

Create custom debian live usb-stick (stretch, amd64)

Install necessary packages on the build system

```
root@host:~# apt-get install debootstrap syslinux isolinux squashfs-tools
genisoimage memtest86+ rsync
[ ... ]
```

Create directory structure & install base image

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root@host:~# mkdir /root/shtf-stick && cd /root/shtf-stick

root@host:~/shtf-stick# debootstrap --arch=amd64 --variant=minbase stretch
chroot http://http.at.debian.org/debian/
[ ... ]
```

Perform basic configuration

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# chroot ./chroot
root@host:/# echo shtf > /etc/hostname
root@host:/# passwd root
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@host:/# mount none -t proc /proc && \
mount none -t sysfs /sys && \
mount none -t devpts /dev/pts && \
export HOME=/root && \
export LC_ALL=C && \
apt-get update && \
apt-get install dialog dbus --yes && \
dbus-uuidgen > /var/lib/dbus/machine-id

root@host:/# apt-get install --no-install-recommends --yes linux-image-amd64
firmware-linux-free systemd-sysv live-boot kbd console-data
[ ... ]
```

Install additional packages

```
root@host:/# apt-get install --no-install-recommends --yes \
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Number of fragments 2182
Number of symbolic links 6003
Number of device nodes 8
Number of fifo nodes 0
Number of socket nodes 0
Number of directories 3115
Number of ids (unique uids + gids) 10
Number of uids 2
  root (0)
  systemd-timesync (100)
Number of gids 9
  root (0)
  shadow (42)
  utmp (43)
  rtkit (109)
  tty (5)
  systemd-journal (101)
  staff (50)
  adm (4)
  mail (8)
root@host:~/shtf-stick#
root@host:~/shtf-stick# cp chroot/boot/vmlinuz-* image/live/vmlinuz1 && \
cp chroot/boot/initrd.img-* image/live/initrd1
root@host:~/shtf-stick# cat > image/isolinux/isolinux.cfg << _EOF_
UI menu.c32

prompt 0
menu title The Shit Has Hit The Fan

timeout 300

label Debian Live 4.9.0-3-amd64
menu label ^Debian Live 4.9.0-3-amd64
menu default
kernel /live/vmlinuz1
append initrd=/live/initrd1 boot=live

label memtest86+
menu label ^Memory Failure Detection (memtest86+)
kernel /live/memtest
_EOF_

root@host:~/shtf-stick#
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Create CD image

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# cp /usr/lib/ISOLINUX/isolinux.bin image/isolinux/ && \
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/menu.c32 image/isolinux/ && \
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cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/libmenu.c32 image/isolinux/ && \  
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/libutil.c32 image/isolinux/ && \  
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/ldlinux.c32 image/isolinux/ && \  
cp /usr/share/misc/pci.ids image/isolinux/ && \  
cp /boot/memtest86+.bin image/live/memtest && \  
cd image && \  
genisoimage -rational-rock -volid "SHTF" -cache-inodes -joliet -full-  
iso9660-filenames -b isolinux/isolinux.bin -c isolinux/boot.cat -no-emul-  
boot -boot-load-size 4 -boot-info-table -output ../debian-shtf-$(date  
+%Y%m%d_%H%M).iso . && \  
cd ..
```

Prepare USB stick

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# export DEVICE=/dev/sdc  
root@host:~/shtf-stick# dd if=/dev/zero of=${DEVICE} bs=1k count=100  
100+0 records in  
100+0 records out  
102400 bytes (102 kB) copied, 1.5086 s, 67.9 kB/s  
root@host:~/shtf-stick# fdisk ${DEVICE}
```

Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.25.2).
Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.

Device does not contain a recognized partition table.
Created a new DOS disklabel with disk identifier 0x374a220b.

```
Command (m for help): n  
Partition type  
  p   primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)  
  e   extended (container for logical partitions)  
Select (default p): p  
Partition number (1-4, default 1):  
First sector (2048-2005431, default 2048):  
Last sector, +sectors or +size{K,M,G,T,P} (2048-2005431, default 2005431):
```

Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 978.2 MiB.

```
Command (m for help): a  
Selected partition 1  
The bootable flag on partition 1 is enabled now.
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Command (m for help): t  
Selected partition 1  
Hex code (type L to list all codes): b  
If you have created or modified any DOS 6.x partitions, please see the fdisk  
documentation for additional information.  
Changed type of partition 'Linux' to 'W95 FAT32'.
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```
Command (m for help): w
The partition table has been altered.
Calling ioctl() to re-read partition table.
Syncing disks.

root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkdosfs -F 32 -I ${DEVICE}1
mkfs.fat 3.0.27 (2014-11-12)

root@host:~/shtf-stick#
```

Create USB Stick

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# export DEVICE=/dev/sdc
root@host:~/shtf-stick# syslinux -i ${DEVICE}1

root@host:~/shtf-stick# dd if=/usr/lib/syslinux/mbr/mbr.bin of=${DEVICE}
conv=notrunc bs=440 count=1
1+0 records in
1+0 records out
440 bytes (440 B) copied, 0.0564548 s, 7.8 kB/s

root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkdir /mnt/usb; \
mount ${DEVICE}1 /mnt/usb

root@host:~/shtf-stick# cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/libutil.c32
/mnt/usb/ && \
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/libmenu.c32 /mnt/usb/ && \
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/menu.c32 /mnt/usb/ && \
cp /boot/memtest86+.bin /mnt/usb/memtest && \
cp image/isolinux/isolinux.cfg /mnt/usb/syslinux.cfg && \
cp /usr/share/misc/pci.ids /mnt/usb/ && \
rsync -rv image/live /mnt/usb/ && date +%Y%m%d_%H%M > /mnt/usb/CREATED &&
umount /mnt/usb/
sending incremental file list
live/
live/filesystem.squashfs
live/initrd1
live/vmlinuz1

sent 308,553,889 bytes  received 77 bytes  88,158,276.00 bytes/sec
total size is 308,478,319  speedup is 1.00

root@host:~/shtf-stick#
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