

# Create custom debian live usb-stick (jessie)

[Updated Version for Debian Stretch](#)

## Install necessary packages on the build system

```
root@host:~# apt-get install debootstrap syslinux isolinux squashfs-tools
genisoimage memtest86+ rsync dosfstools
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  mtools syslinux-common
Suggested packages:
  wodim cdrkit-doc hwtools memtester kernel-patch-badram memtest86 floppyd
  openssh-server
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  debootstrap genisoimage memtest86+ mtools rsync squashfs-tools syslinux
  syslinux-common
0 upgraded, 8 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 2,579 kB of archives.
After this operation, 9,360 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n]
[ ... ]
```

## Create directory structure & install base image

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

root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# debootstrap --arch=i386 --variant=minbase jessie
chroot http://http.at.debian.org/debian/
[ ... ]
```

## Perform basic configuration

```
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# mount -o bind /dev ./chroot/dev && cp
/etc/resolv.conf ./chroot/etc/resolv.conf
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# chroot ./chroot

root@host:/# mount none -t proc /proc && \
mount none -t sysfs /sys && \
mount none -t devpts /dev/pts && \
export HOME=/root && \
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export LC_ALL=C && \  
apt-get update && \  
apt-get install dialog dbus --yes --force-yes && \  
dbus-uuidgen > /var/lib/dbus/machine-id  
Ign http://ftp.at.debian.org jessie InRelease  
Hit http://ftp.at.debian.org jessie Release.gpg  
Hit http://ftp.at.debian.org jessie Release  
Get:1 http://ftp.at.debian.org jessie/main i386 Packages [6768 kB]  
Get:2 http://ftp.at.debian.org jessie/main Translation-en [4582 kB]  
Fetched 11.4 MB in 10s (1108 kB/s)  
Reading package lists... Done  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree... Done  
The following extra packages will be installed:  
  libcap-ng0 libdbus-1-3 libexpat1  
Suggested packages:  
  dbus-x11  
The following NEW packages will be installed:  
  dbus dialog libcap-ng0 libdbus-1-3 libexpat1  
0 upgraded, 5 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.  
Need to get 861 kB of archives.  
After this operation, 2781 kB of additional disk space will be used.  
[ ... ]  
  
root@host:/# echo shtf > /etc/hostname  
root@host:/# passwd root  
Enter new UNIX password:  
Retype new UNIX password:  
passwd: password updated successfully
```

## Install additional packages

```
root@host:/# apt-get install --no-install-recommends --yes \  
linux-image-3.16.0-4-686-pae live-boot \  
network-manager net-tools wireless-tools wpagui tcpdump wget openssh-client  
\  
blackbox xserver-xorg-core xserver-xorg xinit xterm \  
pciutils usbutils parted ntfs-3g hfsprogs rsync dosfstools syslinux  
partclone vim pv \  
iceweasel chntpw lvm2 mdadm mc htop keepassx gdisk  
  
[ ... ]  
  
Setting up keyboard-configuration (1.123) ...  
  
Package configuration  
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+-----Configuring keyboard-
configuration-----+
keyboard for this machine.  |
|
|
| Keyboard layout:
|
| +-----+
-----+ |
| |English (US)
| |
| |English (US) - Cherokee
| |
| |English (US) - English (Colemak)
| |
| |English (US) - English (Dvorak
alternative international no dead | |
| |English (US) - English (Dvorak)
| |
| |English (US) - English (Dvorak,
international with dead keys) | |
| |English (US) - English (Macintosh)
| |
| |English (US) - English (US, alternative
international) | |
| |English (US) - English (US,
international with dead keys) | |
| |English (US) - English (US, with euro
on 5) | |
| |English (US) - English (Workman)
| |
| |English (US) - English (Workman,
international with dead keys) | |
| |English (US) - English (classic Dvorak)
| |
| |English (US) - English (international
AltGr dead keys) | |
| |English (US) - English (left handed
Dvorak) | |
| |English (US) - English (programmer
Dvorak) | |
| |English (US) - English (right handed
Dvorak) | |
| |English (US) - English (the
divide/multiply keys toggle the layo | |
| |English (US) - Russian (US, phonetic)
| |
| |English (US) - Serbo-Croatian (US)
| |
| |Other

```



```
root@host:/# exit
exit
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# umount -lf chroot/dev
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# rm chroot/root/.bash_history
```

## Create filesystem & boot config

```
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# mkdir -p image/{live,isolinux}

root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# mksquashfs chroot image/live/filesystem.squashfs
-e boot
Parallel mksquashfs: Using 2 processors
Creating 4.0 filesystem on image/live/filesystem.squashfs, block size
131072.
[=====
=====] 20760/20760 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 270068.48 Kbytes (263.74 Mbytes)
  39.38% of uncompressed filesystem size (685752.56 Kbytes)
Inode table size 233267 bytes (227.80 Kbytes)
  31.56% of uncompressed inode table size (739230 bytes)
Directory table size 204617 bytes (199.82 Kbytes)
  43.37% of uncompressed directory table size (471758 bytes)
Xattr table size 37 bytes (0.04 Kbytes)
  92.50% of uncompressed xattr table size (40 bytes)
Number of duplicate files found 904
Number of inodes 21913
Number of files 17237
Number of fragments 1777
Number of symbolic links 2135
Number of device nodes 37
Number of fifo nodes 0
Number of socket nodes 3
Number of directories 2501
Number of ids (unique uids + gids) 13
Number of uids 2
  root (0)
  messagebus (104)
Number of gids 12
  root (0)
  tty (5)
  kmem (15)
  disk (6)
  shadow (42)
  crontab (107)
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utmp (43)
netdev (108)
messagebus (109)
staff (50)
adm (4)
mail (8)
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick#
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# cp chroot/boot/vmlinuz-3.16.0-4-686-pae
image/live/vmlinuz1
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# cp chroot/boot/initrd.img-3.16.0-4-686-pae
image/live/initrd1

root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# cat > image/isolinux/isolinux.cfg
UI menu.c32

prompt 0
menu title The Shit Has Hit The Fan

timeout 300

label Debian Live 3.16.0-4-686-pae
menu label ^Debian Live 3.16.0-4-686-pae
menu default
kernel /live/vmlinuz1
append initrd=/live/initrd1 boot=live

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

^D
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick#
```

## Create CD image

```
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# cp /usr/lib/ISOLINUX/isolinux.bin image/isolinux/
&& \
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/modules/bios/menu.c32 image/isolinux/ && \
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

root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# 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.iso . && \
```

```
cd ..
```

## Prepare USB stick

```
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/sdc 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:/tmp/shtf-stick# fdisk /dev/sdc
```

```
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.
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```
Device does not contain a recognized partition table.
Created a new DOS disklabel with disk identifier 0x374a220b.
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```
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):
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```
Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 978.2 MiB.
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```
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:/tmp/shtf-stick# mkdosfs -F 32 -I /dev/sdc1
mkfs.fat 3.0.27 (2014-11-12)
```

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

## Create USB Stick

```
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# syslinux -i /dev/sdc1

root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick# dd if=/usr/lib/syslinux/mbr/mbr.bin of=/dev/sdc
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:/tmp/shtf-stick# mkdir /mnt/usb && \
mount /dev/sdc1 /mnt/usb

root@host:/tmp/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/
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:/tmp/shtf-stick# umount /mnt/usb/
root@host:/tmp/shtf-stick#
```

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