FreedomBox Manual

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1 FreedomBox: take your online privacy back

FreedomBox is a ready made personal server, designed with privacy and data ownership in mind. It is a subset of the Debian universal operating system and includes free software only. You can run it on a small, inexpensive and power-efficient computer box in your home that is dedicated for that use. It can also be installed on any computer running Debian or in a virtual machine.

In order to replace third-party communication services that are data mining your entire life, you will be able to host services yourself and use them at home or over the Internet through a browser or specialized apps. These services include chat and voice calls, webmail, file sharing and calendar, address book and news feed synchronization. For example, to start using a private chat service, activate the service from the administration interface and add your friends as authorized users of the service. They will be able to connect to the service hosted on your FreedomBox, using XMPP chat clients such as Conversations on Android, Pidgin on Windows and Linux, or Messages on Mac OS, for encrypted communications.

FreedomBox is a product you can just buy, set up and use. Once installed the interface is easy to use, similar to a smart phone.

User documentation:

- List of applications offered by FreedomBox.
- Manual
- Live Help from the community

FreedomBox can also host a Wi-Fi access point, ad blocking proxy and a virtual private network (VPN). More advanced users can replace their router with a FreedomBox.

Setting up FreedomBox on a specific hardware or on your computer running Debian may require a bit of technical expertise or help from the community.

Related technical documentation:

- Machines that support FreedomBox
- Download and Install
- FreedomBox Developer Manual

1.1 Typical usage: Private Cloud

FreedomBox provides services to the computers and mobile devices in your home, and to your friends. This includes secure instant messaging and low-bandwidth, high-quality voice conference calling. FreedomBox lets you publish your content in a blog and wiki to collaborate with the rest of the world. On the roadmap are a personal email server and federated social networking, to provide privacy-respecting alternatives to Gmail and Facebook.

1.2 Typical usage: Network-Attached Storage (NAS)

The storage space available to FreedomBox can be expanded by attaching an external disk drive. This allows FreedomBox to become a media library for your photos, music, and videos. The folders are shared to laptops and mobile phones on the local network, and the media can be streamed to local devices including smart TVs.

1.3 Advanced usage: Smart Home Router

FreedomBox runs in a physical computer and can route your traffic. It can sit between various devices at home such as mobiles, laptops and TVs and the Internet, replacing a home wireless router. By routing traffic, FreedomBox can remove tracking advertisements and malicious web bugs before they ever reach your devices. FreedomBox can cloak your location and protect your anonymity by "onion routing" your traffic over Tor. FreedomBox provides a VPN server that you can use while you are away from home to keep your traffic secret on untrusted public wireless networks and to securely access various devices at home.

It can also be carried along with your laptop and set up to offer its services on public networks at work, school or office. In the future, FreedomBox intends to deliver support for alternative ways of connecting to the Internet such as Mesh networking.

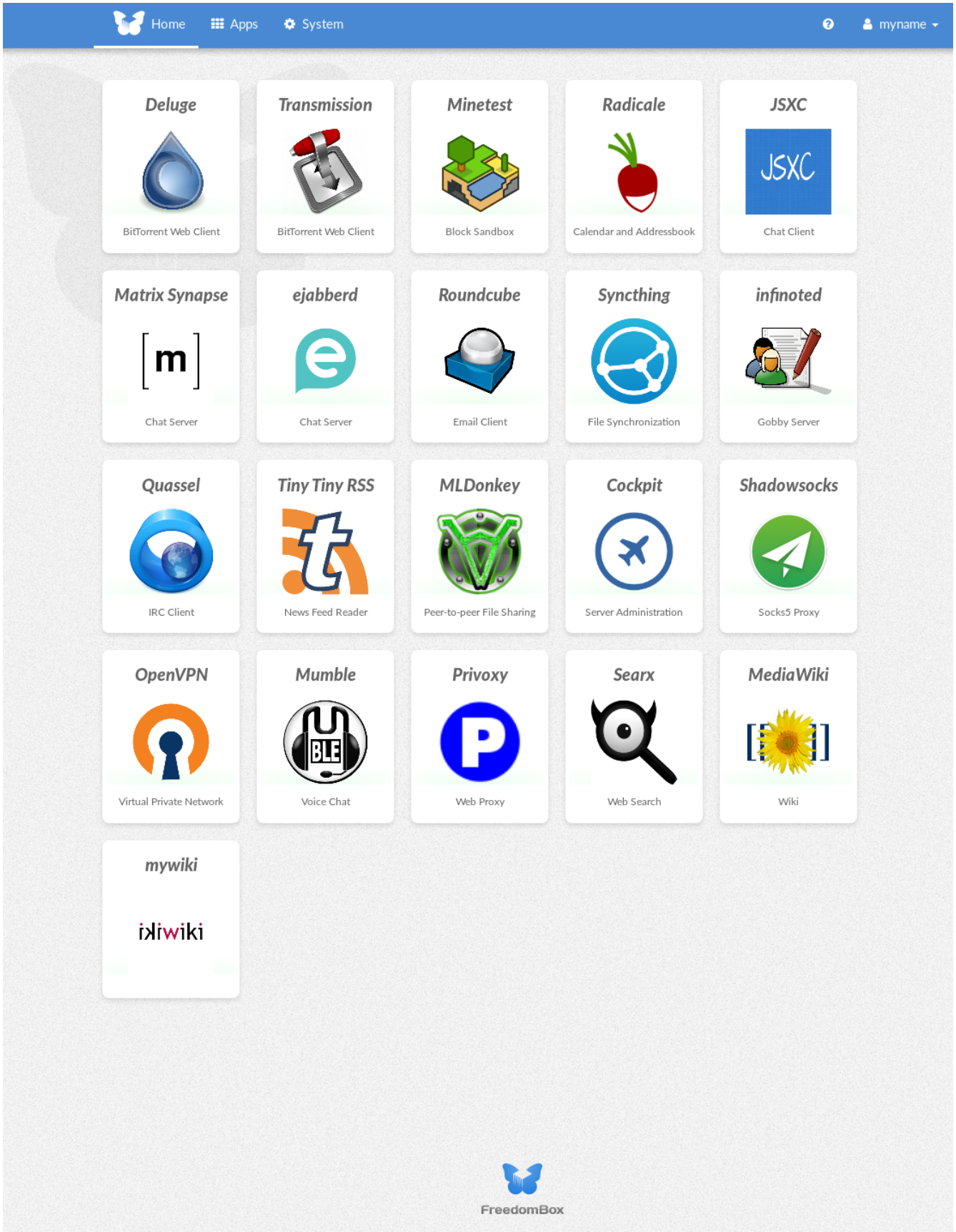
1.4 Advanced usage: For Communities

The primary design goal of FreedomBox is to be used as a personal server at home for use by a single family and their friends. However, at the core, it is a server software that can aid a non-technical user to setup services and maintain them with ease. Security is automatically managed and many of the technical choices in system administration are taken care by the software automatically thereby reducing complexity for a non-technical user. This nature of FreedomBox makes it well-suited for hosting services for small communities like villages or small firms. Communities can host their own services using FreedomBox with minimal effort. They can setup Wi-Fi networks that span the entire area of the community and draw Internet connections from long distances. Community members can enjoy previously unavailable Internet connectivity, ubiquitous Wi-Fi coverage, free VOIP services, offline education and entertainment content, etc. This will also boost privacy for individuals in the community, reduce dependence on centralized services provided by large companies and make them resistant to censorship.

The free e-book FreedomBox for Communities describes the motivation and provides detailed instructions to setup FreedomBox for this use case. Members of the FreedomBox project are involved in setting up Wi-Fi networks with free Internet connectivity in rural India. This e-book documents their knowledge and experiences.

1.5 FreedomBox Interface

1.5.1 Screenshot



1.5.2 Video resources

Eben Moglen's talk, Eben Moglen - Freedom in the cloud, delivered before the FreedomBox project was started gives insights into the philosophy behind FreedomBox.

First demonstration of FreedomBox at SFLC, University of Columbia by Sunil Mohan Adapa.

2 Quick Start

2.1 What you need to get started

The easy way is to buy a FreedomBox kit.

Alternatively you may choose to build it yourself, by gathering all the components:

- A supported device (including any device that can run Debian). We will call that the FreedomBox in the rest of this manual.
- A power cable for your device.
- An ethernet cable.
- A microSD card (or equivalent storage media for your device), prepared according to the instructions on the Download page.

2.2 How to get started

1. Plug one end of your ethernet cord into your FreedomBox's ethernet port, and plug the other end into your router.
2. Power on the FreedomBox.
   - **Note:** On most single board computers, don't expect any output on a monitor connected via HDMI as the support may not exist in the kernel. See below to access and control your FreedomBox via network.
3. On first boot, FreedomBox will perform its initial setup (older versions of FreedomBox reboot after this step). This process may take several minutes on some machines. After giving it about 10 minutes, proceed to the next step.
4. After the FreedomBox has finished its initial setup, you can access its web interface through your web browser.
   - If your computer is connected directly to the FreedomBox through a second (LAN) ethernet port, you can browse to: `http://freedombox/` or `http://10.42.0.1/`.
   - If your computer supports mDNS (GNU/Linux, Mac OSX or Windows with mDNS software installed), you can browse to: `http://freedombox.local/` (or `http://the-hostname-you-entered-during-install.local/`)
   - If you know your way around the router's web interface, you can look up the IP address of the FreedomBox there, and browse to that address.
   - If none of these methods are available, then you will need to figure out the IP address of your FreedomBox. You can use the "nmap" program from your computer to find its IP address:

     ```
     nmap -p 80 --open -sV 192.168.0.0/24 (replace the ip/netmask with the one the ↩
         router uses)
     ```

     In most cases you can look at your current IP address, and change the last digits with zero to find your home network, like so: XXX.XXX.XXX.0/24

     Your FreedomBox will show up as an IP address with an open tcp port 80 using Apache httpd service on Debian, such as the example below which would make it accessible at `http://192.168.0.165`:

     ```
     Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.165
     Host is up (0.00088s latency).
     PORT   STATE SERVICE VERSION
     80/tcp open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.17 ((Debian))
     ```

If nmap does not find anything with the above command, you can try replacing 192.168.0.0/24 with 10.42.0.255/24.

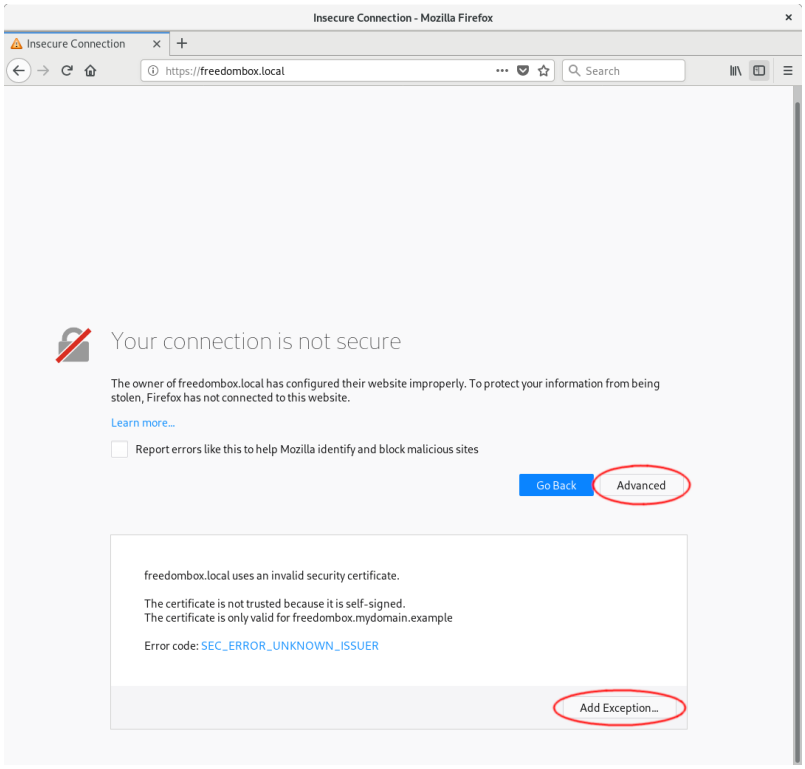
```
nmap -n -sP 10.42.0.255/24
```

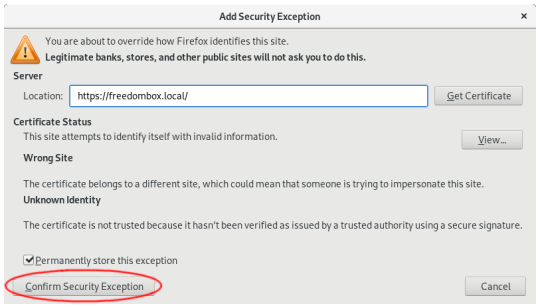
The scan report will show something similar to the following:

```
Nmap scan report for 10.42.0.1
Host is up (0.00027s latency).
Nmap scan report for 10.42.0.50
Host is up (0.00044s latency).
```

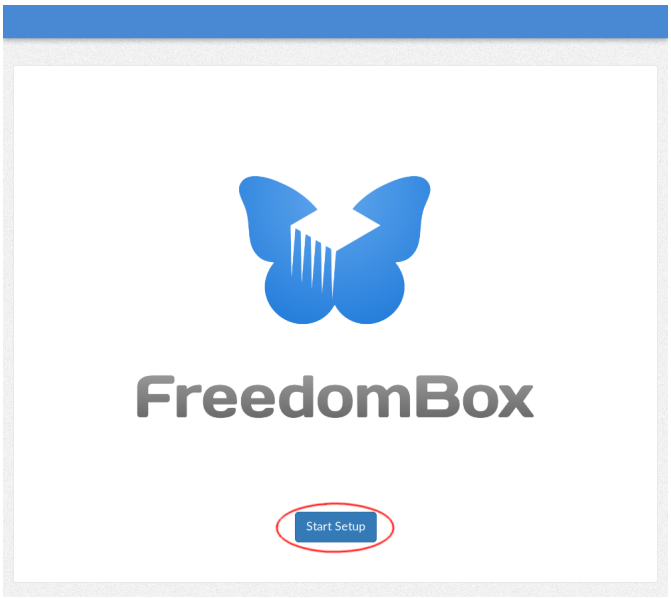
In this example, the FreedomBox is accessible at http://10.42.0.50. (10.42.0.1 is my laptop.)

5. On accessing FreedomBox's web interface your browser will warn you that it communicates securely but that it regards the security certificate for doing so as invalid. This is a fact you need to accept because the certificate is auto generated on the box and therefore "self-signed" (the browser might also use words such as "untrusted", "not private", "privacy error" or "unknown issuer/authority"). Telling your browser that you are aware of this might involve pressing buttons such as "I understand the Risks", "proceed to ... (unsafe)" or "Add exception". After installation this certificate can be changed to a normal one using the Let's Encrypt option.



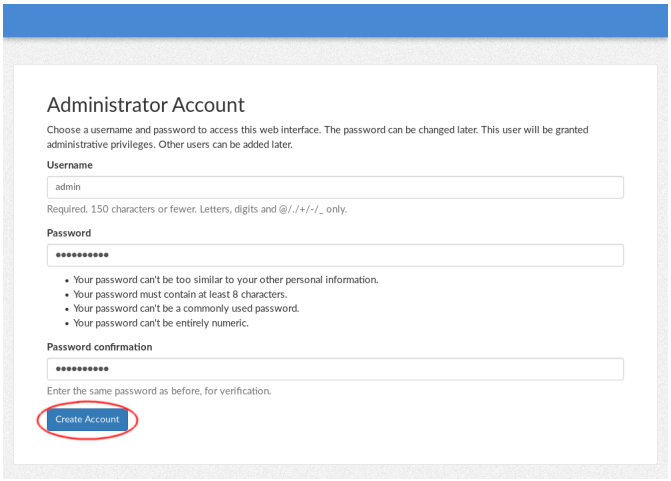


6. The first time you access the FreedomBox web interface, you will see a welcome page. Click the "Start Setup" button to continue.

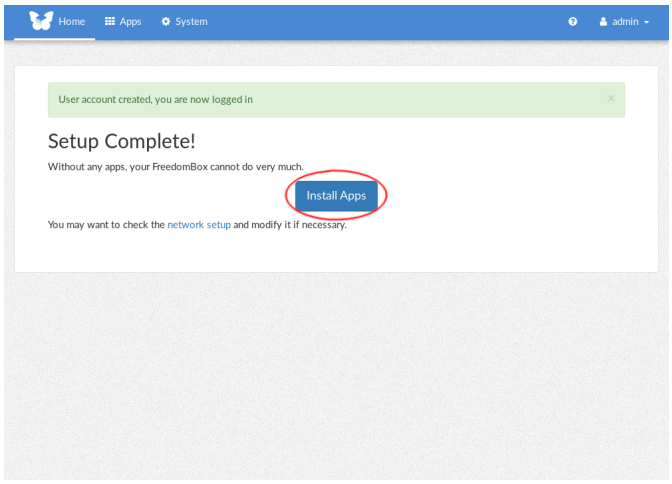


- If you have installed FreedomBox using a Debian package, you will be asked for a secret key. This secret was generated during the installation of the Debian package. It can be read from the file `/var/lib/plinth/firstboot-wizard-secr`

7. The next page asks you to provide a user name and password. Fill in the form, and then click "Create Account."
   - Note: The user that you create here has Admin privileges and can also log in using ssh. For additional security, you may want to use a separate account for administrative tasks and for your normal, daily use. You can add more users later.



8. After completing the form, you will be logged in to FreedomBox's web interface and able to access apps and configuration through the interface.



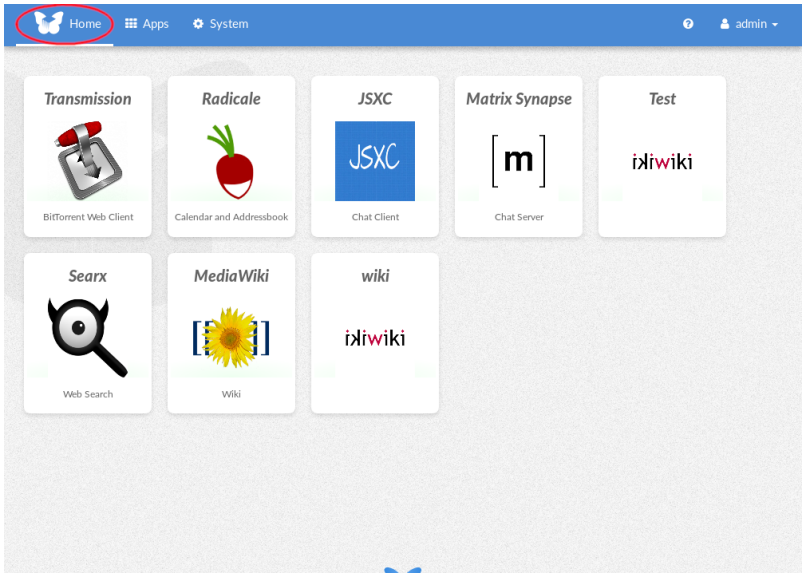
Now you can try any of the Apps that are available on FreedomBox.

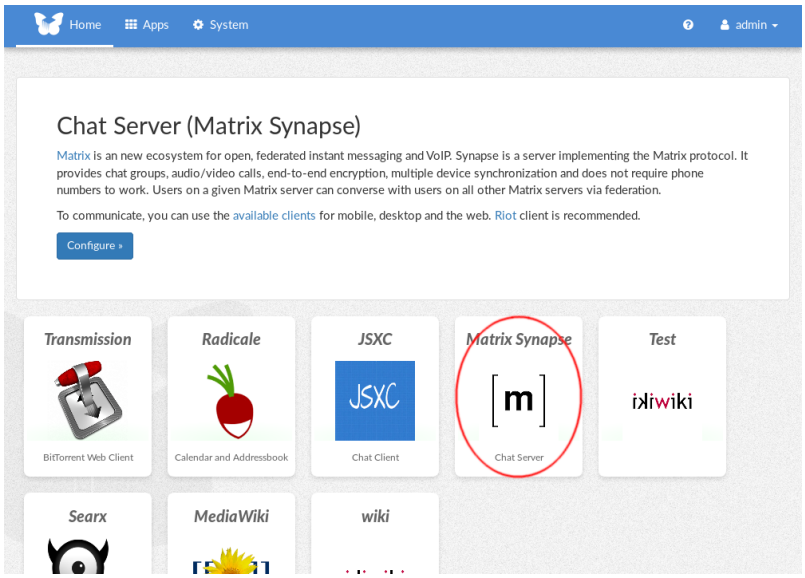
2.3 Finding your way around

2.3.1 Front page

The front page is the page that you will see when accessing the web root of your FreedomBox. You can also access it by clicking the FreedomBox logo in the top-left corner of the FreedomBox's web interface.

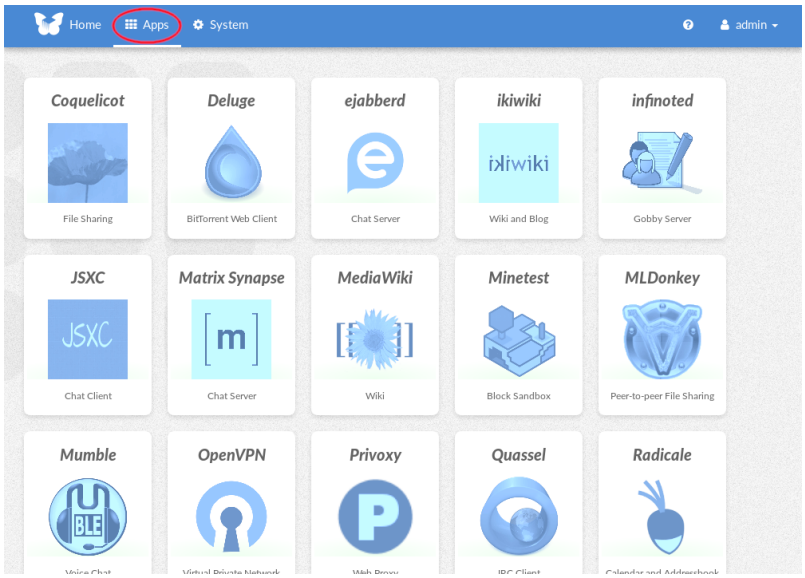
The front page includes shortcuts to apps that have been installed and are enabled. For web apps, clicking the shortcut will take you directly to the app's web page. For other services, clicking the shortcut will show more information about the service.





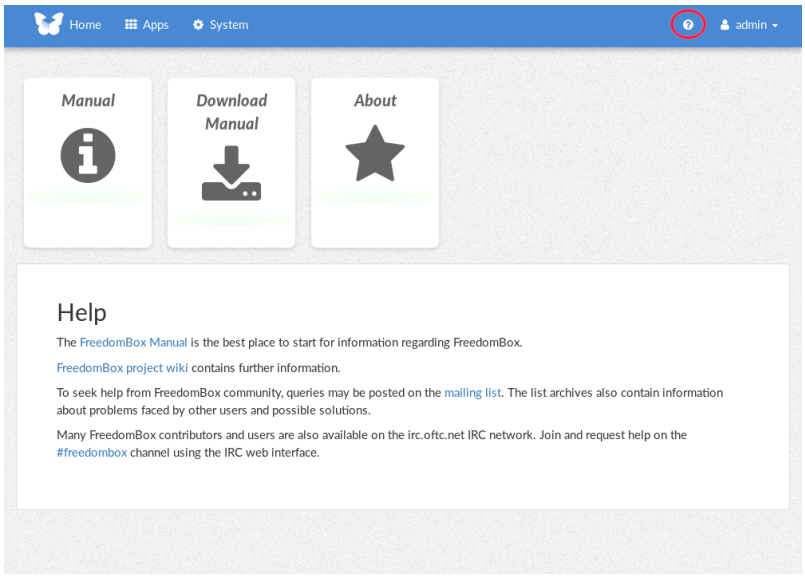
2.3.2 Apps menu

The Apps menu can be accessed by clicking the grid icon, next to the FreedomBox logo. This page lists all of the apps that are available for installing on FreedomBox. Click the name of an app to visit its page, where you can install and configure it.



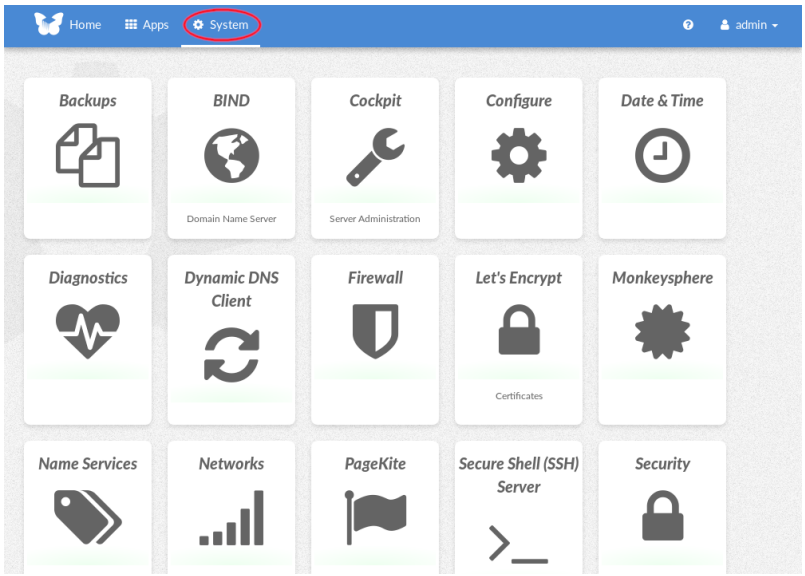
2.3.3 Help menu

The Help menu can be accessed by clicking the question mark icon in the top-right corner. It includes helpful links and the FreedomBox manual.



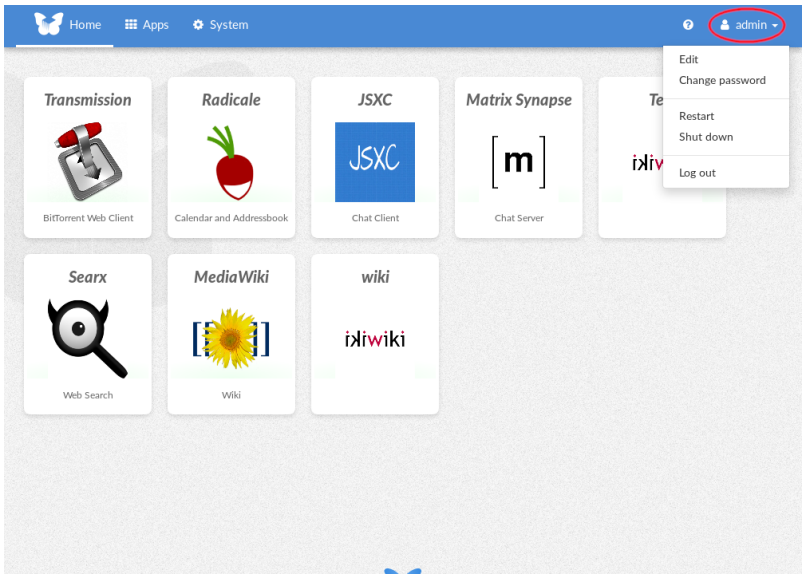
2.3.4 System menu

The System menu can be accessed by clicking the gear icon in the top-left corner. It includes a number of pages related to system configuration.



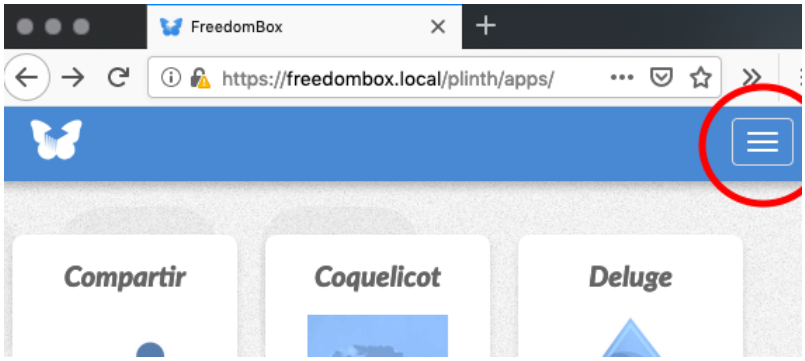
2.3.5 User menu

In the top-right corner, the name of the currently logged-in user is shown. A drop-down menu includes options for editing the current user or logging out of the user interface.



2.3.6 Burger menu

FreedomBox's web interface is responsive. When the display or browser window is very narrow, menu options may be hidden.



That is because the top menu options are collapsed into the burger icon shown at the top right corner of the window. Click on it to display a drop-down menu.

3 Getting Help

The FreedomBox community provides live help via forum, chat and email. Feel free to join and ask anything you like. If you receive help, please consider to report your solution to the Questions and Answers page, so others can benefit in the future.

3.1 Discussion Forum

The easiest way to get support is by using the discussion forum. You can browse solutions to known problems or request help from community contributors by asking a question. This is also the best way to provide community contributors with feedback about your FreedomBox experience.

To post new content, you will need to register for an account with name and email address (but you can provide pseudonym and non-primary email address). By watching topics and categories or by enabling 'mailing list mode' in your account preferences, you can interact with the forum by just sending and receiving emails similar to a mailing list.

3.2 Matrix

You can join our Matrix room **#freedombox:matrix.org**. The room is federated with the IRC channel and remembers the chat history. If you do not yet have a client installed, you can use your web browser to join. For more options, see this matrix client overview page.

3.3 IRC #freedombox

Providing you are familiar with Internet Relay Chat (IRC) and IRC client, you can get an instant online help from the community on **irc.debian.org**, channel **#freedombox**. Potentially it takes some time before some member is answering you, be patient, a reaction will come later.

3.4 Email

FreedomBox users and contributors can be reached by email via a discussion list. In order to ask a question and get an answer from the community, please register from the mailing list page providing your email adress and creating a password. You can also read discussions archives. This list gathers about 700 readers.

3.5 Help Back

Once you've got your solution, don't forget to add it to the Questions and Answers page and tell which features do you use from the box on Use Cases page. It could help others to use FreedomBox in a way they would have not imagined.

4 Download and Install

Welcome to the FreedomBox download page.

- **Note**: If you purchased a FreedomBox kit, this section is not meant for you, so you can just skip it entirely. (Unless you specifically want to build an alternative software image).

You may either install FreedomBox on one of the supported inexpensive hardware devices, on any Debian operating system, or deploy it on a virtual machine.

Installing on a machine running a Debian system is easy because FreedomBox is available as a package. We do recommend to install FreedomBox on a supported single board computer (SBC). The board will be dedicated for FreedomBox use from home, this will prevent a lot of risks, such as accidental misconfiguration by the user. In case of trouble deciding which hardware is best for you or during the installation, please use the support page or read the Questions and Answers page based on posts on the Freedombox-discuss mailing list archives.

4.1 Downloading on Debian

If you are installing on an existing Debian installation, you don't need to download these images. Instead, read the instructions on setting up FreedomBox on Debian.

4.2 Downloading for SBC or Virtual Machine

4.2.1 Prepare your device

Read the hardware specific instructions on how to prepare your device at the Hardware section. On the web, there is a lot of documentation about setting your device up and flashing USB or SD Cards to boot your hardware.

4.2.2 Downloading Images

Recent images for supported targets are available here:

- Official Images: https://freedombox.org/download/
- Official Images: https://ftp.freedombox.org/pub/freedombox/

4.2.3 Verifying the Downloaded Images

It is important to verify the images you have downloaded to ensure that the file has not been corrupted during the transmission and that it is indeed the image built by FreedomBox developers.

Note: Testing and nightly images are automatically signed by the FreedomBox CI server.

- First open a terminal and import the public keys of the FreedomBox developers who built the images:

```
$ gpg --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys  ↩
    BCBEBD57A11F70B23782BC5736C361440C9BC971
$ gpg --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys 7 ↩
    D6ADB750F91085589484BE677C0C75E7B650808
# This is the FreedomBox CI server's key
$ gpg --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys 013 ↩
    D86D8BA32EAB4A6691BF85D4153D6FE188FC8
```

- Next, verify the fingerprint of the public keys:

```
$ gpg --fingerprint BCBEBD57A11F70B23782BC5736C361440C9BC971
pub   4096R/0C9BC971 2011-11-12
      Key fingerprint = BCBE BD57 A11F 70B2 3782  BC57 36C3 6144 0C9B C971
uid                  Sunil Mohan Adapa <sunil@medhas.org>
sub   4096R/4C1D4B57 2011-11-12

$ gpg --fingerprint 7D6ADB750F91085589484BE677C0C75E7B650808
pub   4096R/7B650808 2015-06-07 [expires: 2020-06-05]
      Key fingerprint = 7D6A DB75 0F91 0855 8948  4BE6 77C0 C75E 7B65 0808
uid                  James Valleroy <jvalleroy@mailbox.org>
uid                  James Valleroy <jvalleroy@freedombox.org>
sub   4096R/25D22BF4 2015-06-07 [expires: 2020-06-05]
sub   4096R/DDA11207 2015-07-03 [expires: 2020-07-01]
sub   2048R/2A624357 2015-12-22

$ gpg --fingerprint 013D86D8BA32EAB4A6691BF85D4153D6FE188FC8
pub   rsa4096 2018-06-06 [SC]
      013D 86D8 BA32 EAB4 A669  1BF8 5D41 53D6 FE18 8FC8
uid           [ unknown] FreedomBox CI (Continuous Integration server) <admin@freedombox. ↩
    org>
sub   rsa4096 2018-06-06 [E]
```

- Finally, verify your downloaded image with its signature file `.sig`. For example:

```
$ gpg --verify freedombox-stable-free_buster_cubietruck-armhf.img.xz.sig
gpg: assuming signed data in 'freedombox-stable-free_buster_cubietruck-armhf.img.xz'
gpg: Signature made Sat 09 May 2020 11:54:01 AM EDT
gpg:                using RSA key 013D86D8BA32EAB4A6691BF85D4153D6FE188FC8
gpg: Good signature from "FreedomBox CI (Continuous Integration server) <admin@freedombox. ↩
    org>" [undefined]
gpg: WARNING: This key is not certified with a trusted signature!
gpg:          There is no indication that the signature belongs to the owner.
Primary key fingerprint: 013D 86D8 BA32 EAB4 A669  1BF8 5D41 53D6 FE18 8FC8
```

4.2.4 Installation

After the download you can use the image to boot your chosen hardware (including virtual machines). You'll need to copy the image to the memory card or USB stick as follows:

1. Figure out which device your card actually is.
    1. Unplug your card.
    2. Run `dmesg -w` to show and follow the kernel messages.
    3. Plug your card in. You will see messages such as following:

```
[33299.023096] usb 4-6: new high-speed USB device number 12 using ehci-pci
[33299.157160] usb 4-6: New USB device found, idVendor=058f, idProduct=6361
[33299.157162] usb 4-6: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[33299.157164] usb 4-6: Product: Mass Storage Device
[33299.157165] usb 4-6: Manufacturer: Generic
[33299.157167] usb 4-6: SerialNumber: XXXXXXXXXXXX
[33299.157452] usb-storage 4-6:1.0: USB Mass Storage device detected
[33299.157683] scsi host13: usb-storage 4-6:1.0
[33300.155626] scsi 13:0:0:0: Direct-Access     Generic- Compact Flash    1.01 PQ:  ↩
    0 ANSI: 0
[33300.156223] scsi 13:0:0:1: Direct-Access     Multiple Flash Reader     1.05 PQ:  ↩
    0 ANSI: 0
[33300.157059] sd 13:0:0:0: Attached scsi generic sg4 type 0
[33300.157462] sd 13:0:0:1: Attached scsi generic sg5 type 0
[33300.462115] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] 30367744 512-byte logical blocks: (15.5 GB/14.4  ↩
    GiB)
[33300.464144] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] Write Protect is off
[33300.464159] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] Mode Sense: 03 00 00 00
[33300.465896] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] No Caching mode page found
[33300.465912] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] Assuming drive cache: write through
[33300.470489] sd 13:0:0:0: [sdf] Attached SCSI removable disk
[33300.479493]  sdg: sdg1
[33300.483566] sd 13:0:0:1: [sdg] Attached SCSI removable disk
```

    4. In the above case, the disk that is newly inserted is available as */dev/sdg*. Very carefully note this and use it in the copying step below.

2. Decompress the downloaded image using tar:

```
$ xz -d freedombox-stable-free_buster_cubietruck-armhf.img.xz
```

   The above command is an example for the *cubietruck* stable image. Your downloaded file name will be different.

3. Copy the image to your card. Double check to make sure you don't write to your computer's main storage (such as /dev/sda). Also make sure that you don't run this step as root to avoid potentially overriding data on your hard drive due to a mistake in identifying the device or errors while typing the command. USB disks and SD cards inserted into the system should typically be write accessible to normal users. If you don't have permission to write to your SD card as a user, you

may need to run this command as root. In this case triple check everything before you run the command. Another safety precaution is to unplug all external disks except the SD card before running the command.

For example, if your SD card is */dev/sdg* as noted in the first step above, then to copy the image, run:

```
$ dd bs=1M if=freedombox-stable-free_buster_cubietruck-armhf.img of=/dev/sdg conv= ↩
    fdatasync status=progress
```

An alternative to copy to SD card command

-
```
$ cat freedombox-stable-free_buster_cubietruck-armhf.img > /dev/sdg ; sync
```

On MS Windows you will need a tool like *etcher*. On MacOS (OSX) you can use programs like *balenaetcher* and *rosaimagewriter*.

- The above command is an example for the *cubietruck* stable image. Your image file name will be different.

  When picking a device, use the drive-letter destination, like */dev/sdg*, not a numbered destination, like */dev/sdg1*. The device without a number refers to the entire device, while the device with a number refers to a specific partition. We want to use the whole device. Downloaded images contain complete information about how many partitions there should be, their sizes and types. You don't have to format your SD card or create partitions. All the data on the SD card will be wiped off during the write process.

- Use the image by inserting the SD card or USB disk into the target device and booting from it. Your device should also be prepared (see the Hardware section).

- Read (the rest of) the Manual for instructions on how to use applications in FreedomBox.

4.2.5 Troubleshooting

- Can't boot off your MicroSD card (and/or disk utilities like GPartEd report a missing/corrupt partition table). You likely forgot or failed to extract the .img file with `xz -d` before writing it to your device (e.g. */dev/sdg*).

4.3 Obtaining Source Code

FreedomBox is fully free software and you can obtain the source code to study, modify and distribute improvements.

4.3.1 From within FreedomBox

FreedomBox is made up of several software programs and you can obtain the source code to any of them. These instructions are similar to obtaining and building source code for Debian since FreedomBox is a pure blend of Debian. Using this process you can obtain the source code to the exact version of the package you are currently using in FreedomBox.

1. To see the list of software packages installed on your FreedomBox, run the following in a terminal:

   ```
   dpkg -l
   ```

2. To obtain the source code for any of those programs, then run:

   ```
   apt source <package_name>
   ```

   This requires that the apt sources list contains information about the source code repositories. These are present by default on all FreedomBox images. If you have installed FreedomBox using a package from Debian, you need to ensure that source repositories are added in the file.

3. To build the package from source code, first install its dependencies

```
apt build-dep <package_name>
```

Switch to the source directory created by the *apt source* command:

```
cd <source_directory>
```

Then build the package

```
dpkg-buildpackage -rfakeroot -uc
```

4. Install the package:

```
dpkg -i ../<built_package>.deb
```

4.3.2 Other Ways to Obtain Source Code

1. Source code for any of the packages can be browsed and searched using the web interface at sources.debian.org. For example, see the plinth package.
2. Source code and pre-built binary package for any version of a package including historic versions can be obtained from snapshot.debian.org. For example, see the plinth package.
3. You can also obtain the links to upstream project homepage, upstream version control, Debian's version control, changelog, etc. from the Debian tracker page for a project at tracker.debian.org. For example, see the tracker page for plinth package.
4. You can build and install a package from its Debian's version control repository. For example,

```
git clone https://salsa.debian.org/freedombox-team/freedombox.git
cd freedombox
apt build-dep .
dpkg-buildpackage -rfakeroot -uc
dpkg -i ../freedombox*.deb
```

4.3.3 Building Disk Images

You can also build FreedomBox disk images for various hardware platforms using the freedom-maker tool. This is also available as a Debian package and source code for it may be obtained using the above methods. Build instructions for creating disk images are available as part of the source code for freedom-maker package.

FreedomBox disk images are built and uploaded to official servers using automated Continuous Integration infrastructure. This infrastructure is available as source code too and provides accurate information on how FreedomBox images are built.

4.3.3.1 U-boot on Pioneer Edition Images

There is one minor exception to the u-boot package present on the hardware sold as FreedomBox Home Server Kits Pioneer Edition. It contains a small but important fix that is not part of Debian sources. The fork of the Debian u-boot source repository along with the minor change done by the FreedomBox is available as a separate repository. We expect this change to be available in upstream u-boot eventually and this repository will not be needed. This package can be built on a Debian armhf machine as follows (cross compiling is also possible, simply follow instructions for cross compiling Debian packages):

```
apt install git git-buildpackage
git clone https://salsa.debian.org/freedombox-team/u-boot.git
cd u-boot
pbuilder create --distribution=buster
gbp buildpackage --git-pbuilder
```

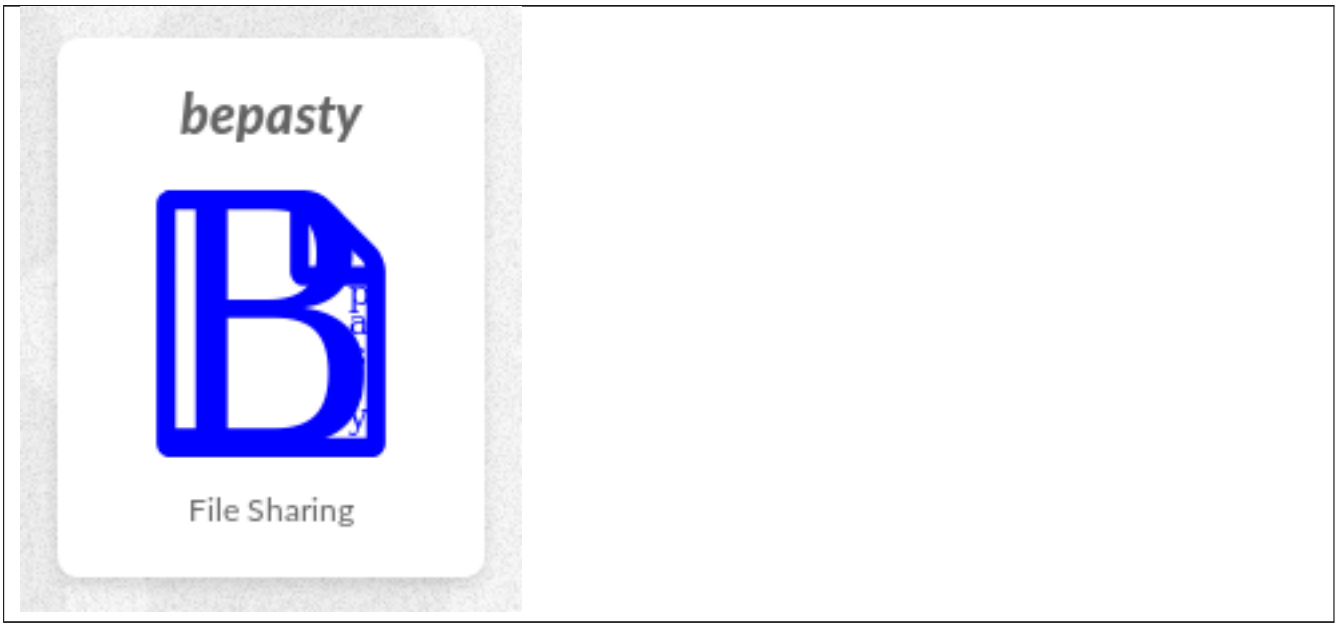
The u-boot Debian package will be available in *u-boot-sunxi*.deb*. This package will contain

```
mkdir temp
dpkg -x u-boot-suxi*.deb temp
unxz <lime2_image_built_with_freedom_maker>
dd if=temp/usr/lib/u-boot/A20-OLinuXino-Lime2/u-boot-sunxi-with-spl.bin of=<lime2.img> seek ↩
    =8 bs=1k conv=notrunc
```

The resulting image will have the modified u-boot in it.

5 Apps

5.1 Bepasty (File & Snippet Sharing)

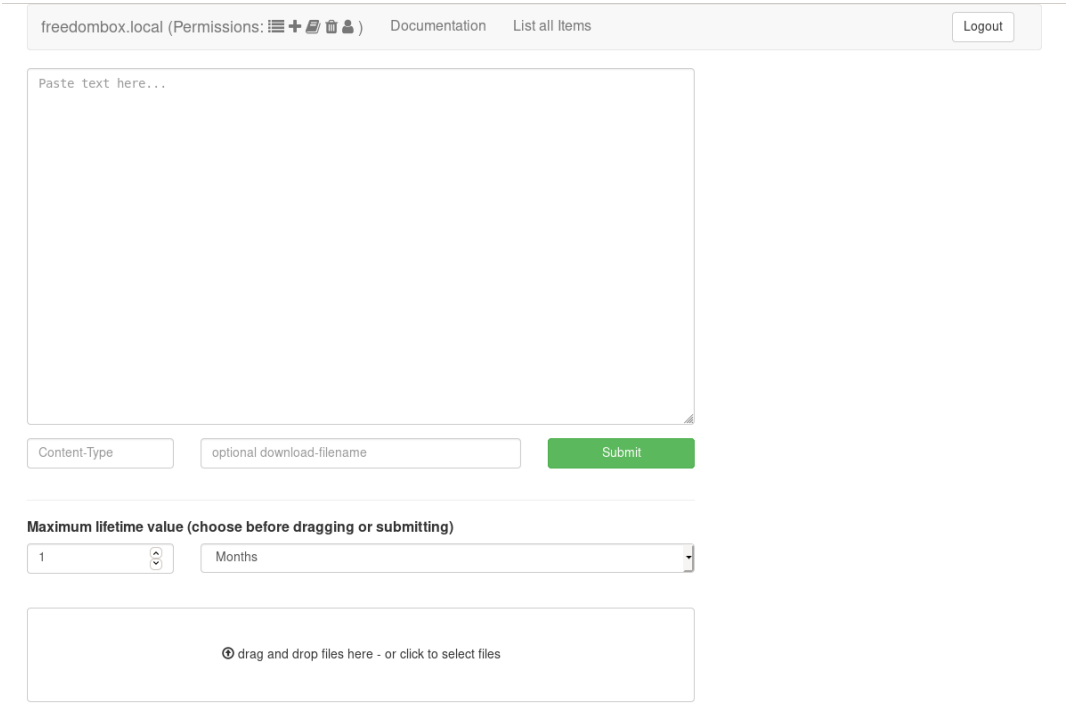


Available since: version 20.14

5.1.1 What is bepasty?

bepasty is a web application that allows large files to be uploaded and shared. Text and code snippets can also be pasted and shared. Text, image, audio, video and PDF documents can be previewed in the browser. Shared files can be set to expire after a time period.

5.1.2 Screenshot



5.1.3 Passwords and Permissions

bepasty uses only passwords (without usernames) to control access. Depending on which password is used to login to bepasty, the user will have different permissions. They can have any combination of the following permissions:

- **read**: Read a file, if they know the URL.
- **list**: List all files.
- **create**: Paste or upload a new file.
- **delete**: Delete a file.
- **admin**: Can lock and unlock files.

After bepasty is installed, it comes pre-configured for the following roles:

- Viewer: can view and list files
- Editor: can view, list, create, and delete files
- Administrator: has all permissions

These roles support a use-case of file sharing between known, authorized users. If needed, you can re-configure bepasty to support other roles and use-cases.

5.1.4 Distributing passwords

By default, the Public Access configuration is set to *None*, so a password is required for any use of bepasty. This means that you will need to distribute the passwords to the appropriate users, through any communication channels that you have.

Note that you may want to create multiple passwords with the same permissions. This allows you to distribute a unique password to each user (or to a group of users). Then if you want to revoke access to one user, you can simply delete their password. The other users with their own passwords will not be affected.

5.1.5 Using bepasty

After logging in to bepasty, if you have the Create permission, you will see a large text box where you can paste any text. Optionally, you can provide a filename or Content-Type for the data. After clicking Submit, the file is created.

You can also drag and drop files in the area at the bottom. They are uploaded immediate after dropping them in this area. You can also create a list to track a collection of uploaded files.

For either case, you can set a maximum lifetime value. After this time expires, the file will be deleted.

If you have the List permission, then you will see a link *List all Items* at the top of the page. This will show all files that have been created or uploaded.

If you have the Delete or Admin permission, you will see extra actions shown next to each file on the list page.

If you only have the Read permission, then to read files, you will need to have both a password and one or more URLs for existing files.

5.1.6 Managing passwords

The bepasty configuration page in FreedomBox interface allows you to create new passwords, or to remove a password. When you create a password, you can choose any combination of the permissions described above. Note that a typical Administrator should have all of the permissions (not just "Admin").

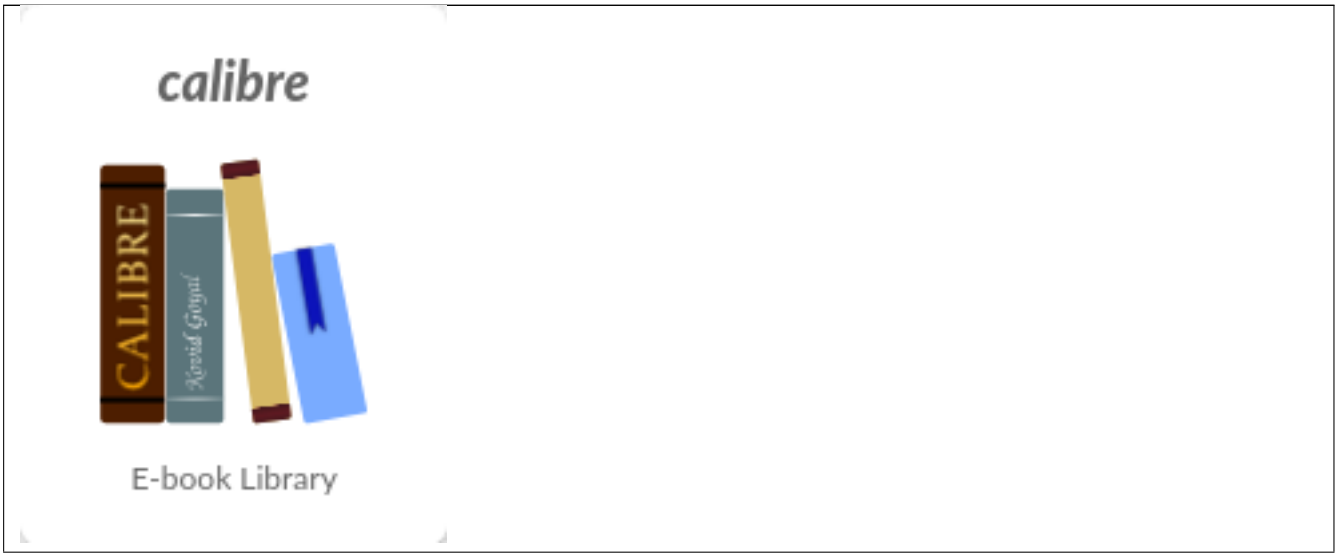
You can also set a Comment. This is recommended, and you should use the comment to help yourself remember the purpose of the password, or who will be using the password.

You can also configure Public Access, which sets the default permissions that are available even without logging in with a password. You can set this to allow reading files by their URL, or reading and listing all files.

5.1.7 External links

- Upstream project: https://github.com/bepasty
- User documentation: https://bepasty-server.readthedocs.io/en/latest/user.html

5.2 Calibre (e-Library)



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calibre is an e-book management solution. You can organize your e-books into collections in calibre known as "libraries". calibre can do e-book format conversion between most of the popular e-book formats. It can also manage metadata of your e-books such as book covers, descriptions, author and publisher information etc.

Moving your calibre library from your desktop to your FreedomBox has the benefit of being able to access your e-books from any device on the local network or through the Internet.

Only users who are members of the *calibre* group have access to the libraries. You can assign users to this group via the system app users and groups.

You might be familiar with the e-book reader shipped with the calibre application on your desktop. The server version of calibre that's installed on your FreedomBox has a web-based e-book reader with similar look and feel. This allows you to read your e-books from any device with a web browser.

5.2.1 Managing Libraries

After installation of calibre, a default library called "Library" will be made available. The FreedomBox administrator can add or delete any of the libraries including the default one from the app settings in FreedomBox web interface.

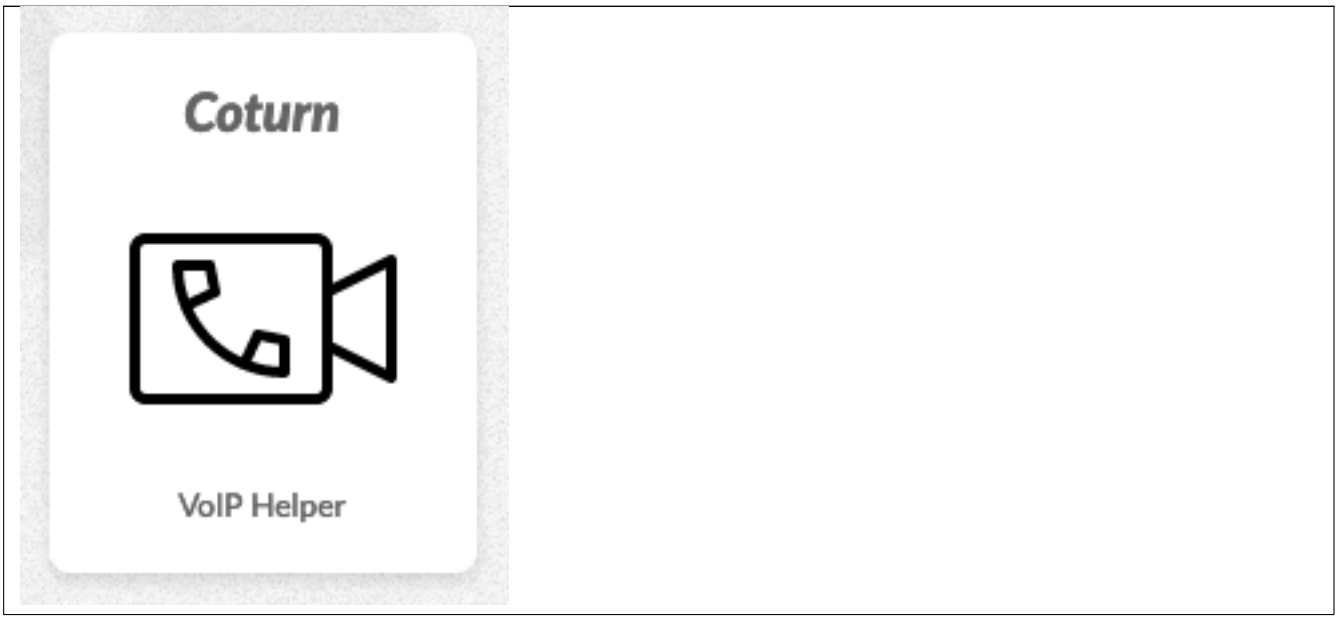
5.2.2 Access

calibre can be accessed after installation through the web client at `https://<my_freedombox_name>/calibre`.

5.2.3 External links

- Official website: https://calibre-ebook.com

5.3 Coturn (VoIP Helper)



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Coturn is a server to facilitate audio/video calls and conferences by providing an implementation of TURN and STUN protocols. WebRTC, SIP and other communication servers can use it to establish a call between parties who are otherwise unable connect to each other.

It is not meant to be used directly by users. Servers such as Matrix Synapse need to be configured with the details provided on the Coturn app page. Apart from Matrix Synapse, Jitsi, Ejabberd, Nextcloud Talk, etc. can use Coturn server for audio/video calls and conferences. There is no need for the servers to be running on the same machine as FreedomBox and external servers can use Coturn running on FreedomBox.

Coturn is configured in FreedomBox as an advanced app. This means that you need to check "Show advanced apps and features" in "General Configuration" to see Coturn icon in the "Apps" section.

5.3.1 How it works

When making an audio/video call, it is best to route the media streams between two peers directly. This will give the best possible latency (better signal quality) and avoid depending on a centralized server (privacy). It scales well because a simple chat server can host thousands of calls without involving the server in any way other than to setup the call. However, this approach does not work most of the time due to how networks are configured. Most peers on the network do not have a unique IP address allocated to them. They work hidden behind a network device that performs "Network Address Translation" (NAT) for them. This means that the two peers have no way of reaching each other.

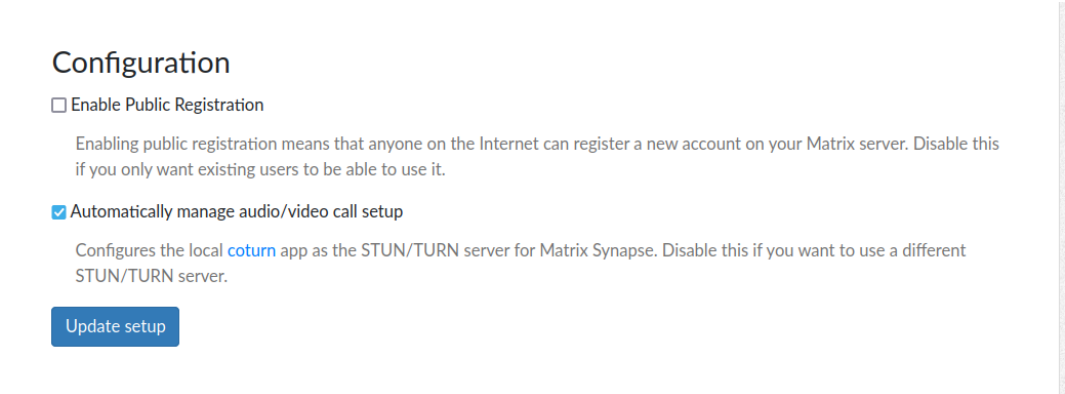
To address this problem, a simple technique known as STUN was introduced. With the help of a third party STUN server, the peers can trick the NAT devices, to carry the traffic between the two peers. Unfortunately, this trick only works about 80% of the time. So, if STUN fails, peers have no choice but to route their traffic through an intermediary server called TURN server. All the mechanism of trying out STUN first and then falling back to TURN is described in a protocol known as ICE.

On FreedomBox, Coturn provides both STUN and TURN servers. Both services are provided over TCP as well as UDP. They are provided on unencrypted as well as encrypted channels (which have a higher chance of success). Since STUN servers are very inexpensive and don't consume a lot of server resources, there is no authentication needed to use them. TURN servers on the other hand need authentication. This authentication is highly simplified and does not require maintaining a database of users. A server such as matrix-synapse which is about to setup an audio/video call between two peers will generate a username and password using a shared secret. When the peers use the TURN server, they will be validated using these credentials because the TURN server also knows the same secret.

In summary, a communication server needs to know the URLs of the STUN/TURN servers along with a shared authentication secret for TURN. After that, during audio/video call setup, they will correctly guide the peers to use STUN/TURN servers. Coturn app in FreedomBox provides exactly this information. This information can be used to configure a communication server irrespective of whether it is running on the same FreedomBox or on another server.

5.3.2 Configuring Matrix Synapse

To configure Matrix Synapse to use Coturn TURN/STUN server, you need to check "Automatically manage audio/video call setup" in Matrix Synapse's configuration section, and then click on "Update seup".



5.3.3 Port Forwarding

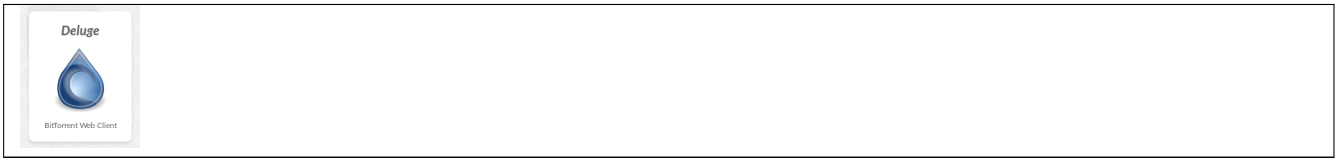
If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for Coturn:

- UDP 3478
- TCP 3478
- UDP 3479
- TCP 3479
- UDP 5349
- TCP 5349
- UDP 5350
- TCP 5350
- UDP 49152-50175
- TCP 49152-50175

5.3.4 External links

- Upstream project: https://github.com/coturn/coturn

5.4 Deluge (Distributed File Sharing via BitTorrent)



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5.4.1 What is Deluge?

Deluge is a BitTorrent node (both, client and server at the same time).

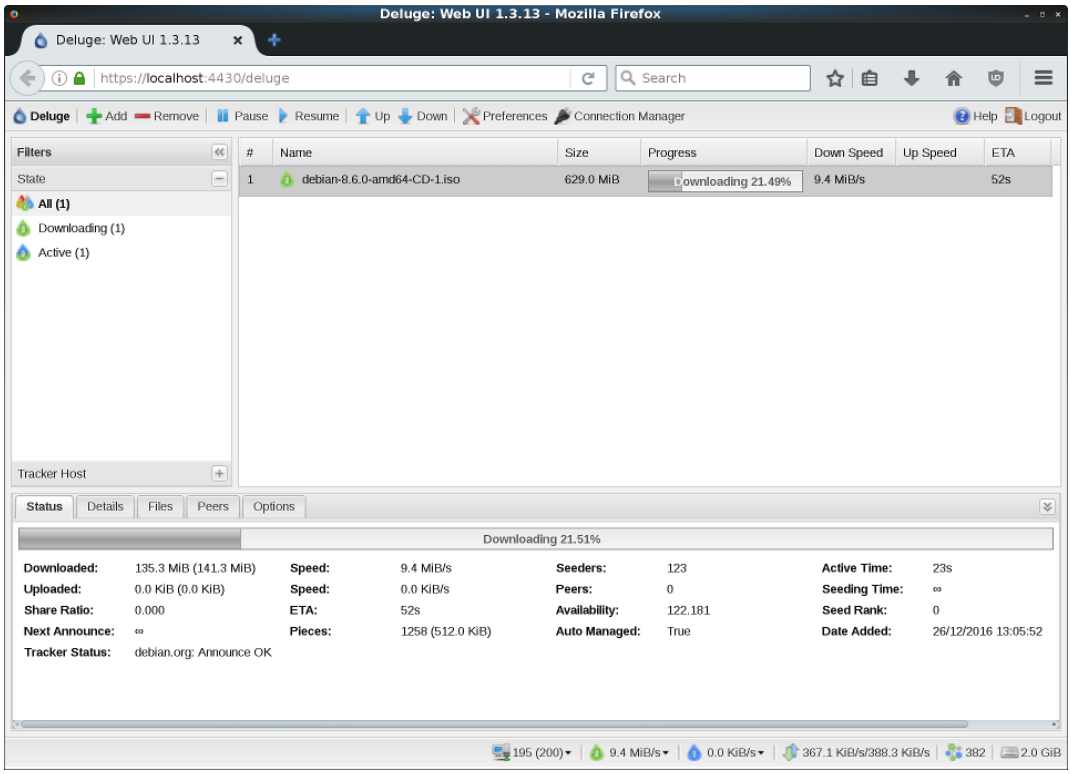
BitTorrent is a communications protocol for peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing.

- It is **not anonymous**; you should assume that others can see what files you are sharing.
- This technology works best for big, popular files.

There are two BitTorrent web nodes available in FreedomBox: Transmission and Deluge. They have similar features, but you may prefer one over the other.

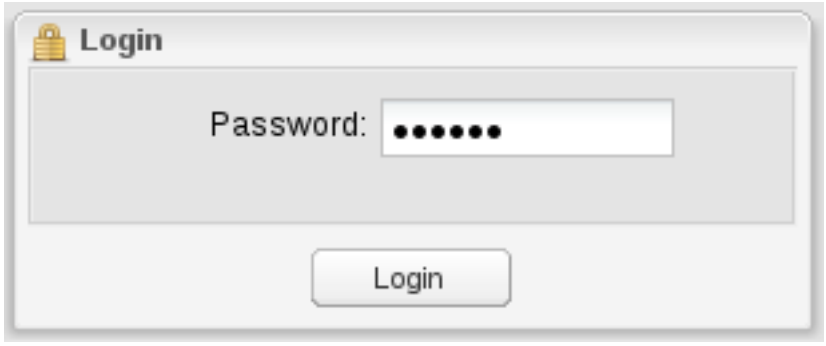
Deluge is a lightweight BitTorrent client that is highly configurable. Additional functionality can be added by installing plugins.

5.4.2 Screenshot



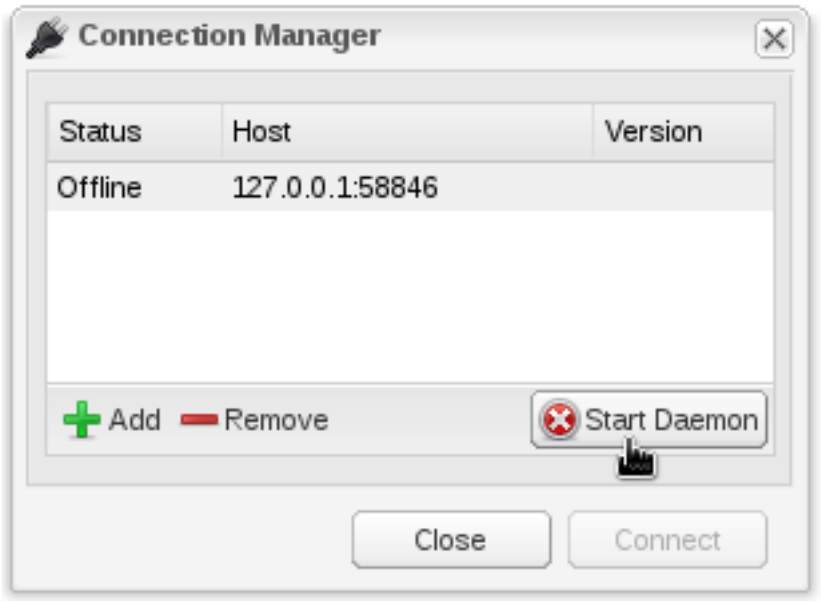
5.4.3 Initial Setup

After installing Deluge, it can be accessed by pointing your browser to `https://<your freedombox>/deluge`. You will need to enter a password to login:

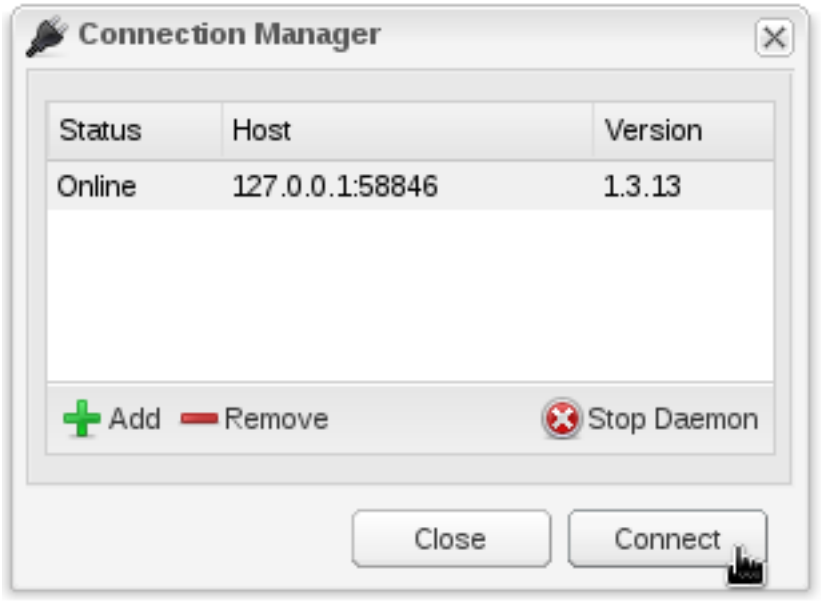


The initial password is "deluge". The first time that you login, Deluge will ask if you wish to change the password. You should change it to something that is harder to guess.

Next you will be shown the connection manager. Click on the first entry (Offline - 127.0.0.1:58846). Then click "Start Daemon" to start the Deluge service that will run in the background.



Now it should say "Online". Click "Connect" to complete the setup.



At this point, you are ready to begin using Deluge. You can make further changes in the Preferences, or add a torrent file or URL.

5.4.4 External links

- Upstream projects:
  - Deluge: https://www.deluge-torrent.org
  - BitTorrent: https://www.bittorrent.org
- Protocol description:
  - Upstream: https://www.bittorrent.org/introduction.html
  - At Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent

5.5 Ejabberd (Chat Server)

Available since: version 0.3

5.5.1 What is ejabberd?

Ejabberd is a chat server which uses the Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP).

5.5.2 What is XMPP?

XMPP is a federated server-client protocol for Instant Messaging. This means that users who have accounts on one server, can talk to users that are on another server.

XMPP can also be used for voice and video calls, if supported by the clients.

Currently FreedomBox offers both, a server (ejabberd) and a web client (JSXC) from its web interface.

5.5.3 Privacy

With XMPP, there are two ways that conversations can be secured:

1. TLS: This secures the connection between the client and server, or between two servers. This should be supported by all clients and is highly recommended.
2. End-to-end: This secures the messages sent from one client to another, so that even the server cannot see the contents. The latest and most convenient protocol is called OMEMO, but it is only supported by a few clients. There is another protocol called OTR that may be supported by some clients that lack OMEMO support. Both clients must support the same protocol for it to work.

5.5.4 Setting the Domain Name

For XMPP to work, your FreedomBox needs to have a Domain Name that can be accessed over the network.

If you only need the local network (LAN) users to chat with each other you can invent your domain name, but if you want users from the internet to join your rooms you need a public domain name. You can read more about obtaining a Domain Name in the Dynamic DNS section of this manual.

Once you have a Domain Name, you can tell your FreedomBox to use it by setting the Domain Name in the System Configuration.

Note: After changing your Domain Name, the Chat Server (XMPP) page may show that the service is not running. After a minute or so, it should be up and running again.

Please note that PageKite does not support the XMPP protocol at this time.

5.5.5 Registering FreedomBox users to use XMPP

Currently, all users created through FreedomBox will be able to login to the XMPP server. You can add new users through the System module Users and Groups. It does not matter which Groups are selected for the new user.

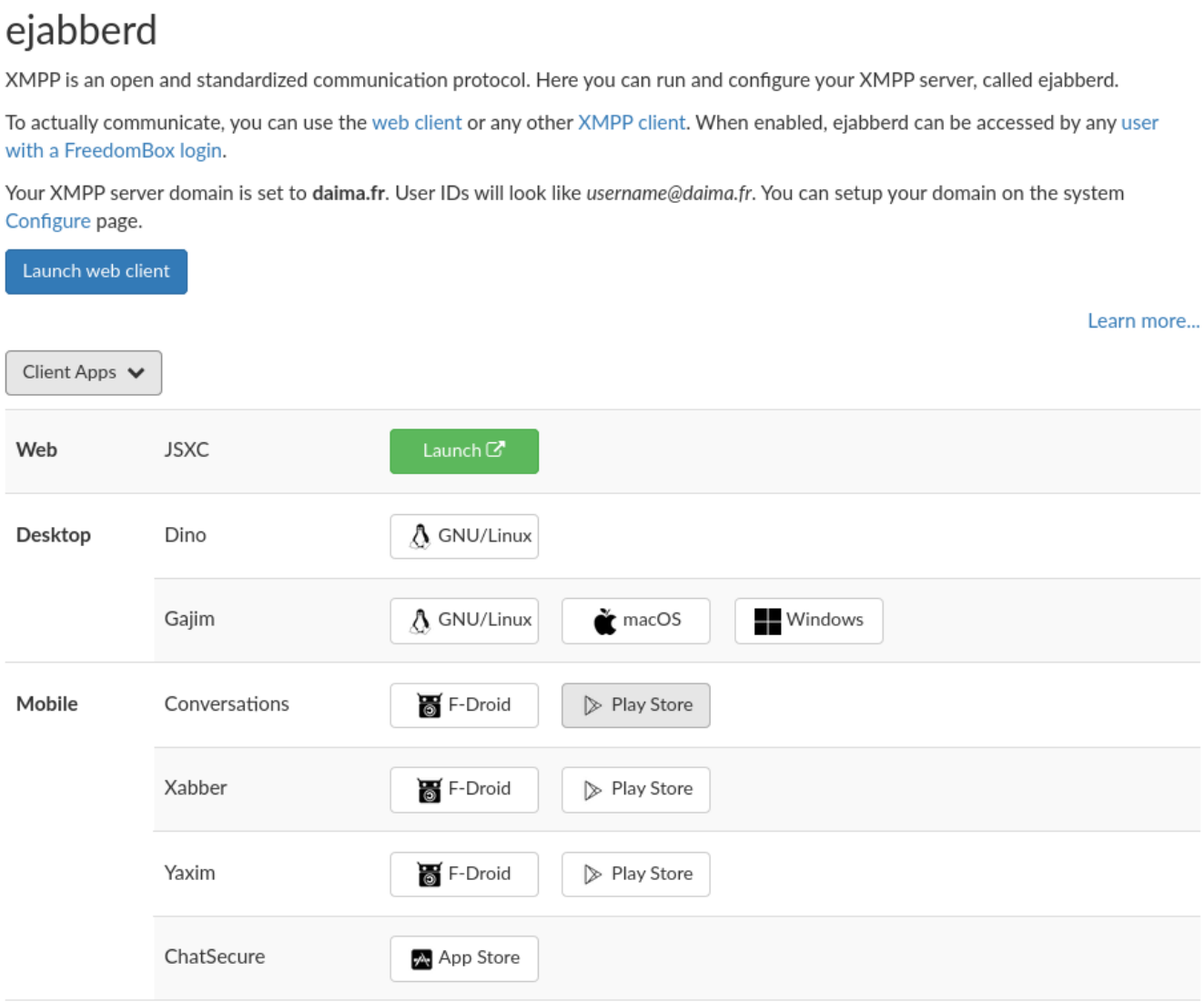
5.5.6 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for XMPP:

- TCP 5222 (client-to-server)
- TCP 5269 (server-to-server)

5.5.7 Compatible clients

- FreedomBox provides a web client: JSXC.
- XMPP clients are available for various desktop and mobile platforms. FreedomBox links to the download sources of some of them. Feel free to include more here (needs free registration). We'll notice and might list them in FreedomBox.



5.5.7.1 FreedomBox webclient

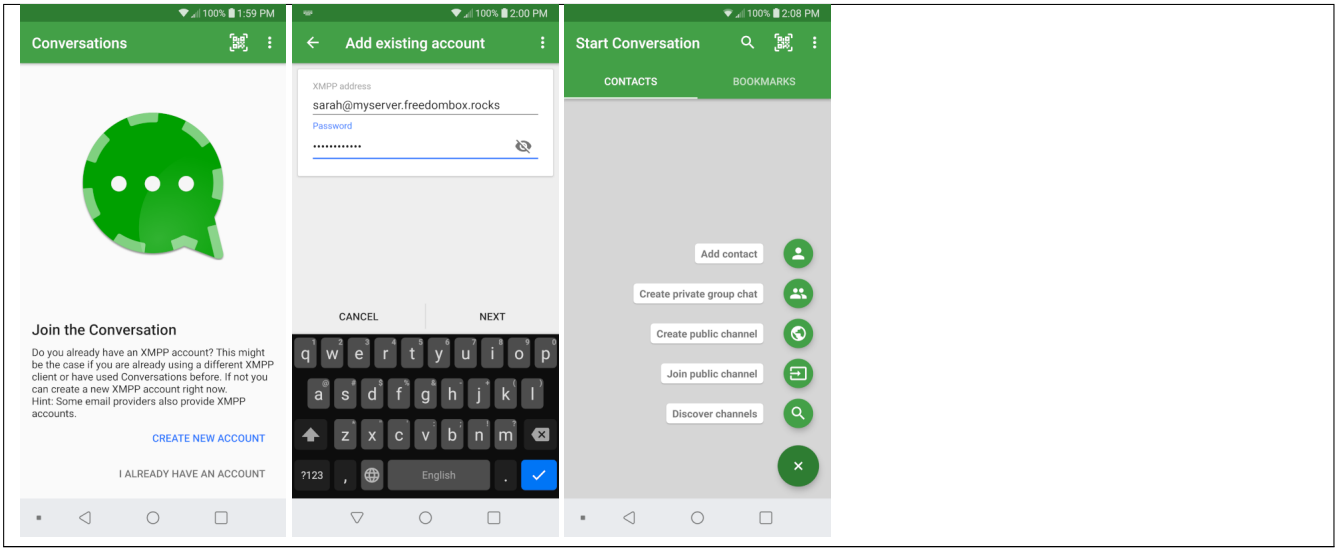
For maximum simplicity FreedomBox provides a web client: JSXC. No need for your users to install additional software on their side. They'll be able to just use their browser. This is usually the first choice for new and eventual users.

5.5.7.2 Mobile clients

You can download an XMPP client for your smartphone or tablet among the ones listed below.

5.5.7.2.1 Conversations (Android)

Conversations is an Android XMPP client with videochat support available on F-Droid or the Play Store. In addition to text messaging, you can use Conversations to send images and have group chats.



From left to right: (1) First screen - (2) Login screen - (3) Add contacts.

When first starting the Conversations app, you will be asked whether you want to create a new account or if you want to use an existing account. Choose "I already have an account" (1)

With ejabberd installed, the FreedomBox provides an XMPP account for every FreedomBox user. Additional (non-admin) FreedomBox user accounts can be created under **System >** Users and Groups.

Once logged into a FreedomBox/XMPP account (2), the Conversation app provides a + button that brings up a few choices to contact other people (3).

5.5.7.2.2 Movim (Android)

Movim is a free software XMPP client with videochat support for Android available on F-Droid.

5.5.7.2.3 ChatSecure (iOS)

ChatSecure is a free software XMPP client with videochat support available from the App Store.

5.5.7.2.4 Monal (iOS)

Monal is a free software XMPP client with videochat support available from the App Store.

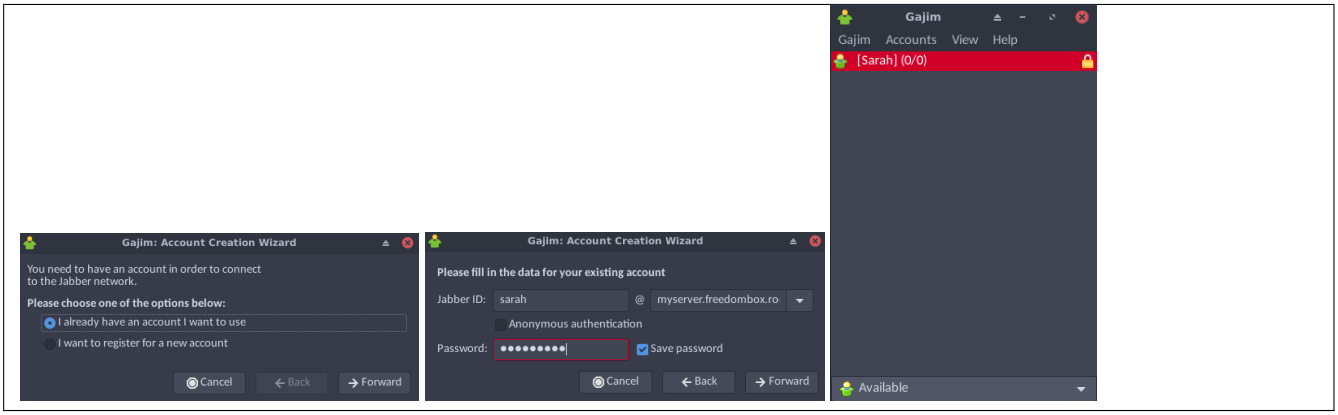
5.5.7.2.5 Siskin (iOS)

Siskin is a free software XMPP client with videochat support available from the App Store.

5.5.7.3 Desktop clients

5.5.7.3.1 Gajim (Windows, MacOS, Linux)

Gajim is a XMPP open-source client for the desktop, available for Windows, MacOS and Linux. This application is available in Debian, and for other operating systems you can download it from this page and find instructions about installation.



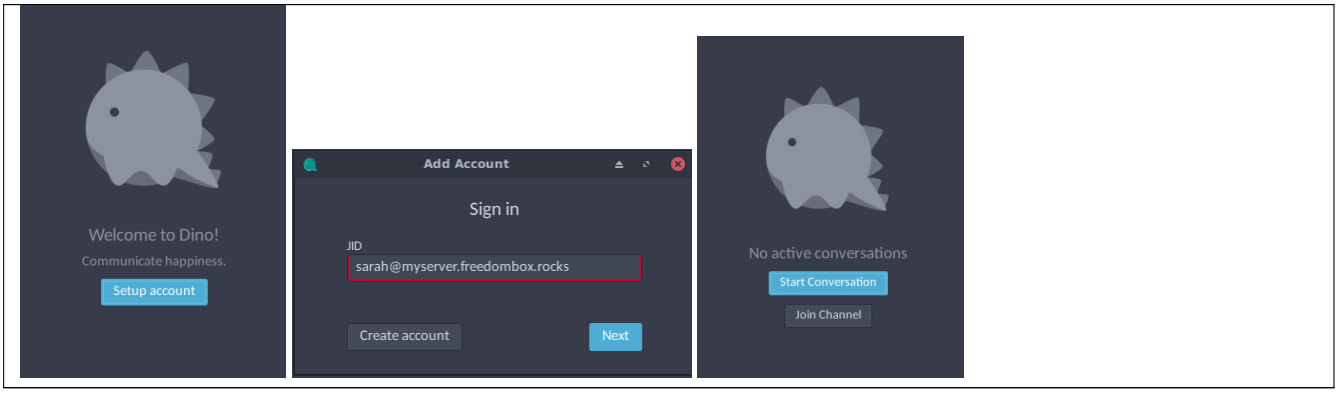
From left to right: (1) First screen - (2) Login screen - (3) Main window

A popup shows up right after you start Gajim for the first time (1), asking you to either login to your XMPP (FreedomBox) account or to register for a new account. When you choose to login, after clicking "Forward", you will be asked a Jabber ID and a password (2): you have to enter your FreedomBox account and password here.

Finally, after logging in successfully, you will see the main Gajim screen (3). From there, you can add a contact (*Account* > *Add contact...*) then you can start a conversation (*Gajim* > *Start chat*).

5.5.7.3.2 Dino (Linux)

Dino is another XMPP free software client for the desktop. It is available for `https://github.com/dino/dino/wiki/Distribution-Packages`.



From left to right: (1) First screen - (2) Login screen - (3) Start conversation

When first starting Dino after installation, click on the `Setup account` button. You will be then asked your `JID`: this is your FreedomBox account. Enter it then click `Next` (2). Alternatively, you can click on `Create account` if you don't have a FreedomBox account.

Once you have logged in, you will be able to either start a conversation with one of your XMPP contacts or to join a channel (3).

5.5.7.3.3 Movim (Linux)

Movim is a free software XMPP client with videochat support for Linux. The project provides an unofficial Debian package.

5.5.7.3.4 Monal (MacOS)

Monal is a free software XMPP client with videochat support available from the Mac App Store.

5.5.8 External links

5.5.8.1 Ejabberd

- Website: https://www.ejabberd.im
- User documentation: https://docs.ejabberd.im

5.5.8.2 Clients' sites

- Conversations: https://conversations.im
- Gajim: https://gajim.org
- Dino: https://github.com/dino/dino
- Movim: https://movim.eu
- ChatSecure: https://chatsecure.org
- Monal: https://monal.im
- Siskin: https://siskin.im

5.5.8.3 XMPP Protocol

- Website: https://xmpp.org
- Summary at Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XMPP

5.6 Postfix/Dovecot/Rspamd (Email Server)

Available since: 22.6

5.6.1 About the Email Server

FreedomBox provides a complete email server solution using Postfix, Dovecot, and Rspamd. Postfix sends and receives emails. Dovecot allows email clients to access your mailbox using IMAP and POP3. Rspamd deals with spam. The following features are available:

- Send and receive email
  - Interoperate with other mail servers
  - Prevent others from spoofing your email addresses using SPF
  - Sign all outgoing email using DKIM
  - Receive reports of spoofing attempts using DMARC
- Access mails easily
  - Access mail from any device using Roundcube webmail
  - Configure email clients by just typing in email address and password
  - Auto-configuration works with clients using autoconf scheme such as Thunderbird
  - Auto-configuration works with clients using DNS scheme
  - Keep mails on server and access them with multiple clients using IMAP
  - Fetch mails to local machine using POP3

- Email address for all your users
  - Each user on your FreedomBox automatically gets an email address such as user@mydomain.example
  - Each user gets unlimited automatic aliases. user+purpose@mydomain.example points to user@mydomain.example
  - Users may themselves add more aliases. foo@mydomain.example can point to user@mydomain.example
  - Many common aliases such as info@mydomain.example and postmaster@mydomain.example point to administrator's email address.
- Filter messages on the server using sieve filters
  - Setup vacation auto-responders that work even when you are not using your email client
  - Forward to external/internal addresses, file in folders, delete, etc.
  - Manage filters on the server using email client (for example, Thunderbird with sieve add-on)
- Automatically setup and configure TLS certificates obtained by Let's Encrypt
  - All services (SMTP, IMAP, POP3 and `manageseive`) are configured to use TLS/STARTTLS
  - Certificates are renewed every 3 months or so
  - Upon renewal, certificates are installed and services are restarted
- Backup and restore emails, aliases and configuration
  - Set a schedule for periodic backups
- Scan incoming email for spam
  - Check the message against various block lists
  - Automatically move spam to the Junk folder
  - Sets a flag on the message when spam score reaches a threshold
  - Rejects the message during receiving when spam score reaches a high threshold
  - Understand spam decisions using extended spam headers added to a message
  - View details of spam processing and manage settings using Rspamd web interface
  - Admins can login to spam web interface using FreedomBox single-sign-on
  - Teach spam vs. not-spam using example messages

5.6.2 Prerequisites

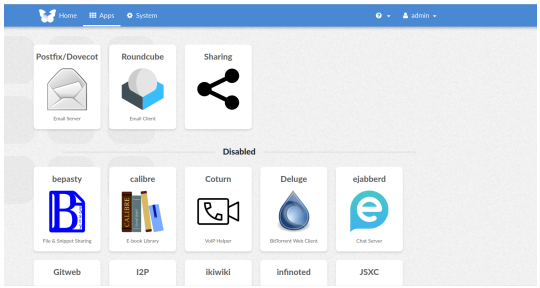
- You must own a domain on which you can configure advanced DNS records (MX, TXT and SRV). Such a domain can be obtained by buying one from a registrar or by obtaining a paid service from one of the Dynamic DNS providers (such as `freedns.afraid.org`). Currently, free subdomains provided by FreedomBox Foundation's free Dynamic DNS service at `ddns.freedombox.org` are **not** suitable. Support is planned in future.
- Your ISP or cloud provider, on your Internet connection, must not be blocking traffic to external mail servers. Quite a few of them block outgoing traffic on port 25. This will render the email server unable to send mails to external addresses. Many such providers allow you to request removing this restriction. To test whether this is a problem for your Internet connection, run the following command (you should see some text like this):

```
user@myserver:~$ nc freedombox.org 25
220 mx.sflc.info ESMTP Postfix (Debian/GNU)
^C
```

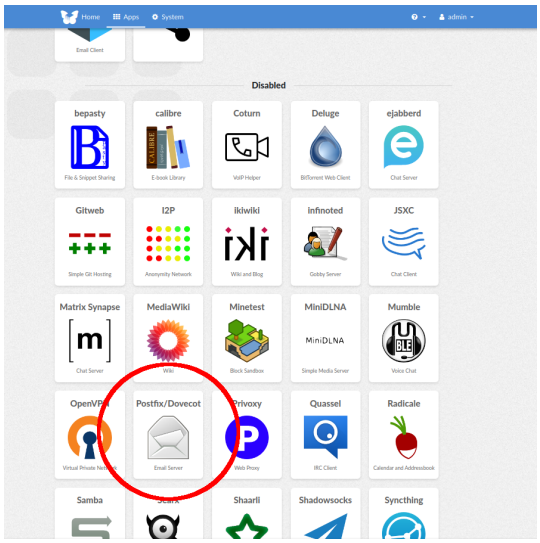
5.6.3 Installing

Go to the *Apps* menu.

