

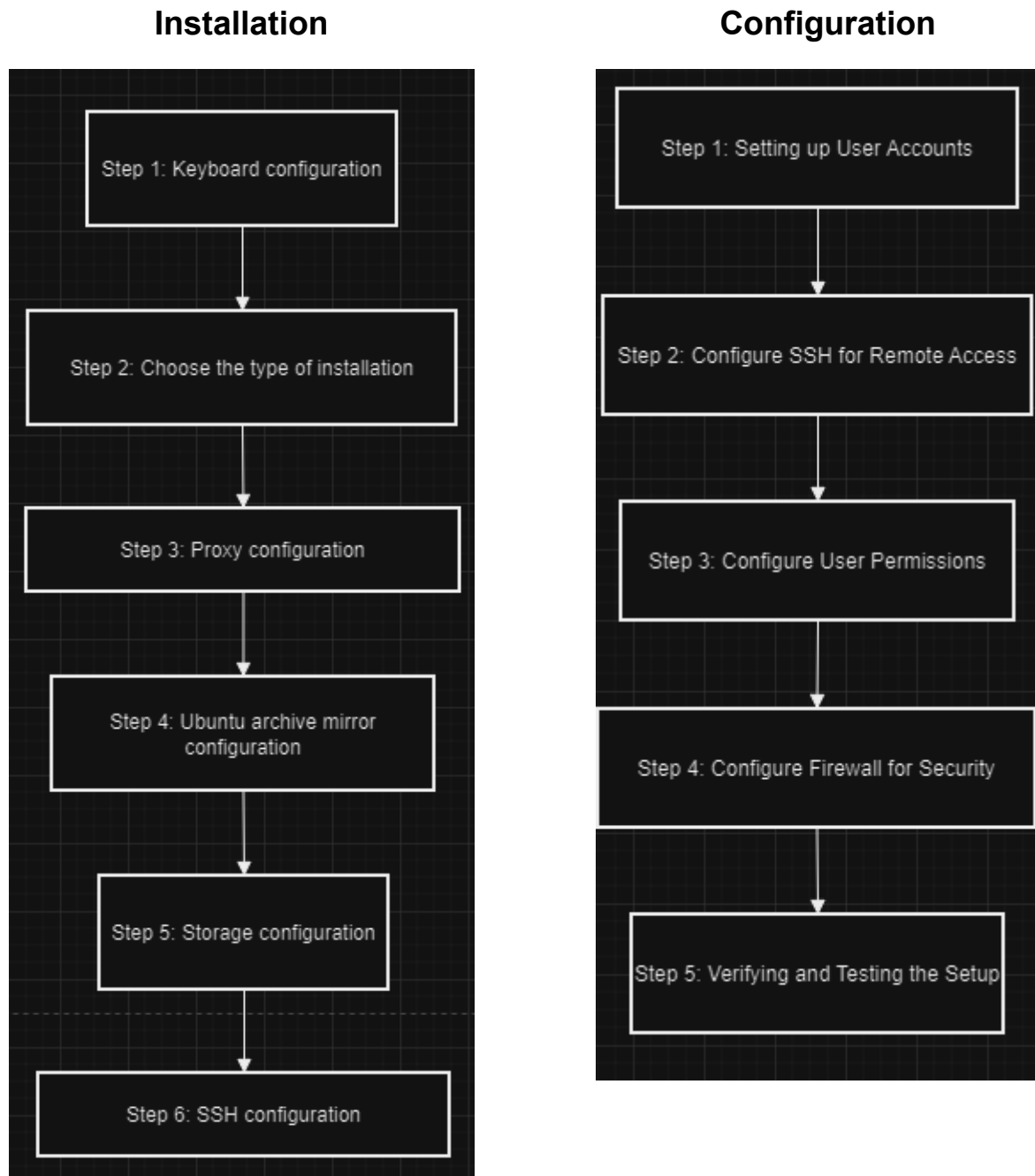
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**REPORT: LINUX INSTALLATION AND DATA SPACE
PREPARATION**

