

Introduction to the LAB environment

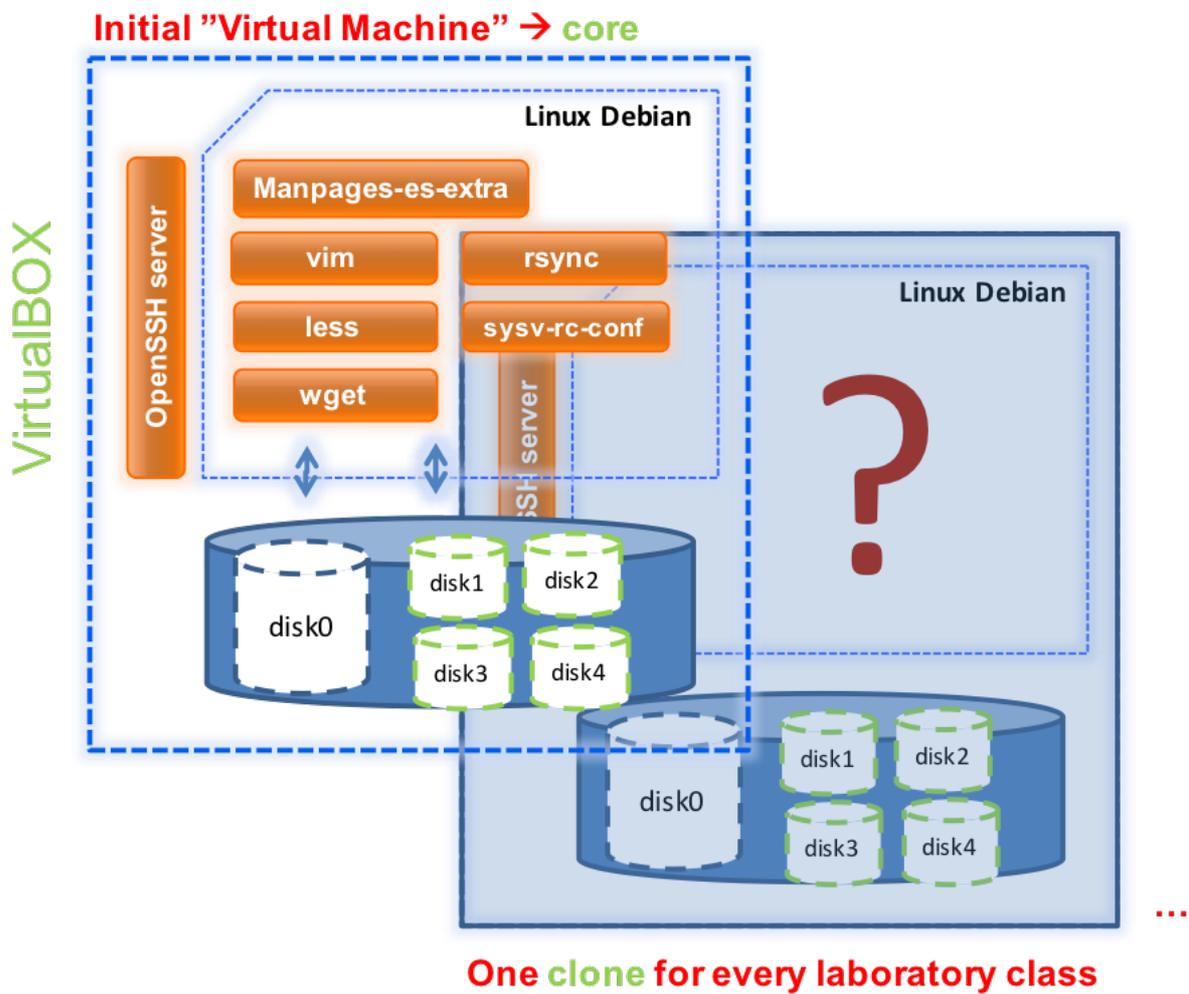


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Main goals

- To become familiar with the facilities available in the CSDA Laboratory.
- To create and configure the **base system** on which we will work in the practical classes.
 - Creation of the Virtual Machine (Virtualbox) “core”
 - Installation and updating of Debian 7.11 (Wheezy)
 - Software and tools configuration.
- To establish strategies to be followed for the proper functioning of laboratory and personal work.

