Install Arch Linux on USB Stick with persistent storage

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ABSTRACT

Smatest way to live is always learning.

You needs

A USB: min 8GB-...500GB formatted in FAT32/NTFS (not ExtF or Ext4)

A USB: min 2GB with Arch Linux installed (with Rufus or LiveLinux)

A Ethernet/ Wifi connection

Main process (als Stichworte)

Boot in Arch on Arch installed USB

- wifi-menu   //connect to WiFi
- lsblk   //list the disks , find the USB drive (sdc/sdb..)
- cfdisk /dev/sdc   //Format disk
    - > Delete partition
    - > Create new partions
    - > sdc1 = 500M -> 2G (bootable)
    - > sdc2 = Rest (128G-20G)
    - > Write disk
- mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdc1 && mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdc2
- lsblk   //Check disks
- mount /dev/sdc2 /mnt   //MOUNT sdc2 to /mnt (Mount drive to work on)
- mkdir /mnt/boot
- mount /dev/sdc1 /mnt/boot
- pacstrap /mnt base base-devel vim
  // Install base applications to /mnt bzw. our sdc2 (USB Drive to initiate new system)
  // Any apps can installed here (vim, NetworkManager, sudo, grub)
- genfstab -U -p /mnt >> /mnt/etc/fstab
- cat /mnt/etc/fstab
- arch-chroot /mnt
- nano(or vim) /etc/pacman.d/mirrorlist
  // Ctrl K to cut
  // Ctrl U to paste

// Take the "Germany" links on top
- ln -sf /usr/share/zoneinfo/Iceland /etc/localtime   //(or zoneinfo/Europe/Berlin)
- hwclock --systohc --> hwclock   // to check the time
- nano /etc/locale.gen

  // Uncomment this line "EN_US.UTF-8 UTF-8"
- locale-gen   // to generate the Keys
- nano /etc/mkinitcpio.conf

  // Change this line to

  HOOKS=(base udev block autodetect modconf filesystems keyboard fsck)
- mkinitcpio -p linux
- nano /etc/pacman.conf

  // Uncomment these lines

      [multilib]

      Include = /etc/pacman.d/mirrorlist
- pacman -Sy
- passwd   //type in password for root users
- nano /etc/hostname   //"archer" - Name of root user
- Create a new user:

      useradd -m -g users -G wheel,storage,power -s /bin/bash shiki

      passwd shiki   //set password for "shiki"
    - pacman -S sudo (if not installed)
    - nano /etc/sudoers

      // Uncomment these lines to allow members of group WHEEL to execute any commands

      %wheel ALL = (ALL)ALL
    - pacman -S grub (if not installed)
    - grub-install --boot-directory=/boot --recheck --debug --target=i386-pc /dev/sdc

      // no Errors -> Good to go
    - grub-mkconfig -o /boot/grub/grub.cfg
    - pacman -S networkmanager (if not installed)
    - exit to root
    - umount -R /mnt
    - lslbk to double check
    - NOTE: muss install when no cable zu Verfugung gestellt.

          pacman -S dialog **before umount**

          systemctl disable NetworkManager (if enabled) here isn't

          systemctl enable dhcpcd

          systemctl enable netctl-auto@wlp2s0.service

          // wlp2s0/wlp4s0 is from Laptop/Computer Hardware

          // Check WLAN-Adapter bei typing "ip link"
- Unmount everything and reboot to USB -> "exit" then "umount -R /mnt"

1. After fresh install Arch

- Boot in -> login with accounts

    root -> passwd of root (zB. "root" :) shiki -> passwd of shiki

- sudo su   //to execute administrator commands
- wifi-menu   //to connect with Wifi
- Install LARBS (credit of Luke Smith)

    curl -LO larbs.xyz/larbs.sh

    bash larbs.sh

- After that, ...
- disable dhcpcd, netctl-auto (just the upper command lines "enable" -> "disable")
- enable NetworkManager *systemctl enable NetworkManager

REBOOT in to USB -> LOGIN -> "startx"

You're done! Congratulations :D :D :D :D :D

p/s: When you in troubles sich befindest, bitte nimm Kontakt mit mir auf duynguyenhnde@out-look.com