1 FreeBSD Kernel Development Setup

FreeBSD is an open source, Unix-like, operating system that has been actively developed since 1993. It is provided in several different formats but for our purposes we will set it up within a virtual machine rather than on actual hardware, as modern systems, including laptops, are fast enough to make kernel development and debugging practical in these environments.

There are several virtualization technologies available but we will be using QEMU qemu.org because it is fast, cross platform, and open source. In our example we will use a graphical system that wraps QEMU, UTM, which is available for MacOS.

When setting up our virtual machine we have several choices to make:

Architecture x86 or Apple Silicon (M1, M2, M3 etc.)

Number of CPUs At least 2, but usually 1/4 to 1/2 of those available on the system.

RAM Size 1G of RAM per CPU selected above

Hard Disk Size At least 8G but 16 or 32 is better.

Before starting the installation you will need to download a suitable image from the FreeBSD website www.freebsd.org. You *must* pick an installation image that matched the architecture of your actual hardware, such as the laptop you are running the virtualization on. While QEMU can emulate many architectures you want to be using virtualization, and not emulation. The Downloads page for FreeBSD lists releases in order from most recent to least recently supported. You shold always start with the latest release. From the *Installer* column pick the appropriate architecture for your system. If you are using an Intel based system then you will want to select amd64 and if you are using Apple Silicon then select aarch64. You will be presented with a list of images, compressed in xz format, or uncompressed. Select the compressed image of disc1, for example FreeBSD-13.2-RELEASE-arm64-aarch64-disc1.iso.xz. Once the download is complete, uncompress the image with the unxz command. You now have an ISO image that can be used by QEMU to install the operating system and its associated tools.

Once the system has rebooted, disconnect the CD/DVD ROM ISO from the Virtual Machine, otherwise the install process will start again. If you wind up at the installer prompt a second time, disconnect the CD/DVD ROM and then reboot the virtual machine again.

1.1 Creating a case sensitive volume.

Most Unix-like operating systems are built on case sensitive filesystems. The filesystems on macOS are case preserving but not case sensitive by default and this will be a problem if you try to clone the FreeBSD source repository onto the default volume. With the Disk Utility you can create a case sensitive volume to store your repositories.

Once you have your code cloned into the new volume you can mount the volume over NFS into the FreeBSD VM. You will need to log into the virtual machine to see which IPv4 address it has been assigned. In Figure 55 we see that our VM has an IP address of 192.168.68.2, which means that the macOS host is 192.168.68.1, note this down for later.

On the macOS host we set up a file called /etc/exports as shown in Figure 56 We next make sure the NFS daemon is running on the mac host.

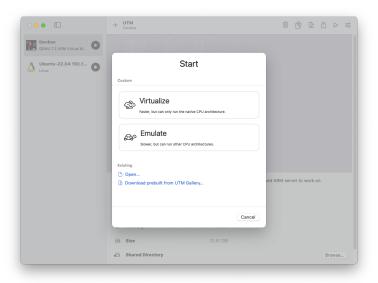


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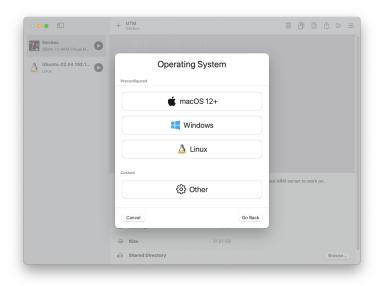


Figure 2: Select Other

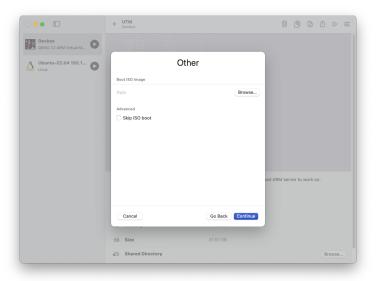


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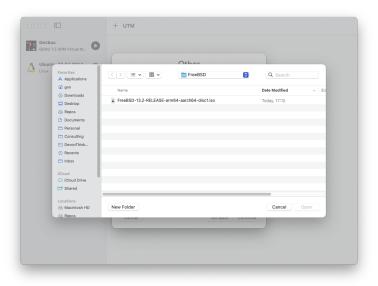