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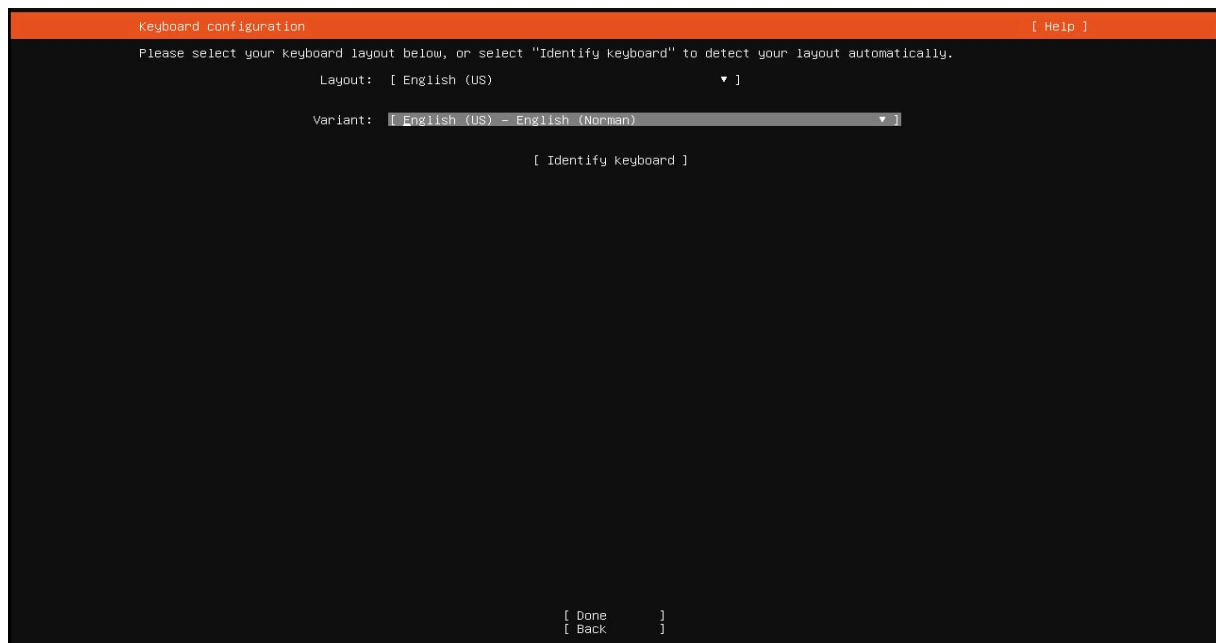
I. Overview Flow



II. Installation

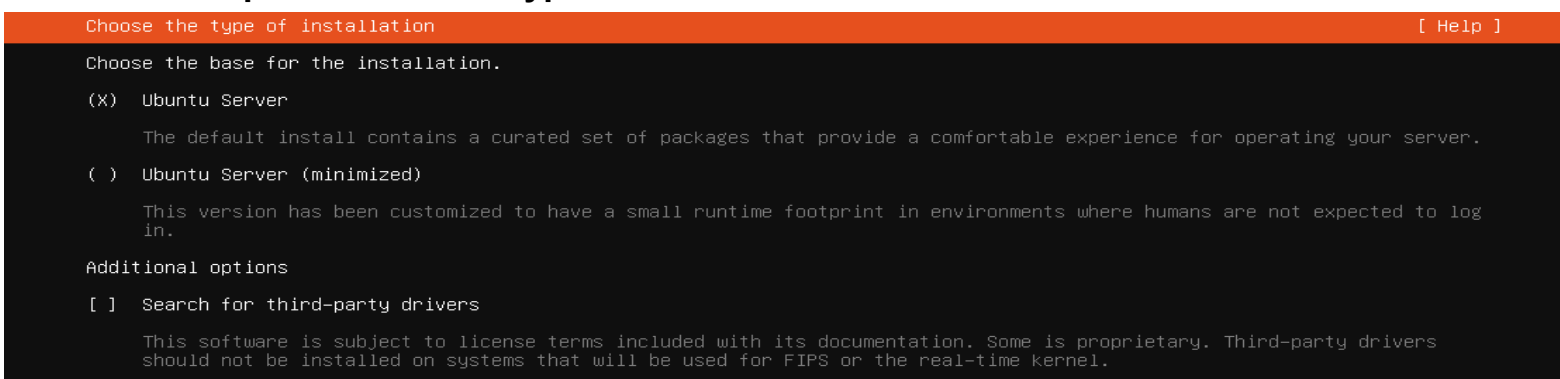
We select Ubuntu Server 22.04.5 LTS

Step 1: Keyboard configuration



- This section allows us to choose a language that the server will use to display
- **[Layout]** allows us to choose a keyboard layout and **[variant]** enables users to select a keyboard layout more specific to their region.
- **[Identify keyboard]** option will automatically detect user language

Step 2: Choose the type of installation



- **Reason:** The type of installation determines which system components and packages are installed on the server. Choosing the appropriate option ensures that your system has the necessary tools for the intended purpose. If this step is not properly configured, the server might be missing essential packages or may be overburdened with unnecessary components.
- **Method:**
 1. **Select Ubuntu Server (Full):**

This option provides a comprehensive set of curated packages necessary for operating a server. It is designed to give a comfortable experience with all core server functionality pre-installed.

2. Alternative Option (Minimized):

If a minimal server environment is needed, users can choose **Ubuntu Server (minimized)**. This version provides a lightweight footprint with a smaller runtime environment, ideal for environments where human interaction with the system is rare (e.g., virtualized or automated tasks).

3. Optional - Search for Third-Party Drivers:

Optionally, the installer can search for third-party drivers if the server hardware requires additional proprietary drivers for networking, storage, or graphics cards.

- Method Description:

1. Ubuntu Server vs Ubuntu Server(minimized) checkbox:

The minimized version is a reduced set of pre-installed software compared to the normal server installation.