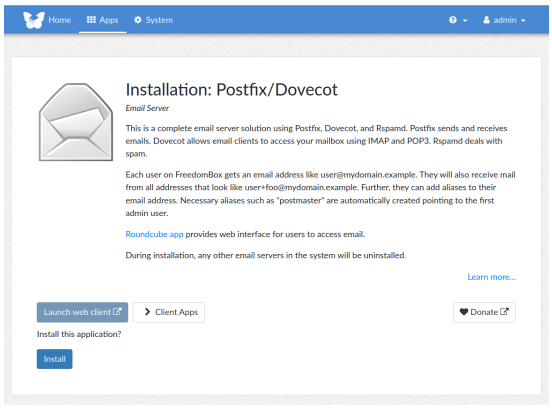
If already installed, the Email Server will be shown **above** the *Disabled* line. This is likely not your case, but if it is, that means that the Email Server is already installed, so skip this step and jump to the next one.

- 

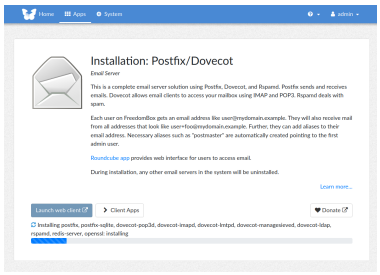
If the Email Server is shown among the icons **below** the *Disabled* line, it is either not yet installed or it is currently disabled. This is the usual starting status.

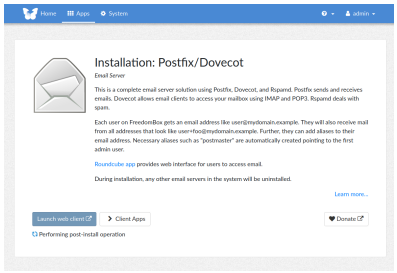
- 

Select the *Postfix/Dovecot* app. You are presented with the *Postfix/Dovecot* app page. If not installed yet you'll be shown the *Install* button. Click on it!

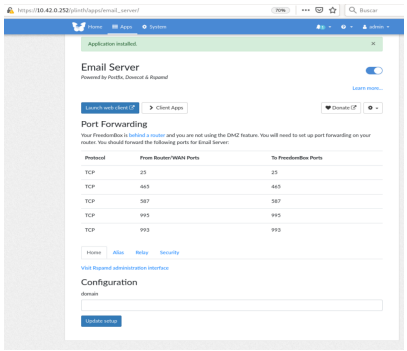
- 

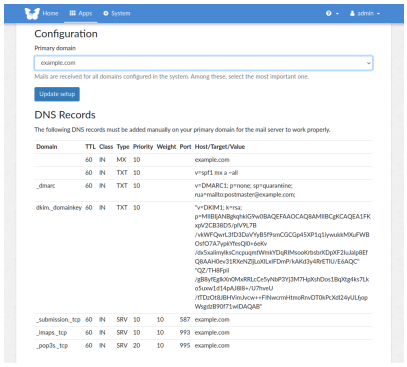
This will trigger the installation process.

- 



After installing all needed software packages and configuring them, FreedomBox will tell you that the installation is successful and the app page will show additional content such as port information, configuration form and DNS settings.

- 



Next time you go to the Apps Menu it will show the app enabled (above the *disabled* line).

5.6.4 Configuring the Email Server

1. If you wish to send email to and receive mails from users on other email servers on the Internet, you need a proper domain. As explained in the Prerequisites section, either buy a domain from a registrar or obtain one from a Dynamic DNS provider. If you purchased a domain from a registrar add it in the System, Configuration page. If it is a Dynamic DNS, configured it in System, Dynamic DNS Client page.

2. When a domain is added to FreedomBox, a TLS certificate is automatically obtained for the domain. This certificate is then used for encrypted communication with all the services that are configured with the domain. Go to System section,

Let's Encrypt app page and verify that certificate has been successfully obtained for the domain. If not, click on the Obtain button and resolve any problems that show up. For successfully obtaining the certificate, your FreedomBox must be reachable from the Internet and your router, if any, must be configured to do port forwarding for the web ports (80, 443).

3. After adding a domain to FreedomBox, visit the Email app page. In the Configuration section, select the configured domain as the primary domain for the purposes of sending and receiving email.

4. After setting the primary domain, information will become available in the DNS Records section of the page. These are the records that must be manually configured on the domain. Login to your DNS provider's web interface for managing DNS records on your domain. There enter all the entries shown in the DNS records table.

   - The length of the value of DNS record for DKIM exceeds 255 characters in length. Typically, it must be broken into multiple values enclosed in the double quotes and separated by spaces. This is what FreedomBox does. If your DNS provider has a different way to enter these multiple values, consult their documentation.
   - All the records are assumed "under" the domain you are configuring but a full value can also be provided. For example, "Domain" value of "dkim._domainkey" means "dkim._domainkey.mydomain.example.". Use the latter form if necessary.

5. Install Roundcube app if you want to access emails using a web interface. In Roundcube configuration, be sure enable option to "Use only the local mail server". This removes the server field in the login page and makes the app work without any further configuration.

5.6.5 Using the Email Server

As a user you can:

- Start sending and getting emails using most email clients.
- Create and/or manage your email aliases in the *Aliases* tab of the *Email Server* app page in FreedomBox web interface.
- Manage filters on the server using sieve

Once an admin has set up RoundCube configuration for it to work with the FreedomBox Email server you can log into RoundCube and start sending emails without the need for other email clients. Use the same login credentials to RoundCube that you use to log into the FreedomBox web interface.

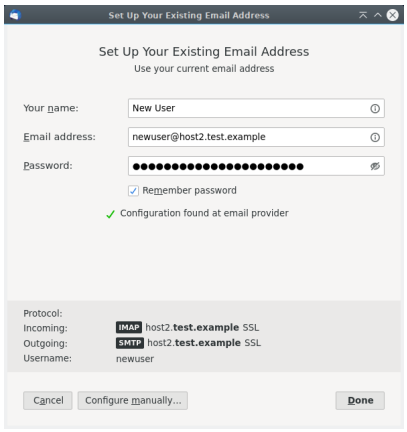
5.6.5.1 With FreedomBox Webmail Client (RoundCube)

RoundCube email client is provided by FreedomBox as an optional app. If RoundCube has been installed before the email server, there is an option to make it work with FreedomBox's email server. Once both apps are installed, you have a complete webmail setup ready.

5.6.5.2 With Thunderbird

Open Thunderbird. Go to *hamburger menu → New → Existing Mail Account*. Enter a display name, your FreedomBox email address, and your FreedomBox password. Click continue.

FreedomBox implements the Automatic Account Configuration endpoint which Thunderbird will make use of.

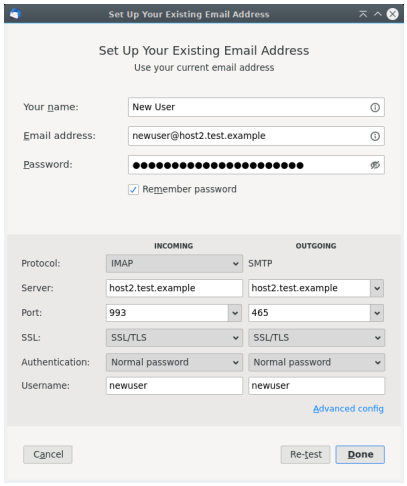
- 

5.6.5.3 Manual Configuration

Tell your email client to use these parameters:

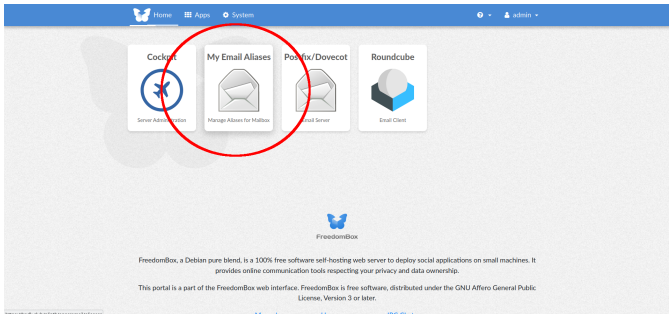
- **Username:** *your FreedomBox email address or just the username part*
- **Incoming mail:** IMAPS, port 993, forced SSL, normal password authentication
- **Outgoing mail:** SMTPS, port 465, forced SSL, normal password authentication

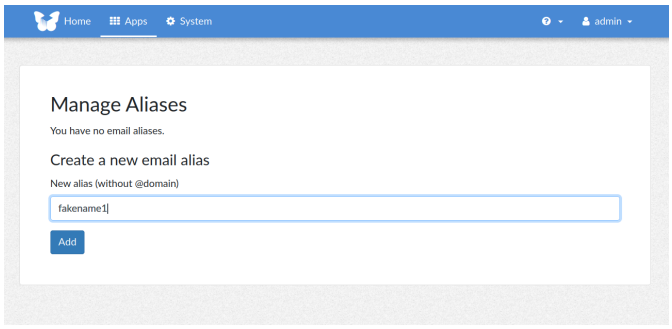
STARTTLS on the SMTP submission port is also supported.

- 

5.6.5.4 Email Aliases

Email aliases are useful for privacy. Now as FreedomBox email user (you don't need to be an administrator) you can have temporary throw-away and specific email addresses under your control. You can list, create and delete email aliases from the *My Email Aliases* shortcut in FreedomBox home page.





Mails to non-existent users, non-existent aliases, or system users will be rejected at the SMTP connection level.

5.6.5.5 Automatic Email Aliases

In addition to allowing users to create their own aliases, FreedomBox also sets up automatic aliases by appending a string to your user name with a '+' sign. If your mail address is myname@mydomain.example, then all myname+anystring@mydomain.example is an automatic alias to your email address. For example, when subscribing to a mailing list call foolist, you can provide your email address as myname+foolist@mydomain.example. When mail is sent to that address, it ends up in your mailbox of myname@mydomain.example. This is primarily useful for mail sorting and spam control.

5.6.6 Advanced: Troubleshooting

5.6.6.1 How to debug an action script failure? How to access the system log?

Open a secure shell connection to your FreedomBox. Type `sudo journalctl -b -o short-monotonic --no-pager`

- `-b` show journal entries since boot
- `-o short-monotonic` use short timestamp format
- `--no-pager` make it easier to copy and paste

5.6.6.2 Why does the server say "relay access denied"?

This is because Postfix was not aware of the email domain. To fix that,

1. Ensure FreedomBox is aware of your internet domain name. If you don't have a domain name, skip to step 2.
   - Log into the FreedomBox web interface as an admin.
   - Go to *System → Name Services*
   - Add a domain name if you haven't done so.

5.6.6.3 Cannot send anything from Roundcube. It says "SMTP Error (250): Authentication failed".

Root cause: Roundcube tried to submit your email from an unencrypted connection, but ports 465 and 587 required SSL and STARTTLS encryption, respectively.

Solutions:

For RoundCube, edit the `/etc/roundcube/config.inc.php` file to make it use port 25 (unencrypted). Fix these settings:

```
$config['smtp_server'] = 'smtp://localhost';
$config['smtp_port'] = 25;
```

Notes:

- Access your FreedomBox via SSH.
- You can edit the file with `nano` text editor. The file is restricted, so you need to access it as superuser: `sudo nano /etc/roundcube/config.inc.php`.

If using another email client like Thunderbird, enforce SSL or STARTTLS usage by the email client.

5.6.7 Providing user feedback

Please provide your feedback on usage on this forum thread.

5.6.8 Technical info and discussion

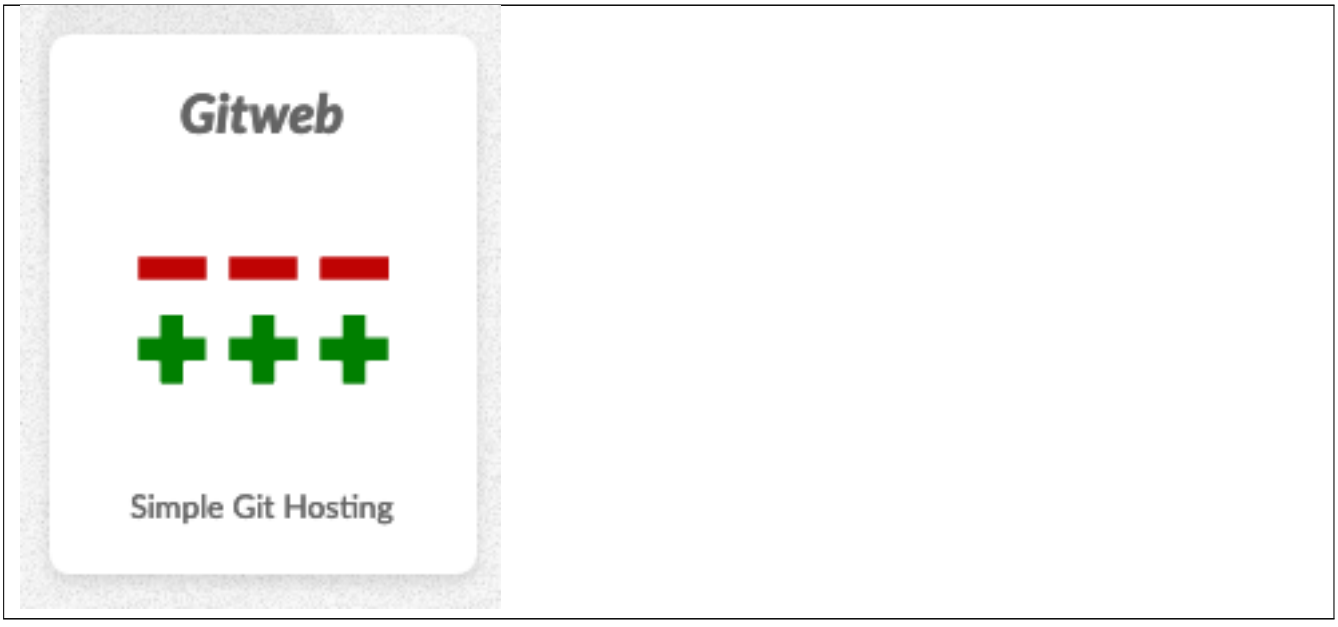
FreedomBox email server was presented at Debconf21. Slides and video recording are available courtesy of the Debian Outreach team.

This salsa issue is driving the implementation. Feel free to join discussions and provide technical ideas.

5.6.9 External links

- Upstream websites:
  - `http://www.postfix.org`
  - `https://www.dovecot.org`
  - `https://www.rspamd.com`

5.7 GitWeb (Simple Git Hosting)



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5.7.1 What is Git

Git is a distributed version-control system for tracking changes in source code during software development. GitWeb provides a web interface to Git repositories. You can browse history and content of source code, use search to find relevant commits and code. You can also clone repositories and upload code changes with a command-line Git client or with multiple available graphical clients. And you can share your code with people around the world.

To learn more on how to use Git visit Git tutorial.

5.7.2 Managing the repositories

After installation of GitWeb, a new repository can be created. It can be marked as *private* to limit access.

5.7.3 Access

GitWeb can be accessed after installation e.g. by the web client through `https://<my_freedombox_name>/gitweb`.

5.7.4 HTTP basic auth

GitWeb on FreedomBox currently supports HTTP remotes only. To avoid having to enter the password each time you pull/push to the repository, you can edit your remote to include the credentials.

Example: `https://username:password@my.freedombox.rocks/gitweb/myrepo`

Your username and password will be encrypted. Someone monitoring the network traffic will notice the domain name only.

Note: If using this method, your password will be stored in plain text in the local repository's `.git/config` file. For this reason, you should create a FreedomBox user who has only access to the gitweb and never use an admin account.

For GNOME users (Advanced)

GNOME "Passwords and Keys" utility can be used to store the username and password. See this StackOverflow Answer for details on how to do it.

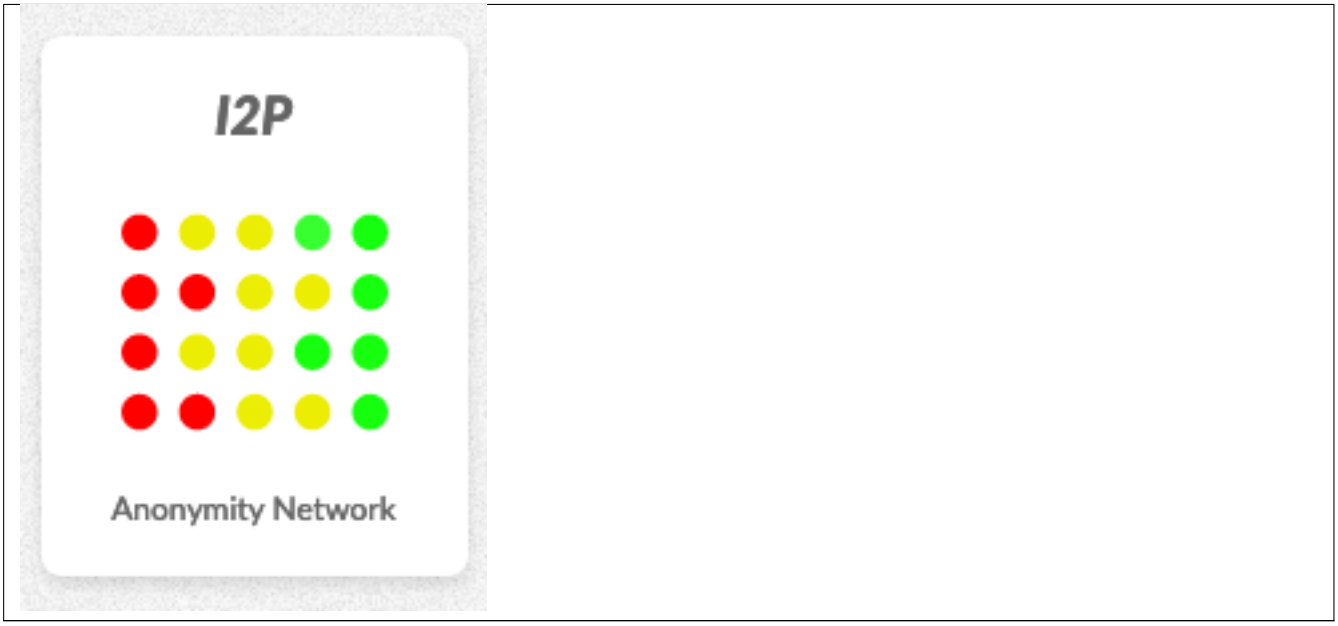
5.7.5 Mirroring

Though your repositories are primarily hosted on your own FreedomBox, you can configure a repository on another Git hosting system like GitLab as a mirror.

5.7.6 External links

- User documentation: `https://git-scm.com/docs/gitweb`

5.8 I2P (Anonymity Network)



5.8.1 About I2P

The Invisible Internet Project is an anonymous network layer intended to protect communication from censorship and surveillance. I2P provides anonymity by sending encrypted traffic through a volunteer-run network distributed around the world.

5.8.2 Services Offered

The following services are offered via I2P in FreedomBox by default. Additional services may be available when enabled from I2P router console that can be launched from FreedomBox web interface.

- **Anonymous Internet browsing**: I2P can be used to browse Internet anonymously. For this, configure your browser (preferable a Tor Browser) to connect to I2P proxy. This can be done by setting HTTP proxy and HTTPS proxy to *freedombox.local* (or your FreedomBox's local IP address) and ports to *4444* and *4445* respectively. This service is available only when you are reaching FreedomBox using local network (networks in internal zone) and not available when connecting to FreedomBox from the Internet. One exception to this is when you connect to FreedomBox's VPN service from Internet you can still use this service.
- **Reaching eepsites**: I2P network can host websites that can remain anonymous. These are called eepsites and end with .i2p in their domain name. For example, `http://i2p-projekt.i2p/` is the website for I2P project in the I2P network. eepsites are not reachable using a regular browser via regular Internet connection. To browse eepsites, your browser needs to be configured to use HTTP, HTTPS proxies as described above. This service is available only when you are reaching FreedomBox using local network (networks in internal zone) and not available when connecting to FreedomBox from the Internet. One exception to this is when you connect to FreedomBox's VPN service from Internet you can still use this service.
- **Anonymous torrent downloads**: I2PSnark, an application for anonymously downloading and sharing files over the BitTorrent network is available in I2P and enabled by default in FreedomBox. This application is controlled via a web interface that can be launched from 'Anonymous torrents' section of I2P app in FreedomBox web interface or from the I2P router console interface. Only logged-in users belonging to 'Manage I2P application' group can use this service.
- **IRC network**: I2P network contains an IRC network called Irc2P. This network hosts the I2P project's official IRC channel among other channels. This service is enabled by default in FreedomBox. To use it, open your favourite IRC client. Then configure it to connect to host *freedombox.local* (or your FreedomBox's local IP address) with port number *6668*. This service is available only when you are reaching FreedomBox using local network (networks in internal zone) and not available when connecting to FreedomBox from the Internet. One exception to this is when you connect to FreedomBox's VPN service from Internet you can still use this service.

- **I2P router console**: This is the central management interface for I2P. It shows the current status of I2P, bandwidth statistics and allows modifying various configuration settings. You can tune your participation in the I2P network and use/edit a list of your favourite I2P sites (eepsites). Only logged-in users belonging to 'Manage I2P application' group can use this service.

5.8.3 External links

- Upstream website: https://geti2p.net/en/
- User documentation: https://i2pd.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

5.9 Ikiwiki (Wiki and Blog)

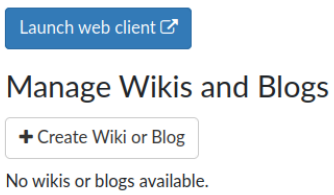
Avaiable since: version 0.5

5.9.1 What is Ikiwiki?

Ikiwiki converts wiki pages into HTML pages suitable for publishing on a website. It provides particularly blogging, podcasting, calendars and a large selection of plugins.

5.9.2 Creating a wiki or blog

You can create a wiki or blog to be hosted on your FreedomBox through the Wiki & Blog (Ikiwiki) page in FreedomBox. The first time you visit this page, it will ask to install packages required by Ikiwiki.



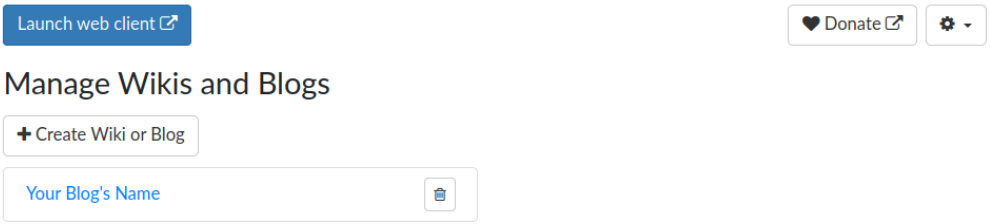
After the package install has completed, select the "Create Wiki or Blog" button.

You can select the type to be Wiki or Blog. Also type in a name for the wiki or blog, and the username and password for the wiki's/blog's admin account. Then click Update setup and you will see the wiki/blog added to your list. Note that each wiki/blog

has its own admin account.

5.9.3 Accessing your wiki or blog

Your wikis and blogs are listed in the Ikiwiki app. Clicking on your site's name will bring you to its start page.



From here, if you click Edit or Preferences, you will be taken to a login page. To log in with the admin account that you created before, select the Other tab, enter the username and password, and click Login.

5.9.4 User login through SSO

Besides the wiki/blog admin, other FreedomBox users can be given access to login and edit wikis and blogs. However, they will not have all the same permissions as the wiki admin. They can add or edit pages, but cannot change the wiki's configuration.

To add a wiki user, go to the Users and Groups page in FreedomBox (under System configuration, the gear icon at the top right corner of the page). Create or modify a user, and add them to the wiki group. (Users in the admin group will also have wiki access.)

To login as a FreedomBox user, go to the wiki/blog's login page and select the Other tab. Then click the "Login with HTTP auth" button. The browser will show a popup dialog where you can enter the username and password of the FreedomBox user.

5.9.5 Adding FreedomBox users as wiki admins

1. Login to the site, using the admin account that was specified when the site was created.
2. Click "Preferences", then "Setup".
3. Under "main", in the "users who are wiki admins", add the name of a user on the FreedomBox.

4. (Optional) Under "auth plugin: passwordauth", uncheck the "enable passwordauth?" option. (Note: This will disable the old admin account login. Only SSO login using HTTP auth will be possible.)
5. At the bottom of the page click "Save Setup".
6. Click "Preferences", then "Logout".
7. Login as the new admin user using "Login with HTTP auth".

5.9.6 Avoiding Spam

By default, every wiki page also has a "Discussion" page, which can be edited anonymously, without logging in. To avoid spam, you may want to disable the Discussion feature all together, by unchecking the "enable Discussion pages?" option in the setup.

5.9.7 Theming

1. Login to the site, using the admin account that was specified when the site was created.
2. Click "Preferences", then "Setup".
3. Under "web plugin: theme", check "enable theme?"
4. Right under the checkbox, type in the name of the desired theme. You can choose from the following officially supported themes:
   - actiontabs - mobile friendly
   - blueview - non-mobile friendly
   - goldtype - non-mobile friendly
   - monochrome - mobile friendly
5. At the bottom of the page click "Save Setup".

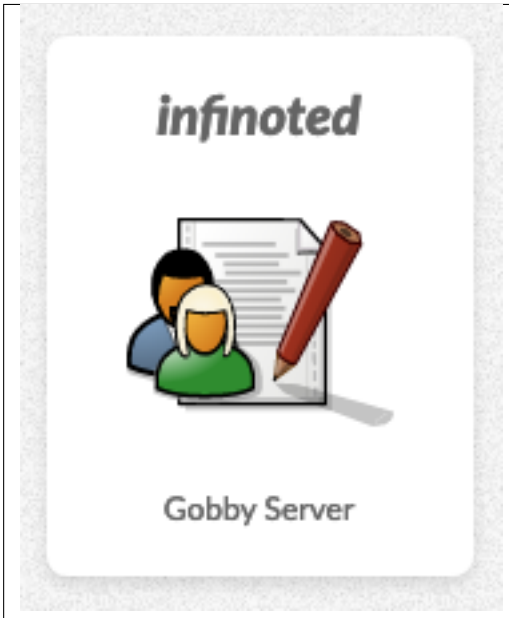
For your changes to become visible, you might have to delete your browser's cache or wait a few minutes and refresh your ikiwiki's page.

It is also possible to install user-contributed themes from ikiwiki's Theme Market. Please note, that this requires additional technical knowledge.

5.9.8 External links

- Website: https://ikiwiki.info
  - Theme Market https://ikiwiki.info/theme_market/

5.10 Infinoted (Collaborative text edition with Gobby)



Available since: version 0.5

infinoted is a server for Gobby, a collaborative text editor.

To use it, download Gobby, desktop client and install it. Then start Gobby and select "Connect to Server" and enter your FreedomBox's domain name.

5.10.1 Port Forwarding

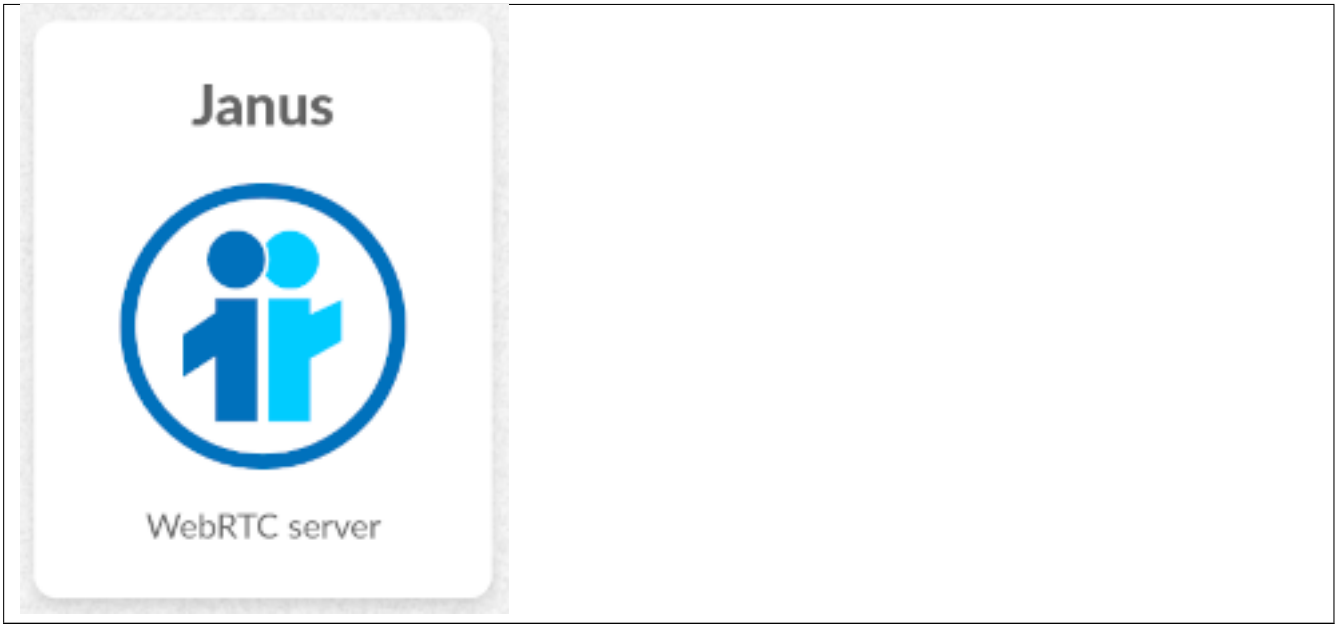
If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for infinoted:

- TCP 6523

5.10.2 Extenal links

- Website: https://gobby.github.io/libinfinity

5.11 Janus (WebRTC server)



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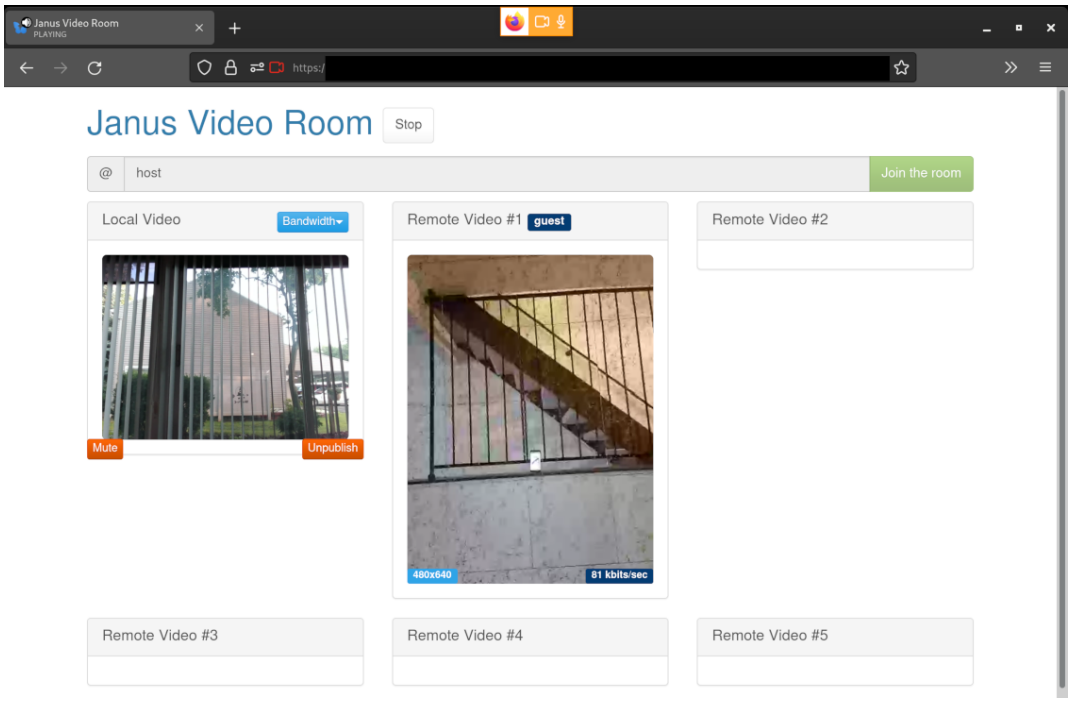
Janus is a lightweight, general purpose WebRTC server. It can support different kinds of real-time communication apps, such as video chat and streaming.

Currently, in FreedomBox, a simple video conference room is included with Janus. This video room can be accessed by anyone who visits your FreedomBox; it does not require logging in with a user account.

In the future, the simple video room app will be replaced by Jangouts, a fully-featured video conference app.

Coturn is required to use Janus, so it also needs to be installed and running on your FreedomBox.

5.11.1 Screenshot



5.11.2 Using Janus

The Janus shortcut will take you to the Janus Video Room page. From here, press the Start button at the top of the page.

Next, you will need to provide a display name. Any name can be used here. Press the "Join the room" button to enter the room.

The first time you enter the video room, your web browser will ask if this page has permission to access your camera and microphone. Press "Allow" to proceed.

Your own video will be displayed in the "Local Video" window. From here you can mute your audio, or use unpublish to stop sharing your video and audio. If other people join the video room, they will appear in the "Remote Video" windows.

5.11.3 External links

- Upstream project: https://janus.conf.meetecho.com
- Upstream end user documentation: https://janus.conf.meetecho.com/docs

5.12 JSXC (Web Chat Client)

Available since: version 0.11.0

JSXC is a web chat client. It can be used to join compatible chat servers.

FreedomBox offers both parties, a server (ejabberd) and a web client (JSXC), from its web interface.

5.12.1 Technical Specifications

JSXC features the XMPP over BOSH protocol and is implemented in HTML5.

XMPP is a federated server-client protocol for Instant Messaging. This means that users who have accounts on one server, can talk to users that are on another server.

XMPP can also be used for voice and video calls, if supported by the clients.

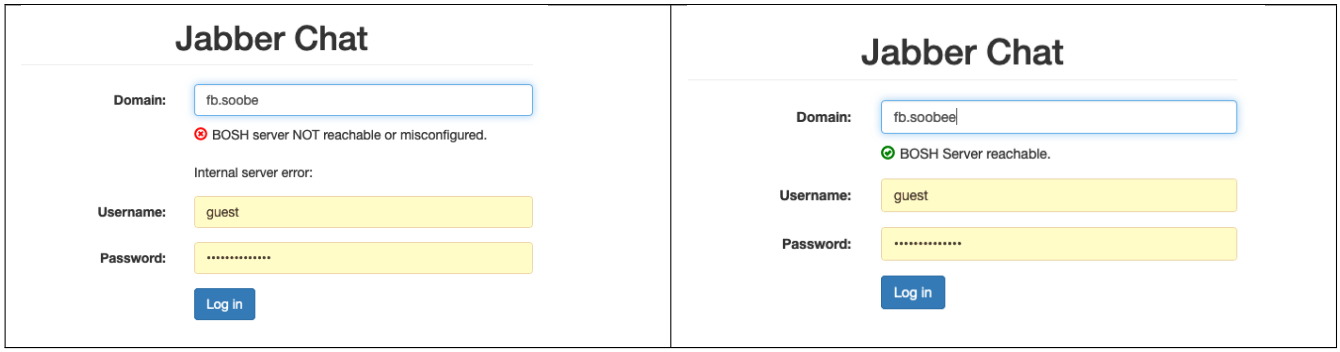
5.12.2 Installation

You can install JSXC through its icon in the Apps section of FreedomBox web interface. The ejabberd (XMPP server) icon also offers to launch the web client (and installs JSXC if not yet installed).

5.12.3 Usage

After the JSXC module install completes, the JSXC can be accessed through its icon in the Apps section of FreedomBox web interface. The ejabberd (XMPP server) icon also offers to launch the web client. Both will redirect you to `https://<your freedombox>/plinth/apps/xmpp/jsxc/`.

To use it, you need to input the domain name of the server to connect to. It will automatically check the BOSH server connection to the given domain name as you type it.



Videoconferencing and file transfer features are offered by JSXC but don't seem to work in FreedomBox yet.

5.12.4 Port Forwarding

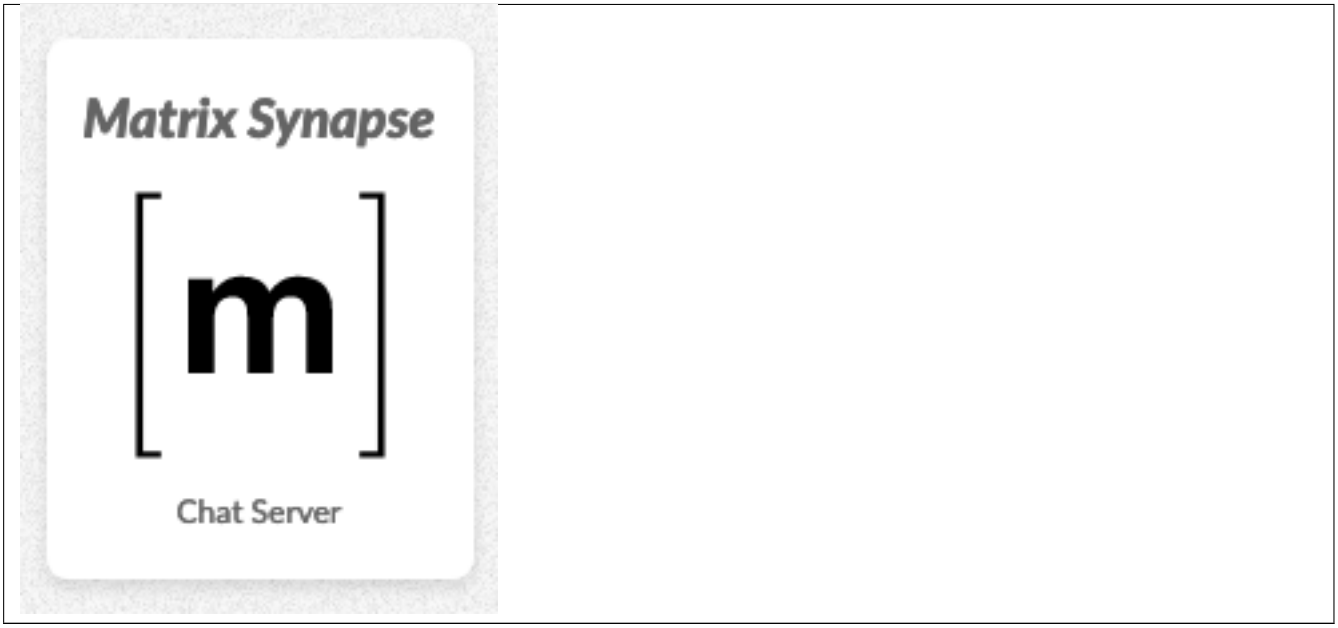
If your FreedomBox is behind a router and you want to connect to other servers, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for XMPP:

- TCP 5222 (client-to-server)

5.12.5 External links

- Website: https://www.jsxc.org
- User documentation: https://www.jsxc.org/manual.html

5.13 Matrix Synapse (Chat Server)



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5.13.1 What is Matrix?

Matrix is an open protocol for interoperable, decentralized, real-time communication over IP. Synapse is the reference implementation of a Matrix server. It can be used to setup instant messaging on FreedomBox to host chat rooms with end-to-end encrypted communication and audio/video calls. Matrix Synapse is a federated application where chat rooms can exist on any server and users from any server in the federated network can join them. Learn more about Matrix.

5.13.2 How to access your Matrix Synapse server?

We recommend the Element client to access the Matrix Synapse server. You can download Element for desktops. Mobile applications for Android and iOS are available from their respective app stores.

5.13.3 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for Matrix:

- TCP 8448

5.13.4 Setting up Matrix Synapse on your FreedomBox

To enable Matrix Synapse, first navigate to the Chat Server (Matrix Synapse) page and install it. Matrix needs a valid domain name to be configured. After installation, you will be asked to configure it. You will be able to select a domain from a drop down menu of available domains. Domains are configured using System -> Configure page. After configuring a domain, you will see that the service is running. The service will be accessible on the configured FreedomBox domain. Currently, you will not be able to change the domain once is it configured.

Your router has to be configured to forward port 8448.

All the registered users of your FreedomBox will have their Matrix IDs as `@username:domain`. If public registration is enabled, also your chosen client can be used to register a user account.

5.13.5 Setting up Audio/Video calls

The Matrix Synapse server is only responsible for establishing calls between participants in rooms. Matrix clients such as Element are actually responsible for the transfer of the audio/video traffic. Element supports calling in both one-to-one conversations and in groups.

For one-to-one conversations, Element tries to make a peer-to-peer connection between the two participants. This works when both the participants are using Element on computers with a public IP address or if they're on the same network. If both the participants are behind different NAT devices, establishing a direct peer-to-peer connection between them will not be possible. This problem can be solved by configuring Matrix Synapse with a STUN/TURN server. FreedomBox provides an app called Coturn for this purpose. FreedomBox doesn't automatically install Coturn on installing Matrix Synapse. However, as soon as Coturn app is installed, FreedomBox automatically configures Matrix Synapse to use it for audio/video calls. It is possible to override this configuration with a different STUN/TURN server in the web interface.

For calling groups with more than two participants (i.e. not one-on-one conversations), Element uses an external Jitsi Meet instance. Element uses jitsi.riot.im as its default Jitsi Meet instance. If the Matrix Synapse server is configured to use a different Jitsi Meet instance as the default, Element will use it instead for all users on that server.

5.13.6 Federating with other Matrix instances

You will be able to interact with any other person running another Matrix instance. This is done by simply starting a conversation with them using their matrix ID which is of the format `@their-username:their-domain`. You can also join rooms which are in another server and have audio/video calls with contacts on other server.

5.13.7 Memory usage

The Synapse reference server implemented in Python is known to be quite RAM hungry, especially when loading large rooms with thousands of members like #matrix:matrix.org. It is recommended to avoid joining such rooms if your FreedomBox device only has 1 GiB RAM or less. Rooms with up to a hundred members should be safe to join. The Matrix team is working on a new implementation of the Matrix server written in Go called Dendrite which might perform better in low-memory environments.

Some large public rooms in the Matrix network are also available as IRC channels (e.g. #freedombox:matrix.org is also available as #freedombox on irc.debian.org). It is better to use IRC instead of Matrix for such large rooms. You can join the IRC channels using Quassel.

5.13.8 Advanced usage

1. If you wish to create a large number of users on your Matrix Synapse server, use the following commands on a remote shell as root user:

   ```
   cat /dev/urandom | tr -dc 'a-zA-Z0-9' | fold -w 32 | head -n 1 | sed "s+^+ ↩
       registration_shared_secret: +" > /etc/matrix-synapse/conf.d/ ↩
       registration_shared_secret.yaml
   chmod 600 /etc/matrix-synapse/conf.d/registration_shared_secret.yaml
   chown matrix-synapse:nogroup /etc/matrix-synapse/conf.d/registration_shared_secret. ↩
       yaml
   systemctl restart matrix-synapse
   register_new_matrix_user -c /etc/matrix-synapse/conf.d/registration_shared_secret. ↩
       yaml
   ```

2. If you wish to see the list of users registered in Matrix Synapse, the following as root user:

   ```
   apt install sqlite3
   echo 'select name from users' | sqlite3 /var/lib/matrix-synapse/homeserver.db
   ```

3. If you wish to create a community in Matrix Synapse, a Matrix user with server admin privileges is needed. In order to grant such privileges to `username` run the following commands as root user:

- ```
  sudo apt install sqlite3
  echo "UPDATE users SET admin=1 WHERE name='@username:domainname'" | sudo sqlite3 /var ↩
      /lib/matrix-synapse/homeserver.db
  ```

5.13.9 External links

- Matrix Website: https://matrix.org
- Synapse section:https://matrix.org/docs/projects/server/synapse
- User documentation: https://matrix.org/docs/guides
- Video tutorial for setting up Matrix Synapse on a Cloud instance: https://youtu.be/8snpMHHbymI

5.14 MediaWiki (Wiki)

Available since: version 0.20.0

5.14.1 About MediaWiki

MediaWiki is the software that powers the Wikimedia suite of wikis.

Read more about MediaWiki on Wikipedia

5.14.2 MediaWiki on FreedomBox

MediaWiki on FreedomBox is configured to be publicly readable and privately editable. Only logged in users can make edits to the wiki. This configuration prevents spam and vandalism on the wiki.
  ```

5.14.2.1 User management

Users can be created by the MediaWiki administrator (user "admin") only. The "admin" user can also be used to reset passwords of MediaWiki users. The administrator password, if forgotten can be reset anytime from the MediaWiki app page in web interface.

5.14.2.2 Use cases

MediaWiki is quite versatile and can be put to many creative uses. It also comes with a lot of plugins and themes and is highly customizable.

5.14.2.2.1 Personal Knowledge Repository

- MediaWiki on FreedomBox can be your own personal knowledge repository. Since MediaWiki has good multimedia support, you can write notes, store images, create checklists, store references and bookmarks etc. in an organized manner. You can store the knowledge of a lifetime in your MediaWiki instance.

5.14.2.2.2 Community Wiki

- A community of users can use MediaWiki as their common repository of knowledge and reference material. It can used as a college notice board, documentation server for a small company, common notebook for study groups or as a fan wiki like wikia.

5.14.2.2.3 Personal Wiki-based Website

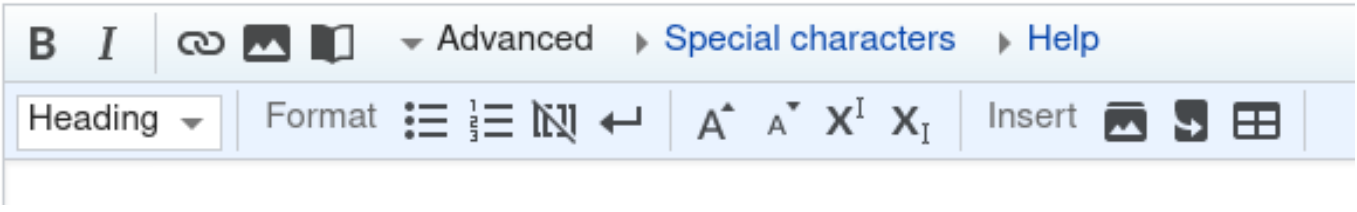
- Several websites on the internet are simply MediaWiki instances. MediaWiki on FreedomBox is read-only to visitors. Hence, it can be adapted to serve as your personal website and/or blog. MediaWiki content is easy to export and can be later moved to use another blog engine.

5.14.2.3 Editing Wiki Content

The MediaWiki installation on FreedomBox ships with two kinds of editors - WikiText editor and Visual editor.

5.14.2.3.1 WikiText Editor

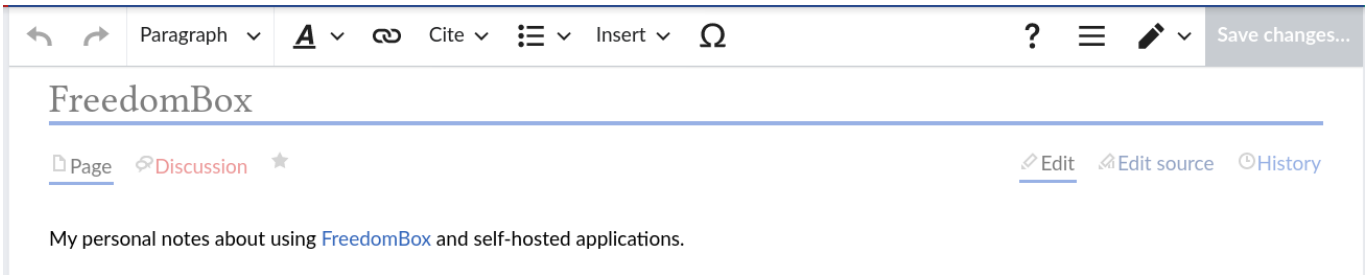
- This editor is for editing the wiki directly in MediaWiki's markup language. It has a toolbar for common options like Bold, Italics etc. Click on the Advanced section for more options like Headings, bullet lists etc.



5.14.2.3.2 Visual Editor

- MediaWiki's VisualEditor extension provides a WYSIWYG interface to editing wiki pages. This extension is bundled with MediaWiki from 1.35 and is enabled by default from FreedomBox 21.9.

  Since this is essentially a rich-text editor, knowledge of MediaWiki's markup language is not required. To use advanced features not available in the VisualEditor (yet), switch back to source editing.



5.14.2.3.3 Other Formats

- You don't have to necessarily learn the MediaWiki formatting language. You can write in your favorite format (Markdown, Org-mode, LaTeX etc.) and convert it to the MediaWiki format using Pandoc.

5.14.2.3.4 Image Uploads

- Image uploads have been enabled since FreedomBox version 0.36.0. You can also directly use images from Wikimedia Commons using a feature called Instant Commons.

5.14.2.4 Customization

5.14.2.4.1 Skins

MediaWiki's default skin is usually Vector. The default skin set by FreedomBox is Timeless.

Vector is a skin best-suited for viewing on desktop browsers. It is not suitable for mobile screen sizes. Wikimedia sites host a separate mobile site. It is not worth hosting a separate mobile site for small MediaWiki installations like those on FreedomBox. Using a mobile-friendly skin like Timeless is a cheaper way of solving the problem.

Administrators can choose a default skin from the app configuration. Users of the site also have the choice of viewing it with a different skin.

5.14.3 External links

- Website: https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/MediaWiki

5.15 Minetest (Block Sandbox)

Available since: version 0.9

Minetest is a multiplayer infinite-world block sandbox. This module enables the Minetest server to be run on this FreedomBox, on the default port (30000). To connect to the server, a Minetest client is needed.

5.15.1 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for Minetest:

- UDP 30000

5.15.2 External links

- Website: https://www.minetest.net
- Wiki: https://wiki.minetest.net

5.16 MiniDLNA (Simple Media Server)

Available since: version 19.23

MiniDLNA is a media server with the aim to be compliant with DLNA/UPnP clients.

Note: This service is available only on networks configured as "internal" zone. It is not available when connected via OpenVPN.

5.16.1 What is UPnP/DLNA?

Universal plug & play is a set of networking protocols that allow devices within a network such as PCs, TVs, printers etc. to seamlessly discover each other and establish communication for data sharing. It is zero configuration protocol and requires only a media server and a media player that are compliant with the protocol.

DLNA is derived from UPnP as a form of standardizing media interoperability. It forms a standard/certification which many consumer electronics conform to.

5.16.2 Setting up MiniDLNA on your FreedomBox

To install/enable the media server you need to navigate at MiniDLNA page and enable it. The application is intended to be available in the internal (home) network and therefore it requires a network interface configured for internal traffic.

After installation a web page becomes available on https://<your-freedombox>/_minidlna. It includes information for how many files the server is detecting, how many connections exist etc. This is very useful if plugging external disks with media to check if the new media files are detected properly. If that is not happening, disabling and enabling the server will fix it.

5.16.3 Using MiniDLNA to play media on your devices

Any DLNA compliant device or media player should be able to automatically detect, browse and play media from MiniDLNA on FreedomBox. The following devices and media players have been tested:

- **GNOME Videos**: Videos is the default media player on the popular GNU/Linux desktop environment GNOME. Open Videos, switch to 'Channels'. You should see a channel named 'freedombox: minidlna'. You will be able to browse and play media from it.
- **VLC media player**: VLC is a very popular media player for GNU/Linux, Android, Windows and macOS. Open VLC and click on 'View -> Playlist'. In the playlist sidebar that appears, select 'Universal Plug'n'Play'. You should see an item named 'freedombox: minidlna'. You should be able to browse and play media from it.

- **Kodi**: Kodi is a popular media centre software with user interface designed for Televisions. Open Kodi, goto 'System -> Service settings -> UPnP/DLNA' and 'Enable UPnP support'. Then visit 'Home -> Videos -> Files -> Add videos... -> Browse -> UPnP devices'. You should see 'freedombox: minidlna'. Select it and choose 'OK'. Then choose 'OK in the 'Add video source' dialog. From now on, you should see 'freedombox: minidlna' in 'Videos -> Files' section. You should be able to browse and play media from it. See Kodi documentation for more information.
- **Roku**: Roku is an appliance connected to a TV for playing Internet streaming services. Many TVs also have Roku built into them. In Roku interface, find a channel called 'Roku Media Player' and open it. You should see an item called 'freedombox: minidlna'. You should be able to browse and play media from it.
- **Rhythmbox**: Rhythmbox is the default audio player on the popular GNU/Linux desktop environment GNOME. Open Rhythmbox and ensure that the side pane is open by clicking on 'Application menu -> View -> Side Pane'. In the side pane you should see 'freedombox:minidlna' under the 'Shared' section. You should be able to browse and play audio files from it. Video files will not show up.

5.16.4 Supported media formats

MiniDLNA supports a wide variety of video and audio file formats.

- **Video**: Files ending with .avi, .mp4, .mkv, .mpg, .mpeg, .wmv, .m4v, .flv, .mov, .3gp, etc.
- **Audio**: Files ending with .mp3, .ogg, .flac, .wav, .pcm, .wma, .fla, .aac, etc.
- **Image**: Files ending with .jpg, .jpeg
- **Playlist**: Files ending with .m3u, .pls
- **Captions**: Files ending with .srt, .smi

Notably, it does **not** support the following file extensions. Renaming the file to a known extension seems to work in most cases.

- **Video**: Files ending with .webm

In addition to file format support from MiniDLNA, your media player or device needs to support the audio/video codecs with which the media has been encoded. MiniDLNA does not have the ability to translate files into a codec understood by the player. If you face problems with media playback, use the VLC player to find the codecs used in the media and the check your device or media player documentation on whether the codecs are supported.

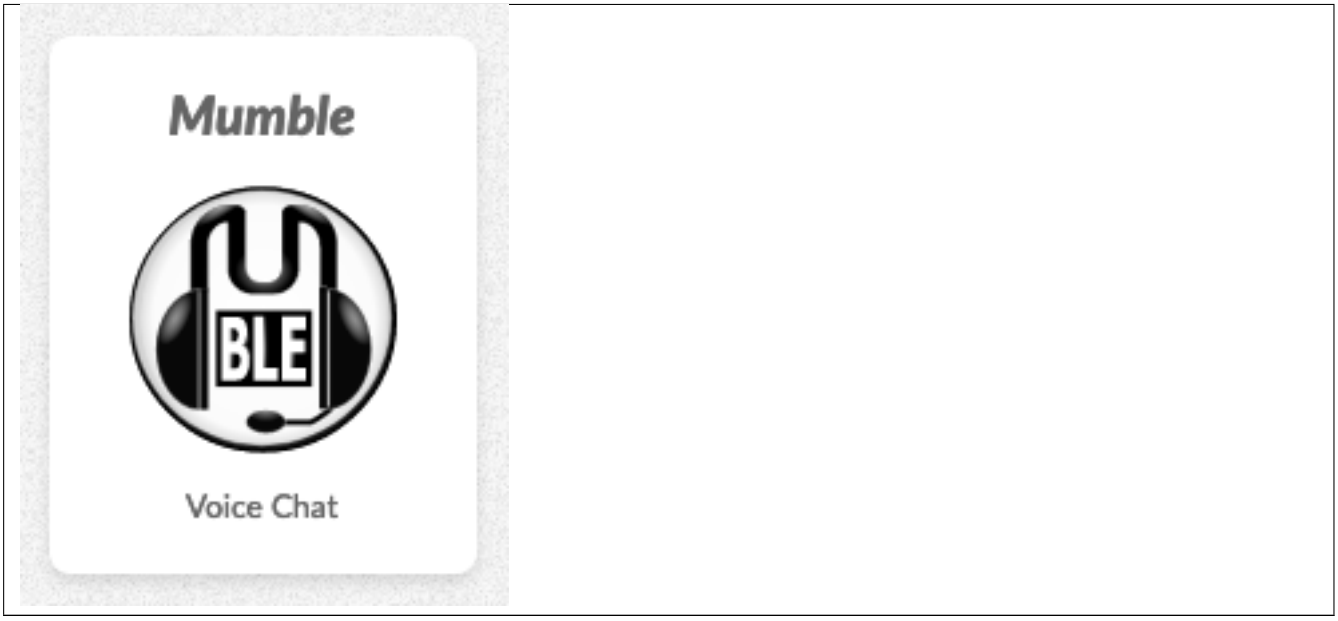
5.16.5 File systems for external drives

If using an external drive that is used also from a Windows system the preferred filesystem should be NTFS. NTFS will keep Linux file permissions and UTF8 encoding for file names. This is useful if file names are in your language.

5.16.6 External links

- Upstream project site: `http://minidlna.sourceforge.net`
- About DLNA: `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Living_Network_Alliance`

5.17 Mumble (Voice Chat) Server



Available since: version 0.5

5.17.1 What is Mumble?

Mumble is a voice chat software. Primarily intended for use while gaming, it is suitable for simple talking with high audio quality, noise suppression, encrypted communication, public/private-key authentication by default, and "wizards" to configure your microphone for instance. A user can be marked as a "priority speaker" within a channel.

5.17.2 Using Mumble

FreedomBox includes the Mumble server. Clients are available for desktop and mobile platforms. Users can download one of these clients and connect to the server.

5.17.3 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for Mumble:

- TCP 64738
- UDP 64738

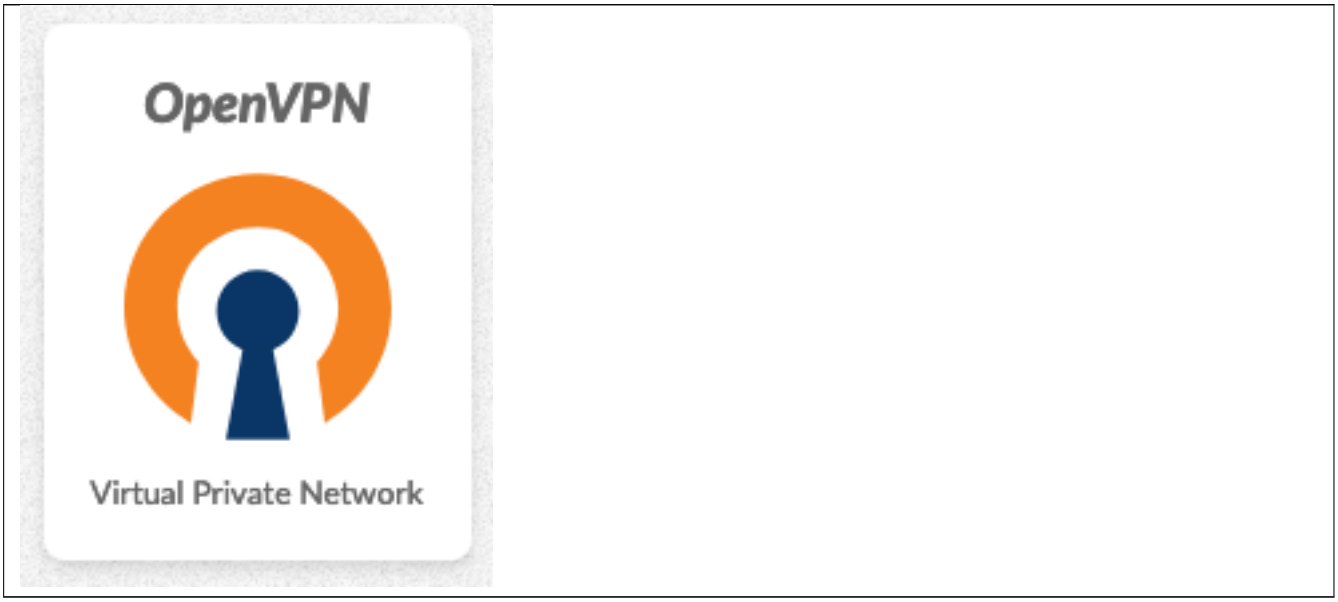
5.17.4 Managing Permissions

A super user in Mumble has the ability to create administrator accounts who can in turn manage groups and channel permissions. This can be done after logging in with the username "SuperUser" using the super user password. See Mumble Guide for information on how to do this. The SuperUser password can be set through the FreedomBox interface.

5.17.5 External links

- Website: https://www.mumble.info
- User documentation: https://www.mumble.info/documentation

5.18 OpenVPN (Virtual Private Network)



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5.18.1 What is OpenVPN?

OpenVPN provides to your FreedomBox a virtual private network service. You can use this software for remote access, site-to-site VPNs and Wi-Fi security. OpenVPN includes support for dynamic IP addresses and NAT.

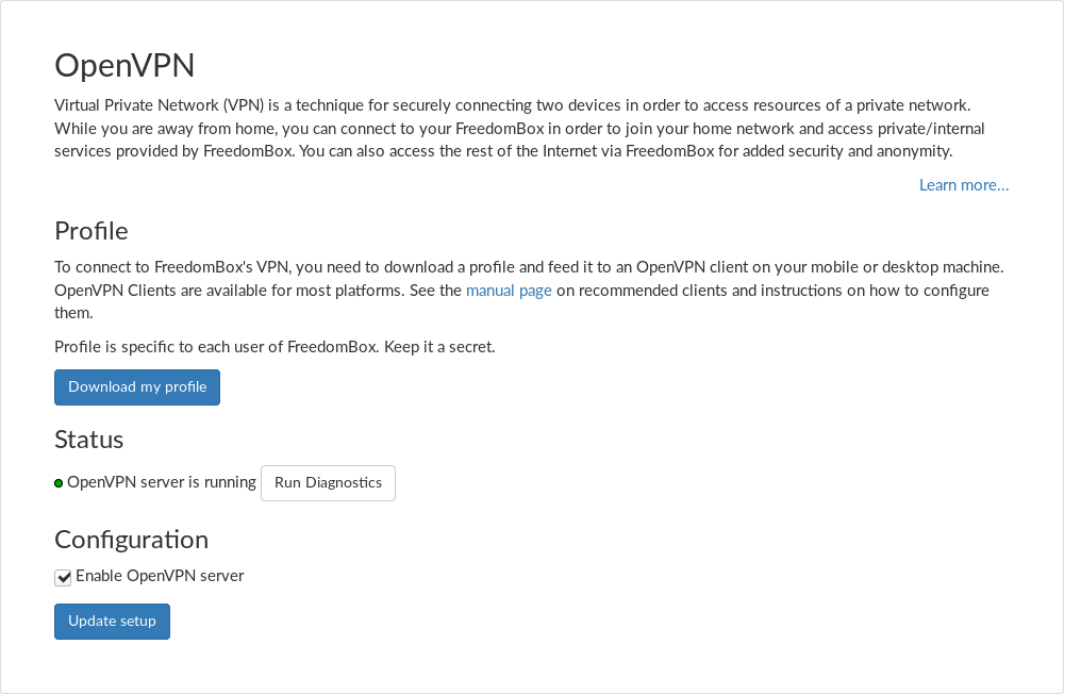
5.18.2 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for OpenVPN:

- UDP 1194

5.18.3 Setting up

1. In FreedomBox apps menu, select *Virtual Private Network (OpenVPN)* and click Install.
2. After the module is installed, there is an additional setup step that may take a long time to complete. Click "Start setup" to begin.



3. Wait for the setup to finish. This could take a while.
4. Once the setup of the OpenVPN server is complete, you can download your profile. This will download a file called <USER>.ovpn, where <USER> is the name of a FreedomBox user. Each FreedomBox user will be able to download a different profile. Users who are not administrators can download the profile from home page after login.
5. The ovpn file contains all the information a vpn client needs to connect to the server.
6. The downloaded profile contains the domain name of the FreedomBox that the client should connect to. This is picked up from the domain configured in 'Config' section of 'System' page. In case your domain is not configured properly, you may need to change this value after downloading the profile. If your OpenVPN client allows it, you can do this after importing the OpenVPN profile. Otherwise, you can edit the .ovpn profile file in a text editor and change the 'remote' line to contain the WAN IP address or hostname of your FreedomBox as follows.

```
client
remote mybox.freedombox.rocks 1194
proto udp
```

5.18.4 Troubleshooting

If your network doesn't support IPv6, you might have to remove the following line from your OpenVPN client configuration. This is especially in cases where your server supports IPv6 but client does not thus confusing the OpenVPN client on which protocol to use.

```
proto udp6
```

To connect via IPv4, ensure that the following line is present.

```
proto udp
```

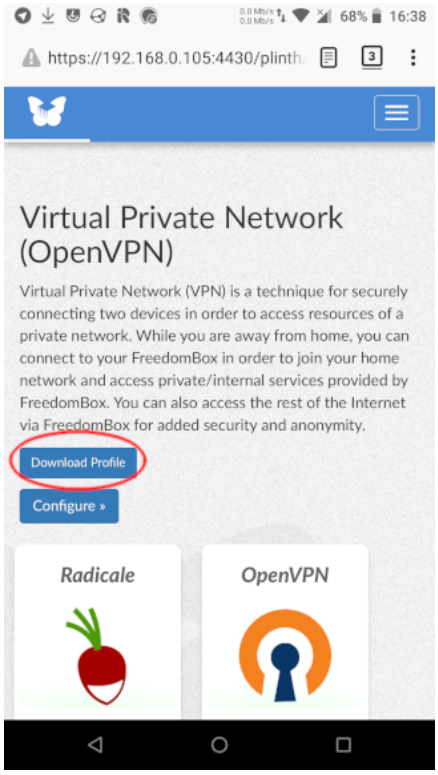
5.18.5 Browsing Internet after connecting to VPN

After connecting to the VPN, the client device will be able to browse the Internet without any further configuration. However, a pre-condition for this to work is that you need to have at least one Internet connected network interface which is part of the 'External' firewall zone. Use the networks configuration page to edit the firewall zone for the device's network interfaces.

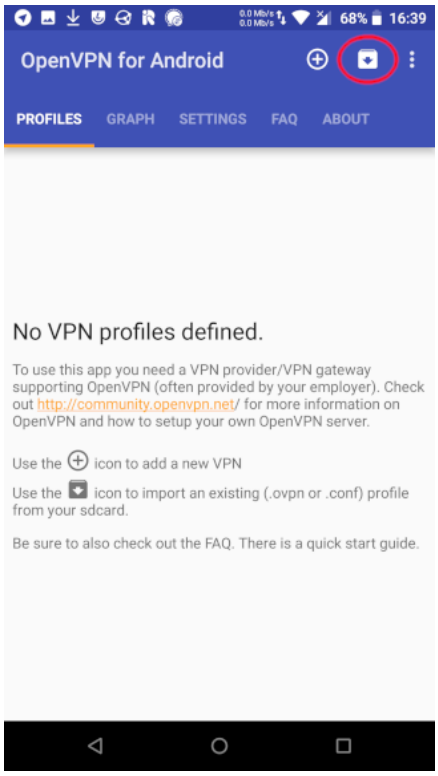
5.18.6 Usage

5.18.6.1 On Android/LineageOS

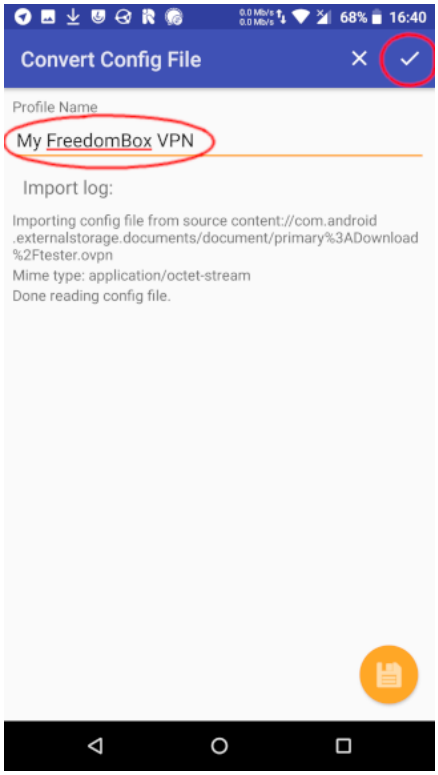
1. Visit FreedomBox home page. Login with your user account. From home page, download the OpenVPN profile. The file will be named *username*.ovpn.



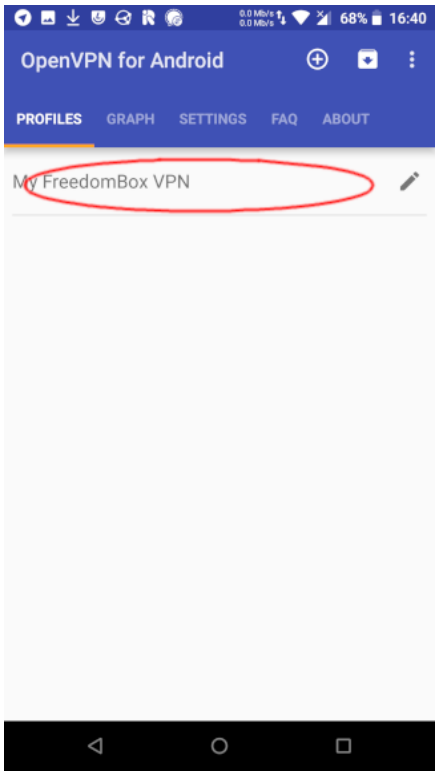
2. Download an OpenVPN client such as *OpenVPN for Android*. F-Droid repository is recommended. In the app, select import profile.

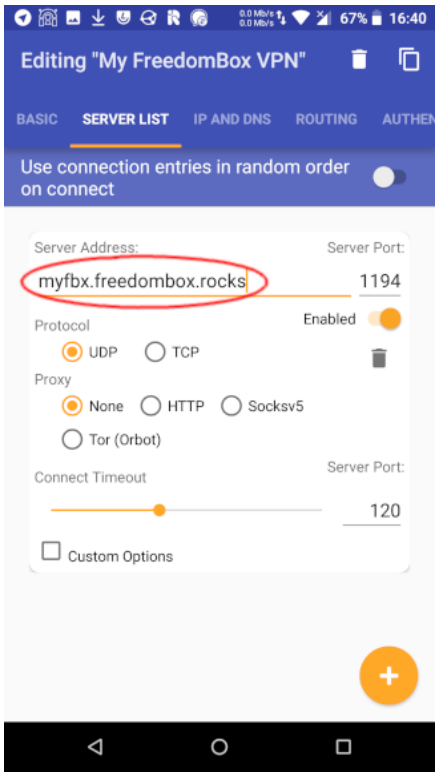


3. In the select profile dialog, choose the *username*.opvn file you have just downloaded. Provide a name for the connection and save the profile.

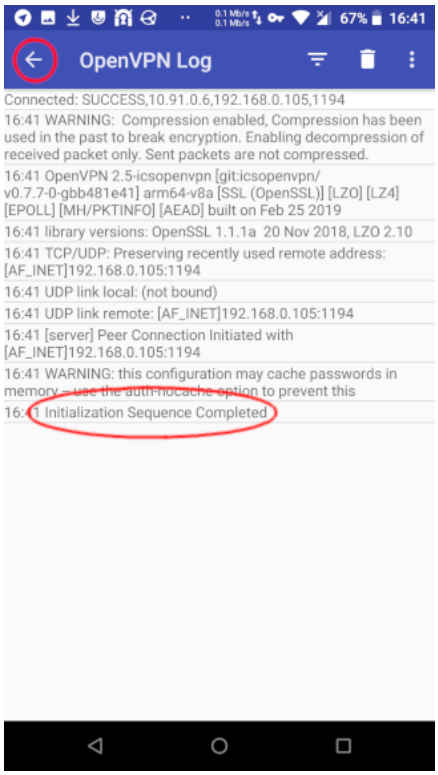


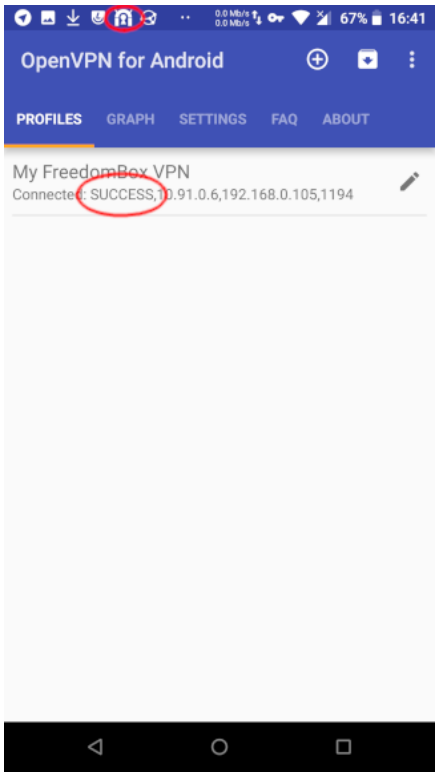
4. Newly created profile will show up. If necessary, edit the profile and set the domain name of your FreedomBox as the server address.

- 

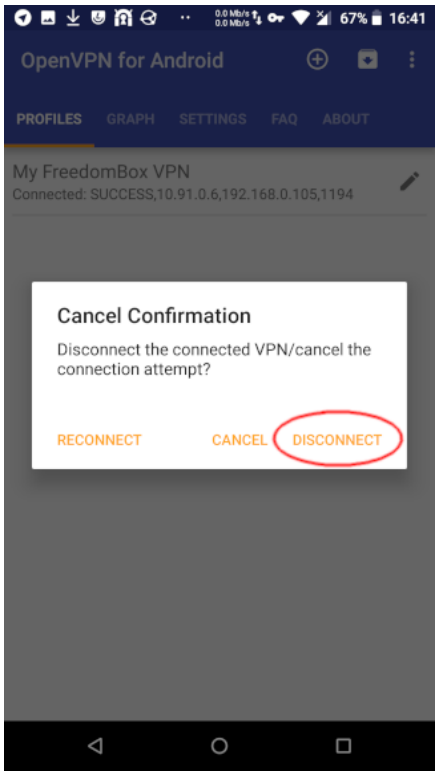


5. Connect by tapping on the profile.

- 

- 

6. When done, disconnect by tapping on the profile.

- 

5.18.6.2 On Debian

Install an OpenVPN client for your system

```
$ sudo apt install openvpn
```

Open the ovpn file with the OpenVPN client.

