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The Perfect Setup - SUSE 9.3







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This is a detailed description about the steps to be taken to setup a **SUSE 9.3** b services needed by ISPs and hosters (web server (SSL-capable), mail server (w TLS!), DNS server, FTP server, MySQL server, POP3/IMAP, Quota, Firewall, etc.) show how to use **Debian**'s package manager *apt* on an rpm-based system because package dependencies automagically which can save a lot of trouble.

I will use the following software:



-  Web Server: Apache 2.0.x
-  Mail Server: Postfix (easier to configure than sendmail; has a shorter history than sendmail)
-  DNS Server: BIND9
-  FTP Server: proftpd ([ISPConfig](#) will not work with vsftpd on SUSE 9.2)
-  POP3/IMAP: I will use Maildir format and therefore install Courier-POP3/Courier-IMAP
-  Webalizer for web site statistics

In the end you should have a system that works reliably and is ready for the free panel [ISPConfig](#) (i.e., ISPConfig runs on it out of the box).

I want to say first that this is not the only way of setting up such a system. The goal is to achieve this goal but this is the way I take. I do not issue any guarantee that

Requirements

To install such a system you will need the following:

-  SUSE 9.3. I downloaded the 5 CD iso images from here:
<ftp://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/linux/suse/ftp.suse.com/suse/i386/9.3/iso/>
-  an internet connection...

1 The Base System

Boot from your first SUSE 9.3-CD and select *Installation* from the boot screen

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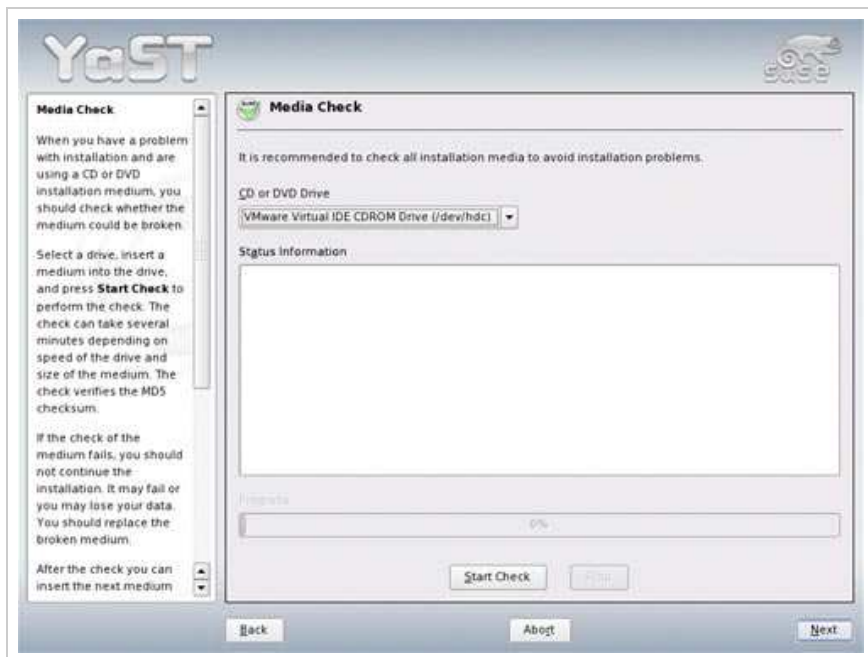


The SUSE installer (called YaST - **Y**et **a**nother **S**etup **T**ool) starts.