We download both versions and compare:

```
apt list --installed > /tmp/ubuntu-2204-minimized-apps.txt  
Contents of /tmp/ubuntu-2204-minimized-apps.txt (420 packages)
```

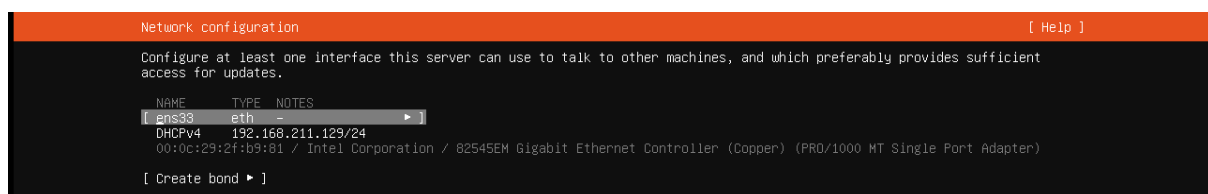
```
apt list --installed > /tmp/ubuntu-2204-full-apps.txt  
Contents of /tmp/ubuntu-2204-full-apps.txt (606 packages)
```

2. The "Search for third-party drivers" checkbox does two things:

It installs ubuntu-restricted-addons much later on in the main install process.

It asks the Additional Drivers program to enable any drivers that can be automatically installed.

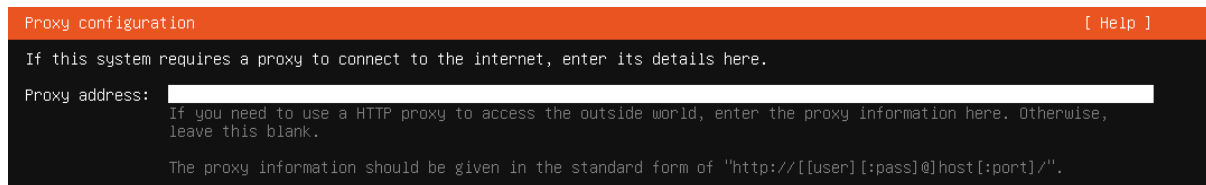
(The message beneath mentions that these drivers may be **proprietary**, meaning that they are not open-source and may come with **license terms**.)



- In this section, Users have to select an interface for the server to connect to the Internet. Because I use this virtual machine and doesn't enable it to use wlan interface so it only has access to eth interface.

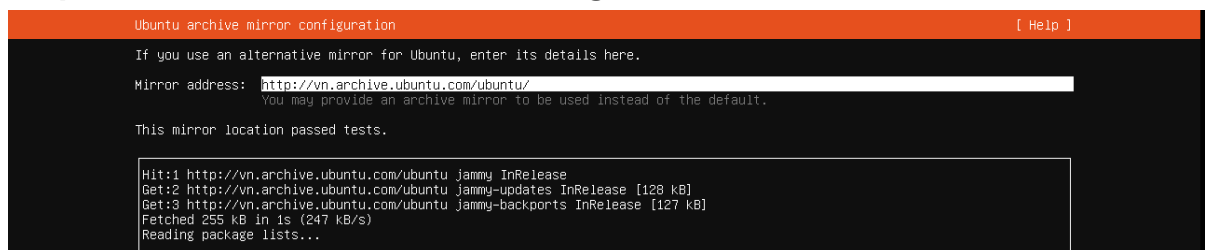
- **[Create Bond] Bonding**, also called **port trunking** or **link aggregation** means combining several network interfaces (NICs) to a single link, providing either high-availability, load-balancing, maximum throughput, or a combination of these. Because our laptops have only 1 NIC so we'll leave it blank.

Step 3: Proxy configuration



- A **proxy server** is a server application that acts as an intermediary between a client requesting a resource and the server providing that resource. It improves privacy, security, and possibly performance in the process.
- We don't connect to any proxy server to send traffic to the Internet so we'll leave it blank

Step 4: Ubuntu archive mirror configuration



- A mirror site is a website or set of files on a computer server that has been copied to another computer server so that the site or files are available from more than one place. A mirror site has its own URL but is otherwise identical to the principal site.
- Mirror address is where distributes software packages, When you run `sudo apt update` or `sudo apt install package-name`, the package manager (APT) fetches the necessary files from a mirror site.
- There are two types of mirrors:
 - Country mirrors (e.g. nl.archive.ubuntu.com/nl.releases.ubuntu.com) (this's what we use)
 - Normal mirrors (reachable via their own hostname)

Step 5: Storage configuration

Configure a guided storage layout, or create a custom one:

☒ Use an entire disk

[/dev/sda local disk 20.000G ▼]

☒ Set up this disk as an LVM group

☐ Encrypt the LVM group with LUKS

Passphrase:

Confirm passphrase:

☐ Also create a recovery key
The key will be stored as ~/recovery-key.txt in the live system and will be copied to /var/log/installer/ in the target system.

- Beside the classic disk storage layout using partitions, Linux operating systems include the possibility to use the logical volume manager (LVM), that allows to create logical volumes out of one or multiple physical fixed disks. LVM volumes can be created on both software RAID partitions and standard partitions. Such volumes can be extended, giving greater flexibility to systems as requirements change.
- When installing Ubuntu Server, we choose to use LVM by selecting the Set up this disk as an LVM group checkbox of the 'Use an entire disk'.

