

Virsh cheat sheet

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# convert raw image to qcow2
sudo qemu-img convert -f raw -O qcow2 <raw> <qcow2>

# resize a qcow2 disk
sudo qemu-img resize <qcow2> +<size increase>g

# install a VM
sudo virt-install --name $1 --memory 4096 --vcpus 2 --disk <qcow2 disk to use>,bus=sata --import --os-variant
ubuntu20.04 --network network=default,model=virtio,driver.ioemu=on

# if there is no network when you run virt-install, then do the below
virsh net-start default
# always start
virsh net-autostart default

# list nets
virsh net-list

# list net info
virsh net-info default

# Create a virtual disk
qemu-img create -f qcow2 <disk name> <disk size>G

# attach disk to VM
virsh attach-disk <vm name> --source <absolute path to disk> --target <device name. ex: sdb> --persistent

# sometimes the new device within the VM doesn't show the full size
virsh edit <vm name>
# Make sure the XML entry looks similar to
  <disk type='file' device='disk'>
    <driver name='qemu' type='qcow2' />
    <source file='<path to disk image>' />
    <target dev='sdb' bus='sata' />
    <address type='drive' controller='0' bus='0' target='0' unit='1' />
  </disk>

# list VM IP leases
sudo virsh net-dhcp-leases default

# Misc
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# Adding a user
sudo addgroup --gid $GID $USER
# Add user with specific UID and GID
sudo useradd $USER -u $UID -g $GID -m -s /bin/bash
# Give user sudo permissions
sudo usermod -aG sudo $USER
# reset the user password
sudo passwd $USER

# Enabling console access to a KVM using virsh
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# On the guest
systemctl enable serial-getty@ttyS0.service
systemctl start serial-getty@ttyS0.service

# on the host
virsh console centos8
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Some Useful links

- <https://www.thegeekstuff.com/2015/02/add-memory-cpu-disk-to-kvm-vm/>
- <https://www.geekpills.com/virtualization/how-to-create-qcow2-image>
- <https://serverfault.com/questions/534484/libvirt-network-error-no-default-network-device-found>
- <https://ostechnix.com/how-to-enable-virsh-console-access-for-kvm-guests/>

