

Checklist for installing Debian 12 LTS¹ Desktop.

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Fill in the behind the underlined words, see [explanation]:

<u>user</u>	<input type="text"/>	[Full name, e.g. John Doe]
<u>username</u>	<input type="text"/>	[User name, e.g. john]
<u>computername</u>	<input type="text"/>	[Name of the computer, e.g. pc02]
<u>user</u>	<input type="text"/>	[Full name possibly 2 nd user]
<u>username</u>	<input type="text"/>	[User name possibly 2 nd user]

Replace the underlined words in this checklist with those in the .

Not yet on Linux? → Use **Checklist transfer** on karelzimmer.nl/en under **Linux**.

New installation? → Start at chapter **2 Perform installation**.

1 Prepare installation

☐ ☐ Log in as user².

☐ Install Debian-package kz³:
 Type **term** (press the key⁴ if needed) and click the **Terminal** icon.
 Type these three commands, each followed by the key:
`sudo apt install wget`
`wget karelzimmer.nl/getdeb`
`bash getdeb`
 Follow the instructions on the screen.

☐ ☐ Prepare the installation:
 Type **menu** (press the key⁴ if needed) and click the **Installation menu** icon.
 Select **1 Prepare installation**.
 Follow the instructions on the screen.

1 LTS stands for Long-Term Support, and this June 2023 Debian 12 LTS Desktop (codenamed bookworm) will be supported for five years until June 2028.

2 Login any additional users and follow the same steps.

3 Package kz contains scripts for installing and managing Debian and Debian-based systems such as Ubuntu.

4 The key is the Windows key, Command key (Apple), or Magnifier key (Chromebook).

2 Perform installation

- ☐ Boot the computer from¹ an Debian 12 LTS Desktop Live² USB stick³.
Select **Live system (amd64)**.
- ☐ Follow the instructions on the welcome screens.
- ☐ Start the installation by clicking **Activities** and clicking **Install Debian**.
When prompted for a password, type 'live'.

Follow the instructions on the installation screen.

- ☐ At **Location**:
At **Region** choose **Europe**.
- ☐ At **Users**:
Enter **What is your name** user,
What name do you want to use to log in username,
What is the name of this computer computername, and
enter a **password** twice.

1 Boot menu/Setup via one of the frequently used keys: `Esc`, `Delete`, `F1`, `F2`, `F9`, `F10`, `F11`, or `F12`.

2 From a Live USB stick you can boot and work with Debian without modifying any files on the hard drive and also allows installation of Debian.

3 Create a bootable USB stick:

Download a CD image file (.iso) from [debian.org](https://www.debian.org), click **Other downloads** (under Downloads) and then click **Live Gnome** (under Try Debian live before installing).

The next steps are described in **Linux information**, which can be found at karelzimmer.nl, under **Linux**.

3 Finish installation

- ☐ Log in as user.
- ☐ Follow the instructions on the welcome screens.
- ☐ Add any additional users with the following steps:
 - Type **user** (press the Super key¹ if needed) and click behind **Settings** on **Users**.
 - Click **Unlock** and enter password.
 - Click **Add User**.
 - Choose **Account Type**, **Standard** or **Admin**.
 - Enter **Name** user and **Username** username, and click **Add**.
 - Close the **Users** screen.
- ☐ Install updates:
 - Type **syn** (press the Super key¹ if needed) and click the **Synaptic Package Manager** icon.
 - Click **Reload** and then click **Mark All Upgrades**, click **Apply** if available.
 - Follow the instructions on the screen.
- ☐ Install Debian-package kz²:
 - Type **term** (press the Super key¹ if needed) and click the **Terminal** icon.
 - Type these three commands, each followed by the Enter key:

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sudo apt install wget
wget karelzimmer.nl/getdeb
bash getdeb
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 - Follow the instructions on the screen.
- ☐ Complete the installation:
 - Type **menu** (press the Super key¹ if needed) and click the **Installation menu** icon.
 - Select **3 Finish installation**.
 - Follow the instructions on the screen.

1 The Super key is the Windows key, Command key (Apple), or Magnifier key (Chromebook).

2 Package kz contains scripts for installing and managing Debian and Debian-based systems such as Ubuntu.

4 Provision user

☐ ☐ Log in as user¹.

☐ Follow the instructions on the welcome screens.



☐ ☐ Set up the user:

Type **menu** (press the Super key² if needed) and click on the **Installation menu** icon.

Select **4 Provision user**.

Follow the instructions on the screen.

End of checklist, Debian 12 LTS Desktop installation is complete.

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