FILE SYSTEM SUMMARY

| MOUNT POINT | SIZE | TYPE | DEVICE TYPE |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|
| [/ | 10.000G | new ext4 | new LVM logical volume ▶] |
| [/boot | 1.771G | new ext4 | new partition of local disk ▶] |

AVAILABLE DEVICES

| DEVICE | TYPE | SIZE |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| [ubuntu-vg (new) | LVM volume group | 18.222G ▶] |
| free space | | 8.222G ▶] |
| [Create software RAID (md) ▶] | | |
| [Create volume group (LVM) ▶] | | |

USED DEVICES

| DEVICE | TYPE | SIZE |
|-------------------|--|-------------|
| [ubuntu-vg (new) | LVM volume group | 18.222G ▶] |
| ubuntu-lv | new, to be formatted as ext4, mounted at / | 10.000G ▶] |
| [/dev/sda | local disk | 20.000G ▶] |
| partition 1 | new, BIOS grub spacer | 1.000M ▶] |
| partition 2 | new, to be formatted as ext4, mounted at /boot | 1.771G ▶] |
| partition 3 | new, PV of LVM volume group ubuntu-vg | 18.225G ▶] |

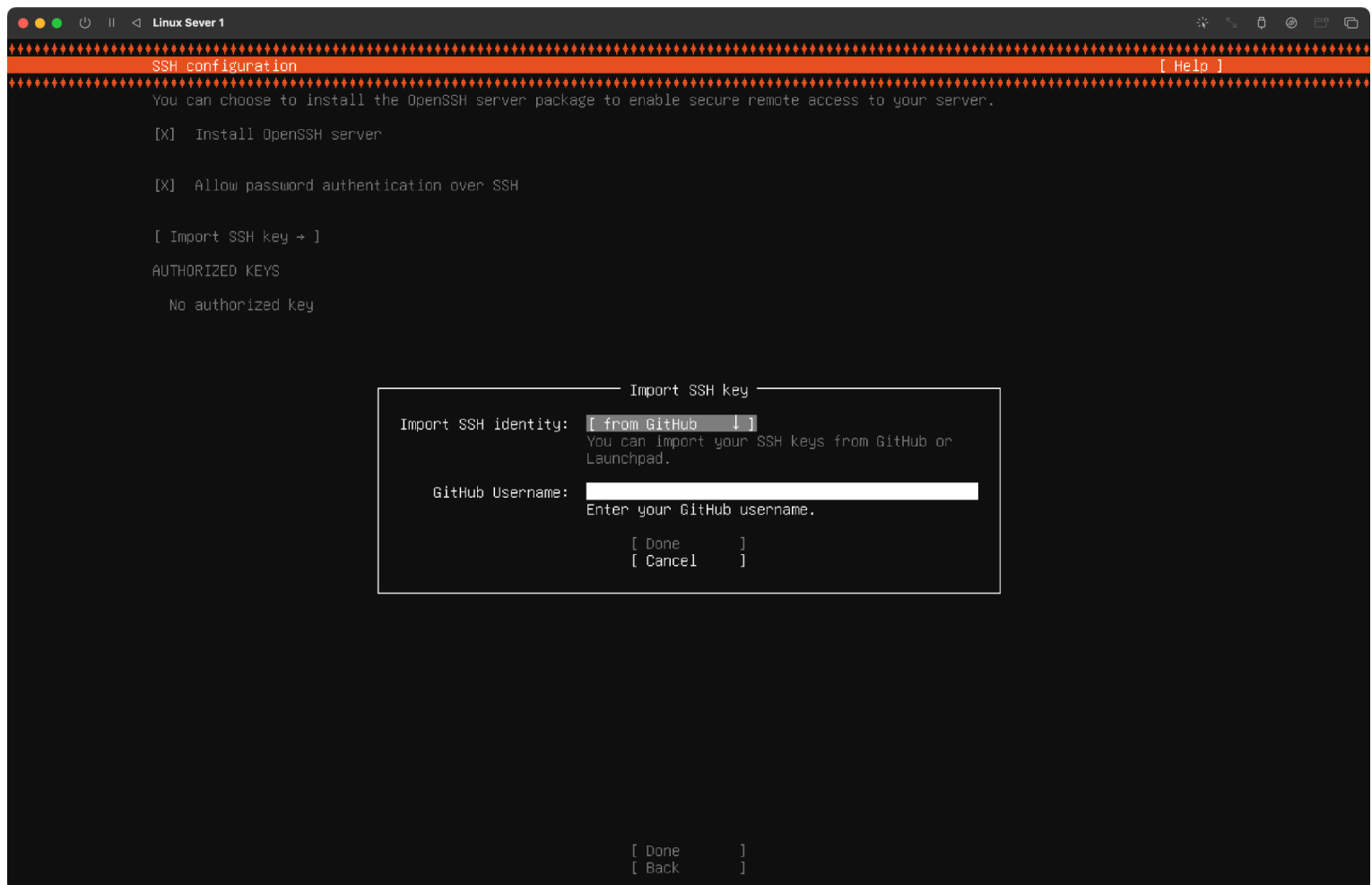
[Done]
 [Reset]
 [Back]

