Tftpd server

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The Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) provides a minimalistic means for transferring files. It is generally used as a part of PXE booting or for updating configuration and firmware on devices which have limited memory such as routers and printers.

This article describes how to set up a tftpd server under Arch Linux using the tftp-hpa (https://www.archlinux.org/packages/?name=tftp-hpa) package.

Installation

Install the package tftp-hpa (https://www.archlinux.org/packages/?name=tftp-hpa) which can be found in the official repositories.

Configuration

Create a copy of the tftpd.service unit, and modify ExecStart with the appropriate directory to use as the tftp root.

```
# vim /usr/lib/systemd/system/tftpd.service

[Unit]
Description=hpa's original TFTP daemon

[Service]
ExecStart=/usr/sbin/in.tftpd -s /srv/tftp/
StandardInput=socket
StandardOutput=inherit
StandardError=journal
```

Systemd#Editing_provided_unit_files talks in more detail about customizing unit files.

Run

Start tftpd:

```
# systemctl start tftpd.socket tftpd.service
```

To start tftpd on boot:

```
# systemctl enable tftpd.socket
```

See Systemd#Using_units for more information on manipulating services.

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