Figure 4: Select the ISO

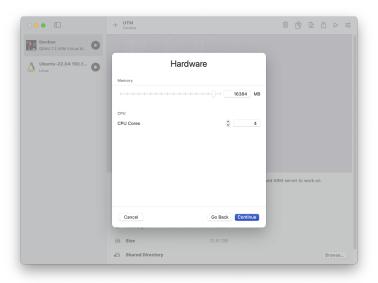


Figure 5: Select 16G of RAM and 4 cores

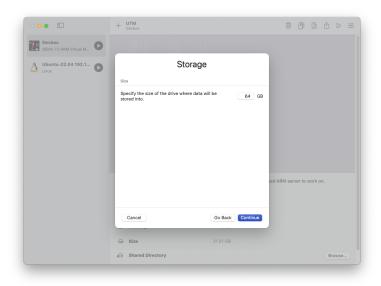


Figure 6: Select the default 64G disk size

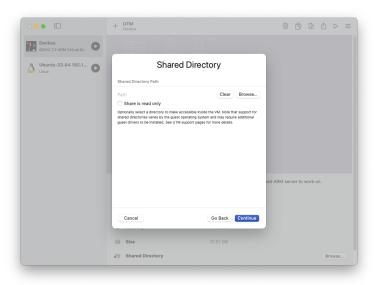


Figure 7: Do not select a Shared Directory

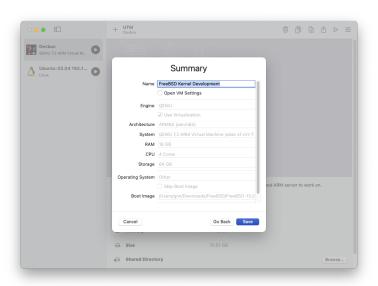


Figure 8: Name your Virtual Machine

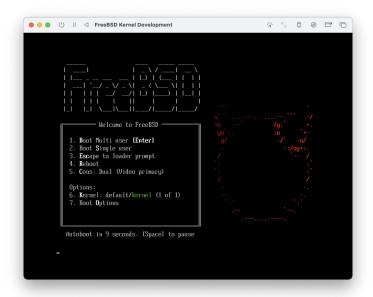


Figure 9: FreeBSD Installer Boot Screen

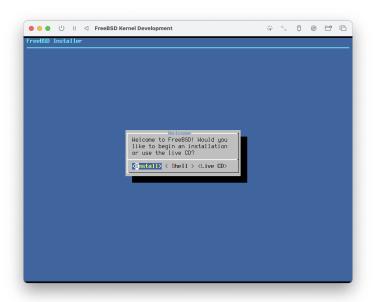


Figure 10: Selec the Install option.