In an LVM context:

- A **physical volume (PV)** is a physical fixed disk, disk partition, or software RAID partition formatted as LVM PV. In the screenshot above, there is one PV, corresponding to /dev/sda3 (the first two partitions on the disk being used for booting the system (future mount points /boot)).
- A **volume group (VG)** is made from one or more physical volumes. After having been created, it can be extended by adding more PVs (cf. Extending an LVM group). A VG is like a virtual disk drive, from which one or more logical volumes are carved. The screenshot shows that the setup program will create an LVM volume group, called ubuntu-vg (made from /dev/sda3).
- A **logical volume (LV)** is similar to a partition in a non-LVM system. A LV is formatted with the desired file system (EXT3, EXT4, XFS, JFS, etc) and is then available for mounting and data storage. In our case, the logical volume, called ubuntu-lv, corresponds to the 10/18.222 G of the volume group (virtual disk) ubuntu-vg, i.e. to

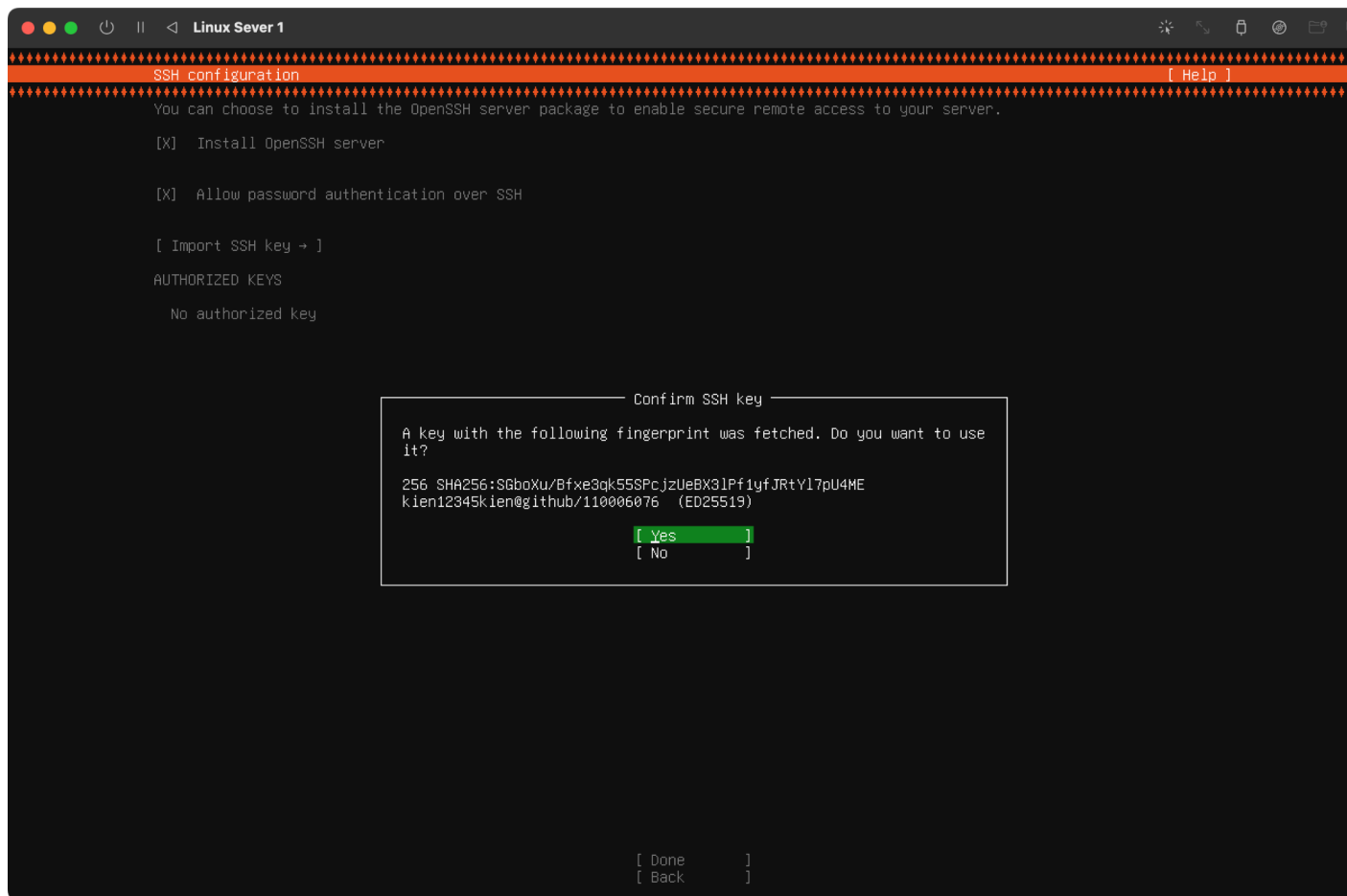
the physical volume /dev/sda3. It will be formatted using the EXT4 filesystem and mounted at /.