```
$ sudo openvpn --config /path/to/<USER>.ovpn
```

If you use Network Manager, you can create a new connection by importing the file:

```
$ sudo apt install network-manager-openvpn-gnome
$ sudo nmcli connection import type openvpn file /path/to/<USER>.ovpn
```

If you get an error such as `configuration error: invalid 1th argument to "proto" (line 5)` then edit the .ovpn file and remove the line `proto udp6`.

5.18.7 Checking if you are connected

5.18.7.1 On Debian

1. Try to ping the FreedomBox or other devices on the local network.
2. Running the command `ip addr` should show a `tun0` connection.
3. The command `traceroute freedombox.org` should show you the ip address of the VPN server as the first hop.

5.18.8 Accessing internal services

After connecting to OpenVPN, you will be able to access FreedomBox services that are only meant to be accessed on internal networks. This is in addition to being able to access external services. This can be done by using the IP address 10.91.0.1 as the host name for these services.

The following services are known to **work**:

- Privoxy,
- Tor Socks,
- Shadowsocks,
- I2P Proxy and
- Samba.

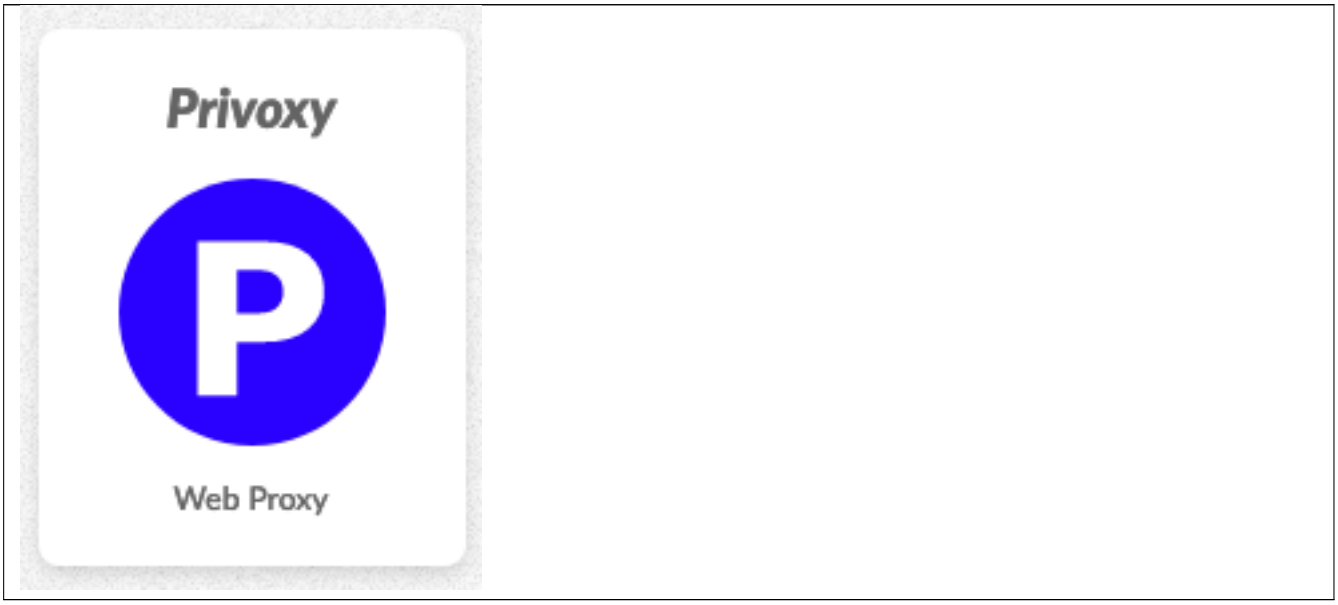
Some services are known **not** to work at this time:

- Avahi,
- bind and
- MiniDLNA.

5.18.9 External Links

- Wiki / Tracker: https://community.openvpn.net/openvpn

5.19 Privoxy (Web Proxy)



Available since: version 0.1

A web proxy acts as a filter for incoming and outgoing web traffic. Thus, you can instruct any computer in your network to pass internet traffic through the proxy to remove unwanted ads and tracking mechanisms.

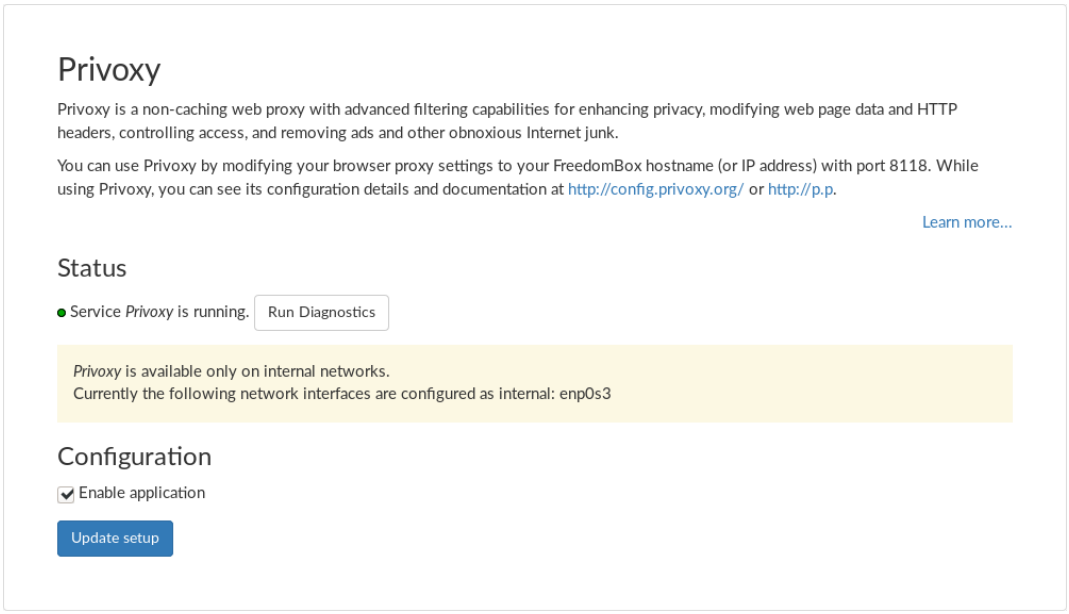
Privoxy is a software for security, privacy, and accurate control over the web. It provides a much more powerful web proxy (and anonymity on the web) than what your browser can offer. Privoxy "is a proxy that is primarily focused on privacy enhancement, ad and junk elimination and freeing the user from restrictions placed on his activities" (source: Privoxy FAQ).

5.19.1 Screencast

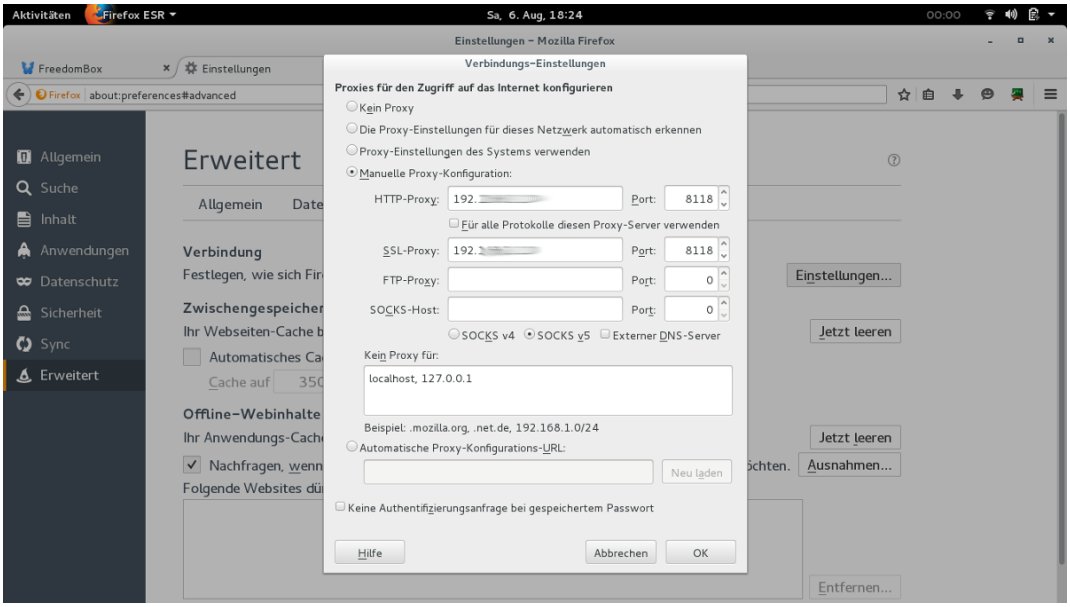
Watch the screencast on how to setup and use Privoxy in FreedomBox.

5.19.2 Setting up

1. In FreedomBox, install *Web Proxy (Privoxy)*



2. Adapt your browser proxy settings to your FreedomBox hostname (or IP address) with port 8118. Please note that Privoxy can only proxy HTTP and HTTPS traffic. It will not work with FTP or other protocols.



3. Go to page `http://config.privoxy.org/` or `http://p.p`. If Privoxy is installed properly, you will be able to configure it in detail; if not you will see an error message.

4. If you are using a laptop that occasionally has to connect through other routers than yours with the FreedomBox and Privoxy, you may want to install a proxy switch add-on that allows you to easily turn the proxy on or off.

5.19.3 Advanced Users

The default installation should provide a reasonable starting point for most. There will undoubtedly be occasions where you will want to adjust the configuration, that can be dealt with as the need arises.

1. Plan first:
   - While using Privoxy, you can see its configuration details and documentation at `http://config.privoxy.org/` or `http://p.p`.
   - The Quickstart is a good starting point to read on how to define own blocking and filtering rules.
   - Read carefully the manual, especially this **security warning**: *Access to the editor can not be controlled separately by "ACLs" or HTTP authentication, so that everybody who can access Privoxy can modify its configuration for all users. This option is not recommended for environments with untrusted users. Note that malicious client side code (e.g Java) is also capable of using the actions editor and you shouldn't enable this options unless you understand the consequences and are sure your browser is configured correctly.*
2. Only when you are ready, perform the changes:
   1. To enable changing these configurations, you first have to change the value of `enable-edit-actions` in `/etc/privox` to `1`.
   2. Now you find an `EDIT` button on the configuration screen in `http://config.privoxy.org/`.

5.19.4 External links

- Website: `https://www.privoxy.org`
- User manual: `https://www.privoxy.org/user-manual/index.html`

5.20 Quassel (Text Chat Client via IRC)

Available since: version 0.8

Quassel is an IRC application that is split into two parts, a "core" and a "client". This allows the core to remain connected to IRC servers, and to continue receiving messages, even when the client is disconnected. FreedomBox can run the Quassel core service keeping you always online and one or more Quassel clients from a desktop or a mobile device can be used to connect and disconnect from it.

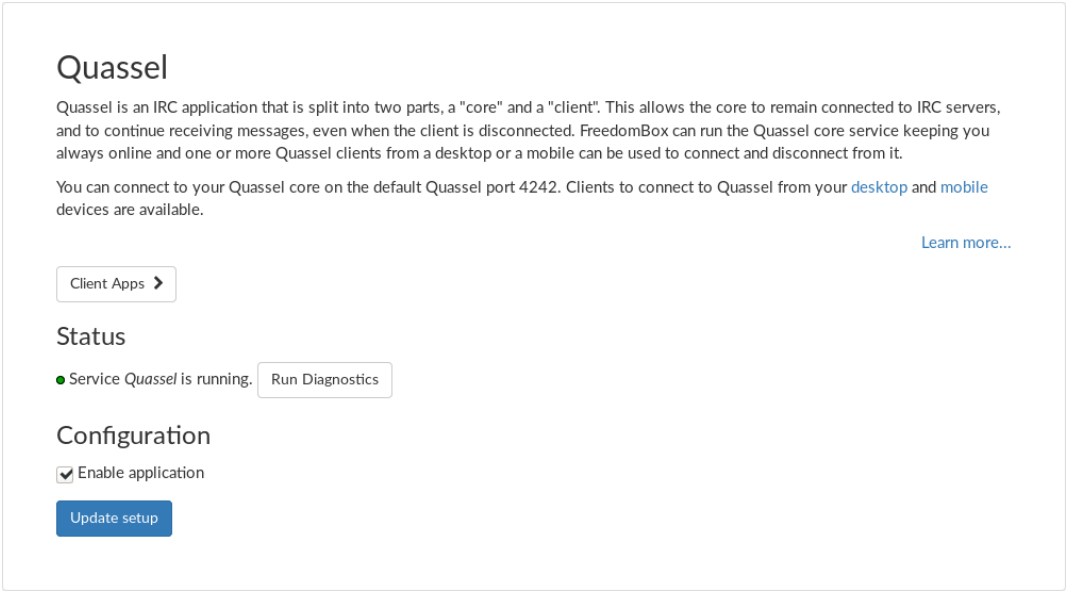
5.20.1 Why run Quassel?

Many discussions about FreedomBox are being done on the IRC-Channel `irc://irc.debian.org/freedombox`. If your FreedomBox is running *Quassel*, it will collect all discussions while you are away, such as responses to your questions. Remember, the FreedomBox project is a worldwide project with people from nearly every time zone. You use your *client* to connect to the *Quassel* core to read and respond whenever you have time and are available.

5.20.2 How to setup Quassel?

- Within FreedomBox's web interface

  1. select *Applications*
  2. go to *IRC Client (Quassel)* and
  3. install the application and make sure it is enabled

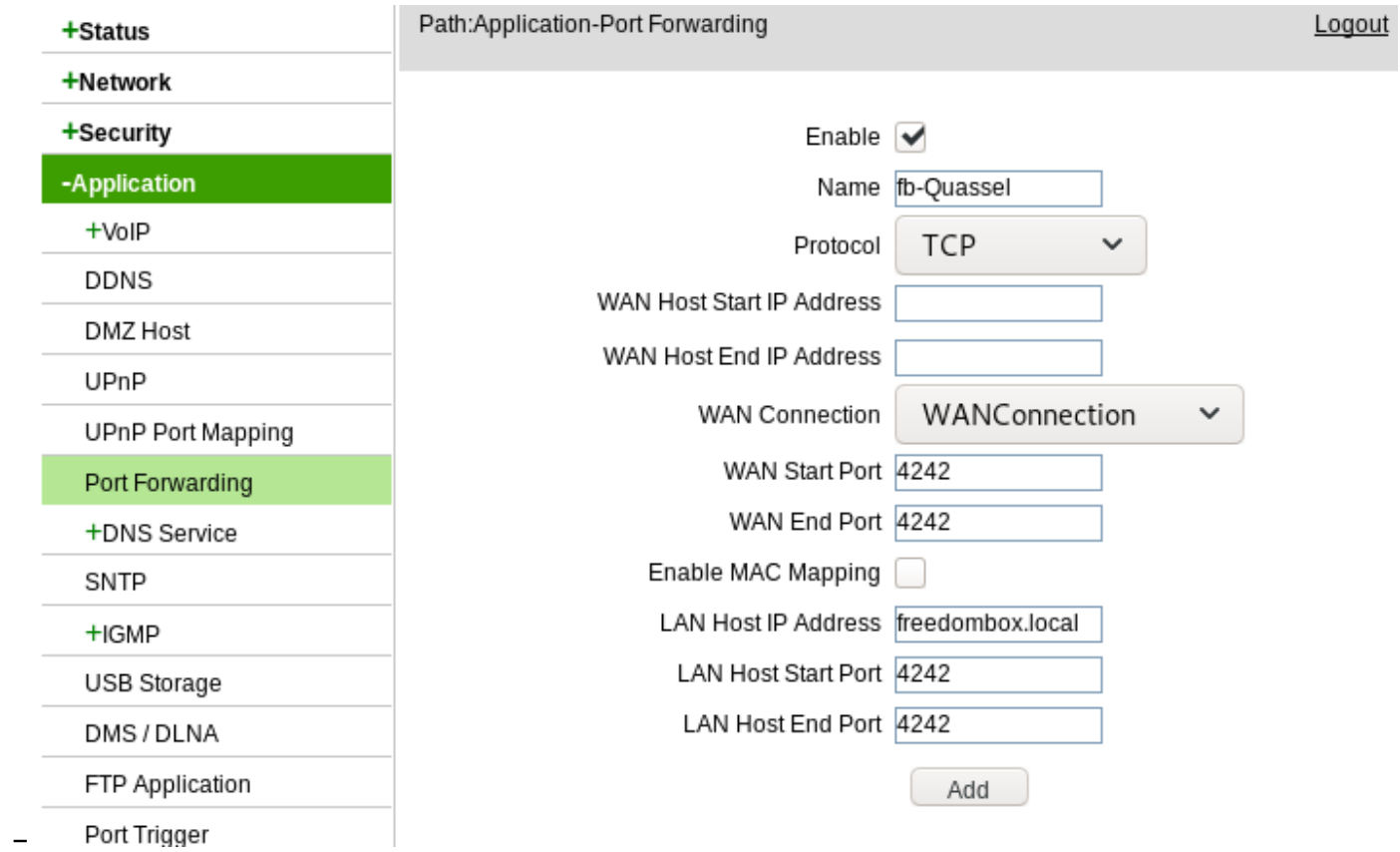


  4. now your Quassel core is running

5.20.3 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports for Quassel:

- TCP 4242
- Example configuration in router:



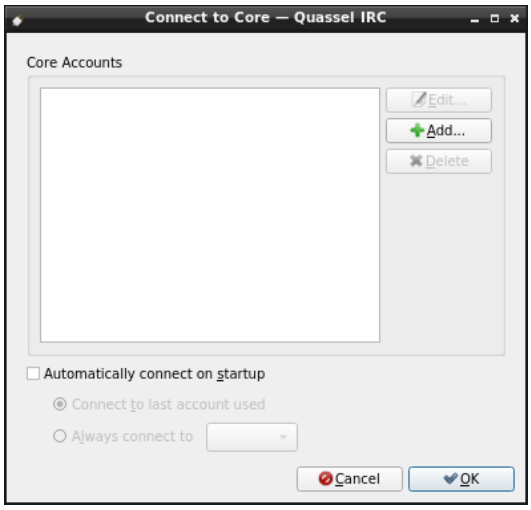
5.20.4 Clients

Clients to connect to Quassel from your desktop and mobile devices are available.

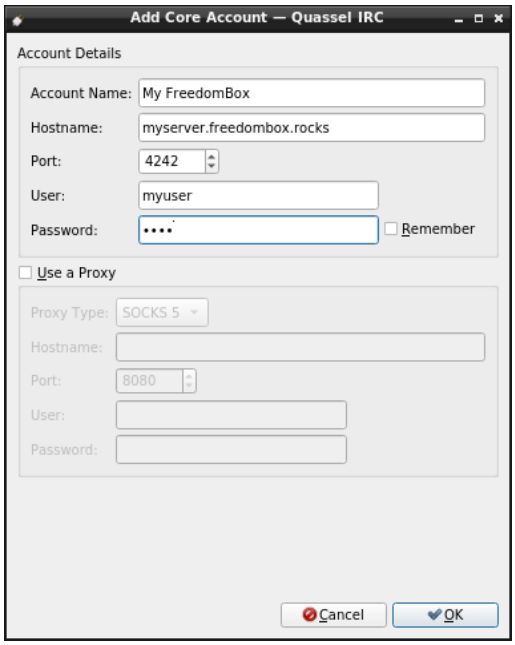
5.20.4.1 Desktop

In a Debian system, you can e.g. use quassel-client. The following steps describe how to connect Quassel Client with Quassel Core running on a FreedomBox. The first time you do this connection, Quassel Core will be initialized too.

1. Launch Quassel Client. You will be greeted with a wizard to `Connect to Core`.

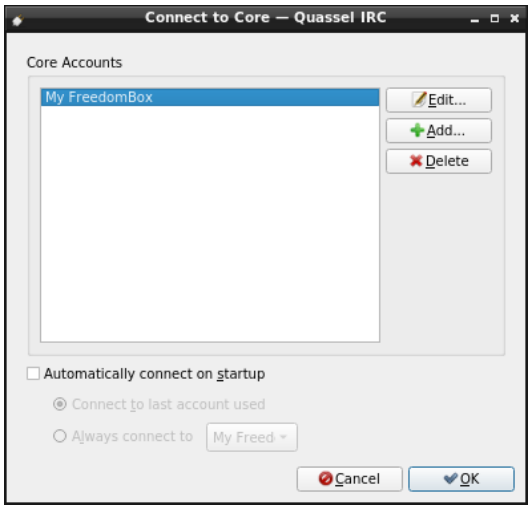


2. Click the `Add` button to launch `Add Core Account` dialog.



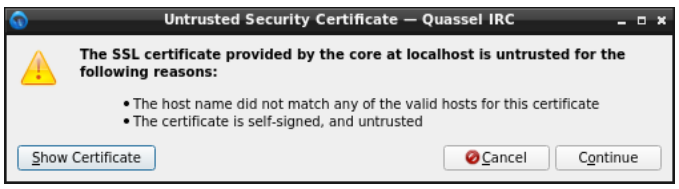
3. Fill any value in the `Account Name` field. Fill proper DNS hostname of your FreedomBox in `Hostname` filed. `Port` field must have the value `4242`. Provide the username and password of the account you wish to create to connect to the Quassel Core in the `User` and `Password` fields. Choose `Remember` if don't wish to be prompted for a password every time you launch Quassel client.

4. After pressing `OK` in the `Add Core Account` dialog, you should see the core account in the `Connect to Core` dialog.

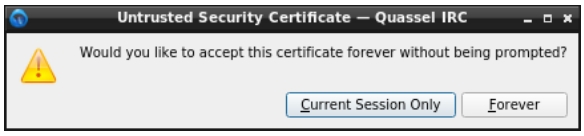


5. Select the newly created core account and select `OK` to connect to it.

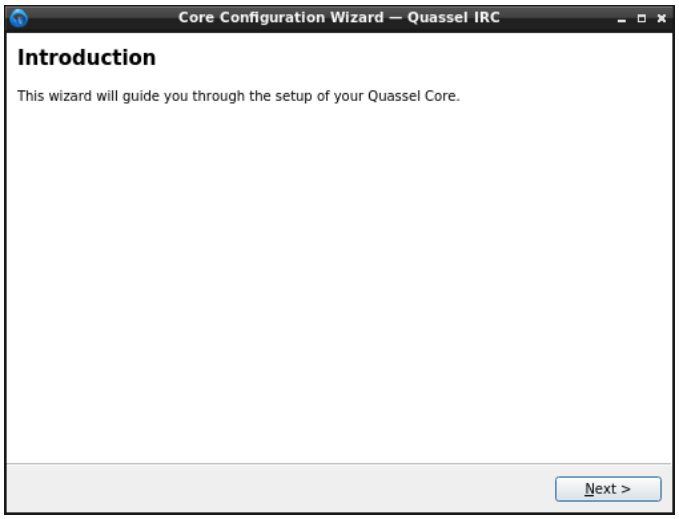
6. If this is the first time you are connecting to this core. You will see an `Untrusted Security Certificate` warning and need to accept the server certificate.



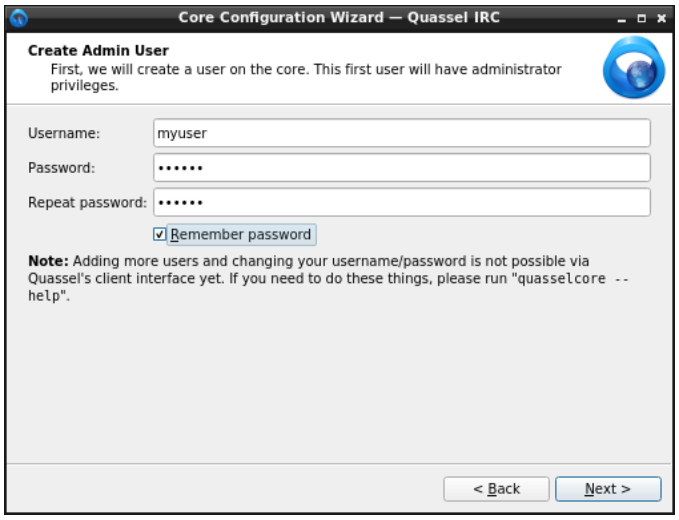
7. Select `Continue`. Then you will be asked if you wish to accept the certificate permanently. Select `Forever`.

- 

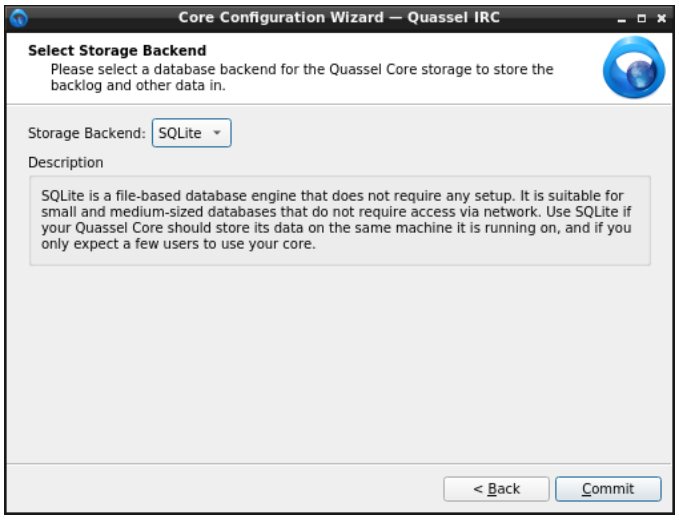
8. If this Quassel Core has not been connected to before, you will then see a `Core Configuration Wizard`. Select `Next`.

- 

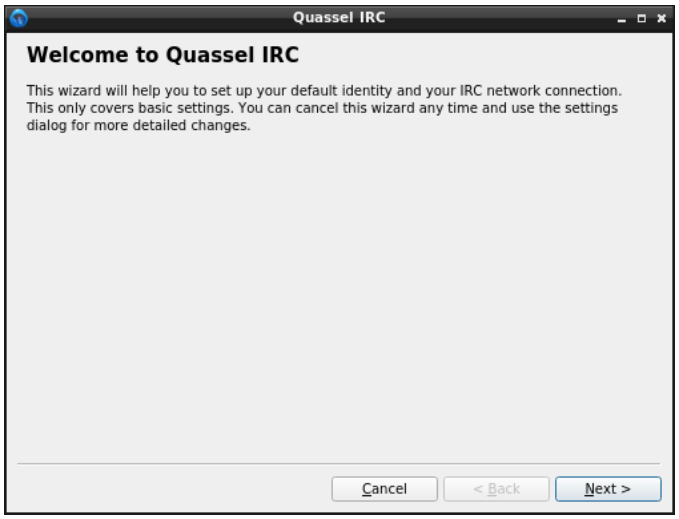
9. In the `Create Admin User` page, enter the username and password you have used earlier to create the core connection. Select `Remember password` to remember this password for future sessions. Click `Next`.

- 

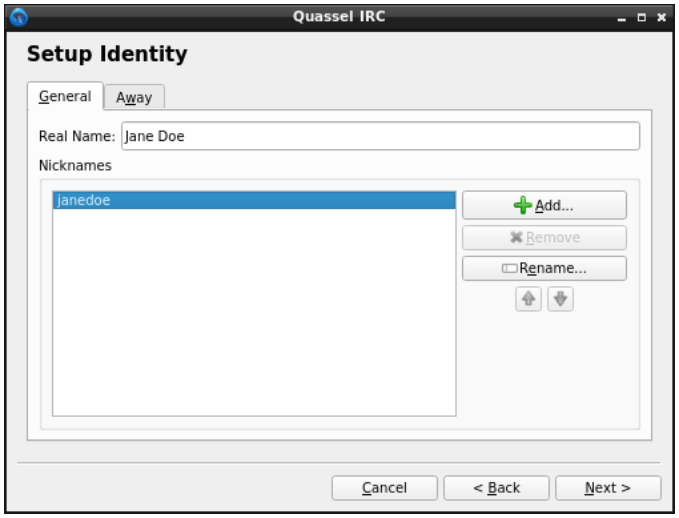
10. In the `Select Storage Backend` page, select `SQLite` and click `Commit`.



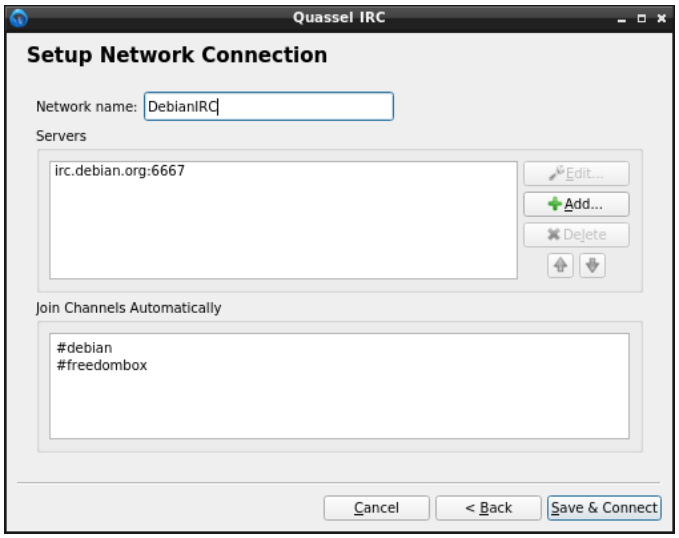
11. The core configuration is then complete and you will see a `Quassel IRC` wizard to configure your IRC connections. Click `Next`.



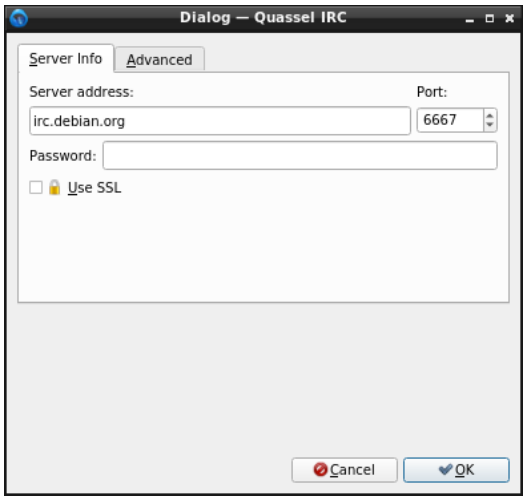
12. In `Setup Identity` page next, provide a name and multiple nicknames. This is how you present yourself to other users on IRC. It is not necessary to give your real world name. Multiple nicknames are useful as fallback nicknames when the first nickname can't be used for some reason. After providing the information click `Next`.



13. In `Setup Network Connection` page next, provide a network name of your choice. Next provide a list of servers to which Quassel Core should connect to in order to join this IRC network (such as irc.debian.org:6667).



14. Select the server in the servers list and click `Edit`. In the `Server Info` dialog, set the port `6697` (consult your network's documentation for actual list of servers and their secure ports) and click `Use SSL`. Click `OK`. This is to ensure that communication between your FreedomBox and the IRC network server is encrypted.



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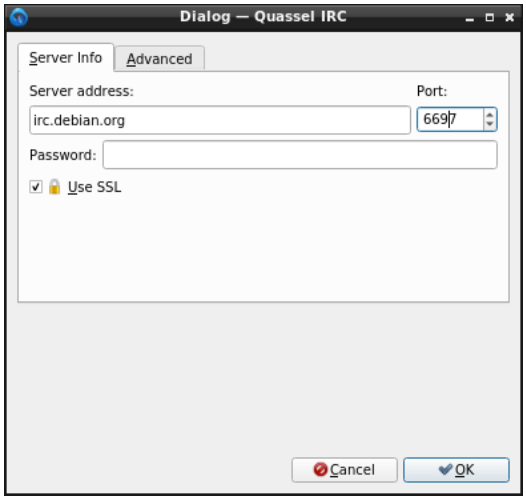
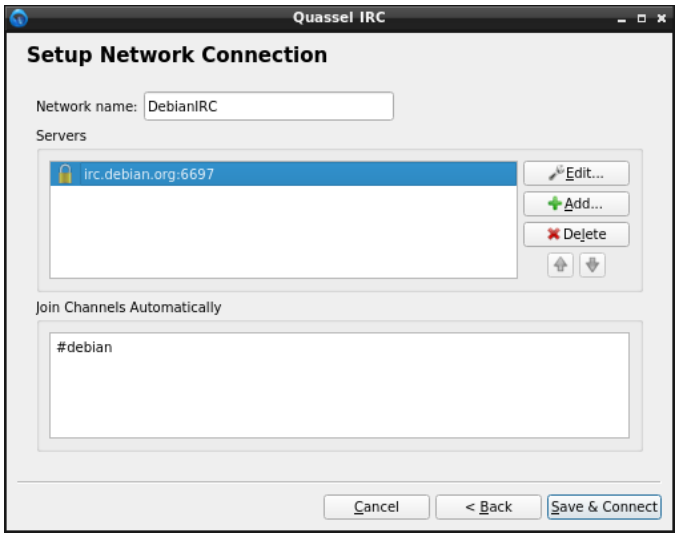
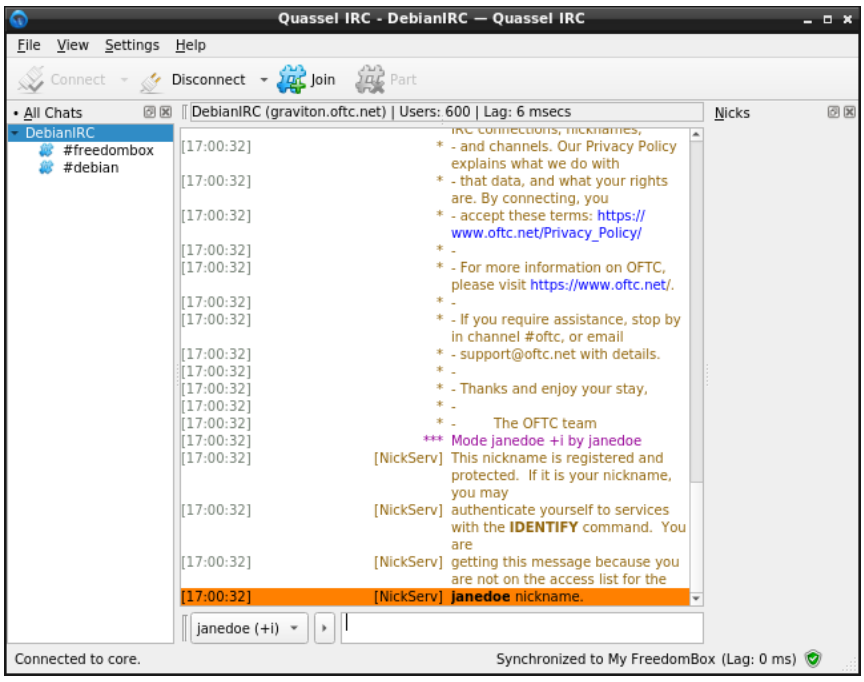


15. Back in the `Setup Network Connection` dialog, provide a list of IRC channels (such as #freedombox) to join upon connecting to the network. Click `Save & Connect`.



16. You should connect to the network and see the list of channels you have joined on the `All Chats` pane on the left of the Quassel Client main window.

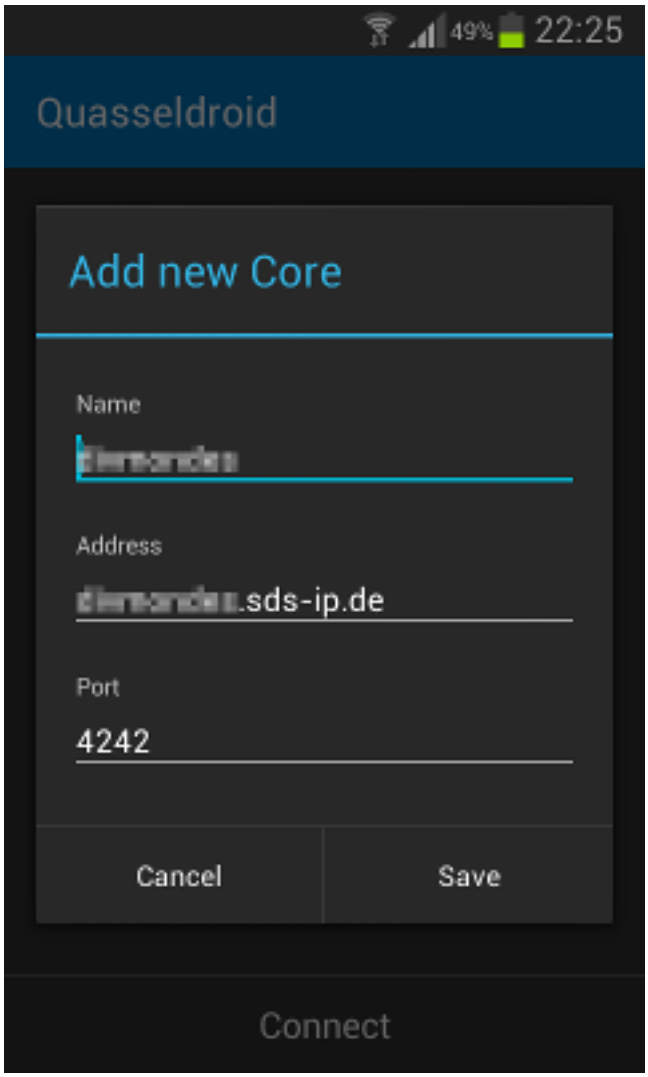


17. Select a channel and start seeing messages from others in the channel and send your own messages.

5.20.4.2 Android

For Android devices you may use e.g. *Quasseldroid* from F-Droid

- enter core, username etc. as above

– 

By the way, the German verb *quasseln* means *talking a lot*, to *jabber*.

5.20.5 External links

- Website: https://quassel-irc.org
- Wiki: https://bugs.quassel-irc.org/projects/quassel-irc/wiki

5.21 Radicale (Calendar and Addressbook)

Available since: version 0.9

With Radicale, you can synchronize your personal calendars, ToDo lists, and addressbooks with your various computers, tablets, and smartphones, and share them with friends, without letting third parties know your personal schedule or contacts.

5.21.1 Why should I run Radicale?

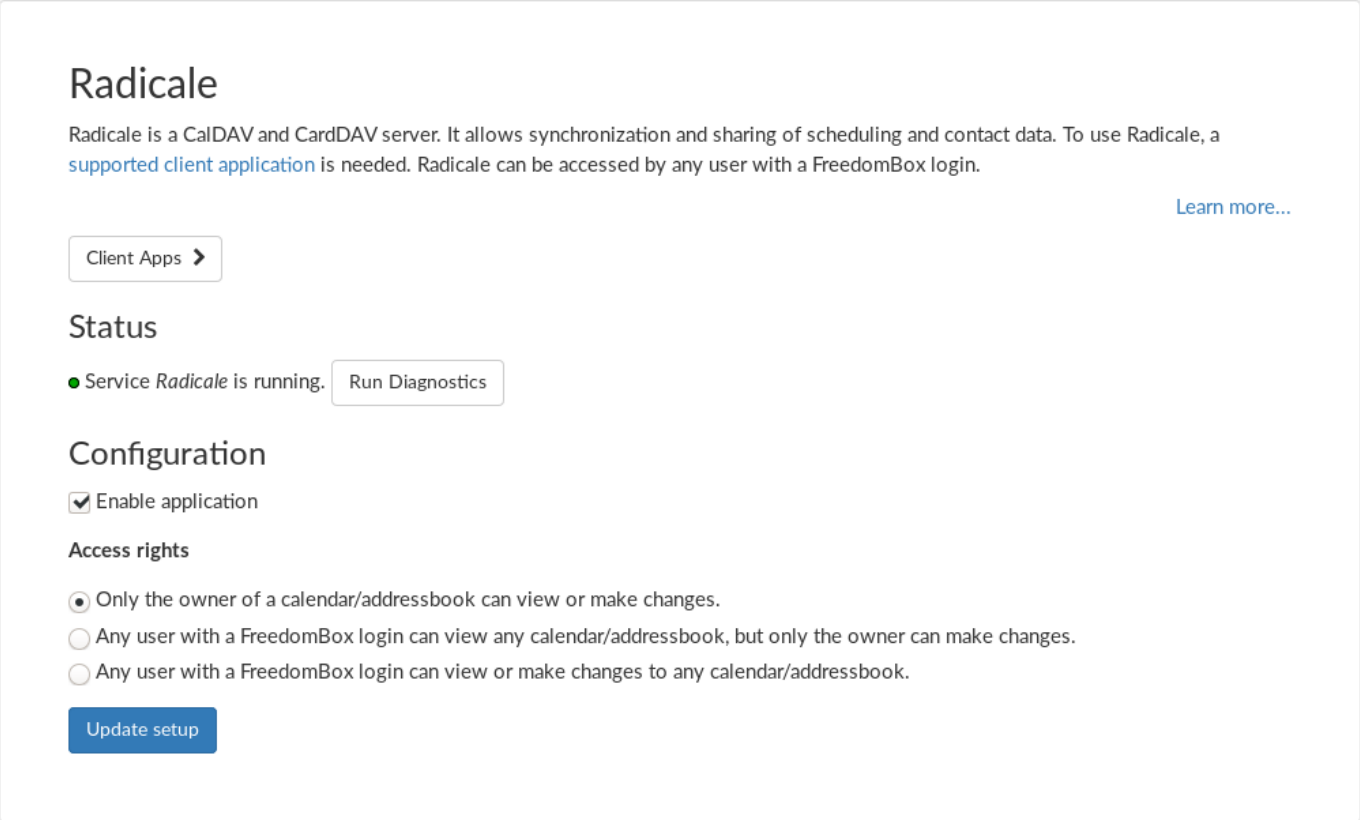
Using Radicale, you can get rid of centralized services like Google Calendar or Apple Calendar (iCloud) data mining your events and social connections.

5.21.2 How to setup Radicale?

First, the Radicale server needs to be activated on your box.

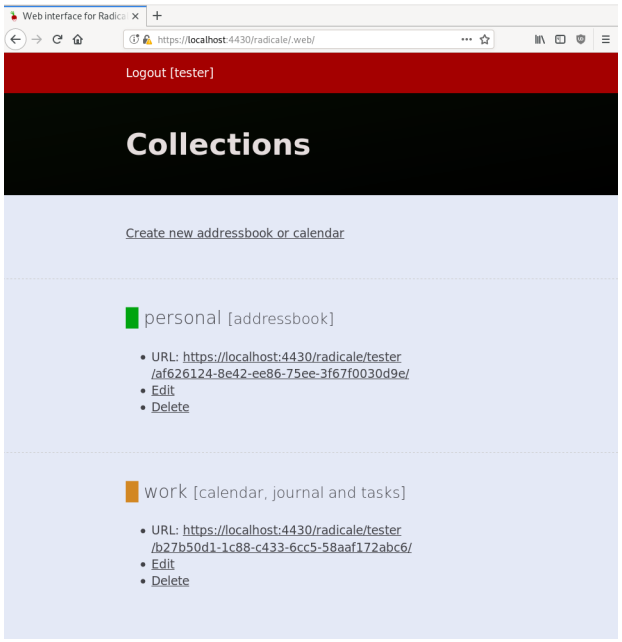
- Within FreedomBox Service:
  1. select *Apps*
  2. go to *Radicale (Calendar and Addressbook)* and
  3. install the application. After the installation is complete, make sure the application is marked "enabled" in the FreedomBox interface. Enabling the application launches the Radicale CalDAV/CardDAV server.
  4. define the access rights:
     - Only the owner of a calendar/addressbook can view or make changes
     - Any user can view any calendar/addressbook, but only the owner can make changes
     - Any user can view or make changes to any calendar/addressbook

Note, that only users with a FreedomBox login can access Radicale.



If you want to share a calendar with only some users, the simplest approach is to create an additional user-name for these users and to share that user-name and password with them.

Radicale provides a basic web interface, which only supports creating new calendars and addressbooks. To add events or contacts, an external supported client application is needed.

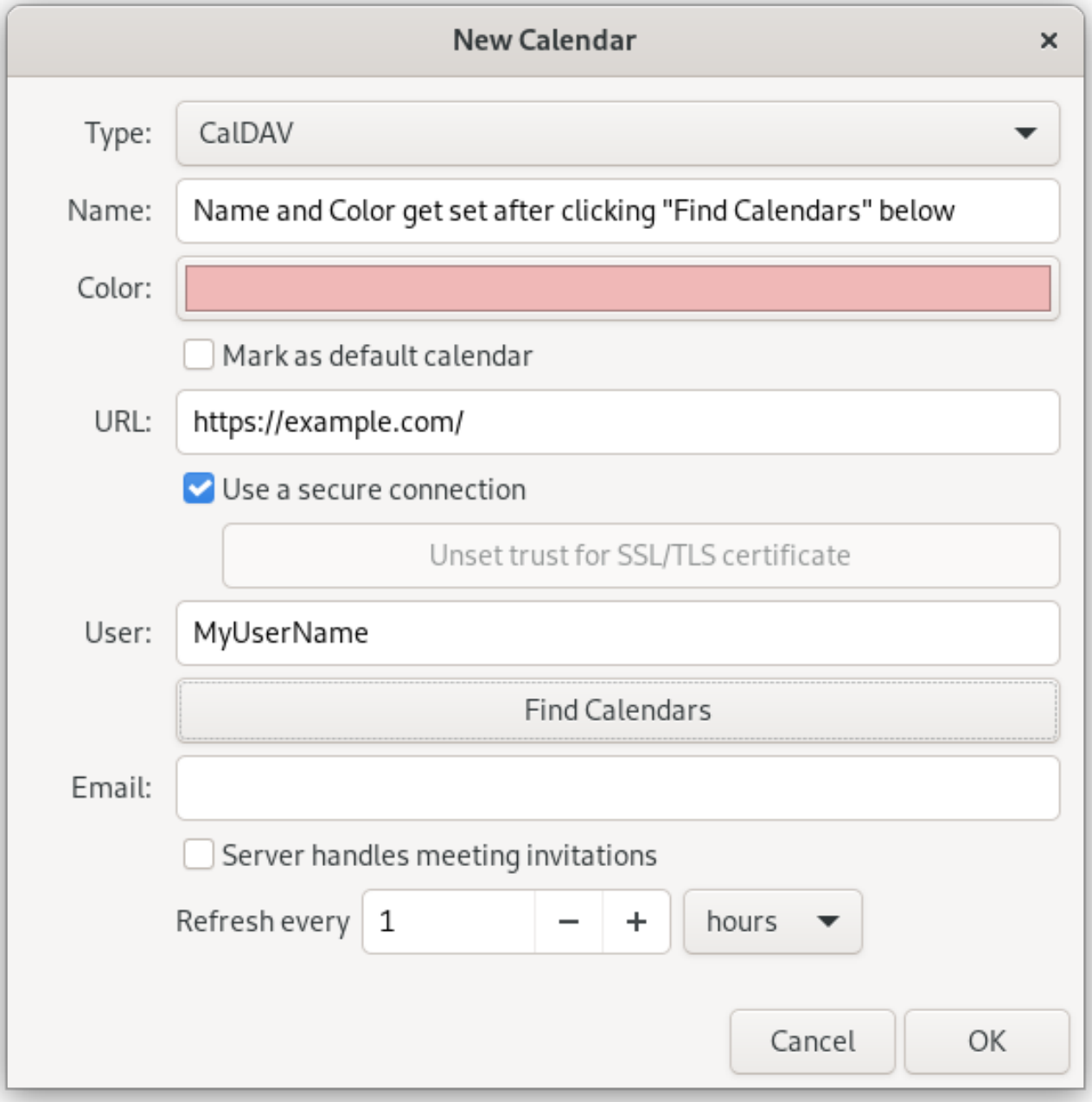


- Creating addressbook/calendar using the web interface
  - Visit `https://`*IP-address-or-domain-for-your-server*`/radicale/`
  - Log in with your FreedomBox account

  - Select "Create new addressbook or calendar"
  - Provide a title and select the type
  - Optionally, provide a description or select a color
  - Click "Create"
  - The page will show the URL for your newly created addressbook or calendar

Now open your client application to create new calendar and address books that will use your FreedomBox and Radicale server. The Radicale website provides an overview of supported clients, but do *not* use the URLs described there; FreedomBox uses another setup, follow this manual. Below are the steps for two examples:

- Example of setup with Evolution client:
  - Calendar
    1. Create a new calendar
    2. For "Type," select "CalDAV"
    3. When "CalDAV" is selected, additional options will appear in the dialogue window.
    4. URL: `https://`*IP-address-or-domain-for-your-server*. Items in *italics* need to be changed to match your settings.
    5. Enable "Use a secure connection."
    6. User: *USERNAME*. Your Freedombox user-name.
    7. Click on "Find Calendars"
    8. Enter your password and select a calendar



- TODO/Tasks list: Adding a TODO/Tasks list is basically the same as a calendar.
- Contacts
  * Follow the same steps described above and replace CalDAV with WebDAV.

5.21.3 Synchronizing over Tor

In FreedomBox, setting up a calendar with Radicale over Tor is the same as over the clear net. Here is a short summary:

1. When logged in to FreedomBox interface over Tor, click on Radicale, and at the prompt provide your FreedomBox user name and password.
2. In the Radicale web interface, log in using your FreedomBox user name and password.

3. Click on "Create new address book or calendar", provide a title, select a type, and click "Create".
4. Save the URL, e.g., `https://`*ONION-ADDRESS-FOR-YOUR-SERVER*`.onion/radicale/`*USERNAME*`/`*CALENDAR-CODE*`/`. Items in *italics* need to be changed to match your settings.

These instructions are for Thunderbird/Lightning. Note that you will need to be connected to Tor with the Tor Browser Bundle.

1. Open Thunderbird, install the Torbirdy add-on, and restart Thunderbird. (This may not be necessary.)
2. In the Lightning interface, under Calendar/Home in the left panel right click with the mouse and select "New calendar".
3. Select the location of your calendar as "On the Network".
4. Select CalDAV and for the location copy the URL, e.g., `https://`*ONION-ADDRESS-FOR-YOUR-SERVER*`.onion/radical`*CODE*`/`. Items in *italics* need to be changed to match your settings.
5. Provide a name, etc. Click "Next". Your calendar is now syncing with your FreedomBox over Tor.
6. If you have not generated a certificate for your FreedomBox with "Let's Encrypt", you may need to select "Confirm Security Exception" when prompted.

5.21.4 Synchronizing with your Android phone

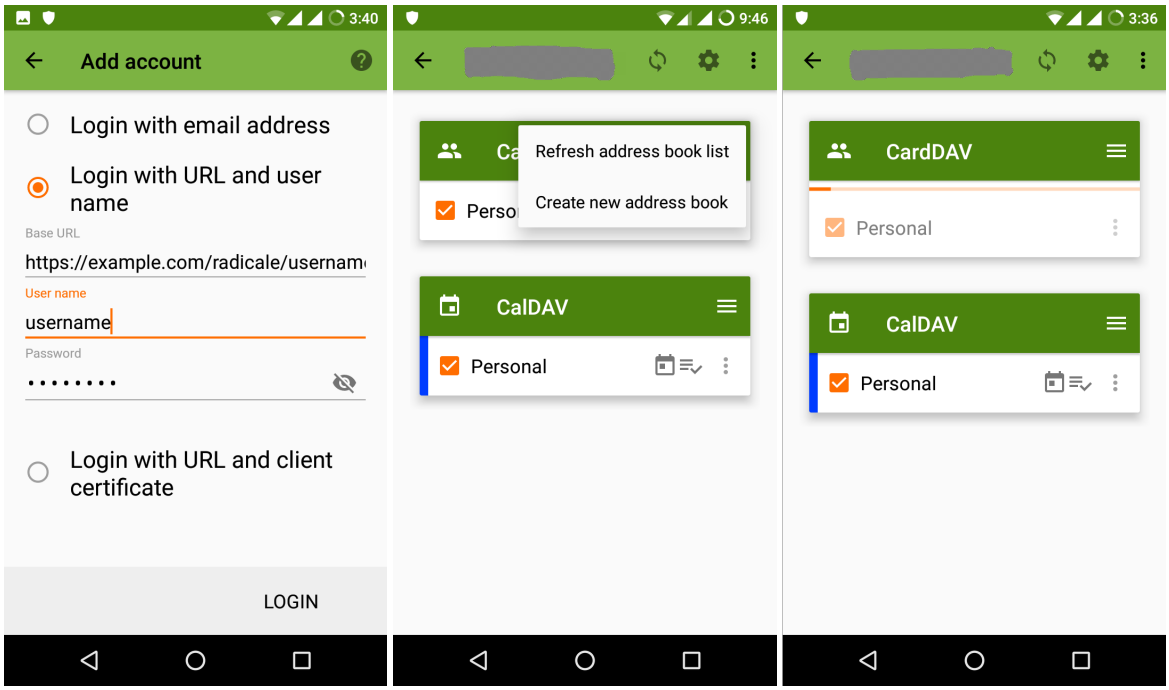
There are various Apps that allow integration with the Radicale server. This example uses DAVx5, which is available e.g. on F-Droid. If you intend to use ToDo-Lists as well, the compatible app OpenTasks has to be installed first.

Follow these steps for setting up your account with the Radicale server running on your FreedomBox.

1. Install DAVx5
2. Create a new account on DAVx5 by clicking on the floating + button.
3. Select the second option as shown in the first figure below and enter the base url as *https://<your.freedombox.address>/radicale/use*
(don't miss the / at the end). DAVx5 will be able to discover both CalDAV and WebDAV accounts for the user.
4. Follow this video from DAVx5 FAQ to learn how to migrate your existing contacts to Radicale.

Synchronizing contacts

1. Click on the hamburger menus of CalDAV and CardDAV and select either "Refresh ..." in case of existing accounts or "Create ..." in case of new accounts (see the second screenshot below).
2. Check the checkboxes for the address books and calendars you want to synchronize and click on the sync button in the header. (see the third screenshot below)



5.21.5 Advanced Users

5.21.5.1 Sharing resources

Above was shown an easy way to create a resource for a group of people by creating a dedicated account for all. Here will be described an alternative method where two users `User1` and `User2` are granted access to a calendar. This requires SSH-access to the FreedomBox.

1. create a file `/etc/radicale/rights`
   - ```
     [friends_calendar]
     user: ^(User1|User2)$
     collection: ^.*/calendar_of_my_friends.ics$
     permission: rw

     # Give write access to owners
     [owner-write]
     user: .+
     collection: ^%(login)s/.+$
     permission: rw
     ```
   - `[friends_calendar]` is just an identifier, can be any name.
   - The `[owner-write]` section makes sure that owners have access to their own files
2. edit file `/etc/radicale/config` and make the following changes in section `[rights]`
   - ```
     [rights]
     type = from_file
     file = /etc/radicale/rights
     ```
3. Restart the radicale server or the FreedomBox

5.21.5.2 Importing files

If you are using a contacts file exported from another service or application, it should be copied to: /var/lib/radicale/collections/*user*/*contact file name*.vcf.

5.21.6 External links

- Website: https://radicale.org/3.0.html

5.22 Roundcube (Email Client)

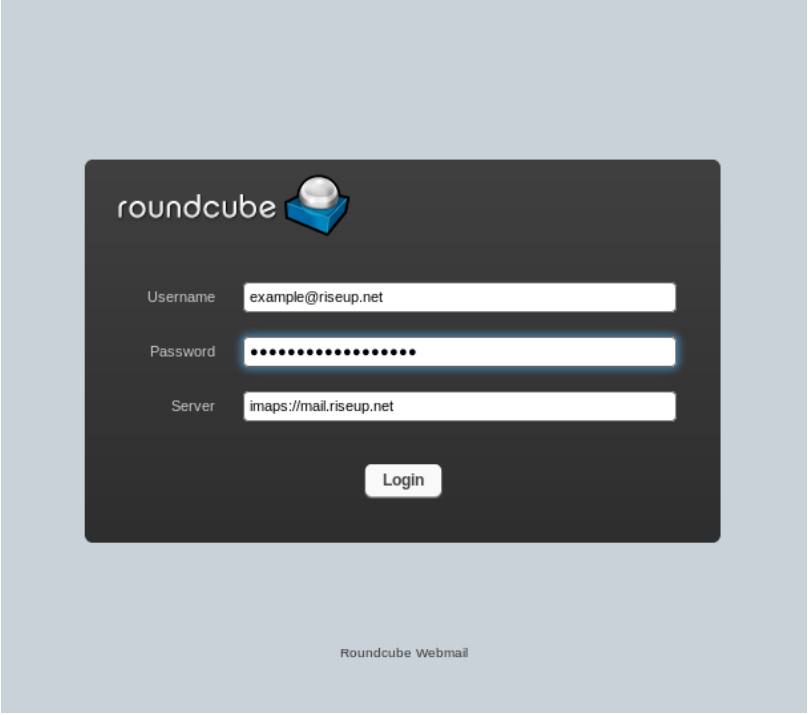
Available since: version 0.5

5.22.1 What is Roundcube?

Roundcube is a browser-based multilingual email client with an application-like user interface. Roundcube is using the Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) to access e-mail on a remote mail server. It supports MIME to send files, and provides particularly address book, folder management, message searching and spell checking.

5.22.2 Using Roundcube

After Roundcube is installed, it can be accessed at `https://<your freedombox>/roundcube`. Enter your username and password. The username for many mail services will be the full email address such as *exampleuser@example.org* and not just the username like *exampleuser*. Enter the address of your email service's IMAP server address in the *Server* field. You can try providing your domain name here such as *example.org* for email address *exampleuser@example.org* and if this does not work, consult your email provider's documentation for the address of the IMAP server. Using encrypted connection to your IMAP server is strongly recommended. To do this, prepend 'imaps://' at the beginning of your IMAP server address. For example, *imaps://imap.example.org*.



5.22.3 Using Gmail with Roundcube

If you wish to use Roundcube with your Gmail account, you need to first enable support for password based login in your Google account preferences. This is because Gmail won't allow applications to login with a password by default. To do this, visit Google Account preferences and enable *Less Secure Apps*. After this, login to Roundcube by providing your Gmail address as *Username*, your password and in the server field use *imaps://imap.gmail.com*.

5.22.4 External links

- Website: https://roundcube.net

5.23 RSS Bridge (RSS Feed Generator)

Available since: version 22.16

5.23.1 What is RSS Bridge?

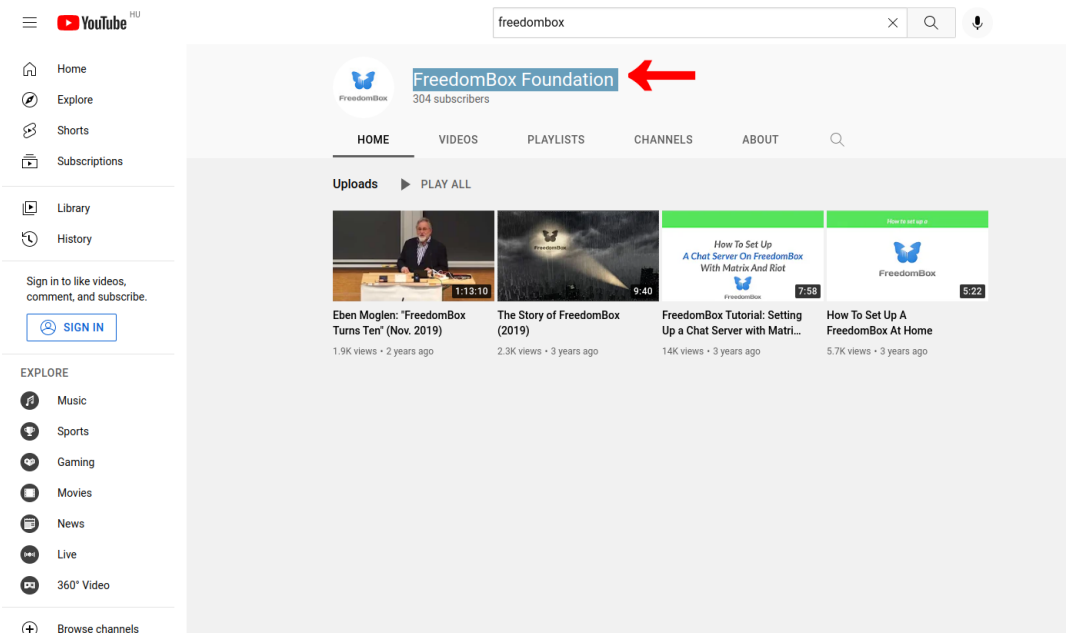
RSS-Bridge is a web application capable of generating RSS and Atom feeds for websites that don't have one. For example, with the help of RSS Bridge you can subscribe to YouTube channels without having to have a YouTube account.

5.23.2 Usage Example

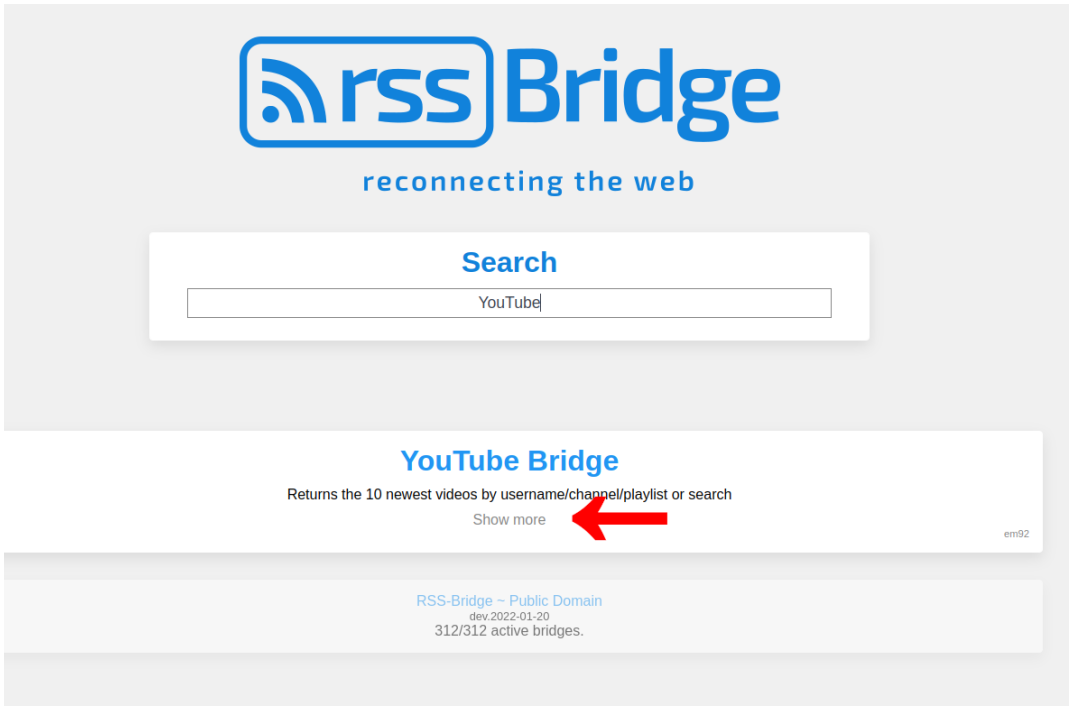
5.23.2.1 Subscribing to a YouTube account

In this example, we will see one of the ways to subscribe to a given YouTube channel.

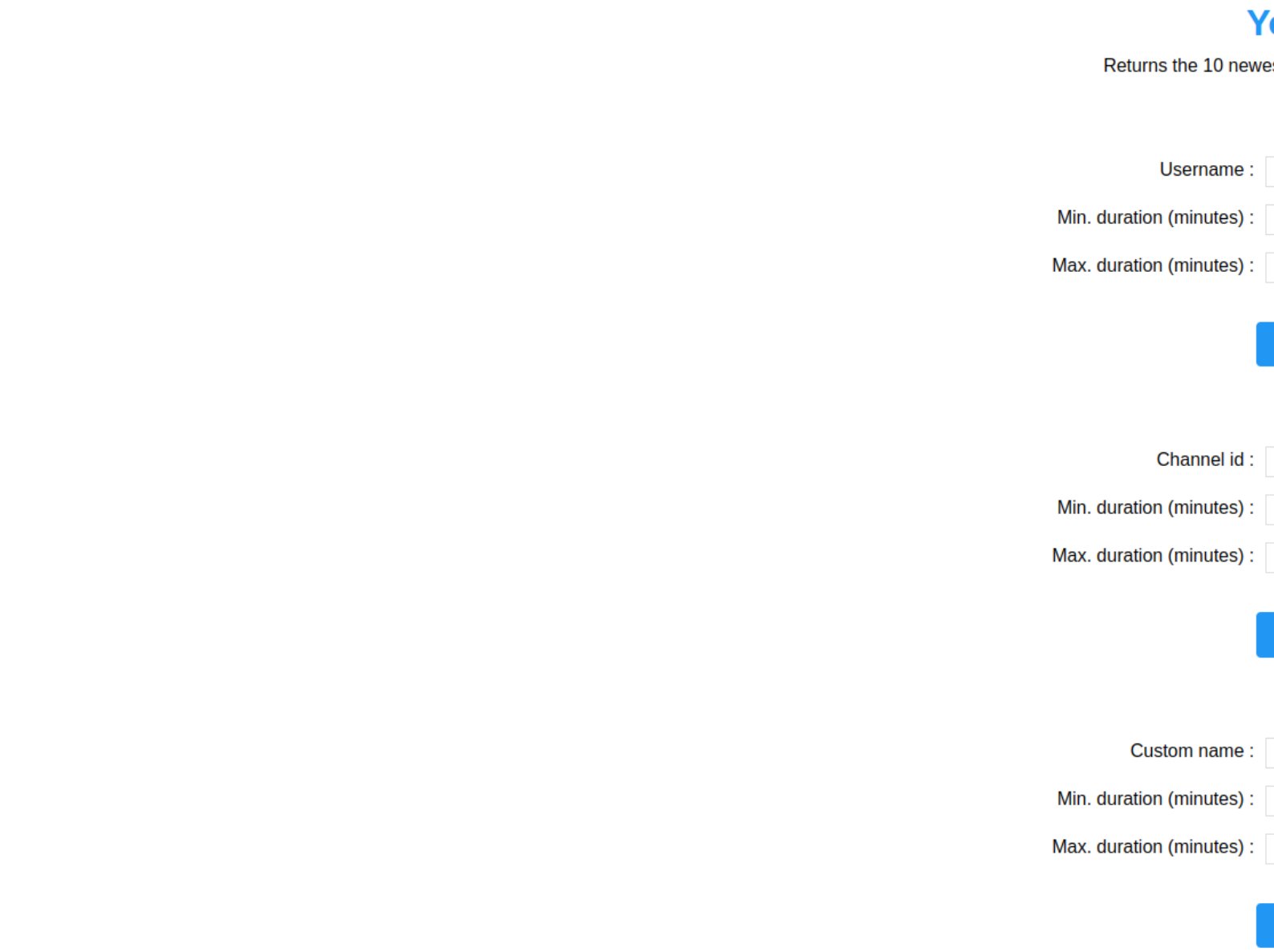
1. Visit the YouTube channel and copy its name to the clipboard



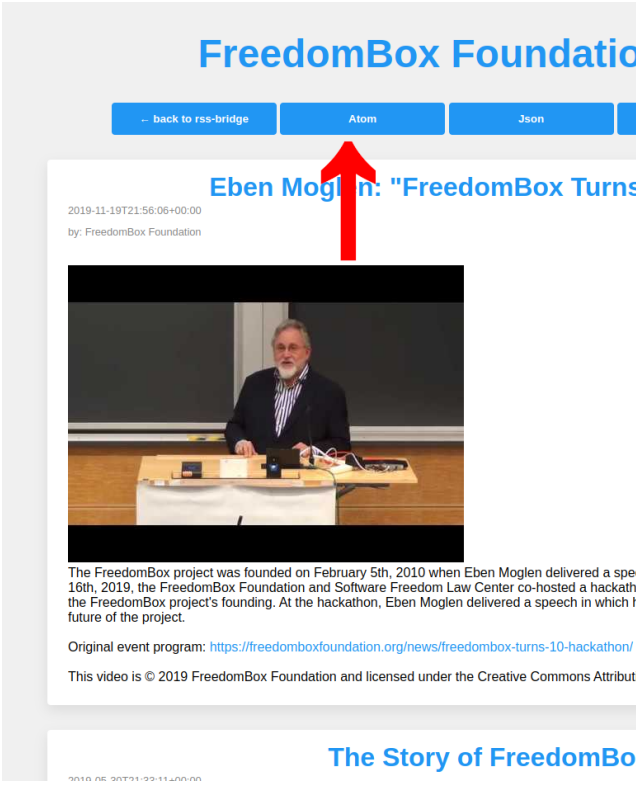
2.#2 Find "YouTube Bridge"



and click on **show more** 3.#3



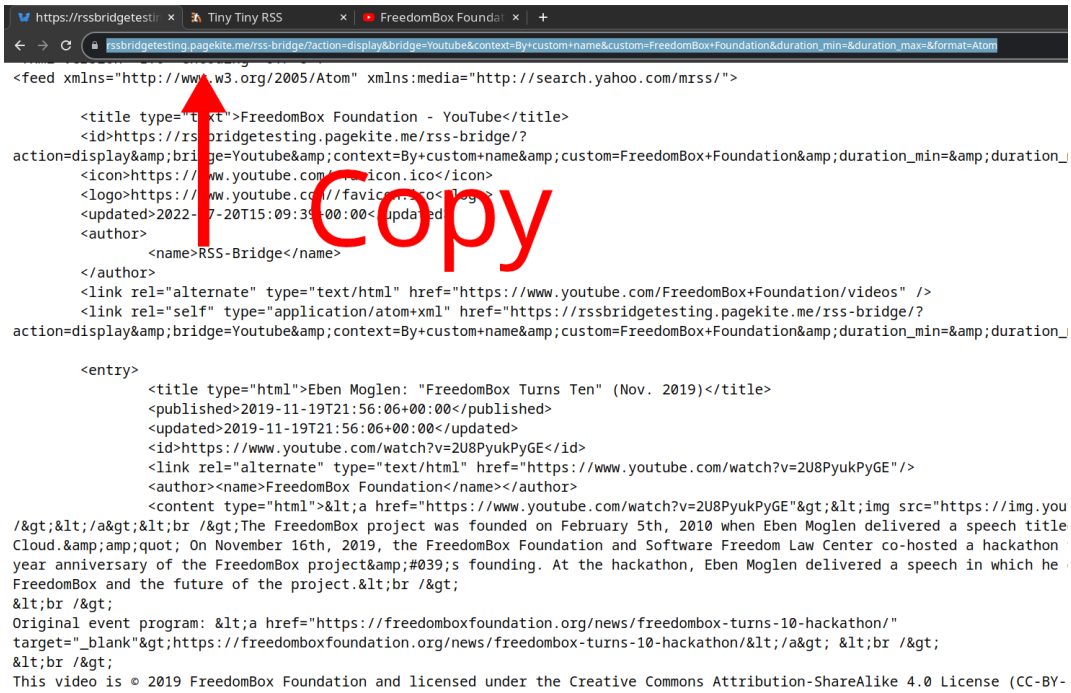
Paste the previously copied channel name in the **Custom name** section and click on **Generate Feed**
4.#4 From the available feed types select **Atom**. If you're using a Chromium based browser, this will open the Atom feed in a new



tab, which you can easily copy into your feed Reader, such as Tiny Tiny RSS

5.23.2.2 Subscribing to feed with Tiny Tiny RSS

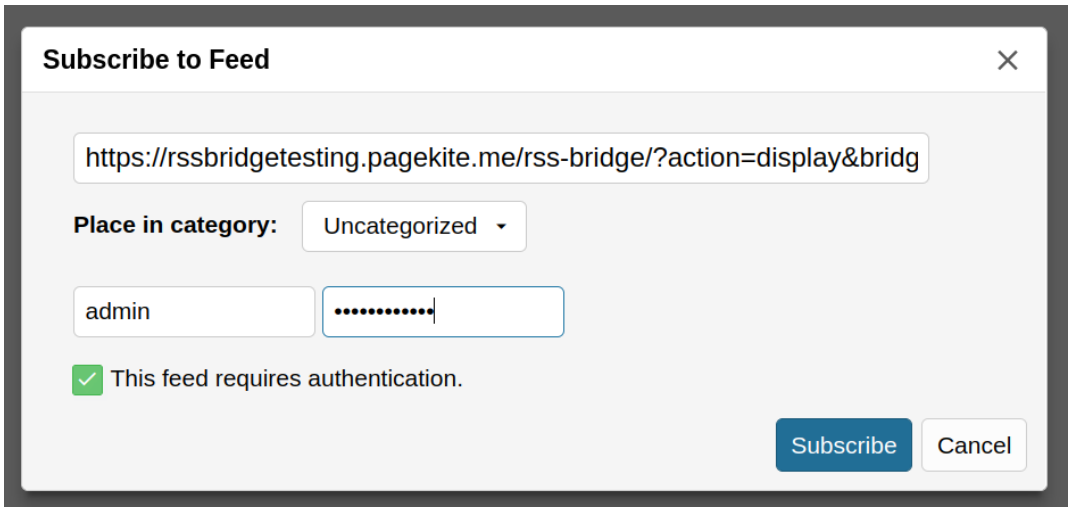
1. Copy the URL that RSS Bridge generated



2.#2 In Tiny Tiny RSS select **Subscribe to feed** from the drop-down menu on the right side.

1. Paste the generated link from step one into the textbox and select **This feed requires authentication.**

2. Submit your FreedomBox username and password and click on **Subscribe**



For a more detailed description of Tiny Tiny RSS, see its manual page

5.23.3 External links

- Website: https://rss-bridge.github.io/rss-bridge/
- User documentation: https://rss-bridge.github.io/rss-bridge/General/Project_goals.html

5.24 Samba (Network File Storage)

Available since: version 19.22

Samba lets you have shared folders over the local network that can be used from multiple computers running different operating systems. We refer to these shared folders as "shares".

You can have a personal folder shared between your own devices (Home share), a folder shared with a trusted group (Group share) or one that is shared with every device on the network (Open share).

Samba lets you to treat a share as if it's a local folder on your computer. However, shares are available only on the local network.

To learn more about Samba, please refer to the user documentation on their wiki.

5.24.1 Using Samba

After installation, you can choose which disks to use for sharing. Enabled shares are accessible in the file manager on your computer at location \\freedombox (on Windows) or smb://freedombox.local (on Linux and Mac). There are three types of shares you can choose from:

Open share - accessible to everyone in your local network.

Group share - accessible only to FreedomBox users who are in the *freedombox-share* group.

Home share - every user in the *freedombox-share group* can have their own private space.

5.24.1.1 Connecting from an Android device

To access Samba shares on an Android device, install "Android Samba Client" from F-Droid or Google Play. Enter *smb://freedombox.loc* as the share path in the app. Your shared folders should then be visible in the file manager app. Samba shares can also be used by VLC for Android which automatically discovers them.

5.24.1.2 Connecting from a macOS device

- *Open a Finder window on your Mac. *Use Go -> Connect to Server... from the file menu or press the shortcut Cmd+K to open the Connect To Server dialog. *Enter the address of your Samba share, e.g. *smb://192.168.0.105/disk* and click Connect.

5.24.2 Integration with other apps

Transmission app on FreedomBox provides a setting to allow downloads to be saved directly to a Samba share.

If you want to make available files synchronized with Syncthing through Samba you need to make sure you synchronize in a Samba share folder. Additionally in order to make Syncthing shares available in Samba Open share or Group share you will need to ensure you click "Permissions > Ignore" button under the "Advanced" tab in folder you wish in the Syncthing web UI. This will ensure that the files will be writable through Samba.

5.24.3 Comparison with other apps

5.24.3.1 Syncthing

Syncthing maintains a copy of the shared folder on each device that it is shared with. Samba maintains only one copy on your FreedomBox device.

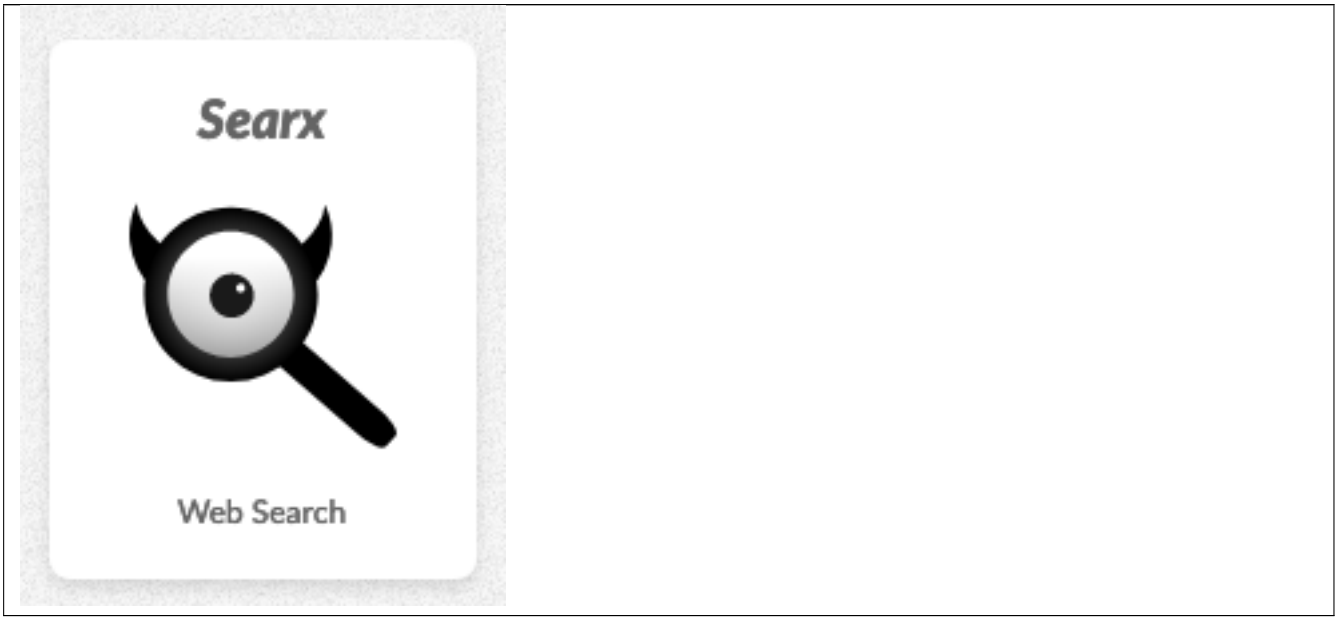
Syncthing can synchronize your shared folders between devices over the Internet. Samba shares are only available on the local network.

Since Syncthing is primarily a synchronization solution, it has features like conflict resolution and versioning. Samba has only copy of the file, so it doesn't need such features. For example, if two people are editing a spreadsheet stored on a Samba share, the last one to save the file wins.

5.24.4 External links

- Website: `https://www.samba.org`
- User documentation: `https://www.samba.org/samba/docs`

5.25 Searx (Web Search)



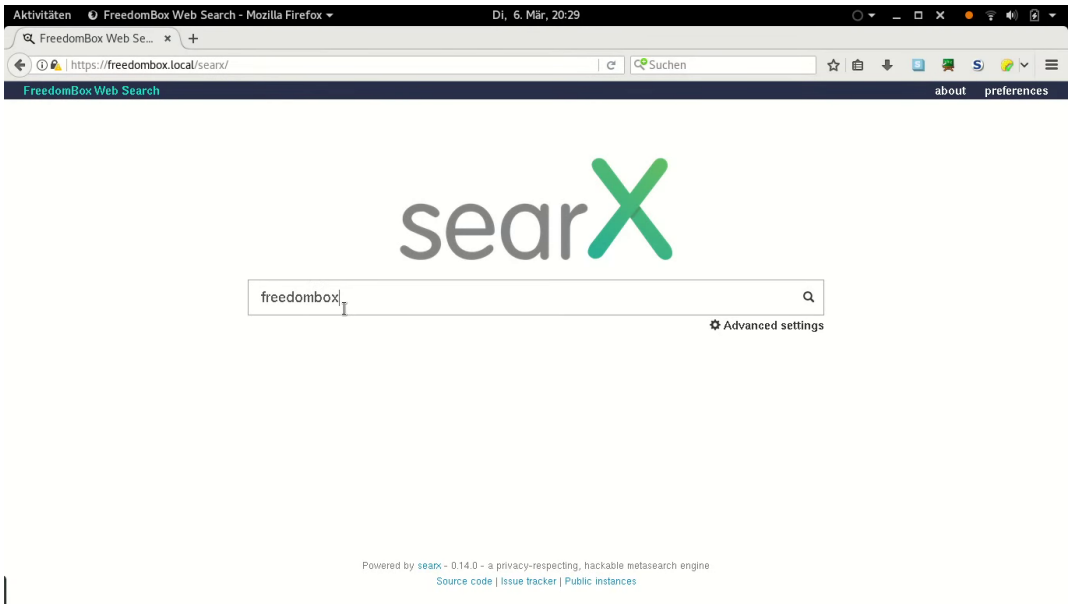
Available since: version 0.24.0

5.25.1 About Searx

Searx is a metasearch engine. A metasearch engine aggregates the results from various search engines and presents them in a unified interface.

Read more about Searx on their official website.

5.25.2 Screenshot



5.25.3 Screencast

Searx installation and first steps (14 MB)

5.25.4 Why use Searx?

5.25.4.1 Personalization and Filter Bubbles

Search engines have the ability to profile users and serve results most relevant to them, putting people into filter bubbles, thus distorting people's view of the world. Search engines have a financial incentive to serve interesting advertisements to their users, increasing their chances of clicking on the advertisements.

A metasearch engine is a possible solution to this problem, as it aggregates results from multiple search engines thus bypassing personalization attempts by search engines.

Searx avoids storing cookies from search engines as a means of preventing tracking and profiling by search engines.

5.25.4.2 Advertisement filtering

Searx filters out advertisements from the search results before serving the results, thus increasing relevance the of your search results and saving you from distractions.

5.25.4.3 Privacy

Searx uses HTTP POST instead of GET by default to send your search queries to the search engines, so that anyone snooping your traffic wouldn't be able to read your queries. The search queries wouldn't stored in browser history either.

Note: Searx used from Chrome browser's omnibar would make GET requests instead of POST.

5.25.5 Searx on FreedomBox

- Searx on FreedomBox uses Single Sign On. This means that you should be logged in into your FreedomBox in the browser that you're using Searx.
- SearX is easily accessible via Tor.
- Searx can be added as a search engine to the Firefox browser's search bar. See Firefox Help on this topic. Once Searx is added, you can also set it as your default search engine.
- Searx also offers search results in csv, json and rss formats, which can be used with scripts to automate some tasks.

5.25.6 External links

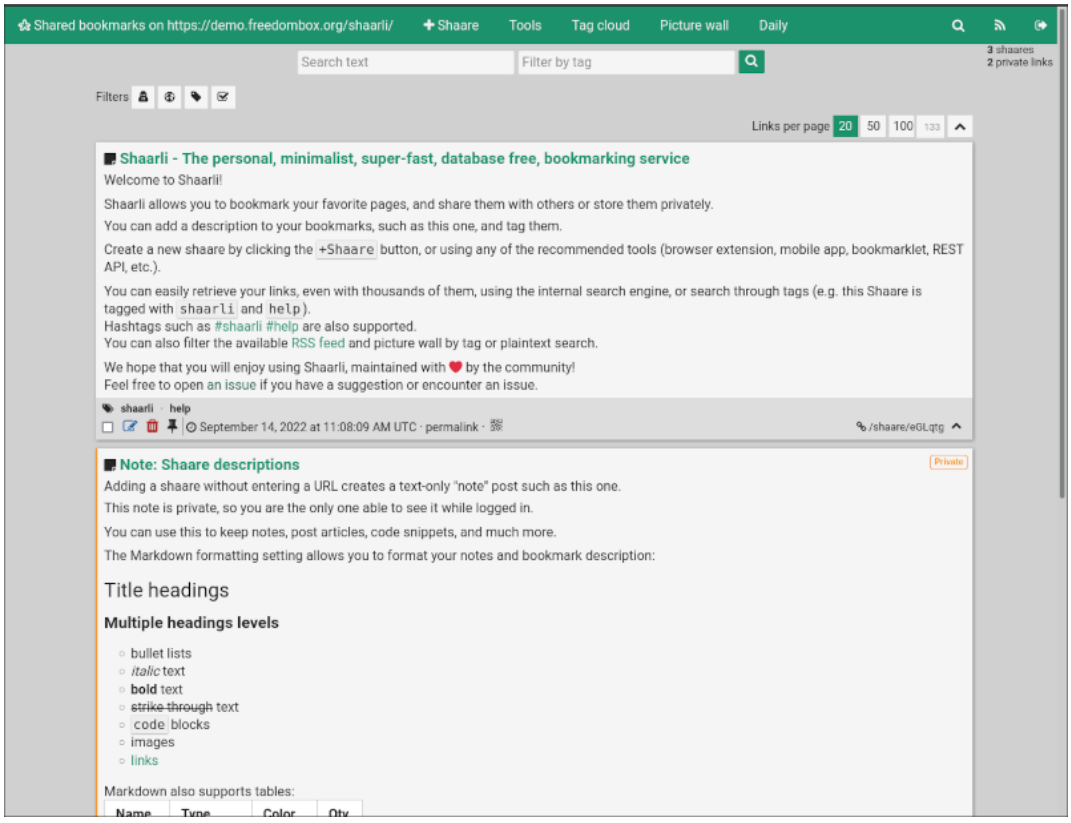
- Website: `https://searx.me`
- User documentation: `https://searx.github.io/searx/user/index.html`

5.26 Shaarli (Bookmarks)

Available since: version 21.15

5.26.1 What is Shaarli?

Shaarli is personal (single-user) bookmarking application to install on your FreedomBox. It can also be used for micro-blogging, pastebin, online notepad and snippet archive. Shaarli is designed as a no-database delicious clone. As such, it provides very fast services, easy backup and import/export links as desktop or mobile browser bookmarks. Links stored can be public or private. Shaarli delivers ATOM and RSS feeds from its minimalist interface.



5.26.2 External links

- Usage documentation: https://shaarli.readthedocs.io/en/master/Usage/

5.27 Shadowsocks (SOCKS5 proxy)

Available since: version 0.18.0

5.27.1 What is Shadowsocks?

Shadowsocks is a lightweight and secure SOCKS5 proxy, designed to protect your Internet traffic. It can be used to bypass Internet filtering and censorship. Your FreedomBox can run a Shadowsocks client which can connect to a Shadowsocks server. It will also run a SOCKS5 proxy. Local devices can connect to this proxy, and their data will be encrypted and proxied through the Shadowsocks server.

5.27.2 Using the Shadowsocks client?

The current implementation of Shadowsocks in FreedomBox only supports configuring FreedomBox as a Shadowsocks client. The current use case for Shadowsocks is as follows:

- Shadowsocks client (FreedomBox) is in a region where some parts of the Internet are blocked or censored.
- Shadowsocks server is in a different region, which doesn't have these blocks.
- The FreedomBox provides SOCKS proxy service on the local network for other devices to make use of its Shadowsocks connection.

At a future date it will be possible to configure FreedomBox as Shadowsocks server.

5.27.3 Configuring your FreedomBox for the Shadowsocks client

To enable Shadowsocks, first navigate to the Socks5 Proxy (Shadowsocks) page and install it.

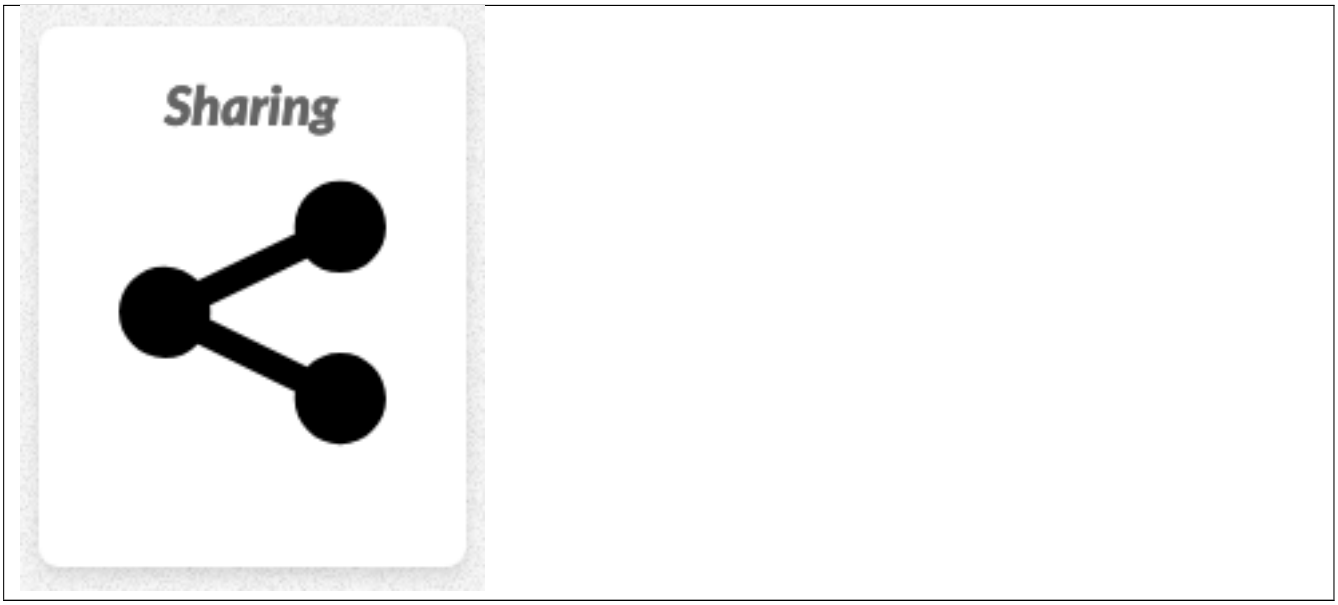
Server: the Shadowsocks server is not the FreedomBox IP or URL; rather, it will be another server or VPS that has been configured as a Shadowsocks server. There are also some public Shadowsocks servers listed on the web, but be aware that whoever operates the server can see where requests are going, and any non-encrypted data will be visible to them.

To use Shadowsocks after setup, set the SOCKS5 proxy URL in your device, browser or application to `http://freedombox_address:1080/`

5.27.4 External links

- Website: `https://shadowsocks.org/`

5.28 Sharing (File Publishing)



Available since: version 0.25

5.28.1 What Is Sharing App?

Sharing app allows you to share content over the web. Shared content can be individual files or whole directories.

The content can be shared publicly or restricted to the users of listed allowed groups. Allowed users will be able to access the shared content from their web browser at `https://your_freedombox/share/content_name`. Users not belonging to any of the allowed groups won't see or access the content through this mechanism.

5.28.2 Setting Up Shares

For the users to access the content through their browser it must exist and have a share. A share is an entry in the Sharing app relating:

- the Name (an thereby the URL) with which the users will ask for the content,
- the Disk Path of the content to be served and

- the sharing mode. On restricted mode, it also has the list of allowed groups.

Many shares can coexist in the same server.

Only admins can create, edit or remove shares. They'll find the Sharing app in the Apps section of FreedomBox web interface. Sharing app is an easy to use web application with an evident interface.

Each share has its own sharing mode (public or restricted) setting. Only groups recognized by FreedomBox service can be combined in the list of allowed groups. Groups created in the CLI won't be offered by the Sharing app.

5.28.3 Providing/Updating Content

The content can be created before or after the share is created and they can be updated independently.

The content doesn't need to be provided by an admin either. Any user with write access to the share's disk path can create or update it.

Multiple shares might point to the same content.

If you are user of FreedomBox and your admin refuses to create shares for you, and you don't need to restrict the access to your content, you still can fall back to the User Websites mechanism or the P2P networks (Deluge or Transmission for Torrent) to publish your files.

5.28.4 Technicalities

Sharing will share the content using the built-in Apache web server.

5.29 Syncthing (File Synchronization)

Available since: version 0.14

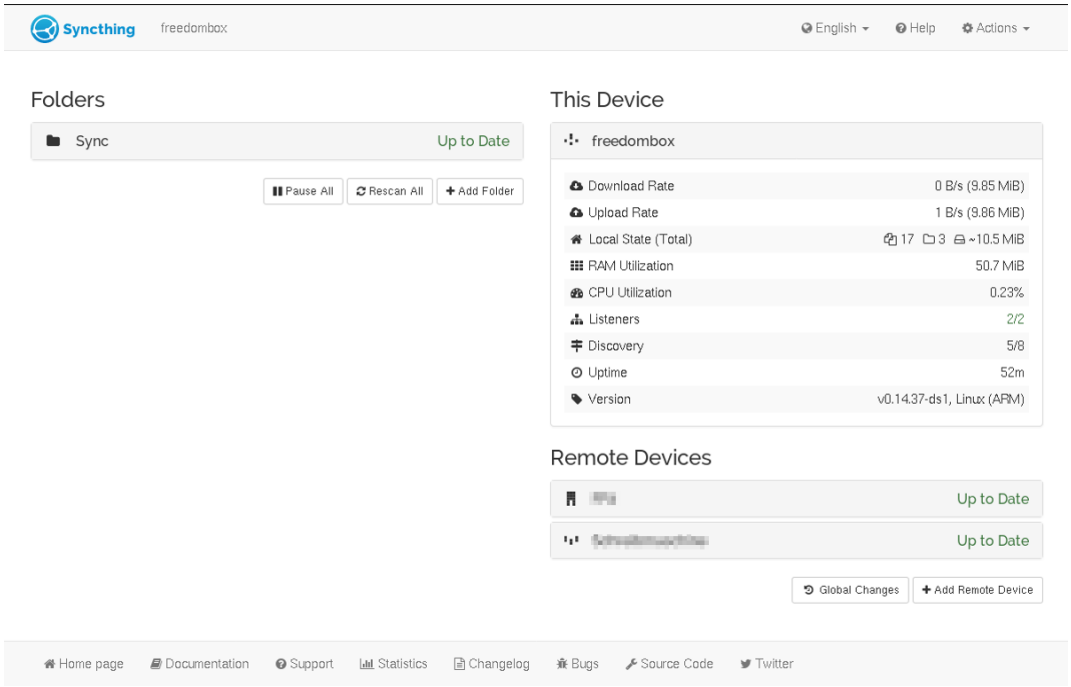
With *Syncthing* installed on your FreedomBox, you can synchronize content from other devices to your FreedomBox and vice-versa. For example, you can keep the photos taken on your mobile phone synchronized to your FreedomBox.

Users should keep in mind that Syncthing is a peer-to-peer synchronization solution, not a client-server one. This means that the FreedomBox isn't really the server and your other devices clients. They're all devices from Syncthing's perspective. You can use

Syncthing to synchronize your files between any of your devices. The advantage that FreedomBox provides is that it is a server that's always running. Suppose you want your photos on your phone to be synchronized to your laptop, if you simply sync the photos to the FreedomBox, the laptop can get them from the FreedomBox whenever it comes online the next time. You don't have to be worried about your other devices being online for synchronization. If your FreedomBox is one of the devices set up with your Syncthing shared folder, you can rest assured that your other devices will eventually get the latest files once they come online.

After installation follow the instructions in the getting started of the Syncthing project. Syncthing allows individual folders to be selectively shared with other devices. Devices must be paired up before sharing by scanning QR codes or entering the device ids manually. Syncthing has a discovery service for easily identifying the other devices on the same network having Syncthing installed.

In order to access to the web client of the Syncthing instance running on your FreedomBox, use the path */syncthing*. This web client is currently only accessible to the users of the FreedomBox that have administrator privileges, though it might be accessible to all FreedomBox users in a future release.



Syncthing has android apps available on the F-Droid and Google Play app stores. Cross-platform desktop apps are also available.

To learn more about Syncthing, please visit their official website and documentation.

5.29.1 Synchronizing over Tor

Syncthing should automatically sync with your FreedomBox even if it is only accessible as a Tor Onion Service.

If you would like to proxy your Syncthing client over Tor, set the `all_proxy` environment variable:

```
$ all_proxy=socks5://localhost:9050 syncthing
```

For more information, see the Syncthing documentation on using proxies.

5.29.2 Avoiding Syncthing Relays

Syncthing uses dynamic connections by default to connect with other peers. This means that if you are synchronizing over the Internet, the data might have to go through public Syncthing relays to reach your devices. This doesn't take advantage of the fact that your FreedomBox has a public IP address.

When adding your FreedomBox as a device in other Syncthing clients, set the address like "tcp://<my.freedombox.domain>" instead of "dynamic". This allows your Syncthing peers to directly connect to your FreedomBox avoiding the need for relays. It also allows for fast on-demand syncing if you don't want to keep Syncthing running all the time on your mobile devices.

5.29.3 Using Syncthing with other applications

5.29.3.1 Password Manager

Password managers that store their databases in files are suitable for synchronization using Syncthing. The following example describes using a free password manager called KeePassXC in combination with Syncthing to serve as a replacement for proprietary password managers that store your passwords in the cloud.

KeePassXC stores usernames, passwords etc. in files have the .kdbx extension. These kdbx files can be stored in a Syncthing shared folder to keep them synchronized on multiple machines. Free software applications which can read this file format are available for both desktop and mobile. You typically have to just point the application at the .kdbx file and enter the master password to access your stored credentials. For example, the same kdbx file can be accessed by using KeePassXC on desktop and KeePassDX on Android. KeePassXC can also be used to fill credentials into login fields in the browser by installing a browser extension.

5.29.4 External links

- Website: https://syncthing.net
- User documentation: https://docs.syncthing.net

5.30 Tiny Tiny RSS (News Feed Reader)

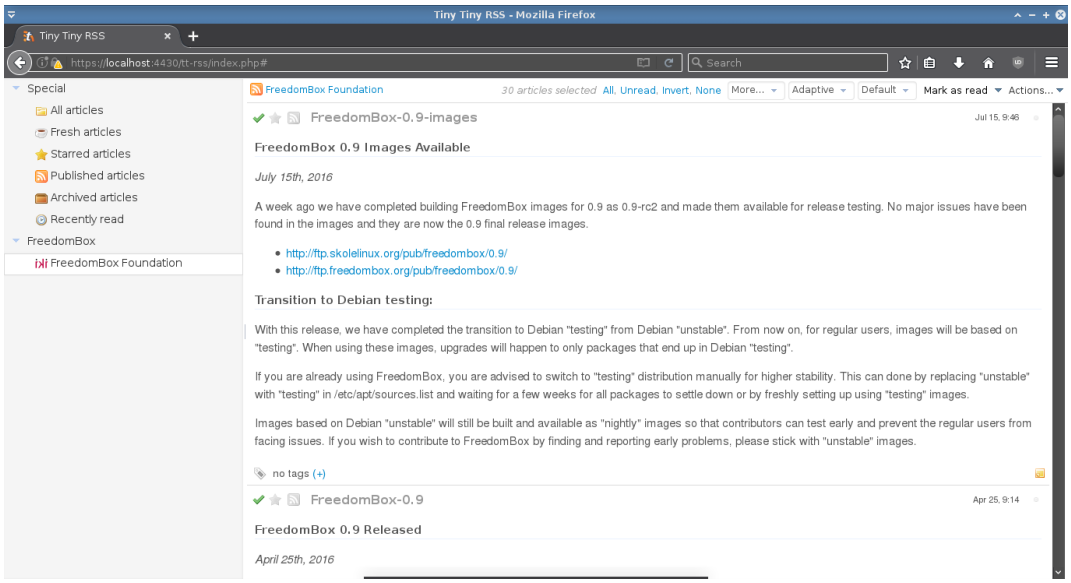
Available since: version 0.9

Tiny Tiny RSS is a news feed (RSS/Atom) reader and aggregator, designed to allow reading news from any location, while feeling as close to a real desktop application as possible.

Any user created through FreedomBox web interface will be able to login and use this app. Each user has their own feeds, state and preferences.

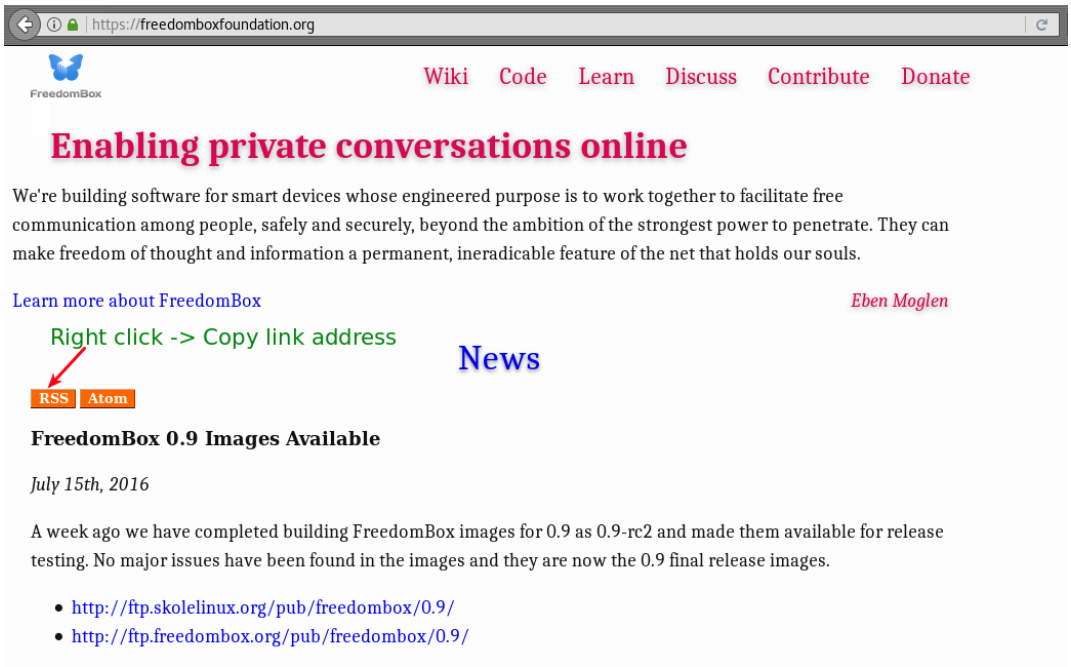
5.30.1 Using the Web Interface

When enabled, Tiny Tiny RSS will be available from */tt-rss* path on the web server. Any user created through FreedomBox will be able to login and use this app.

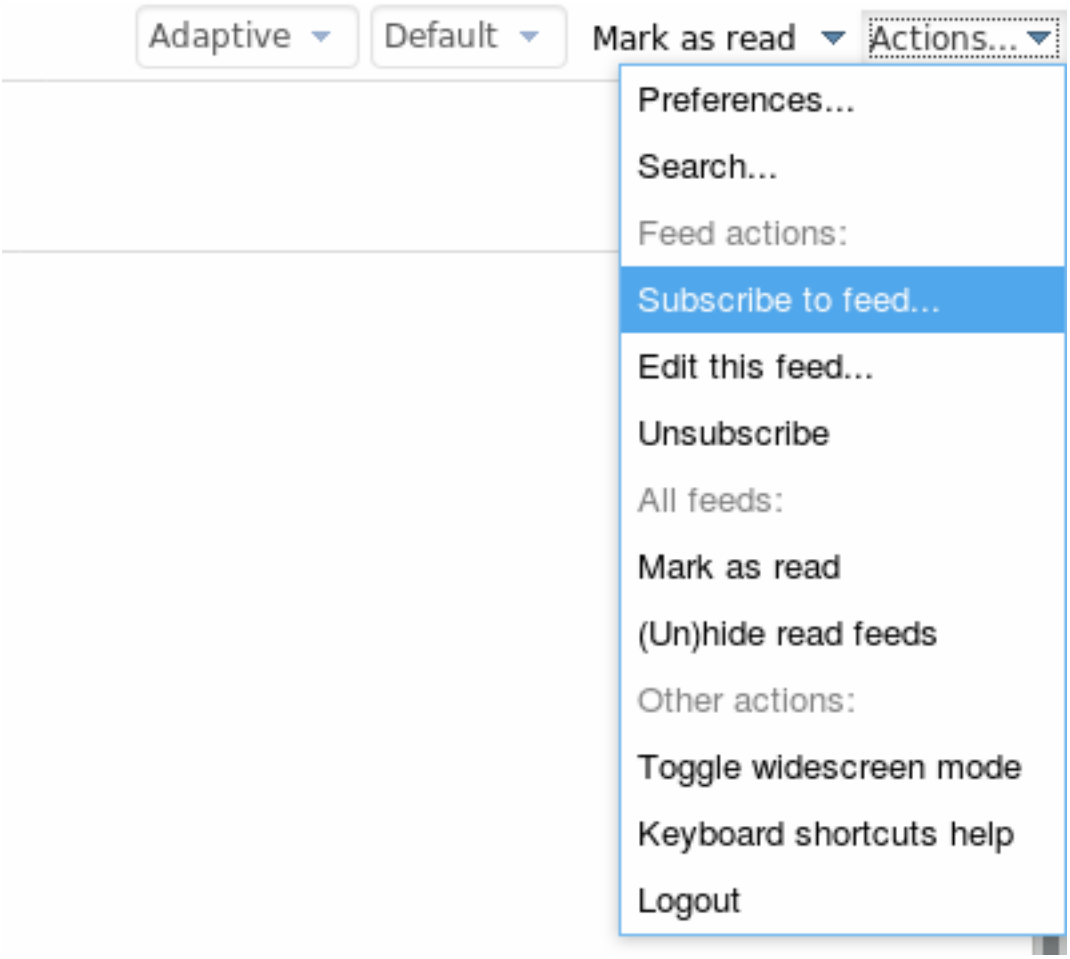


5.30.1.1 Adding a new feed

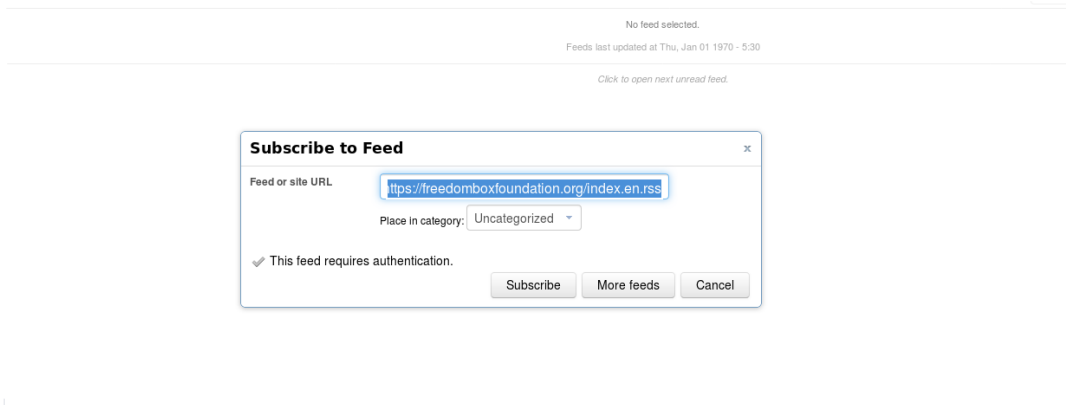
1. Go to the website you want the RSS feed for and copy the RSS/Atom feed link from it.



2. Select "Subscribe to feed.." from the Actions dropdown.



3. In the dialog box that appears, paste the URL for copied in step 1 and click the **Subscribe** button.

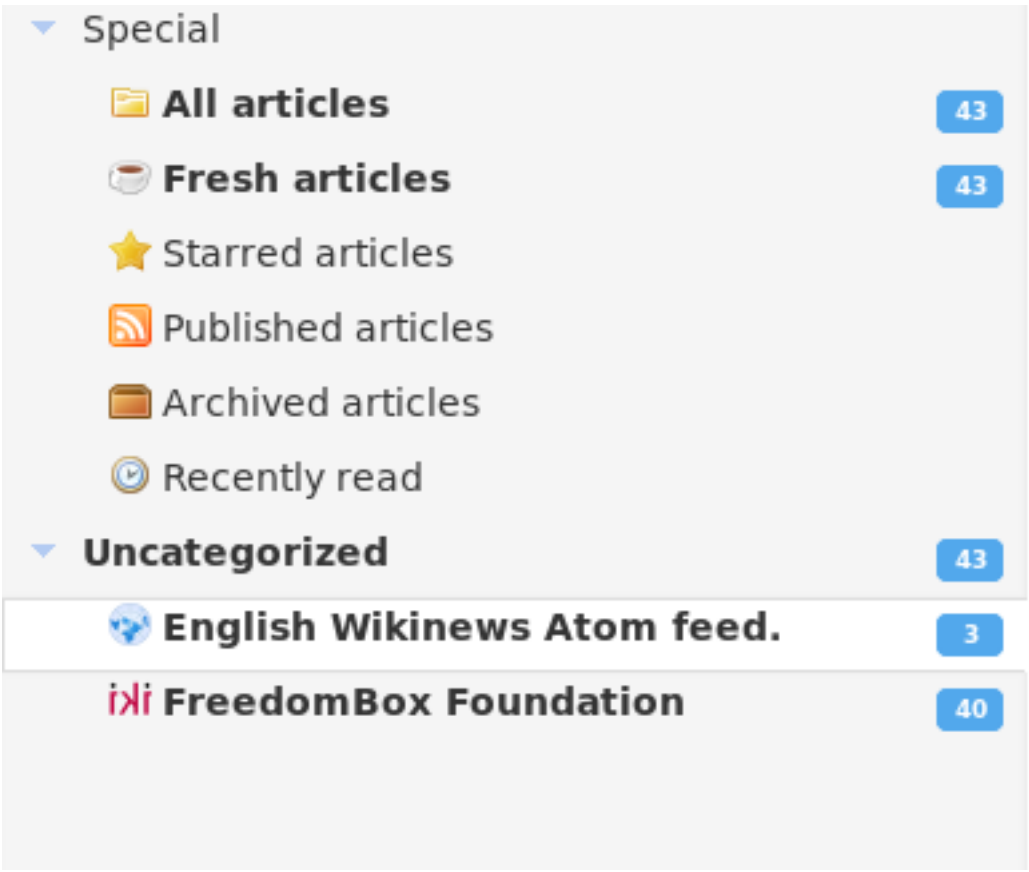


Give the application a minute to fetch the feeds after clicking Subscribe.

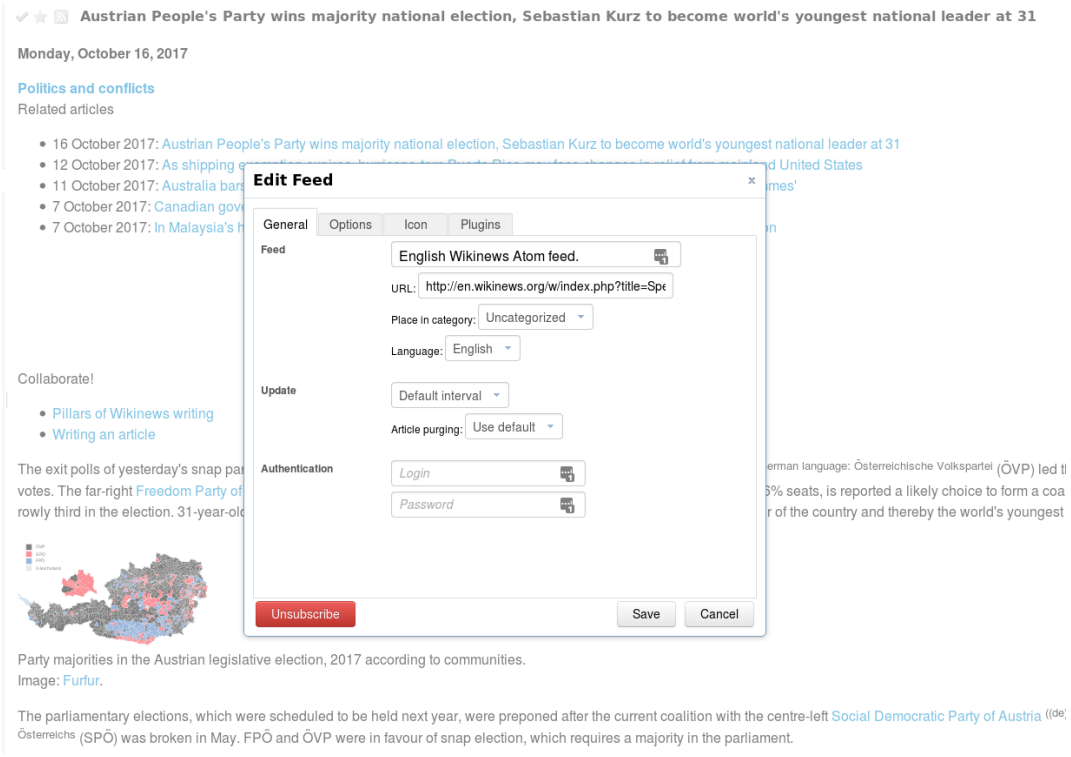
In some websites, the RSS feeds button isn't clearly visible. In that case, you can simply paste the website URL into the Subscribe dialog (step 3) and let TT-RSS automatically detect the RSS feeds on the page.

You can try this now with the homepage of WikiNews

As you can see in the image below, TT-RSS detected and added the Atom feed of WikiNews to our list of feeds.



If you don't want to keep this feed, right click on the feed shown in the above image, select **Edit feed** and click **Unsubscribe** in the dialog box that appears.

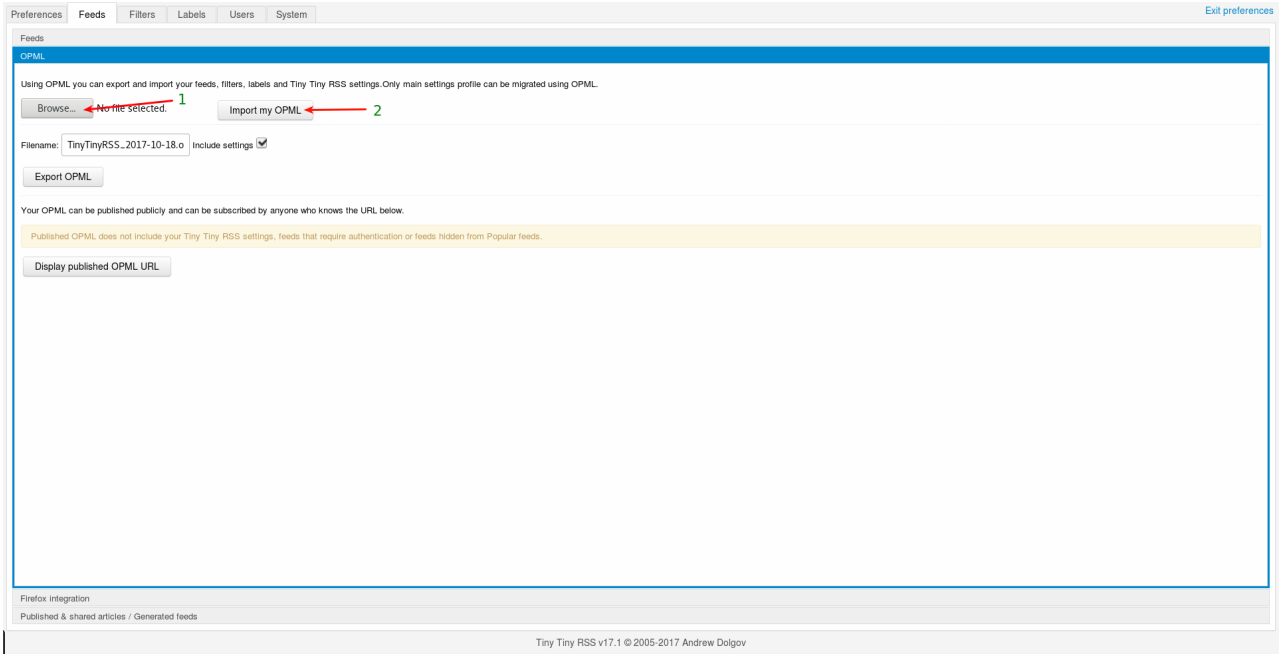


5.30.1.2 Importing your feeds from another feed reader

In your existing feed reader, find an option to *Export* your feeds to a file. Prefer the OPML file format if you have to choose between multiple formats. Let's say your exported feeds file is called Subscriptions.opml

Click on the *Actions* menu at the top left corner and select *Preferences*. You will be taken to another page.

Select the second tab called *Feeds* in the top header. Feeds has several sections. The second one is called *OPML*. Select it.



To import your Subscriptions.opml file into TT-RSS,

1. Click *Browse* and select the file from your file system
2. Click *Import my OPML*

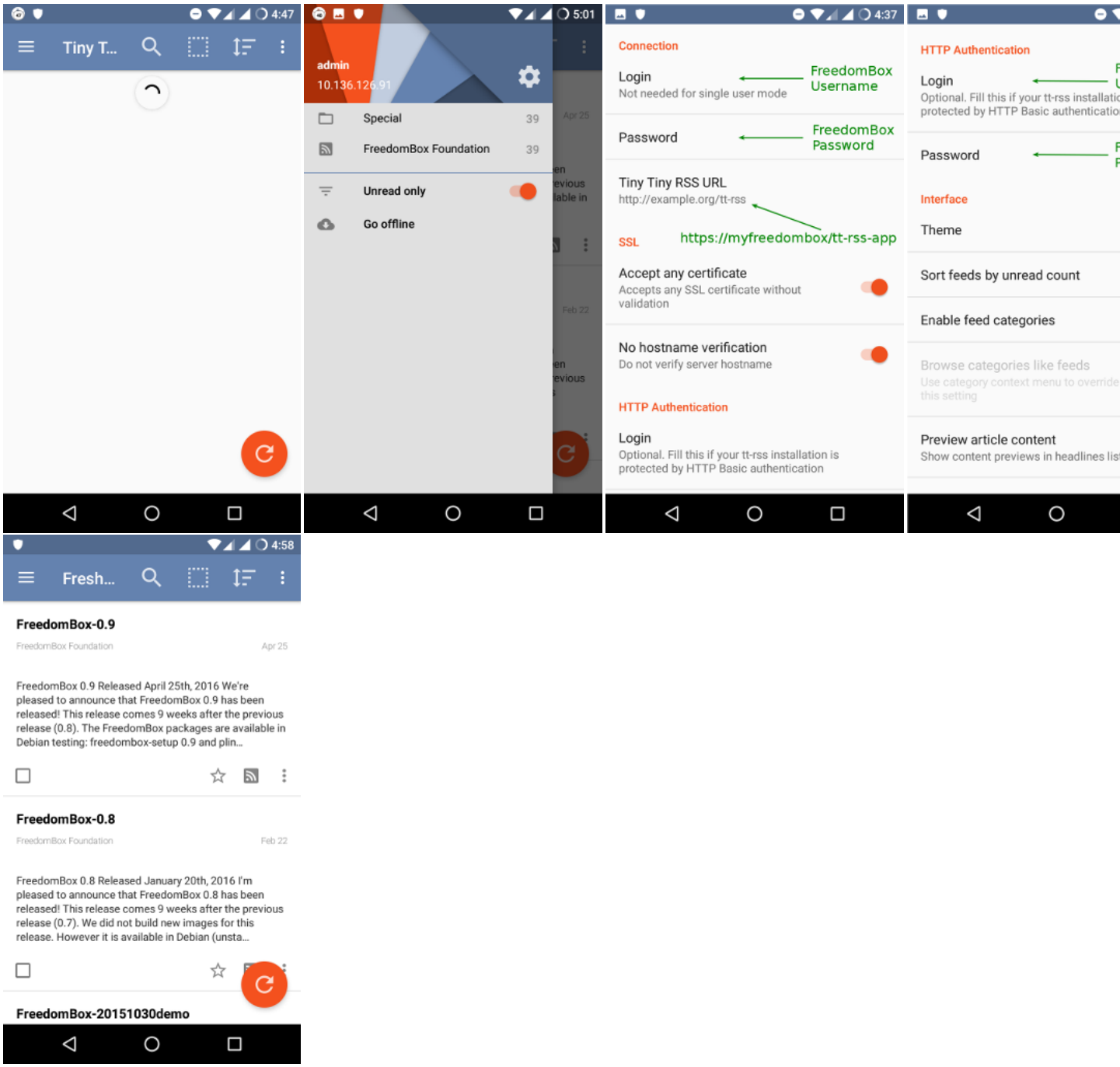
After importing, you'll be taken to the **Feeds** section that's above the OPML section in the page. You can see that the feeds from your earlier feed reader are now imported into Tiny Tiny RSS. You can now start using Tiny Tiny RSS as your primary feed reader.

In the next section, we will discuss setting up the mobile app, which can let you read your feeds on the go.

5.30.2 Using the Mobile App

The official Android app from the Tiny Tiny RSS project works with FreedomBox's Tiny Tiny RSS Server. The older TTRSS-Reader application is known **not** to work.

To configure, first install the application, then in the setting page, set URL as *https://<your.freedombox.address>/tt-rss-app/*. Set your user name and password in the Login details as well as HTTP Authentication details. If your FreedomBox does not have a valid HTTPS certificate, then in settings request allowing any SSL certificate and any host.



5.30.3 RSS Bridge

RSS Bridge can be used with Tiny Tiny RSS to generate Atom/RSS links for websites that don't provide one.

5.30.4 External links

- Website: https://tt-rss.org

5.31 Tor (Anonymity Network)

Available since: version 0.3

5.31.1 What is Tor?

Tor is a network of servers operated by volunteers. It allows users of these servers to improve their privacy and security while surfing on the Internet. You and your friends are able to access to your FreedomBox via Tor network without revealing its IP address. Activating Tor application on your FreedomBox, you will be able to offer remote services (chat, wiki, file sharing, etc...) without showing your location. This application will give you a better protection than a public web server because you will be less exposed to intrusive people on the web.

5.31.2 Using Tor to browse anonymously

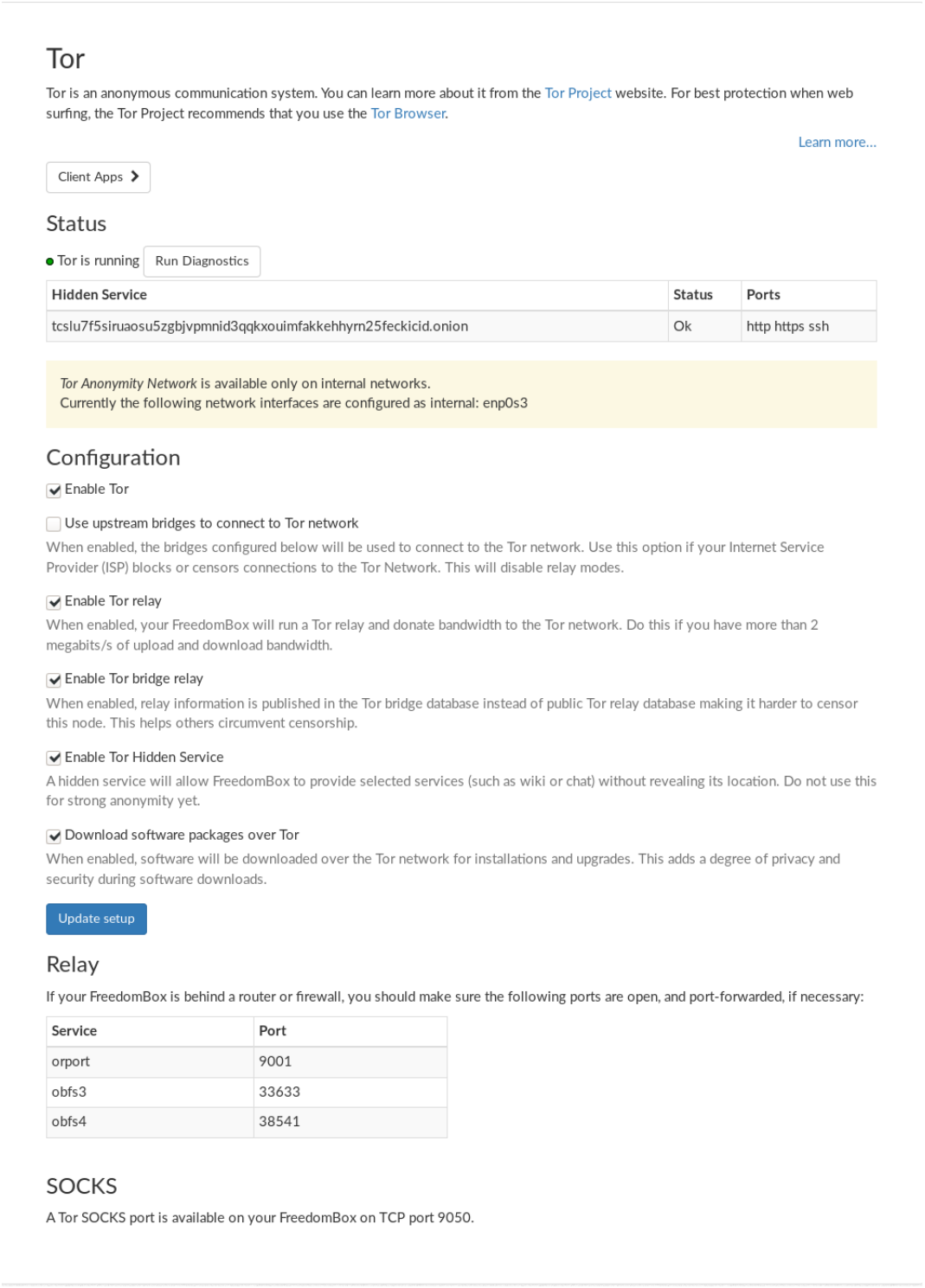
Tor Browser is the recommended way to browse the web using Tor. You can download the Tor Browser from `https://www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html` and follow the instructions on that site to install and run it.

5.31.3 Using Tor Onion Service to access your FreedomBox

Tor Onion Service provides a way to access your FreedomBox, even if it's behind a router, firewall, or carrier-grade NAT (i.e., your Internet Service Provider does not provide a public IPv4 address for your router).

To enable Tor Onion Service, first navigate to the Anonymity Network (Tor) page. (If you don't see it, click on the FreedomBox logo at the top-left of the page, to go to the main Apps page.) On the Anonymity Network (Tor) page, under Configuration, check "Enable Tor Onion Service", then press the Update setup button. Tor will be reconfigured and restarted.

After a while, the page will refresh and under Status, you will see a table listing the Onion Service .onion address. Copy the entire address (ending in .onion) and paste it into the Tor Browser's address field, and you should be able to access your FreedomBox. (You may see a certificate warning because FreedomBox has a self-signed certificate.)



Currently only HTTP (port 80), HTTPS (port 443), and SSH (port 22) are accessible through the Tor Onion Service configured on the FreedomBox.

5.31.4 Apps accessible via Tor

The following apps can be accessed over Tor. Note that this list is not exhaustive.

- Calendar and Addressbook (Radicale)
- File Synchronization (Syncthing)

- Feed reader (TinyTinyRSS)
- Web Search (Searx)
- Wiki (MediaWiki)
- Wiki and Blog (Ikiwiki)

5.31.5 Running a Tor relay

When Tor is installed, it is configured by default to run as a bridge relay. The relay or bridge option can be disabled through the Tor configuration page in FreedomBox.

At the bottom of the Tor page in FreedomBox, there is a list of ports used by the Tor relay. If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to configure port forwarding on your router so that these ports can be reached from the public Internet.

The requirements to run a relay are listed in the Tor Relay Guide. In short, it is

- recommended that a relay has at least 16 Mbit/s (Mbps) upload and download bandwidth available for Tor. More is better.
- required that a Tor relay be allowed to use a minimum of 100 GByte of outbound and of incoming traffic per month.
- recommended that a <40 Mbit/s non-exit relay should have at least 512 MB of RAM available; A relay faster than 40 Mbit/s should have at least 1 GB of RAM.

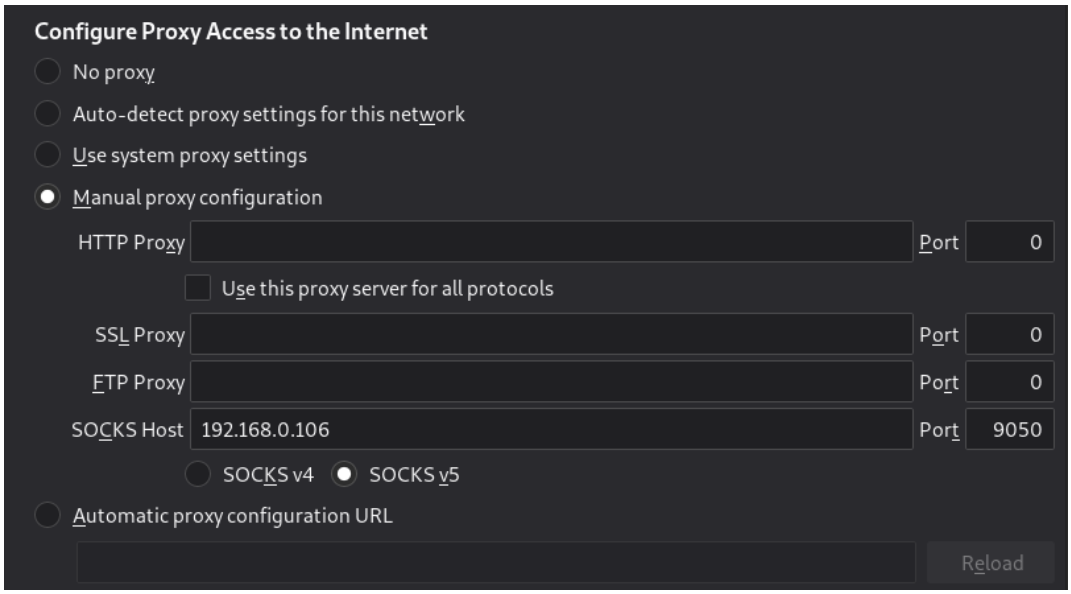
5.31.6 (Advanced) Usage as a SOCKS proxy

FreedomBox provides a Tor SOCKS port that other applications can connect to, in order to route their traffic over the Tor network. This port is accessible on any interfaces configured in the internal firewall zone. To configure the application, set SOCKS Host to the internal network connection's IP address, and set the SOCKS Port to 9050.

5.31.6.1 Example with Firefox

Your web browser can be configured to use the Tor network for all of your browsing activity. This allows for censorship circumvention and also hides your IP address from websites during regular browsing. For anonymity, using tor browser is recommended.

Configure your local FreedomBox IP address and port 9050 as a SOCKS v5 proxy in Firefox. There are extensions to allow for easily turning the proxy on and off.

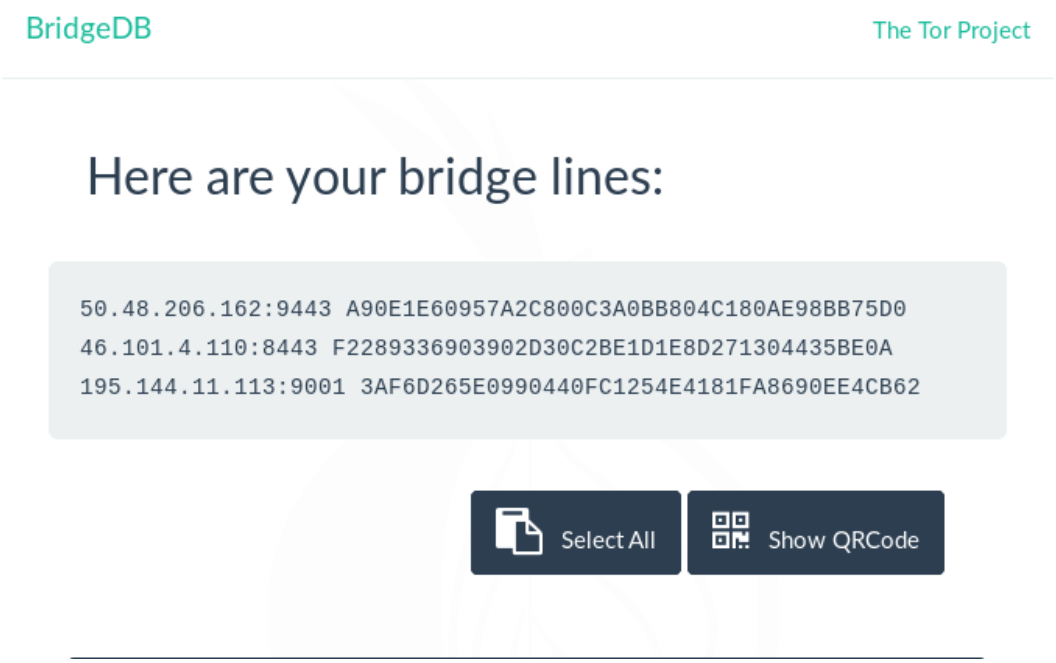


With the SOCKS proxy configured, you can now access any onion URL directly from Firefox. FreedomBox itself has an onion v3 address that you can connect to over the Tor network (bookmark this for use in emergency situations).

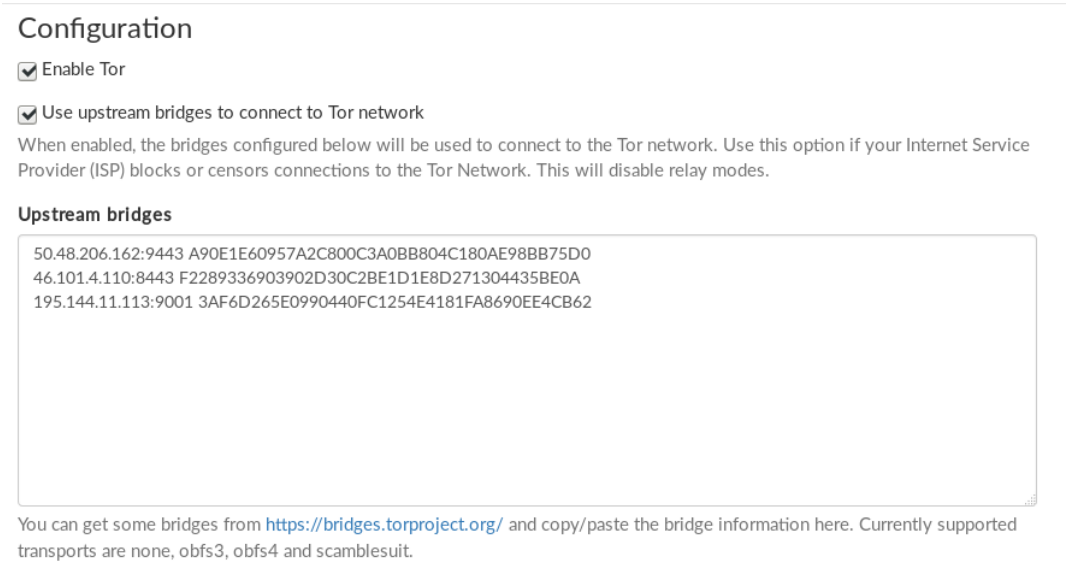
5.31.7 Circumventing Tor censorship

If your ISP is trying to block Tor traffic, you can use tor bridge relays to connect to the tor network.

1. Get the bridge configuration from the Tor BridgeDB



2. Add the lines to your FreedomBox Tor configuration as show below.



5.31.8 External links

- Website: https://www.torproject.org
- User documentation: https://2019.www.torproject.org/docs/documentation.html.en

5.32 Transmission (Distributed File Sharing via BitTorrent)

Available since: version 0.5

5.32.1 What is Transmission ?

Transmission is a BitTorrent node (both, client and server at the same time).

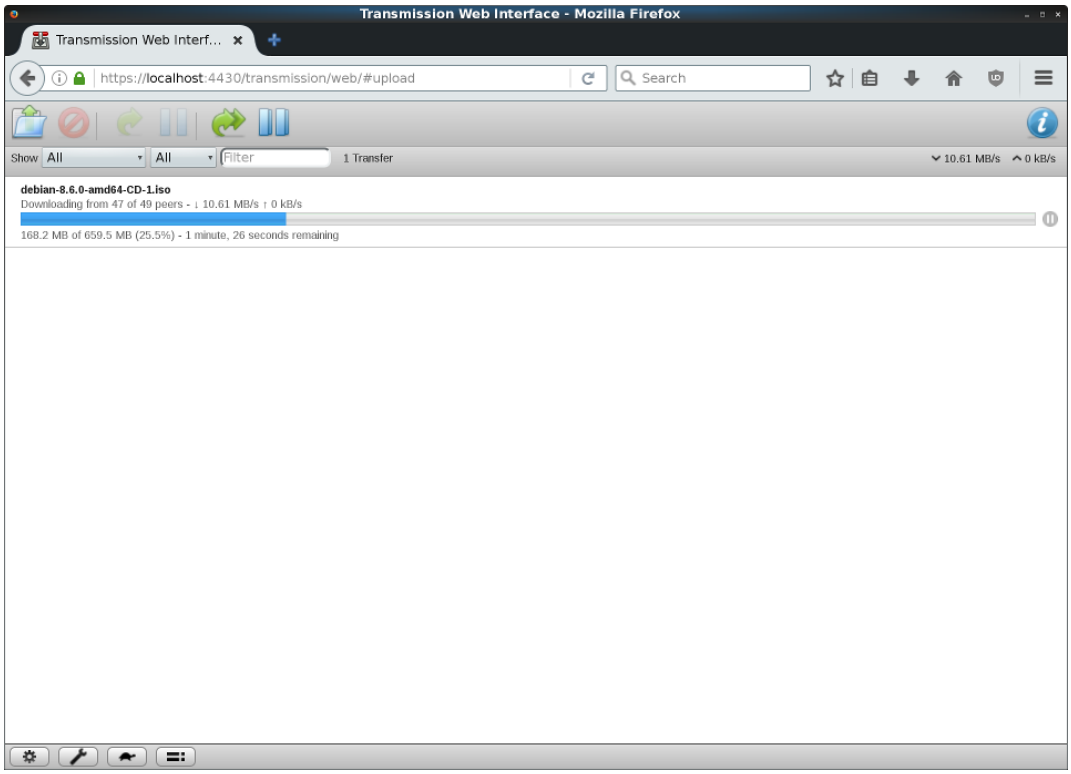
BitTorrent is a communications protocol for peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing.

- It is **not anonymous**; you should assume that others can see what files you are sharing.
- This technology works best for big, popular files.

There are two BitTorrent web nodes available in FreedomBox: Transmission and Deluge. They have similar features, but you may prefer one over the other.

Transmission is a lightweight BitTorrent client that is well known for its simplicity and a default configuration that "Just Works".

5.32.2 Screenshot



5.32.3 Using Transmission

After installing Transmission, it can be accessed at `https://<your freedombox>/transmission`. Transmission uses single sign-on from FreedomBox, which means that if you are logged in on your FreedomBox, you can directly access Transmission without having to enter the credentials again. Otherwise, you will be prompted to login first and then redirected to the Transmission app.

5.32.4 Tips

5.32.4.1 Transferring Downloads from the FreedomBox

1. Transmission's downloads directory can be added as a shared folder in the Sharing app. You can then access your downloads from this shared folder using a web browser.
2. (Advanced) If you have the ssh access to your FreedomBox, you can use sftp or scp to browse the downloads directory using a suitable file manager or web browser:
   - Dolphin or Konqueror, if you access from a KDE desktop
   - The *Other locations* option in the default file manager, if you're on Gnome
   - WinSCP or FileZilla, if you're on Windows
   - Ghost Commander or Spider, if you're on Android.

5.32.5 Port Forwarding

If your FreedomBox is behind a router you optionally might want to set up port forwarding on your router in order to improve communication with other peers. You should forward the following ports for Transmission:

- TCP 51413 (or your configured *peer listening* port)

5.32.6 External Links

- Upstream projects:
  - Transmission: https://transmissionbt.com
  - BitTorrent: https://www.bittorrent.org
- Protocol description:
  - Upstream: https://www.bittorrent.org/introduction.html
  - At Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent

5.33 User Websites

Available since: version 0.9.4

5.33.1 What is User Websites?

User websites is a standard location for webservers to allow host users to expose static files on the filesystem as a website to the local network and/or the internet according to the network and firewall setup.

The standard webserver in FreedomBox is Apache and this is implemented by means of a specific Apache module.

5.33.2 Screenshot

5.33.3 Using User Websites

The module is always enabled and offers no configuration from the FreedomBox web interface. There is no configuration or status page shown for this module in the FreedomBox web interface.

To serve documents, place the files in the designated directory in a FreedomBox user's home directory in the filesystem.

This directory is: **public_html**

Thus the absolute path for the directory of a user named fbx with home directory in /home/fbx will be **/home/fbx/public_html**. User websites will serve documents placed in this directory when requests for documents with the URI path "~fbx" are received. For the the `example.org` domain thus a request for the document `example.org/~fbx/index.html` will transfer the file in `/home/fbx/public_html/index.html`.

5.33.4 Creating public_html folder and uploading documents

5.33.4.1 Visually from Linux

Linux standard desktop file managers use to support remote filesystem access through SFTP out of the box. Among others, Gnome's Nautilus, KDE/Plasma's Dolphin and XFCE's Thunar do so. This standarization allows for very easy, similar and straightforward procedures:

1. Connect with the file manager to your FreedomBox:
   - Gnome's Nautilus:
     1. To lauch Nautilus you can seek its archive icon, or search ether its name or the word "file".
     2. At the bottom of the left pane you'll find an option "+ Other locations".
     3. It leads you to a list of locations. Find "`freedombox SFTP server`" (english literal for all desktop languages). Click on it.
     4. The first time you'll be asked for your user and password. Enter your FreedomBox user and its password. The dialog will also offer you some options to remember it for some time.

- Plasma file manager AKA Dolphin:
  1. Click on the location bar at the top of the window.
  2. Input `ftp://freedombox.local`
  3. The first time you'll be asked for your user and password. Enter your FreedomBox user and its password. The dialog will also offer you some option to remember it.
- XFCE's Thunar:
  1. Type this into the browser bar: `sftp://username@freedombox.local`, replacing the 'username' placeholder with **your** actual FreedomBox username.
  2. I guess the first time you'll be asked for your password. Enter your FreedomBox user's password.

2. You should be shown FreedomBox filesystem. Enter the `home` folder and then enter you user's subfolder.
3. If there's no `public_html` folder, create it: right mouse button click, etc.
4. Drag your file(s) and drop it/'em into the `public_html` folder.
5. You should now be able to navigate your browser to the corresponding url and see the files.

5.33.4.2 Visually from Other Plattforms

If you want to use graphical free software clients, install:

- FileZilla or WinSCP for Windows.
- FileZilla for Mac.
- Spider or Ghost Commander, available in F-Droid application repository for Android.

usage will be similar to that described for Linux desktops.

5.33.4.3 With a Command Line Interface (CLI)

Usually any Unix system, including Linux in all (most) of its flavours and Mac, provide the standard utilities ssh, scp and sftp. FreeDOS provides SSH2DOS. No need to install anything. It's already there!

Examples:

Connect to FreedomBox via SSH:

1. (replacing `username` with a valid FreedomBox user name and `freedombox.local` with your FreedomBox's domain name or IP):

$ ssh username@freedombox.local }}}

1. If your data is ok and your FreedomBox reachable, the first time you'll be asked to confirm its signature.
2. Then you'll be asked for the password of your FreedomBox user.
3. Then you'll be shown the welcome banner with the FreedomBox's buttefly logo in ASCII art (*painted* with characters).
4. The prompt changes to `username@freedombox:~$`.

Once connected create your website folder with:

- ```
  username@freedombox:~$ mkdir ~/public_html
  ```

...or one for another user:
  ```

1. use the `sudo` prefix like

username@freedombox:~$ sudo mkdir /home/<the_other_user>/public_html }}}, and introduce your password.

1. When you create a folder, by default it belongs to you no matter where it is created. Thus you'll then need to set its ownership to the other user:

username@freedombox:~$ sudo chown <the_other_user>:<the_other_user> /home/<the_other_user>/public_htm }}}

1. Better check it before you disconnect that `public_html' is listed among the contents of the other user's home folder.`

```
username@freedombox:~$ ls -l /home/<the_other_user>
...
drwxr-xr-x  2 <the_other_user> <the_other_user>   4096 jan 29 17:39  public_html
...
```

Then any user can upload their files to their respective folders with any of the graphical clients. Ask them to check it.

It is a good security practice to exit instead of to just wait for the connection to time out:

```
username@freedombox:~$ exit
```

If then you want to also upload the web content through the command line you can

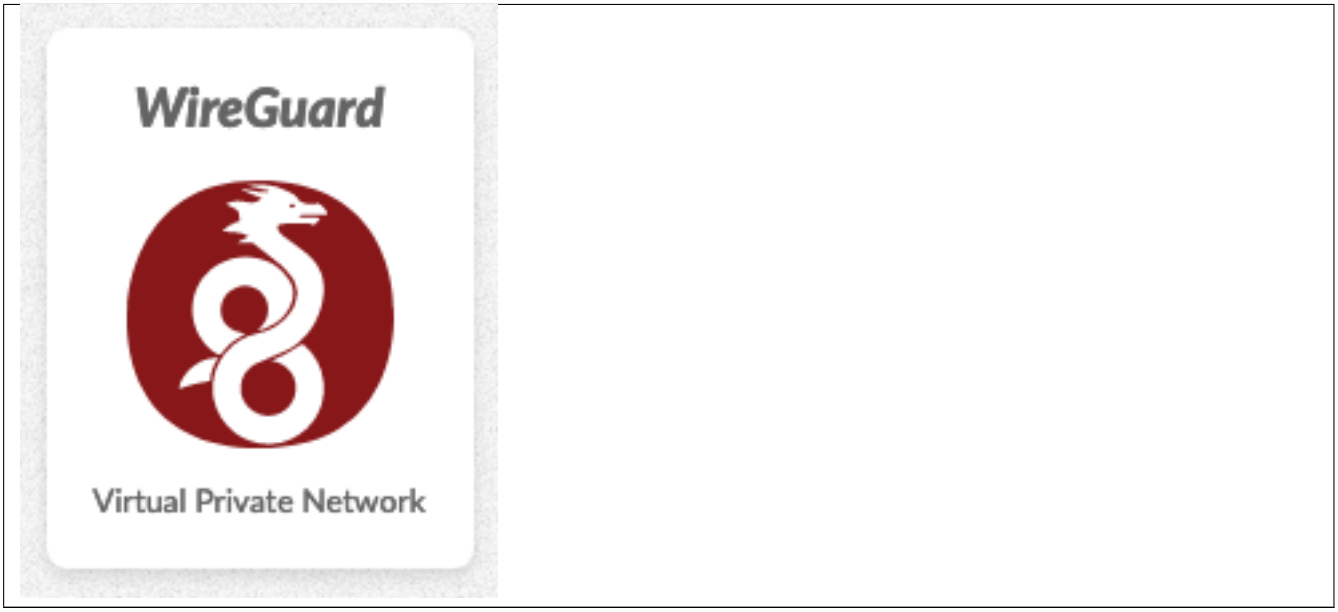
```
$ scp path/to/files username@freedombox.local:public_html/
```

Learn more about ssh, scp and sftp with `$ man ssh`, `$ man scp` and `$ man sftp`.

5.33.5 External Links

- Upstream project website: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/mod_userdir.html
- User documentation: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/howto/public_html.html

5.34 WireGuard (Virtual Private Network)



5.34.1 About WireGuard

WireGuard is an extremely simple yet fast and modern VPN that utilizes state-of-the-art cryptography. It can be a useful replacement for IPSec or OpenVPN.

5.34.2 Installation

You can install wireguard from the Apps section of the FreedomBox web interface.

5.34.3 Usage

- Point-to-point tunnel
- VPN client with default route

5.34.4 Configuration - Debian Peers

Note: These steps are handled automatically on FreedomBox. So you only need to follow these steps on any Debian clients that will connect to FreedomBox, or Debian servers that FreedomBox will connect to.

- Step 1 - Generating Keypairs
- Step 2 - Alternative A - Manual Configuration

5.34.5 Configuration - Mobile Clients

WireGuard has a user space implementation for mobile devices available via the WireGuard app - available for Android and iOS (a full list of supported operating systems is available here).

The client can be configured in several ways:

5.34.5.1 Alternative A - Create configuration manually

This is self-explanatory, you actually create the config on the mobile device then transfer the relevant keys to the server's config.

5.34.5.2 Alternative B - Create configuration from archive

Here you have to create a .zip archive of the client configuration file, transfer it to the device then import it into the app.

5.34.5.3 Alternative C - Import by reading a QR code (most secure method)

The mobile client as of version 0.0.20180724 supports QR code based input.

DebianPackage:qrencode can be used to generate qr codes, even in a terminal/console using UTF8 characters.

The syntax is:

```
# qrencode -t ansiutf8 < client.conf
```

This will generate a QR code that is readable by the mobile client.

The advantage of this approach is that there is no need to transfer sensitive information via data channels that can potentially be compromised and there is no need for any additional software.

5.34.6 External Links

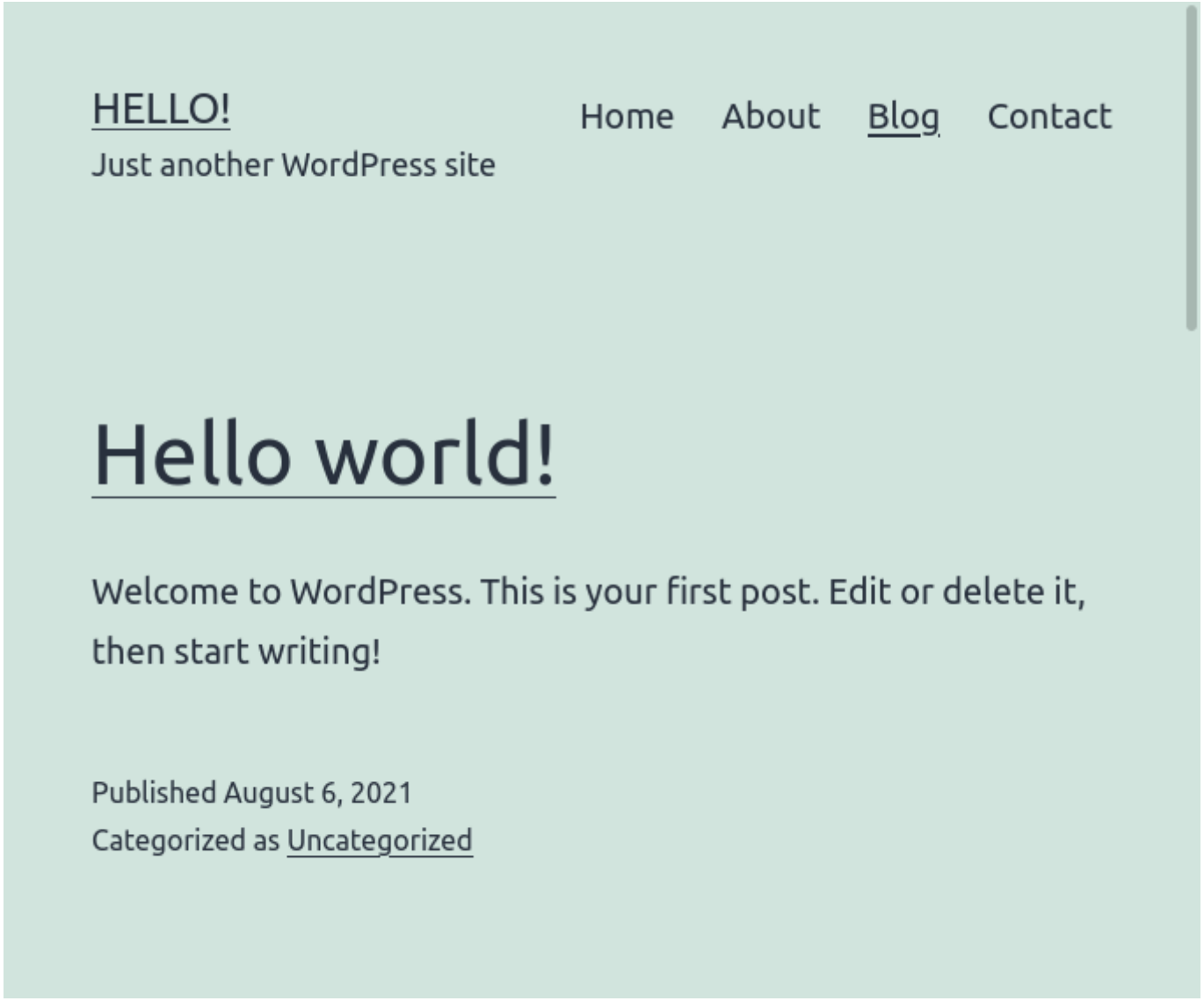
- Website: https://www.wireguard.com

5.35 WordPress (Website and Blog)

Available since: version 21.7

5.35.1 What is WordPress?

WordPress is a popular way to create and manage websites and blogs. It is a content management system that allows editing content using a visual web-based interface. No knowledge of HTML or other markup is needed to create websites. Complete layout and functionality of the web pages can be customized. Appearance can be chosen using themes. Administration interface and produced web pages are suitable for mobile devices.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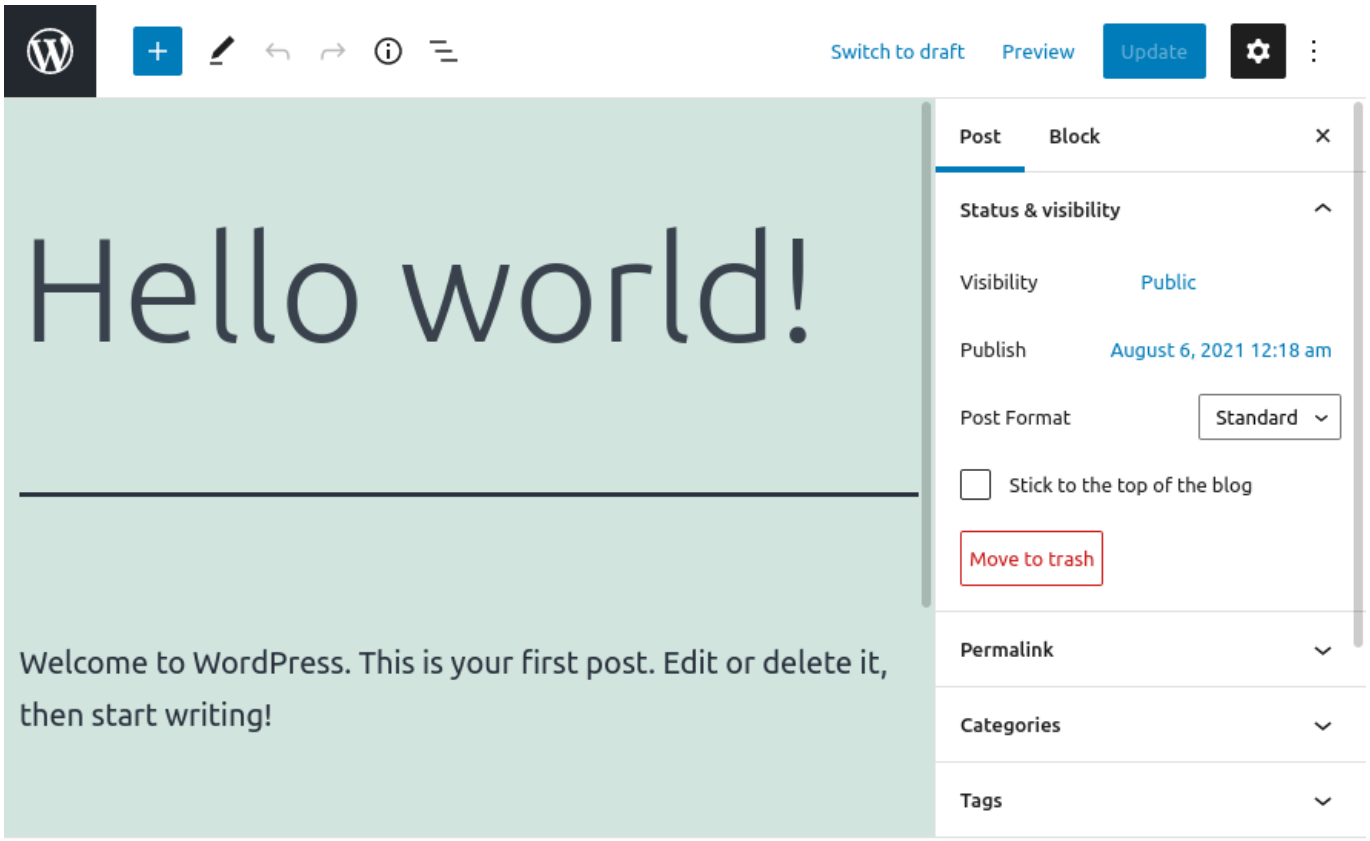
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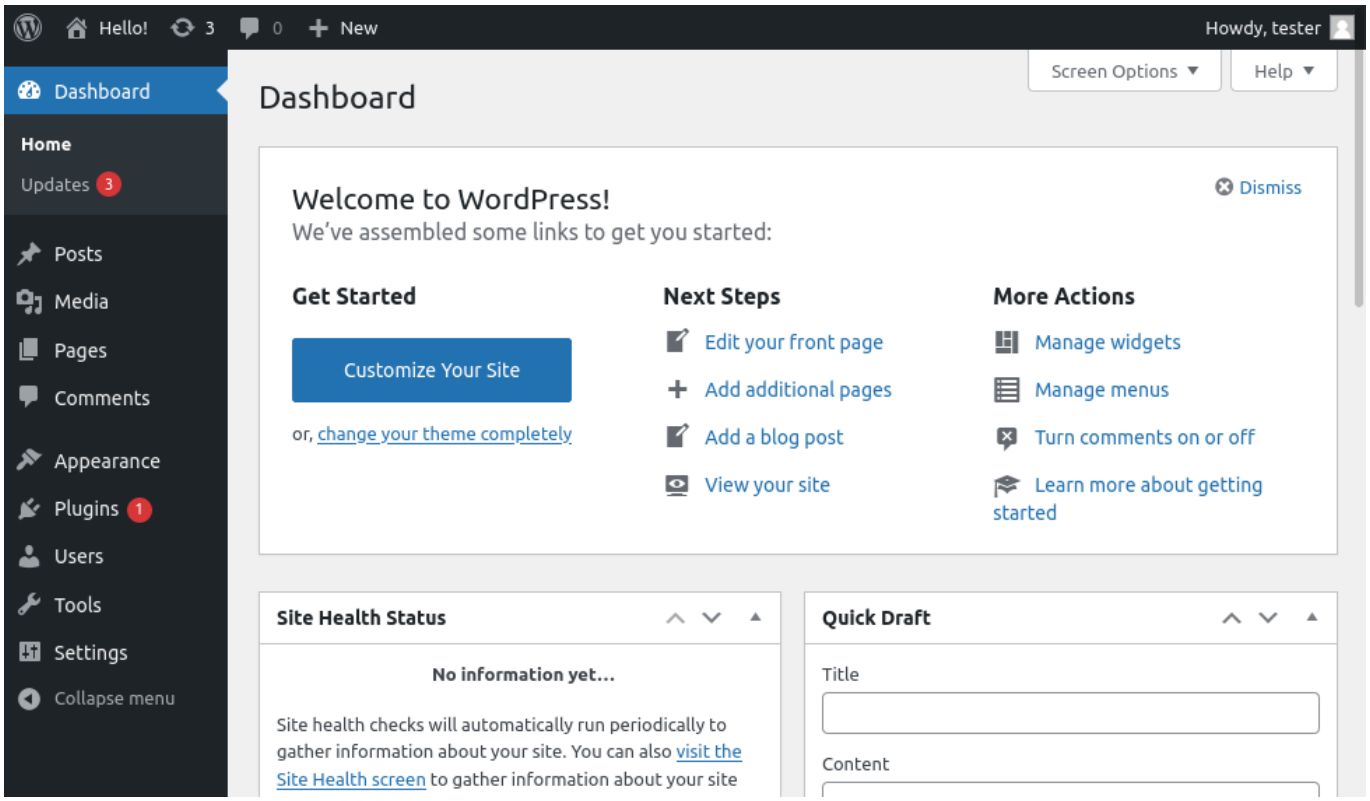
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Customize Your Site
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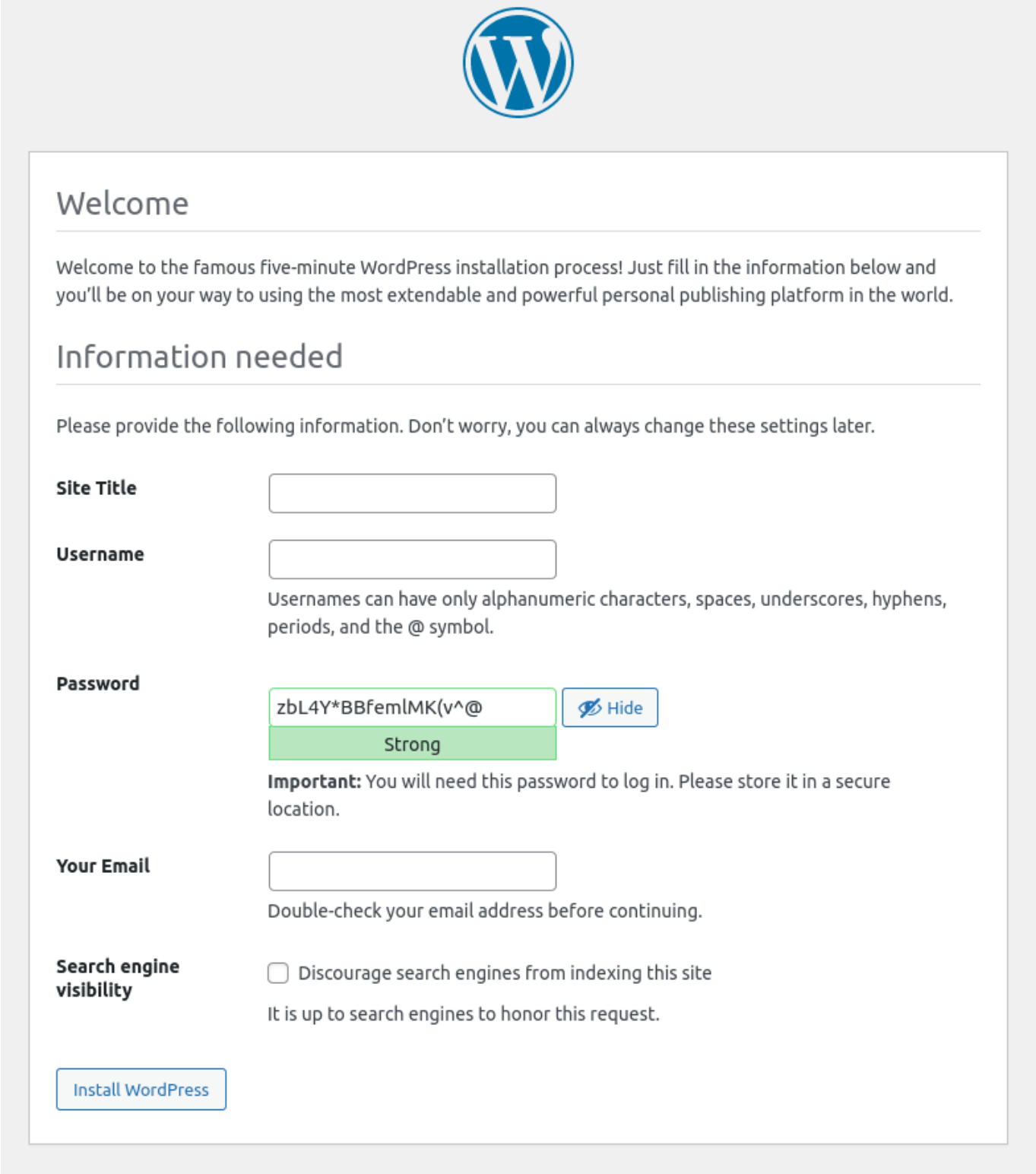
Edit your front page
Add additional pages
Add a blog post
View your site
More Actions
Manage widgets
Manage menus
Turn comments on or off
Learn more about getting started
Site Health Status
No information yet...
Site health checks will automatically run periodically to gather information about your site. You can also visit the Site Health screen to gather information about your site
Quick Draft
Title
Content

5.35.2 Setting up WordPress on FreedomBox

To setup WordPress, navigate to the WordPress (Website and Blog) page and install it. WordPress needs a valid domain name to be configured. Before proceeding further, setup a proper domain name. Domains are configured using System -> Configure page. Access your FreedomBox web interface using the domain you have configured. After this, visit the WordPress web interface. This will show a setup page asking for the name of the site and details for a new administrator account. After this step, WordPress is fully configured and ready. You can then return to the FreedomBox's WordPress app page and optionally make the WordPress installation available to public.



5.35.3 Public Access

In the WordPress app page in FreedomBox, the app can be made publicly available. It is, by default, not publicly available. It is only available to users who login as administrators in FreedomBox interface. This is to protect the initial setup process from becoming publicly available. If the setup process is publicly available, any visitor will be able to create themselves an administrator account which is undesirable. Administrators must take care not to enable public access until WordPress' setup process has been completed.

5.35.4 Users

At the moment, WordPress has its own user accounts that are unrelated to FreedomBox accounts. The first account created during the setup process is an administrator account. After logging in with the administrator account, separate accounts for viewing, publishing, or administering may be created from within WordPress interface.

Changes to content and configuration of WordPress can only be done after logging into WordPress. However, by default, there is no link from the website or blog to reach the login page. Bookmark or directly type into the browser **https://<mydomainname>/wordpre admin/** to reach administration interface.

5.35.5 WordPress as Home Page

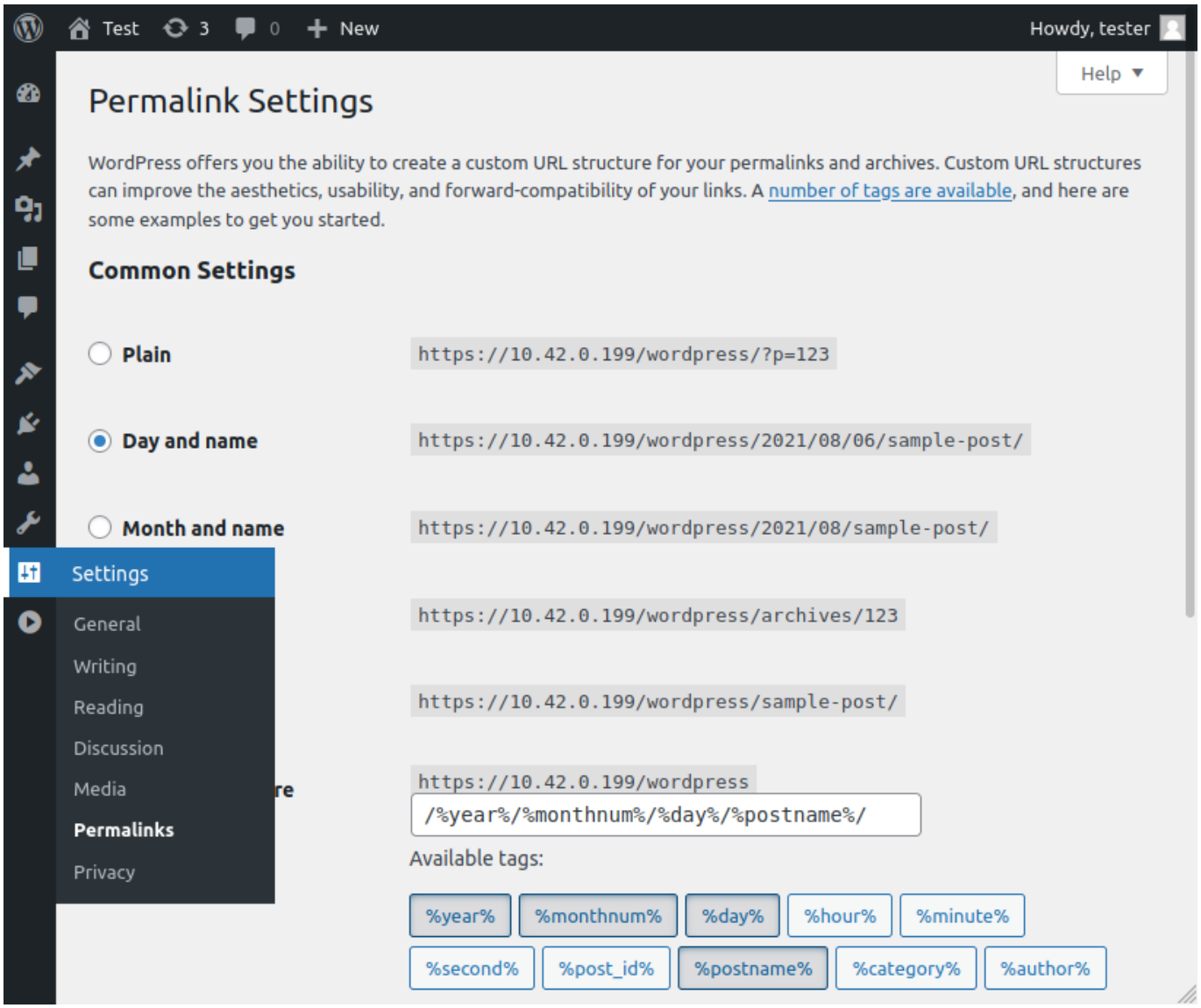
A beautiful, well customized WordPress website can be set as the home page for your FreedomBox. This can be done in System -> Configure page of the FreedomBox web interface. For example, if your FreedomBox's domain name is myfreedombox.rocks and you set WordPress as the home page, visiting `https://myfreedombox.rocks` will take you to `https://myfreedombox.rocks/wordpress/` instead of the FreedomBox interface.

5.35.6 Domain Name

When WordPress is setup for the first time, the domain name through which you access it is noted and WordPress gets configured with that domain name. Be sure to setup your domain name properly and access the WordPress setup process using the domain name and not a local IP address or domain name. Currently, FreedomBox does not provide an easy way to change the domain name once the app is installed.

5.35.7 Permalinks

By default, web addresses for newly created blog posts and pages look like **/wordpress/?p=1**. They can be made to look prettier like **/wordpress/2021/08/06/sample-post/** instead. This can be done from the *Settings* -> *Permalinks* configuration page in WordPress interface. The necessary web server configuration changes are handled by FreedomBox during app installation.



5.35.8 Automatic Upgrades

Similar to all other apps, feature and security upgrades for WordPress are automatically handled by FreedomBox (when not disabled). After a minor version upgrade, changes to the database structure are automatically done by WordPress. However, after a major version upgrade, such as during major distribution upgrade every two years, database changes are not done automatically. For this, you need to login to WordPress and trigger the changes manually.

5.35.9 Plugins and Themes

WordPress in itself is quite powerful and sufficient to create and manage a simple website or blog. It's true power, however, lies in the thousands of plugins and themes. Plugins extend the functionality of WordPress. For example, a contact form can be added to WordPress by installing the appropriate plugin. Themes change the appearance and layout of the site. Installing a new theme will provide an extra administration option for how your site will appear to your visitors. Care must be taken to choose trustworthy plugins and themes that respect software freedom and privacy of users and visitors of the site.

From FreedomBox version **22.13**, you can install plugins and themes directly from the WordPress GUI.

5.35.9.1 Google Fonts Privacy Issue

Please be aware that many of the third-party themes use Google Fonts which will violate your visitors' privacy.

One way to remove Google Fonts from your WordPress site is to remove the respective code lines from your theme's source code under **Appearance >> Theme Editor**. Please note these changes may be overwritten by the theme's next update.

5.35.9.2 Failing Updates

Manual update of the default theme and plugin, namely **Twenty Twenty-One** and **Akismet Anti-Spam** will fail, since these updates are managed separately by Debian. You do not have to worry about their updating.

5.35.9.3 Note for FreedomBox between version 21.7 and 22.12

Since there are few plugins/themes packaged for Debian, FreedomBox does not provide a simple way to install and manage them. You need to install them manually. This can be done as follows:

1. Note the URL of the plugin or theme to download by browsing them from WordPress administration interface or the official website. Be sure to select trustworthy ones with a free software license.
2. Log in via SSH using a FreedomBox administrator account.
3. Download the plugin or theme and unpack into a directory using the command line.
4. Move the directory under **/var/lib/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/** or **/var/lib/wordpress/wp-content/themes/** as appropriate.
5. Watch for upgrades to these plugins from WordPress and repeat the process for installing newer versions.

5.35.10 External links

- WordPress website: https://wordpress.org
- Discover WordPress plugins: https://wordpress.org/plugins/
- Explore WordPress themes: https://wordpress.org/themes/
- WordPress documentation: https://wordpress.org/support/
- Google Fonts: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Fonts

5.36 Zoph (Photo manager)

Available since: version 21.3 (and Debian 11, Bullseye)

5.36.1 What is Zoph?

Zoph is a web based photo manager, allowing uploads of photos to the FreedomBox server, where they can be organised into Albums, and associated with Locations, People and Categories. An individual photo can be in multiple albums, and Albums, Categories and Locations are hierarchical.

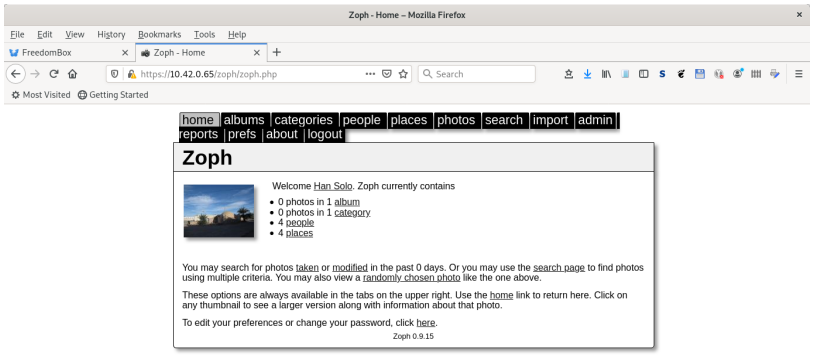
Zoph supports multiple users, and has a permissions system to control which Albums users can see, or create, whether they can see or create People etc.

For FreedomBox the username within Zoph must match the FreedomBox username so Single Sign On will work.

5.36.2 Using Zoph

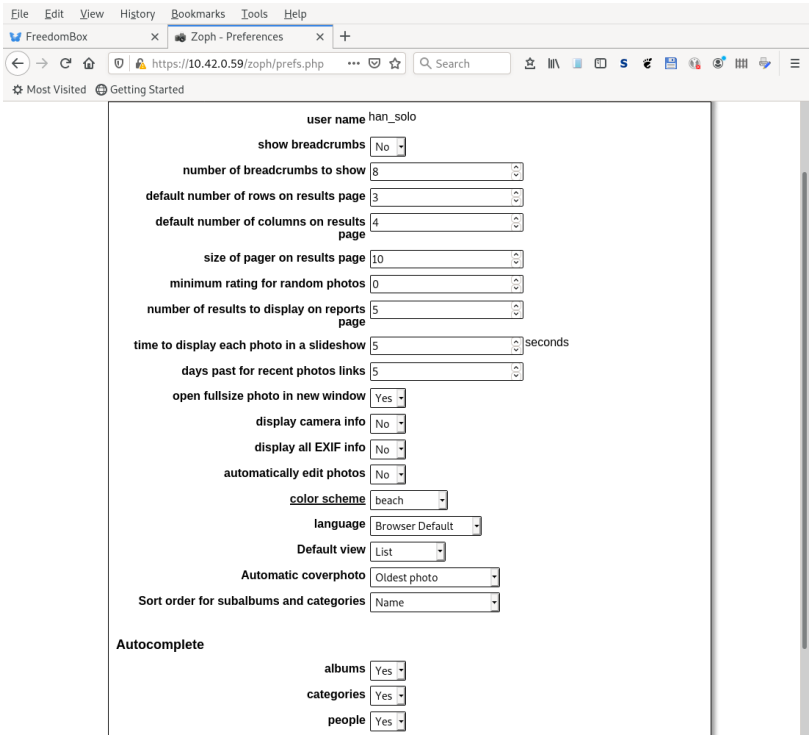
After Zoph is installed, you'll need to click "Setup". Then you can launch the web client. It can also be accessed at `https://<your freedombox>/zoph`.

Only the very first time you'll be asked for user and password. The next times you'll be taken straight to a welcome screen.

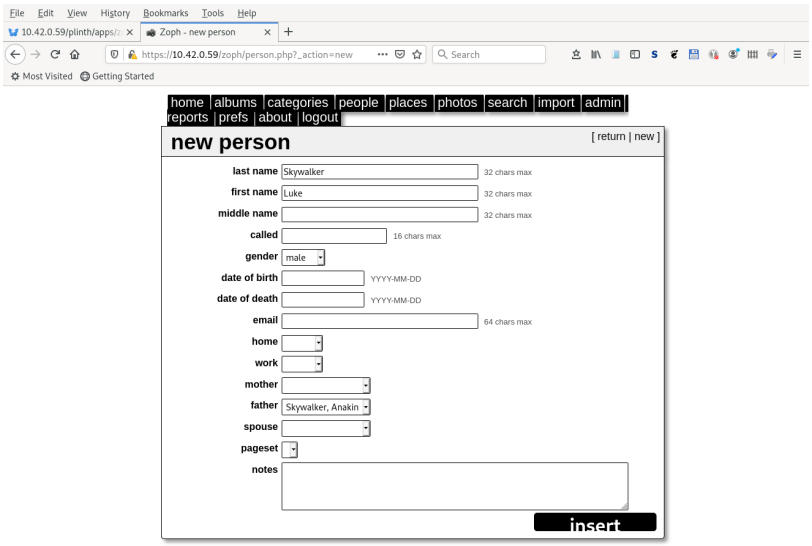


The tab menu will be shown on top of every page. From there you can import photos from any computer, administer Zoph to add other users etc.

You can now go to the 'prefs' tab and set your preferences, for numbers of rows and columns in results displays, how much information you wish displayed about the camera used to take the photo and so on.



You can add information about People who are in your Photos.



5.36.2.1 Choosing a storage location for your photos

Your photos will need a lot of storage space compared to the other uses of your FreedomBox. You may want to put them onto an external disk. You can (not yet) specify in the initial install screen where your photos should be stored. The database which holds information about albums, people etc is held in your normal FreedomBox storage.

5.36.3 External links

- Website: http://www.zoph.org

6 System

6.1 Backups

FreedomBox includes the ability to backup and restore data, preferences, configuration and secrets from most of the applications. The Backups feature is built using Borg backup software. Borg is a deduplicating and compressing backup program. It is designed for efficient and secure backups. This backups feature can be used to selectively backup and restore data on an app-by-app basis. Backed up data can be stored on the FreedomBox machine itself or on a remote server. Any remote server providing SSH access can be used as a backup storage repository for FreedomBox backups. Data stored remotely may be encrypted and in such cases remote server cannot access your decrypted data.

6.1.1 Notes for Specific App Backups

Unless otherwise noted here, backup of an app's data will include its configuration, secrets and other data.

