

USAGE:

mkg [1]
mkg [[switch=argument]...] filename.iso [2]
mkg [[switch=argument]...] [3]
mkg help[=md] [4]

Usage [1] and [2] create a bootable ISO output file with a current Gentoo distribution.

For [1], implicit ISO output name is **gentoo.iso**

Usage [3] creates a VirtualBox VDI dynamic disk and a virtual machine with name Gentoo.

Usage [4] prints this help, in markdown form if argument 'md' is specified.

Warning: you should have at least 55 GB of free disk space in the current directory or in vmpath if specified.

Arguments with white space (like `cflags="-O2 -march=..."`) should be written in list form with commas and no spaces: `cflags=[-O2,-march=...]`
The same holds for paths with white space.

As of tag 1st March, 2021, part of the build is performed by *Github Actions* automatically. An ISO file of CloneZilla supplemented with VirtualBox guest additions will be downloaded from the resulting automated Github release. To disable this behavior you can add `use_workflow=false` to command line, or build the custom ISO file beforehand using the companion project **clonezilla_with_virtualbox**. In this case, add:
`custom_clonezilla=your_build.iso`
to command line.

Options:

Boolean values are either **true** or **false**. For example, to build a minimal distribution, add to command line:

`minimal=true`

or simply: `minimal` as `true` can be omitted (unlike `false`).