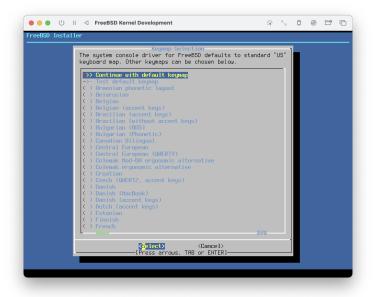


Figure 11: Continued with the default keymap

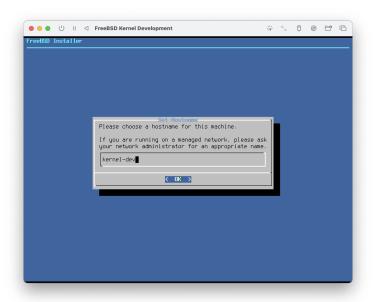


Figure 12: Name your host: kernel-dev

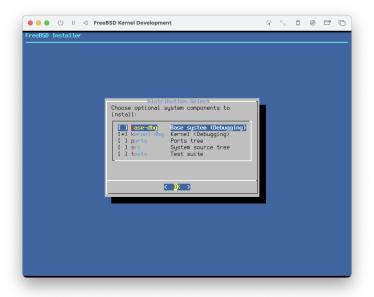


Figure 13: Go with the defaults

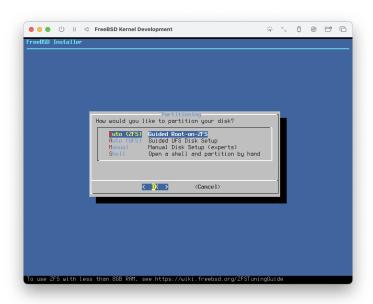


Figure 14: Select ZFS as your filesystem

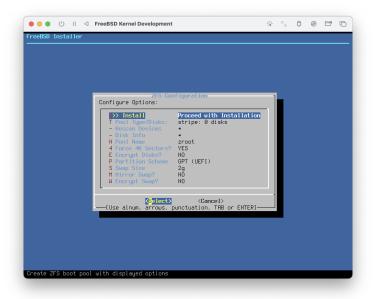


Figure 15: THe ZFS default are sufficient.

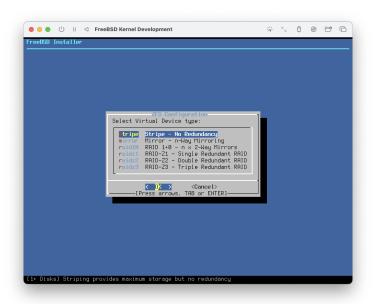


Figure 16: Stripe is all you can do with one disk

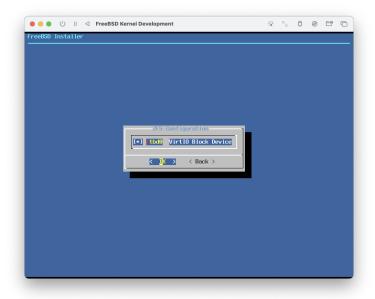


Figure 17: There is only one disk, select it.

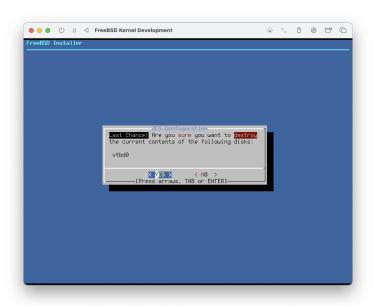


Figure 18: Last chance, select YES.

