Mounting a VDI file with qemu-nbd

- \$ sudo modprobe nbd
- \$ qemu-nbd -c /dev/nbd0 [vdi-file]

Example:

Connect VDI to loopback device /dev/nbd0:

\$ qemu-nbd -c /dev/nbd0 /home/test/ubuntu.vdi

You can check the partitions in the image using the following command:

\$ sudo fdisk -l /dev/nbd0

If you want to mount the first partition of the NBD device, use the following command:

\$ sudo mount /dev/nbd0p1 /mnt

Finally, unmount /mnt then shutdown nbd services using the following command:

\$ sudo qemu-nbd -d /dev/nbd0

Converting a VDI file into a partition

Use qemu-img:

\$ sudo qemu-img convert -m J -p -f vdi [vdi-file] /dev/sdX where J is the number of threads allowed.