App/Feature	Notes
Deluge	Does not include downloaded/seeding files
MiniDLNA	Does not include the data in the shared folders
Networks	No plans currently to implement backup
Samba	Does not include the data in the shared folders
Sharing	Does not include the data in the shared folders
Snapshot	Only configuration, does not include snapshot data
Syncthing	Does not include data in the shared folders
Transmission	Does not include downloaded/seeding files
Users	Backup of user accounts is planned

6.1.2 How to install and use Backups

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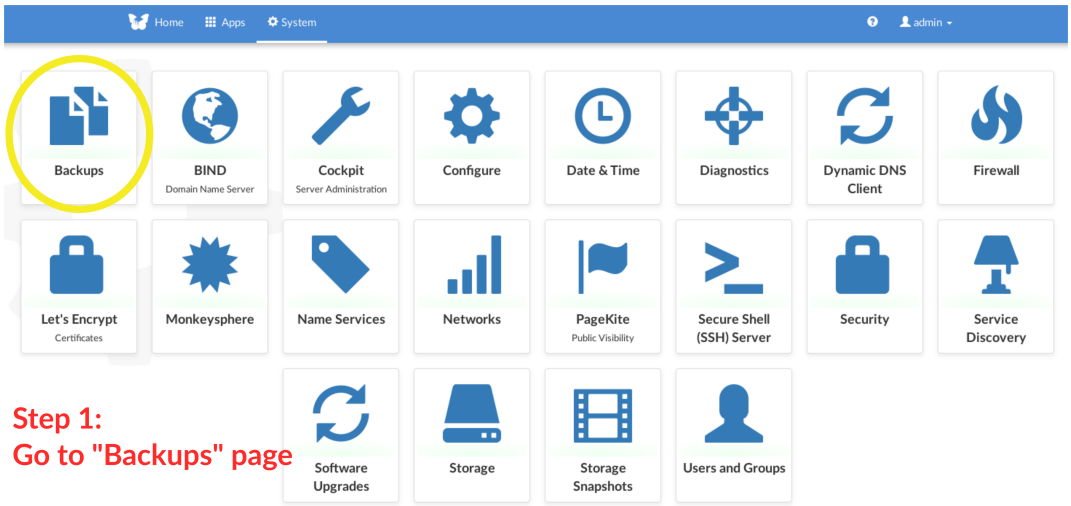

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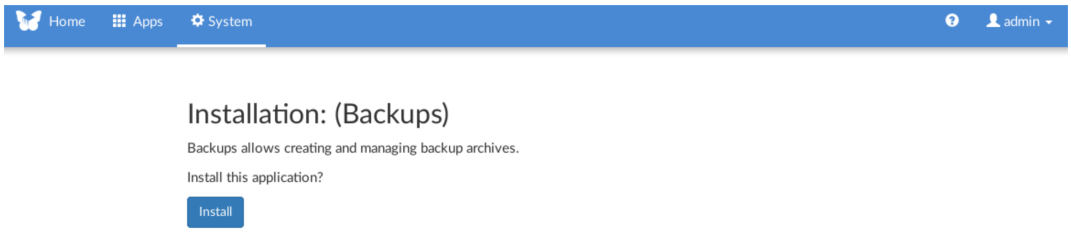

Step 2:
Click "Install"

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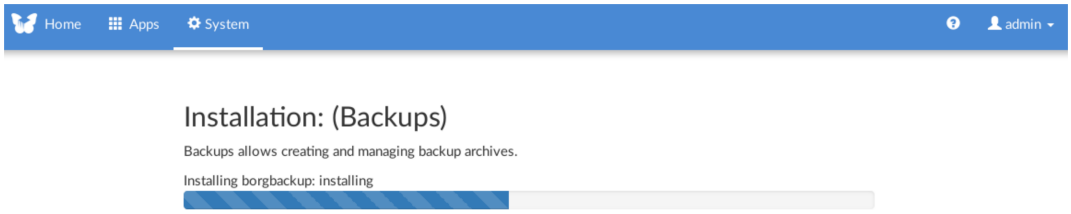
Step 3



Step 3:
Wait for Backups to install

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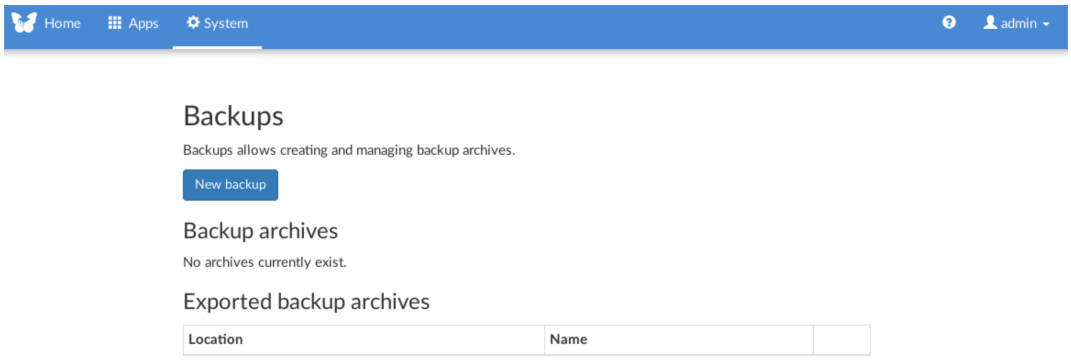
Step 4



Step 4:
Click "New backup" to create the backup archive

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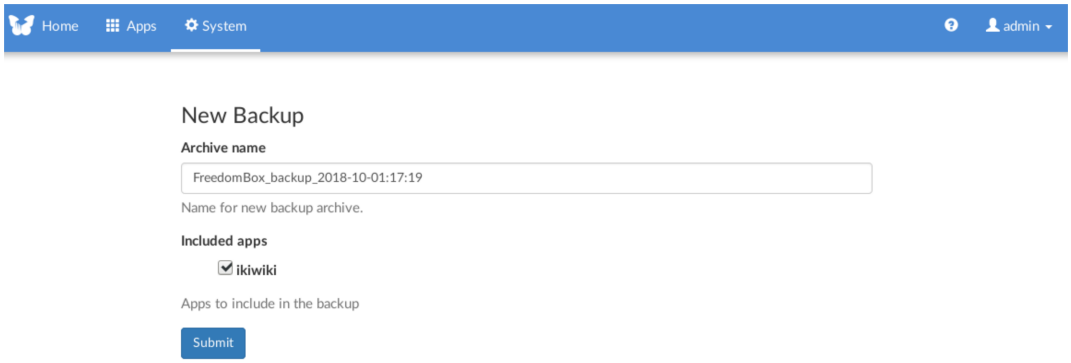
Step 5



Step 5:
Type a name for the archive, select apps to include, click submit

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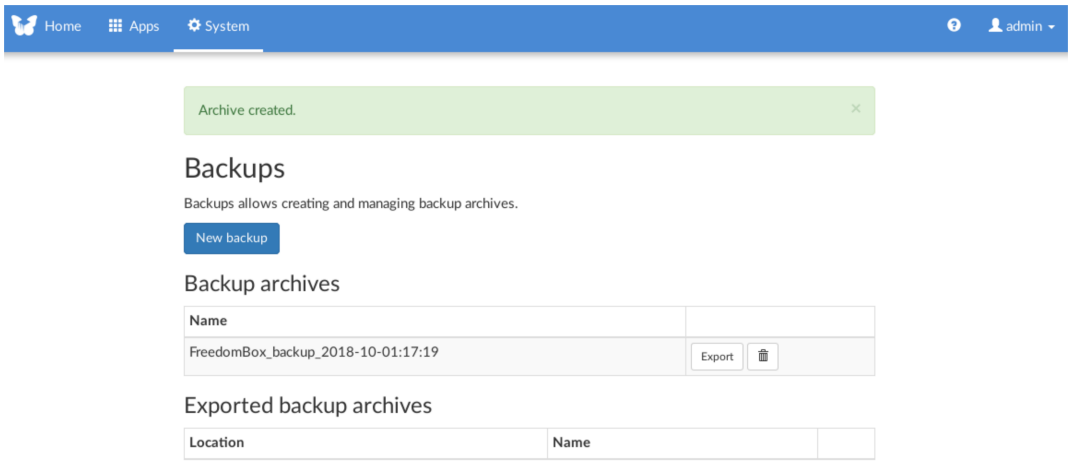
Step 6



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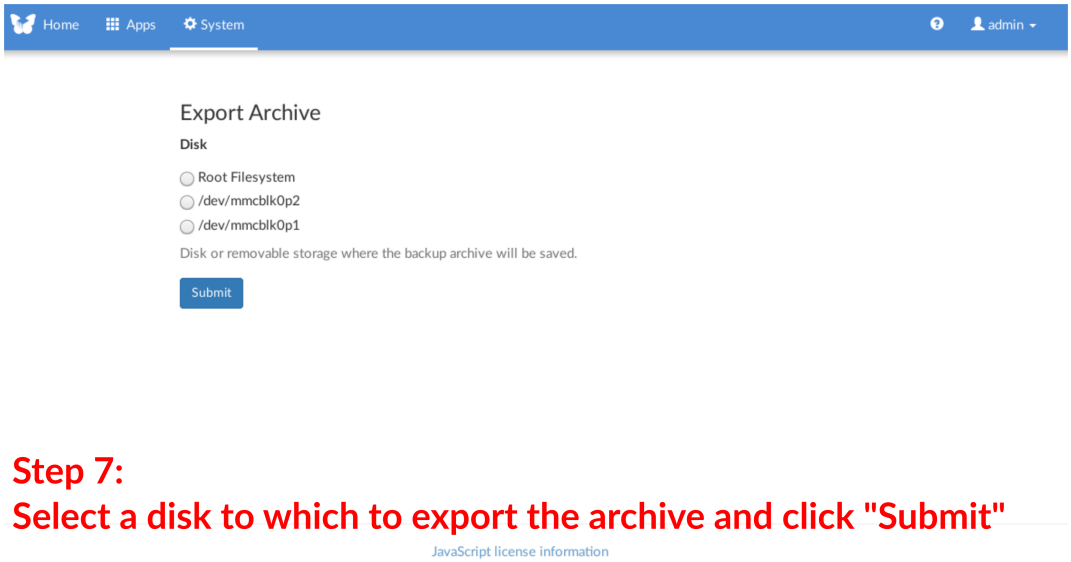


6.1.3 External links

- Upstream project: https://www.borgbackup.org
- User documentation: https://borgbackup.readthedocs.io/en/stable/

6.2 BIND (Domain Name Server)

BIND enables you to publish your Domain Name System (DNS) information on the Internet, and to resolve DNS queries for your user devices on your network.

Currently, on FreedomBox, BIND is only used to resolve DNS queries for other machines on local network. It is also incompatible with sharing Internet connection from FreedomBox.

Note: This service is available only on networks configured as "internal" zone. It is not available when connected via OpenVPN.

6.2.1 Using BIND

When BIND is enabled, that does not automatically mean that anything is using it. The following can be configured:

- FreedomBox can be configured to use the local BIND service for its own DNS lookups.
- Clients on the Local Area Network can be configured to use the FreedomBox's BIND service for their DNS lookups.

The FreedomBox can be set to use its own BIND service for DNS lookups through Networks:

1. Go to System page, and then select Networks.
2. Select the "FreedomBox WAN" connection and press Edit.
3. Under "IPv4 Addressing Method", there is a field "DNS Server". Set it to `127.0.0.1`. /* TODO: Add IPv6 instructions. */
4. Press "Edit Connection" at the bottom to save the changes.

Restart the FreedomBox from the user drop-down menu.

6.2.2 External links

- Upstream project: https://www.isc.org/bind/

6.3 Cockpit (Server Administration)

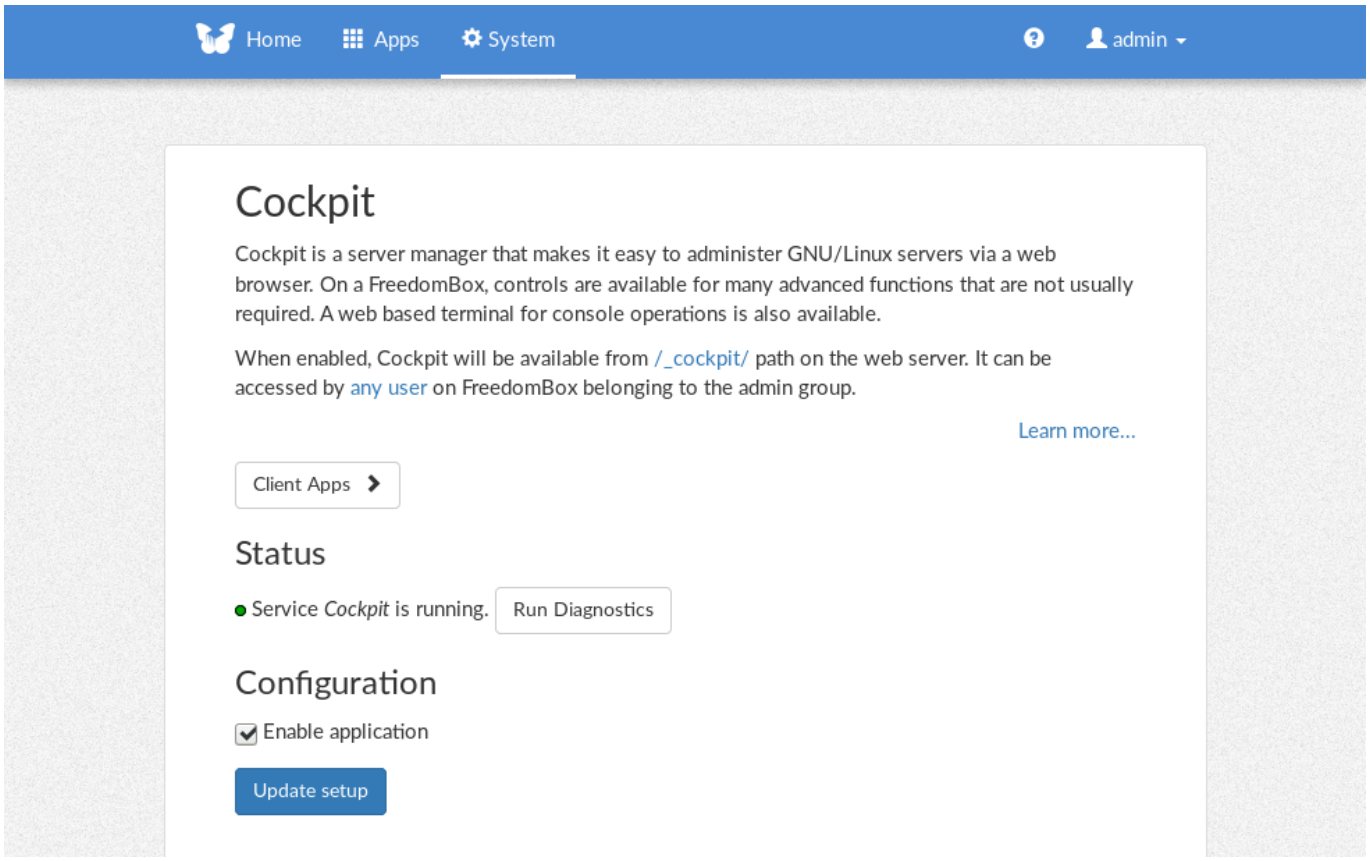
Cockpit is a server manager that makes it easy to administer GNU/Linux servers via a web browser. On a FreedomBox, controls are available for many advanced functions that are not usually required. A web based terminal for console operations is also available.

It can be accessed by any user on your FreedomBox belonging to the admin group. Cockpit is only usable when you have proper domain name setup for your FreedomBox and you use that domain name to access Cockpit. See the Troubleshooting section for more information.

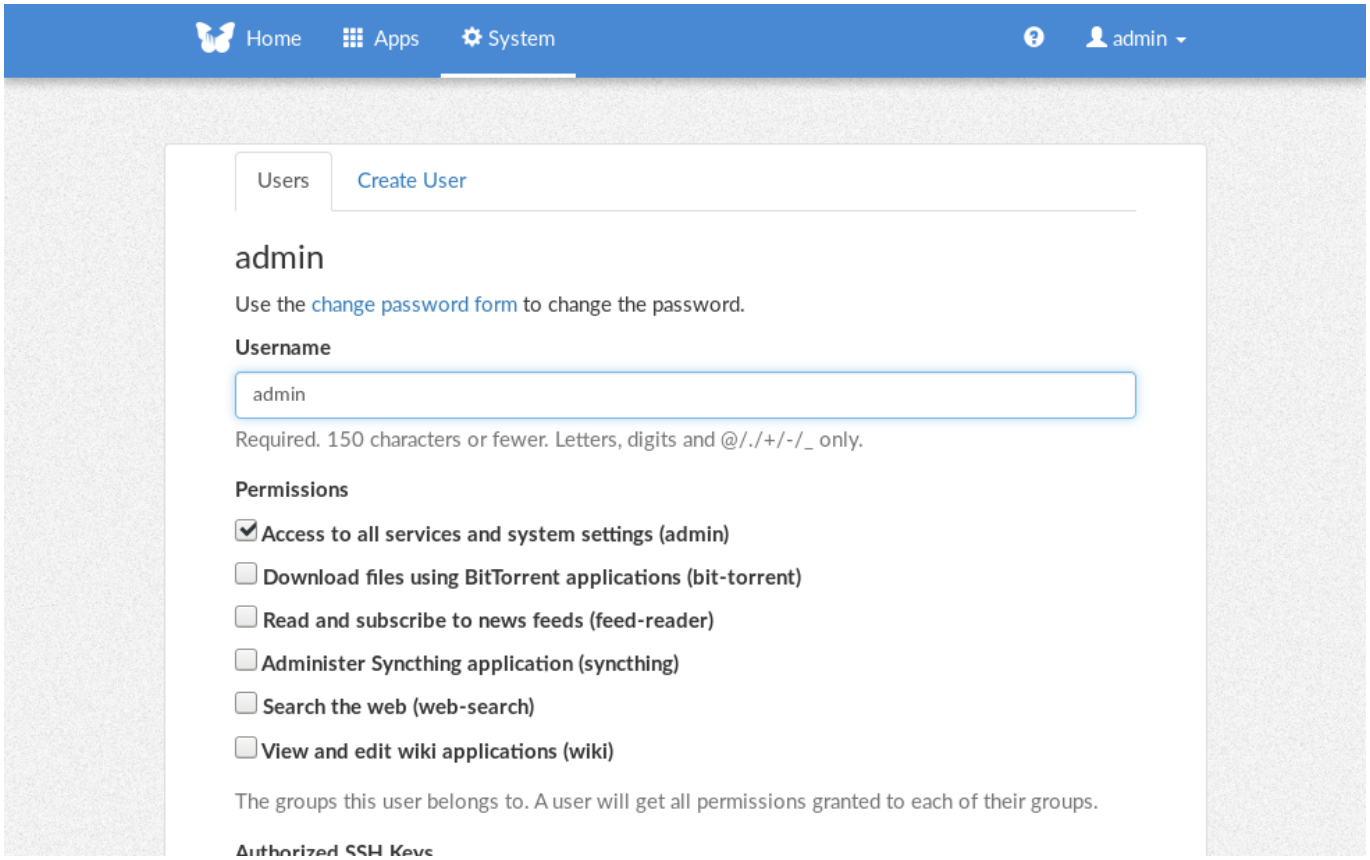
Caution
Use cockpit only if you are an administrator of GNU/Linux systems with advanced skills. FreedomBox tries to coexist with changes to system by system administrators and system administration tools like Cockpit. However, improper changes to the system might causes failures in FreedomBox functions.

6.3.1 Using Cockpit

Install Cockpit like any other application on FreedomBox. Make sure that Cockpit is enabled after that.

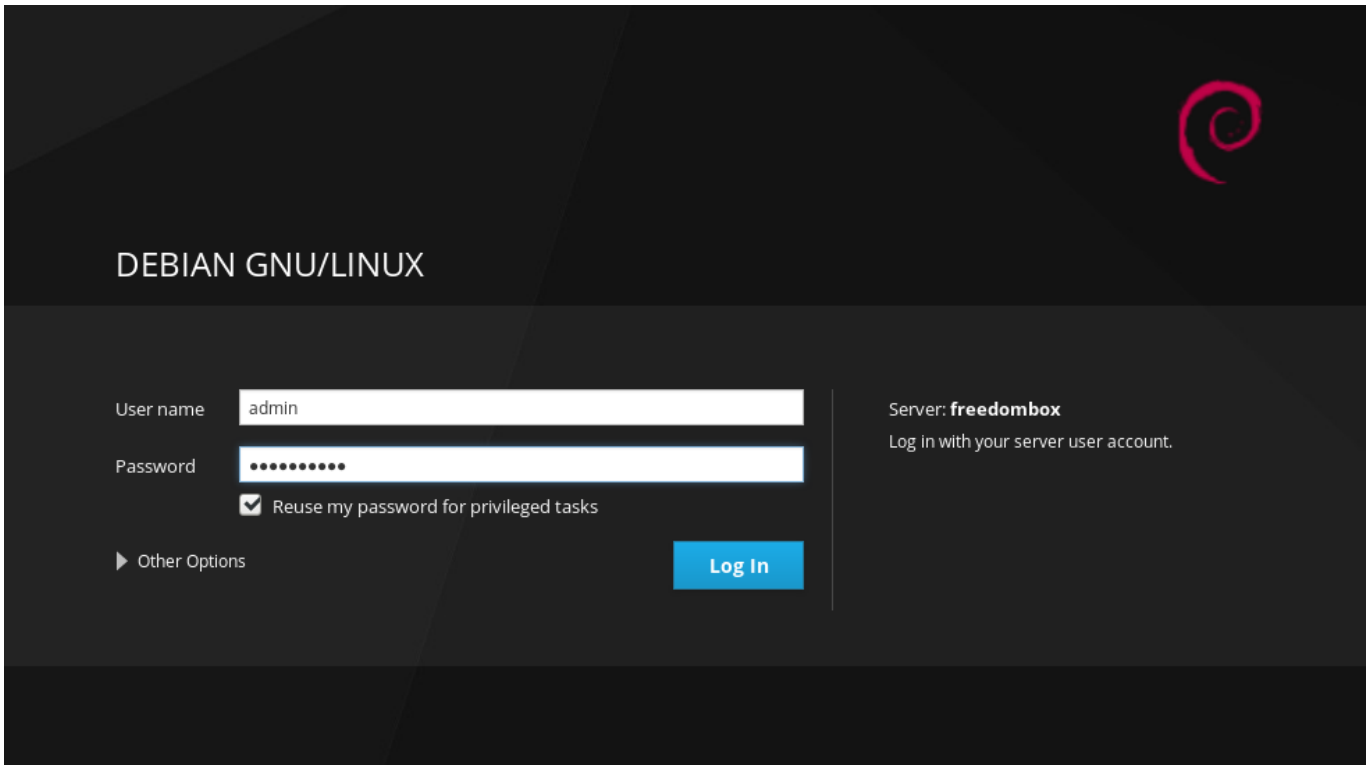


Ensure that the user account on FreedomBox that will used for Cockpit is part of the administrators group.

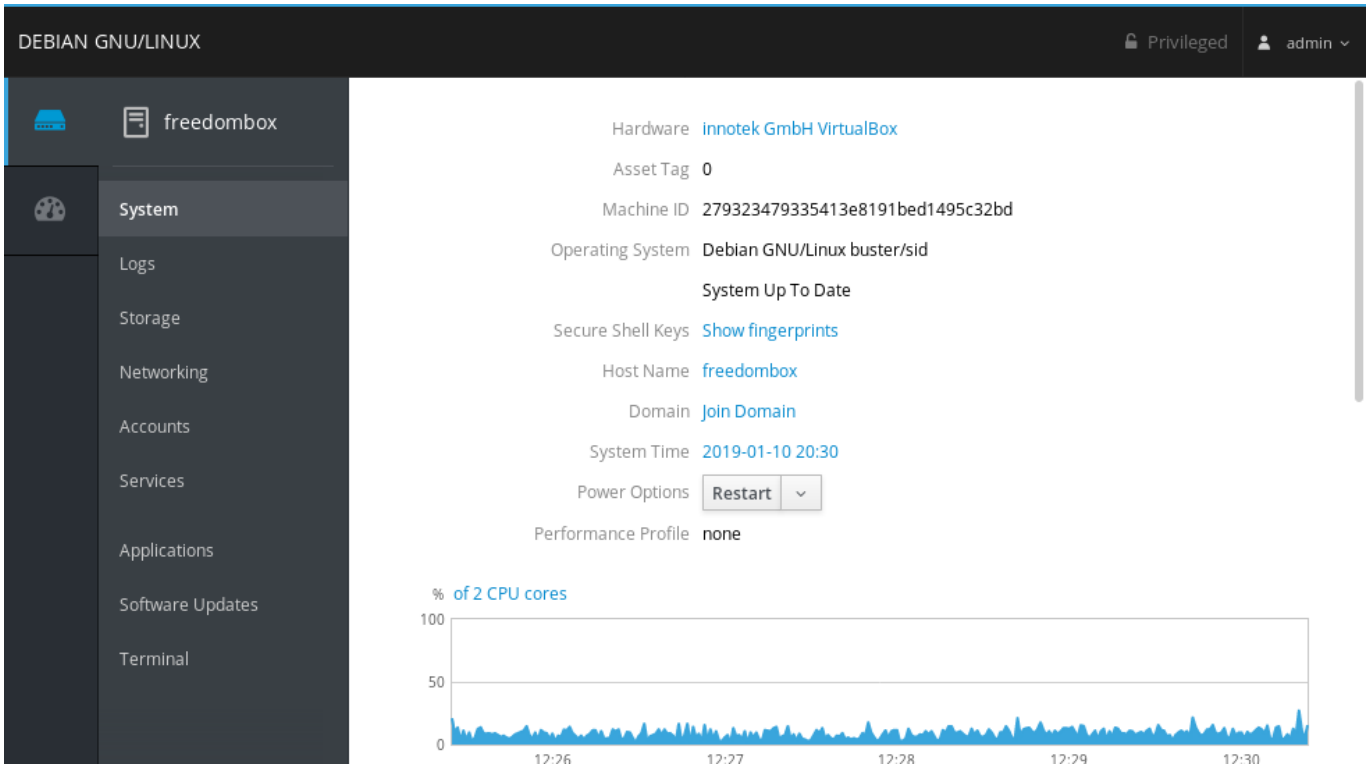


Launch the Cockpit web interface. Login using the configured user account. Be sure to check the box to "reuse my password for

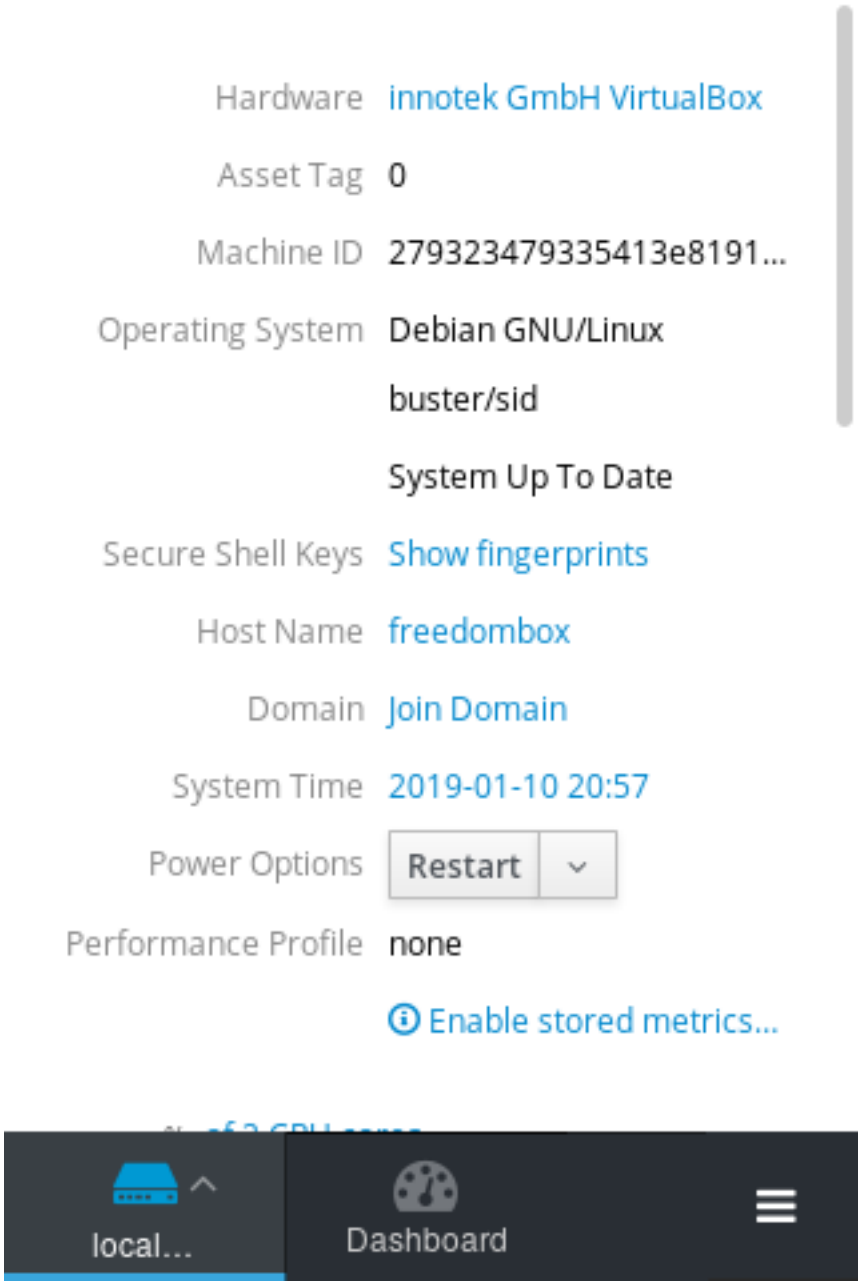
privileged tasks", otherwise you will not be able to perform various tasks such as configuring raid, or editing users, once logged in.



Start using cockpit.



Cockpit is usable on mobile interfaces too.



6.3.2 Features

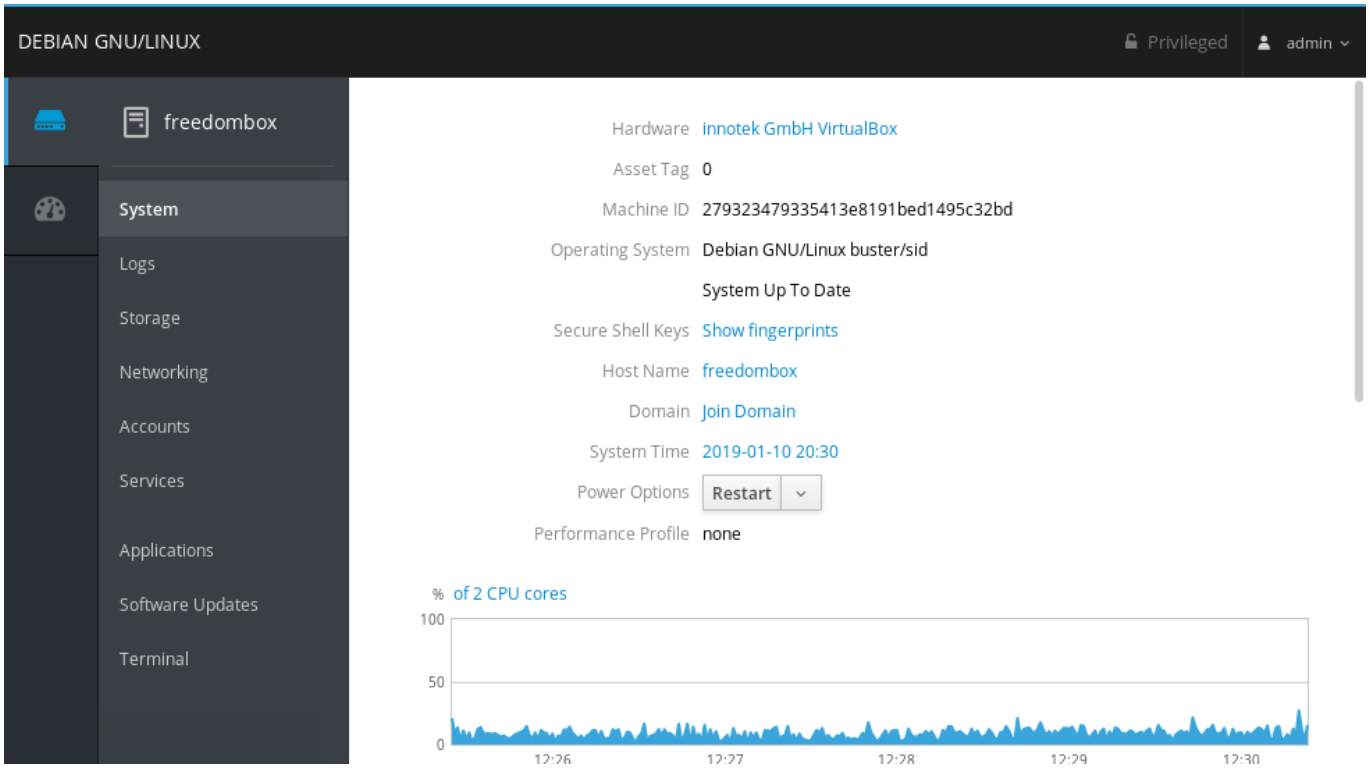
The following features of Cockpit may be useful for advanced FreedomBox users.

6.3.2.1 System Dashboard

Cockpit has a system dashboard that

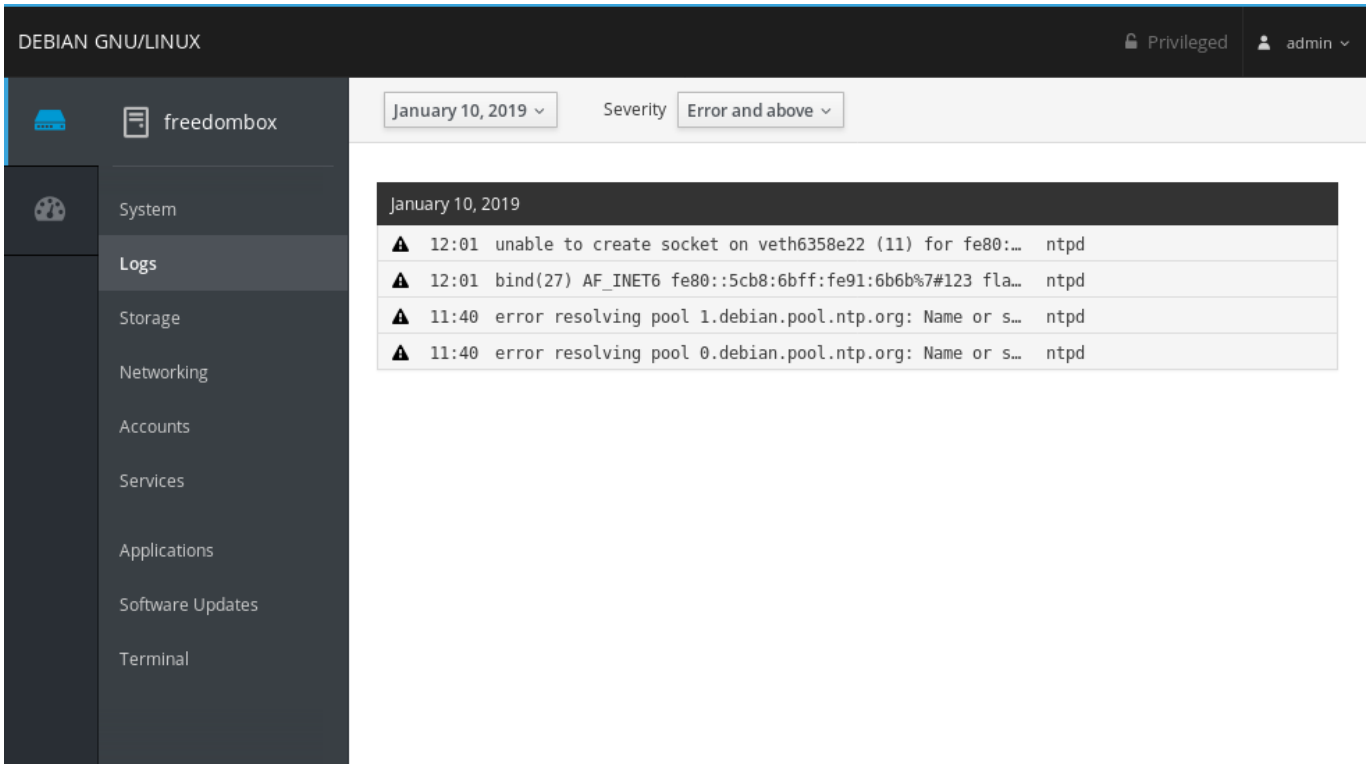
- Shows detailed hardware information
- Shows basic performance metrics of a system
- Allows changing system time and timezone
- Allows changing hostname. Please use FreedomBox UI to do this

- Shows SSH server fingerprints



6.3.2.2 Viewing System Logs

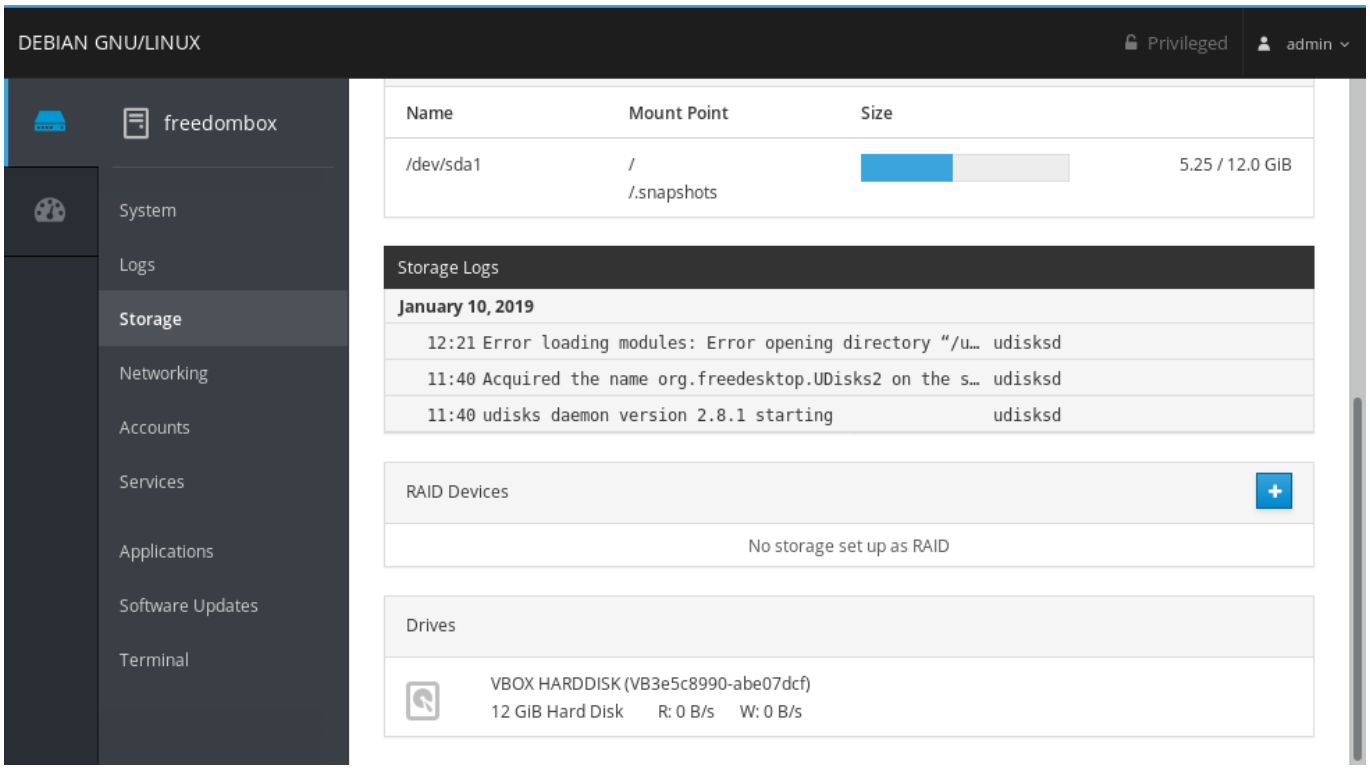
Cockpit allows querying system logs and examining them in full detail.

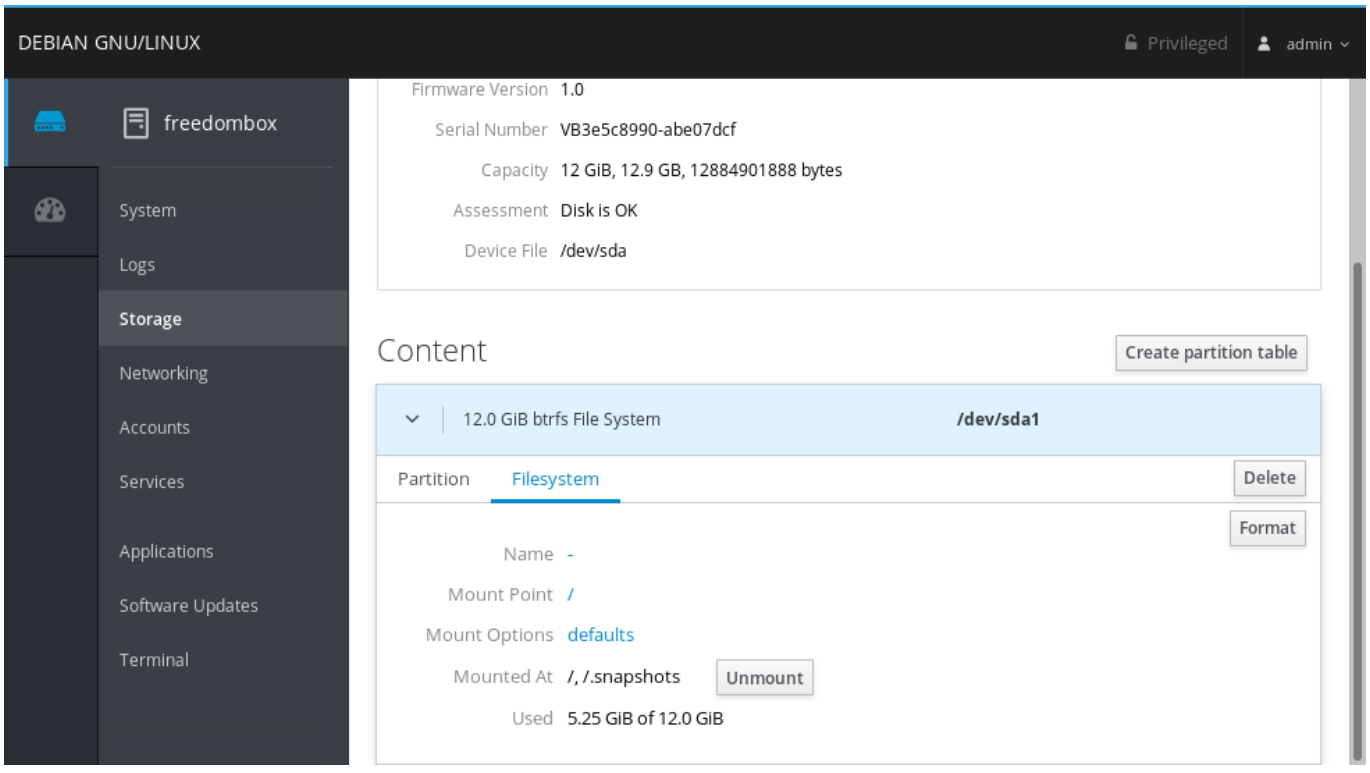


6.3.2.3 Managing Storage

Cockpit allows following advanced storage functions:

- View full disk information
- Editing disk partitions
- RAID management

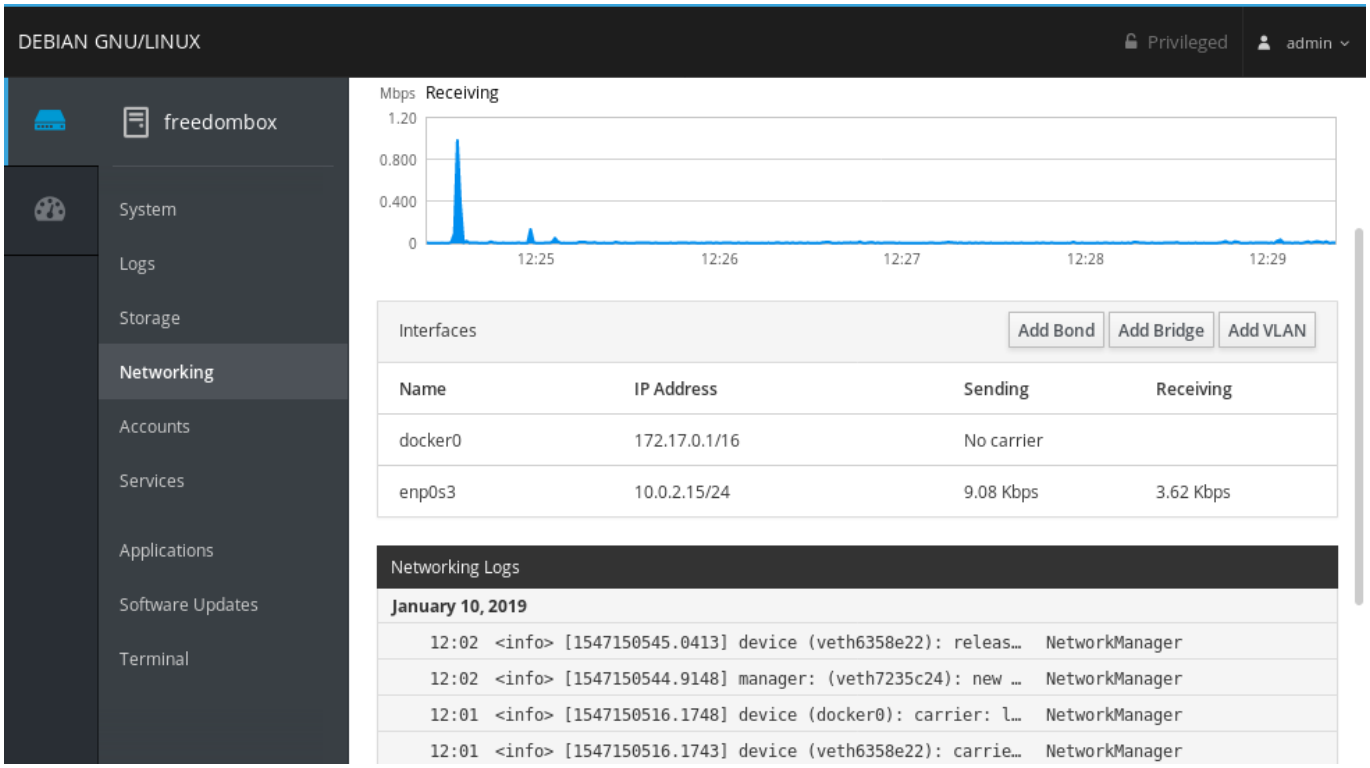


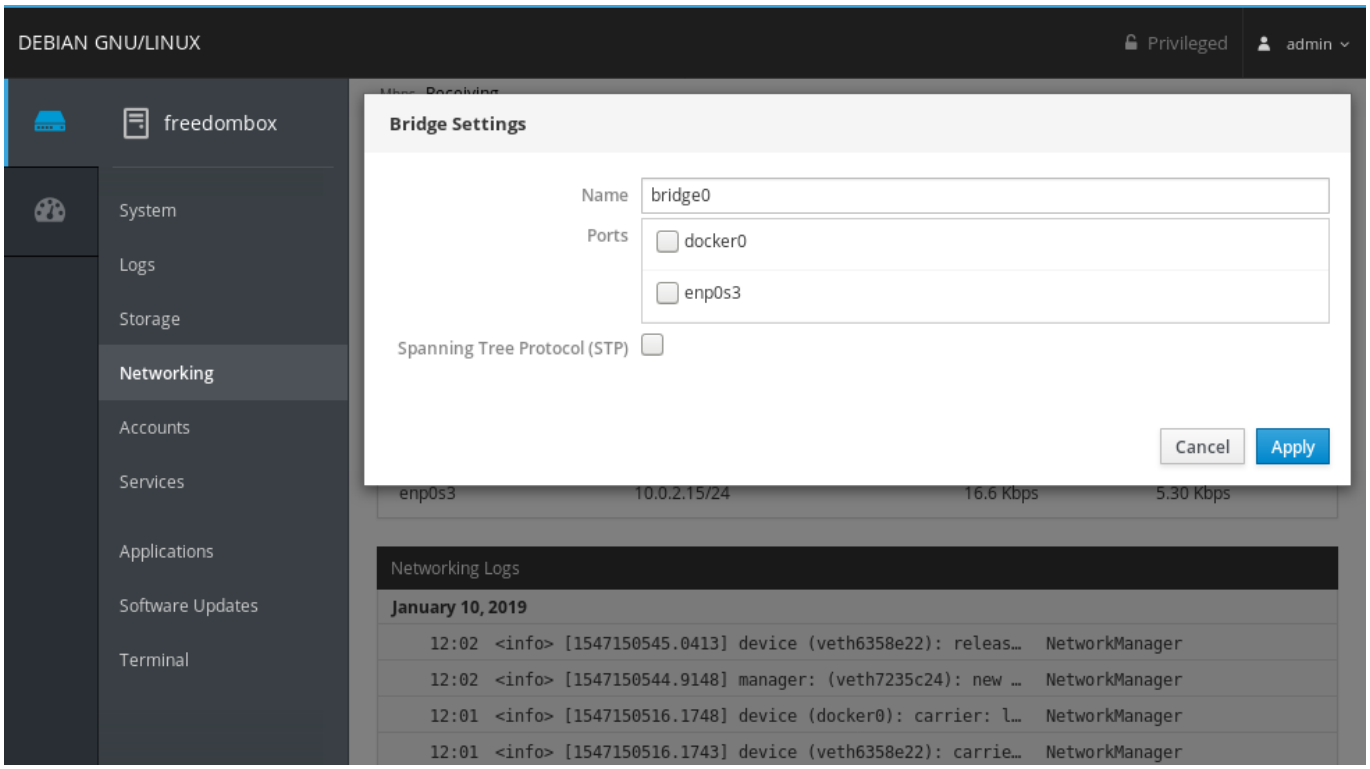


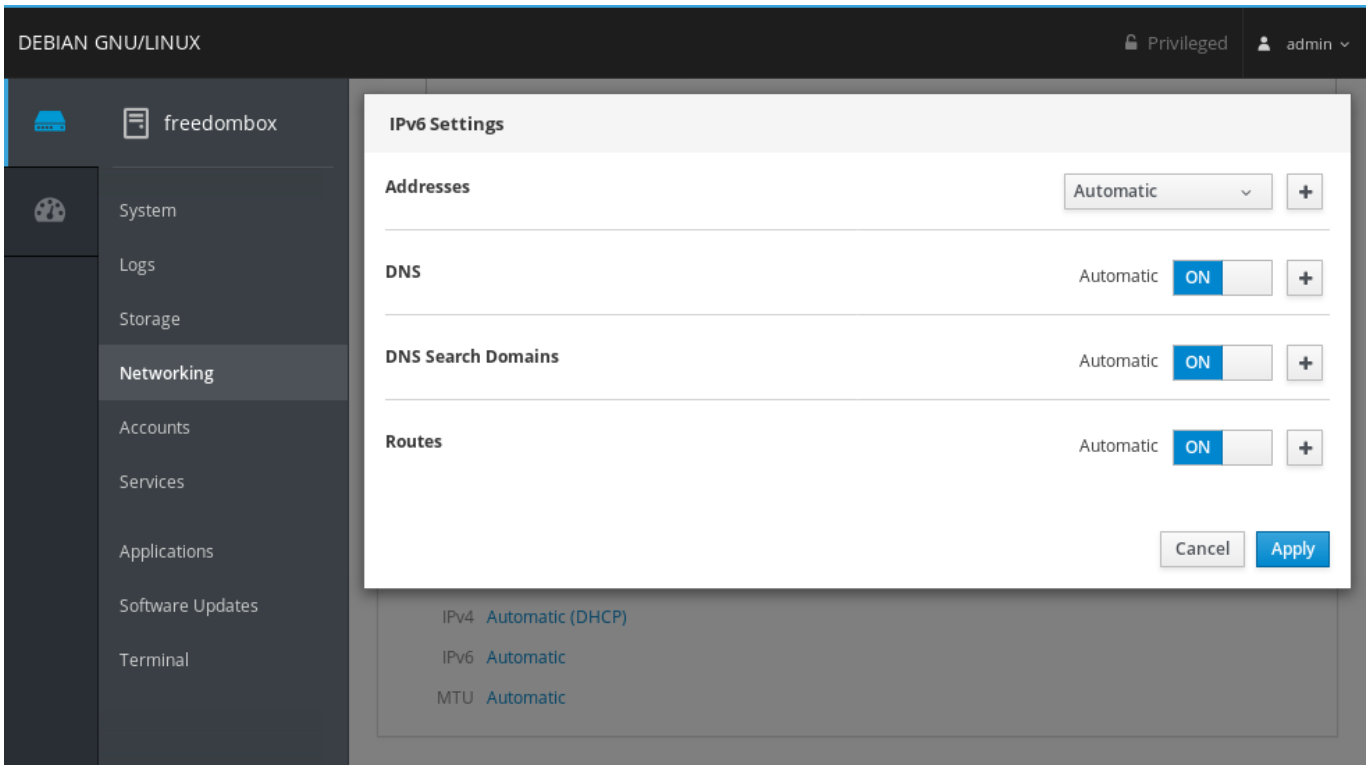
6.3.2.4 Networking

Cockpit and FreedomBox both rely on NetworkManager to configure the network. However, Cockpit offers some advanced configuration not available on FreedomBox:

- Route configuration
- Configure Bonds, Bridges, VLANs

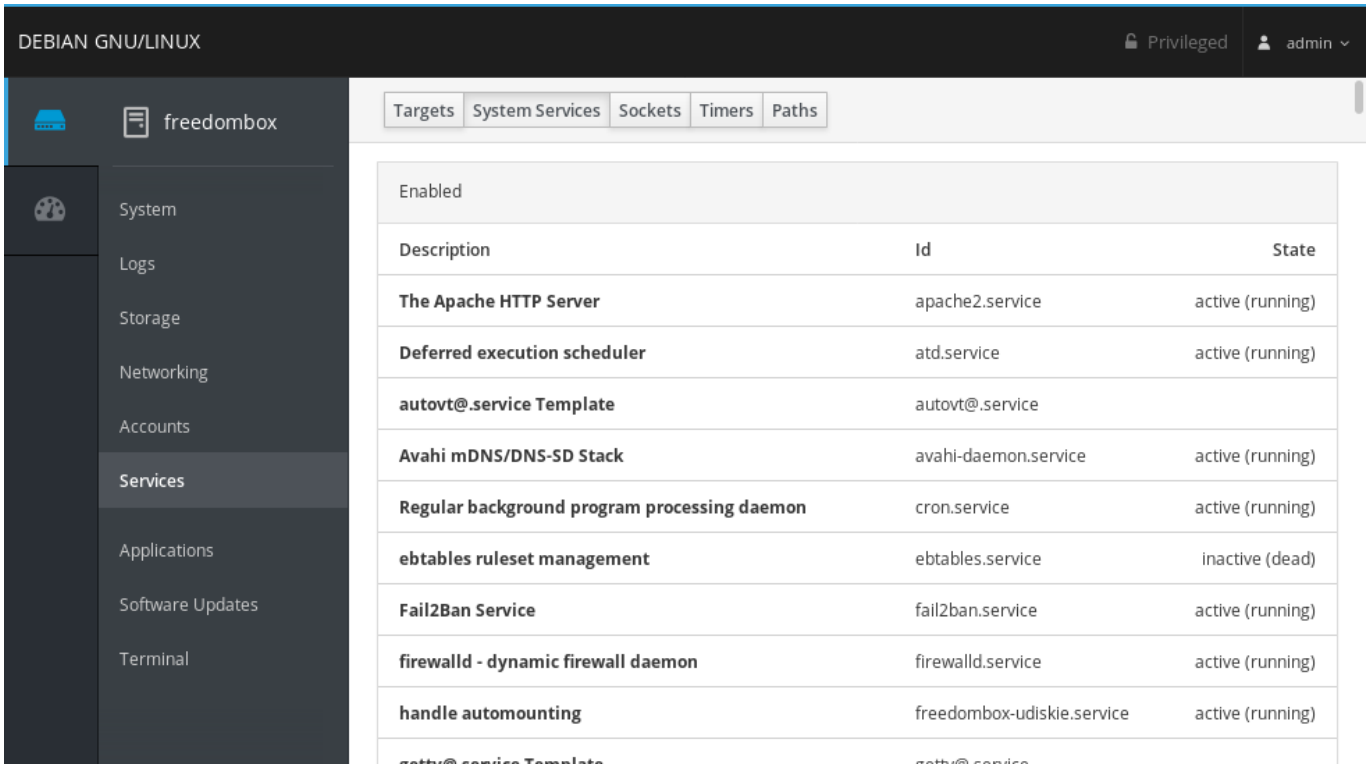


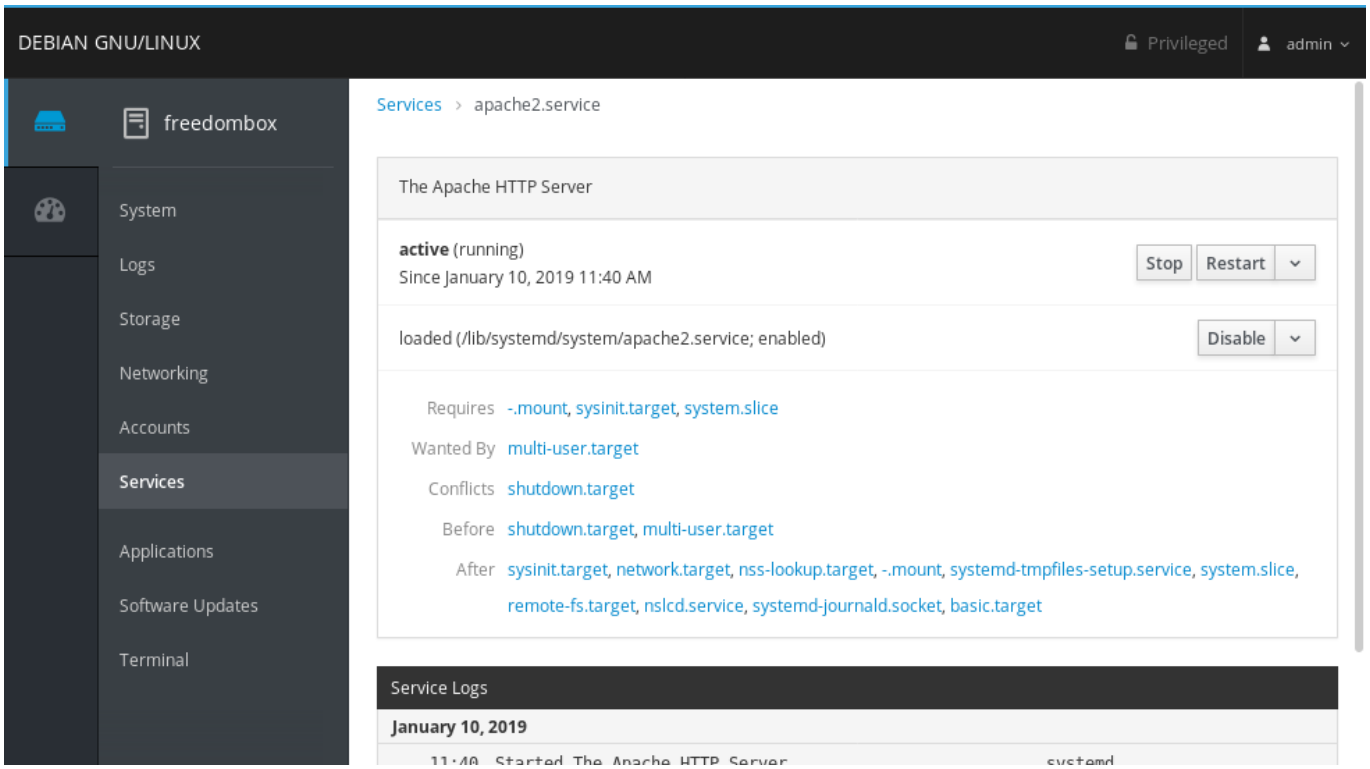




6.3.2.5 Services

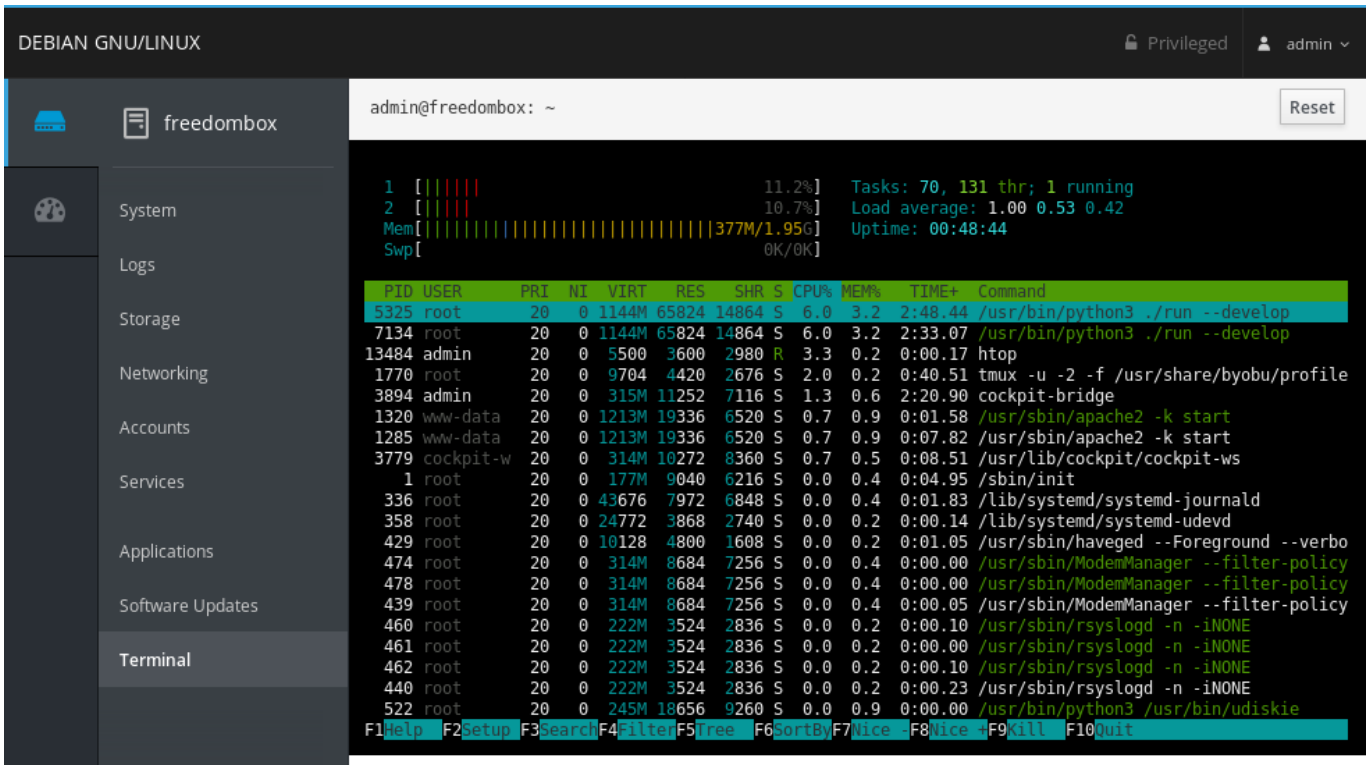
Cockpit allows management of services and periodic jobs (similar to cron).





6.3.2.6 Web Terminal

Cockpit offers a web based terminal that can be used perform manual system administration tasks.



6.3.3 Troubleshooting

Cockpit requires a domain name to be properly setup on your FreedomBox and will only work when you access it using a URL with that domain name. Cockpit will not work when using IP address in the URL. Using *freedombox.local* as the domain name also does not work. For example, the following URLs will not work:

```
https://192.168.0.10/_cockpit/
https://freedombox.local/_cockpit/
```

Starting with FreedomBox version 19.15, using *.local* domain works. You can access Cockpit using the URL `https://freedombox.local/_cockpit/`. The *.local* domain is based on your hostname. If your hostname is *mybox*, your *.local* domain name will be *mybox.local* and the Cockpit URL will be `https://mybox.local/_cockpit/`.

To properly access Cockpit, use the domain name configured for your FreedomBox.Cockpit will also work well when using a Tor Onion Service. The following URLs will work:

```
https://mybox.freedombox.rocks/_cockpit/
https://exampletorhs.onion/_cockpit/
```

The reason for this behaviour is that Cockpit uses WebSockets to connect to the backend server. Cross site requests for WebSockets must be prevented for security reasons. To implement this, Cockpit maintains a list of all domains from which requests are allowed. FreedomBox automatically configures this list whenever you add or remove a domain. However, since we can't rely on IP addresses, they are not added by FreedomBox to this domain list. You can see the current list of allowed domains, as managed by FreedomBox, in */etc/cockpit/cockpit.conf*. You may edit this, but do so only if you understand web security consequences of this.

6.3.4 External links

- Upstream project: `https://cockpit-project.org`
- User documentation: `https://cockpit-project.org/guide/latest/`

6.4 Configure

Configure has some general configuration options:

6.4.1 Hostname

- Hostname is the local name by which other devices on the local network can reach your FreedomBox. The default hostname is *freedombox*.

6.4.2 Domain Name

- Domain name is the global name by which other devices on the Internet can reach your FreedomBox. The value set here is used by the Chat Server (XMPP), Matrix Synapse, and Certificates (Let's Encrypt).

6.4.3 Webserver Home Page

- This is an advanced option that allows you to set something other than FreedomBox Service as the home page to be served on the domain name of the FreedomBox. For example, if your FreedomBox's domain name is `https://myfreedombox.rocks` and you set MediaWiki as the home page, visiting `https://myfreedombox.rocks` will take you to `https://myfreedombox.rocks/mediawiki/` instead of the usual `https://myfreedombox.rocks/plinth/`.

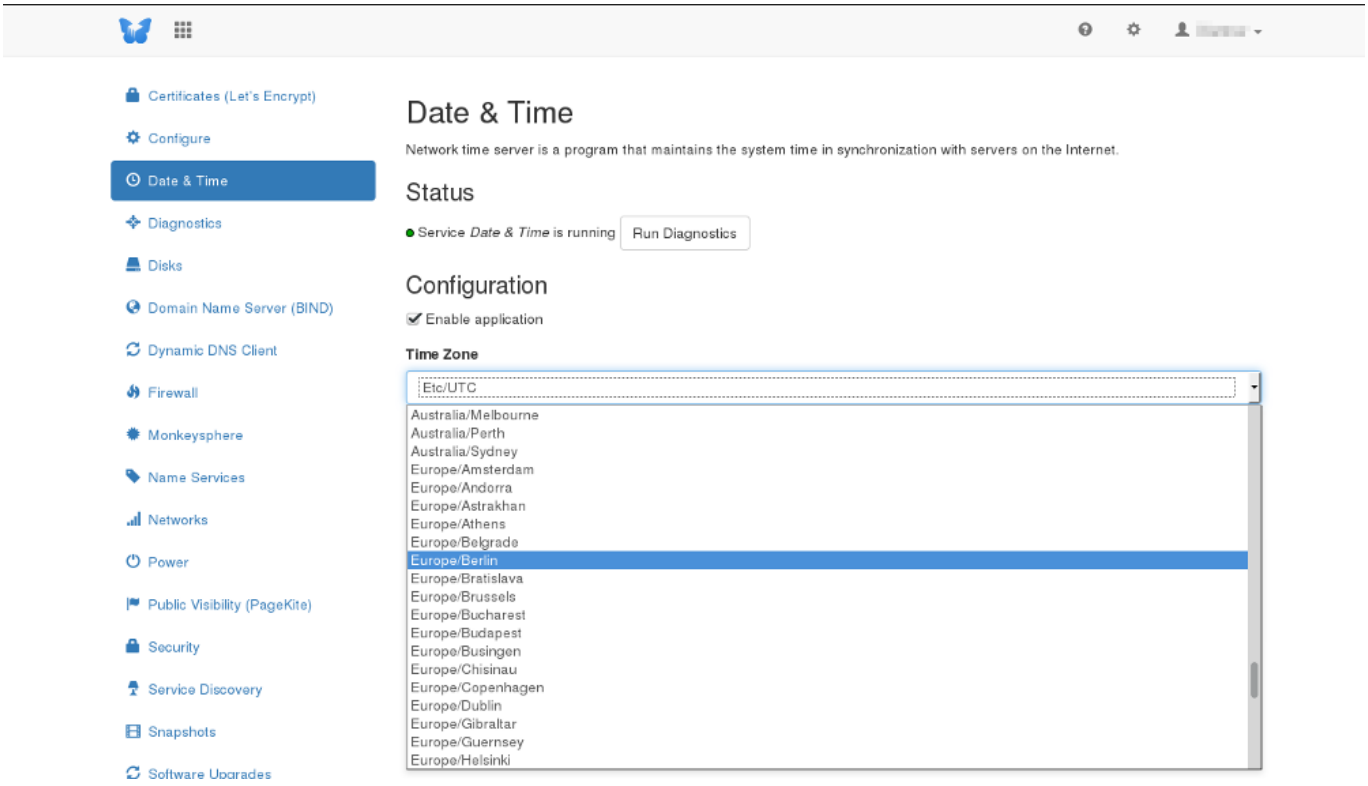
Caution
Once some other app is set as the home page, you can only navigate to the FreedomBox Service by typing `https://myfreedombox.rocks/plinth/` into the browser.
/freedombox can also be used as an alias to */plinth*

- You can set any web application, Ikiwiki wikis and blogs or Apache's default index.html page as the web server home page. Since release **20.20** you can also select a user's website among those users who have created their **public_html** directory.
- *Tip:* Bookmark the URL of FreedomBox Service before setting the home page to some other app.

6.5 Date & Time

This network time server is a program that maintains the system time in synchronization with servers on the Internet.

You can select your time zone by picking a big city nearby (they are sorted by *Continent/City*) or select directly the zone with respect to GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).



6.6 Diagnostics

The system diagnostic test will run a number of checks on your system to confirm that applications and services are working as expected.

Just click *Run Diagnostics*. This may take some minutes.

6.7 Dynamic DNS Client

6.7.1 What is Dynamic DNS?

In order to reach a server on the Internet, the server needs to have permanent address also known as the static IP address. Many Internet service providers don't provide home users with a static IP address or they charge more providing a static IP address.

Instead they provide the home user with an IP address that changes every time the user connects to the Internet. Clients wishing to contact the server will have difficulty reaching the server.

Dynamic DNS service providers assist in working around a problem. First they provide you with a domain name, such as 'myhost.example.org'. Then they associate your IP address, whenever it changes, with this domain name. Then anyone intending to reach the server will be to contact the server using the domain name 'myhost.example.org' which always points to the latest IP address of the server.

For this to work, every time you connect to the Internet, you will have to tell your Dynamic DNS provider what your current IP address is. Hence you need special software on your server to perform this operation. The Dynamic DNS function in FreedomBox will allow users without a static public IP address to push the current public IP address to a Dynamic DNS Server. This allows you to expose services on FreedomBox, such as ownCloud, to the Internet.

6.7.2 GnuDIP vs. Update URL

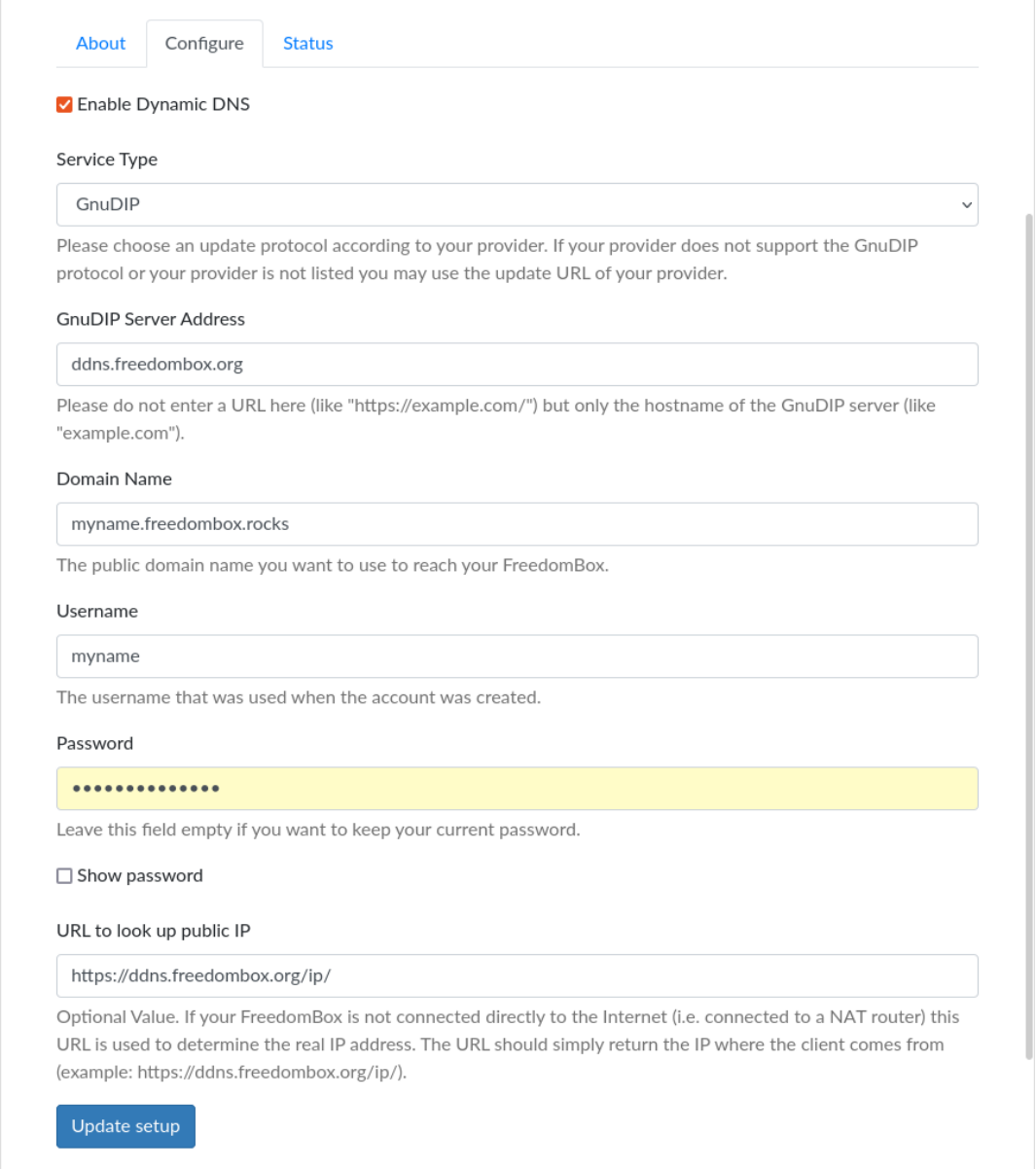
There are two main mechanism to notify the Dynamic DNS server of your new IP address; using the *GnuDIP* protocol and using the *Update URL* mechanism.

If a service provided using update URL is not properly secured using HTTPS, your credentials may be visible to an adversary. Once an adversary gains your credentials, they will be able to replay your request your server and hijack your domain.

On the other hand, the GnuDIP protocol will only transport a salted MD5 value of your password, in a way that is secure against replay attacks.

6.7.3 Using the GnuDIP protocol

1. Register an account with any Dynamic DNS service provider. A free service provided by the FreedomBox community is available at `https://ddns.freedombox.org`.
2. In FreedomBox UI, enable the Dynamic DNS Service.
3. Select *GnuDIP* as *Service type*, enter your Dynamic DNS service provider address (for example, ddns.freedombox.org) into *GnuDIP Server Address* field.



4. Fill *Domain Name*, *Username*, *Password* information given by your provider into the corresponding fields.

6.7.4 Using an Update URL

This feature is implemented because the most popular Dynamic DNS providers are using Update URLs mechanism.

1. Register an account with a Dynamic DNS service provider providing their service using Update URL mechanism. Some example providers are listed in the configuration page itself.
2. In FreedomBox UI, enable the Dynamic DNS service.
3. Select *other Update URL* as *Service type*, enter the update URL given by your provider into *Update URL* field.
4. If you browse the update URL with your Internet browser and a warning message about untrusted certificate appears, then enable *accept all SSL certificates*. WARNING: your credentials may be readable here because man-in-the-middle attacks are possible! Consider choosing a better service provider instead.
5. If you browse the update URL with your Internet browser and the username/password box appears, enable *use HTTP basic authentication* checkbox and provide the *Username* and *Password*.
6. If the update URL contains your current IP address, replace the IP address with the string *<Ip>*.

6.7.5 Checking If It Works

1. Make sure that external services you have enabled such as /jwchat, /roundcube and /ikiwiki are available on your domain address.
2. Go to the *Status* page, make sure that the NAT type is detected correctly. If your FreedomBox is behind a NAT device, this should be detected over there (Text: *Behind NAT*). If your FreedomBox has a public IP address assigned, the text should be "Direct connection to the Internet".
3. Check that the last update status is not *failed*.

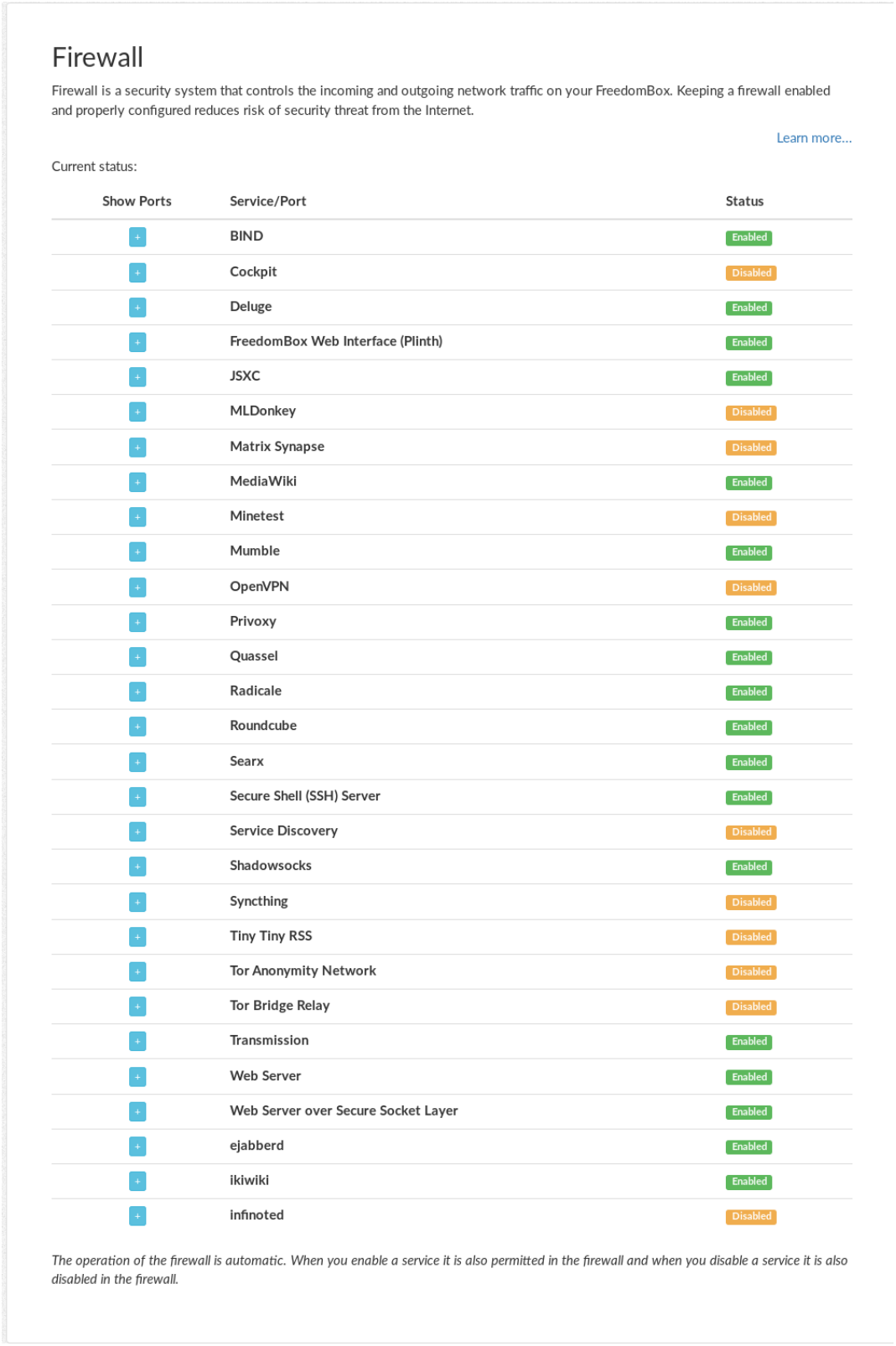
Recap: How to create a DNS name with GnuDIP

1. Access to GnuIP login page (answer Yes to all pop ups)
2. Click on "Self Register"
3. Fill the registration form (Username and domain will form the public IP address [username.domain])
4. Take note of the username/hostname and password that will be used on the FreedomBox app.
5. Save and return to the GnuDIP login page to verify your username, domain and password (enter the datas, click login).
6. Login output should display your new domain name along with your current public IP address (this is a unique address provided by your router for all your local devices).
7. Leave the GnuDIP interface and open the Dynamic DNS Client app page in your FreedomBox.
8. Click on "Set Up" in the top menu.
9. Activate Dynamic DNS
10. Choose GnuDIP service.
11. Add server address (ddns.freedombox.org)
12. Add your fresh domain name (username.domain, ie [username].freedombox.rocks)
13. Add your fresh username (the one used in your new IP address) and password
14. Add your GnuDIP password
15. Fill the option with `https://ddns.freedombox.org/ip/` (try this url in your browser, you will figure out immediately)

6.8 Firewall

Firewall is a network security system that controls the incoming and outgoing network traffic. Keeping a firewall enabled and properly configured reduces risk of security threat from the Internet.

The operation of the firewall in FreedomBox web interface is automatic. When you enable a service it is automatically permitted in the firewall and when you disable a service it is automatically disabled in the firewall. For services which are enabled by default on FreedomBox, firewall ports are also enabled by default during the first run process.



Firewall

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Learn more...

Current status:

Show Ports	Service/Port	Status
+	BIND	Enabled
+	Cockpit	Disabled
+	Deluge	Enabled
+	FreedomBox Web Interface (Plinth)	Enabled
+	JSXC	Enabled
+	MLDonkey	Disabled
+	Matrix Synapse	Disabled
+	MediaWiki	Enabled
+	Minetest	Disabled
+	Mumble	Enabled
+	OpenVPN	Disabled
+	Privoxy	Enabled
+	Quassel	Enabled
+	Radicale	Enabled
+	Roundcube	Enabled
+	Searx	Enabled
+	Secure Shell (SSH) Server	Enabled
+	Service Discovery	Disabled
+	Shadowsocks	Enabled
+	Syncthing	Disabled
+	Tiny Tiny RSS	Disabled
+	Tor Anonymity Network	Disabled
+	Tor Bridge Relay	Disabled
+	Transmission	Enabled
+	Web Server	Enabled
+	Web Server over Secure Socket Layer	Enabled
+	ejabberd	Enabled
+	ikiwiki	Enabled
+	infinoted	Disabled

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Firewall management in FreedomBox is done using FirewallD.

6.8.1 Interfaces

Each interface is needs to be assigned to one (and only one) zone. If an interface is not assigned any zone, it is automatically assigned `external` zone. Whatever rules are in effect for a zone, those rules start to apply for that interface. For example,

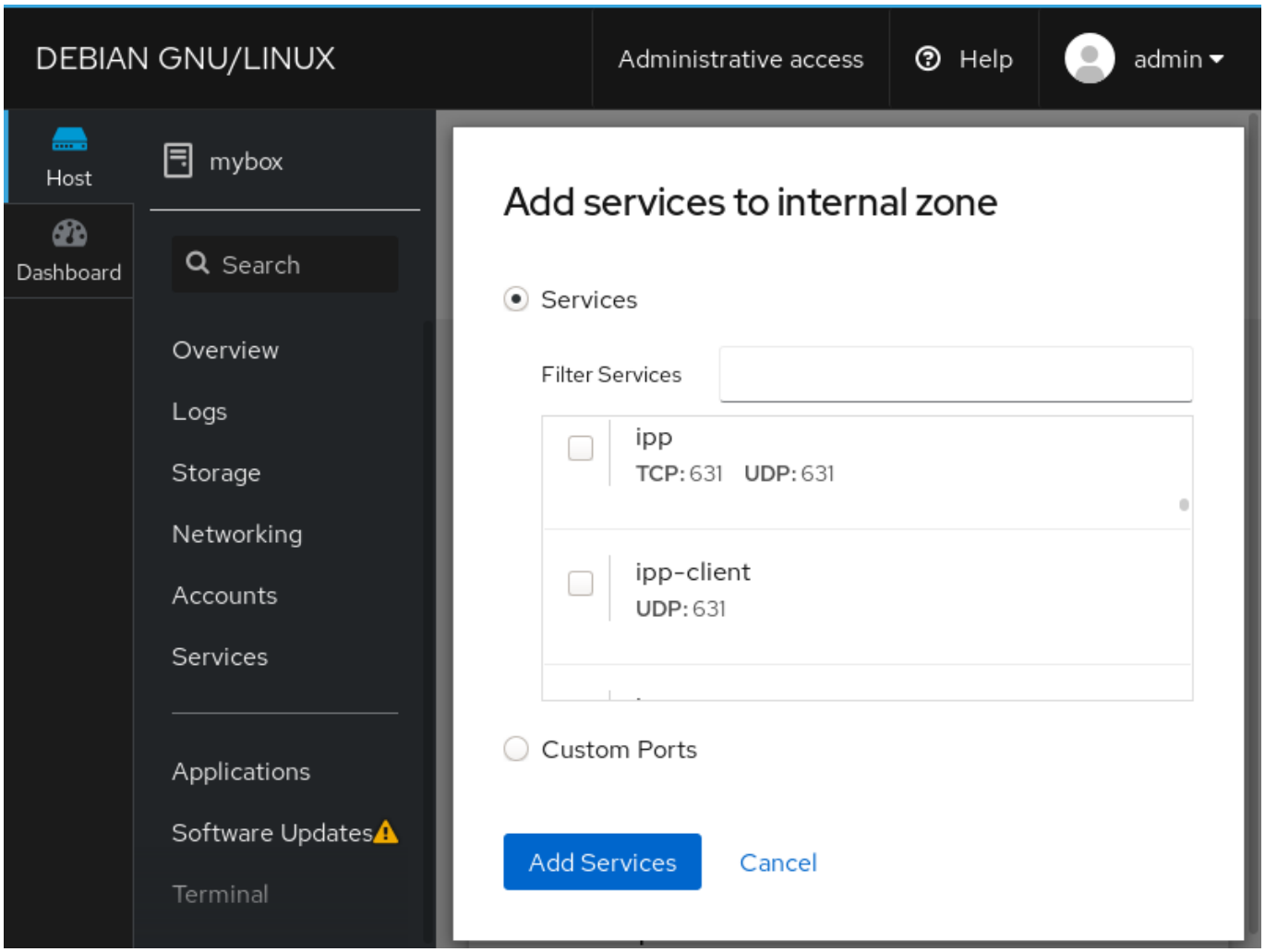
if HTTP traffic is allowed in a particular zone, then web requests will be accepted on all the addresses configured for all the interfaces assigned to that zone.

There are primarily two firewall zones used. The `internal` zone is meant for services that are provided to all machines on the local network. This may include services such as streaming media and simple file sharing. The `external` zone is meant for services that are provided publicly on the Internet. This may include services such as blog, website, email web client etc.

For details on how network interfaces are configured by default, see the Networks section.

6.8.2 Opening Custom Ports

Cockpit app provides advanced management of firewall. Both FreedomBox and Cockpit operate over firewalld and are hence compatible with each other. In particular, Cockpit can be used to open custom services or ports on FreedomBox. This is useful if you are manually running your own services in addition to the services provided by FreedomBox on the same machine.



