

Create custom debian live usb-stick (uefi / bios dual boot)

Install necessary packages on the build system

```
root@host:~# apt-get install debootstrap squashfs-tools rsync xorriso grub-  
pc-bin grub-efi-amd64-bin mtools  
[ ... ]
```

Create directory structure & install base image

```
root@host:~# mkdir /root/shtf-stick && cd /root/shtf-stick  
  
root@host:~/shtf-stick# debootstrap --arch=i386 --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-686  
firmware-linux-free systemd-sysv live-boot kbd console-data  
[ ... ]
```

Install additional packages

```
root@host:/# apt-get install --no-install-recommends --yes \
```

```
network-manager net-tools wireless-tools wpagui tcpdump wget openssh-client \
\
blackbox xserver-xorg-core xserver-xorg xinit xterm \
pciutils usbutils gparted ntfs-3g hfsprogs rsync less curl tcpdump
dosfstools syslinux partclone vim pv \
firefox-esr chntpw lvm2 mdadm keepassx gdisk gnupg duplicity s3cmd bzip2
lsof screen mc htop iproute2 inetutils-ping inetutils-traceroute netcat-
openbsd

[ ... ]
```

Cleanup & leave chroot environment

```
root@host:/# rm -f /vmlinuz* /initrd.img* /var/lib/dbus/machine-id && \
apt-get clean && \
rm /etc/resolv.conf && \
umount -lf /proc /sys /dev/pts

root@host:/# exit
exit
root@debian:~/shtf-stick# umount -lf $(mount | awk '/shtf-stick/ { print $3 }')
root@host:~/shtf-stick# rm chroot/root/.bash_history
```

Create filesystem & boot config

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkdir -p ./scratch,image/live} && \
mksquashfs chroot image/live/filesystem.squashfs -e boot
Parallel mksquashfs: Using 1 processor
Creating 4.0 filesystem on image/live/filesystem.squashfs, block size
131072.
=====
=====/] 25507/25507 100%

Exportable Squashfs 4.0 filesystem, gzip compressed, data block size 131072
    compressed data, compressed metadata, compressed fragments, compressed
xattrs
    duplicates are removed
Filesystem size 305495.00 Kbytes (298.33 Mbytes)
    39.71% of uncompressed filesystem size (769303.94 Kbytes)
Inode table size 311570 bytes (304.27 Kbytes)
    29.08% of uncompressed inode table size (1071399 bytes)
Directory table size 300335 bytes (293.30 Kbytes)
    42.66% of uncompressed directory table size (703968 bytes)
Number of duplicate files found 809
Number of inodes 30836
```

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Number of files 21710
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/vmlinuz && \
cp chroot/boot/initrd.img-* image/live/initrd
root@host:~/shtf-stick# cat <<'EOF' > ./scratch/grub.cfg

search --set=root --file /DEBIAN_CUSTOM

insmod all_video

set default="0"
set timeout=30

menuentry "The Shit Has Hit The Fan" {
    linux /vmlinuz boot=live quiet nomodeset
    initrd /initrd
}
EOF
root@host:~/shtf-stick#
root@host:~/shtf-stick# touch ./image/DEBIAN_CUSTOM

```

Prepare USB stick

```

root@host:~/shtf-stick# export DEVICE=/dev/sdc
root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkdir -p /mnt/{usb,efi}

```

Create GPT & MBR partition tables

```
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# parted -script
${DEVICE} \
```

```
mklabel gpt \
mkpart primary fat32 2048s 4095s \
    name 1 BIOS \
    set 1 bios_grub on \
mkpart ESP fat32 4096s 413695s \
    name 2 EFI \
    set 2 esp on \
mkpart primary fat32 413696s 100% \
    name 3 LINUX \
    set 3 msftdata on
```

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# gdisk ${DEVICE} << EOF r # recovery and transformation options h # make
hybrid MBR 1 2 3 # partition numbers for hybrid MBR N # do not place EFI GPT (0xEE) partition first in
MBR EF # MBR hex code N # do not set bootable flag EF # MBR hex code N # do not set bootable flag
83 # MBR hex code Y # set the bootable flag x # extra functionality menu h # recompute CHS values
in protective/hybrid MBR w # write table to disk and exit Y # confirm changes EOF </code>
```

Create & mount filesystems

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkfs.vfat -F32 ${DEVICE}2 && mkfs.vfat -F32
${DEVICE}3

root@host:~/shtf-stick# mount ${DEVICE}2 /mnt/efi && mount ${DEVICE}3
/mnt/usb
```

Install grub for UEFI and BIOS

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# grub-install \
--target=x86_64-efi \
--efi-directory=/mnt/efi \
--boot-directory=/mnt/usb/boot \
--removable \
--recheck

root@host:~/shtf-stick# grub-install \
--target=i386-pc \
--boot-directory=/mnt/usb/boot \
--recheck \
${DEVICE}
```

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

Create USB Stick

```
root@host:~/shtf-stick# mkdir -p /mnt/usb/{boot/grub, live} && \
cp -ar ./image/* /mnt/usb/ && \
cp -a ./scratch/grub.cfg /mnt/usb/boot/grub/grub.cfg && \
umount /mnt/{usb, efi}
```

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