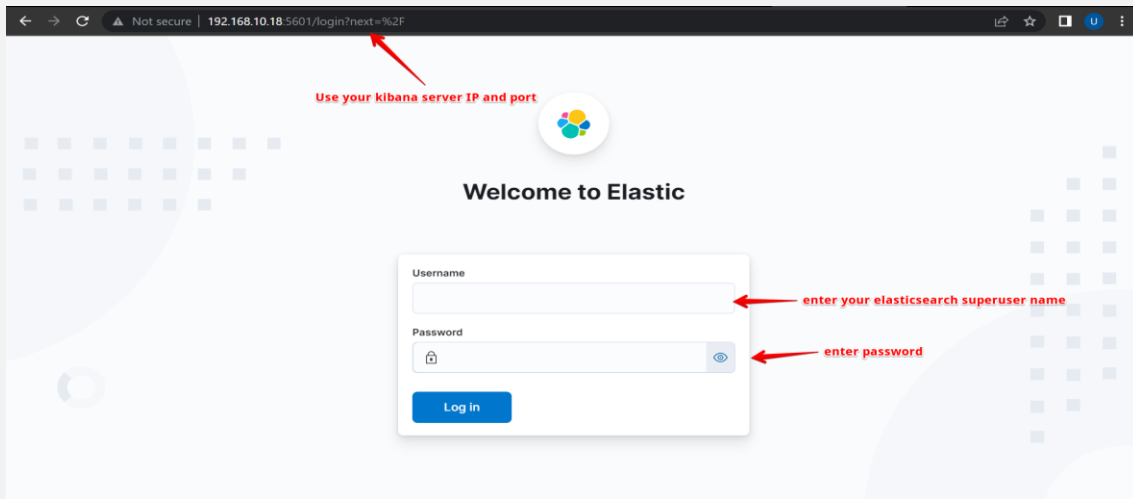
A terminal window showing the firewall configuration and Kibana service restart. The user is logged in as user1 on the Kibana server. They run the command sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=5601/tcp --permanent (indicated by a red arrow labeled "open port 5601 for kibana to listen on"), then sudo firewall-cmd --reload (indicated by a red arrow labeled "reload firewall"), and finally sudo firewall-cmd --list-all (indicated by a red arrow labeled "list available ports"). The output shows that port 5601/tcp is now open. Finally, they run sudo systemctl restart kibana.service (indicated by a red arrow labeled "restart kibana service").

```
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=5601/tcp --permanent
[sudo] password for user1:
success
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload
success
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo firewall-cmd --list-all
public (active)
target: default
icmp-block-inversion: no
interfaces: enp0s3
sources:
services: dhcpv6-client ssh
ports: 5601/tcp
protocols:
masquerade: no
forward-ports:
source-ports:
icmp-blocks:
rich rules:

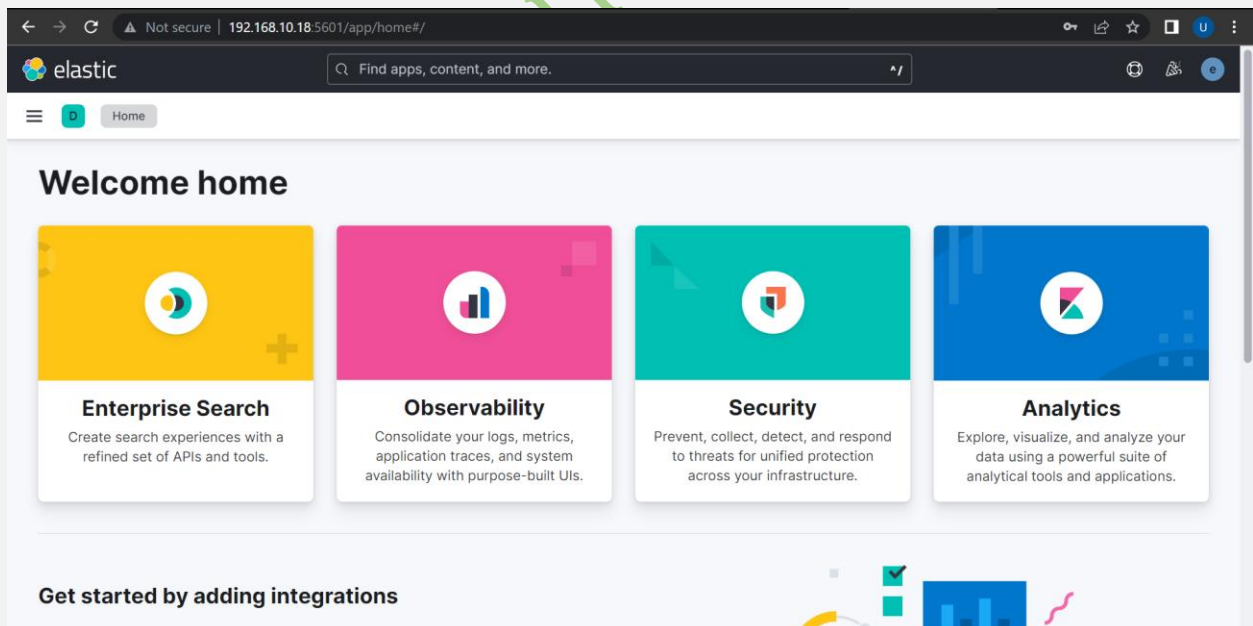
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo systemctl restart kibana.service
Display all 390 possibilities? (y or n)
[user1@kibana ~]$ sudo systemctl restart kibana.service
[user1@kibana ~]$
```

**Step 15:** Proceed to your web browser and enter your Kibana address.

**Syntax:** http://<your kibana server IP>:5601



## Kbana Home Screen



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