Installation Guide
Debian 12 Server with Apache,
PostgreSQL and

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PHP

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Debian 12 Server Installation

This section details the process of installing Debian 12 on a virtual machine using Qemu/KVM. You will learn how to prepare the environment by downloading and verifying the ISO image, configuring and launching the virtual machine, and following the steps to install Debian without a graphical interface. The goal is to set up a minimal installation of Debian 12 that will serve as a foundation for installing additional services like Apache, PostgreSQL, and PHP.

Preparing the Installation

Before starting the installation, download the ISO image from here:

https://cdimage.debian.org/cdimage/release/current/amd64/iso-cd

If the ISO image is already installed, compare the image to the link above. To do this, run the command:

\$ sha512sum /usr/local/images-ISO/debian-12.5.0-amd64-netinst.iso

Debian System Installation

Installation

To start the virtual machine installation, run the command

\$ S2.03-lance-installation

Proceed through the installation steps, and when nothing is specified, choose the default option. Language: English

Location : other/Europe/Franfe

• Locales: United States, en_US.UTF-8

• **Keyboard**: French

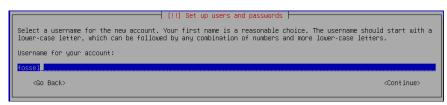
Hostname: server-<your_uga_login>

• Root Password : root

User account: Full name

• User Name: <your_uga_login>

Example:

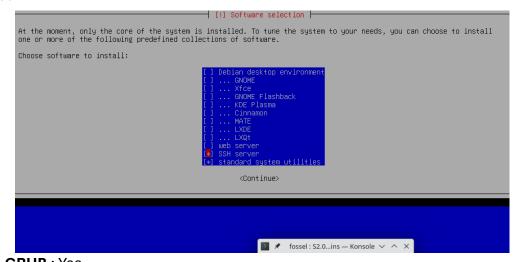


Password : etu

Partition disks : Guided – use entire disk
 Partition disks : All files in one partition

Partition disks: Yes

 Software Selection: Ensure ssh server is selected and Debian desktop is not selected



Install GRUB : YesDevice : /dev/sda

Once the installation is complete, shut down the virtual machine before proceeding to the next step. To do this, as the root user, run the following command in your virtual machine's shell:

poweroff

Moving the Disk Image

You have created the image on the local disk of the Linux workstation. To move it to the erebus4 server, first ensure that the virtual machine is properly shut down and then run the command

\$ S2.03-déplace-image-disque-sur-erebus4.

Verifying the Debian Server

To start your virtual machine, run

S2.03-lance-machine-virtuelle

in your host shell.

Check /etc/fstab

cat /etc/fstab

Verifying Network Configuration

Check the network configuration of your virtual machine and ensure you can reach the outside using the command

ip addr

Verifying Absence of the Xorg Server

To verify that the Xorg server is not installed, run the command:

dpkg -l | grep xorg

Port Forwarding and SSH Access

To allow access to servers running on your virtual machine from clients running on your workstation, the following port forwarding rules are set up (script S2.03-commun)

Network device	VM Port	Port on Linux station	Example of use from the Linux
			station
SSH	22	2222	\$ ssh toto@localhost -p 2222
HTTP	80	8080	URL: http://localhost:8080/
HTTPS	443	4443	URL: https://localhost:4443/
PostgreSQL	5432	5432	\$ psql -h localhost -U postgres
			postgres



Installation of Apache, PostgreSQL and PHP

This section details the process of installing Apache, PostgreSQL, and PHP on a Debian 12 server environment. You will learn how to set up and configure these essential components to create a robust web hosting and database management system.

Installation Apache

To install Apache, execute the following commands to update the packages and install Apache:

```
# apt update
# apt install apache2
```

Verify that Apache is started:

systemctl start apache2

```
root@server-fossel:~# systemctl status apache2

apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server

Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
Active: active (running) since Fri 2024-05-03 15:46:14 CEST; 1min 2s ago
Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
Process: 462 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/apachectl start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Main PID: 488 (apache2)
Tasks: 55 (limit: 4645)
Memory: 12.1M
CPU: 46ms
CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
488 /usr/sbin/apache2 - k start
489 /usr/sbin/apache2 - k start
490 /usr/sbin/apache2 - k start
May 03 15:46:14 server-fossel systemd[1]: Starting apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server...
May 03 15:46:14 server-fossel apachect1[486]: AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domail
May 03 15:46:14 server-fossel systemd[1]: Started apache2.cervice - The Apache HTTP Server.
```

If Apache is not running, start the service:

```
# systemctl start apache2
```

Vérification de l'installation

Execute:

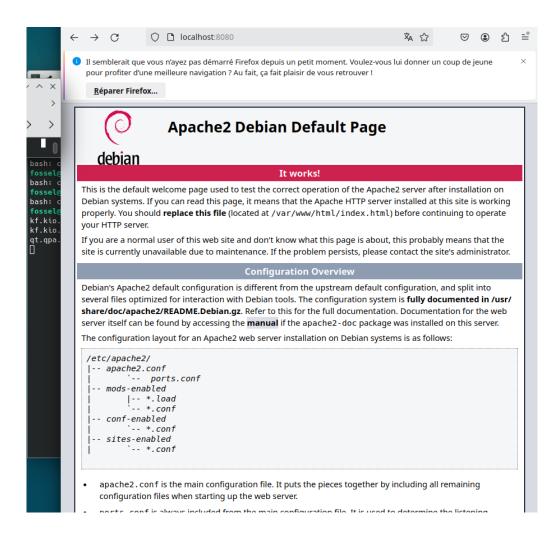
\$ telnet localhost80

```
$ telnet localhost 80
Trying ::1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
HEAD / HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
[...]
```

Afterwards, enter "HEAD / HTTP/1.0" followed by two line breaks.