Assignment 1: The core

VM creation

1. Create a personal work directory in your PC in which we locate all of our lab work, especially VMs.
2. Define and create the base VM in VirtualBOX:
 - a. Name: **core**
 - Type: Linux
 - Version: Debian (64 bits)
 - b. Memory: Recommended (**4 GB**)
 - c. Processor:
 - Same as the host
 1. Number of cores: 2 (if possible)
 2. Execution limit: 100%
 - Enable PAE
 - Acceleration:
 1. Enable *VT-x/AMD-v*
 2. Enable *nested paging*
3. Storage (**SATA controller**):
 - a. Primary (System) disk → 1 disk of 10 GB (operating system), type VMDK
 - Dynamically reserved space
 - “*split*” mode
 - `/dev/sda` (10 GB) ← Disk0
 - b. Secondary disks → 4 disks of 2 GB each; type VMDK
 - ... they will be used in lab 3
 1. `/dev/sdb` (2 GB) ← Disk1
 2. `/dev/sdc` (2 GB) ← Disk2
 3. `/dev/sdd` (2 GB) ← Disk3
 4. `/dev/sde` (2 GB) ← Disk4
4. Network:
 - a. Build a “custom” NAT VIRTUAL NETWORK on VirtualBox:
 - **network_1** → 192.168.0.0/24 (eth0/eth1)
 - b. Enable 2 NAT network interfaces
 - Integrate one of them in the **network_1** network.
5. Disable those devices that you are not going to use:
 - a. Floppy, sound, USB ...

6. Configure the virtual CD/DVD device as debian-7.11.0-{amd64/i386}-netinst.iso:
 - a. Debian Wheeze, netinst ISO is available at:
 - o <https://www.debian.org>

Assignment 2: Installation of `core.localdomain`

1. Boot the new VM and install Debian 7.11 (wheezy):
 - a. System name: **core.localdomain**
 - b. Networking:
 1. By default, use only **eth0**
 2. Dynamic configuration mode (DHCP)
 - c. Create users (installation process):
 1. root: "root"
 2. test: "temporal"
 - d. Storage: Manual configuration (10 GB)
 1. `/dev/sda1 (512 MB)` (boot mark) → `/boot (ext4)`
 2. `/dev/sda2 (2 GB)` → `swap`
 3. `/dev/sda3 (≈8,2 GB)` → `/ (ext4)`
 - e. System: standard installation (minimum)
 1. Use local software repositories (Spain)
 - a) Local *mirrors* (.es)
 - b) Recommended: **cdn.debian.net** (No proxies)
 - c) Add *security* repositories
 2. Install the base system (minimum)
 - a) System standard tools only
 - b) Don't install desktop environment X
2. After that, make sure that your new system is fully updated. Then, install these tools:
 - a. Text editor: `vim`
 - b. Text paginator: `less`
 - c. Sync tool: `rsync`
 - d. Web download tool: `wget`
 - e. Service (client/server) SSH: `ssh`
 - f. *run-levels* config tool: `sysv-rc-conf`
 - g. Additional (extra) system manuals: `manpages-es-extra`

Assignment 3: Work methodology

To begin with the work methodology, we will follow the following steps:

1. Previously, you must create an initial SnapShot of the VM (core). Call it **snapshot_BASE**.
 - a. Make sure your VM is OFF.
2. Create a "FULL" clone of the VM "core":
 - a. Shut down the VM "core"
 - b. To create the clone:
 - i. Clone name: **client_LINUX**
 - ii. Check the option "**Reiniciar dirección MAC**"
 - iii. Type: **Full**
 - iv. Snapshots "tree": Todo
 - c. **Re-configuration:**
 - i. Change to 1 the number of cores of the VM.
3. Start the new (cloned) VM "**client_LINUX**"
 - a. Re-configure the VM hostname:
 - i. Hostname: **client.localdomain**
 - b. Re-configure the VM network:
 - i. Fix the network interface in "static" work mode using the following params:
 1. *Host IP*: 192.168.0.**20**
 2. *Network mask*: 255.255.255.0
 3. *Network IP*: 192.168.0.0
 4. *Broadcast*: 192.168.0.255
 5. *Gateway*: 192.168.0.1
 6. *DNS*: 8.8.8.8
 - ii. Modify the `/etc/hosts` file so the IP is appropriate.
4. Add "port forwarding" in VirtualBox; It is about linking the "pairs" <IP of the VM: port of the service> with <IP of the host: auxiliary port>. This will make it possible for us to connect to a particular service of the VM, through the "virtual" ethernet network, from our host (PC or laptop):
 - a. **IP¹ of the host:: 2220 ↔ IP of the client VM:: 22**

¹ Any operative IP of the host: **0.0.0.0**

5. Check that you are able to connect to the VM from the host (using ssh). You can use the “Bitvise SSH client”.