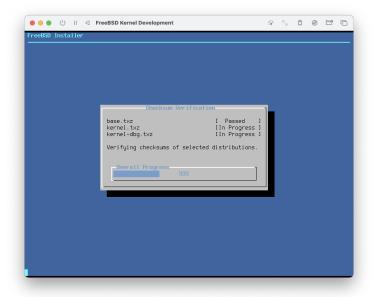


Figure 19: Installing

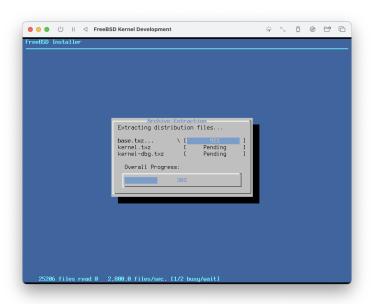


Figure 20: Extracting files

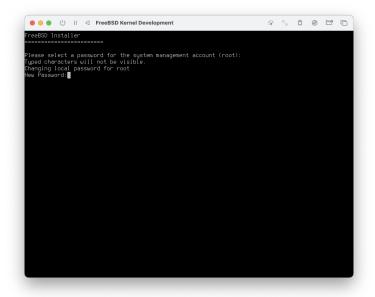


Figure 21: Select a root password

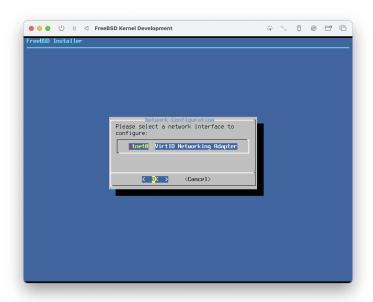


Figure 22: There is only one network device

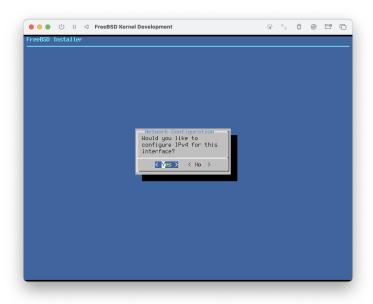


Figure 23: Use IPv4

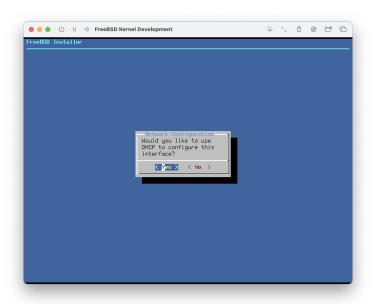


Figure 24: Use DHCP for IPv4

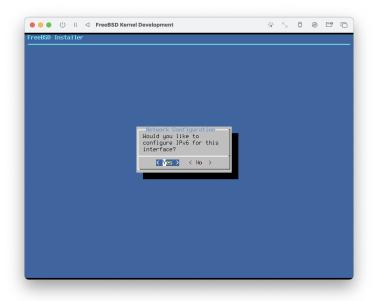


Figure 25: Do not configure IPv6

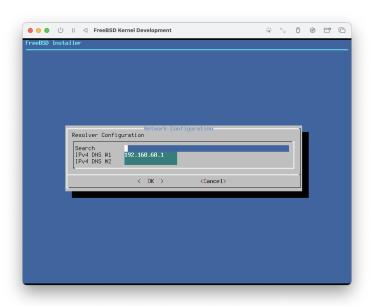


Figure 26: Accept the default DNS resolver settings

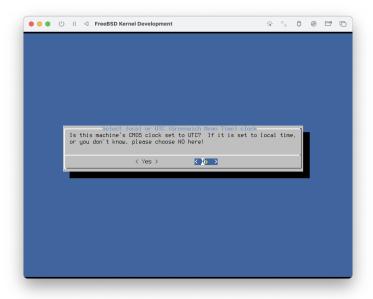


Figure 27: Start setting the clock, select NO

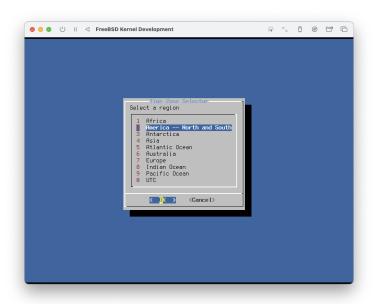


Figure 28: We're setting this up in America

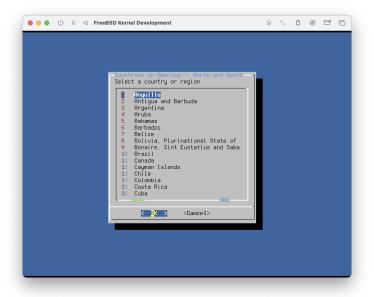


Figure 29: Scroll down to the correct country

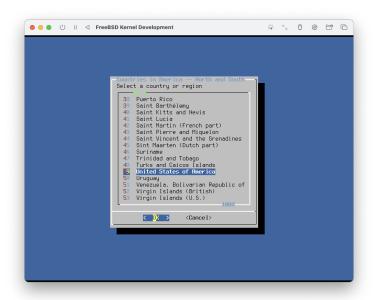


Figure 30: Select United States of America

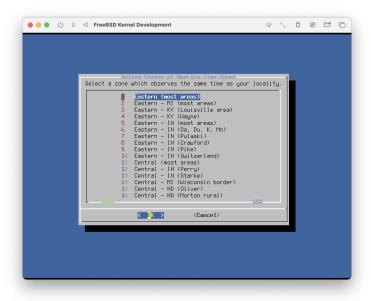


Figure 31: We are in the Eastern timezone

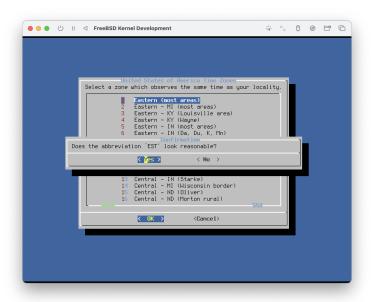


Figure 32: Accept EST

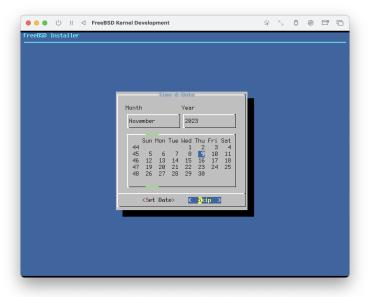


Figure 33: Skip setting the date (ntp will handle this on first boot)

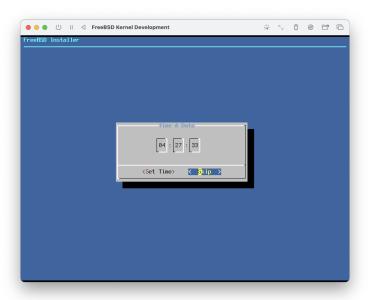