Finally, on your host machine, visit the page http://localhost:8080 and verify that you are redirected to the Apache server page of the virtual machine, as follows:



Installation of PostgresSQL

Installation du programme

To begin, obtain a root shell by executing

sudo -i

Perform security updates:

apt update
apt upgrade
apt clean

Install PostgreSQL using the command:

apt install postgresql

Configuring the server to accept external connections

Switch to the postgres account:

su - postgres

Connect to the PostgreSQL server:

psql

To allow external connections, edit the configuration file:

nano /etc/postgresql/15/main/postgresql.conf

Uncomment the line:

listen_adresses = '*'

Next, edit the authentification rules file:

nano /etc/postgresql/15/main/pg_hba.conf

Add the following rule to allow connections authenticated by a hashed password:

#IPv4 remote connections

Host all all 0.0.0.0/0 scram-sha-256

Afterwards, switch back to rool (logout) and restard your server

service postgresql restart

Créations to test your server

Once connected to your database (using the psql command):

Create a user with your login name:

CREATE USER <votre_login> WITH PASSWORD 'password';

Next, create a database where your user is the ower:

CREATE DATABASE donnees OWNER <votre_login>;

Check the existence of this database with the command

psql-l



Connect to your database:

\c data

Create a table in this database:

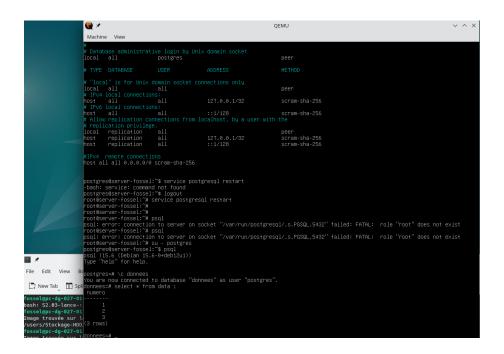
```
CREATE TABLE data (numero int);
```

Insert some data into the table:

```
INSERT INTO data VALUES ('1');
INSERT INTO data VALUES ('2');
```

INSERT INTO data VALUES ('3');

Query your table from your virtual machine:



Connect to your database from the host machine

```
$ psql -h localhost donnees -U fossel
```

Query your table from your host machine:

```
fossel:psql—Konsole

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The Tab Split View 

fossel@donnees=> select * from data;
numero

1
2
3
(3 rows)

fossel@donnees=> [
```

To verify that the passwords are properly hashed

To verify that the passwords are hashed correctly, from your virtual machine, use the command:

SELECT usename, passwd FROM pg_shadow;

Installation of PHP

To install PHP on your virtual machine, in the root shell, enter the following command:

apt install php-common libapache2-mod-php php-cli

Test PHP Installation

Create the file info.php:

nano /var/www/html/info.php

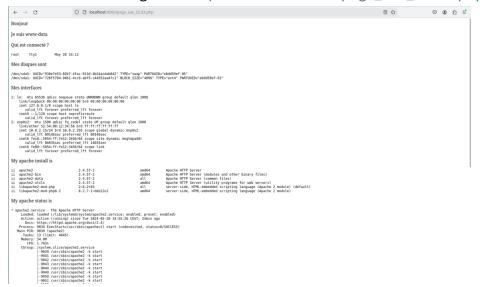
And place the following code in this file:

```
<?php
phpinfo();
phpinfo(INFO_MODULES);
?>
```

Open a web browser and navigate to http://localhost/8080.info.php

```
# /sbin/blkid
# scp user@pc-dg-xxx-yy :
/users/info/www/intranet/enseignements/S2.03/page_sae_S2.03.php /var/www/html
```

Open a web browser and navigate to http://localhost:8080/page_sae_S2.03.php



Installation of phpPgAdmin

To install phpPgAdmin, execute the following command:

```
# apt install phppgadmin
```

Configuration

Execute

nano /usr/share/phppgadmin/classes/database/Connection.php

Remplace the line with:

```
case '14': return 'Postgres';break;
```

To:

```
case '15': return 'Postgres';break;
```

Edit 'phppgadmin.conf' to allow conection:

nano /etc/apache2/conf-availlable/phppgadmin.conf

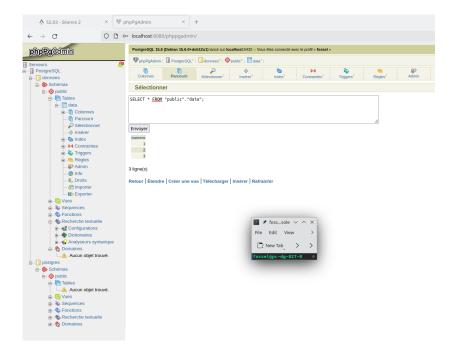
Replace:

Require all local

To:

Require all granted

Open a web browser and navigate to http://localhost:8080/phppgadmin



Security Analysis

Disk space

To check the remaining disk space, use the command:

\$ df -h

```
root@server-fossel:~# df -h
Filesystem Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
udev 1.9G 0 1.9G 0% /dev
tmpfs 392M 476K 392M 1% /run
/dev/sda1 3.0G 1.6G 1.2G 58% /
tmpfs 2.0G 1.1M 2.0G 1% /dev/shm
tmpfs 5.0M 0 5.0M 0% /run/lock
tmpfs 392M 0 392M 0% /run/user/0
```

Security recommendations

Regulary ypdate packages:

```
# apt update
# apt upgrade
```

Conclusion

By following this guide, you will have a fully functional Debian 12 server equipped with Apache, PostgreSQL, and PHP. This setup will be accessible from the host machine, providing a robust environment for web development and database management.