

http://www.linux-kvm.org/page/Main_Page

Kernel Based Virtual Machine

KVM (for Kernel-based Virtual Machine) is a full virtualization solution for Linux on x86 hardware containing virtualization extensions (Intel VT or AMD-V). It consists of a loadable kernel module, `kvm.ko`, that provides the core virtualization infrastructure and a processor specific module, `kvm-intel.ko` or `kvm-amd.ko`. KVM also requires a modified QEMU although work is underway to get the required changes upstream.

Using KVM, one can run multiple virtual machines running unmodified Linux or Windows images. Each virtual machine has private virtualized hardware: a network card, disk, graphics adapter, etc.

The kernel component of KVM is included in mainline Linux, as of 2.6.20.

KVM is open source software.

<http://packages.debian.org/de/lenny/linux-image-2.6.26-2-486>

Lenny 2.6.26

Paket: linux-image-2.6.26-2-486 (2.6.26-29)

Links für linux-image-2.6.26-2-486

<http://wiki.debian.org/KVM>

Under Lenny, the Debian package name is 'kvm'. Under Squeeze, it is 'qemu-kvm'. See `README.Debian.gz` in the `qemu-kvm` package on Squeeze for an explanation of the name change. Install the correct `kvm` package with `apt-get` or `aptitude`, e.g. using this command:

```
aptitude install qemu-kvm libvirt-bin
```

The daemon `libvirt-bin` daemon will start automatically at boot time and load the appropriate `kvm` modules, **`kvm-amd` or `kvm-intel`**, which are shipped with the Linux kernel Debian package. If you intend create VMs from the command-line, install `virtinst`.

In order to be able to manage virtual machines as regular user you should put this user into the `libvirt`