Step 6: SSH configuration



The image shows an SSH configuration screen for a Linux Server. The current screen allows the user to:

1. Install the OpenSSH server: This option is checked and means you will install the OpenSSH server package. OpenSSH is a set of tools.
2. Allow password authentication over SSH(Enable password authentication over SSH).
3. Import SSH identity(enter SSH): Key SSH from Github (code hosting platforms) for secure authentication. This feature makes it easy to fetch and use an SSH key stored on GitHub.
4. Authorized key: Currently, no authorized keys are listed ("No authorized key"). This section displays any SSH keys that have been added and authorized for access to the server.



Confirm SSH key:

- The system has successfully fetched an SSH key associated with the provided GitHub username. The key's fingerprint is displayed for verification.

Fingerprint:

- The fingerprint of the SSH key is 256 SHA256:SGboXu/Bfxe3qk5SSP... This is a unique identifier of the key to ensure that the correct one is being imported.

GitHub account:

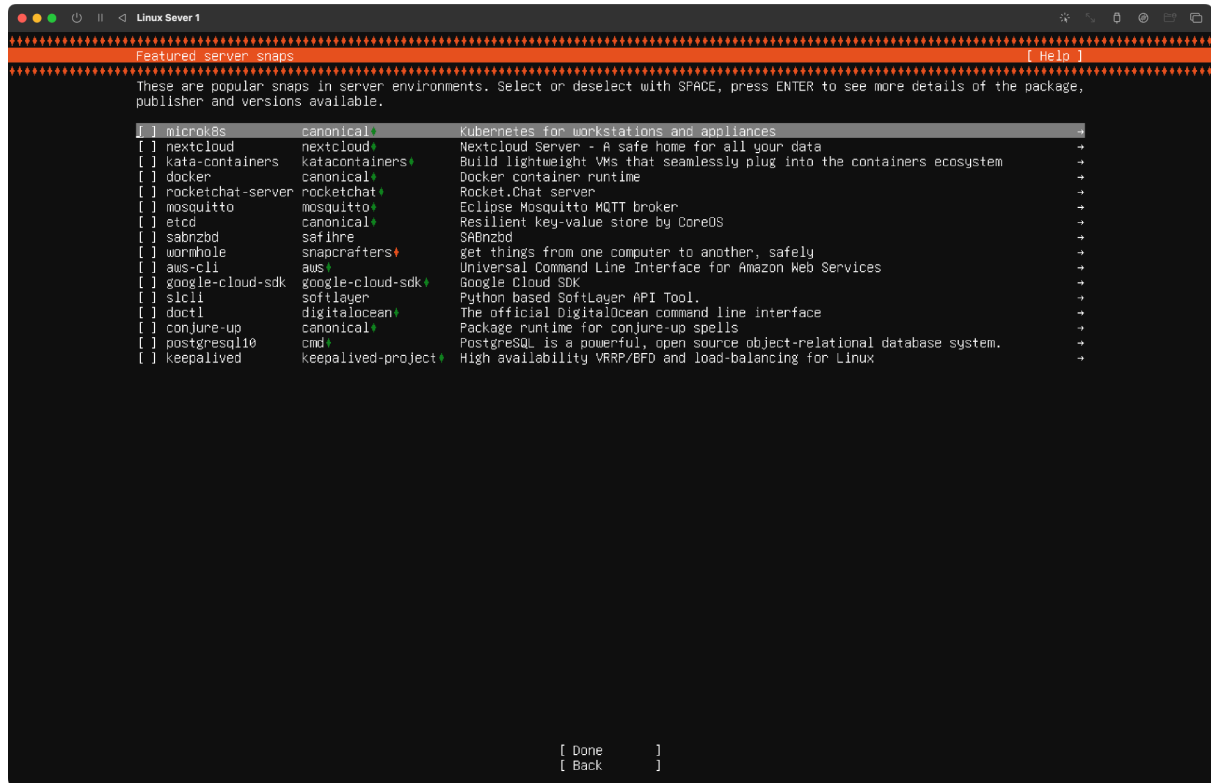
- The key is fetched from kien12345kien@github/110006076. This shows the GitHub account and a unique identifier for the key.

ED25519:

- This indicates that the key is of type ED25519, which is a modern, high-security algorithm for SSH keys.

Confirmation options:

- **Yes:** If you choose "Yes," the SSH key will be imported and added to the list of authorized keys for SSH access to the server.
- **No:** If you choose "No," the import will be canceled.