6.8.3 FreedomBox Ports/Services

The following table attempts to document the ports, services and their default statuses in FreedomBox. If you find this page outdated, see the Firewall status page in FreedomBox interface.

Service	Port	External	Enabled by default	Status shown in FreedomBox	Managed by FreedomBox
Minetest	30000/udp	☆	⛔	✅	✅

XMPP Client	5222/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
XMPP Server	5269/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
XMPP Bosh	5280/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
NTP	123/udp	☆	✔	✔	✔
FreedomBox Web Interface (Plinth)	443/tcp	☆	✔	✔	⛔
Quassel	4242/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
SIP	5060/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
SIP	5060/udp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
SIP-TLS	5061/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
SIP-TLS	5061/udp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
RTP	1024-65535/udp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
SSH	22/tcp	☆	✔	✔	⛔
mDNS	5353/udp	☆	✔	✔	✔
Tor (Socks)	9050/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
Obfsproxy	<random>/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
OpenVPN	1194/udp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
Mumble	64378/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
Mumble	64378/udp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
Privoxy	8118/tcp	☆	⛔	✔	✔
JSXC	80/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
JSXC	443/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
DNS	53/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
DNS	53/udp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
DHCP	67/udp	☆	✔	⛔	⛔
Bootp	67/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
Bootp	67/udp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
Bootp	68/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
Bootp	68/udp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
LDAP	389/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔
LDAPS	636/tcp	☆	⛔	⛔	⛔

6.8.4 Manual operation

See FirewallD documentation for more information on the basic concepts and comprehensive documentation.

6.8.4.1 Enable/disable firewall

To disable firewall

```
service firewalld stop
```

or with systemd

```
systemctl stop firewalld
```

To re-enable firewall

```
service firewalld start
```

or with systemd

```
systemctl start firewalld
```

6.8.4.2 Modifying services/ports

You can manually add or remove a service from a zone.

To see list of services enabled:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --list-services
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --list-services
```

To see list of ports enabled:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --list-ports
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --list-ports
```

To remove a service from a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --remove-service=<service>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=<zone> --remove-service=<interface>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --remove-service=xmpp-bosh
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --remove-service=xmpp-bosh
```

To remove a port from a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --remove-port=<port>/<protocol>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --remove-port=<port>/<protocol>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --remove-port=5353/udp
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --remove-port=5353/udp
```

To add a service to a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --add-service=<service>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=<zone> --add-service=<interface>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --add-service=xmpp-bosh
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --add-service=xmpp-bosh
```

To add a port to a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --add-port=<port>/<protocol>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --add-port=<port>/<protocol>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --add-port=5353/udp
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --add-port=5353/udp
```

6.8.4.3 Modifying the zone of interfaces

You can manually change the assignment of zones of each interfaces after they have been autuomatically assigned by the first boot process.

To see current assignment of interfaces to zones:

```
firewall-cmd --list-all-zones
```

To remove an interface from a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --remove-interface=<interface>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=<zone> --remove-interface=<interface>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=external --remove-interface=eth0
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=external --remove-interface=eth0
```

To add an interface to a zone:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=<zone> --add-interface=<interface>
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=<zone> --add-interface=<interface>
```

Example:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --add-interface=eth0
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=internal --add-interface=eth0
```

6.9 Let's Encrypt (Certificates)

A digital certificate allows users of a web service to verify the identity of the service and to securely communicate with it. FreedomBox can automatically obtain and setup digital certificates for each available domain. It does so by proving itself to be the owner of a domain to Let's Encrypt, a certificate authority (CA).

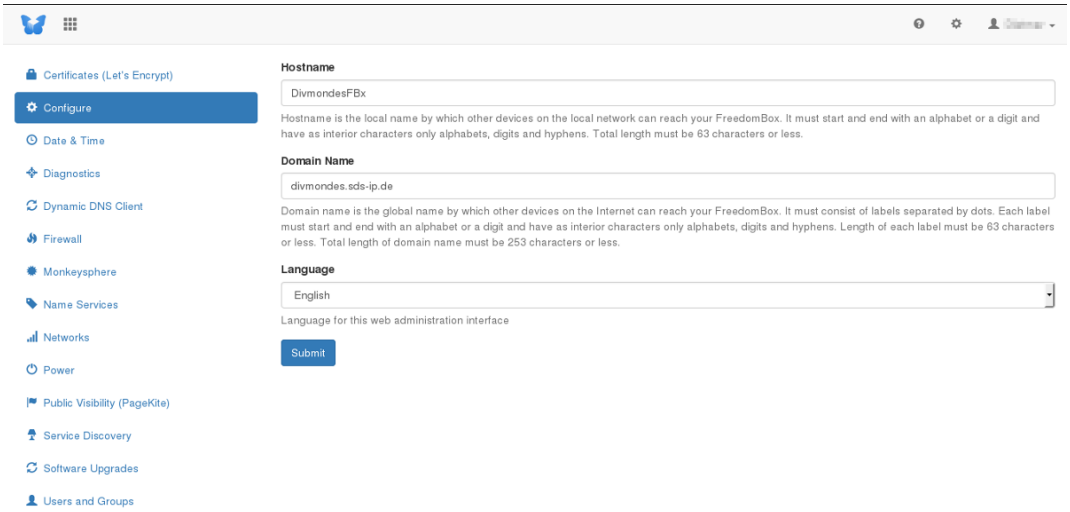
Let's Encrypt is a free, automated, and open certificate authority, run for the public's benefit by the Internet Security Research Group (ISRG). Please read and agree with the Let's Encrypt Subscriber Agreement before using this service.

6.9.1 Why using Certificates

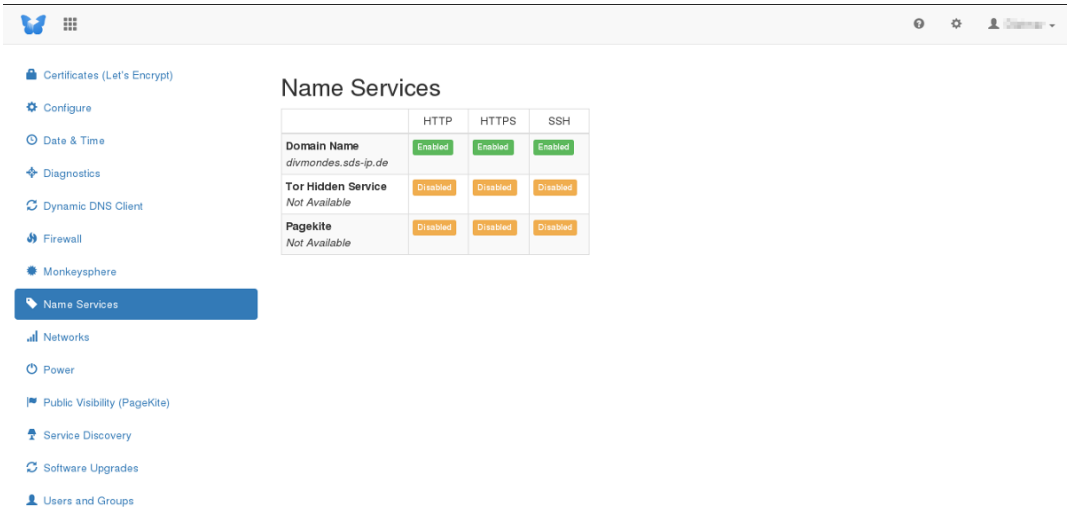
The communication with your FreedomBox can be secured so that it is not possible to intercept the content of the web pages viewed and about the content exchanged.

6.9.2 How to setup

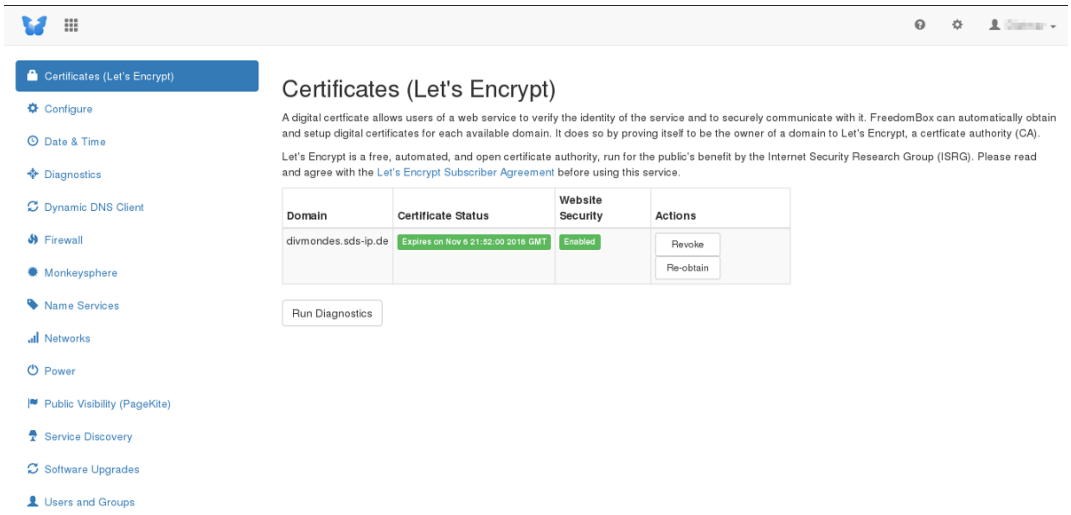
1. If your FreedomBox is behind a router, you will need to set up port forwarding on your router. You should forward the following ports:
   - TCP 80 (http)
   - TCP 443 (https)
2. Make the domain name known:
   - In Configure insert your *domain name*, e.g. `MyWebName.com`



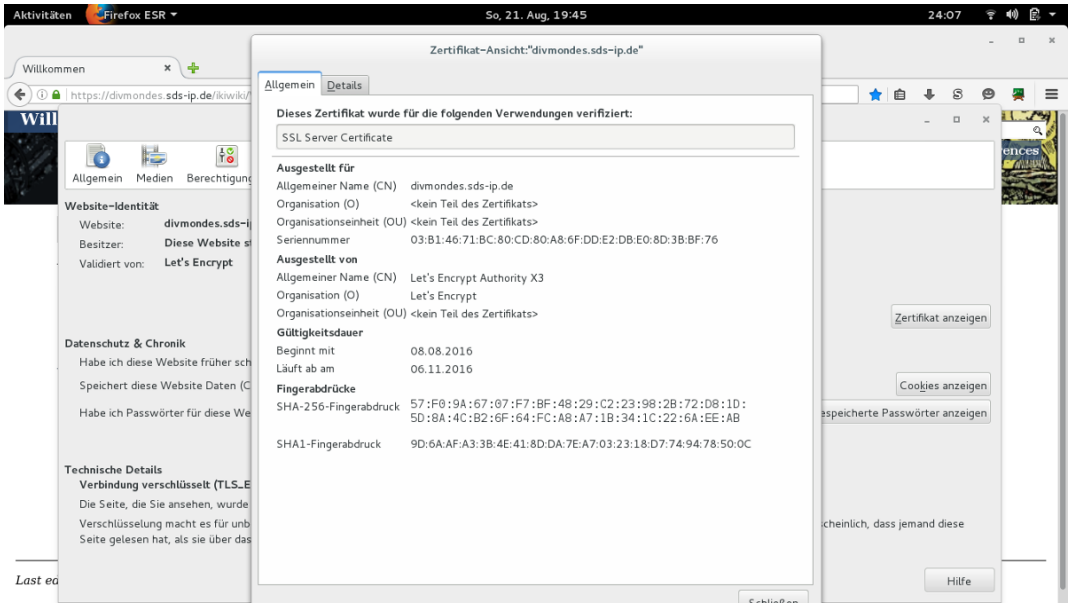
3. Verify the domain name was accepted
   - Check that it is enabled in Name Services



4. Go to the Certificates (Let's Encrypt) page, and complete the module install if needed. Then click the "Obtain" button for your domain name.
   - After some minutes a valid certificate is available



5. Verify in your browser by checking `https://MyWebName.com`



Screencast: Let's Encrypt

6.9.3 Using

The certificate is valid for 3 months. It is renewed automatically and can also be re-obtained or revoked manually.

With running *diagnostics* the certificate can also be verified.

6.9.4 External links

- Upstream project: https://letsencrypt.org
- User documentation: https://letsencrypt.org/docs/

6.10 Name Services

Name Services provides an overview of ways the box can be reached from the public Internet: domain name, Tor Onion Service, and Pagekite. For each type of name, it is shown whether the HTTP, HTTPS, and SSH services are enabled or disabled for incoming connections through the given name.

6.11 Networks

This section describes how networking is setup by default in FreedomBox and how you can customize it. See also the Firewall section for more information on how firewall works.

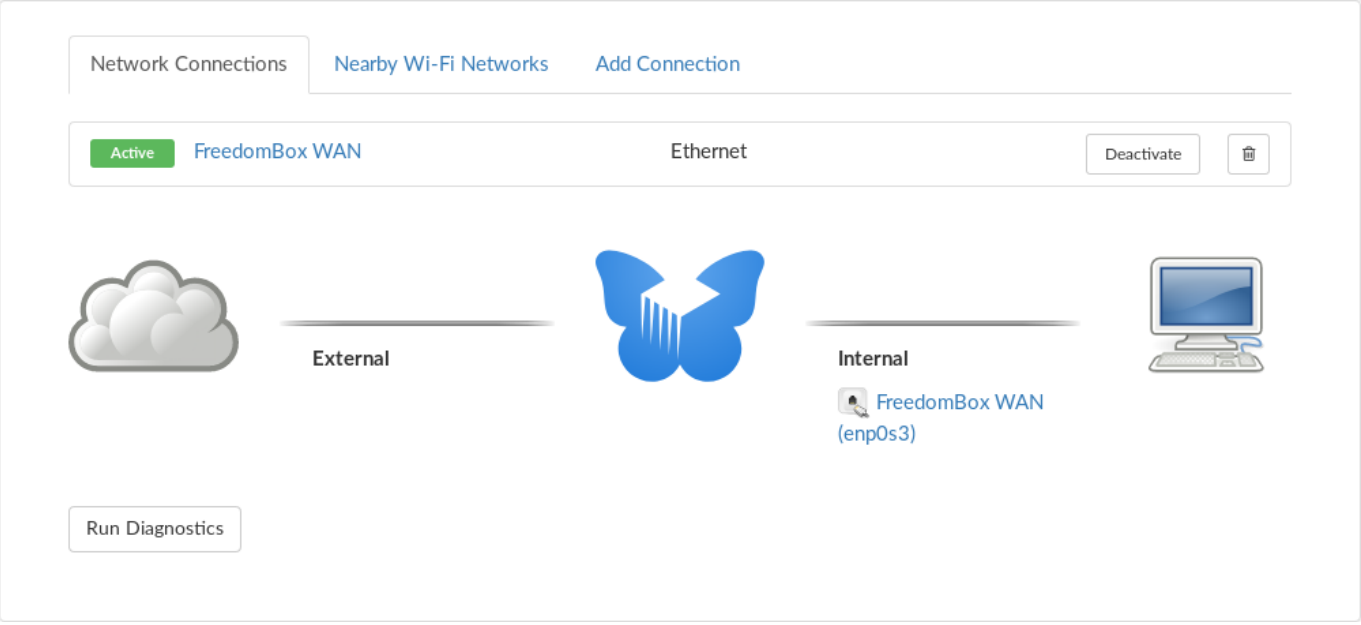
6.11.1 Default setup

In a fresh image of FreedomBox, network is not configured at all. When the image is written to an SD card and the device boots, configuration is done. During first boot, FreedomBox setup package detects the networks interfaces and tries to automatically configure them so that FreedomBox is available for further configuration via the web interface from another machine without the need to connect a monitor. Automatic configuration also tries to make FreedomBox useful, out of the box, for the most important scenarios FreedomBox is used for.

There are two scenarios it handles: when is a single ethernet interface and when there are multiple ethernet interfaces.

6.11.1.1 Single ethernet interface

When there is only single ethernet interface available on the hardware device, there is not much scope for it to play the role of a router. In this case, the device is assumed to be just another machine in the network. Accordingly, the only available interface is configured to be an `internal` interface in `automatic` configuration mode. This means that it connects to the Internet using the configuration provided by a router in the network and also makes all (internal and external) of its services available to all the clients on this network.



6.11.1.2 Multiple ethernet interface

When there are multiple ethernet interfaces available on the hardware device, the device can act as a router. The interfaces are then configured to perform this function.

The first network interface is configured to be an WAN or `external` interface in automatic configuration mode. This means that it connects to the Internet using network configuration provided by the Internet Service Provider (ISP). Only services that are

meant to be provided across the entire Internet (external services) will be exposed on this interface. You must plug your Internet connection into the port of this ethernet interface. If you wish to continue to have your existing router manage the Internet connection for you, then plug a connection from your router to the port on this interface.

The remaining network interfaces are configured for the clients of a router. They are configured as LAN or `internal` interfaces in `shared` configuration mode. This means that all the services (both external and internal) services are provided to who ever connects on this interface. Further, the `shared` mode means that clients will be able to receive details of automatic network connection on this interface. Specifically, DHCP configuration and DNS servers are provided on this interface. The Internet connection available to the device using the first network interface will be `shared` with clients using this interface. This all means that you can connect your computers to this network interface and they will get automatically configured and will be able to access the Internet via the FreedomBox.

Currently, it is not very clear which interface will be come the WAN interface (and the remaining being LAN interfaces) although the assignment process is deterministic. So, it take a bit of trail and error to figure out which one is which. In future, for each device, this will be well documented.

6.11.1.3 Wi-Fi configuration

All Wi-Fi interfaces are configured to be LAN or `internal` interfaces in `shared` configuration mode. They are also configured to become Wi-Fi access points with following details.

- Name of the access point will be `FreedomBox` plus the name of the interface (to handle the case where there are multiple of them).
- Password for connecting to the interface will be `freedombox123`.

6.11.2 Internet Connection Sharing

Although the primary duty of FreedomBox is to provide decentralized services, it can also act like a home router. Hence, in most cases, FreedomBox connects to the Internet and provides other machines in the network the ability to use that Internet connection. FreedomBox can do this in two ways: using a `shared` mode connection or using an `internal` connection.

When an interface is set in `shared` mode, you may connect your machine directly to it. This is either by plugging in an ethernet cable from this interface to your machine or by connecting to a Wi-Fi access point. This case is the simplest to use, as FreedomBox automatically provides your machine with the necessary network configuration. Your machine will automatically connect to FreedomBox provided network and will be able to connect to the Internet given that FreedomBox can itself connect to the Internet.

Sometimes the above setup may not be possible because the hardware device may have only one network interface or for other reasons. Even in this case, your machine can still connect to the Internet via FreedomBox. For this to work, make sure that the network interface that your machine is connecting to is in `internal` mode. Then, connect your machine to network in which FreedomBox is present. After this, in your machine's network configuration, set FreedomBox's IP address as the gateway. FreedomBox will then accept your network traffic from your machine and send it over to the Internet. This works because network interfaces in `internal` mode are configured to `masquerade` packets from local machines to the Internet and receive packets from Internet and forward them back to local machines.

6.11.3 Customization

The above default configuration may not be fit for your setup. You can customize the configuration to suit your needs from the `Networks` area in the 'setup' section of the FreedomBox web interface.

6.11.3.1 PPPoE connections

If your ISP does not provide automatic network configuration via DHCP and requires you to connection via PPPoE. To configure PPPoE, remove any network connection existing on an interface and add a PPPoE connection. Here, optionally, provide the account username and password given by your ISP and activate the connection.

6.11.3.2 Connect to Internet via Wi-Fi

By default Wi-Fi devices attached during first boot will be configured as access points. They can be configured as regular Wi-Fi devices instead to connection to a local network or an existing Wi-Fi router. To do this, click on the Wi-Fi connection to edit it. Change the mode to `Infrastructure` instead of `Access Point` mode and `IPv4 Addressing Method` to `Automatic (DHCP)` instead of `Shared` mode. Then the SSID provided will mean the Wi-Fi network name you wish to connect to and passphrase will be the used to while making the connection.

6.11.3.2.1 Problems with Privacy Feature

NetworkManager used by FreedomBox to connect to the Wi-Fi networks has a privacy feature that uses a different identity when scanning for networks and when actually connecting to the Wi-Fi access point. Unfortunately, this causes problems with some routers that reject connections from such devices. Your connection won't successfully activate and disconnect after trying to activate. If you have control over the router's behaviour, you could also turn off the feature causing problem. Otherwise, the solution is to connect with a remote shell using SSH or Cockpit, editing a file `/etc/NetworkManager/NetworkManager.conf` and adding the line `wifi.scan-rand-mac-address=no` in the `[device]` section. This turns off the privacy feature.

Edit a file:

```
$ sudo nano /etc/NetworkManager/NetworkManager.conf
```

Add the following:

```
[device]
wifi.scan-rand-mac-address=no
```

Then reboot the machine.

6.11.3.3 Adding a new network device

When a new network device is added, network manager will automatically configure it. In most cases this will not work to your liking. Delete the automatic configuration created on the interface and create a new network connection. Select your newly added network interface in the add connection page.

- Then set firewall zone to `internal` and `external` appropriately.
- You can configure the interface to connect to a network or provide network configuration to whatever machine connects to it.
- Similarly, if it is a Wi-Fi interface, you can configure it to become a Wi-FI access point or to connect to an existing access points in the network.

6.11.3.4 Configuring a mesh network

FreedomBox has rudimentary support for participating in BATMAN-Adv based mesh networks. It is possible to either join an existing network in your area or create a new mesh network and share your Internet connection with the rest of the nodes that join the network. Currently, two connections have to be created and activated manually to join or create a mesh network.

6.11.3.4.1 Joining a mesh network

To join an existing mesh network in your area, first consult the organizers and get information about the mesh network.

1. Create a new connection, then select the connection type as *Wi-Fi*. In the following dialog, provide the following values:

Field Name	Example Value	Explanation
Connection Name	Mesh Join - BATMAN	The name must end with 'BATMAN' (uppercase)
Physical Interface	wlan0	The Wi-Fi device you wish to use for joining the mesh network
Firewall Zone	External	Since you don't wish that participants in mesh network to use internal services of FreedomBox
SSID	ch1.freifunk.net	As provided to you by the operators of the mesh network. You should see this as a network in *Nearby Wi-Fi Networks*
Mode	Ad-hoc	Because this is a peer-to-peer network
Frequency Band	2.4Ghz	As provided to you by the operators of the mesh network
Channel	1	As provided to you by the operators of the mesh network
BSSID	12:CA:FF:EE:BA:BE	As provided to you by the operators of the mesh network
Authentication	Open	Leave this as open, unless you know your mesh network needs it be otherwise
Passphrase		Leave empty unless you know your mesh network requires one
IPv4 Addressing Method	Disabled	We don't want to request IP configuration information yet

Save the connection. Join the mesh network by activating this newly created connection.

2. Create a second new connection, then select the connection type as *Generic*. In the following dialog, provide this following values:

Field Name	Example Value	Explanation
Connection Name	Mesh Connect	Any name to identify this connection
Physical Interface	bat0	This interface will only show up after you successfully activate the connection in first step
Firewall Zone	External	Since you don't wish that participants in mesh network to use internal services of FreedomBox
IPv4 Addressing Method	Auto	Mesh networks usually have a DHCP server somewhere that provide your machine with IP configuration. If not, consult the operator and configure IP address setting accordingly with *Manual* method

Save the connection. Configure your machine for participation in the network by activating this connection. Currently, this connection has to be manually activated every time you need to join the network. In future, FreedomBox will do this automatically.

You will now be able reach other nodes in the network. You will also be able to connect to the Internet via the mesh network if there is an Internet connection point somewhere in mesh as setup by the operators.

6.11.3.4.2 Creating a mesh network

To create your own mesh network and share your Internet connection with the rest of the nodes in the network:

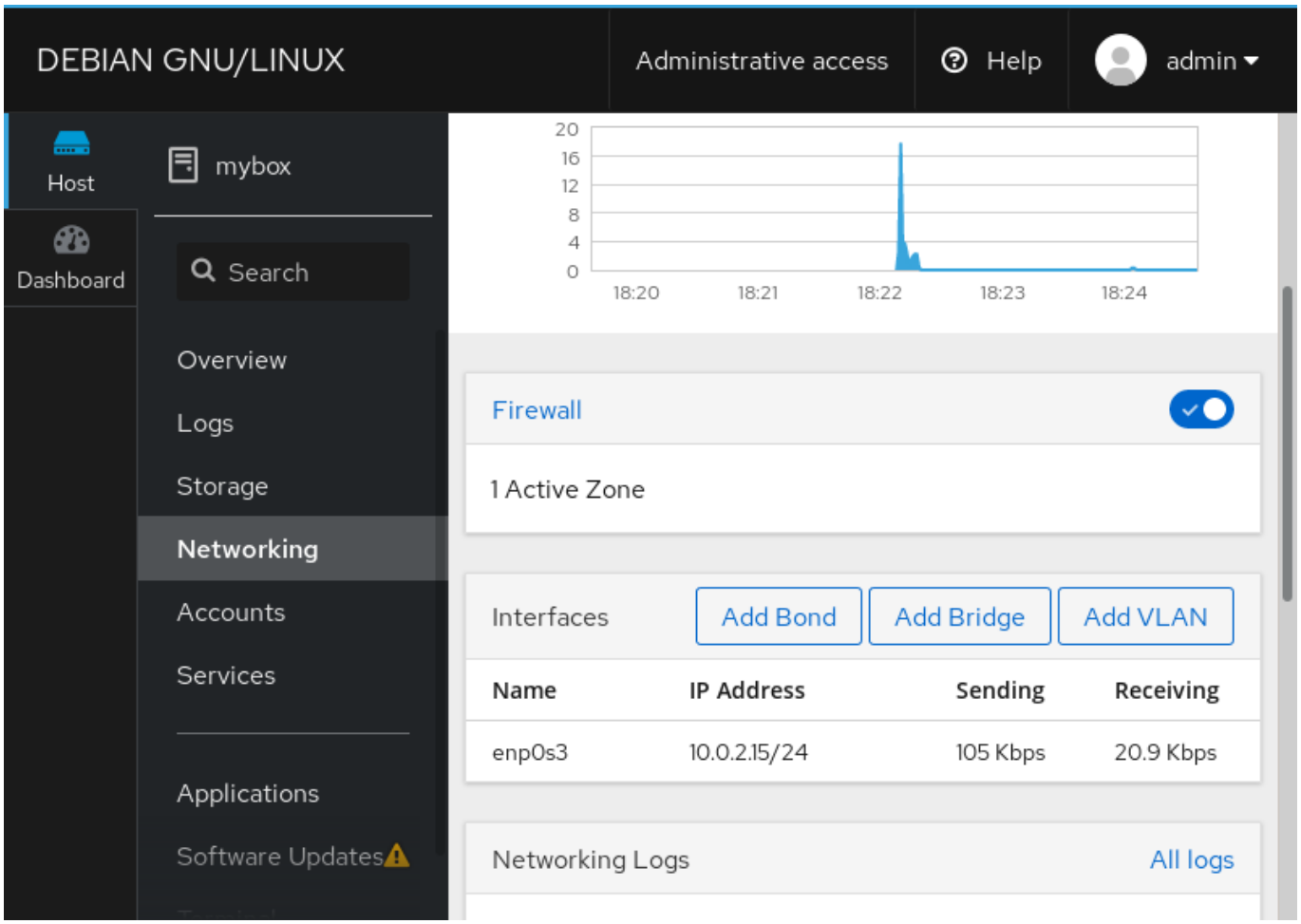
1. Follow the instructions as provided above in step 1 of *Joining a mesh network* but choose and fix upon your own valid values for *SSID* (a name for you mesh network), *Frequency Band* (usually 2.4Ghz), *Channel* (1 to 11 in 2.4Ghz band) and *BSSID* (a hex value like 12:CA:DE:AD:BE:EF). Create this connection and activate it.
2. Follow the instructions as provided above in step 2 of *Joining a mesh network* but select *IPv4 Addressing Method* as *Shared*. This will provide automatic IP configuration to other nodes in the network as well as share the Internet connection on your machine (achieved using a second Wi-Fi interface, using Ethernet, etc.) with other nodes in the mesh network.

Spread the word about your mesh network to your neighbors and let them know the parameters you have provided when creating the network. When other nodes connect to this mesh network, they have to follow steps in *Joining a mesh network* but use the values for *SSID*, *Frequency Band* and *Channel* that you have chosen when you created the mesh network.

6.11.4 Advanced Network Operations

Cockpit provides many advanced networking features over those offered by FreedomBox. Both FreedomBox and Cockpit operate over Network Manager and are hence compatible with each other. Some of the functions provided by Cockpit include:

- Set the maximum transmission unit (MTU) for a network connection
- Change the hardware address (MAC address) of a network interface
- Add more DNS servers and configure routing of a network connection
- Creating bonded devices for highly available network interfaces
- Creating bridge devices to join network interfaces for aggregating separate networks
- Manage VLAN for creating virtual partitions in the physical network



6.11.5 Manual Network Operation

FreedomBox automatically configures networks by default and provides a simplified interface to customize the configuration to specific needs. In most cases, manual operation is not necessary. The following steps describe how to manually operate network configuration in the event that a user finds FreedomBox interface to insufficient for task at hand or to diagnose a problem that FreedomBox does not identify.

On the command line interface:

For text based user interface for configuring network connections:

```
nmtui
```

To see the list of available network devices:

```
nmcli device
```

To see the list of configured connections:

```
nmcli connection
```

To see the current status of a connection:

```
nmcli connection show '<connection_name>'
```

To see the current firewall zone assigned to a network interface:

```
nmcli connection show '<connection_name>' | grep zone
```

or

```
firewall-cmd --zone=internal --list-all
firewall-cmd --zone=external --list-all
```

To create a new network connection:

```
nmcli con add con-name "<connection_name>" ifname "<interface>" type ethernet
nmcli con modify "<connection_name>" connection.autoconnect TRUE
nmcli con modify "<connection_name>" connection.zone internal
```

To change the firewall zone for a connection:

```
nmcli con modify "<connection_name>" connection.zone "<internal|external>"
```

For more information on how to use `nmcli` command, see its man page. Also for a full list of configuration settings and type of connections accepted by Network Manager see:

https://developer.gnome.org/NetworkManager/stable/ref-settings.html

To see the current status of the firewall and manually operate it, see the Firewall section.

6.12 PageKite (Public Visibility)

6.12.1 What is PageKite?

PageKite makes local websites and services publicly accessible immediately without creating yourself a public IP address. It does this by tunneling protocols such as HTTPS or SSH through firewalls and NAT. Using PageKite requires an account on a PageKite relay service. One such service is https://pagekite.net.

A PageKite relay service will allow you to create kites. Kites are similar to domain names, but with different advantages and drawbacks. A kite can have a number of configured services. PageKite is known to work with HTTP, HTTPS, and SSH, and may work with some other services, but not all.

6.12.2 Using PageKite

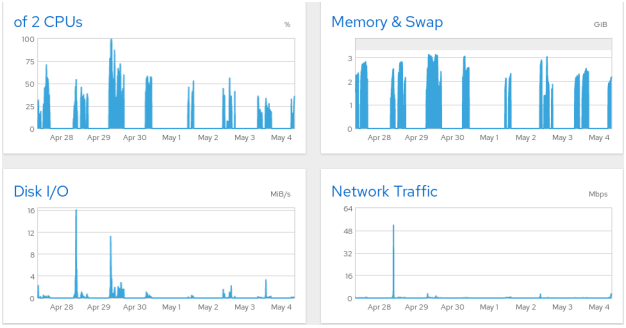
1. Create an account on a PageKite relay service.
2. Add a kite to your account. Note your kite name and kite secret.
3. In FreedomBox, go to the "Configure PageKite" tab on the Public Visibility (PageKite) page.
4. Check the "Enable PageKite" box, then enter your kite name and kite secret. Click "Save settings".
5. On the "Standard Services" tab, you can enable HTTP and HTTPS (recommended) and SSH (optional).
   - HTTP is needed to obtain the Let's Encrypt certificate. You can disable it later.
6. On the Certificates (Let's Encrypt) page, you can obtain a Let's Encrypt certificate for your kite name.

6.13 Performance (System Monitoring)

Available since: version 20.9.7

Performance app allows you to collect, store and view information about utilization of the hardware. This can gives you basic insights into usage patterns and whether the hardware is overloaded by users and services.

Performance metrics are collected by Performance Co-Pilot and can be viewed using the Cockpit app. When this system app is installed and enabled, cockpit's graphs shows the past (up to one year at a time).



6.14 Power

To restart or shut down FreedomBox, click the user dropdown menu on the top right of the page. After you select "Restart" or "Shut Down", you will be asked to confirm.

6.15 Secure Shell (SSH) Server

6.15.1 What is Secure Shell?

FreedomBox runs `openssh-server` server by default allowing remote logins from all interfaces. If your hardware device is connected to a monitor and a keyboard, you may login directly as well. Regular operation of FreedomBox does not require you to use the shell. However, some tasks or identifying a problem may require you to login to a shell.

6.15.2 Setting Up A User Account

6.15.2.1 FreedomBox First Log In: Admin Account

When creating an account in FreedomBox's web interface for the first time, this user will automatically have administrator capabilities. `Admin` users are able to log in using ssh (see Logging In below) and have superuser privileges via sudo.

6.15.2.2 Default User Account

- Note: If you can access FreedomBox's web interface, then you don't need to do this. You can use the user account created in FreedomBox's web interface to connect to SSH.

The pre-built FreedomBox images have a default user account called "fbx". However the password is not set for this account, so it will not be possible to log in with this account by default.

There is a script included in the freedom-maker program, that will allow you to set the password for this account, if it is needed. To set a password for the "fbx" user:

1. Decompress the image file.

2. Get a copy of freedom-maker from `https://salsa.debian.org/freedombox-team/freedom-maker/`.

3. Run `sudo ./bin/passwd-in-image <image-file> fbx`.

4. Copy the image file to SD card and boot device as normal.

The "fbx" user also has superuser privileges via sudo.

6.15.3 Logging In

6.15.3.1 Local

To login via SSH, to your FreedomBox:

```
$ ssh fbx@freedombox
```

Replace `fbx` with the name of the user you wish to login as. `freedombox` should be replaced with the hostname or IP address of you FreedomBox device as found in the Quick Start process.

`fbx` is the default user present on FreedomBox with superuser privileges. Any other user created using FreedomBox and belonging to the group `admin` will be able to login. The `root` account has no password set and will not be able to login. Access will be denied to all other users.

`fbx` and users in `admin` group will also be able to login on the terminal directly. Other users will be denied access.

If you repeatedly try to login as a user and fail, you will be blocked from logging in for some time. This is due to `libpam-abl` package that FreedomBox installs by default. To control this behavior consult `libpam-abl` documentation.

6.15.3.2 SSH over Tor

If in FreedomBox you have enabled onion services via Tor, you can access your FreedomBox using ssh over Tor. On a GNU/Linux computer, install netcat-openbsd.

```
$ sudo apt-get install netcat-openbsd
```

Edit ~/.ssh/config to enable connections over Tor.

```
$ nano ~/.ssh/config
```

Add the following:

```
Host *.onion
  user USERNAME
  port 22
  ProxyCommand nc -X 5 -x 127.0.0.1:9050 %h %p
```

Replace USERNAME with, e.g., an `admin` username (see above).

Note that in some cases you may need to replace 9050 with 9150.

Now to connect to the FreedomBox, open a terminal and type:

```
$ ssh USERNAME@ADDRESS.onion
```

Replace USERNAME with, e.g., an `admin` username, and ADDRESS with the onion service address for your FreedomBox.

6.15.3.3 SSH Over Pagekite

If in FreedomBox you are using Pagekite to expose services to the Internet, you can access your FreedomBox using SSH over Pagekite. On a GNU/Linux computer install netcat-openbsd.

```
$ sudo apt-get install netcat-openbsd
```

Edit ~/.ssh/config to enable connections over Pagekite.

```
$ nano ~/.ssh/config
```

Add the following:

```
Host *.pagekite.me
  CheckHostIP no
  ProxyCommand /bin/nc -X connect -x %h:443 %h %p
```

Now to connect to FreedomBox, open a terminal and type:

```
$ ssh USERNAME@KITENAME.pagekite.me
```

Replace USERNAME with, e.g., an `admin` username, and KITENAME with your kite name provided by pagekite.net as configured in FreedomBox.

6.15.4 Becoming Superuser

After logging in, if you want to become the superuser for performing administrative activities:

```
$ sudo su
```

Make a habit of logging in as root *only when you need to*. If you aren't logged in as root, you can't accidentally break everything.

6.15.5 Changing Password

To change the password of a user managed by FreedomBox's web interface, use the change password page. However, the `fbx` default user is not managed by FreedomBox's web interface and its password cannot be changed through it.

To change password on the terminal, log in to your FreedomBox as the user whose password you want to change. Then, run the following command:

```
$ passwd
```

This will ask you for your current password before giving you the opportunity to set a new one.

6.15.6 External links

- Upstream project: https://www.openssh.com
- User documentation: https://www.openssh.com/manual.html

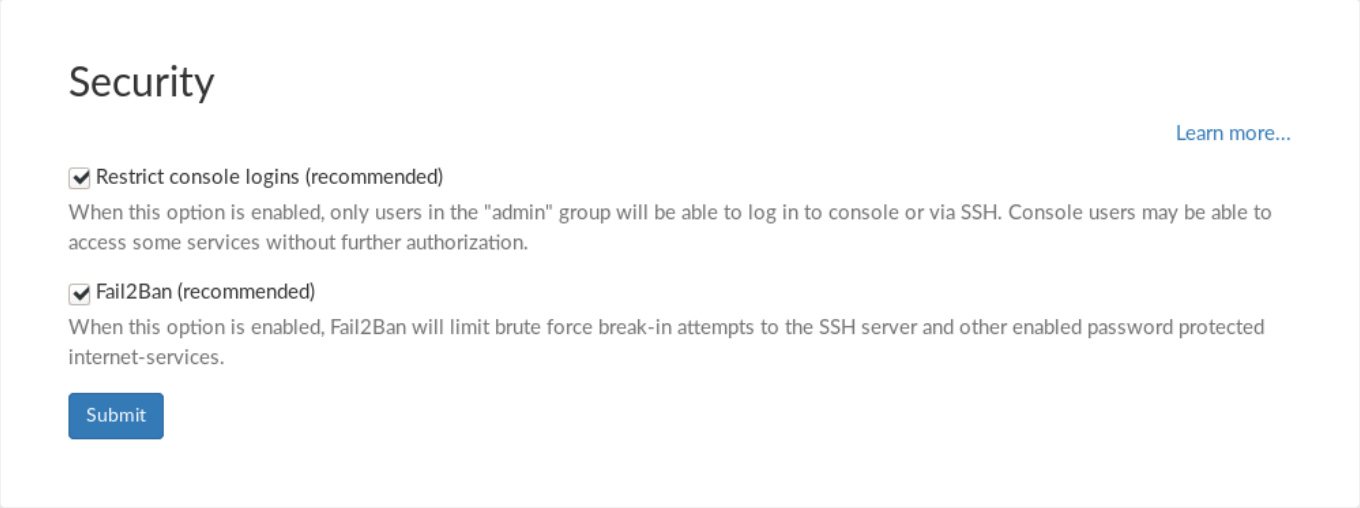
6.16 Security

Press the *Show security report* button to see a report including the following:

- Number of security vulnerabilities in installed version of FreedomBox.
- Number of security vulnerabilities for each installed app.
- Whether each installed app supports security sandboxing.
- For each enabled app, the security sandbox coverage as a percentage.

6.16.1 Configuration

When the *Restrict console logins* option is enabled, only users in the *admin* group will be able to log in via console, secure shell (SSH) or graphical login. When this option is disabled, any user with an account on FreedomBox will be able to log in. They may be able to access some services without further authorization. This option should only be disabled if all the users of the system are well trusted. If you wish to use your FreedomBox machine also as a desktop and allow non-admin users to login via GUI, this option must be disabled. You can define the list of users belonging to *admin* group in the Users section.



6.17 Service Discovery

Service discovery allows other devices on the network to discover your FreedomBox and services running on it. If a client on the local network supports mDNS, it can find your FreedomBox at <hostname>.local (for example: freedombox.local).

It also allows FreedomBox to discover other devices and services running on your local network.

Service discovery is not essential and works only on internal networks. It may be disabled to improve security especially when connecting to a hostile local network.

6.17.1 Troubleshooting

6.17.1.1 Unable to reach <hostname>.local

If <hostname>.local is not able to be reached, you may simply need to disable and re-enable the Service Discovery feature in FreedomBox. To do this, go to **System -> Service Discovery**, slide the toggle to the left position to disable it (it turns grey), followed by sliding it back to the right to re-enable it (it turns blue).

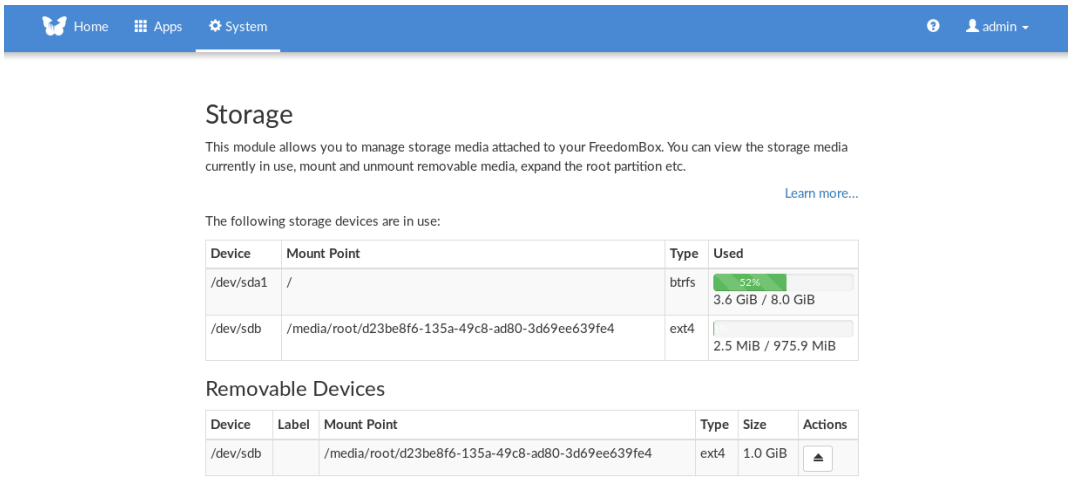
To do this you obviously need other means to reach your FreedomBox than <hostname>.local. See the Quick Start Guide for those.

6.18 Storage

Storage allows you to see the storage devices attached to your FreedomBox and their disk space usage.

FreedomBox can automatically detect and mount removable media like USB flash drives. They are listed under the *Removable Devices* section along with an option to eject them.

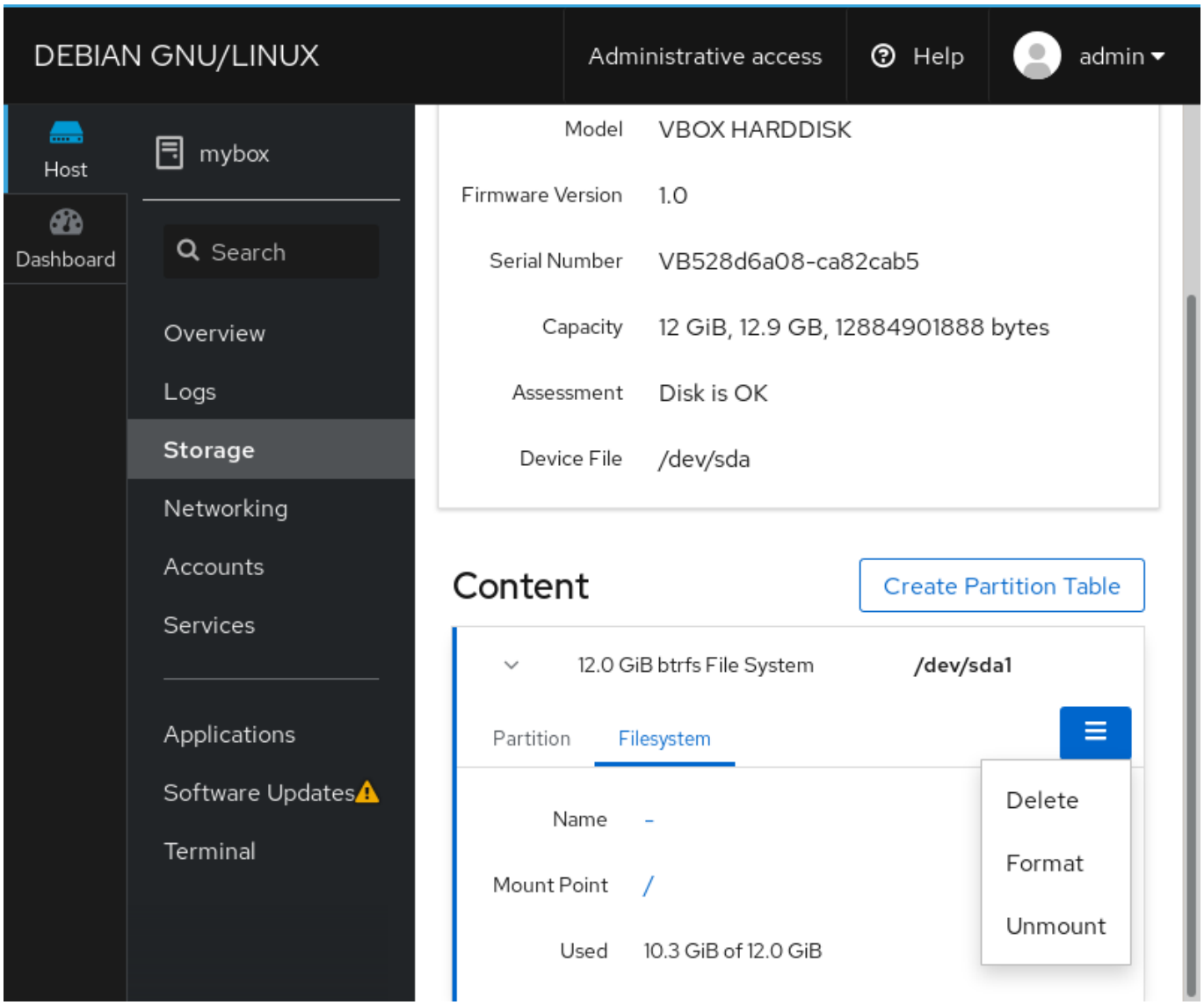
If there is some free space left after the root partition, the option to expand the root partition is also available. This is typically not shown, since expanding the root partition happens automatically when the FreedomBox starts up for the first time.



6.18.1 Advanced Storage Operations

Cockpit provides many advanced storage features over those offered by FreedomBox. Both FreedomBox and Cockpit operate over Udisks2 storage daemon and are hence compatible with each other. Some of the functions provided by Cockpit include:

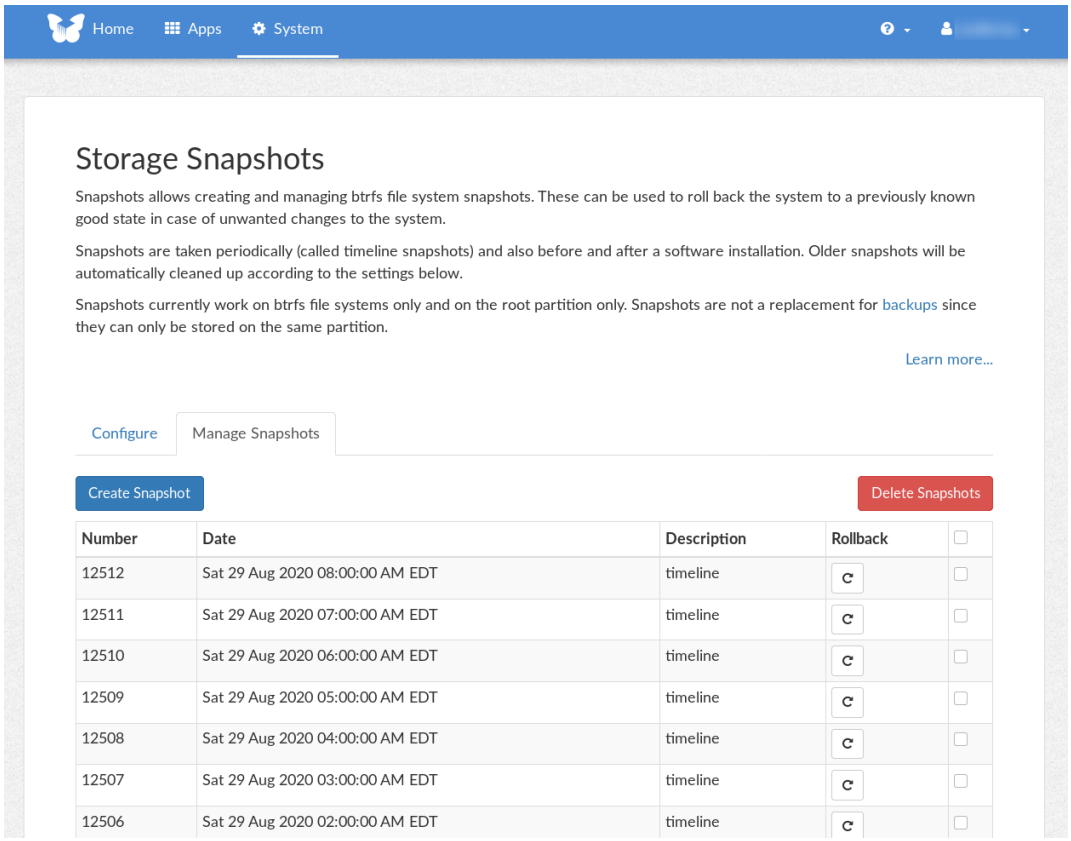
- Format a disk or partition with a fresh filesystem
- Add, remove partitions or wipe the partition table
- Create and unlock encrypted file systems
- Create and manage RAID devices



6.19 Storage Snapshots

Snapshots allows you to create filesystem snapshots, and rollback the system to a previous snapshot.

- Note: This feature requires a Btrfs filesystem. All of the FreedomBox stable disk images use Btrfs.



There are three types of snapshots:

- boot: Taken when the system boots up
- Software Installation (apt): Taken when software is installed or updated
- Timeline: Taken hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly

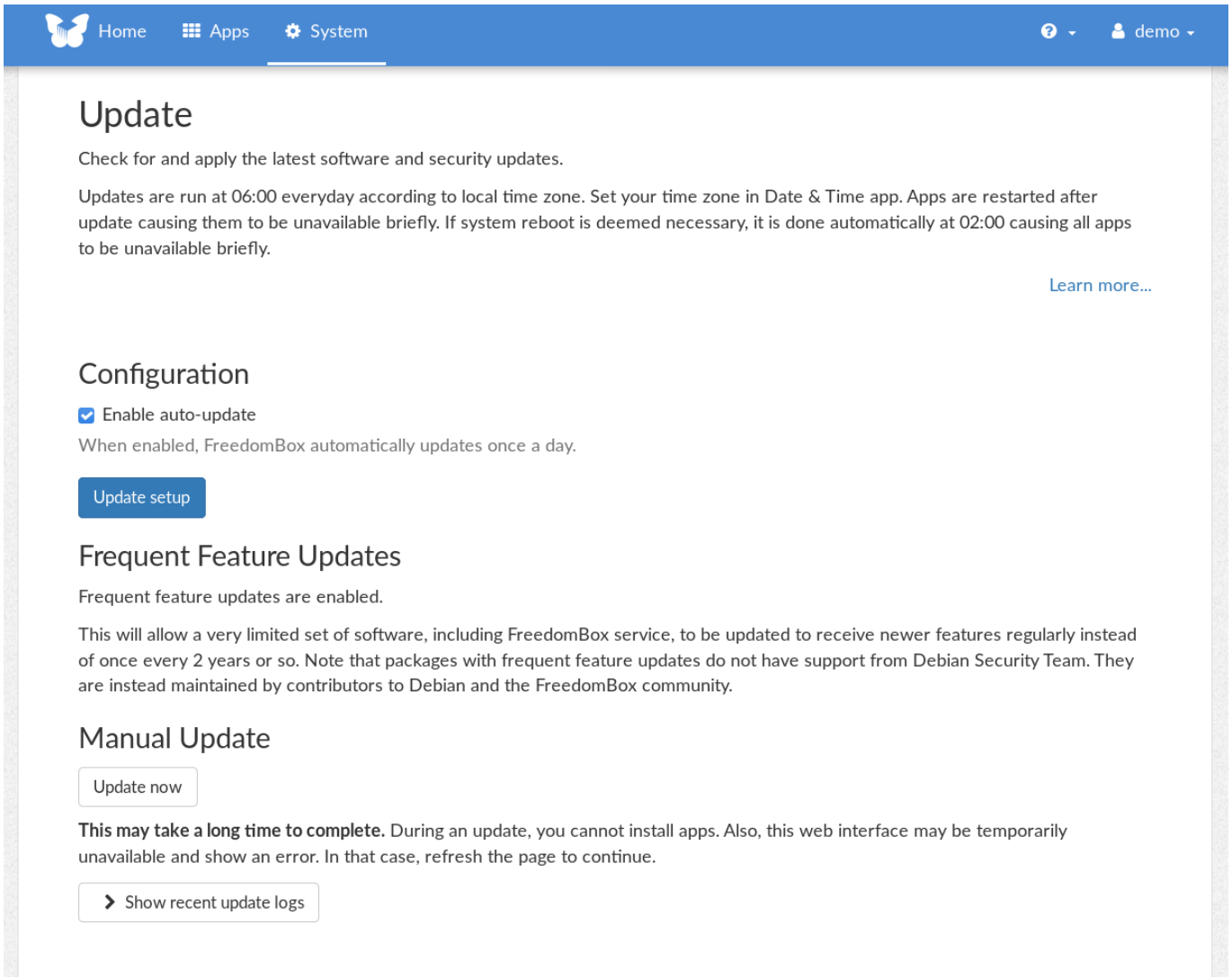
The Timeline and Software Installation snapshots can be turned on or off, and you can limit the number of each type of Timeline snapshot. You can also set a percentage of free disk space to be maintained.

6.20 Software Updates

FreedomBox can automatically install security updates. On the *Update* page of the *System* section in FreedomBox web interface you can turn on automatic updates. This feature is enabled by default and there is no manual action necessary. It is strongly recommended that you have this option enabled to keep your FreedomBox secure.

Updates are performed every day at night according to you local time zone. You can set the time zone with Date & Time. If you wish to shutdown FreedomBox every day after use, keep it running at night once a week or so to let the automatic updates happen. Alternatively, you can perform manual updates as described below.

Note that once the updates start, it may take a long time to complete. During automatic update process that runs every night or during manual update process, you will not be able to install apps from FreedomBox web interface.



6.20.1 When Will I Get the Latest Features?

Although updates are done every day for security reasons, latest features of FreedomBox will not propagate to all the users. The following information should help you understand how new features become available to users.

Stable Users: This category of users include users who bought the FreedomBox Pioneer Edition, installed FreedomBox on a Debian stable distribution or users who downloaded the *stable* images from freedombox.org. As a general rule, only security updates to various packages are provided to these users. One exception to this rule is where FreedomBox service itself is updated when a release gains high confidence from developers. This means that latest FreedomBox features may become available to these users although not as quickly or frequently as *testing* users. If an app is available only in *testing* distribution but not in *stable* distribution, then that app will show up in the web interface but will not be installable by *stable* users. Some apps are also provided an exception to the rule of "security updates only" when the app is severely broken otherwise. Every two years, a major release of Debian stable happens with the latest versions of all the software packages and FreedomBox developers will attempt to upgrade these users to the new release without requiring manual intervention.

Testing Users: This category of users include users who installed FreedomBox on a Debian*testing* distribution or users who downloaded the *testing* images from freedombox.org. Users who use Debian *testing* are likely to face occasional disruption in the services and may even need manual intervention to fix the issue. As a general rule, these users receive all the latest features and security updates to all the installed packages. Every two weeks, a new version of FreedomBox is released with all the latest features and fixes. These releases will reach *testing* users approximately 2-3 days after the release.

Unstable Users: This category of users include users who installed FreedomBox on a Debian*unstable* distribution or users who downloaded the *unstable* images from freedombox.org. Users who use Debian *unstable* are likely to face occasional disruption

in the services and may even need manual intervention to fix the issue. As a general rule, these users receive all the latest features to all the installed packages. Every two weeks, a new version of FreedomBox is released with all the latest features and fixes. Theses releases will reach *unstable* users on the day of the release. Only developers, testers and other contributors to the FreedomBox project should use the *unstable* distribution and end users and advised against using it.

6.20.2 Manual Updates from Web Interface

To get updates immediately and not wait until the end of the day, you may want to trigger updates manually. You can do this by pressing the *Update now* button in *Manual update* tab for *Update* page in *System* section. Note that this step is not necessary if you have enabled *Auto-updates* as every night this operation is performed automatically.

When installing apps you may receive an error message such as

```
Error installing packages: E: dpkg was interrupted, you must manually run 'dpkg --configure ↩
    -a' to correct the problem
```

This is typically caused by shutting down FreedomBox while it is installing apps, while performing daily updates or during some other operations. This situation can be rectified immediately by running manual update.

6.20.3 Manual Updates from Terminal

Some software packages may require manual interaction for updating due to questions related to configuration. In such cases, FreedomBox updates itself and brings in new knowledge necessary to update the package by answering configuration questions. After updating itself, FreedomBox acts on behalf of the user and updates the packages by answering the questions. Until FreedomBox has a chance to update the package, such packages should not be be updated manually. The manual update triggered from the web interface is already mindful of such packages and does not update them.

In some rare situations, FreedomBox itself might fail to update or the update mechanism might fall into a situation that might need manual intervention from a terminal. To perform manual upgrades on the terminal, login into FreedomBox on a terminal (if you have monitor and keyboard connected), via a web terminal (using FreedomBox/Manual/Cockpit) or using a remote secure shell (see Secure Shell section). Then run the following commands:

```
$ sudo su -
Password: <enter user password here>
# dpkg --configure -a
# apt update
# apt -f install
# unattended-upgrade --debug
# apt install freedombox
# apt update
```

If `apt update` asks for a confirmation to change *Codename* or other release information, confirm *yes*. If during update of *freedombox* package, if a question about overwriting configuration files is asked, answer to install new configuration files from the latest version of the package. This process will upgrade only packages that don't require configuration file questions (except for *freedombox* package). After this, let FreedomBox handle the upgrade of remaining packages. Be patient while new releases of FreedomBox are made to handle packages that require manual intervention.

If you want to go beyond the recommendation to upgrade all the packages on your FreedomBox and if you are really sure about handling the configuration changes for packages yourself, run the following command:

```
$ apt full-upgrade
```

6.20.4 Auto-Update to Next Stable Release

FreedomBox can automatically update itself when there is a new stable release of Debian. This update feature is recommended, and enabled by default for stable systems. Note that it also requires "Enable auto-update" to be enabled, and that there is 5 GB free space on the root partition.

In some special cases, such as advanced customization made to the system, the automatic update could fail. If you wish, you can disable it on the System -> Update page, by clearing the “Enable auto-update to next stable release” checkbox.

If you decide to stay on an older release, you should check DebianReleases#Production_Releases to see how long it will be supported by Debian security team. Note that older releases will not have new versions of FreedomBox, even through backports.

6.20.5 Manual Update to Next Stable Release

Auto-update is recommended for most users. However if you want to do the update manually, here are some tips:

General:

- Create a system snapshot before you begin.
- Consider placing a temporary hold (using `apt-mark`) on the freedombox package, to prevent its removal when other packages are being updated. Remember to remove the hold later, so that `freedombox` package can be updated.

Updating from Debian 10 (Buster) to Debian 11 (Bullseye):

- If Searx is installed, after the package is updated, you will need to update its list of search engines.
- You may need to configure `grub-pc` package (using `dpkg-reconfigure`) so that it does not require to install `grub` again.
- You may need to remove the obsolete package `libgcc1`.
- Consider placing temporary holds on the following packages, and let FreedomBox handle updating them later:
  - `firewalld`, `mumble-server`, `radicale`, `roundcube-core`, `tt-rss`

6.21 Users and Groups

You can grant access to your FreedomBox for other users. Provide the Username with a password and assign a group to it. Currently the groups

- admin
- bit-torrent
- calibre
- ed2k
- feed-reader
- freedombox-share
- git-access
- i2p
- minidlna
- syncthing
- web-search
- wiki

are supported.

The user will be able to log in to services that support single sign-on through LDAP, if they are in the appropriate group.

Users in the admin group will be able to log in to all services. They can also log in to the system through SSH and have administrative privileges (sudo).

A user's groups can also be changed later.

It is also possible to set an SSH public key which will allow this user to securely log in to the system without using a password. You may enter multiple keys, one on each line. Blank lines and lines starting with # will be ignored.

The interface language can be set for each user individually. By default, the language preference set in the web browser will be used.

A user's account can be deactivated, which will temporarily disable the account.

7 Hardware

FreedomBox is designed to be the software for a consumer electronics device that is easy to setup, maintain and use. The project does not aim to create a custom hardware device ourselves, but instead we intend to partner with hardware vendors to build FreedomBox devices and also support existing hardware. Typically, it is run on single board computers because of their small form factor, low power consumption and favourable price. Some users also run it on old/refurbished desktop or laptop computers or even on virtual machines running on their primary computers.

In addition to supporting various single board computers and other devices, any Debian machine can be turned into a FreedomBox by installing the `freedombox` package. Debian, the universal operating system, supports a much wider range on hardware. After installing Debian, see the manual page for installing FreedomBox on Debian.

7.1 Recommended Hardware

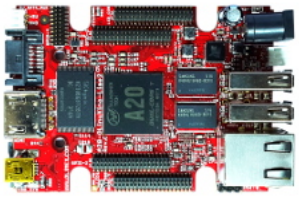
On April 22nd, 2019, the FreedomBox Foundation announced the sales of the Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server Kits. This is the recommended pre-installed hardware for all users who don't wish to build their own FreedomBox by choosing the right components, downloading the image and preparing an SD card with FreedomBox.

The kit includes all the hardware needed for launching a FreedomBox home server on an Olimex A20-OLinuXino-LIME2 board. This product provides the perfect combination of open source hardware and free and open source software. By purchasing this product, you also support the FreedomBox Foundation's efforts to create and promote its free and open source server software.

Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server Kits

7.2 Supported Hardware

Use these hardware if you are able to download FreedomBox images and prepare an SD card by following the manual. If you wish for simper setup process, please buy the FreedomBox kits from recommended hardware instead. Look at the list of known issues with a hardware before buying it.



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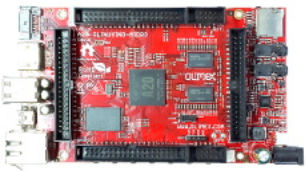

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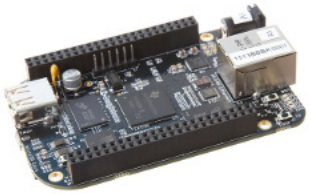
Cubieboard2



BeagleBone Black

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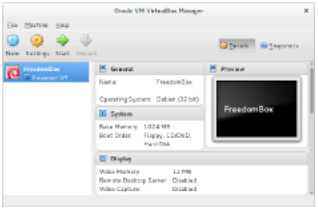
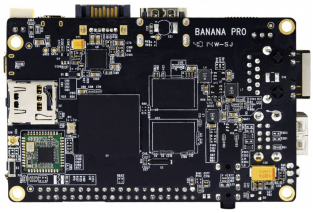
Debian



VirtualBox

Pine A64+



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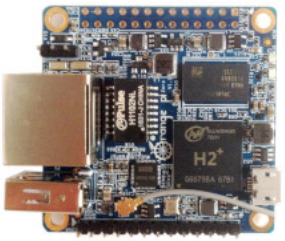

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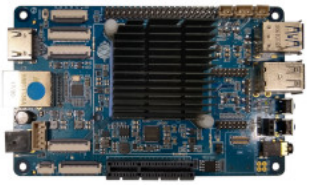
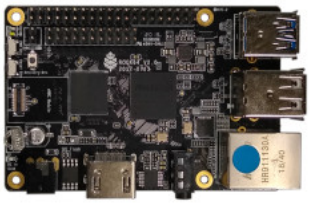


RockPro64



Rock64

7.2.1 Hardware Comparison

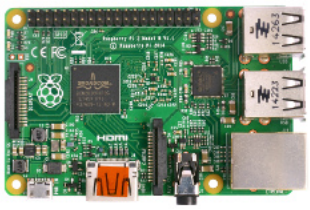
Name	Speed (GHz)	Debian arch	Ram (GB)	disk (GB)	battery	SATA	Ethernet speed	OSHW
APU.1D	1x2	amd64	2	-	-	✔	1000x3	⛔
APU.1D4	1x2	amd64	4	-	-	✔	1000x3	⛔

BeagleBone Black C	1	armhf/omap	½	4	-	-	100	✓
Cubieboard2	1x2	armhf/sunxi	1	4	✓	✓	100	⛔
Cubieboard2-Dual	1x2	armhf/sunxi	1	-	✓	✓	100	⛔
Cubieboard3/Cubietruck	2x2	armhf/sunxi	2	8	✓	✓	1000	⛔
OLinuXino A20 LIME	1x2	armhf/sunxi	½	-	✓	✓	100	✓
OLinuXino A20 LIME2	1x2	armhf/sunxi	1	-	✓	✓	1000	✓
OLinuXino A20 MICRO	1x2	armhf/sunxi	1	-	✓	✓	100	✓
pcDunino3	1x2	armhf/sunxi	1	4	✓	✓	100	⛔
Pine A64+	1.2x4	arm64/sunxi	½,1,2	-	-	-	1000	⛔
Banana Pro	1.2x2	armhf/sunxi	1	-	-	✓	1000	⛔
Orange Pi Zero	?x4	armhf/sunxi	¼,½	-	-	-	100	⛔
RockPro64	1.4x4+1.8x2	arm64	2,4	16,32,64,128	-	(USB3 or via PCIe card)	1000	⛔
Rock64	1.5x4	arm64	1,2,4	16,32,64,128	-	(USB3)	1000	⛔

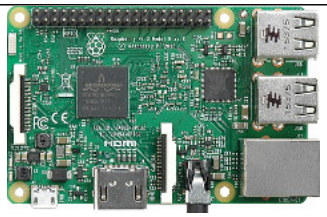
7.3 Additional Hardware

7.3.1 Also Working Hardware

This hardware works but is not recommended because the hardware can't run entirely on free software:



Raspberry Pi 2



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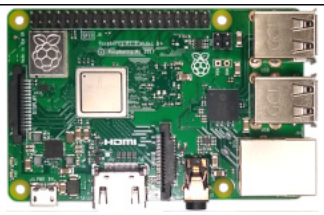
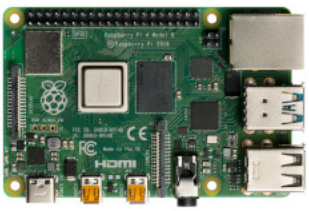


Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+



Raspberry Pi 4 B

7.3.2 Hardware Supported with Generic Images

If you already have hardware that you wish turn into a FreedomBox, don't let the limited list of supported hardware discourage you. If you are using AMD or Intel architecture machines, you can download the generic images of that specific architecture that image will work on any machine of that architecture. For ARM 32-bit or ARM 64-bit architectures, we have a similar solution.

Starting with August 2020, we started building generic images that would work for all single board computers based on a solution involving UEFI standards and u-boot firmware. In this approach, a small board specific firmware resides on an SPI flash or an SD card. It is responsible for loading a generic FreedomBox image that is placed in an SD card, a USB drive, a SATA drive or an NVMe drive. So, for your hardware, find and get a u-boot based firmware from your board manufacturer and place it on an SPI flash or an SD card. Next, ensure that that kernel in FreedomBox has support for your board and place it on any of the other storage disks. This approach should work well for a lot of boards that are not listed as specifically supported. See firmware section for more details.

We continue to build images specific to some hardware as we used to earlier. These images have the slight advantage that they are easier to setup because of less step involved. We intend, however, to phase out these images because they can't be booted from all the storage devices and involve development overhead limiting the number of boards we support.

7.3.3 Adding Hardware Support

If your hardware is not listed above but you were able to get it working using the above described method of using a generic image, drop us a line and we will list it as supported. Further, take a look at the list of targeted hardware for boards to support.

7.3.4 Deprecated Hardware

This hardware was supported earlier but is no longer supported. If you downloaded an earlier image and are running FreedomBox on one of these hardware, you will keep getting software updates. However, no new images will be provided for these hardware. It is recommended that you migrate to newer, supported hardware using backup and restore.

- DreamPlug
- Raspberry Pi

Note: *Supported Hardware* means that FreedomBox images are built for said hardware and at least one developer has reported the basic functions to be working.

7.4 Common Hardware Information

The following sections document common advice related to hardware and peripherals when using them with FreedomBox.

7.4.1 Wi-Fi

FreedomBox can use Wi-Fi hardware for two separate purposes. It can be used to provide internet connectivity or it can be used to share internet connectivity already available to FreedomBox (via Ethernet, 3G/4G or another Wi-Fi interface) with devices on the network. See the Networks manual page for instructions on how to configure FreedomBox for these two cases.

Unfortunately, most built-in Wi-Fi adapters and add-on Wi-Fi adapters require firmware that is not free software. So, FreedomBox recommends attaching a USB Wi-Fi device that does not require non-free firmware. Supported devices automatically show up in the network interface list when configuring networks.

If you have a Wi-Fi device, either built-in or as an add-on, that requires non-free firmware and you are willing to install non-free firmware to get it working, see the Debian wiki page. Once the firmware is installed and the device shows up, it can be configured and used by FreedomBox.

7.4.2 Power Supply

On single board computers, one can easily encounter situations where the board and its peripherals are not provided sufficient power and malfunction in unpredictable ways. To avoid this, use a power adapter that can supply the minimum current recommended by the hardware manufacturer. When additional peripherals such as USB drives, Wi-Fi devices, SATA drives or NVMe drives are attached, the power requirements increase. A power supply that can provide higher current than needed is preferable but voltage should match the manufacturer recommendation exactly. Keep in mind that some cheap power supplies don't supply the current they promise to.

7.4.3 Firmware

Desktops, laptops and virtual machines have software that runs during machine start-up called UEFI/BIOS. This software, sometimes called firmware, can load and hand over control to the operating system (in our case FreedomBox), when it is present on any of the storage devices. This is not the case with most single board computers.

Single board computers ship with very small amount of software that is typically limited to booting OS from SD cards or eMMCs. They usually can't boot from USB disks, SATA disks or NVMe disks. To remedy this situation, hardware manufacturers started adding a special storage device called SPI flash which is only a few MiB in size. A special software, which we call firmware here, typically based on free and open source boot loader called u-boot is placed in this SPI flash. When the computer starts up, it starts the boot-loader from SPI flash which will in turn load the operating system. Since the firmware is much more powerful, it has the ability to load the OS from any of the storage media. Examples of single board computers with SPI flash include A20-OLinuXino-Lime2 and RockPro64.

This firmware approach can be used even when SPI flash is not available. Say, one wants to boot from a USB drive and the board does not support booting from it. Firmware can be installed on an SD card (a very tiny one is sufficient) and inserted into the board. Then USB disk will contain FreedomBox as we wish it. When the board starts, it boots the firmware from SD card which in turn boots the operating system from USB drive or any other storage.

This firmware approach also allows us to use generic download images that work for a large number of hardware boards. While increasing the effort for the user a bit more, it has the advantage of allowing us to support a lot more hardware and allow the OS to be present on any storage media.

When special firmware is needed for a single board computer, FreedomBox manual for the board discusses how to to obtain and install the firmware before proceeding with installation of FreedomBox.

7.4.4 Storage

FreedomBox can run from various storage media supported by your computer. Choosing the storage is about balancing reliability, capacity and speed against cost. A minimum storage capacity of 8GB is recommended for running FreedomBox.

7.4.4.1 Secure Digital (SD) Card

SD cards are common on single board computers. Most single board computers can boot directly from an SD card without any additional tweaks.

SD cards are typically slowest among the available storage media. Expect your FreedomBox to perform certain operations slower on these disks. Not all SD cards perform similarly and some perform much better than others. When buying an SD card, pick a card with a speed class of at least 10 (written on the card as a circle around the number 10) or UHS speed class 1 (written on the card as a number 1 inside a bucket). UHS speed class 3 (written on the card as number 3 inside a bucket) or application speed class 1 or above (written as A1 and A2) will perform much better. Finally, users of FreedomBox have reported cases where SD cards have failed. So, other storage media should be preferred for higher reliability.

7.4.4.2 Embedded MultiMediaCard (eMMC)

Many recently released single board computers support eMMC cards. Most single board computers can boot directly from an eMMC without any additional tweaks.

eMMC is sometimes soldered onto the board and you will need to choose the size of eMMC when buying the board. An example of this is the Olimex's A20-OLinuXino-Lime2 board. Other times, a manufacturer will provide eMMC as pluggable peripheral. With this approach, you can add eMMC after you buy the board or upgrade existing one with higher capacity. Do not detach and reattach such pluggable eMMCs too often. They have a very limited number of wear cycles (< 100).

eMMC are much faster than SD cards and spinning disk HDDs but are significantly slower than SSDs. They have much better random write speeds which are needed for many FreedomBox operations. In general, they should be preferred over SD cards.

FreedomBox image can be setup on an eMMC in two ways. For a detachable eMMC, there are eMMC to USB converters available. Detach the eMMC from the board, attach it to the USB converter and plug it into your machine and proceed with writing FreedomBox on it as one would for an SD card. In case the eMMC is not detachable, boot the computer with a media other than the eMMC such as an SD card or USB disk. It could be any operating system. After booting, the eMMC will show up as an additional disk. Download and write FreedomBox image onto it as one would for an SD card.

7.4.4.3 USB Disk Drive

Most computers and single board computers have USB ports. These ports accept storage media such as USB flash drives, SSDs or HDDs.

A USB flash drive can also serve as a storage medium for running FreedomBox. USB 2.0 flash drives are much slower and comparable to SD cards in their performance. USB 3.0 flash drives yield much better performance. Both USB flash drives and SD cards use similar technology so the read/write cycles and hence the reliability as similarly limited.

Apart from USB flash drives, solid state drives (SSDs) and hard disk drives (HDDs) can be inserted into USB ports. This is possible either by buying drives with USB interface or by using convertors such as USB to SATA or USB to M.2 interface. Both SSDs and HDDs have much higher reliability compared to SD cards, eMMC or USB flash drives. These should be preferred whenever possible. In addition, SSDs provide excellent performance when connected via USB 3.0 interface.

When connecting SSDs and HDDs to USB ports on single board computers, care should be taken about the power supply to the drive. If the drive has an extra power supply there is nothing to worry about. Otherwise, ensure that the single board computer is able to power the drive by checking the power requirements of the drive and what the board supports. For the board, always use a power adapter that can supply the minimum current recommended by the hardware manufacturer. Power supply that can provide higher current than needed is preferable but the voltage supplied should match the manufacturer recommendation exactly. Keep in mind that some cheap power supplies don't supply the current they promise to.

Setting up a FreedomBox image on a USB (flash, SSD or HDD) drive can be straight forward as most computers have USB ports. Plug-in the USB drive to your computer, download and write the FreedomBox image to the USB drive. While laptops, desktops and virtual machines can boot from a USB drive without intervention, many single board computers can't boot from USB drives. To address this, a separate firmware is needed. See firmware section for setting this up.

7.4.4.4 SATA disk drive

Some desktops, laptops and single board computers support a SATA interface to connect a solid state drive (SSD) or a hard disk drive (HDD). An example of a single board computer supporting SATA interface is the Olimex's A20-OLinuXino-Lime2. SATA protocol is also used for mSATA ports or M.2 slots (with a B-Key or an M-key). Both SSDs and HDDs have much higher reliability compared to SD cards, eMMC or USB flash drives. SATA interface provides very good data transfer rates (but not as good as NVMe drives based on PCIe). These should be preferred over SD cards, eMMCs or USB flash drives whenever possible.

When connecting SSDs and HDDs to SATA ports on single board computers, care should be taken about the power supply to the drive. If the drive has an extra power supply there is nothing to worry about. Otherwise, ensure that the single board computer is able to power the drive by checking the power requirements of the drive and what the board supports. Always use a power adapter that can supply the minimum current recommended by the hardware manufacturer. Power supply that can provide higher current than needed is preferable but voltage should match the recommendation exactly. Keep in mind that some cheap power supplies don't supply the current they promise to.

To setup FreedomBox image on a SATA disk drive, boot the computer with a media other than the SATA disk such as an SD card. It could be any operating system. After booting, the SATA disk will show up as an additional disk. Download and write FreedomBox image onto it as one would for an SD card. While laptops, desktops and virtual machines can boot from a SATA drives without additional intervention, many single board computers can't boot from SATA drives. To address this, a separate firmware disk is needed. See firmware section for setting this up.

7.4.4.5 NVMe disk drive

Most desktops, laptops and some single board computers support an NVMe interface to connect a solid state drive (SSD). This support is provided either with an M.2 slot (with a B-key or an M-key) or by providing a PCIe expansion slot. If a PCIe expansion slot is provided, a PCIe to M.2 convertor can be used to accommodate an NVMe drive. An example of a single board computer supporting an M.2 slot is the Radxa's Rock Pi 4 board. An example of single board computer providing PCIe slot is the Pine64's RockPro64 board. NVMe based SSD have much higher reliability compared to SD cards, eMMC or USB flash drives. NVMe drives provide the fastest data transfer rates. These should be preferred over all other types of drives whenever possible.

When connecting NVMe drives to single board computers, care should be taken about the power supply to the drive. Ensure that the single board computer is able to power the drive by checking the power requirements of the drive and what the board supports. Always use a power adapter that can supply the minimum current recommended by the hardware manufacturer. Power

supply that can provide higher current than needed is preferable but voltage should match the manufacturer recommendation exactly. Keep in mind that some cheap power supplies don't supply the current they promise to.

To setup FreedomBox image on an NVMe disk drive, boot the computer with a media other than the NVMe disk such as an SD card. It could be any operating system. After booting NVMe disk will show up as an additional disk. Download and write FreedomBox image onto it as one would for an SD card. While laptops, desktops and virtual machines can boot from NVMe drives without intervention, many single board computers can't boot from NVMe drives. To address this a separate firmware disk is needed. See firmware section for setting this up.

7.5 Building Your Own Images

All FreedomBox disk images for different hardware is built by the project using a tool known as Freedom Maker. If for some reason, you wish to build your own images instead of downloading the provided images, use this tool. The README file in the project provides information about the list of hardware build targets available and how to build images.

7.5.1 Status of Software Used

- All the software present in FreedomBox images is from Debian repositories. There are some minor tweaks done by the Freedom Maker script.
- All software present in the images is DFSG compliant free software except in case of Raspberry Pi images where the firmware package is non-free software.
- All images use the Linux kernel from Debian which is in turn based on the mainline Linux kernel.

7.6 Pioneer Edition FreedomBox

Pioneer FreedomBox Home Servers are produced and sold by Olimex, a company which specializes in Open Source Hardware (OSHW). The kit includes pocket-sized server hardware, an SD card with the operating system pre-installed, and a backup battery which can power the hardware for 4-5 hours in case of outages. It sells for 69 euro. An optional storage add-on for high capacity hard disk (HDD) or solid-state drive (SSD) is also available from Olimex. By purchasing this product, you also support the FreedomBox Foundation's efforts to create and promote its free and open source server software.

7.6.1 Product Features

The Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server Kit includes all the hardware needed for launching a FreedomBox home server on an Olimex A20-OLinuXino-LIME2 board:

- the A20-OlinuXino-LIME2,
- a custom metal case with a laser-engraved FreedomBox logo,
- a high-speed 32GB micro SD card with the FreedomBox software pre-installed,
- a backup battery,

- a power adapter, and
- an Ethernet cable.
- an optional storage add-on for hard disk (HDD) or solid-state drive (SSD)

7.6.2 Recommended Hardware

This is the hardware recommended for all users who just want a turn-key FreedomBox, and **don't** want to **build** their own one.

(Building your own FreedomBox means some technical stuff like choosing and buying the right components, downloading the image and preparing the SD card).

7.6.3 Availability

The Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server is the first commercially available version of FreedomBox.

- Price: 69 EUR
- Olimex Store
- The US version is also available through Mouser Electronics.

7.6.4 Hardware Specifications

Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server is based on A20-OLinuXino-LIME2 Rev.G.

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): Yes
- CPU: Allwinner A20, ARM Cortex-A7 @ 1GHz dual-core
- RAM: 1 GiB DDR3
- Storage: 32GB class 10+ microSD card pre-loaded with FreedomBox
- SATA: 1 SATA port 2.6 compliant 3Gb/s
- USB: 2 USB 2.0 Hi-Speed host ports
- Battery: 3.3V Li-Po, 1400mAh (4-5 hours of backup without additional devices connected via USB)
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45 (1 meter cable included)
- Power adapter: 110-220 V input, 5V output, EU style (with optional UK or US sockets)
- Power consumption: 1.5W and 5W depending on load (0.3A to 1A current)
- Box: Custom metallic box with FreedomBox decal

Further information:

- Quick start leaflet
- Hardware source files
- A20-OLinuXino-LIME2 rev.G schematic
- A20 SOC datasheet

The kits run entirely on Free Software. They work with Kernel and u-boot from Debian repositories. Even the boot firmware in ROM called BROM is free software (GPLV2+).

7.6.5 Storage Add-on

You can order a storage add-on along with the Pioneer Edition FreedomBox Home Server. The storage add-on is a SATA disk drive enclosure case optionally with a hard disk or solid-state drive of size 128GB to 2000GB. If you have already purchased the Home Server without the add-on, you can order the add-on separately.

- Olimex Store
- Price: 9 EUR (without the hard disk, only for the case, you need to add your own HDD/SSD to it)
- Price: 42 EUR (with 128GB Solid-State Drive)
- Price: 69 EUR (with 512GB Solid-State Drive)
- Price: 42 EUR (with 320GB Hard Disk)
- Price: 53 EUR (with 500GB Hard Disk)
- Price: 64 EUR (with 1000GB Hard Disk)
- Price: 86 EUR (with 2000GB Hard Disk)

7.6.6 Download

The kits come with an SD card pre-loaded with FreedomBox. There's **NO need to download images**.

However, if you wish to reset your devices to a pristine state, then you can do so with the image provided. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device. Make sure to download the Pioneer Edition images. These SD card images are meant for use with the on-board SD card slot and won't work when used with a separate SD card reader connected via USB.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.6.7 Build Image

FreedomBox images for this hardware can be built using Freedom Maker.

7.6.8 Known Issues

- The image that shipped with the kits uses a slightly modified u-boot from Debian and not stock Debian like the rest of FreedomBox. So, if you wish to get the source code, please use the FreedomBox team's u-boot repository.

7.6.9 Obtaining Source Code

After you purchase and receive your Pioneer Edition FreedomBox, you may want to obtain the source code of the software running in it. Continue reading this section for instructions.

FreedomBox is fully free software and you can obtain the source code to study, modify and distribute improvements.

7.6.9.1 From within FreedomBox

FreedomBox is made up of several software programs and you can obtain the source code to any of them. These instructions are similar to obtaining and building source code for Debian since FreedomBox is a pure blend of Debian. Using this process you can obtain the source code to the exact version of the package you are currently using in FreedomBox.

1. To see the list of software packages installed on your FreedomBox, run the following in a terminal:

   ```
   dpkg -l
   ```

2. To obtain the source code for any of those programs, then run:

```
apt source <package_name>
```

   This requires that the file /etc/apt/sources.list file contains the information about the source code repositories. These are present by default on all FreedomBox images. If you have installed FreedomBox using a package from Debian, you need to ensure that source repositories are added in the file.

3. To build the package from source code, first install its dependencies

```
apt build-dep <package_name>
```

   Switch to the source directory created by the *apt source* command:

```
cd <source_directory>
```

   Then build the package

```
dpkg-buildpackage -rfakeroot -uc
```

4. Install the package:

```
dpkg -i ../<built_package>.deb
```

7.6.9.2 Other Ways to Obtain Source Code

1. Source code for any of the packages can be browsed and searched using the web interface at sources.debian.org. For example, see the plinth package.
2. Source code and pre-built binary package for any version of a package including historic versions can be obtained from snapshot.debian.org. For example, see the plinth package.
3. You can also obtain the links to upstream project homepage, upstream version control, Debian's version control, changelog, etc. from the Debian tracker page for a project at tracker.debian.org. For example, see the tracker page for plinth package.
4. You can build and install a package from its Debian's version control repository. For example,

```
git clone https://salsa.debian.org/freedombox-team/freedombox.git
cd freedombox
apt build-dep .
dpkg-buildpackage -rfakeroot -uc
dpkg -i ../freedombox*.deb
```

7.6.9.3 Building Disk Images

You can also build FreedomBox disk images for various hardware platforms using the freedom-maker tool. This is also available as a Debian package and source code for it may be obtained using the above methods. Build instructions for creating disk images are available as part of the source code for freedom-maker package.

FreedomBox disk images are built and uploaded to official servers using automated Continuous Integration infrastructure. This infrastructure is available as source code too and provides accurate information on how FreedomBox images are built.

7.6.9.4 U-boot on Pioneer Edition Images

There is one minor exception to the u-boot package present on the hardware sold as FreedomBox Home Server Kits Pioneer Edition. It contains an small but important fix that is not part of Debian sources. The fork of the Debian u-boot source repository along with the minor change done by the FreedomBox is available as a separate repository. We expect this change to be available in upstream u-boot eventually and this repository will not be needed. This package can be built on a Debian armhf machine as follows (cross compiling is also possible, simply follow instructions for cross compiling Debian packages):

```
apt install git git-buildpackage
git clone https://salsa.debian.org/freedombox-team/u-boot.git
cd u-boot
pbuilder create --distribution=buster
gbp buildpackage --git-pbuilder
```

The u-boot Debian package will be available in *u-boot-sunxi*.deb*. This package will contain