Figure 34: Skip setting the time (ntp will handle this on first boot)

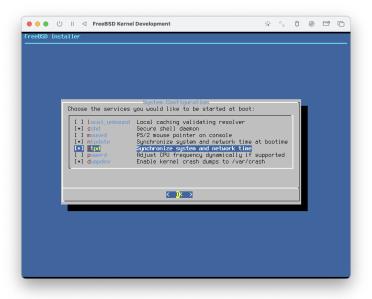


Figure 35: Select both ntpdate and ntpd

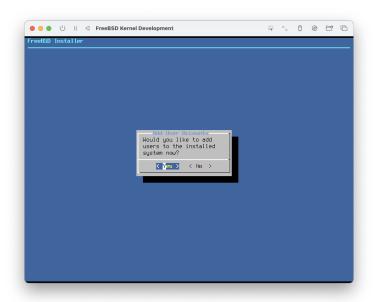


Figure 36: Add a user

Figure 37: Add a user, example is Alice, use your own login

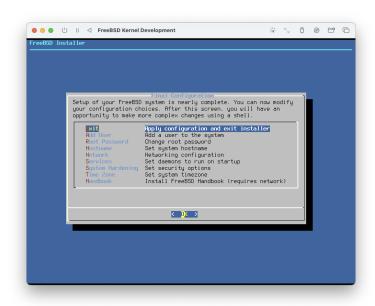


Figure 38: Nearly done, we can Exit

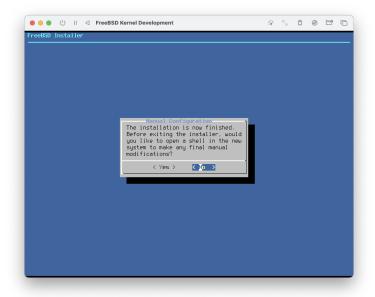


Figure 39: No need for manual modifications, select NO

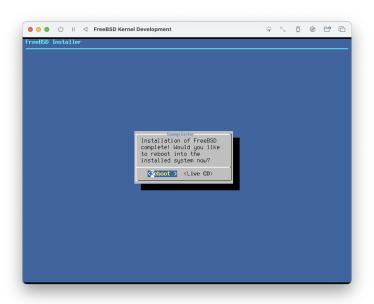


Figure 40: Reboot the system

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Starting ums0 moused.

add host 127.0.0.1: gateway 100 fib 0: route already in table

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add host 127.0.0.0: gateway 11

add net 1680::: gateway 11

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Updating /var/run/os-release done.

Updating notd:.

Clearing /thp (X related).

Creating and/or trimming log files.

Starting syslogd.

Setting date via ntp.

3 hov 04:34:00 intpate[937]: step time server 128.199.243.240 offset -17999.906041 sec

Windows found.

Starting syslogd.

Setting files filesystems:

Configuring vi: blanktime.

Senerating RSh host key.

3872 SHR256:6blsegv/+marbulyakofeHddM8Vj8/FrkbLHdNk8XezEs root@kernel-dev (RSR)

Senerating EDDSS host key.