The image shows a selection menu for **Featured server snaps** in a Linux environment. Snaps are containerized software packages that can be installed on Linux servers to provide additional functionality. Each snap is associated with a publisher and contains a brief description of its purpose.

```
Linux Sever 1
Installing system [ Help ]

configuring apt
curtin command in-target
Installing system
executing curtin install initial step
executing curtin install partitioning step
curtin command install
  configuring storage
    running 'curtin block-meta simple'
    curtin command block-meta
    removing previous storage devices
    configuring disk: disk-vda
    configuring partition: partition-0
    configuring format: format-0
    configuring partition: partition-1
    configuring format: format-1
    configuring partition: partition-2
    configuring lvm_voigroup: lvm_voigroup-0
    configuring lvm_partition: lvm_partition-0
    configuring format: format-2
    configuring mount: mount-2
    configuring mount: mount-1
    configuring mount: mount-0
executing curtin install extract step
curtin command install
  writing install sources to disk
  running 'curtin extract'
  curtin command extract
    acquiring and extracting image from cp:///tmp/tmp7q33w09n/mount
configuring keyboard
curtin command in-target
executing curtin install curthooks step
curtin command install
  configuring installed system
  running 'curtin curthooks'
  curtin command curthooks
    configuring apt configuring apt
    installing missing packages
    installing packages on target system: ['efibootmgr', 'grub-efi-arm64', 'grub-efi-arm64-signed', 'shim-signed']
    configuring iscsi service
    configuring raid (mdadm) service
    configuring NVMe over TCP
    installing kernel /

[ View full log ]
```

The image shows a detailed system installation process on a Linux server.

```
Linux Sever 1
Installation complete! [ Help ]

writing install sources to disk
  running 'curtin extract'
  curtin command extract
    acquiring and extracting image from cp:///tmp/tmp7q33w09n/mount
configuring keyboard
curtin command in-target
executing curtin install curthooks step
curtin command install
  configuring installed system
  running 'curtin curthooks'
  curtin command curthooks
    configuring apt configuring apt
    installing missing packages
    installing packages on target system: ['efibootmgr', 'grub-efi-arm64', 'grub-efi-arm64-signed', 'shim-signed']
    configuring iscsi service
    configuring raid (mdadm) service
    configuring NVMe over TCP
    installing kernel
    setting up swap
    apply networking config
    writing etc/fstab
    configuring multipath
    updating packages on target system
    configuring pollinate user-agent on target
    updating initramfs configuration
    configuring target system bootloader
    installing grub to target devices
    copying metadata from /cdrom
final system configuration
calculating extra packages to install
installing openssh-server
  retrieving openssh-server
  curtin command system-install
  unpacking openssh-server
  curtin command system-install
configuring cloud-init
downloading and installing security updates
curtin command in-target
restoring apt configuration
curtin command in-target
subiquity/Late/run:

[ View full log ]
[ Reboot Now ]
```

The above image shows the final stages of a Linux system installation, with the message **Installation complete!** at the top.

III. Configuration

Step 1: Setting up User Accounts

- Creating user accounts for each group member on the server.
- Each group member needs a unique account to securely access and interact with the server. Without separate accounts, tracking activities or managing permissions would become difficult and insecure.

1. Use the `adduser` command to create accounts for each member of the group.

2. Set a password for each user after creating the account.

Commands:

`sudo adduser username`

`sudo passwd username`

```
hung@hungserver:~$ sudo adduser vietanh
info: Adding user `vietanh' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `vietanh' (1004) ...
info: Adding new user `vietanh' (1004) with group `vietanh (1004)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/vietanh' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for vietanh
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
  Full Name []: nguyenvietanh
  Room Number []: 1
  Work Phone []: 1
  Home Phone []: 1
  Other []: 1
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
info: Adding new user `vietanh' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `vietanh' to group `users' ...
```

The `adduser` command creates a new user and assigns them a home directory. The `passwd` command sets the password for the user, ensuring each member has secure access to the server. Creating separate accounts for each user allows proper assignment of privileges and responsibilities.

Step 2: Configure SSH for Remote Access

- Enabling SSH for secure remote access.
- SSH (Secure Shell) allows group members to remotely connect to the server. Without SSH, members would need physical access to the machine or use insecure alternatives to interact with the server.

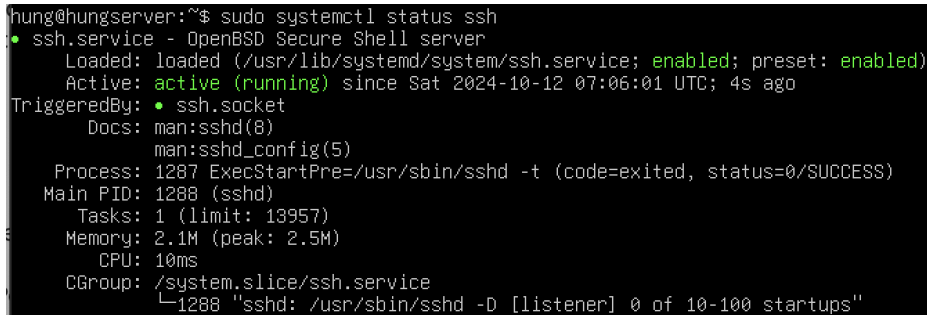
1. Install the OpenSSH server if it's not already installed.