Examples

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# ./mkg pdfpage
# ./mkg debug_mode verbose from_vm vm=Gentoo.iso gentoo_small.iso      ext_device=sdc device_installer
blank burn cleanup=false
# ./mkg download_arch=false download=false download_clonezilla=false custom_clonezilla=clonezilla_cached.iso
nonroot_user=phil
# nohup ./mkg plot plot_color=red plot_period=10 plot_pause=7 compact minimal minimal_size gui=false
elist=myebuilds email=my.name@gmail.com email_passwd='mypasswd' &
# nohup ./mkg gui=false from_device=sdc gentoo_backup.iso &
```

Type Conventions:

b: true/false Boolean

o: on/off Boolean
n: Integer
f: Filepath
d: Directory path
e: Email address
s: String
u: URL

When a field depends on another, a colon separates the type and the name of the dependency. dep is a reserved word for dummy defaults of dependencies i.e. optional strings that may remain unspecified.

Option	Description	Default value	Type
debug_mode	Do not clean up mkg custom logs at root of gentoo system files before VM shutdown. Boolean.	[false]	b
verbose	Increase verbosity	[false]	b
bios	Type of bootloader: BIOS or EFI (default)	[false]	b
blank	Blank rewritable optical disk before burning installation image.	[false]	b
build_virtualbox	Download code source and automatically build virtualbox and tools. Yields VirtualBox and vbox-img executables under main directory and subdirectory virtualbox with the build, including documentation.	[false]	b
burn	Burn to optical disc. Boolean.	[false]	b
cdrecord	cdrecord full path. Automatically determined if left unspecified.	[which cdrecord]	f:burn
cflags	GCC CFLAGS options for ebuids	[[-march=native,-O2]]	s
cleanup	Clean up archives, temporary images and virtual machine after successful completion. Boolean.	[true]	b
clonezilla_install	Use the CloneZilla live CD instead of the official Gentoo minimal install CD. May be more robust for headless install, owing to a VB bug requiring artificial keyboard input (see doc).	[false]	b

Option	Description	Default value	Type
cloning_method	Method used by hot_install ext_device=... to install Gentoo to disk. One of: 'guestfish' (default), 'with-raw-buffer' (slower) or 'vbox-img' (currently unavailable)	[guestfish]	s:ext_device
compact	Compact virtual disk after VM building. Caution: this may impede hot_install and ext_device.	[false]	b
cpuexecutioncap	Maximum percentage of CPU per core (0 to 100)	[100]	n
CRAN_REPOS	CRAN repository URL for downloading extra R packages	[https://cloud.r-project.org]	s
create_squashfs	(Re)create the squashfs filesystem. Boolean.	[true]	b
custom_clonezilla	Use this previously created custom CloneZilla ISO with added VirtualBox and guest additions.	[dep]	s
device_installer	Create Gentoo clone installer on external device. ext_device value must be specified.	[]	
disable_md5_check	Disable MD5 checksums verification after downloads. Boolean.	[true]	b
download	Download install ISO image from Gentoo mirror. Boolean.	[true]	b
download_arch	Download and install stage3 archive to virtual disk. Boolean.	[true]	b
download_clonezilla	Refresh CloneZilla ISO download. An ISO file must have been downloaded to create the recovery image of the Gentoo platform once the virtual machine has ended its job. Boolean	[true]	b
download_clonezilla_path	Download the following CloneZilla ISO	[path1]	u

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elist	File containing a list of Gentoo ebuilds to add to the VM on top of stage3. Note: if the default value is not used, adjust the names of the 'elist'.accept_keywords and 'elist'.use files	[ebuidls.list]	f
email	Email address to send a warning to upon build completion. Note: you will have to accept so-called <i>insecure software</i> with some providers. It is not insecure if you are using your private PC throughout.	[]	e
email_passwd	Email password	[]	s:email
emirrors	Mirror sites for downloading ebuidls	[path2]	u
ext_device	Create Gentoo OS on external device. Argument is either a device label (e.g. sdb, hdb), or a mountpoint directory (if mounted), or a few consecutive letters of the vendor name (e.g. 'Samsu', 'PNY' or 'Kingst'), if there is just one such. Requires <i>hot_install</i> on commandline.	[]	s
force	Forcefully creates machine even if others with same name exist. Stops and restarts VBOX daemons. Not advised if other VMs are running.	[false]	b
from_device	Do not Generate Gentoo but use the external device on which Gentoo was previously installed. Boolean.	[false]	b:ext_device
from_iso	Do not generate Gentoo but use the bootable ISO given on commandline.	[false]	b
from_vm	Do not generate Gentoo but use the VM. Boolean.	[false]	b
full_cleanup	Remove virtual disk, archives and ISO files on clean-up	[false]	b
github_release_path	URL to Github Release of clonezilla_with_virtualbox.iso	[path3]	s

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gui	Binary: true corresponds to VBoxManage startvm ... -type=gui, false to -type=headless	[true]	b
help	This help	[]	
hot_install	Intall to Gentoo attached device (like /dev/sdb) possibly mounted (like /media/USER/567EAF). To be used with <i>ext_device=...</i>	[false]	b:ext_device
htmlpage	Create HTML help page	[false]	b
hwvrtex	Activate HWVIRTEX: on/off	[on]	o
interactive	Allow interaction with user. This may cause deadlock if process is detached from the console (<i>nohup</i> or other methods)	[true]	b
ioapic	IOAPIC parameter: on or off	[on]	o
kernel_config	Use a custom kernel config file	[.config]	f
lineno_patch	Line patched against vbox-img.cpp in virtualbox source code	[797]	n
livedcd	Path to the live CD that will start the VM	[gentoo.iso]	f
logging	Activate logging	[true]	b
manpage	Create manpage mkg.1	[false]	b
mem	VM RAM memory in MiB	[8000]	n
minimal	Remove <i>libreoffice</i> and <i>data science tools</i> from default list of installed software. Boolean.	[false]	b
minimal_size	Remove kernel sources to minimize packaging. Not advised for personal use but OK for deployment and distribution.	[false]	b
mirror	Mirror site for downloading of stage3 tarball	[path2]	u
ncpus	Number of VM CPUs. By default the third of available threads.	[count]	n
nonroot_user	Non-root user	[fab]	s
pae	Activate PAE: on/off	[on]	o
paravirtprovider	Virtualization interface: kvm for GNU/Linux, may be tweaked (see VirtualBox documentation)	[kvm]	s
passwd	User password	[_user2021_]	s:vm
pdfpage	Create PDF help page	[false]	b

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plot	Plot VDI disk size using GNUPlot	[false]	b
plot_color	Plot line color between simple quotes (e.g: 'cyan','red' etc.)	['cyan']	s
plot_pause	Number of seconds of plot display per minute of processing. Maximum 50.	[5]	n
plot_period	Number of minutes elapsed between two successive plots	[10]	n
plot_position	Plot position of on monitor screen (top-left angle) in pixels e.g '0,0' or '500,500'	['0,0']	s
plot_span	Number of minutes of virtual disk processing to be plotted, back in time	[1200]	n
processor	Processor type	[amd64]	s
quiet_mode	Silence output except for the most severe errors.	[false]	b
rootpasswd	Root password	[_dev2021_]	s:vm
rtcuseutc	Use UTC as time reference: on/off	[on]	o
scsi_address	In case of several optical disc burners, specify the SCSI address as x,y,z	[]	s
size	Dynamic disc size	[55000]	n
smtp_url	SMTP URL of email provider for end-of-job warning. Default: gmail SMTP	[smtps://smtp.gmail.com:465]	u
stage3	Path to stage3 archive	[stage3.tar.xz]	f
test_emerge	Test whether emerge will be able to install packages in the VM before starting it.	[true]	b
test_only	Only test if portage will be able to install packages. Do not create a virtual machine.	[false]	b
usbehci	Activate USB2 driver: on/off	[off]	o
usbxhci	Activate USB3 driver: on/off. Note: if on, needs extension pack.	[off]	o
use_workflow	Use Github Actions workflow to add virtualbox guest additions to CloneZilla ISO.	[true]	b

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vm	Virtual Machine name. Unless 'force=true' is used, a time stamp will be appended to avoid registry issues with prior VMs of the same name.	[Gentoo]	vm
vbox_version	Virtualbox version	[6.1.14]	s
vbox_version_full	Virtualbox full version	[6.1.14a]	s
vbpath	Path to VirtualBox directory	[/usr/bin]	d
vm_language	Add support for non-US English language as a default. Use standard abbreviations (fr for french, es for spanish) etc.	[us]	s
vmpath	Path to VM base directory	[\$PWD]	d
vtxvpid	Activate VTXVPID: on/off	[on]	o
workflow_tag	Tag version (vX.Y) of the release of file clonezilla_with_virtualbox by Github Actions	[v1.8]	s

path1: https://sourceforge.net/projects/clonezilla/files/clonezilla_live_alternative/20200703-focal/clonezilla-live-20200703-focal-amd64.iso/download

path2: <http://gentoo.mirrors.ovh.net/gentoo-distfiles/>

path3: https://github.com/fabnicol/clonezilla_with_virtualbox/releases/download/

count: nproc -all / 3