256 SHR256:1d78cum9r/JITVg8+ZKIXFrmm+yLHZDJtJDbl iRo root@kernel-dev (EDDSR)

Generating EDDSS host key.

256 SHR256:1gddtSSNrPmZSUJA*BubDXKYXYPMXdbuIm+Dl SRw root@kernel-dev (ED25519)

Performing sanity check on sshd configuration.

Starting sendmail_submit.

Starting sendmail_submit.

Starting beckground file system checks in 60 seconds.

Thu Nev 9 04:34:04 EST 2023

FreeBSD/arm64 (kernel-dev) (ttyv0)

Login: 

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Figure 41: Normal boot to the login prompt.

Figure 42: Login to the system as the root user

Figure 43: Use the pkg command to install sudo

Figure 44: Edit the sudoers file with vi

```
## sudoreplay and reboot. Use sudoreplay to play back logged sessions.
## Sudo will create up to 2,176,782,336 i/O logs before recycling them.
## Set massed to a smaller number if you don't have unlimited disk space.
## Defaults log.output
## Defaults masseq = 1888
##
## Runas alias specification
##
## User privilege specification
##
## Uncomment to allow members of group wheel to execute any command
## Waheel RLL=RLL; RLL BLL
## Uncomment to allow members of group wheel to execute any command
## Same thing without a password
## Waheel RLL=RLL; RLL) NPHESSAD: RLL
## Uncomment to allow members of group sudo to execute any command
## Sunder RLL=(RLL; RLL) NPHESSAD: RLL
## Uncomment to allow any user to run sudo if they know the password
## Of the user they are running the commend as (root by default).
## Defaults torgetpu # Risk for the password of the target user
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## Read drop-in files from /usr/local/etc/sudoers.d
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Figure 45: Go to the line to uncomment where wheel users can use sudo without a password.

Figure 46: Remove the comment (#) character

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## sudoreplay and reboot. Use sudoreplay to play back logged sessions.
## Sudo will create up to 2.176,782,336 I/O logs before recucling them.
## Set maxseq to a smaller number if you don't have unlimited disk space.
## Defaults/Usr/bin/sudoreplay !log_output
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## Runas alias specification
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## Uncomment to allow members of group sudo to execute any command
## Zwbeel RLL=(RLL; RLL) PLL
## Uncomment to allow any user to run sudo if they know the password
## of the user they are running the command as (root by default).
## Uncomment to show on password prompt be the target user
## Read drop-in files from /usr/local/etc/sudoers.d
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Figure 47: Save and quit vi with the :wq! command sequence

Figure 48: Log into the system as a normal user

```
## Uncomment to show on password prompt which users' password is being expected
## Uncomment to show on password;"
## Read drop-in files from /usr/local/etc/sudoers.d
/usr/local/etc/sudoers: 114 lines, 3946 characters.
roor@kernel-dev:" # logout

FreeBSD/arm64 (kernel-dev) (ttyv@)

login: alice
Rassword:
FreeBSD 13.2=RELERSE releng/13.2=n254617-525ecfdad597 GENERIC

Welcome to FreeBSD 13.2=RELERSE releng/13.2=n254617-525ecfdad597 GENERIC

Welcome to FreeBSD 19.5 (true)

Release Notes, Errate: https://www.FreeBSD.org/releases/
Security [Mosisories: https://www.FreeBSD.org/security/
FreeBSD Handbook: https://www.FreeBSD.org/security/
FreeBSD FRO:
https://www.FreeBSD.org/fadb
Questions List: https://www.FreeBSD.org/ind/
Documents installed with the system are in the /usr/local/share/doc/freebsd/
directory, or can be installed later with: pkg install en-freebsd-doc
For other languages. replace "en" with a language code like de or fr.

Show the version of FreeBSD installed: freebsd-version; uname -a
Please include that output and any error messages when posting questions.
Introduction to manual pages: man man
FreeBSD directory layout: man hier
To change this login announcement, see motd(S).
To see the IP addresses currently set on your active interfaces, type
"ifconfig -u". --- Dru (genesis@lstar.ca)
glice@kernel-dev:" $ sudo shutdoun -p now
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Figure 49: Issue a shutdown with sudo as a normal user

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For other languages, replace "en" with a language code like de or fr.