```
mkdir temp
dpkg -x u-boot-suxi*.deb temp
unxz <lime2_image_built_with_freedom_maker>
dd if=temp/usr/lib/u-boot/A20-OLinuXino-Lime2/u-boot-sunxi-with-spl.bin of=<lime2.img> seek ↩
    =8 bs=1k conv=notrunc
```

The resulting image will have the modified u-boot in it.

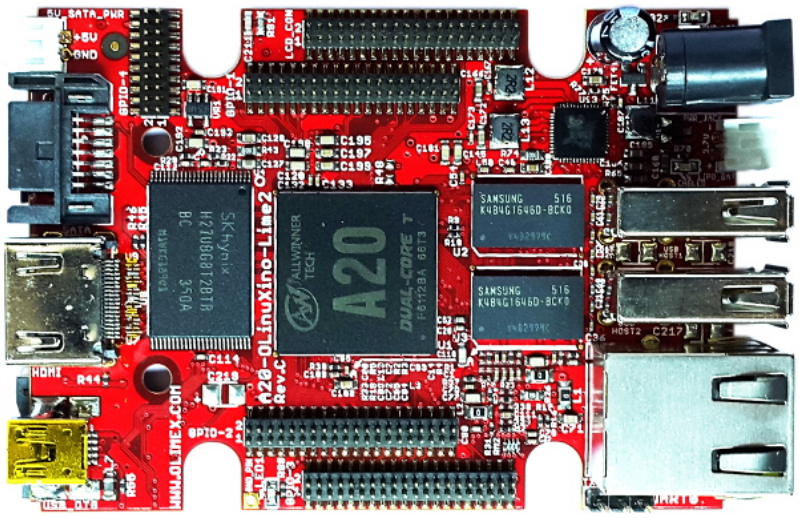
7.6.10 Power and reset buttons

The Pioneer Edition Kit has 3 undocumented buttons for RESET, BOOT, and POWER. They are legacy features originally designed to be used with Android operating system but are useful in particular cases.

Warning: **Excessive force will break the buttons**. The three buttons are not intended to be pushed regularly, which is why they are fragile and not easily to push.

More details in our Forum.

7.7 A20 OLinuXino Lime2



Olimex's A20 OLinuXino Lime2 is a fully Open Source Hardware (OSHW) single board computer. This means that the designer is actively helping people using the platform for their own designs, and supports them in adding hardware functionality and

production advice. This is a part of freedom that is often overlooked, but very much aligned with the FreedomBox goals. It uses the Allwinner A20 Dual Core ARM processor.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.7.1 Similar Hardware

The following similar hardware will also work well with FreedomBox.

- Olimex's A20 OLinuXino Lime2 4GB. This hardware merely has extra 4GB NAND storage that is not used by FreedomBox.

7.7.2 Download

FreedomBox SD card images are available for this device. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device. These SD card images are meant for use with the on-board SD card slot and won't work when used with a separate SD card reader connected via USB.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.7.3 Availability

- Price: 45 EUR (A20 OLinuXino Lime2)
- Price: 55 EUR (A20 OLinuXino Lime2 4GB)
- Olimex Store

7.7.4 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): Yes
- CPU: Allwinner A20, ARM Cortex-A7 @ 1GHz dual-core
- RAM: 1 GiB DDR3
- Storage: 4 GB NAND flash built-in (only on 4GB model), 1x microSD slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: 1x port

7.7.5 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available
- Boot Firmware: BROM (GPLV2+)

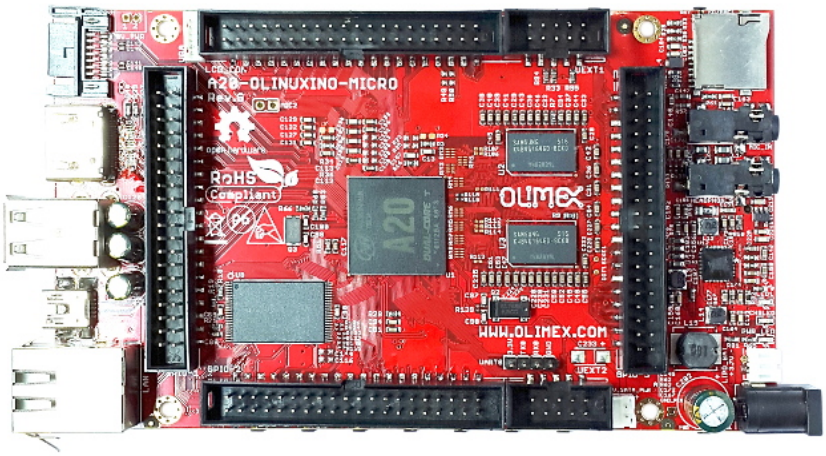
7.7.6 Known Issues

- Revision G2 (written on the board): The current stable Debian11/bullseye image (from 2021-08-27) **will not start an Ethernet connection!** This means you can not continue with the installation process at first. This can be fixed by following this description after you copied the image to your SD card. Or you Download and use the Pioneer Edition image to fix the issue. It contains a slightly modified u-boot.
- Revision G2 hardware has also poor performance when transmitting Ethernet data in Gigabit mode for older FreedomBox releases. The procedure above or for rev. C fixes this.
- Revision C hardware has poor performance when receiving Ethernet data in Gigabit mode. To workaround the problem, you can switch to 100 Mbps mode instead of Gigabit mode. Login to your FreedomBox as root (or plugin the SD card into another computer) and create the file /etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d/20-fix-ethernet-problem with the following contents:

```
#!/bin/bash

set -e  # Exit with code on error

IFACE="$1"
ACTION="$2"

if [[ "$IFACE" != "eth0" ]]; then
    exit 0
fi

case ${ACTION} in
    up)
        logger "Setting up $IFACE in 100Mbps mode"
        mii-tool eth0 -A 100BaseTx-FD
        ;;
    *)
        ;;
esac
```

- Revision K hardware is not working properly.

7.8 A20 OLinuXino MICRO



Olimex's A20 OLinuXino MICRO is a fully Open Source Hardware (OSHW) single board computer. This means that the designer is actively helping people using the platform for their own designs, and supports them in adding hardware functionality and production advice. This is a part of freedom that is often overlooked, but very much aligned with the FreedomBox goals. It uses the Allwinner A20 Dual Core ARM processor.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.8.1 Similar Hardware

The following similar hardware will also work well with FreedomBox.

- Olimex's A20 OLinuXino MICRO 4GB. This hardware merely has extra 4GB NAND storage that is not used by FreedomBox.

7.8.2 Download

FreedomBox MicroSD card images are available for this device. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox MicroSD card and boot the device. These MicroSD card images are meant for use with the on-board MicroSD card slot and won't work on the SD card slot or when using a separate MicroSD card reader connected via USB.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.8.3 Availability

- Price: 50 EUR (A20 OLinuXino MICRO)
- Price: 63 EUR (A20 OLinuXino MICRO 4GB)
- Olimex Store

7.8.4 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): Yes
- CPU: Allwinner A20, ARM Cortex-A7 @ 1GHz dual-core
- RAM: 1 GiB DDR3
- Storage: 4 GB NAND flash built-in (only on 4GB model), 1x microSD slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: 1x port

7.8.5 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available
- Boot Firmware: BROM (GPLV2+)

7.8.6 Known Issues

- Not visible on local network
- When booting the 'stable' image (made on 2017-06-18) the board does not automatically get an IP address from the router's DHCP server over ethernet. Booting the 'testing' image (2018-06) the board does get an IP address. Tested on MICRO hardware revision J. see also: https://www.olimex.com/forum/index.php?topic=5839.msg24167#msg24167

7.9 APU

PC Engines APU 1D is a single board computer with 3 Gigabit ethernet ports, a powerful AMD APU and Coreboot firmware. FreedomBox images built for AMD64 machines are tested to work well for it.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.9.1 Similar Hardware

Although untested, the following similar hardware is also likely to work well with FreedomBox.

- Using amd64 image:
  - apu1c
  - apu1c4
  - apu1d4
  - apu2b2
  - apu2b4
  - apu2c0
  - apu2c2
  - apu2c4
  - apu3a2
  - apu3a4
  - apu3b2
  - apu3b4
- Using i386 image:
  - alix1d
  - alix1e
  - alix2d2
  - alix2d3
  - alix2d13
  - alix3d2
  - alix3d3
  - alix6f2

7.9.2 Download

FreedomBox disk images for this hardware are available. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card, USB disk, SSD or hard drive and boot into FreedomBox. Pick the image meant for all amd64 machines.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the APU and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.9.3 Networking

The first network port, the left most one in the above picture, is configured by FreedomBox to be an upstream Internet link and the remaining 2 ports are configured for local computers to connect to.

7.9.4 Availability

- Price: 110 - 170 USD (depending on the board and supplier)
- PC Engines
- Full list of suppliers

7.9.5 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: AMD G series T40E
- RAM: 2 GB DDR3-1066 DRAM
- Storage: SD card, External USB
- Architecture: amd64
- Ethernet: 3 Gigabit Ethernet ports
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: 1 m-SATA and 1 SATA

7.9.6 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available
- Boot firmware: Coreboot

7.10 Cubietruck

7.10.1 FreedomBox Danube Edition

FreedomBox Danube Edition is a custom casing around Cubietruck and an SSD-hard drive.

7.10.2 Cubietruck / Cubieboard3

Cubietruck (Cubieboard3) is a single board computer with very good performance compared to many other boards. FreedomBox images are built for this device.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.10.3 Download

FreedomBox SD card images are provided for this hardware. These SD card images are meant for use with the on-board SD card slot and do not work when used with a separate SD card reader connected via USB.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the Cubietruck and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.10.4 Availability

Cubietruck / Cubieboard3

- Price: 89 USD
- List of suppliers

7.10.5 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: Allwinner A20, ARM Cortex-A7 @ 1GHz dual-core
- RAM: 2 GiB DDR3 @ 480 MHz
- Storage: 8 GB NAND flash built-in, 1x microSD slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: Broadcom BCM4329/BCM40181 (no free WiFi drivers + firmware available)
- SATA: 1x 2.0 port

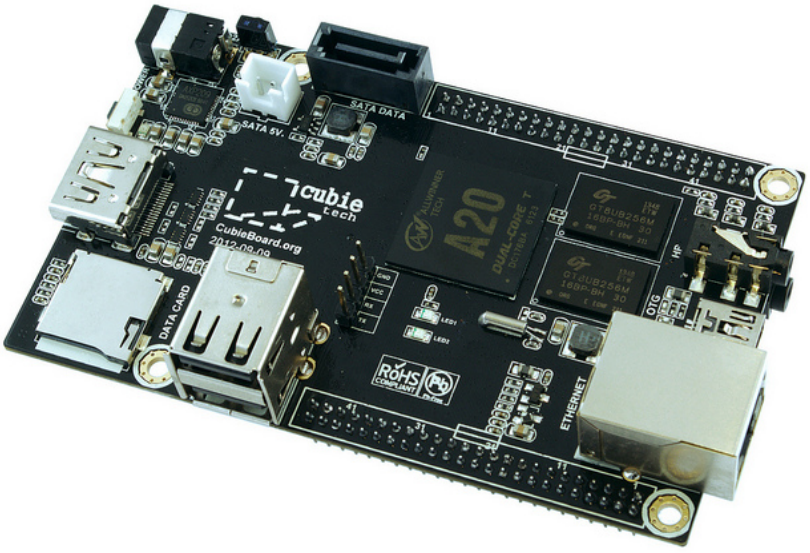
7.10.6 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: ?
- WiFi: no free WiFi drivers + firmware available

7.10.7 Known Issues

- The on-board WiFi does not work with free software. A separate USB WiFi device is recommended.

7.11 Cubieboard 2



The Cubieboard 2 is a single board computer based on the Allwinner A20 processor. It doesn't require any non-free firmware to run FreedomBox, and Wifi capability can be added via a USB adaptor if needed. This board is available in two versions, one with on-board flash and a microSD slot, and a version with two microSD card slots.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.11.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images are available for this device. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device.

7.11.2 Availability

- Full list of suppliers

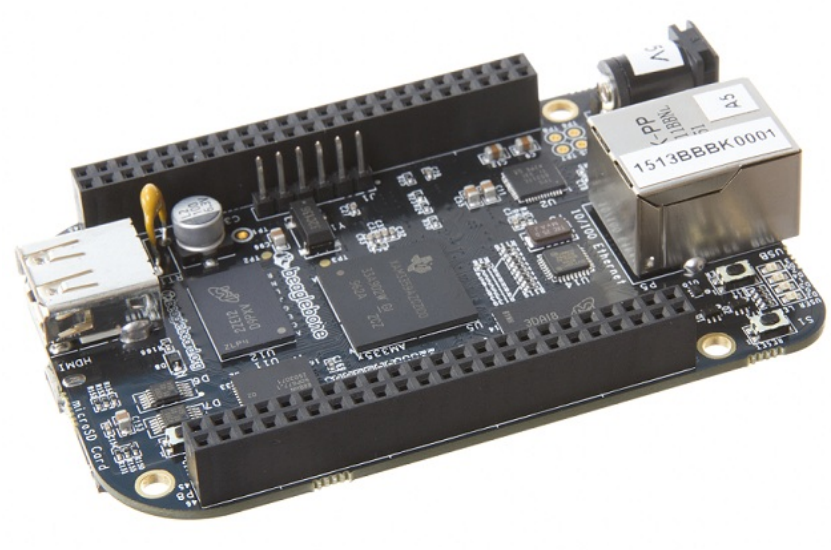
7.11.3 Hardware

- CPU: ARM Cortex A7 Dual-Core
- RAM: 1GB DDR3 @960M
- Storage: 4GB internal NAND flash, up to 64GB on uSD slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: Yes

7.11.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available

7.12 Beagle Bone Black



Beagle Bone Black (Revision C.1) is an Open Source Hardware (OSHW) single board computer. This means that the designer is actively helping people using the platform for their own designs, and supports them in adding hardware functionality and production advice. This is a part of freedom that is often overlooked, but very much aligned with the FreedomBox goals. FreedomBox images are built and tested for this device.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.12.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images are available for this device. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device.

Note: This image is for BeagleBone Black (Revision C.1) only. It will not work on the BeagleBone Green, and also not on the Revisions A & B.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the BeagleBone and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.12.2 Availability

- Price: ~ 59 USD (50 EUR)
- Mouser Electronics
- Full list of suppliers

7.12.3 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): Yes
- CPU: AM335x 1GHz ARM Cortex-A8
- RAM: 512MB DDR3L 800 Mhz
- Storage: Onboard 4GB, 8bit Embedded MMC and microSD
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.12.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available

7.13 pcDuino3

LinkSprite pcDuino3S is a single board computer running on Allwinner A20 and sold with a good case. FreedomBox images are built and tested for this device.

Note: The FreedomBox logo is simply a sticker on top of device brought from store.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.13.1 Similar Hardware

Although untested, the following similar hardware is also likely to work well with FreedomBox.

- https://www.linksprite.com/linksprite-pcduino3/ also covers pcDuino3B

7.13.2 Download

FreedomBox disk images for this hardware are available. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card, USB disk, SSD or hard drive and boot into FreedomBox. Pick the image meant for pcduino3.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the APU and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.13.3 Availability

- Price: 89 USD
- LinkSprite
- Full list of suppliers

7.13.4 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: AllWinner A20 SoC, 1GHz ARM Cortex A7 Dual Core
- RAM: 1 GB
- Storage: SD card, 4 GB onboard flash
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100 Mbps
- WiFi: Built-in WiFi requires non-free firmware, use a USB WiFi device instead
- SATA: 1 SATA host socket

7.13.5 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Requires non-free firmware
- Boot Firmware: BROM (GPLV2+)

7.14 Debian

FreedomBox is a pure blend of Debian. This means that all the work on FreedomBox is available in Debian as packages. It also means that any machine running Debian can be turned into a FreedomBox.

This page describes the process of installing FreedomBox on a Debian system. Currently, FreedomBox works in Debian Stable (Bullseye), Testing (Bookworm), and Unstable (Sid).

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this approach.

Caution
Use a fresh Debian installation
Installing FreedomBox changes your Debian system in many important ways. This includes installing a firewall and regenerating server certificates. It is hence recommended that you install FreedomBox on a fresh Debian installation instead of an existing setup.

Caution
Console/GUI logins for non-admin users will be disabled
After FreedomBox is fully setup, your system will no longer allow users not belonging to the *admin* group to log in to the system via console, secure shell (SSH) or graphical login. This behaviour can be disabled from the Security page. Use the administrator account created during FreedomBox first boot for console logins and add further user accounts to *admin* group, if necessary.

7.14.1 Installing on Debian 11 (Bullseye) or newer

Check the Troubleshooting section below, for any tips or workarounds that might help during the install.

1. Install Debian 11 (Bullseye), or Unstable (Sid) on your hardware.
2. Update your package list.

   ```
   $ sudo apt-get update
   ```

3. Install `freedombox` package.

   ```
   $ sudo DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get install freedombox
   ```

   - The "DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive" will avoid several configuration prompts that would otherwise appear during the install.

4. During the installation, you will be provided a secret key that needs to be entered during the initial configuration process. Note this down. The secret can also be read at a later time from the file `/var/lib/plinth/firstboot-wizard-secret`.
5. You can start using FreedomBox. During initial wizard, you will need to enter the secret noted above.

7.14.2 Tips and Troubleshooting

1. FreedomBox uses NetworkManager to manage network configuration. If you have configured your network interfaces using Debian installer or by editing `/etc/network/interfaces`, FreedomBox will not manage those interfaces. (See bug #797614.) To let FreedomBox/NetworkManager manage your network interfaces, edit the `/etc/network/interfaces` manually and ensure that it contains only the following:

   ```
   auto lo
   iface lo inet loopback
   ```

If you have already completed the setup process without doing this step, you will need to clear out the `/etc/network/interfa` file keeping only the above lines. Then perform a reboot. Network interfaces will then be in the `internal` or `external` firewall zone. This is essential for the FreedomBox's web interface to be reachable from other machines in the network. You can tweak network manager connections with the `nmtui` command if you wish.

2. FreedomBox will use an automatically configured IP address by default. You can assign a static IP address if necessary. Network configuration changes can be done using FreedomBox web interface or by using the `nmtui` or `nmcli` commands. `nmcli` can be used as follows:

```
nmcli con mod "Ethernet connection 1"  \
ipv4.addresses A.A.A.A/X  \
ipv4.gateway G.G.G.G  \
ipv4.dns N.N.N.N  \
ipv4.dns-search somedomain.com  \
ipv4.method "manual"  \
ipv4.ignore-auto-dns yes  \
ipv6.method ignore
```

...with the block capitals and somedomain.com replaced with your actual address, mask description, gateway and dns server details.

7.15 VirtualBox

This page will help you get started with using FreedomBox on a virtual machine using VirtualBox. While VirtualBox images are primarily used for testing and development, they can also be used for regular use if you have spare resources on one of your machines. This setup is useful if:

- You don't own one of the supported hardware devices.
- You don't use Debian GNU/Linux as your operating system.
- You don't want to disturb your Debian installation to try out FreedomBox.

Prebuilt FreedomBox images for VirtualBox are routinely made available in VirtualBox's own VDI image file format. They contain a Debian GNU/Linux operating system and an installation of FreedomBox with all dependencies ready to run on any OS supported by VirtualBox (Windows, Linux, Macintosh, and Solaris).

A more adventurous alternative to downloading one of these images is to install Debian on VirtualBox and then install FreedomBox on it.

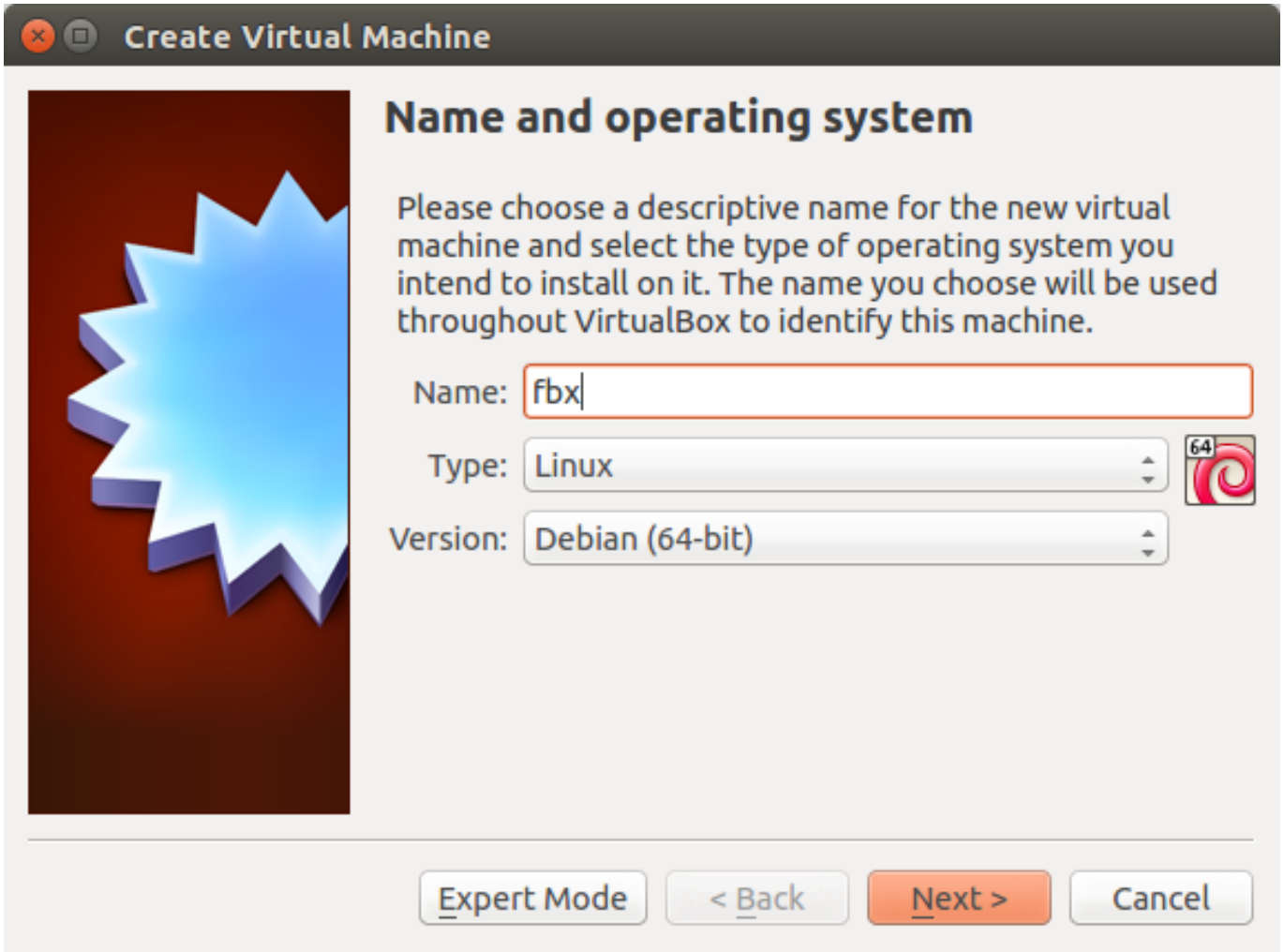
VirtualBox itself is available from `https://www.virtualbox.org/` (or your distribution's package manager).

7.15.1 Download

Follow the instructions on the download page to download and verify a VirtualBox image. The latest images are available on freedombox.org.

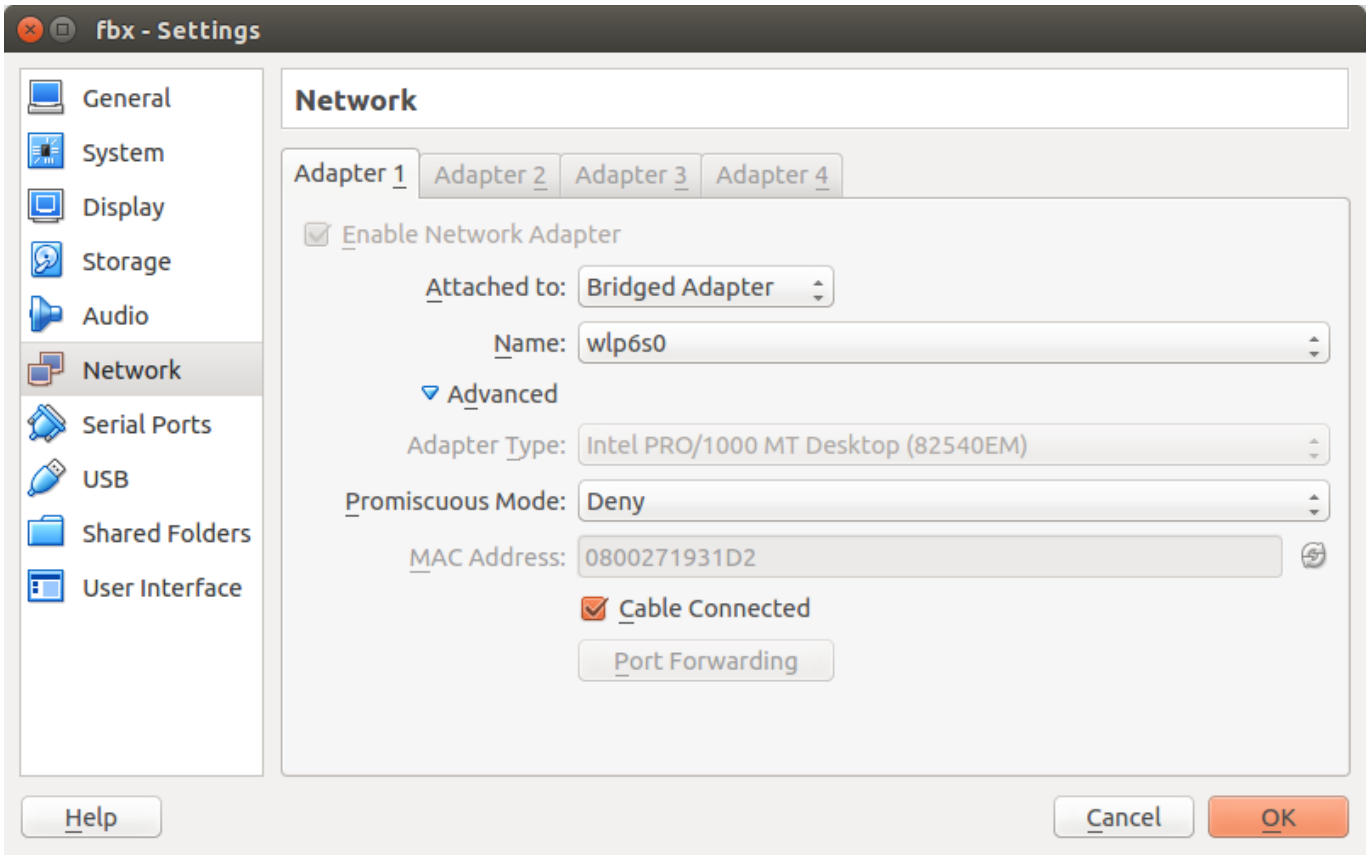
7.15.2 Creating a Virtual Machine

1. Decompress the downloaded VDI image (tool for Windows, Mac).
2. Create a new VM in the VirtualBox UI with OS type *Linux* and Version *Debian* (32/64-bit according to the downloaded image).



1. In the *Hard disk* dialog choose *Use an existing virtual hard disk file* and select the .vdi file you extracted in step 1.

1. When created, go to the virtual machine's Settings -> [Network] -> [Adapter 1]->[Attached to:] and choose the network type your want the machine to use according to the explanation in Network Configuration below. The recommended type is the *Bridged adapter* option, but be aware that this exposes the FreedomBox's services to your entire local network.

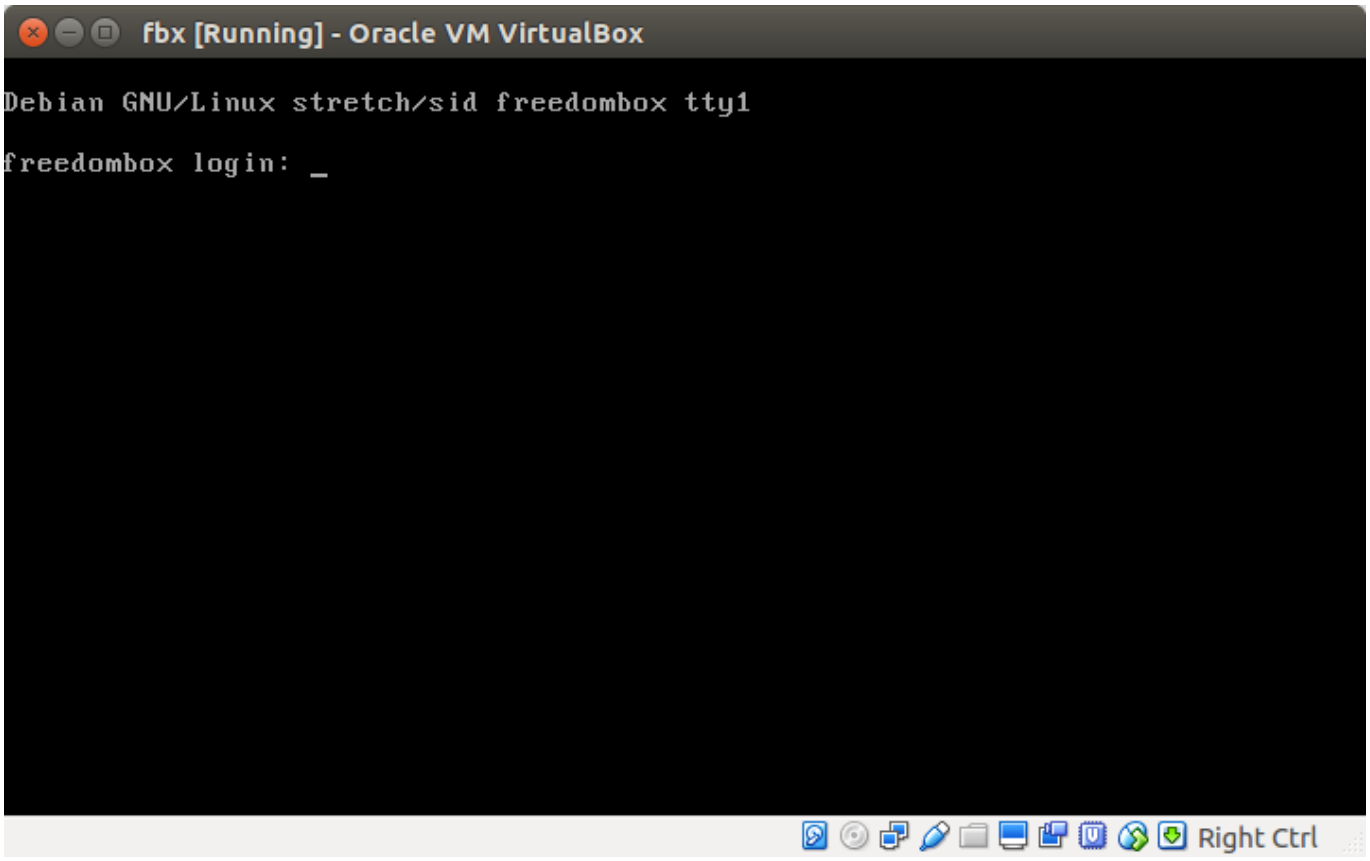


Note: It is important to make sure that you have provided the correct network interface in the above step. For example, if the virtual machine is running on a laptop connected to a Wi-Fi network, then the wireless interface (starts with *wlp*) must be chosen as shown in the screenshot.

7.15.3 First Boot

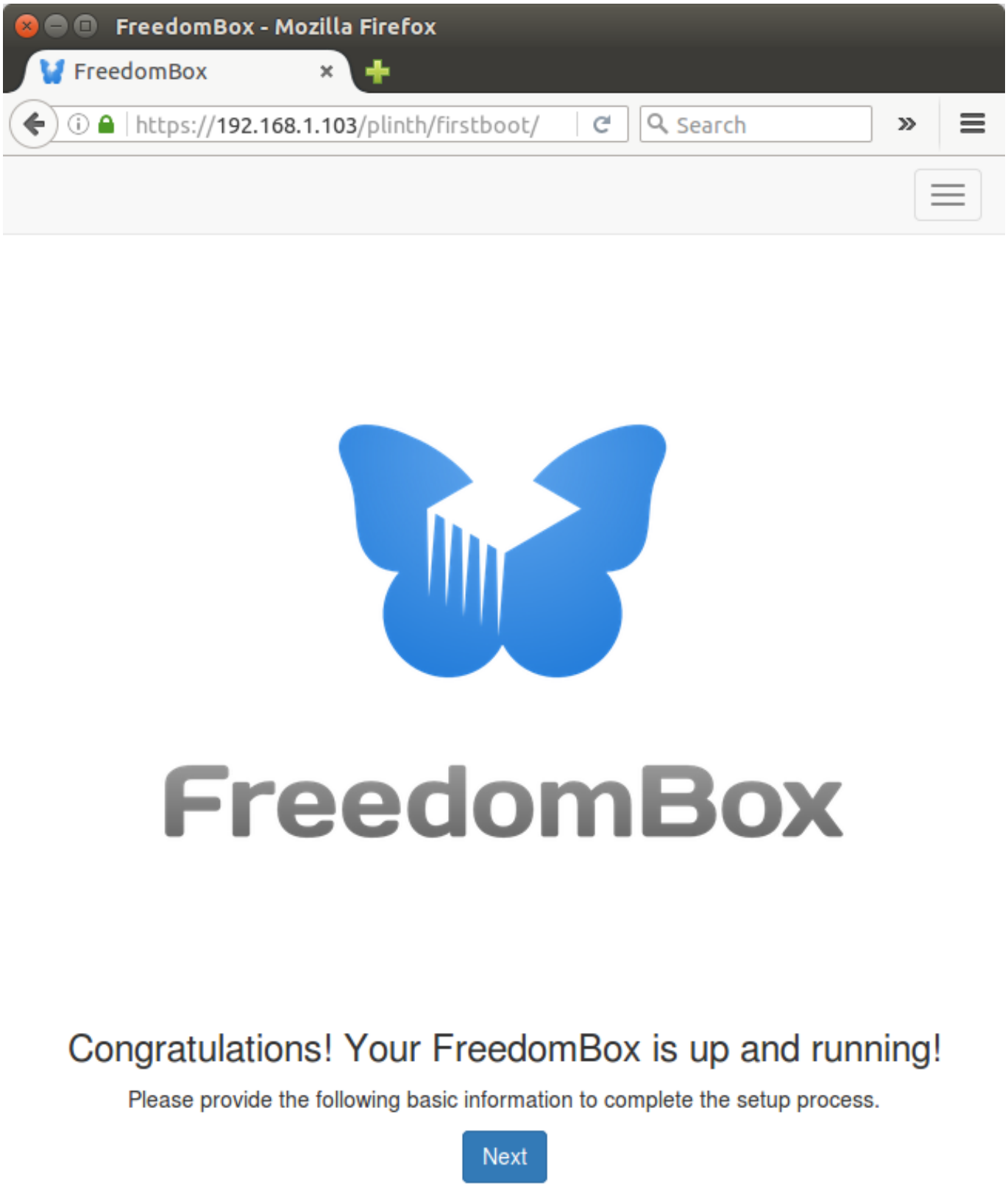
When satisfied with the VM settings click the start button in the VirtualBox UI and your new FreedomBox will boot.

The console of the VM will show the textual screen below when finished booting, from here most interaction with FreedomBox will be through the web interface in a browser.



If everything went well so far, you should be able to access the web interface of FreedomBox by pointing a browser on the host machine to `https://freedombox.local`.

In case freedombox.local cannot be resolved, you need to find out your FreedomBox's IP address as described in Finding out the IP address of the virtual machine. Then access this IP from a web browser which is on the same network as the VM (for example, the host). If all is well, you are now presented with a welcome message and invited to complete the *first boot* process.



This mainly consist of creating an administrative user for the system.

7.15.4 Using

See the FreedomBox usage page for more details.

You can log in to the Debian GNU/Linux system as the user created during FreedomBox first boot on the VirtualBox console or remotely via ssh.

After logging in, you can become root with the command `sudo su`.

7.15.5 Build Image

If you wish to build your own images instead of downloading available images, it can be done using Freedom Maker.

7.15.6 Tips & Troubleshooting

7.15.6.1 Network Configuration

VirtualBox provides many types of networking options. Each has its advantages and disadvantages. For more information about how various networking types work in VirtualBox, see VirtualBox's networking documentation. https://www.virtualbox.org/manual/ch06.html

For a simple setup, it is recommended that you use a single network interface in your guest machine. This will make the first boot script automatically configure that interface as an `internal` network with `automatic` network configuration. Inside the guest machine, the networking is configured automatically and all the services are made available on this network interface. For more information on how networks are configured by default in FreedomBox, see Networks section.

What remains is to make those services available to the host machine or to other machines in the network. You must then choose one of the following types of networking for the network interface on your guest machine. To set a particular type of network for the guest's network adapter, go to the guest VM's settings then the network options and then select the adapter you wish to configure. There, set the network type from the available list of networks.

1. First and the recommended option is to use the *Bridged* type of network. This option exposes the guest machine to the same network that host network is connected to. The guest obtains network configuration information from a router or DHCP server on the network. The guest will appear as just another machine in the network. A major advantage of this of setup is that the host and all other machines in the network will be able to access the services provided by guest without requiring any further setup.

   The only drawback of this approach is that if the host is not connected to any network, the guest's network will remain unconfigured making it inaccessible even from the host.

2. Second method is *Host only* type of networking. With a guest's network interface configured in this manner, it will only be accessible from the host machine. The guest will not able access any other machine but the host, so you do not have internet access on the guest. All services on the guest are available to the host machine without any configuration such as port forwarding.

3. The third option is to use the *NAT* type of network. This the networking type that VirtualBox assigns to a freshly created virtual machine. This option works even when host is not connected to any network. The guest is automatically configured and is able to access the internet and local networks that host is able to connect to. However, the services provided by the guest require port forwarding configuration setup to be available outside.

   To configure this go to VM settings -> [Network] -> [Adapter] -> [Port Forwarding]. Map a port such as 2222 from host to guest port 22 and you will be able to ssh into FreedomBox from host machine as follows:

   ```
   ssh -p 2222 fbx@localhost
   ```

   Map 4443 on host to 443 on the guest. This make FreedomBox HTTPS service available on host using the URL https://localhost:4443/

   You will need to add a mapping for each such services from host to guest.

4. The final option is to create two network interfaces, one *host only* and one *NAT* type. This way you can access the guest without any additional configuration, and you have internet access on the guest. The guest will be invisible to any other machines on the network.

Summary of various network types:

-	Guest accessible from other machines	Guest accessible from host	Works without port forwarding	Works without host connected to network	Guest has internet access
Bridged	✔	✔	✔	⛔	✔
Host only	⛔	✔	✔	✔	⛔
NAT	✔	✔	⛔	✔	✔
NAT and Host	⛔	✔	✔	✔	✔

7.15.6.2 Finding out the IP address of the virtual machine

This depends on the network configuration you chose. With a *bridged adapter*, your virtual machine gets its IP address from the DHCP server of your network, most likely of your Router. You can try the first couple of IP addresses or check your router web interface for a list of connected devices.

If you chose *host-only adapter*, the IP address is assigned by the DHCP server of your VirtualBox network. In the VirtualBox Manager, go to File -> Preferences -> Network -> Host-only Networks. You can see and edit the DHCP address range there, typically you get assigned addresses close to the *Lower Address Bound*.

Another possibility of finding the IP address is to login via the VirtualBox Manager (or similar software). The FreedomBox images do not have any default user accounts, so you need to set an initial user and password using the passwd-in-image script.

See also QuickStart for instructions on how to scan your network to discover the IP of the VM.

7.15.6.3 Networking Problems with macchanger

The package `macchanger` can cause network problems with VirtualBox. If you have a valid IP address on your guest's host network adapter (like 192.168.56.101) but are not able to ping or access the host (like 192.168.56.1), try uninstalling `macchanger`:

```
$ dpkg --ignore-depends=freedombox-setup --remove macchanger
```

You might have to manually remove the script `/etc/network/if-prep-up/macchanger`. If Debian complains about unmet dependencies when you use a package manager (apt-get, aptitude, dpkg), try to remove 'macchanger' from the dependencies of 'freedombox-setup' in the file `/var/lib/dpkg/status`.

7.15.6.4 Mounting Images Locally

If you want to mount images locally, use the following to copy built images off the VirtualBox:

```
$ mkdir /tmp/vbox-img1 /tmp/vbox-root1
$ vdfuse -f freedombox-unstable_2013.0519_virtualbox-i386-hdd.vdi /tmp/vbox-img1/
$ sudo mount -o loop /tmp/vbox-img1/Partition1 /tmp/vbox-root1
$ cp /tmp/vbox-root1/home/fbx/freedom-maker/build/freedom*vdi ~/
$ sudo umount /tmp/vbox-root1
# $ sudo umount /tmp/vbox-img1 # corruption here.
```

7.15.6.5 Fixing the time after suspend and resume

The virtual machine loses the correct time/date after suspending and resuming. One way to fix this is to create a cron-job that restarts the time service `ntp`. You can add a crontab entry as root to restart ntp every 15 minutes by typing `'crontab -e'` and adding this line:

```
*/15 * *   *   *     /etc/init.d/ntp restart
```

Do not restart this service too often as this increases the load of publicly and freely available NTP servers.

7.15.6.6 UUID collision in VB

Whenever this happens VirtualBox shows following error message: *Cannot register the hard disk A with UUID ... because a hard disk B with UUID ... already exists in the media registry*

Creating several VMs from the same image causes collisions due to ID's (hostname, IP, UUID, etc) that are expected to be universally unique. Most can be handeled operating the running VM. But VirtualBox complains before that (at the very creation of the VM) about the hard disk's UUID. This is usual stuff when you develop/test e.g. FreedomBox.

You can change a clone's UUID in the terminal as follows:

```
$ VBoxManage internalcommands sethduuid path/to/the/hd/vdi/file
```

7.16 Pine A64+

Pine A64+ is an affordable single board computer with good performance.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.16.1 Similar Hardware

- Both 1GB and 2GB versions of Pine A64+ are supported with the same FreedomBox image.
- There is a separate Pine A64-LTS image.

7.16.2 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot into FreedomBox. Pick the image meant for Pine A64+.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.16.3 Availability

- Price: 29 USD (for the 2 GB variant), 21 USD (for the 1 GB variant)
- Pine A64+ with 1 GB RAM at Pine64 Store
- Pine A64+ with 2 GB RAM at Pine64 Store

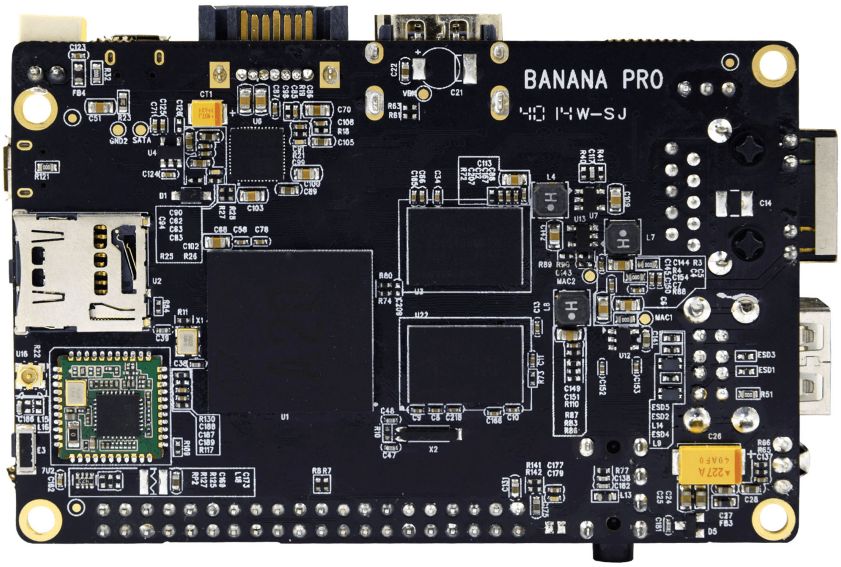
7.16.4 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): No
- CPU: Allwinner A64, Quad-core ARM Cortex A53 64-bit processor
- RAM: 3 variants - 512 MB (not recommended), 1 GB and 2 GB (recommended)
- Storage: SD card, eMMC (module sold separately but not tested with FreedomBox)
- Architecture: arm64
- Ethernet: Gigabit Ethernet port
- Battery: Supports battery backup using a Li-Po battery
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.16.5 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available

7.17 Banana Pro



LeMaker Banana Pro is an updated version of its predecessor Banana Pi.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.17.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot into FreedomBox. Pick the image meant for Banana Pro.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

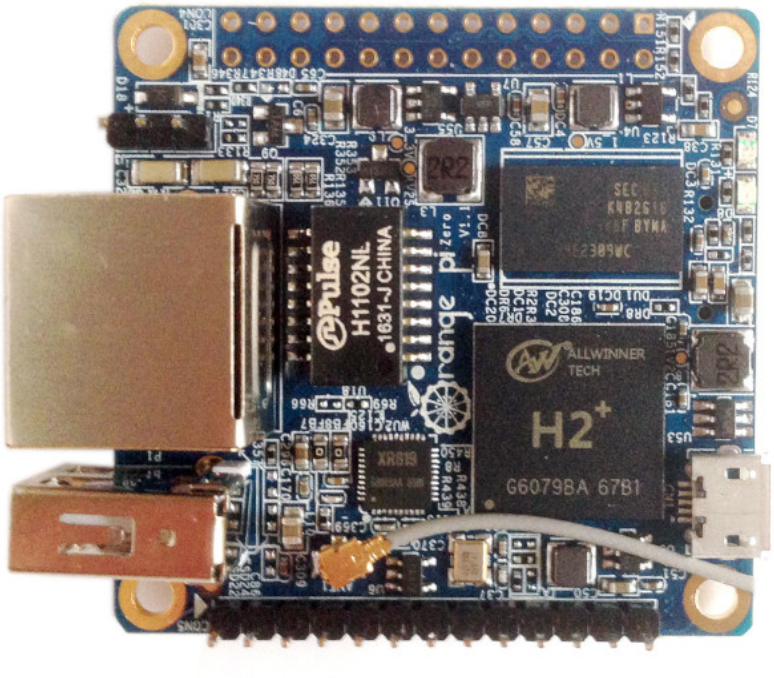
7.17.2 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): No
- CPU: Allwinner A20, Dual-core ARM Cortex A7 processor
- RAM: 3 variants - 1 GB
- Storage: SD card
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000 Mbps
- Battery: No
- WiFi: WiFi 802.11 b/g/n 2.4GHz (not tested with FreedomBox)
- SATA: SATA 2.0 (2.5 inch SSD or HDD recommended)

7.17.3 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Unknown

7.18 Orange Pi Zero



Orange Pi Zero is a single board computer available at very low price. It uses the Allwinner H2 SoC, and has 256MB/512MB DDR3 SDRAM. It doesn't require any non-free firmware to run FreedomBox. However, the onboard Wi-Fi module needs proprietary firmware to work. The board is available in two versions: with 256MB RAM and 512MB RAM. The version with 512 MB RAM is recommended for FreedomBox. Even then, FreedomBox is expected to gracefully run only a small number of services.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.18.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images are available for this device. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device.

7.18.2 Availability

- AliExpress

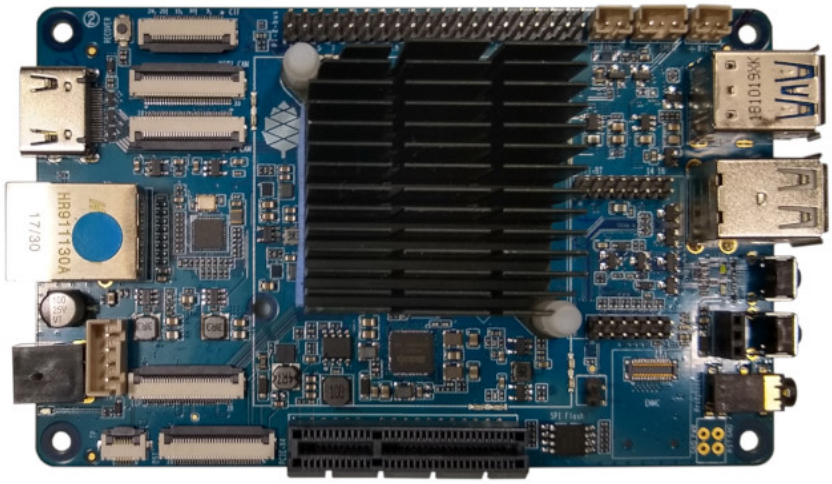
7.18.3 Hardware

- CPU: ARM Cortex-A7 Quad-Core (Allwinner H2)
- RAM: 256MB/512MB DDR3 SDRAM
- Storage: Up to 32GB on uSD slot, 2MB SPI Flash
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: Onboard 802.11 b/g/n, use a USB WiFi device

7.18.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No (without Wi-Fi)
- Wi-Fi: no free Wi-Fi drivers + firmware available

7.19 RockPro64



Pine64's RockPro64 is a powerful single board computer. It uses the Rockchip RK3399 Hexa Core ARM64 processor. FreedomBox images are built and tested for this device.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.19.1 Download

Before downloading and using FreedomBox you need to ensure that latest u-boot based firmware is installed into the SPI flash chip. See instructions on how to write u-boot firmware into SPI flash. The gist is that you download and write an image to an SD card. Boot with SD card and wait for white LED blinking to stop. After that power off, remove the SD card and proceed with FreedomBox download.

FreedomBox images meant for all "arm64" hardware work well for this device. However, u-boot firmware must be present in SPI flash (or on a separate SD card, which is not explained here). Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device. These images also work well for onboard eMMC, USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 disk drives. The process for preparing USB disk drives is same as for an SD card. For eMMC, boot the board using any OS and then write the image to the eMMC similar to writing to SD card.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.19.2 Availability

- Price: 60 USD (RockPro64 2GB)
- Price: 80 USD (RockPro64 4GB)

7.19.3 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): No
- CPU: Rockchip RK3399 SOC (2x Cortex A72@1.8Ghz, 4x Cortex A53@1.4Ghz)

- GPU: Mali T860 MP4 GPU
- RAM: 2 GiB or 4 GiB LPDDR4
- Storage: eMMC module slot, microSD slot, 16 MiB SPI Flash
- USB: 2x USB 2.0, 1x USB 3.0, 1x USB-C
- Expansion slot: 1x PCIe 4x slot (NVMe disks, etc.)
- Architecture: arm64
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device

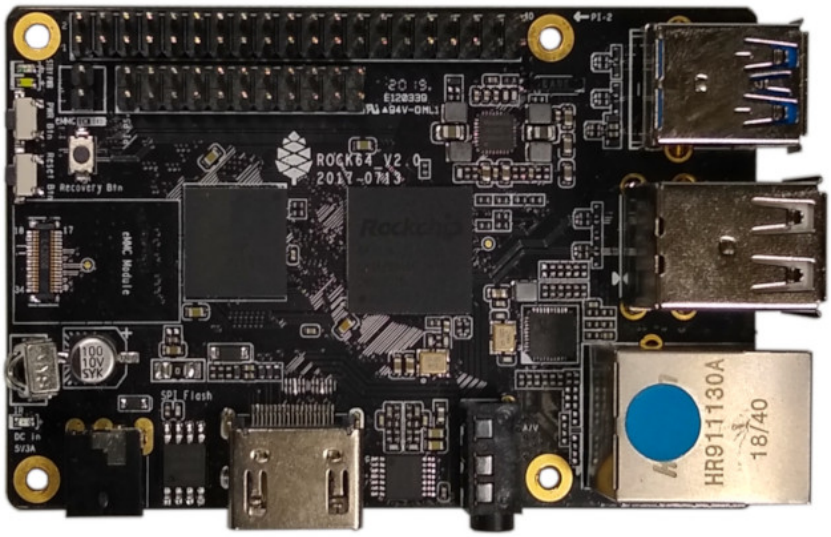
7.19.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available

7.19.5 Known Issues

- FreedomBox on NVMe disk has not been tested.

7.20 Rock64



Pine64's Rock64 is a powerful single board computer. It uses the Rockchip RK3328 Quad Core ARM64 processor. FreedomBox images are built and tested for this device.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.20.1 Download

Before downloading and using FreedomBox you need to ensure that latest u-boot based firmware is installed into the SPI flash chip. Download the latest u-boot to write to SPI flash and then see instructions on how to write u-boot firmware into SPI flash. The gist is that you download and write an image to an SD card. Boot with SD card and wait for white LED to blink continuously. After that power off remove SD card and proceed with FreedomBox download.

FreedomBox images meant for all "arm64" hardware work well for this device. However, u-boot firmware must present in SPI flash (or on a separate SD card, which is not explained here). Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot the device. These images also work well for eMMC disk which an optional attachment to this board and disk drives in USB 2.0 ports (but not in the USB 3.0 port). The process for preparing them is same as for an SD card.

An alternative to downloading these images is to install Debian on the device and then install FreedomBox on it.

7.20.2 Availability

- Price: 25 USD (1GB)
- Price: 35 USD (2GB)
- Price: 45 USD (4GB)
- Pine64 Store

7.20.3 Hardware

- Open Source Hardware (OSHW): No
- CPU: Rockchip RK3328 Quad-Core SOC (4x Cortex A53 @ 1.5Ghz)
- GPU: Mali 450MP2
- RAM: 1 GiB or 2 GiB or 4 GiB LPDDR3
- Storage: eMMC module slot, microSD slot, 16 MiB SPI Flash
- USB: 2x USB 2.0, 1x USB 3.0
- Architecture: arm64
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device

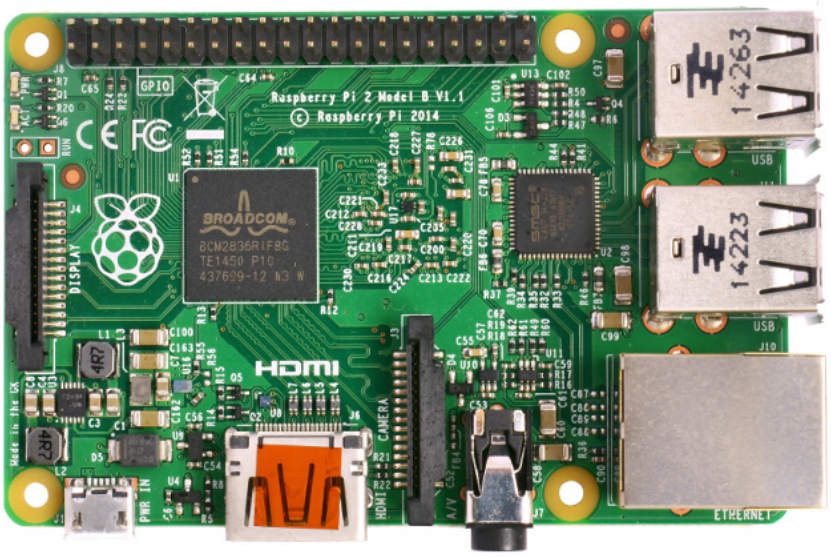
7.20.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: No
- WiFi: Not available

7.20.5 Known Issues

- FreedomBox does not work when booted from USB 3.0 port (but works from eMMC, SD card or USB 2.0 disk).
- FreedomBox does not work when booted form the top USB 2.0 port with some u-boot firmware versions (the one listed above). It only works with the bottom USB 2.0 port (the one closer to the board).

7.21 Raspberry Pi 2 Model B



Raspberry Pi 2 (Model B) is a popular single board computer developed with the intention of promoting teaching of basic computer science in schools. It is a successor to Raspberry Pi Model B+ with much faster processor and more RAM. FreedomBox images are built and tested for it.

Please do not expect any output on a monitor connected via HDMI to this device as it does not display anything beyond the message 'Starting kernel...'. See the Quick Start page to access and control your FreedomBox from network.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.21.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot into FreedomBox.

7.21.2 Availability

- Price: 35 USD
- List of official distributors

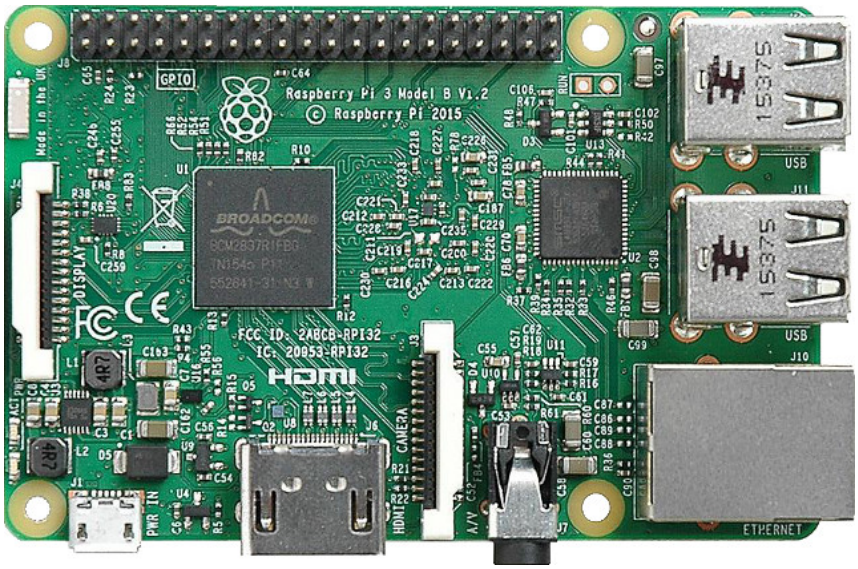
7.21.3 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: 900 MHz quad-core ARM Cortex-A7
- RAM: 1 GB
- Storage: MicroSD card slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: None, use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.21.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: boot firmware
- WiFi: Not available

7.22 Raspberry Pi 3 Model B



Raspberry Pi 3 Model B is a popular single board computer developed with the intention of promoting teaching of basic computer science in schools. It is a successor to Raspberry Pi 2 Model B with a 64-bit processor and on-board Wi-Fi. FreedomBox "stable" and "testing" images are available for Raspberry Pi 3 Model B.

Please do not expect any output on a monitor connected via HDMI to this device as it does not display anything beyond the message 'Starting kernel...'. See the Quick Start page to access and control your FreedomBox from network.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.22.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Download the "stable" or "testing" image for Raspberry Pi 3 Model B. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot into FreedomBox.

7.22.2 Availability

- Price: 35 USD
- List of official distributors

7.22.3 Hardware

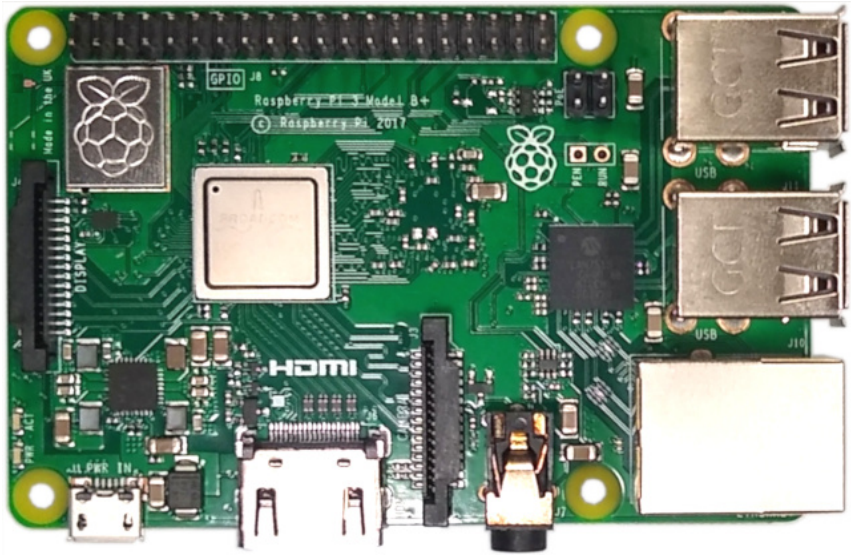
- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: 1.2GHz 64-bit quad-core ARMv8 CPU
- RAM: 1 GB
- Storage: MicroSD card slot
- Architecture: armhf

- Ethernet: 10/100, RJ45
- WiFi: 802.11n but requires non-free firmware, instead use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.22.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: boot firmware
- WiFi: Requires non-free firmware

7.23 Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+



Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+ is a popular single board computer developed with the intention of promoting teaching of basic computer science in schools. It is a successor to Raspberry Pi 3 Model B with better Ethernet and a 5Ghz Wi-Fi. FreedomBox "stable" and "testing" images are available for Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+.

Please do not expect any output on a monitor connected via HDMI to this device as it does not display anything beyond the message 'Starting kernel...'. See the Quick Start page to access and control your FreedomBox from network.

Important: Read general advice about hardware before building a FreedomBox with this single board computer.

7.23.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Download the "stable" or "testing" image for Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card and boot into FreedomBox.

7.23.2 Availability

- Price: 35 USD
- List of official distributors

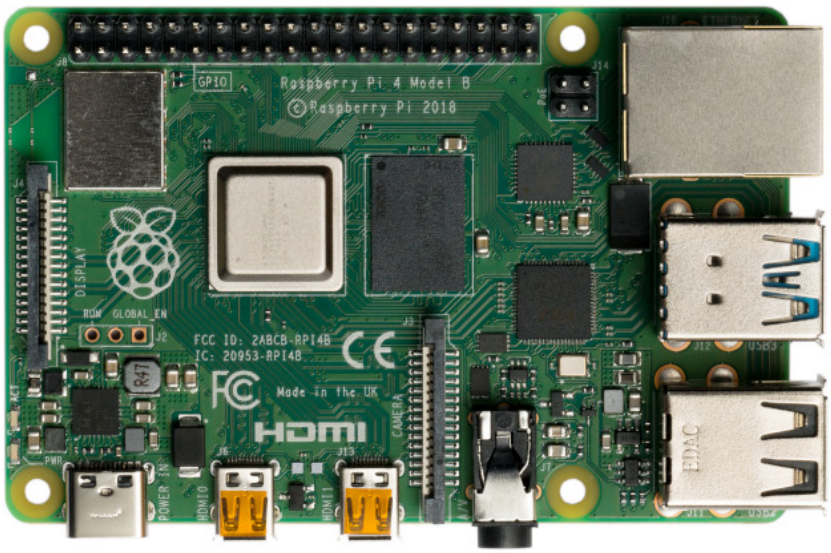
7.23.3 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: 1.4GHz 64-bit quad-core ARMv8 CPU
- RAM: 1 GB
- Storage: MicroSD card slot
- Architecture: armhf
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: 802.11ac but requires non-free firmware, instead use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.23.4 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: boot firmware
- WiFi: Requires non-free firmware

7.24 Raspberry Pi 4 Model B



Raspberry Pi 4 Model B is a popular single board computer developed with the intention of promoting teaching of basic computer science in schools. It is a successor to Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+ with better processor and ability to drive multiple displays. Both stable and "testing" images are available for Raspberry Pi 4 Model B.

7.24.1 Download

FreedomBox SD card images for this hardware are available. Download the "stable" or "testing" image for Raspberry Pi 4 Model B. Follow the instructions on the download page to create a FreedomBox SD card or USB drive and boot into FreedomBox.

7.24.2 Booting from USB

MicroSD cards are notouriously slow and prone to be corrupted. SD card corruption means that a high read/write load or a sudden power outage can make render your card unusable. It is therefore strongly recommended that you use a USB drive for your root partition. To be able to do that, you have to follow these preliminary steps:

1. Download and install the Raspberry Pi Imager.
2. Insert a microSD card to your computer.
3. Open the Raspberry Pi Imager 3.1 Select **CHOOSE OS >> Misc utility images >> Bootloader >> USB Boot**
   3.2 From **CHOOSE STORAGE** select your microSD card
   3.3 Click on **WRITE**
4. After the writing was succesful, you should eject the card.
5. Insert the newly created card into your Raspberry Pi and boot up the device. If it is connected to a monitor, you will see a green screen. Let your device rest for a minute, after which you can disconnect it from power and eject the card from the Raspberry Pi. It can now boot from USB.
6. Final step: write your FreedomBox image into your USB device, then connect it to your Raspberry Pi. Make sure you did not leave your microSD card in the Raspberry Pi.

Please note that steps 1. to 5. only need to be done once.

7.24.3 Build Image

FreedomBox images for this hardware can be built using Freedom Maker. Use the target 'raspberry64' to build the image for this board.

7.24.4 Availability

- Price: 35 USD (2GB RAM)
- Price: 50 USD (4GB RAM)
- Price: 75 USD (8GB RAM)
- List of official distributors

7.24.5 Hardware

- Open Hardware: No
- CPU: Broadcom BCM2711 SOC (4x Cortex-A72@1.5GHz)
- RAM: 2 GB or 4GB or 8 GB
- Storage: MicroSD card slot or USB drive
- USB: 2x USB 2.0, 2x USB 3.0, USB Type-C power supply
- Architecture: arm64
- Ethernet: 10/100/1000, RJ45
- WiFi: 802.11ac but requires non-free firmware, instead use a USB WiFi device
- SATA: None

7.24.6 Non-Free Status

- Non-free blobs required: boot firmware
- WiFi: Requires non-free firmware

7.25 USB Wi-Fi

FreedomBox works on many single board computers. However, many of these boards do not have built-in Wi-Fi capabilities. Even when Wi-Fi capability is available, non-free proprietary firmware is required to make them work.

A solution to the problem is to plug-in a USB Wi-Fi device into one of the available USB ports. There are many such devices available which do not require non-free firmware to work. The following is a list of such devices that work with FreedomBox devices. Some devices based on these chips have tested to work well with FreedomBox including functions such as access point mode.

- Devices with Atheros AR7010 chip
- Devices with Atheros AR9271 chip

7.25.1 Firmware Installation

The free firmware for these devices is not packaged in Debian yet. You can manually download and install the firmware as follows:

```
sudo su [enter password]
cd /lib/firmware
wget https://www.thinkpenguin.com/files/ath9k-htc/version-1.4-beta/htc_9271.fw
wget https://www.thinkpenguin.com/files/ath9k_firmware_free-version/htc_7010.fw
```

7.25.2 Resources

- Debian Wiki on WiFi drivers
- Wikipedia: Comparison of open-source Linux wireless network drivers
- WikiDevi: database of computer hardware

8 Release Notes

The following are the release notes for each FreedomBox version.

8.1 FreedomBox 22.24 (2022-11-07)

8.1.1 Highlights

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, French, German, Norwegian Bokmål

8.1.2 Other Changes

- debian/lintian-overrides: Fix mismatch patterns and new messages
- minetest: Handle upgrade from 5.3.0 to 5.6.1
- storage: Drop skip_recommends
- upgrades: Add documentation link to upgrades service file
- upgrades: Update list of holds during dist upgrade

8.2 FreedomBox 22.23 (2022-10-24)

8.2.1 Highlights

- letsencrypt: Fix regression with comparing certificate
- rssbridge: Add option to allow public access

8.2.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Hungarian, Swedish
- storage: Handle file systems on non-physical devices
- upgrades: Allow FreedomBox vendor when adding backports
- upgrades: Skip unattended-upgrade in dist-upgrade

8.3 FreedomBox 22.22.1 (2022-10-16)

- debian: tests: Fix PYTHONPATH
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, Turkish, Ukrainian
- privacy: Remove unused import, fix pipeline

8.4 FreedomBox 22.22 (2022-10-10)

8.4.1 Highlights

- privacy: Add new system app for popularity-contest
- matrix: Add fail2ban jail

8.4.2 Other Changes

- : Use privileged decorator for actions
- action_utils: Drop support for non-systemd environments
- action_utils: Drop unused progress requests from apt-get
- actions: Allow actions to be called by other users
- actions: Allow nested and top-level actions
- actions: Drop unused superuser_run and related methods
- actions: Implement getting raw output from the process
- actions: Use separate IPC for communicating results
- apache: Fix logs still going into /var/log files
- bind: Drop enabling DNSSEC (deprecated) as it is always enabled
- config: Drop ability to set hostname on systems without systemd
- config: Drop legacy migration of Apache homepage settings

- fail2ban: Make fail2ban log to journald
- firewall: Drop showing running status
- locale: Update translations for Albanian, Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, Russian, Swedish, Ukrainian
- minidlna: Use the exposed URL for diagnostic test
- openvpn: Drop RSA to ECC migration code and two-step setup
- privacy: Set vendor as FreedomBox for dpkg and popularity-contest
- searx: Show status of public access irrespective of enabled state
- templates: Update HTML meta tags for better description and app-name
- tests: Add fixture to help in testing privileged actions
- wordpress: Update fail2ban filter

8.5 FreedomBox 22.21.1 (2022-10-01)

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Ukrainian
- notification: Don't fail when formatting message strings

8.6 FreedomBox 22.21 (2022-09-26)

- janus: Enable systemd sandboxing
- locale: Update translations for Albanian, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian Bokmål, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- mediawiki: Add powered by freedombox logo
- wordpress: Add fail2ban filter and jail
- wordpress: Disable readme.html, xmlrpc.php, wp-cron.php

8.7 FreedomBox 22.20 (2022-09-12)

8.7.1 Highlights

- matrixsynapse: Allow matrix-synapse >= 1.65 to install successfully

8.7.2 Other Changes

- backups: Use generic form template for create and schedule views
- backups: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- bepasty: Use generic form template for add password view
- bepasty: tests: functional: Minor refactor for form submission
- calibre: tests: functional: Find forms more specifically
- d/maintscript: remove tahoe and mldonkey apache conf files
- debian: Add Italian debconf translation

- ejabberd: tests: functional: Ensure jsxc is installed
- firewall: Allow upgrade from any version to 1.2.*
- first_boot: tests: functional: Find form more specifically
- gitweb: Fix issue with page not refreshing during uninstall
- gitweb: Use generic form template for create/edit repository
- gitweb: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- ikiwiki: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Czech, French, Italian, Turkish
- samba: Ignore mounted files when listing mounts
- samba: Update client apps information
- shaarli: tests: functional: Specify setup form submission button
- sharing: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- snapshot: tests: functional: Minor refactoring for form submission
- sso: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- templates: form: Specify a form class for use with functional tests
- tests: functional: Assert app is not installed after uninstallation
- tests: functional: Force specifying form to submit more accurately
- tests: functional: Wait for installation to complete fully
- users: tests: functional: Find forms more accurately
- version: Compare Debian package version numbers
- wordpress: tests: functional: Find forms more specifically
- zoph: tests: functional: Simplify finding the form to submit

8.8 FreedomBox 22.19 (2022-08-29)

8.8.1 Highlights

- jsxc: Allow disabling the app
- app: Add a menu item to trigger uninstallation

8.8.2 Other Changes

- app: Add API to uninstall an app
- avahi: Don’t disable after tests
- backups: Use AppView for the main app page
- container: Display help message when no args are passed
- container: Show default values in command help
- d/control: Break ufw as we use firewalld

- debian: Update Spanish translation template
- diagnostics: Use AppView for app page
- ejabberd: Set hostname for test that relies on it
- forms: Implement form for uninstallation
- janus: Convert action to privileged
- janus: Handle upgrades to 1.0.*
- letsencrypt: Use AppView for app page
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, French, German, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- names: Use AppView for app page
- networks: Use AppView for app page
- operation: Factor out template code into a separate file
- operation: Show operations on app page in addition to setup page
- package: Implement low-level methods for uninstalling
- package: Implement uninstall in Package component
- power: Use AppView for app page
- security: Use AppView for app page
- setup: Drop check for already running operation
- setup: Implement operation to uninstall an app
- snapshot: Use AppView for app page
- tests: Make functional.is_available check faster
- tests: functional: Add install/uninstall test for all apps
- tor: Use AppView and Operation for app page
- ttrss: Add donation url
- upgrades: Add button to test dist-upgrade in development mode
- upgrades: Hold janus during dist-upgrade
- views: Implement a view to uninstall an app

8.9 FreedomBox 22.18 (2022-08-15)

8.9.1 Highlights

- networks: Remove DNSSEC diagnostics
- setup: Allow starting installation when package manager is busy
- setup: Fix issue with immediate refresh after installation

8.9.2 Other Changes

- : Add setup method on all apps that don't have it
- : Drop module level app property
- : Make force upgrading part of app rather than a module
- : Make setup method part of App class for all apps
- app: Drop optimization that skips setup process
- backups: tests: Mark need for Django database during API tests
- container: Add IdentitiesOnly option to SSH
- container: Ignore flake8 error 'line too long' in bash script text
- coturn: Fix link to ejabberd in description
- doc: dev: Document previously undocumented components
- ejabberd: Fix showing the status messages
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Turkish, Ukrainian
- matrixsynapse: Fix showing the status messages
- notification: Pass full context when rendering body template
- operation: Add module to manage threaded operations
- package: Run installation operation using app_id instead of module
- setup: Drop setup_helper and use the new Operation API
- sharing: Add installing and enable/disable like other apps
- sharing: tests: functional: Fix a flaky test by waiting
- ssh: tests: functional: Keep service enabled after tests
- storage: Fix enumerating partitions without mount points

8.10 FreedomBox 22.17 (2022-08-01)

8.10.1 Highlights

- help: Add "How can I help?" section to Contribute page

8.10.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, French, German, Turkish
- wordpress: Don't install php-ssh2

8.11 FreedomBox 22.16 (2022-07-18)

8.11.1 Highlights

- cockpit: Reconfigure to allow any origin
- rssbridge: New app to generate RSS feeds for websites

8.11.2 Other Changes

- apache: Also configure to serve on /freedombox
- apache: Merge old configuration files into a better location
- apache: Redirect all logs to systemd journal
- cockpit: Depend on apache and setup after it
- cockpit: Use decorator for privileged actions
- config: Add option to set logging mode: none/volatile/persistent
- config: Set volatile logging by default
- debian: Follows policy version 4.6.1
- debian: Update copyright year
- gitweb: Switch default branch name to main for new repositories
- janus: Change short description to "Video Room"
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), French, Russian, Ukrainian
- privoxy: Restrict to private IPs, prevent access over the internet
- privoxy: Use privileged decorator for actions
- roundcube: Add fail2ban jail
- roundcube: Configure to log to journald
- roundcube: Use privileged to simplify actions
- rssbridge: Add functional tests
- rssbridge: Fix flake8 errors
- rssbridge: Whitelist all bridges by default

8.12 FreedomBox 22.15 (2022-07-04)

8.12.1 Highlights

- backups: Add options to keep sshfs shares responsive
- backups: Unmount repositories before and after backup
- users: create home directories for newly created users

8.12.2 Other Changes

- : pylint: Avoid calling super() with arguments
- : pylint: Don’t inherit from ’object’
- : pylint: Drop unnecessary ’pass’ statements
- : pylint: Explicitly specify encoding when open a file
- : pylint: Suppress unused argument warnings

- ci: Use compatible versions of Selenium and Splinter
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Russian, Ukrainian
- mediawiki: Add regex validator to the domain field
- mediawiki: Remove Buster specific code not needed in Bullseye
- mediawiki: Remove wgLogo as it is not needed in Bullseye
- pyproject.toml: Ignore some refactoring messages with pylint
- static: js: css: Make multiple select fields work with Django 4.0
- tests: functional: Simplify GitLabCI configuration
- upgrades: Hold packages one at a time
- upgrades: Re-add workaround for grub
- views: Add a comment about change in Django 4.0

8.13 FreedomBox 22.14.1 (2022-06-27)

8.13.1 Highlights

- matrixsynapse: Allow new dependency to be installed from backports

8.13.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Turkish
- actions: Note that privileged actions can't output to stdout
- mumble: Backup/restore the configuration file
- mumble: Don't set the root channel name unless it is changed
- mumble: Use privileged decorator for superuser actions
- mumble: tests: Add functional tests for setting the passwords

8.14 FreedomBox 22.14 (2022-06-20)

8.14.1 Highlights

- ejabberd: Allow domains to be added or removed
- mumble: Allow setting a password that is required to join the server
- mediawiki: Add option to change the site name

8.14.2 Other Changes

- actions: Add a decorator for marking superuser actions
- doc: dev: Use and recommend new privileged actions
- ejabberd: Automatically use coturn
- janus: Improve description about coturn
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, French, German, Russian, Turkish
- tests: Add a dummy parameter for middlewares for Django 4.0
- translation: Don't use session for storing lang pref in Django 4.0
- transmission: Simplify actions using the privileged decorator
- users: Fix deleting user LDAP entry with Django 4.0

8.15 FreedomBox 22.13 (2022-06-06)

8.15.1 Highlights

- email: Make app available for all users (even without advanced flag)
- janus: Add new app for lightweight WebRTC server
- wordpress: Allow installing/updating plugins and themes

8.15.2 Other Changes

- email: Add description about ISP and domain limitations
- locale: Added Latvian translation
- locale: Update translation for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Russian, Swedish, Turkish
- mumble: Allow changing root channel name
- tests: functional: Add jobs for bullseye-backports
- tests: functional: Integrate into Salsa CI
- transmission: Add redirects to avoid 409 conflict
- wordpress: tests: Continue past language selection screen
- wordpress: tests: Fix writing title for new post in newer versions

8.16 FreedomBox 22.12 (2022-05-23)

8.16.1 Highlights

- : Show Learn More... links in frontpage with description
- mediawiki: Serve hidden service over http for .onion domains

8.16.2 Other Changes

- apache: Allow URL diagnostics to work with redirects
- firewall: Show service name in port forwarding info table
- frontpage: Allow showing links to manual pages
- frontpage: Reuse app header template for showing app description
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, French, German, Norwegian Bokmål, Turkish
- mediawiki: Add stricter sandbox rules for jobrunner service
- mediawiki: Fix URL diagnostics with redirects involved
- ssh, bind: Show 'Learn More...' links
- tor: Show port forwarding information in consistent way
- tt-rss: Fix description about user access

8.17 FreedomBox 22.11 (2022-05-09)

8.17.1 Highlights

- email: Fix userdb lookups with LDAP
- matrixsynapse: Allow new dependencies to be installed from backports

8.17.2 Other Changes

- HACKING: Improve documentation on how to run tests
- container: Show executed commands when setting up/running tests
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Danish, French, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian
- mediawiki: Check if admin password is at least 10 characters long
- mediawiki: Handle password rejection from MediaWiki
- samba: Fix functional tests when user is not logged in at start
- tests: functional: Get rid of dependency on xvfb
- transmission: Improve description

8.18 FreedomBox 22.10 (2022-04-25)

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, German, Greek, Russian, Swedish, Turkish
- sharing: Allow spaces in path strings

8.19 FreedomBox 22.9 (2022-04-11)

8.19.1 Highlights

- minetest: Allow alternate name for 3d armor mod
- upgrades: Use python3-typing-extensions from bullseye-backports

8.19.2 Other Changes

- calibre: Fix description of allowable library names
- locale: Add new Arabic translation
- locale: Update translations for Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Turkish
- plinth: Add forum link to footer

8.20 FreedomBox 22.8 (2022-03-28)

8.20.1 Highlights

- network: Fix showing wifi connection

8.20.2 Other Changes

- calibre: explain correct name format for new library
- ikiwiki: add packages that are necessary
- locale: Updated translations for Chinese (Simplified), French, Russian
- upgrades: Allow backports from src:freedombox

8.21 FreedomBox 22.7 (2022-03-14)

- locale: Update translations for French, Hungarian, Spanish

8.22 FreedomBox 22.6.1 (2022-03-06)

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Turkish

8.23 FreedomBox 22.6 (2022-03-02)

8.23.1 Highlights

- email: Enable as an advanced app

8.23.2 Other Changes

- dynamicdns: Fix adding null domain into configuration
- email: Add backup/restore component
- email: Add basic functional tests
- email: Add front page shortcut, update name and description
- email: Add more special-use IMAP folders, set autoexpunge to 60days
- email: Add shortcut for non-admin users to manage their aliases
- email: Add various documentation links for future readability
- email: Allow re-running setup

- email: Backup/restore aliases and mailboxes
- email: Depend on and run redis server
- email: Implement adding common aliases for first admin user
- email: List all listening ports of the daemons
- email: Narrowly match just rspamd's spam header
- email: Open firewall port for managesieve protocol
- email: Revert to LDAP auth as pam does not allow non-admin users
- email: Set an icon from Tango project
- email: Setup rspamd configuration to include FreedomBox config
- email: Tweak client auto-configuration file
- email: Update donation URL to rspamd donation URL
- email: aliases: Drop ability to enable/disable aliases
- email: clients: Make Thunderbird URLs language independent
- email: dkim: Implement setting up DKIM signing keys
- email: dns: Show table for desired DNS entries
- email: postfix: Fix priority for authentication directives
- email: postfix: use inline map for TLS SNI maps
- email: rspamd: Log to journald via syslog
- email: rspamd: Simplify installing configuration
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Hungarian, Russian, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian
- minidlna: add iOS VLC client
- samba: add iOS VLC client

8.24 FreedomBox 22.5 (2022-02-14)

8.24.1 Highlights

- dynamicdns: Replace ez-ipupdate
  - Drop NAT detection as it is no longer used
  - Drop about page and merge into description
  - Drop tabs and use single page
  - Rewrite configuration handling and update using URL

8.24.2 Other Changes

- app: Add component to store enabled state of an app in kvstore
- backups: Implement backup/restore of key/value settings
- locale: Update translations for Albanian, Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Hungarian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- minetest: Reduce the number of configuration update messages
- tests: functional: Add plugin for HTML reports
- tt-rss: Restrict access to `feed-reader` group in "/tt-rss-app"
- users: Fix typo in description

8.25 FreedomBox 22.4 (2022-01-31)

8.25.1 Highlights

- coturn: Use wildcard listening address to fix startup issues
- sso, users: Redirect to home page after logout

8.25.2 Other Changes

- apache: Don't redirect to HTTPS for .onion domains
- apache: Don't set HSTS for .onion domain
- cockpit: Explicitly redirect to HTTPS as needed for WebSockets
- doc: Fail when downloading images from Debian wiki fails
- email_server: Drop showing diagnostics/repair and roundcube config
- email_server: Drop some unused code
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Russian, Swedish, Ukrainian
- matrixsynapse: Add FluffyChat to client list
- mldonkey: Drop app not available in Debian Bullseye and Bookworm
- power: Add a link to power app in the system menu
- roundcube: Add setting for local connection only
- shaarli: Add android app to description
- shaarli: Add backup component
- shaarli: Add functional tests
- snapshots: Clarify that snapshots are take during updates too
- tests: functional: Implement a workaround for issue with screenshots
- users: Clarify help message for authorization password
- wireguard: tests: Add functional tests

8.26 FreedomBox 22.3 (2022-01-17)

8.26.1 Highlights

- upgrades: Allow matrix's new dependency to be installed
- sso: Adjust URL to CAPTCHA page needed by Django security fix

8.26.2 Other Changes

- container: Avoid a warning that interactive mode is intended
- help: tests: Fix functional test to check for status logs
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Hungarian, Turkish
- sso: Add missing captcha/rate limiting on SSO login
- tests: functional: Fix setting domain name with active notifications
- tt-rss: Allow published articles to be publicly available

8.27 FreedomBox 22.2 (2022-01-11)

8.27.1 Highlights

- debian, setup.py: Add dependency on python3-tomli
- help: Fix failing setup when manual directory is not available

8.27.2 Other Changes

- backups: Correct spelling of encryption protocols
- i2p: Fix grammar in description
- ikiwiki: Initialize shortcuts during post-init setup
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Dutch, German, Hungarian, Italian, Swedish, Turkish
- mumble: Change description to include iOS client app
- networks: Fix reference to an option
- openvpn: Add link to IOS app
- radicale: Update Thunderbird URLs
- transmission: Fix capitalization
- wireguard: Fix spelling

8.28 FreedomBox 22.1 (2022-01-03)

8.28.1 Highlights

- package: Add diagnostic to check if a package is the latest version

8.28.2 Other Changes

- backups: Capitalize 'SSH' in template
- config, upgrades: Specify submit button for tests
- datetime: Explicitly list systemd-timesyncd as a dependency
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Traditional), Czech, Dutch, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, Swedish
- storage: Skip tests if not enough disk space is available
- upgrades: Relabel from 'Update' to 'Software Update'

8.29 FreedomBox 21.16 (2021-12-20)

8.29.1 Highlights

- datetime: Fix checking when timesyncd will run on a system

8.29.2 Other Changes

- cockpit, ejabberd: Make 'name' optional in Signal handlers
- diaspora: Drop app that was never finished
- email_server:
  - Adjust TLS configuration parameters
  - Fix issue with handling domain removal
  - Include postfix package in packages list
  - Re-implement TLS configuration
  - Rename dovecot TLS configuration file for consistency
- letsencrypt: Handle cert setup when an app wants all domains
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Czech, French, German, Swedish, Turkish
- monkeysphere, tahoe-lafs: Drop unused apps
- roundcube: Allow upgrades by avoiding configuration file change
- tests: Fix app name in pytest.skip statement
- tests: functional: Skip MLDonkey app
- upgrades: Cleanup dist upgrade steps specific to bullseye release
- upgrades: Refactor dist upgrade process

8.30 FreedomBox 21.15 (2021-12-06)

8.30.1 Highlights

- dynamicdns: Update URLs to the new dynamic DNS server
- firewall: Allow configuration upgrade to version 1.0.x
- shaarli: Enable app (only available in testing and unstable)

8.30.2 Other Changes

- : Drop module level depends declaration
- : Drop module level package_conflicts and use component API
- : Drop unused manual_page at module level
- : Drop use of managed_packages and rely on Packages component
- : Drop use of managed_services, rely on Daemon component
- : Drop use of module level is_essential flag
- : Drop use of module level version
- : Drop use of unnecessary managed_paths
- : Use the App's state management API
- actions/letsencrypt: Drop use of managed_paths and use LE component
- actions/service: Drop unused list action
- actions/service: Drop use of managed_services for Daemon component
- actions: Get list of packages from Packages components
- app: Introduce API for managing setup state of the app
- app: Introduce API to setup an app
- bind: Drop alias handling unnecessary in >= Bullseye
- daemon: Add new component to hold information about related daemons
- doc/dev: Drop discussion on managed_paths
- doc/dev: Drop reference to module level depends declaration
- doc/dev: Remove mention of managed_services
- doc/dev: Remove outdated reference to init() at module level
- doc/dev: Update documentation to not refer to managed_packages
- email_server: Merge domain configuration with app view
- email_server: Simplify domain configuration form
- first_boot: Drop use of loaded_modules and use App.list
- forms: Fix regression with TLS domain form in quassel and tt-rss
- letsencrypt: On domain removal, don't revoke certificate, keep it
- locale: Update translations for Czech, German, Norwegian Bokmål
- main: List apps instead of modules
- middleware, views: Reduce use of setup_helper
- module_loader, app: Move app init to app module
- package: Add parameter to specify skipping package recommendations
- package: Implement installing packages in the component
- package: Introduce component API for package conflicts

- packages: Move checking for unavailable packages to component
- security: Drop use of loaded_modules and use App.list
- security: Drop use of managed_services in security report
- security: Get the list of packages from Packages component
- setup: Drop unused API for app's state management
- setup: List dependencies for apps instead of modules
- setup: Run setup on apps instead of modules
- setup: Use apps instead of modules to determine running first setup
- setup: Work on apps instead of modules for force upgrade
- tests: Add 'domain' mark for apps that add/remove domains
- web_server: Drop use of loaded_modules and use App.list

8.31 FreedomBox 21.14.1 (2021-11-24)

- config: Add packages component to a re-add zram-tools dependency

8.32 FreedomBox 21.14 (2021-11-22)

8.32.1 Highlights

- tt-rss: Allow selection of a domain name

8.32.2 Other Changes

- : Split app initialization from app construction
- app: Introduce separate method for post initialization operations
- datetime: Avoid error when systemctl is not available
- debian: Fail build if no module dependencies found
- locale: Update translations for Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- main: Drop initializing Django when listing dependencies

8.33 FreedomBox 21.13 (2021-11-08)

8.33.1 Highlights

- avahi, samba: Use systemd sandboxing
- components: Introduce new component - Packages
- security: Properly handle sandbox analysis of timer units

8.33.2 Other Changes

- email_server (not enabled yet):
  - Add buttons for managing aliases, domains, spam
  - Authenticate using PAM instead of LDAP
  - Delivery mail to /var/mail instead of home directory
  - Don't use user IDs when performing lookups
  - Drop hash DB and use sqlite3 directly
  - Use Django forms and views
- locale: Update translations for German, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- tests: Use BaseAppTests for functional tests of most apps
- utils: Fix ruamel.yaml deprecation warnings

8.34 FreedomBox 21.12 (2021-10-25)

- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Czech, French, German, Turkish, Ukrainian
- middleware: Don't show setup view to non-admin users
- performance: Add backup support (no data)
- storage: Pass optional mount point to partition expansion
- storage: tests: Fix tests for expanding disk partitions
- tests: Add BaseAppTests class for common functional tests

8.35 FreedomBox 21.11 (2021-10-11)

8.35.1 Highlights

- ttrss: Fix daemon not running sometimes on startup

8.35.2 Other Changes

- : Always pass check= argument to subprocess.run()
- : Convert all functional tests to python format
- : Move all systemd service files from /lib to /usr
- calibre: Run service only if when installed
- d/control: Allow building with python interpreter of any arch
- d/rules: Don't install and enable other systemd service files
- d/rules: Don't use setup.py to invoke tests, invoke directly instead
- email: Manage known installation conflicts
- locale: Update translation for Bulgarian, Ukrainian
- package: Add functions for removing packages
- performance: Cleanup code meant for cockpit version < 235

- pyproject.toml: Merge contents of .converagerc
- pyproject.toml: Merge contents of pytest.ini
- settings: Choose password hashing complexity suitable for SBCs
- setup: Show and remove conflicts before installation
- sso, translation: Help set language cookie when user logins in
- storage: tests: functional: Fix tests always getting skipped
- tests: Add some missed marks for functional tests
- tests: Add tests for action utilities
- tests: Improve handling of tests skipped by default
- tests: help: Add help view tests
- translation: Always set language cookie when switching language
- ttrss: Add systemd security hardening to daemon
- ttrss: tests: functional: Make subscription faster
- user: Accommodate Django 3.1 change for model choice iteration
- users: Help set language cookie when user profile is edited
- wordpress: Run service only if when installed and configured

8.36 FreedomBox 21.10 (2021-09-27)

8.36.1 Highlights

- locale: Update translations for German, Italian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

8.36.2 Other Changes

- Use Django gettext functions instead of ugettext
- Use allow/denylist instead white/blacklist in comments
- Use django.urls.re_path() instead of its alias url()
- Various isort fixes
- pyproject: Make isort consistent across execution environments
- settings: Set Django auto field type explicitly
- signals: Drop provider args when creating Signal object
- sso: Update usage of OpenSSL crypt signing API
- tests: Convert functional tests to python format
- tests: Introduce fixtures to make it easy to test actions
- tests: Show warning when app not available
- tests: Use common fixtures for testing actions module
- tests: Use newer splinter API for finding links
- views: Update utility for checking URL safety

8.37 FreedomBox 21.9 (2021-09-18)

8.37.1 Highlights

- mediawiki: Backup and restore uploaded files
- mediawiki: Enable a subset of default extensions

8.37.2 Other Changes

- apache: Update security settings
  - Drop support for GnuTLS
  - Drop support for SSLv3, TLSv1 and TLSv1.1
  - Enable and prioritize HTTP/2 protocol
  - Setup Mozilla recommended configuration
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, Persian, Russian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- mediawiki: Handle upgrade for 1.35
- mediawiki: Switch to MediaWiki 2020 logo
- plinth: remove diagnose command
- Add workaround for Django 3.2 with captcha 0.5.6

8.38 FreedomBox 21.8 (2021-08-30)

8.38.1 Highlights

- wordpress: New app to manage a WordPress site/blog

8.38.2 Other Changes

- d/control: Drop wireless-tools as recommends
- email: Basic app to manage an email server - Email server app is currently disabled by default, so it is not yet visible in the interface.
- locale: Update translations for Norwegian Bokmål, Ukrainian
- security: Remove display of past vulnerabilities

8.39 FreedomBox 21.7 (2021-08-16)

8.39.1 Highlights

- ttrss: Allow upgrade to version 21

8.39.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Albanian, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), German, Indonesian, Norwegian Bokmål, Ukrainian, Vietnamese
- action_utils: Use flag to indicate freedombox package has been held
- debian: Ensure fuse gets replaced by fuse3

8.40 FreedomBox 21.6 (2021-05-31)

8.40.1 Highlights

- locale: Add Sinhala language
- locale: Add Vietnamese language
- backups: Change submit button to fix translation issues

8.40.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Japanese, Portuguese, Sinhala, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish, Vietnamese

8.41 FreedomBox 21.5 (2021-04-19)

8.41.1 Highlights

- ejabberd: Add STUN/TURN configuration
- locale: Add Albanian language

8.41.2 Other Changes

- Update copyright year
- action_utils: Introduce utility for masking services
- ci: Merge with Salsa CI pipeline
- config, dynamicdns, pagekite: Remove incorrect use of str
- config: Convert entered domain name to lower case
- config: Disable rsyslog and syslog forwarding
- config: Fix tests related to user home directory
- config: Install and configure zram for swap
- container script: Must convert env. var. string to a Path object
- container: Work in the absence of systemd in PATH
- container: distribution as environment variable
- coturn: Mention ejabberd in app description
- coturn: Validate TURN URIs if provided in form
- debian: Add coverage to autopkgtest
- deluge, mldonkey, syncthing, transmission: Depend on nslcd.service
- deluge: Fix daemon user not in freedombox-share group after installation
- diagnostics: Use lock to protect results
- docs: Add filename to code snippets in tutorial
- docs: Add missing imports in tutorial

- docs: Add some troubleshooting information
- docs: Generate developer documentation
- docs: Improve Developer Documentation index page
- docs: Set the `version` attribute as required instead of optional
- dynamicdns: Convert entered domain name to lower case
- dynamicdns: Wait after changing domain name in tests
- first_boot: Use session to verify first boot welcome step
- letsencrypt: Always return a diagnostics result
- locale: Update translations for Albanian, Chinese (Simplified), Dutch, German, Greek, Indonesian, Polish, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- pagekite: Convert entered kite name to lower case
- security: Clarify vulnerability count and provide link to more info
- security: Ensure that fail2ban is not re-enabled on version increment
- security: Increment app version to reload fail2ban
- security: Move fail2ban default configuration to this app
- ssh, apache: Make fail2ban use systemd journald backend by default
- users: Fix unit test failures when LDAP is empty

8.42 FreedomBox 21.4.2 (2021-03-28)

8.42.1 Highlights

- firstboot: Use session to verify first boot welcome step

8.42.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for German, Greek, Indonesian, Turkish
- manual: Update Contributing and Matrix Synapse pages

8.43 FreedomBox 21.4.1 (2021-03-13)

8.43.1 Highlights

- deluge, mldonkey, syncthing, transmission: Ensure nslcd is running before the service is started
- deluge: Fix daemon user not in freedombox-share group after installation

8.43.2 Other Changes

- config: Fix tests related to user home directory
- locale: Update translations for Dutch, German, Greek, Polish, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish

8.44 FreedomBox 21.4 (2021-02-28)

8.44.1 Highlights

- matrix-synapse: Auto configure STUN/TURN using coturn server

8.44.2 Other Changes

- coturn: Add new component for usage of coturn by other apps
- coturn: Minor refactor view to use utility to generate URIs
- coturn: Remove advanced flag, make app visible to all
- locale: Update translations for Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian Bokmål, Swedish, Turkish
- matrix-synapse: Update description to talk about TURN configuration
- plinth: Disable start rate limiting for service
- ui: Fix buttons jumping on click in snapshots page
- upgrades: Disable searx during dist-upgrade

8.45 FreedomBox 21.3 (2021-02-11)

8.45.1 Highlights

- zoph: Add new app to organize photos
  - Only available in Debian testing (bullseye) due to issues in buster.

8.45.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Dutch, Greek, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- sharing: Improve shares group access description
- upgrades: Add 10 minute delay before apt update
- upgrades: Disable apt snapshots during dist upgrade
- upgrades: Only check free space bytes before dist upgrade

8.46 FreedomBox 21.2 (2021-02-05)

8.46.1 Highlights

- calibre: Fix freedombox.local inaccessible after enabling app
- matrix-synapse: Install python3-psycopg2 from backports

8.46.2 Other Changes

- backups: schedule: tests: Fix failures due to long test run
- jsxc: Fix issues with jQuery >= 3.5.0
- locale: Update translations for Bengali, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- mediawiki: Fix app installation process doesn't display status information
- mediawiki: Set default logo to mediawiki.png
- minidlna: Implement force upgrading from older version
- minidlna: Minor refactor of media directory handling
- plinth: Show running spinner when app installation is in progress
- radicale: Allow older 2.x release to upgrade to 3.x
- roundcube: Allow upgrade to 1.4.*
- tests: Update functional tests default config
- upgrades: Add notifications for dist upgrade
- upgrades: Increment version for MatrixSynapse 1.26

8.47 FreedomBox 21.1 (2021-01-25)

8.47.1 Highlights

- backups: Add scheduled backups for each location

8.47.2 Other Changes

- container script: Various improvements
- locale: Update translations for Bulgarian, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, Galician, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian Bokmål, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- networks: Change connection type to a radio button
- networks: Hide deactivate/remove buttons for primary connections
- networks: Prevent unintended changes to primary connection.
- networks: Separate the delete button and color it differently
- networks: Use radio buttons for network modes
- performance: Fix web client link to Cockpit
- plinth: Fix disable daemon when service alias is provided
- setup: Enable essential apps that use firewall
- syncthing: Create LDAP group name different from system group
- syncthing: Hide unnecessary security warning
- tahoe: Disable app
- ui: New style for select all checkbox
- upgrades: Require at least 5 GB free space for dist upgrade

8.48 FreedomBox 21.0 (2021-01-11)

8.48.1 Highlights

- apache2: Allow downloads in openvpn and backups with latest browsers

8.48.2 Other Changes

- locale: Update translations for Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Polish, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- app: Add locked flag
- app: component: Add app_id and app properties
- app: info: Move client validation to info component
- backups: Add new component for backup and restore
- backups: Don't open a new window for downloading backups
- dev-container: 'up' command: Show banner also when container is already running
- dev-container: Add command to print container IP address
- dev-container: Add subcommand to run tests
- doc: dev: Update the tutorial to reflect latest API/code
- ejabberd: functional tests: Wait until the jsxc buddy list is loaded
- functional tests: Make tests compatible with pytest-bdd v4.0
- functional-tests: Fix installation errors in install.sh script
- gitweb: Add functional tests for git-access group
- gitweb: tests: functional: Fix test failures in localized environment
- mumble: Updated mumla and removed plumble from clients list
- openvpn: Don't show running status on download profile button
- plinth: Fix daemon is enabled check when service alias is provided
- radicale: Fix backup and restore of configuration
- tests: functional: Improve creating users in tests
- transmission: Show port forwarding information
- transmission: Update description
- upgrades: Add service for dist upgrade
- upgrades: Ensure freedombox package is upgraded during dist upgrade
- upgrades: Hold tt-rss during dist upgrade, if available
- upgrades: Install python3-systemd for unattended-upgrades
- upgrades: Restart FreedomBox service at end of dist-upgrade
- upgrades: Use full path to searx action script
- users: Skip action script tests if LDAP is not set up

8.49 FreedomBox 20.21 (2020-12-28)

8.49.1 Highlights

- apache: Create snake oil certificate if not exists
  - Fixes an issue when installing FreedomBox on Hetzner Cloud's Debian image
- calibre: Fix link to manual page

8.49.2 Other Changes

- deluge: Require user to be in bit-torrent group to access
- locale: Update translations for German, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swedish
- security: Fix access denied for user daemon from cron
- upgrades: Allow grub-pc upgrade without reinstalling grub
- upgrades: Update searx search engines during dist upgrade
- users: Remove timeout when creating Samba user

8.50 FreedomBox 20.20.1 (2020-12-19)

8.50.1 Highlights

- config: Skip homepage test on buildd
- ui: Migrate from bootstrap 3 to bootstrap 4

8.50.2 Other Changes

- apache: Disallow all inline styling in sandbox settings
- gitweb: Make functional tests compatible with pytest-bdd v4.0
- javascript: Fix disabled submit buttons when navigating back to a page
- locale: Update translations for Dutch, German, Turkish
- ui: Adopt a consistent and new table style

8.51 FreedomBox 20.20 (2020-12-14)

8.51.1 Highlights

- config: Add user websites as choices for homepage config
- templates: Make toggle button responsive

8.51.2 Other Changes

- apache: Add app name for diagnostics
- diagnostics: Improve exception handling in app diagnostics
- diagnostics: Show app name and fallback to app id if not exist
- locale: Update translations for Dutch, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- mumble: Implement force upgrade for 1.3.*
- snapshot: Check that / is a btrfs subvolume before setup
- upgrades: Hold mumble-server during dist upgrade

8.52 FreedomBox 20.19 (2020-11-30)

8.52.1 Highlights

- openvpn: Create user group "vpn"
- upgrades: Add first boot step to run initial update

8.52.2 Other Changes

- bepasty: Apply translation to autogenerated comments
- locale: Update translations for Bengali, Dutch, German, Spanish
- networks: Apply translation to a tooltip
- samba: Show toggle buttons and share names
- snapshots: Translate snapshot types (field description)
- upgrades: Fix sources list for dist upgrade from buster
- upgrades: Hold freedombox package during dist upgrade

8.53 FreedomBox 20.18.1 (2020-11-23)

- locale: Update translations for Dutch, French, German, Italian, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- sso: Fix regression in auth-pubtkt configuration

8.54 FreedomBox 20.18 (2020-11-16)

8.54.1 Highlights

- openvpn: Support Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)
  - If you are already using OpenVPN, you can migrate to ECC to improve speed and security. Visit the OpenVPN page in the FreedomBox interface to perform the one-time migration, and to re-download the client profiles.

8.54.2 Other Changes

- dynamicdns: Handle IPv6
- locale: Update translations for Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish
- openvpn: Cleanup easyrsa 2 to 3 upgrade code
- openvpn: Remove explicit setup step

8.55 FreedomBox 20.17.1 (2020-11-07)

- ci: Fix flake8 errors
- debian: Rename source package to freedombox
- locale: Update translations for German, Italian, Turkish
- pubtkt: Fix Python format language errors

8.56 FreedomBox 20.17 (2020-11-02)

8.56.1 Highlights

- locale: Add Chinese (Traditional) translation
- mediawiki: Add action to set domain name
- upgrades: Add a setting to enable dist upgrade

8.56.2 Other Changes

- apache: setup uwsgi by default
- backups: i18n: Mark form success messages for translation
- locale: Update translations for Danish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian Bokmål, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish
- mediawiki: Ensure password file is not empty
- networks: css: Make button wider in network list
- networks: i18n: Mark string for translation on delete page
- networks: i18n: Mark various strings for translation
- notifications: i18n: Mark app names and extra data for translation
- package: i18n: Mark progress status strings for translation
- upgrades: Disable the option when not able to dist upgrade

8.57 FreedomBox 20.16 (2020-10-19)

8.57.1 Highlights

- app: Add donation buttons on app pages
- updates: Eliminate delay and better status for manual upgrade

8.57.2 Other Changes

- calibre: Update group description to reflect 'using' app
- diagnostics: Lazy format all diagnostic test strings properly
- diagnostics: Show low system memory notifications
- help: Link to updates page when new version is available
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), French, Greek, Norwegian Bokmål, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- notifications: Show severity level on every notification
- upgrades: Add status section showing version and upgrade status

8.58 FreedomBox 20.15 (2020-10-05)

8.58.1 Highlights

- calibre: Add new e-book library app
- mumble: configure letsencrypt component
- upgrades: Detect and upgrade to next stable release

8.58.2 Other Changes

- bepasty: Change default permissions to 'read'
- container: Assign virtual network interface to trusted firewall zone
- container: Handle edge cases with container update
- coturn: Don't handle certificates if not installed
- debian/control: Add sshpass as build dependency
- doc: Before fetching, drop all old to cleanup deleted pages/images
- doc: dev: Link to list of potential apps from tutorial
- dynamicdns: Drop unnecessary code to set app as enabled
- locale: Update translations for French, Norwegian Bokmål, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- module_loader, web_framework: Update console log messages
- mumble: Store and use a single domain for TLS certificate setup
- pagekite: Don't announce unconfigured kite as a valid domain
- pagekite: Don't update names module if not installed
- quassel: Don't handle certificates if not installed
- ssh: action script: Require user credentials when editing ssh keys
- tests: functional: Simplify calling the login helper
- tor: Don't check if enabled when not installed
- upgrades: Check free space before dist-upgrade

- upgrades: Extend function to check for normal dist availability
- upgrades: Set a flag so interrupted dist-upgrade can be continued
- users: Deal with admin user already existing during first boot
- users: Require admin credentials when creating or editing a user

8.59 FreedomBox 20.14.1 (2020-09-23)

- cockpit: Don't show home page icon to non-admin users
- locale: Update translations for French, German, Norwegian Bokmål, Russian, Turkish
- minidlna: Fix typo DNLA -> DLNA
- module_loader: Load/process all essential modules before others

8.60 FreedomBox 20.14 (2020-09-15)

8.60.1 Highlights

- apache: Disable mod_status (CVE-2020-25073)
- bepasty: New app for file upload and sharing
- matrixsynapse: Allow upgrade to version 1.19

8.60.2 Other Changes

- apps: Remove Coquelicot
- backups: Make app available by default
- debian: Add newline to end of /var/lib/plinth/firstboot-wizard-secret
- debian: Don't show first wizard secret on command line
- debian: Temporarily revert source package rename
- diagnostics: Prevent showing running status on diagnostics menu item
- doc: Add moinmoin wiki parser
- doc: Fix wiki links in manual
- ejabberd, mumble, wireguard: Update Apple app links
- ejabberd: Use new ruamel.yaml API and allow duplicate keys
- firewall: Show port forwarding info contextually
- firewall: Show port forwarding info in tabular format
- gitweb: Add ability to change default branch
- gitweb: Fix enable auth webserver component on app init
- help, networks: Clarify i18n different contexts for "Manual"
- i18n: Mark strings missed for translation
- ikiwiki: Validate a path when deleting wiki or blog

- js: Don’t show running status on buttons pulled to right
- jsxc, sharing, wireguard: Add ’Learn more...’ link for help pages
- locale: Update translations for Danish, Dutch, Galician, German, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Turkish
- matrixsynapse: Perform a one time conversion to new config format
- matrixsynapse: Rename Riot to Element
- matrixsynapse: Use conf.d snippets
- radicale: Remove code to handle 1.x
- radicale: Stop service during backup and restore
- samba: Hide common system partitions
- snapshots: Clarify description for disabling yearly snapshots
- ssh: Disallow managing keys for the root user
- storage: Fix expanding partitions on GPT partition tables
- upgrades, security: Update the messages describing backports
- upgrades: Add first boot step to configure backports
- upgrades: Change backports activation message wording
- upgrades: Display correct backports info for unstable
- upgrades: security: Don’t use technical term ’backports’ in UI
- wireguard: Remove hardcoded Windows client version

8.61 FreedomBox 20.13 (2020-07-18)

8.61.1 Highlights

- upgrades: Update apt cache before manual update
- minidlna: Do not expose statistics over public web

8.61.2 Other Changes

- backups: Allow remote repository usernames to start with numbers
- locale: Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Hungarian, Kannada, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, Swedish
- security: Move backports notice to security page
- upgrades: Add button to activate backports if needed for current release
- debian: Rename source package from plinth to freedombox

8.62 FreedomBox 20.12.1 (2020-07-05)

- cfg, frontpage: Ignore errors while reading config and shortcuts
- locale: Update translations for French, German, and Norwegian Bokmål

8.63 FreedomBox 20.12 (2020-06-29)

8.63.1 Highlights

- apt: Recover from errors before installing apps or updating system
- apache: Add strict content security policy, sandbox and other security headers
- storage: Allow ejecting SATA disks
- configuration: Allow changes using .d drop-in files

8.63.2 Other Changes

- configuration: Move default configuration into source code
- configuration: Read from multiple locations in /etc/ and /usr/share/
- debian: Add ssl-cert and nscd as proper dependencies
- frontpage: Allow adding shotcuts using .d drop-in files
- frontpage: Read shortcuts from multiple locations in /etc/, /usr/share and /var/lib
- locale: Update translations for Czech, Danish, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish
- storage: Automount system disks without partition table but ignore all loopback devices
- storage: Allow ejecting SATA disks
- storage: Show only physical disks and not all mount points
- upgrades: Skip enabling backports on testing and unstable
- upgrades: Show more logs
- ui: Show a spinner and disable button on form submit

8.64 FreedomBox 20.11 (2020-06-15)

8.64.1 Top Highlight

- locale: Add new translation for Arabic (Saudi Arabia)

8.64.2 Other Changes

- javascript: Remove use of Turbolinks library
- locale: Update translations for French, Norwegian Bokmål, German, Swedish, Polish, and Spanish
- matrixsynapse: Handle upgrade to versions 1.15.x
- upgrades: Avoid manual update interruption when upgrading freedombox package
- upgrades: Don’t enable backports on Debian derivatives

8.65 FreedomBox 20.10 (2020-06-01)

8.65.1 Top Highlights

- pagekite: Fix expired certificates causing connection failures
- tor: Fix problems with running a relay

8.65.2 Other Changes

- backups: Add optional field - Name
- cockpit: Promote for advanced storage/firewalld/networking ops
- firewall: Don't show tun interface in internal zone warning
- firewall: Mention that internal services are available over VPN
- ikiwiki: Enable 'attachment' plugin by default
- locale: Update translations for Spanish, French, Russian, Norwegian Bokmål, Czech, Hungarian, and Greek
- minidlna: Add link to manual page
- minidlna: Fix internationalization for name of the app
- mldonkey: Add app to freedombox-share group
- openvpn: Use app toggle button and common app view
- radicale: Fix link in description to clients
- samba: Add clients information
- templates: Fix setup state check
- users: Avoid error when user's groups cannot be parsed

8.66 FreedomBox 20.9 (2020-05-18)

8.66.1 Top Highlights

- performance: Add app for system monitoring
- upgrades: Restart services and system when needed after upgrades
  - System restart will happen at 02:00 local time

8.66.2 Other Changes

- bind: Add service alias for bind9 -> named
- firewall: Reload firewalld so it works with newly installed services
- first_setup: Fix regression with logo not showing
- locale: Update translations for Norwegian Bokmål, German, Swedish, Spanish, and Russian
- mediawiki: Stop jobrunner during backup/restore
- minidlna: Stop service during backup/restore
- mumble: Stop service during backup/restore
- package: Fix error log when checking if package manager is busy
- performance: Launch the Cockpit graphs directly if possible
- quassel: Fix stopping service during backup/restore
- quassel: Use systemd sandboxing features

- samba: Change description to Network File Storage
- snapshot: Fix issues with restore and delete
- snapshot: Set as essential module
- storage: Auto-mount disks, notify of failing disks
- tor: Fix stopping service during backup/restore

8.67 FreedomBox 20.8 (2020-05-04)

- syncthing: Add service to freedombox-share group
- users: When adding service to sharing group, only restart if already running
- datetime: Ignore time synchronization service in containers and virtual machines
- minidlna: Make app installable inside unprivileged container
- web_server: Suppress warnings that static directories don't exist
- debian: Remove unused timer
- static: Use SVG logo during first wizard welcome step
- static: Reduce the size of the background noise image
- setup.py: Don't install/ship .po files
- static: Don't ship visual design file and unused images
- all: Update links to repository and project page
- coturn: Add app to manage Coturn TURN/STUN server
- mediawiki: Partial fix for installing on testing
- datetime: Disable diagnostics when no tests are available
- data: Print hostname and IP addresses before console login
- snapshot: Fix message when not available
- snapshot: Fix title
- mumble: Add Mumla to the list of clients
- locale: Update translations for Spanish, Telugu, Russian, German, French, and Swedish

8.68 FreedomBox 20.7 (2020-04-20)

- matrixsynapse: Fix initial installation and upgrade from backports
- gitweb: Improve error handling when creating repository
- locale: Update translations for French, Serbian, and Telugu

8.69 FreedomBox 20.6.1 (2020-04-11)

- users: Restore line of help text that was accidentally dropped
- debian: Add firmware-ath9k-htc to Recommends
- gitweb: Use proper ellipsis char when showing clone progress
- locale: Update translations for Norwegian Bokmål, German, French, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, and Serbian

8.70 FreedomBox 20.6 (2020-04-06)

- app: Ensure toggle buttons work independently of configuration form
- networks, monkeysphere: Make styling more specific to avoid interference
- syncthing: Update description to mention 'syncthing' group
- radicale: Support upgrade up to any 2.x version
- packages: Hold freedombox package during package installs
- users: Add component for managing users and groups
- app: Fix grammar in developer documentation string
- ikiwiki: Disable public edits of blog pages
- ikiwiki: Add moderation of blog comments
- firewalld: Support upgrade up to any 0.8.x version
- infinoted: Fix permissions of sync directory
- locale: Added Serbian translation
- locale: Update translations for Russian, French, German, Czech, Italian, Hindi, Telugu, and Spanish

8.71 FreedomBox 20.5.1 (2020-03-26)

- networks: Update label wording in topology form
- jsxc: Fix issue with serving static files
- debian: Separate binary packages for each language manual
- locale: Update translations for Norwegian Bokmål and German

8.72 FreedomBox 20.5 (2020-03-23)

- app: Fix description block in app header
- pagekite: Don't signal new domain on init if app is disabled
- pagekite: Don't attempt to notify about domain if app is disabled
- pagekite: Remove app enabled checking from getting configuration
- pagekite: On enable/disable, add/remove domain from names module
- pagekite: Fix an error message in custom services form
- matrixsynapse: Handle release of matrix-synapse 1.11
- setup: Fix regression to force-upgrade caused by Info changes
- pagekite: Don't allow non-unique custom services
- index: Reintroduce clients button in front page
- upgrades: Don't ship apt backport preferences file
- upgrades: Use internal scheduler instead of systemd timer
- shadowsocks: Change default configuration

- shadowsocks: Fix incorrect setting of state directory
- shadowsocks: When editing configuration, don't re-enable
- mediawiki: Don't allow anonymous edits
- names: Fix Local Network Domain is not shown
- shadowshocks: Fix setting configuration on Buster
- locale: Update translations for Swedish, Spanish, and French

8.73 FreedomBox 20.4 (2020-03-09)

- apache: Handle transition to php 7.4
- app: Fix showing app name in port forwarding information
- apps: Do not show status block if service is running
- i2p: New style app page layout
- locale: Update translations for French, Telugu, Spanish, and Swedish
- networks: Add first boot step for network topology wizard
- networks: Add form for network topology
- networks: Don't show router wizard if not behind a router
- networks, firewall: Support newer version of policykit
- networks: Fixes for networks wizards access and user experience
- networks: If topology wizard is skipped, skip router wizard too
- networks: Show router wizard before Internet connection type wizard
- plinth: Increase sqlite busy timeout from default 5s to 30s
- quassel: Fix unable to disable application without choosing a domain name
- shadowsocks: Move user settings to state directory
- storage: Directory selection form improvements
- transmission: Allow to submit download directory if it is creatable
- upgrades: Clean apt cache every week
- views: Improve template security

8.74 FreedomBox 20.3 (2020-02-24)

- apps: Update style for toggle button
- apps: Drop border shadow for app icon in mobile view
- apps: Show short description as secondary title
- apps: Remove css filters and glow from app icons
- cards: Remove the transition delay on hover effect
- system: Implement new style for cards

- framework: Generate secret key (existing sessions will get logged out)
- framework: Cleanup expired sessions every week
- networks: Add setting for internet connection type
- networks: Ask about internet connection type during setup
- shadowsocks: Fix shadowsocks not able to start
- jsxc: Bypass issue with stronghold to get the app working again
- monkeysphere: Fix regression with reading Apache configuration
- help: Fix attribute on download manual button
- firewall: Improve speed of some operations using DBus API
- css: Add missing license identifier on some CSS files
- deluge: Use safer method for editing configuration
- deluge: More reliable initial configuration setup
- samba: Add link to manual page
- searx: Update search engines for 0.16.0
- openvpn: Fix spelling for Tunnelblick
- bind: Show served domains
- Update translations for German, Swedish, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian, Polish, and French

8.75 FreedomBox 20.2 (2020-02-10)

- networks: Support virtual Ethernet (veth) devices
- diagnostics: Show firewall service status
- storage: Show disks if FreedomBox is running in an unprivileged container
- service: Stop service not before but after disabling it
- users: Use more precise username validation
- sso, users: Turn off autocapitalization on the username field
- help: Fix anchor hidden under navbar
- searx: Fix installation issue for 0.16.0
- firewall: Show Run Diagnostics button in app
- glib: Introduce method to schedule an operation at regular intervals
- notification: Show a drop down from main navbar for notifications
- storage: Show low disk space warning using notifications API
- upgrades: Show notification when FreedomBox is updated
- security: Add Sandbox Coverage to report page
- matrixsynapse: Enable systemd sandboxing
- locale: Update translations for Telugu, French, Norwegian Bokmål, German, Spanish, and Swedish

8.76 FreedomBox 20.1 (2020-01-27)

- deluge: Allow to set a download directory
- deluge: Fix installation failure on slow machine
- storage: Make external disk mounts accessible to other users
- gitweb: Add link to the manual page
- style: Fix incorrect margins for containers in mobile view
- style: Fix responsiveness for app header
- network: Fix activating connections that don't have real devices
- wireguard: Add WireGuard VPN app
- networks: Add router configuration page
- networks: Add first boot step for router config helper
- bind: Enable sandboxing for bind service
- locale: Updated translations for Dutch, Norwegian Bokmål, German, Spanish, Swedish, French, and Greek

8.77 FreedomBox 20.0 (2020-01-13)

- samba: Improve speed of actions
- deluge: Manage deluged service and connect automatically from web interface
- openvpn: Enable support for communication among all clients
- storage: Ignore errors resizing partition during initial setup
- storage: Make partition resizing work with parted 3.3
- debian: Add powermgmt-base as recommended package
- openvpn: Enable IPv6 for server and client outside the tunnel
- networks: Fix crashing when accessing network manager D-Bus API
- mediawiki: Use a mobile-friendly skin by default
- mediawiki: Allow admin to set default skin
- matrixsynapse: Allow upgrade to 1.8.*
- security: Add explanation of sandboxing
- Update translations for Greek, German, Swedish, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, and French

8.78 FreedomBox 19.24 (2019-12-30)

- app: Fix JavaScript doesn't run on first visit
- samba: Add private shares
- firewall: Support upgrading firewalld to 0.8
- deluge: Add systemd sandboxing features
- infinoted: Add systemd sandboxing features
- storage: Add systemd sandboxing features to udiskie service
- upgrades: Add systemd sandboxing features to repository setup service
- security: List whether each app is sandboxed
- mediawiki: Avoid delay in update script
- diagnostics: Use new component based API for all diagnostic tests
- minidlna: Fix showing clients information
- mediawiki: Fix problem with session cache failing logins
- locale: Update translations for French, German, Swedish, Greek, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, and Dutch

8.79 FreedomBox 19.23 (2019-12-16)

- minidlna: New app for MiniDLNA (Simple Media Server)
- apps: Show app icons in app pages
- apps: Implement responsive layout for app pages
- samba: Recursively set open share directory permissions
- transmission: Add directory selection form
- mumble: Add option to set SuperUser password
- cockpit: Extend apps description with access info
- cockpit: Add list of valid urls to access the app
- Update translations for French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Swedish

8.80 FreedomBox 19.22 (2019-12-02)

- samba: Add new app for Samba file sharing
- pagekite: Remove tabs in the configuration page
- openvpn: Fix text with manual link
- pagekite: Show existing services only if there are any
- pagekite: Move Custom Services under Configuration
- pagekite: Use the new app toggle button
- openvpn: Add client apps
- backups: Fix title not appearing

- diagnostics: Don’t run on disabled modules
- apps: Remove link to webapps in app descriptions
- interface: Fix error with app toggle input
- templates: Add toolbar for apps
- toolbar: Move diagnostics button into dropdown menu
- ssh: Fix Avahi SFTP service file
- diagnostics: Fix IPv6 failures
- matrix-synapse: Fix installation of 1.5 from buster-backports
- app: Fix javascript constant redeclaration error
- ikiwiki: Move the create button to manage section
- gitweb: Move create button into manage section
- networks: Move actions button into connection section
- users: Move create button into users section
- locale: Update translations for French, German, and Swedish

8.81 FreedomBox 19.21 (2019-11-18)

- gitweb: Allow to import from a remote repository
- interface: Disable turbolinks on links that don’t point to /plinth/...
- backups: Show proper error when SSH server is not reachable
- tor: Rename "Hidden Service" to "Onion Service"
- ejabberd: Handle case where domain name is not set
- tahoe: Mark Tahoe-LAFS as an advanced app
- searx: Set safe_search to Moderate by default
- backups: Make verify ssh host page string translatable
- backups: Simplify SSH fingerprint verification command
- doc: Fix unavailability of manual images
- tor: Fix port diagnostics by correcting port data type
- tor: Expect obfs service to be also available on IPv6
- tor: Listen on IPv6 for OrPort
- clients: implement launch button feature
- apps: Implement toggle button in apps pages
- Update translations for German, Hungarian, Swedish, Norwegian Bokmål, French, Polish

8.82 FreedomBox 19.20 (2019-11-04)

- doc: Add Spanish manual
- ssh: Add option to disable password authentication
- sharing: Fix wrong links on Apache2 directory index page
- gitweb: Set correct access rights after enabling application
- gitweb: Fix links leading to blank page
- gitweb: Set proper access after restoration of a backup
- snapshot: Sort snapshot list from newest to oldest
- infinoted: Add missing manual page link
- backups: Fix typo
- Update translations for German, Spanish, Swedish, Czech, French, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian

8.83 FreedomBox 19.19 (2019-10-21)

- gitweb: New app for simple git hosting
- ikiwiki: Allow full Unicode text in wiki/blog title names
- users: reload Apache2 to flush LDAP cache after user operations
- ssh: Show server fingerprints in SSH page
- frontpage: Show public shortcuts to all users regardless of group
- ikiwiki: Remove extra create button when no wiki/blog is present
- quassel: Add Let's Encrypt component for certificates
- Update translations for Czech, French, Bulgarian, Dutch, German, and Norwegian Bokmål

8.84 FreedomBox 19.18 (2019-10-07)

- diagnostics: Ensure that exceptions are reported as failures
- users: Rearrange UI to match with other apps
- upgrades, ikiwiki, networks, backups: Replace page tabs with buttons
- dynamicdns, i2p, pagekite, snapshot: Cleanup page templates
- deluge: Support deluge 2 by starting it properly
- minetest: Remove mod-torches no longer available in testing/unstable
- security: Add past vulnerabilities count, move report to new page
- Update translations for Spanish, Norwegian Bokmål, German

8.85 FreedomBox 19.17 (2019-09-23)

- firstboot: Add new help menu to firstboot navbar
- firstboot: Hide left menu during first boot as intended
- Update translations for Chinese (Simplified) and Czech
- Fix tests for letsencrypt and tor

8.86 FreedomBox 19.16 (2019-09-09)

- backups: Allow adding backup repositories on multiple disks
- help: Add buttons for contribute, support, and feedback
- action_utils: Workaround problem with setting debconf answers
- views: Fix failure in redirecting from language selection page
- manual: Move PDF download link to HTML manual page
- help: Convert help icon in the navbar to dropdown
- ejabberd: Fix listen port configuration for ejabberd 19.x
- cockpit, ejabberd: Prevent restart on freedombox startup
- ejabberd: Perform host/domain name operations only when installed
- logging: Improve formatting and reduce noise
- translations: Update Hungarian, German, Italian, French, and Norwegian Bokmål

8.87 FreedomBox 19.15 (2019-08-26)

- security: Hide vulnerability table by default
- names: Perform better layout of domain names table on small screens
- cockpit: Apply domain name changes immediately
- ejabberd: Prevent processing empty domain name
- config: Send hostname change signal only after fully processing it
- letsencrypt: Don't try to obtain certificates for .local domains
- avahi: Expose .local domain as a proper domain
- cockpit: Make essential and install by default
- tt-rss: Force upgrade to 18.12-1.1 and beyond
- updates: Allow matrix-synapse 1.3 to be installed for buster users
- javascript: Don't resubmit when refreshing the page
- storage: Fix regression with restoring backups with storage
- matrix-synapse: Use recommended reverse proxy configuration
- Update translations for German, Hungarian, and Norwegian Bokmål

8.88 FreedomBox 19.14 (2019-08-12)

- storage: Handle all device paths during eject
- storage: Fix incorrect internationalization when throwing an error
- upgrades: Use collapsible-button style for logs
- firewall: Allow automatic upgrade to 0.7.x
- upgrades: Handle release info change
- frontpage: Fix regression with loading custom shortcuts
- names: Add dynamic domain name
- names: Add button to configure each type of name
- names: Update page layout for clearer presentation
- names: Introduce new API for domain name handling
- api: Fix regression with listing only enabled apps in mobile app
- Update translations for Czech, Hungarian, French, Chinese (Simplified), Turkish, Polish, and Norwegian Bokmål

8.89 FreedomBox 19.13 (2019-07-29)

- backups: Make UI more consistent with other apps
- backups: Make backup location tables collapsible
- Updated translations for Chinese (Simplified), German, and Norwegian Bokmål
- help: Show security notice when backports are in use
- security: Show vulnerability counts

8.90 FreedomBox 19.12 (2019-07-22)

- sharing: Allow directories to be publicly shared
- backups: Add option to select/deselect all apps for backup or restore
- dbus: Allow plinth user to own FreedomBox DBus service
- letsencrypt: Simplify renewal hooks implementation
- cockpit: Don't handle domains if app is not installed
- dynamicdns: Send domain added signal properly during init
- ejabberd: Backup and restore TLS certificates
- Started new Galician translation on Weblate
- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian, Spanish, Telugu, Chinese (Simplified), German, Turkish, and Russian

8.91 FreedomBox 19.2.2 (2019-07-17)

This release does not contain any functional changes, but fixes test failures when building the package.

8.92 FreedomBox 19.2.1 (2019-07-09)

This is a bugfix release for 19.2.

- dbus: Allow plinth user to own FreedomBox DBus service

8.93 FreedomBox 19.11 (2019-07-08)

- backups: Fixes to issues while adding SSH remotes:
  - Improve UX of adding ssh remote
  - Avoid creating duplicate SSH remotes
  - Fix issue with repository not being initialized
  - Verify SSH hostkey before mounting
  - Allow SSH directory paths with : in them
  - Require passphrase for encryption in add repository form
  - Don't send passphrase on the command line
  - Un-mount SSH repositories before deleting them
- matrixsynapse: Fix missing translation mark
- Started new Greek translation on Weblate
- Updated translations for Chinese (Simplified), Hungarian, Spanish, and Russian

8.94 FreedomBox 19.10 (2019-06-24)

- syncthing: Open firewall ports for listening and discovery
- radicale: Workaround issue with creating log directory
- Update translations for Turkish, German, Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, and Portuguese
- Introduce components for firewall, webserver, uwsgi, and daemons

8.95 FreedomBox 19.9 (2019-06-10)

- config: Add option to show advanced apps, which are hidden by default
- monkeysphere: Hide by default
- searx: Add option to allow public access to the application
- Introduce component architecture for apps, with components for menus and shortcuts
- Start new translation for Bulgarian
- Update translations for Turkish and Norwegian Bokmål

8.96 FreedomBox 19.8 (2019-05-27)

- Switch to using SVG icons for all apps.
- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian, German, Turkish, and Spanish.

8.97 FreedomBox 19.7 (2019-05-13)

- i2p: Include default favorites.
- Separate enabled and disabled apps.
- Display port forwarding info for apps.
- Added Slovenian translation.
- Updated translations for Dutch, German, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Polish, Portuguese, Telugu.

8.98 FreedomBox 19.6 (2019-04-29)

- i2p: Enable new application for I2P Anonymity Network.
- Updated translations for Czech, German, Norwegian Bokmål, and Turkish.
- letsencrypt: Provide link to configure domain if not configured.
- firewall: Show port numbers and types.

8.99 FreedomBox 19.5 (2019-04-15)

- storage: Use more reliable method to list disks and disk space usage.
- Updated translations for Russian and German.

8.100 FreedomBox 19.4 (2019-04-01)

- clients: Open web app in a new browser tab
- matrix-synapse: Change client diagnostics url
- minetest: Fix duplicate domain names being displayed in UI
- storage: Do not show an eject button on /boot partitions
- letsencrypt: Call letsencrypt manage_hooks with correct arguments
- dynamicdns: Install module by default
- storage: Don't check type of the disk for / and /boot
- storage: Don't log error when checking if partition is expandable
- Updated translations for Norwegian Bokmål, Czech, German, Hungarian, Spanish, German, and Russian.

8.101 FreedomBox 19.3 (2019-03-18)

- UI: Move tabs below descriptions.
- firewall: Style heading
- names: Add description
- pagekite: Change heading text
- ikiwiki: Consistent styling for delete warning page
- main: Show service version in logs
- setup: Organize data files into various apps
- Updated translations for Czech, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, German, French, Italian, and Turkish.

8.102 FreedomBox 19.2 (2019-03-02)

- config: Fix Ikiwiki entries not showing up as default apps
- config: Migrate default app configuration to new conf file
- config: Rename Default App to Webserver Home Page
- config: Add option to use Apache's default home page as home page
- config: Fix error when setting JSXC as the home page
- Disable Coquelicot for Buster release
- matrix-synapse: Fix LDAP login issue
- config: Revert changes in freedombox.conf to avoid conffile prompt
- openvpn: Migration from easy-rsa 2 to 3 for existing installations
- tor: Use fixed 9001 port for relaying
- package: Implement identifying packages that need conffile prompts
- setup: Trigger force upgrade for app that implement it
- bind: Handle conffile prompt during upgrade
- apache: Pre-enable necessary apache modules
- apache: Use cgid module instead of cgi
- openvpn: Make frontpage shortcut appear after an upgrade
- openvpn: Work around firewalld bug 919517
- firewalld: Implement upgrading from 0.4.x to 0.6.x
- ttrss: Implement upgrade from 17.4 to 18.12
- radicale: Add description of web interface
- ttrss: Add backup support
- security: Migrate access config to new file
- Updated translations for Czech, Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, German, Telugu.

8.103 FreedomBox 19.1 (2019-02-14)

- radicale: Increment module version to trigger upgrade handling
- radicale: Remove obsolete diagnostics
- radicale: Fix server URLs in client info
- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, and Spanish.
- setup: Add option to handle configuration prompts during install
- radicale: Simplify upgrading to newer packages
- matrixsynapse: Use Let's Encrypt certificates

8.104 FreedomBox 19.0 (2019-02-09)

- mldonkey: Add some more clients to the module page
- mldonkey: Add to the description the three available front-ends
- monkeysphere: Fix handling of multiple domains and keys
- monkeysphere: Fix regression with reading new apache domain config
- apache: Switch to mod_ssl from mod_gnutls
- mldonkey: Enable app
- upgrades: Fix priority for buster-backports version
- upgrades: Fix premature adding of buster-backports sources
- Updated translations for Czech, German, and Spanish
- Switched to a new version number scheme: YY.N
  - YY is the year of release.
  - N is the release number within that year.

8.105 Version 0.49.1 (2019-02-07)

- ui: Fix regression with configure button in home page.
- backups: Rename 'Abort' buttons to 'Cancel'.
- backups: Use icon for add repository button.
- backups: Move subsubmenu below description.
- backups: Add title and description to other pages.
- backups: Add link to manual page.
- backups: Fix styling for upload size warning.
- backups: Increase timeout for SSH operations to 30 seconds.
- letsencrypt: UI: Fix checkbox disabling.
- datetime: Switch from chrony to systemd-timesyncd.
- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, and Spanish.

8.106 Version 0.49.0 (2019-02-05)

- security: Update javascript for Content Security Policy.
- help: Use correct package to determine available version.
- repro: Disable app due to issues with Debian package.
- ui: Fix regression with card icon style in front page.
- js: Support full librejs compatibility.
- js: Remove javascript license link from footer.
- backups: Remove incorrectly set buffer size during download.

- backups: Fix incomplete download archives.
- backups: Improve performance of backup download.
- radicale: Handle migration from 1.x to 2.x.
- datetime: Switch from ntp to chrony.
- backports: Add buster-backports to apt sources list.
- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, and Hungarian.

8.107 Version 0.48.0 (2019-01-28)

- Updated translations for Czech, Hungarian, German, and Norwegian Bokmål.
- UI improvements:
  - Fix top margin for content containers.
  - Fix setting width of card-list at various page sizes.
  - Show help nav item text when navbar is collapsed.
  - Hide restart/shutdown items when navbar is collapsed.
  - Compact pages on extra small screen sizes.
- Backups improvements:
  - Add backup/restore support for syncthing and openvpn.
  - Upgrade apps before restoring them
  - Fix showing not-installed apps in create backup page
  - Automatically install required apps before restore.
  - Add a loader to the restore button to indicate progress.
- Serve default favicon for apps that don't provide one.
- radicale: Fix issue with configuration changes not applying.
- storage: Fix false error message in log when visiting home page.
- infinoted: Handle timeout issue when stopping daemon during setup.
- matrix-synapse: Fix startup error caused by bind_address setting.
- radicale: Avoid changes to conffile for radicale 2.x.
- help: Fix showing status logs when an error occurs.
- fail2ban: Enable bans for apache auth failures.
- mldonkey: Initial work on new module for the eDonkey network.
  - Not available yet, due to bug in package.

8.108 Version 0.47.0 (2019-01-14)

- Show Gujarati in the list of languages.
- Replace glyphicons with forkawesome icons.
- Snapshots:
  - Change configuration to avoid filling up disk.
  - Handle "Config in use" error.
  - Update descriptions and configuration options.
- Firewall: Fix issue with transition from iptables.
- Security: Switch to Argon2 password hash.
- Cockpit: Add link to manual page and update description.
- Radicale: Add initial support for radicale 2.x.
- Setup:
  - Handle showing setup page after app completes installation.
  - Optimize installation in-progress checks and refresh time.

8.109 Version 0.46.0 (2018-12-31)

- Updated translations for Czech, German, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Norwegian Bokmål.
- Use systemd journal for logging.
- Rename plinth binary package to "freedombox", and merge freedombox-setup package into it.

8.110 Version 0.45.0 (2018-12-17)

- Storage: Merge list of removable media into existing table.
- Backups: Allow remote backups to SSH servers using sshfs.
- Backups: Removed asking for backup archive name.
- Automatically handle future versions of PHP.
- Updated translations for Hungarian, Czech, Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Italian, Norwegian Bokmål, French, and German.

8.111 Version 0.44.0 (2018-12-03)

- UI: Add card style and gray noise background to apps pages.
- UI: Fix distortion of the client apps buttons.
- ejabberd: Handle BOSH port change from TCP 5280 to 5443.
- Minetest: Update mods list to available Debian packages.
- Firewall: Use nftables instead of iptables.
- Snapshots: Fix default snapshot listing.
- Snapshots: Show description above either tab.
- Snapshots: Allow snapshots to be selected for deletion.
- Translations: Updated Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, German, and Portuguese.

8.112 Version 0.43.0 (2018-11-19)

- Backups improvements:
  - Allow backups to be downloaded directly, without export step.
  - Restore directly from uploaded backup.
  - Avoid error for apps with no data to backup.
  - Show free disk space on upload and restore page.
  - Do not limit maximum upload size.
- openvpn: Migrate to easy-rsa 3 and fix setup issues.
- Make single sign-on tickets valid for 12 hours.
- Use consistent terminology for updates.
- Updated translations for Czech and Portuguese.

8.113 Version 0.42.0 (2018-11-05)

- Fix wrong color in mobile menu
- snapshot: Fix broken snapshot management after snapper update
- Enable backup/restore for tor, upgrades, monkeysphere, letsencrypt, tahoe
- monkeysphere: Handle importing new OpenSSH format keys
- udiskie: unmount drive as superuser
- Updated translations for Telugu, Indonesian, and Italian

8.114 Version 0.41.0 (2018-10-22)

- Enable backup/restore for datetime, deluge, avahi, backups, bind, security, snapshot, ssh, firewall, diagnostics, names, power, and storage.
- snapshot: Fix issue with setting configuration.
- backups: Fix backup archives ownership issue.
- backups: Fix issue with showing exports from disks without labels.
- backups: Don't rely on disk labels during export/restore.
- backups: Fix downloading extracted archive files.
- Updated translations for Norwegian Bokmål, French, Russian, and Spanish.

8.115 Version 0.40.0 (2018-10-08)

- Backups
  - Enable backup/restore for mumble, privoxy, roundcube, searx, jsxc, coquelicot, transmission, quassel, shadowsocks, sharing, pagekite, and cockpit.
  - Allow backup archives to be downloaded/uploaded through browser.
  - mediawiki: Backup/restore settings as well as data.
- User Interface

  - Change card text style and position.
  - Change maximum cards per row.
  - Add tint effect on card icons under "Apps".
- mediawiki: Run update script for 1.31 upgrade.
- customization: Show custom shortcuts on frontpage.
- Updated translations for Norwegian Bokmål, Portuguese, Spanish, Czech, German, French, and Italian.

8.116 Version 0.39.0 (2018-09-24)

- Updated translations for Hungarian and Norwegian Bokmål.
- Merge Removable Media (udiskie) into Storage module.
- Add Backups module for backing up apps data.

8.117 Version 0.38.0 (2018-09-10)

- mediawiki: Enable SVG support for MediaWiki
- upgrades: Clean up old kernel packages during automatic upgrades
- Make the progress bar at the top of the page more visible.
- Updated translations for Norwegian Bokmål, Czech, Russian, German, Hungarian, and Spanish.

8.118 Version 0.37.0 (2018-08-27)

- Updated translations for Czech, Norwegian Bokmål, Russian, Spanish, Hungarian, and Dutch.
- install: Use Post/Response/Get pattern for reloads.

8.119 Version 0.36.0 (2018-08-13)

- Updated translations for Hindi, Spanish, Russian, Telugu, German, Hungarian, Czech, and French
- ejabberd: Remove deprecated settings from already existing config files
- mediawiki: Fix issue with re-installation
- mediawiki: Enable Instant Commons
- mediawiki: Fix images throwing 403s
- turbolinks: Reload page using JavaScript
- Add Lato woff2 fonts
- Disable launch button for web client when not installed

8.120 Version 0.35.0 (2018-07-30)

- configuration: Add an option to set a default app for FreedomBox. The root URL path (`https://domainname/`) will redirect to the selected app.
- ejabberd: Remove deprecated `iqdisc` setting. To apply this fix, disable and then re-enable the Message Archive Management setting.
- ejabberd: Replace logo with original version.
- mediawiki: Enable short URLs, which look like `https://domainname/mediawiki/ArticleName`.
- radicale: Clarify description for shared calendar/addressbook.
- storage: Handle mount points with spaces.
- udiskie: Add button to eject drives.
- udiskie: Also show read-only filesystems.
- udiskie: Remove internal networks warning.
- udiskie: Show special message when no storage device available.
- Add turbolinks library for smoother navigation.
- Removed extra text from icons for mediawiki, radicale, and tahoe-lafs.
- Updated translations for Russian, Spanish, Dutch, Hungarian, Hindi, Italian, Telugu, German, and Norwegian Bokmål.

8.121 Version 0.34.0 (2018-07-16)

- Prompt for secret during firstboot welcome
  - (Does not apply to downloadable FreedomBox images, but only when installed using freedombox-setup package.)
- Updated translations for Italian, Dutch, Hindi, Hungarian

8.122 Version 0.33.1 (2018-07-04)

- Fix issue where editing a user would remove them from admin group
- Updated translations for Hungarian, Czech, Spanish, Russian, Hindi

8.123 Version 0.33.0 (2018-07-02)

- Updated translations for Hungarian, Norwegian Bokmål, Spanish, Russian, Czech, Hindi, Dutch, Italian
- firewall: Display information that a service is internal only
- users: Don't show Create User link to non-admin users
- users: Redirect to users list on successful user creation
- packages: Show button to refresh package lists when a package is not available for install
- Only show front page shortcuts that a user is allowed to access
- Restrict removal of last admin user
- Use logos instead of icons in the apps page
- udiskie: New module for automatic mounting of removable media

8.124 Version 0.32.0 (2018-06-18)

- Apply new card based design
- Fix client info table size and flickering
- first-setup: Automatically expand root partition
- mediawiki: Enable image uploads
- mediawiki: Make private mode and public registrations mutually exclusive
- mediawiki: Hide frontpage shortcut when private mode is enabled
- Updated translations for Norwegian Bokmål, Czech, Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Telugu, Italian, Dutch, German, and Hungarian

8.125 Version 0.31.0 (2018-06-04)

- Updated translations for Czech, Spanish, Russian, German, Italian, Hindi, Telugu, and Norwegian Bokmål
- mediawiki: Added private mode option
- users: Fix user permissions not being saved
- users: internationalize a string
- mediawiki: Run update script for 1.30 upgrade
- shortcuts: Fix urls for ikiwiki shortcuts

8.126 Version 0.30.0 (2018-05-21)

- Updated translations for Russian, Italian, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian, and Hindi
- setup: Remove unavailable as a state in setup_helper

8.127 Version 0.29.1 (2018-05-08)

- security: Fix issue with Plinth locked out from sudo
- Updated translations for Czech and Spanish

8.128 Version 0.29.0 (2018-05-07)

- security: Allow console login access to user plinth
- Add an option to enable/disable public registrations in mediawiki
- tt-rss: Skip the check for SELF_URL_PATH
- searx: Fix issue with uwsgi crashing
- Updated translations for Czech, Spanish, German, Norwegian Bokmål, and Italian

8.129 Version 0.28.0 (2018-04-23)

- setup: disable install button for currently unavailable apps
- Add locale for Lithuanian (lt)
- Translation updates for Italian, Czech, Russian, Spanish, German, Norwegian Bokmål, Telugu, and Dutch

8.130 Version 0.27.0 (2018-04-09)

- middleware: Skip 'installed' message for essential apps
- users: Fix admin group appearing twice in permissions
- apps: Fix app names and short descriptions not being translated
- snapshots: Move manual page link to the index page
- UI: Fix progress bar not appearing
- snapshots: Fix for permissions issue when updating configuration
- snapshots: Add option to enable/disable software installation snapshots
- Translation updates for Italian, Czech, Russian, Spanish, Dutch, German, Norwegian Bokmål, and Ukrainian

8.131 Version 0.26.0 (2018-03-26)

- snapshots: Update description
- searx: Rewrite url from /searx to /searx/
- manual: Link to manual from each service
- Workaround security issues in django-axes
- apache: Only regenerate snake oil cert when needed
- apache: Explicitly enable the latest version of PHP module
- apache: Increase module version number to fix php7.2
- Update translations for Chinese (Simplified), Russian, Czech, German, Norwegian Bokmål, Hungarian, Spanish, and Italian

8.132 Version 0.25.0 (2018-03-12)

- sharing: Add app for sharing disk folders.
- ttrss: Update list of client apps.
- infinoted: Allow setup to recover after timeout issue.
- snapshots: Add configuration tab with settings for time-based snapshots.

8.133 Plinth v0.24.0 (2018-02-26)

- Add file-sharing application Coquelicot.
- Add metasearch engine application Searx.
- Add locale for Hungarian (hu).
- mediawiki: Allow shortcut to be publicly visible on front page.
- clients: Add and correct Client Apps.
- locale: Preferred language can be set in each user's profile.
- locale: Anonymous users can select preferred language.
- config: Remove language selection from config page.
- matrixsynapse: Fix mail attribute for ldap login.

8.134 Plinth v0.23.0 (2018-02-12)

- snapshots: Modify configurations to reduce disk usage.
- snapshots: Skip currently active snapshot when deleting all snapshots.
- jsxc: Use consistent url format.
- sso: Increase timeout to 60 minutes.
- theme: Change font from Helvetica to Lato.
- Translation updates for Czech, German, Gujarati, and Telugu.

8.135 Plinth v0.22.0 (2018-01-30)

- matrix-synapse: Make sure configuration file does not get corrupted.
- tor: Show enabled status properly.
- first_setup: Fix not showing admin user creation step.
- Migrate from GitHub to Salsa
- Migrate from CircleCI to GitLab CI on Salsa.
- Translation updates for Czech, Dutch, Gujarati, Hindi, Russian and Telugu.
- Started new translation for Ukrainian.

8.136 Plinth v0.21.0 (2018-01-15)

- navigation bar: Change label from 'Configuration' to 'System'.
- storage: Removed beta warning for expanding partition.
- groups: Consistently show available user groups, even before applications are installed.
- syncthing: Restrict administration to users in "syncthing" group.
- help: Show menu on smaller screens also.
- diagnostics: Enable the "Run Diagnostics" button when applications are enabled but not running.

8.137 Plinth v0.20.0 (2018-01-01)

- bind: Don't use forwarders by default
- ejabberd: Remove redundant button Client Apps
- mediawiki: Add wiki application
- users: Make sure first run actually works
- bind: Add information about current utility

8.138 Plinth v0.19.0 (2017-12-18)

- ejabberd: Use dynamic reload instead of restart when changing configuration.
- manual: Make manual available as a PDF download.
- minetest: Show domain information for users to connect to minetest.
- snapshots: Add button to delete all snapshots.
- snapshots: Add option to enable/disable automatic timeline snapshots.
- users: Add groups for bit-torrent and feed-reader, available when these applications are installed.

8.139 Plinth v0.18.0 (2017-12-04)

- Add Shadowsocks client with socks5 proxy.
- Fix SSO regressions and conflict with captcha.
- transmission: Fix sso not being enabled on upgrade.
- avahi: Add service for FreedomBox discovery.
- Add client information for modules.

8.140 Plinth v0.17.0 (2017-11-20)

- transmission: Enable Single Sign On.
- cockpit: Add short description to frontpage shortcut.
- fail2ban: Fix spelling and sentence structure.

8.141 Plinth v0.16.0 (2017-11-06)

8.141.1 Added

- Add mobile, web and desktop client info for modules.
- Enable django SecurityMiddleware to improve security ratings.
- cockpit: New module for server administration and web terminal.

8.141.2 Fixed

- letsencrypt: Fix internal server error when obtaining a certificate.
- ejabberd: Fix LDAP server entry in config file during setup.
- jsxc: Fix outdated URLs for connecting to local ejabberd server.

8.142 Plinth v0.15.3 (2017-10-20)

8.142.1 Changed

- Rename Disks to Storage.
- Rename Snapshot to Storage Snapshots.
- tt-rss: Enable API access by default.
- Allow access to Plinth from outside the LAN.
- matrix-synapse: Disable public registration by default.
- power: Merge actions into the user dropdown.

8.142.2 Added

- Add locales for Kannada (kn) and for Bengali (bn).
- ejabberd: Use Let's Encrypt certificate, also across renewals.
- matrix-synapse: Add enable/disable public registrations.
- Add captcha validation on 3 failed attempts.
- matrix-synapse: Enable LDAP integration.
- letsencrypt: Automatically obtain and revoke SSL certificates.

8.142.3 Fixed

- Fix front page label names.
- Fix vertical alignment of shortcut icons.
- storage: Fix issue with locales that use other decimal separators.
- Make tt-rss api accessible using Apache basic auth.
- letsencrypt: Handle case where current domain is empty.
- Handle both admin and non-admin user names in update user template.

8.143 Plinth v0.15.2 (2017-09-24)

8.143.1 Added

- letsencrypt: Show more info on cert validity status.
- letsencrypt: Add option to delete certificates.
- letsencrypt: Add option to let Plinth manage certbot's renewal hooks.
- power: Warn if a package manager is running before shutdown/restart.
- security: Install and manage fail2ban.
- names: Include domain and services from dynamicdns.
- disks: Add low disk space warning to system and disks page.

- ssh: New application to manage SSH server.
- Add api module to get enabled services and access info.
- Add Django password validators.
- ejabberd, ikiwiki, ttrss: Add user login descriptions.

8.143.2 Removed

- diaspora: Disable for this release due to issues affecting package.
- Remove help from navbar before firstboot complete.

8.143.3 Fixed

- i18n: Don't use backslash-newline for wrapping long lines.
- radicale: Update link to documentation.
- sso: Upgrade crypto to 4096-bit RSA and SHA-512.
- Users: Allow non-admin users to log out.

8.143.4 Changed

- letsencrypt: Make Let's Encrypt an essential module.
- UI: Make apps and configure pages responsive on small screens.
- Make help accessible for logged-in non-admin users.

8.144 Plinth v0.15.0 (2017-07-01)

- Added Tahoe-LAFS module for distributed file storage.
- Added Diaspora* module for federated social networking.
  - Currently only available in "contrib" repository.
- New Locales for Czech (cs) and Tamil (ta).
- Added SSO using auth_pubtkt for Syncthing, TT-RSS, and the Repro admin panel.
  - If you are logged in to Plinth, you will be automatically logged in to these web apps.
- ejabberd: Added option to enable/disable Message Archive Management.
- help: Added Debian release name to about page.
- firstboot: De-bloat first welcome screen.
- Pinned footer to the bottom of the viewport.
- disks: Restrict precision of reported available space on root partition.
- diagnostics: Disable button if app/service is not running.
- help: Only show help pages if user is logged in.
- navbar: Moved logout to user drop-down and added a new power drop-down.

- disks: Show disabled partition resize option if no space is available.
- Added line break to titles to fix frontpage layout.
- syncthing: Fixed typos and clarity in description.
- firewall: Fix 500 error when firewalld is not running.
- setup: Disable install/upgrade when dpkg/apt is running.
- disks: Use information from lsblk for more accuracy.
- datetime: Show timezone properly when it not in expected list.

8.145 Plinth v0.14.0 (2017-04)

- tor: Added option to use upstream bridges.
- openvpn: Added shortcut to front page, shown only when logged-in.
- openvpn: Non-admin users can download their own profiles.
- Added new locales for Hindi (hi) and Gujarati (gu).
- Added Syncthing module for file synchronization.
- Added Matrix Synapse as chat server with groups, audio and video.
- Require admin access for all system configuration pages.
- Changed appearance of topbar and footer.
- openvpn: Regenerate user key or certificate if empty.
- disks: Workaround issue in parted during resize.

8.146 Plinth v0.13.1 (2017-01-22)

- Two new apps were added:
  - Gobby Server (infinoted) for collaborative editing of text documents
  - Domain Name Server (BIND), in system menu
- Added JavaScript license web labels to provide partial support for LibreJS.
- Added basic configuration form for Minetest server.
- Added indicator to Help->About page if new Plinth version is available.
- Show app logos on front page instead of generic icons.
- Prevent anonymous users from accessing setup pages.
- Split Chat Server (XMPP) app into Chat Server (ejabberd) and Chat Client (jsxc).

8.147 Plinth v0.12.0 (2016-12-08)

- Open up RTP ports in the firewall for repro (SIP server).
- Front page shortcuts for services show a Configure button in the details box for logged-in users.
- Add mods packages to be installed with Minetest server.
- Fix issue with reading Dynamic DNS status as non-root user.
- After the hostname is changed, ensure the domain name is still set correctly.
- Allow the domain name to be cleared, and properly set the configuration in this case.
- On the Certificates (Let's Encrypt) page, show a more informative message when no domains are configured.
- On the Chat Server (XMPP) page, show more clearly if domain is not set.
- Apps that require login will not be shown on the front page, unless the user is logged in.
- Show status block for News Feed Reader (Tiny Tiny RSS).
- Change appearance of front page with larger icons and repositioned text.
- Firewall page only lists services that have been setup. The port lists are collapsible under each service.
- Support configuring IPv6 networks.
- Make it less likely to accidentally delete the only Plinth user.
- Updated to work with JSXC 3.0.0 (XMPP web client).

8.148 Plinth v0.11.0 (2016-09-29)

- Added loading icon for additional busy operations.
- Added basic front page with shortcuts to web apps, and information about enabled services.
- networks: Add batctl as dependency, required for batman-adv mesh networking.
- users:
  - Fixed checking restricted usernames.
  - Display error message if unable to set SSH keys.
  - Flush nscd cache after user operations to avoid some types of errors.
- monkeysphere:
  - Adopted to using SHA256 fingerprints.
  - Sort items for consistent display.
  - Handle new uid format of gpg2.
  - Fixed handling of unavailable imported domains.
- minetest: Fixed showing status block and diagnostics.
- Fixed stretched favicon.
- Switched base template from container-fluid to container. This will narrow the content area for larger displays.
- Plinth is now able to run as "plinth" user instead of root user.
- xmpp: Replaced jwchat with jsxc.
- ikiwiki: Allow only alphanumerics in wiki/blog name to avoid invalid paths.

8.149 Plinth v0.10.0 (2016-08-21)

- Updated Plinth to support Django 1.10.
- Added a page to display recent status log from Plinth. It is accessible from the 500 error page.
- Tor: Added options to toggle relay and bridge relay modes.
- Radicale: Added access rights control.
- Ikiwiki: Updated suggested packages.
- Users and Groups: Fixed editing users without SSH keys.
- Networks: Added basic support for configuring batman-adv mesh networking.
- Networks: Fixed incorrect access for retrieving DNS entries.
- New languages:
  - Persian (50% translated)
  - Indonesian (not started, contributions needed)
- New modules added to Plinth:
  - Disks: Shows free space of mounted partitions, and allows expanding the root partition.
  - Security: Controls login restrictions.
  - Snapshots: Manages Btrfs snapshots.

8.150 Version 0.9.4 (2016-06-24)

- Added Polish translation.
- Fixed issue preventing access to Plinth on a non-standard port.
- Dealt with ownCloud removal from Debian. The ownCloud page in Plinth will be hidden if it has not been setup. Otherwise, a warning is shown.
- Fixed issue in Privoxy configuration. Two overlapping listen-addresses were configured, which prevented privoxy service from starting.
- Fixed issue that could allow someone to start a module setup process without being logged in to Plinth.
- Fixed issues with some diagnostic tests that would show false positive results.
- Added check to Diagnostics to skip tests for modules that have not been setup.
- Fixed some username checks that could cause errors when editing the user.
- Added sorting of menu items per locale.
- Moved Dynamic DNS and Pagekite from Applications to System Configuration.
- Allowed setting IP for shared network connections.
- Switched Dreamplug image from "non-free" to "free". This means that we no longer include the non-free firmware for the built-in wifi on Dreamplug.
- Added the "userdir" module for the Apache web server. This allows users in the "admin" group to create a folder called "public_html" under their home folder, and to publicly share files placed in this folder.
- New wiki and manual content licence: *Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International* (from June 13rd 2016).
- Switched to using apt-get for module setup in Plinth. This fixes several issues that were seen during package installs.

8.151 Version 0.9 (2016-04-24)

- Fixed Wi-Fi AP setup.
- Prevent lockout of users in 'sudo' group after setup is complete.
- Improved setup mechanism for Plinth modules. Allows users to see what a module is useful for, before doing the setup and package install. Also allows essential modules to be setup by default during FreedomBox install.
- Added HTTPS certificates to Monkeysphere page. Reorganized so that multiple domains can be added to a key.
- Added Radicale, a CalDAV and CardDAV server.
- Added Minetest Server, a multiplayer infinite-world block sandbox.
- Added Tiny Tiny RSS, a news feed reader.

8.152 Version 0.8 (2016-02-20)

- Added Quassel, an IRC client that stays connected to IRC networks and can synchronize multiple frontends.
- Improved first boot user interface.
- Fixed Transmission RPC whitelist issue.
- Added translations for Turkish, Chinese, and Russian. Fixed and updated translations in other languages.
- Added Monkeysphere, which uses PGP web of trust for SSH host key verification.
- Added Let's Encrypt, to obtain certificates for domains, so that browser certificate warnings can be avoided.
- Added repro, a SIP server for audio and video calls.
- Allow users to set their SSH public keys, so they can login over SSH without a password.

8.153 Version 0.7 (2015-12-13)

- Translations! Full translations of the interface in Danish, Dutch, French, German and Norwegian Bokmål, and partial Telugu.
- Support for OLinuXino A20 MICRO and LIME2
- New Plinth applications: OpenVPN, reStore
- Improved first-boot experience
- Many bugfixes and cleanups

8.154 Version 0.6 (2015-10-31)

- New supported hardware target: Raspberry Pi 2
- New modules in Plinth:
  - Shaarli: Web application to manage and share bookmarks
  - Date & Time: Configure time zone and NTP service
  - Service Discovery: Configure Avahi service
- Documentation revamp including new user manual and developer guide
- Improved diagnostic tests, available in Plinth
- Avoid unnecessary changes when installing on existing Debian system
- Network configuration supports PPPoE connections
- Debian packages can be download over Tor

8.155 Version 0.5 (2015-08-07)

- New targets: CubieTruck, i386, amd64
- New apps in Plinth: Transmission, Dynamic DNS, Mumble, ikiwiki, Deluge, Roundcube, Privoxy
- NetworkManager handles network configuration and can be manipulated through Plinth.
- Software Upgrades (unattended-upgrades) module can upgrade the system, and enable automatic upgrades.
- Plinth is now capable of installing ejabberd, jwchat, and privoxy, so they are not included in image but can be installed when needed.
- User authentication through LDAP for SSH, XMPP (ejabberd), and ikiwiki.
- Unit test suite is automatically run on Plinth upstream. This helps us catch at least some code errors before they are discovered by users!
- New, simpler look for Plinth.
- Performance improvements for Plinth.

8.156 Version 0.3 (2015-01-20)

- Tor Bridges: All boxes now act as non-exit Tor bridges, routing traffic for the Tor network.
- Firewall: firewall is on by default and is automatically managed.
- Add BeagleBone support. We now have images for BeagleBone, RaspberryPi, VirtualBox i386/amd64, and DreamPlug.
- Ability to enable and use Tor Hidden Services. Works with Ejabberd/JWChat and ownCloud services.
- Enable Tor obfsproxy with scramblesuit.
- Drop well-known root password (an account with sudo capabilities still exists for now but will be removed soon).
- Switch to unstable as suite of choice for easier development.
- Newer images are built with systemd by default (due to Debian change).
- Install and operate firewall automatically (uses firewalld).
- Major restructuring of Plinth UI using Python3, Django web development framework and Bootstrap3. Code quality is much better and UI is more polished.
- Introduced packaging framework in Plinth UI for on-demand application installation.

8.157 Version 0.2 (2014-03-16)

- Support for Raspberry Pi and VirtualBox (x86) in addition to the DreamPlug.
- New Services:
  - Configuration Management UI.
  - Instant Messaging.
  - OwnCloud.
  - dnsmasq.
  - Low-Level Configuration Management.
  - Service Announcement.
  - LDAP Server.
  - LXC Support.
  - Source Packages.
- The privoxy setup is now the default from Debian.

8.158 Version 0.1 (2013-02-26)

- First FreedomBox software release (0.1 image, developer release).
- Full hardware support in Debian
- Support for DreamPlug.
- Basic software tools selected as common working environment:
  - User interface system "plinth"
  - Cryptography tools: gpg or "monkeysphere"
  - Box-to-box communication design: Freedom-buddy (uses TOR network)
  - Web cleaning: "privoxy-freedombox".

9 Contributing

9.1 Get Involved

From code, design and translation to spreading the word and donation, here are a number of ways to contribute to FreedomBox.

9.1.1 Quick Links

- Our vision explains what we want to achieve.
- FreedomBox Developer Manual
- Progress calls
- TODO page
- Donation page

9.1.2 Welcome to newcomers

As a new contributor, you are more than welcome to introduce yourself to others on the FreedomBox discussion forum, mailing list or on the #freedombox IRC channel. In addition to make useful contacts, you can start reporting bugs and translate (see below) the wiki website and the FreedomBox web interface.

9.2 Contributions needed

Sorted by ascending difficulty

9.2.1 Donate

Obviously, donating is the easiest way to contribute.

You can help the project financially by donating via PayPal, Bitcoin or by mailing a check. Please see the donation page for details on how to donate.

FreedomBox project is run by volunteers. The FreedomBox Foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal nonprofit corporation with recognition from the IRS.

9.2.2 Spread the Word

Spreading the word about FreedomBox only requires to know about the basic goals of the project and an overall description of the product.

Speak to your family, friends, local community or at global conferences about the importance of FreedomBox. To be a successful project we need much more awareness and many more participants, be it users or contributors. Write about your efforts on the wiki.

If you are into marketing, you can get in touch with the marketing team through the marketing section of our forum.

9.2.3 Feed Us Back (Comment)

After some time, we lose the fresh view of newcomers. Just providing your feedback helps us a lot.

Browse our websites and documentation and play with FreedomBox and comment your impressions on the feedback section of our forum.

9.2.4 Request applications

Check our applications wishlist and help us extend it by searching the web for other interesting free software to include in FreedomBox.

9.2.5 Translate

All text visible to users of FreedomBox needs to be localized to various languages. If you know english and speak another language you can contribute translating. Translating is a nice way to get familiar with the project while contributing.

This translation work includes:

- Web Interface of FreedomBox
- FreedomBox documentation, including the FreedomBox wiki
- FreedomBox website and foundation website.
- Django web framework that FreedomBox uses.
- Individual applications that FreedomBox exposes to users.

The localization of FreedomBox web interface happens mainly on the web-based tool at Weblate.

If you wish to see FreedomBox available for one of your languages, please start a discussion on the FreedomBox discussion forum's development category to work with others translating for that language.

For more information, please visit the FreedomBox translators page.

9.2.6 Document: User Manual, Website and Wiki, HowTo/demo videos

FreedomBox needs better documentation for users and contributors. Sometimes, just rewording or presenting the information another way, already helps. Others, a certain knowledge is needed.

FreedomBox manual is prepared by aggregating various pages on the wiki and exporting to various formats. The manual is then used in FreedomBox Service and elsewhere.

If you wish to contribute to the FreedomBox wiki (and consequently the FreedomBox manual), you can create a wiki account and start editing.

For contributing to the website please start a discussion on the FreedomBox discussion forum's development category.

Another way of documenting FreedomBox is to record and publish screencasts showing how to use it, or videos on why to use it. Like these or these.

9.2.7 Assure Quality (Test and Check)

- FreedomBox already runs on many platforms and it is not possible for developers to test all possible platforms. If you have one of the supported hardware you can help with testing FreedomBox on the platform.
- When an application is made available on FreedomBox, not all of its functionality is tested in the real world by developer doing the work. Deploying the application and testing it will help ensure high quality applications in FreedomBox.

See the quality assurance page for a basic list of test cases to check for and information on reporting bugs.

9.2.8 Code

If you are a developer, you can contribute code to one of the sub-projects of FreedomBox. Step-by-step process of contributing code to FreedomBox is available.

- FreedomBox Service: a web interface to administer the functions of FreedomBox.
- Freedom Maker: a script to build FreedomBox disk images for use on various hardware devices or virtual machines.

You can pick up a task from one of the TODO lists. The individual page project pages contain information availabily of the code, how to build and TODO lists.

9.2.8.1 Fix Bugs

List of bugs, feature requests and improvements are tracked on the FreedomBox issue tracker. In addition to that, see list of bugs to help out the Debian package we depend on. Also see the FreedomBox packaging team's dashboard for status of various packages that we use.

9.2.8.2 Add an Application

If you are a developer and wish to see an application available in FreedomBox, you can contribute by adding the application to FreedomBox. See the FreedomBox Developer Manual. Many applications that can be added to FreedomBox have been identified on the leaving the cloud page.

9.2.8.3 Development priorities

Upcoming priorities are discussed on an regular basis. You find the progress of the FreedomBox Service with its priorities here: issues board and milestones.

Please check next progress calls to keep yourself on track and meet members of the release team. A TODO page aggregates the complete list of the items to work on for FreedomBox.

9.2.9 Design

9.2.9.1 User Experience Design

If you are a user experience designer, you can help FreedomBox with the following items:

- UI experience for the FreedomBox Service web interface
- Web design for freedombox.org, freedomboxfoundation.org and the wiki pages
- Logo and branding (we currently have an identity manual and logos)
- Possible designs for custom FreedomBox cases on single board computers
- User experience design

9.2.9.2 Technical Design

FreedomBox needs your technical expertise to devise implementation plans for upcoming features. You can contribute to the discussion on various technical design and implementation aspects of FreedomBox. See FreedomBox discussion forum's development category.

9.2.10 Package Applications

FreedomBox is a Debian Pure Blend. In order to add applications to FreedomBox we need applications first to be Debian-packaged. Check our applications wishlist.

10 Developer Guide

The FreedomBox Developer Manual provides a step by step tutorial for writing apps for FreedomBox and an API reference. It is available from docs.freedombox.org.

11 Hacking

FreedomBox consists of two main projects:

- FreedomBox Service (Plinth), the web interface
- Freedom Maker, a script to build disk images for various hardware

11.1 FreedomBox Service (Plinth)

FreedomBox Service (Plinth) is a web interface to administer the functions of the FreedomBox.

FreedomBox Service is Free Software under GNU Affero General Public License version 3 or (at your option) a later version.

11.1.1 Using

- FreedomBox Service comes installed with all FreedomBox images. You can download FreedomBox images and run on any of the supported hardware. Then, to access FreedomBox interface see quick start instructions.
- If you are on a Debian box, you may install FreedomBox Service from Debian package archive. Currently, only bullseye (stable), bookworm (testing), and sid (unstable) are supported. To install FreedomBox Service run:

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$ sudo apt-get install freedombox
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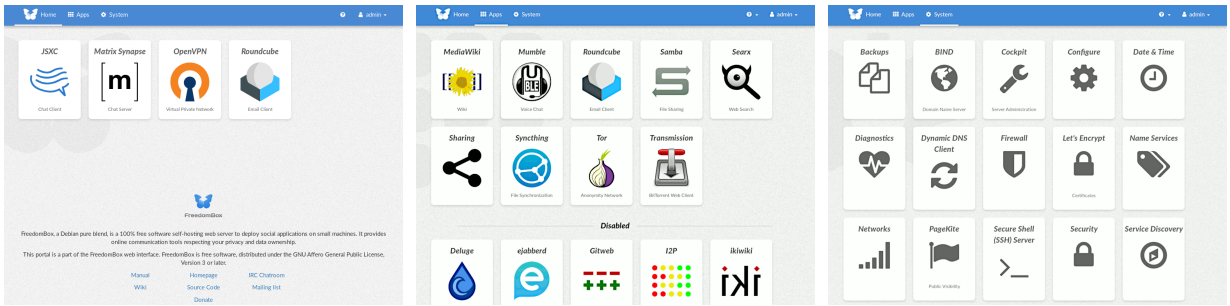
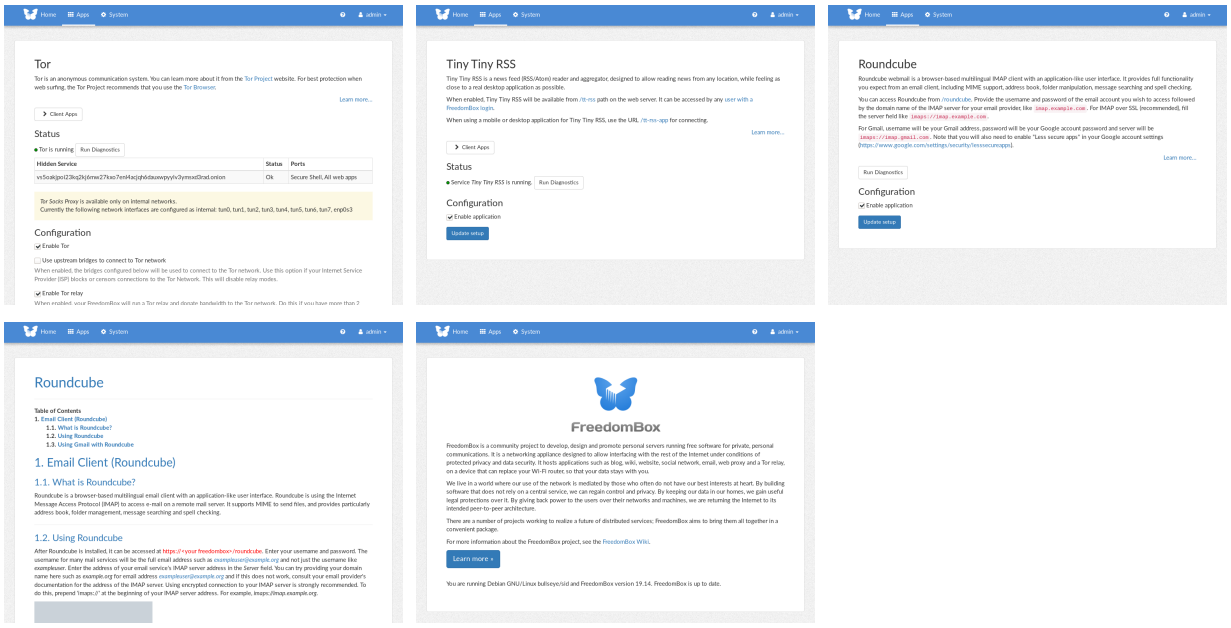
- You can also get FreedomBox Service from its Git repository and install from source.

11.1.2 Screenshots





11.1.3 Support

You may ask for support on

- The discussion forum
- The mailing list
- #freedombox IRC channel
- FreedomBox Matrix channel

11.1.4 Contributing

We are looking for help to improve FreedomBox Service. You can contribute to FreedomBox Service by not just by coding but also by translating, documenting, designing, packaging and providing support.

- Instructions on how to contribute code are available.
- The primary Git repository is hosted at FreedomBox Salsa Page.
- Instructions for installing from source and hacking the source are available.
- List of bugs, TODO items and feature requests are available on the issue tracker.
- Before contributing to FreedomBox Service code, you need understand Python and Django on top which it is built.
- You can request for development assistance on the discussion forum, the mailing list or the #freedombox IRC channel.

11.1.4.1 Debian Package

- FreedomBox Service is packaged for Debian. FreedomBox Service is a native package and packaging source code is part of the main package source code.
- Issues related to packaging are listed on Debian BTS.

11.2 Freedom Maker

Freedom Maker is a script to build FreedomBox disk images for use on various hardware devices or virtual machines.

Freedom Maker can currently build FreedomBox disk images for the following:

- A20-OlinuXino-LIME
- A20-OlinuXino-LIME2
- A20-OLinuXino-MICRO
- Banana Pro
- BeagleBone
- Cubieboard2
- Cubietruck
- pcDuino3
- Raspberry Pi 2
- Raspberry Pi 3 Model B
- Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+
- VirtualBox
- QEMU
- AMD64 (x86-64) Machines, X86 Machines and other virtual machines (using raw disk images)

If a hardware platform is capable of running Debian, it should not be too much effort adopt Freedom Maker to create FreedomBox images for the platform.

Freedom Maker is Free Software licensed under GNU General Public License version 3 or (at your option) a later version.

11.2.1 Building FreedomBox Images

- You can get Freedom Maker from its Git repository and follow the instructions in the README to build a FreedomBox image.

11.2.2 Support

You may ask for support on

- The discussion forum
- The mailing list
- #freedombox IRC channel
- FreedomBox Matrix channel

11.2.3 Contributing

We are looking for help to improve Freedom Maker.

- Instructions on how to contribute code are available.
- Freedom Maker is hosted at FreedomBox Salsa Project. The primary Git repository is hosted there.
- You can contribute to FreedomBox by adding support for more hardware platforms. Freedom Maker can be easily adopted to newer platforms if they already support running Debian.
- You can create and test images with Freedom Maker regularly to test for new features and check for regressions.
- List of bugs, TODO items and feature requests are available on the issue tracker.
- You can request for development assistance on the discussion forum, the mailing list or the #freedombox IRC channel.

12 Tell people around you

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