

Alright!

Let's go step-by-step for your task:

"Installation and Configuration of virtualization using KVM"

(Assuming you are doing this on **Ubuntu/Linux**.)

What is KVM?

- **KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine)** is a Linux kernel module that allows your Linux machine to act as a **hypervisor** — meaning, it can host virtual machines (VMs).
- It is used for virtualization at the hardware level (just like VirtualBox, VMware, etc.).

Steps to Install and Configure KVM

1. Check if your system supports virtualization

First, make sure your system (CPU) supports hardware virtualization (**Intel VT-x** or **AMD-V**).

```
egrep -c '(vmx|svm)' /proc/cpuinfo
```

- If you get output **1** or more → **Good, supported**.
- If you get output **0** → **Not supported** or virtualization is disabled in BIOS (you need to enable it).

2. Update your system

Always update your system first:

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt upgrade -y
```

3. Install KVM and related packages

Install the necessary KVM components:

```
sudo apt install qemu-kvm libvirt-daemon-system libvirt-clients bridge-utils  
virt-manager -y
```

Package	Purpose
qemu-kvm	The KVM module (core virtualization)
libvirt-daemon-system	Allows managing KVM as a service
libvirt-clients	Client utilities to interact with libvirt
bridge-utils	Needed for network bridging
virt-manager	GUI (graphical interface) to create and manage VMs easily

4. Verify KVM installation

Check if the **kvm** modules are loaded:

```
lsmod | grep kvm
```

You should see something like:

```
kvm_intel    (or kvm_amd)
kvm
```

Also, check if the KVM service is running:

```
sudo systemctl status libvirtd
```

If it's inactive, start and enable it:

```
sudo systemctl start libvirtd
sudo systemctl enable libvirtd
```

5. Add your user to the libvirt group

To manage VMs without sudo:

```
sudo usermod -aG libvirt $(whoami)
```

Important: Log out and log back in (or reboot) to apply group changes.

6. Create and manage Virtual Machines

Now, you can launch the **Virtual Machine Manager** (GUI):

```
virt-manager
```

From here:

- Click **Create New Virtual Machine**.
- Select installation type (ISO file or network installation).
- Assign CPU, RAM, storage.
- Launch your VM!

That's it! KVM virtualization is now installed and working.

⚡ Common Errors and Their Solutions

Error	Reason	Solution
/dev/kvm permission denied	User not in libvirt group	Add user to libvirt group and reboot
Virtualization not supported	CPU doesn't support VT-x/AMD-V or it's disabled	Enable virtualization in BIOS
virt-manager: command not found	virt-manager not installed	sudo apt install virt-manager
No Virtual Networks	Default network not active	sudo virsh net-start default

📌 Quick Summary Diagram (ASCII Style)

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| Check Virtualization|----> (egrep vmx|svm)
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| Install KVM Packages |
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| Start libvirtd Service |
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| Add User to libvirt Group |
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| Create VMs (virt-manager) |
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Your Task (Simple Version)

Step	Command
Check virtualization	<code>`egrep -c '(vmx</code>
Update packages	<code>sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y</code>
Install KVM	<code>sudo apt install qemu-kvm libvirt-daemon-system libvirt-clients bridge-utils virt-manager -y</code>
Start service	<code>sudo systemctl start libvirtd && sudo systemctl enable libvirtd</code>
Add user to group	<code>sudo usermod -aG libvirt \$(whoami)</code>
Launch GUI	<code>virt-manager</code>

Would you also like me to give a **ready practical file/handwritten notes format**? (useful if you need to submit it!)

Would you also like a **sample VM creation example** (like Ubuntu server)?