2. Enable SSH to start automatically upon server boot.

3. Start the SSH service to allow immediate remote connections.

Commands:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install openssh-server
sudo systemctl enable ssh
sudo systemctl start ssh
sudo systemctl status ssh
```

A terminal window showing the command 'sudo systemctl status ssh' and its output. The output indicates that the ssh.service is loaded, active (running), and enabled. It also shows details about the process, including its PID (1288), memory usage, and the command it is running.

```
hung@hungserver:~$ sudo systemctl status ssh
• ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2024-10-12 07:06:01 UTC; 4s ago
     TriggeredBy: • ssh.socket
       Docs: man:sshd(8)
             man:sshd_config(5)
    Process: 1287 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 1288 (sshd)
      Tasks: 1 (limit: 13957)
     Memory: 2.1M (peak: 2.5M)
        CPU: 10ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
            └─1288 "sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups"
```

- These commands ensure that SSH is installed, running, and set to start automatically on boot. This allows all group members to connect securely to the server remotely. It's important to check the status of SSH to ensure the service is running correctly.

Step 3: Configure User Permissions

- Setting appropriate permissions for directories and files for each user.
- Permissions ensure that each user has access only to the files and directories they are authorized to use. Without configuring permissions, users may access, modify, or delete files they shouldn't.
 1. Use `chown` to assign ownership of directories and files to specific users.
 2. Use `chmod` to configure read, write, and execute permissions for users, groups, and others.

Commands:

```
sudo chown username:username /path/to/directory
sudo chmod 755 /path/to/directory
```

- Method Description:

The `chown` command changes the ownership of a file or directory, ensuring that only the intended user has full control over it. The `chmod` command sets the permissions for users and groups. This ensures proper access control, protecting sensitive files and resources from unauthorized users.

Step 4: Configure Firewall for Security

- Setting up the firewall to secure the server.
- A firewall restricts unauthorized access to the server by controlling which ports are open. Without a firewall, the server could be vulnerable to network attacks.

1. Enable the `ufw` (Uncomplicated Firewall) and allow SSH connections.
2. Enable the firewall to block all other unauthorized traffic.

Commands:

```
sudo ufw allow ssh
sudo ufw enable
sudo ufw status
```

```
hung@hungserver:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
22/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
22/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

hung@hungserver:~$ sudo ufw allow ssh
Skipping adding existing rule
Skipping adding existing rule (v6)
hung@hungserver:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
hung@hungserver:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
--
22/tcp ALLOW Anywhere
22/tcp (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)
```

- Method Description:

The `ufw` firewall ensures that only authorized connections, such as SSH, are allowed to the server. The firewall blocks all other traffic, making the server more secure. Running the status command verifies that the firewall is active and configured correctly.

Step 5: Verifying and Testing the Setup

- Testing the configurations to ensure the server is correctly set up.
- After configuration, it's critical to verify that everything is working as intended. Without testing, configuration errors may go unnoticed, causing issues with access or security.

1. Test SSH Access: Ensure that all group members can connect to the server using SSH.
2. Test User Permissions: Verify that users can access only the files and directories they should have access to.

3. Test Firewall Rules: Ensure that the firewall is blocking unauthorized traffic while allowing authorized connections (e.g., SSH).

Commands:

ssh username@server-ip

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-Apple-Virtualization-Generic-Platform:~$ ssh duy@192.168.12.181
The authenticity of host '192.168.12.181 (192.168.12.181)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:ziWEAVlPKiVBbRtsML1MAHnHnwzxiEeKnzfEsyRaeNc.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.12.181' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
duy@192.168.12.181's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0-122-generic aarch64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/pro

System information as of Wed Oct  9 07:38:41 AM UTC 2024

System load:  0.0               Processes:    131
Usage of /:   43.4% of 14.14GB   Users logged in: 2
Memory usage: 6%               IPv4 address for enp0s1: 192.168.12.181
Swap usage:  0%

 * Strictly confined Kubernetes makes edge and IoT secure. Learn how MicroK8s
   just raised the bar for easy, resilient and secure K8s cluster deployment.

https://ubuntu.com/engage/secure-kubernetes-at-the-edge

Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.

0 updates can be applied immediately.

Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status

New release '24.04.1 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Wed Oct  9 07:32:23 2024 from 192.168.12.28
duy@acsserver:~$
```

- Testing SSH access ensures that users can connect securely to the server. Verifying file permissions and firewall settings confirms that the server is properly secured and that group members have the correct level of access.

```
ngoc@ngoc:~$ who
ngoc      tty1          2024-10-09 07:29
tunganh   pts/0          2024-10-09 07:46 (192.168.12.197)
huy       pts/1          2024-10-09 07:50 (192.168.12.211)
hung      pts/2          2024-10-09 07:39 (192.168.12.5)
tung      pts/3          2024-10-09 07:39 (192.168.12.28)
tienngoc  pts/4          2024-10-09 07:39 (192.168.12.51)
vietanh   pts/5          2024-10-09 07:40 (192.168.12.197)
duy       pts/6          2024-10-09 07:51 (192.168.12.163)
```