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*** FINBL System shutdoun message from aliceBkernel-dev ***

System going down IM**EDIATELY

Nov 9 84:38:82 kernel-dev shutdoun[1171]: power-down by alice: Stopping sshd.

Maiting for PIDS: 1859.

Stopping devd.

Maiting for PIDS: 1886.

Stopping devd.

Maiting for PIDS: 985.

Stopping devd.

Maiting for PIDS: 731.

Maiting for
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Figure 50: System starts shutting down

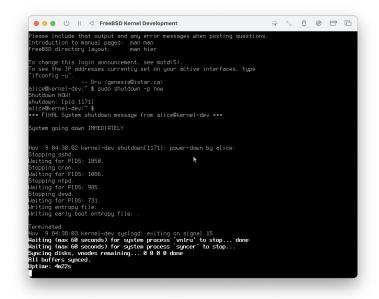


Figure 51: System shutdown complete, VM powers off

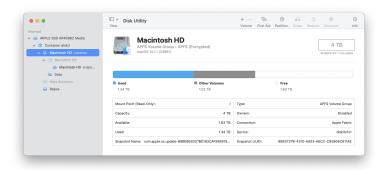


Figure 52: Open Disk Utility and Select the Macintosh Volume



Figure 53: Add a new, case sensitive, volume



Figure 54: Give the volume a useful name

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ifconfig
vtnet0: flags=1008843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,SIMPLEX,MULTICAST,LOWER_UP> metric 0 mtu 1500
options=80028<VLAN_MTU,JUMB0_MTU,LINKSTATE>
ether f6:d6:33:68:f7:0d
inet 192.168.68.2 netmask 0xfffffff00 broadcast 192.168.68.255
media: Ethernet autoselect (10Gbase-T <full-duplex>)
status: active
nd6 options=29<PERFORMNUD,IFDISABLED,AUTO_LINKLOCAL>
lo0: flags=1008049<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,LOWER_UP> metric 0 mtu 16384
options=680003<RXCSUM,TXCSUM,LINKSTATE,RXCSUM_IPV6,TXCSUM_IPV6>
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 0xff000000
inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128
inet6 fe80::1%lo0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x2
groups: lo
nd6 options=21<PERFORMNUD,AUTO LINKLOCAL>
```

Figure 55: Check the virtual machine's IP address

```
cat /etc/exports
/Volumes/Repos -alldirs -maproot=0:0
```

Figure 56: Setting up the exports

```
> sudo nfsd start
> sudo nfsd status
Password:
nfsd service is enabled
nfsd is running (pid 704, 8 threads)
```

Figure 57: Start NFS daemon

```
> sudo mount -v -t nfs 192.168.68.1:/Volumes/Repos/Yale/freebsd-src /usr/src
> df /usr/src
Filesystem
                                              1K-blocks
                                                              Used
                                                                         Avail Capacity
192.168.68.1:/Volumes/Repos/Yale/freebsd-src 3902665360 2305897348 1596768012
                                                                                  59%
> ls /usr/src
ls /usr/src
CONTRIBUTING.md bin sbin
COPYRIGHT cddl secure
LOCKS contrib share
MAINTAINERS crypto stand
Makefile etc sys
Makefile.inc1 gnu targets
Makefile.libcompat include tests
Makefile.sys.inc kerberos5 tools
ObsoleteFiles.inc lib usr.bin
README.md libexec usr.sbin
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Mount

/usr/s

Figure 58: Mount the source volume

Finally we mount the Repos volume into the virtual machine. You can now build a new kernel.

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```
> cd /usr/src
> sudo make -j 8 buildworld >& /tmp/bw.out
Check the output log in /tmp.bw.out
> sudo make -j 8 buildkernel >& /tmp/bk.out
Check the kernel build log in /tmp/bk.out
```

Figure 59: Build the world and the kernel