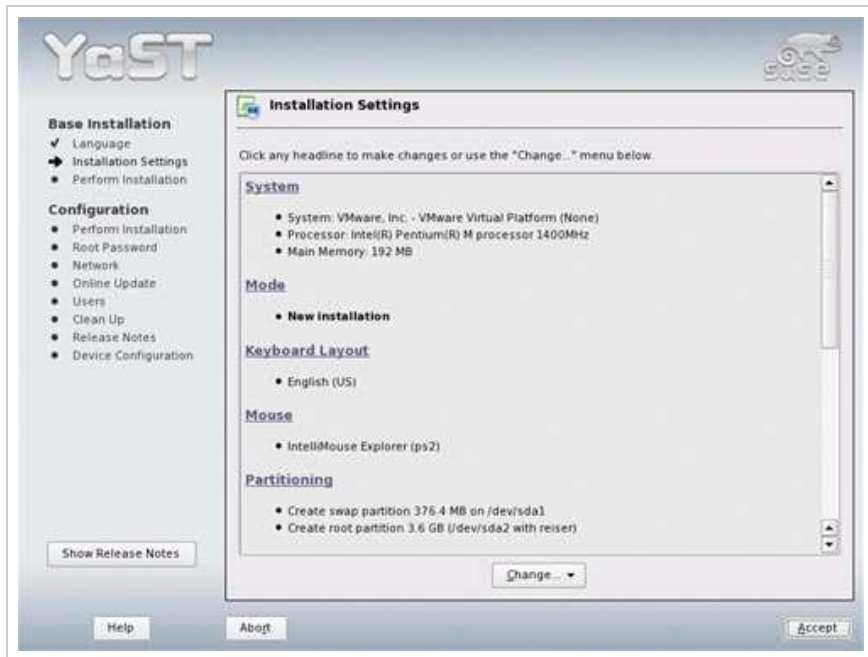
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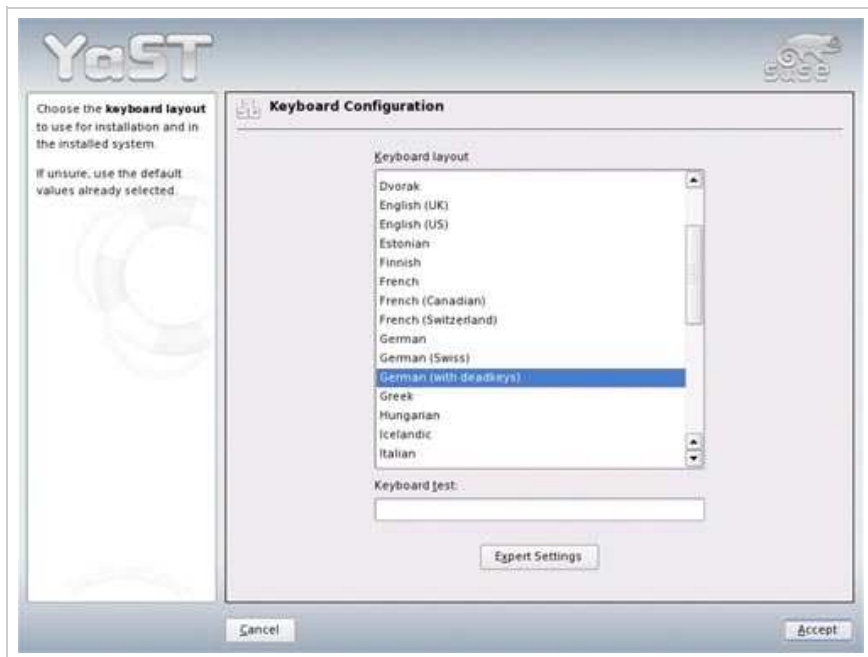
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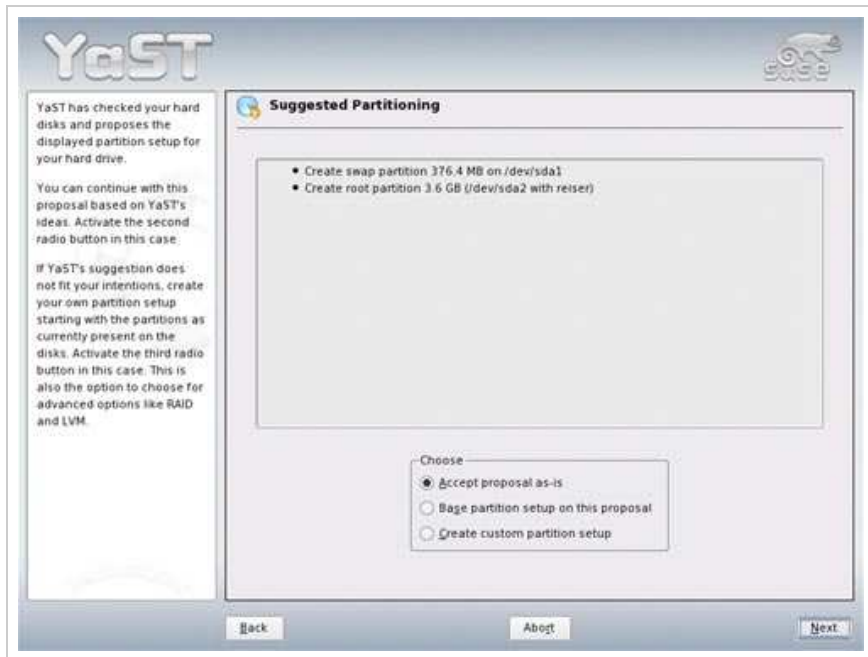
The installer analyzes your system and makes some automatic installation decisions following screen (*Installation Settings*). You can change each of its choices appropriate headline. First, I change the keyboard layout (I don't have an English



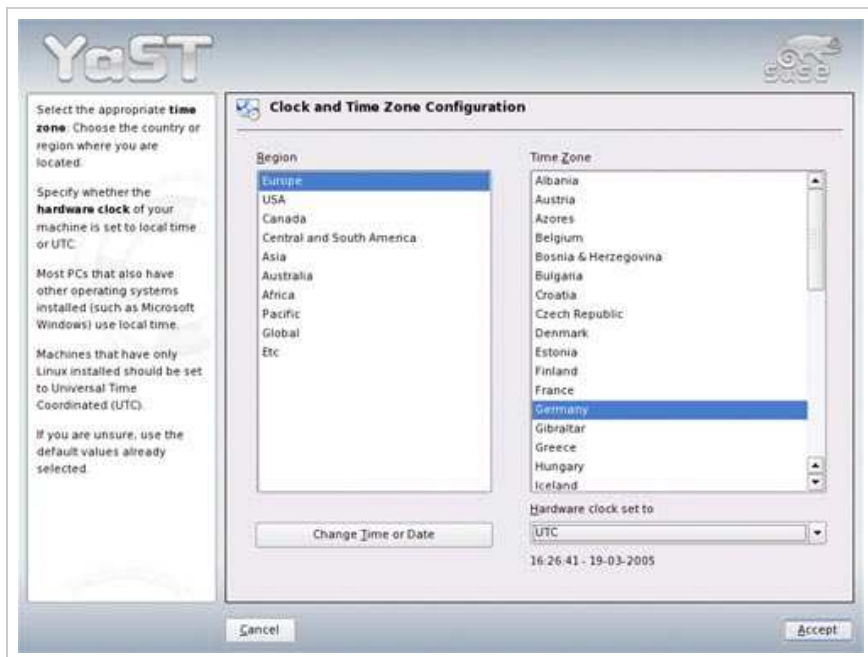
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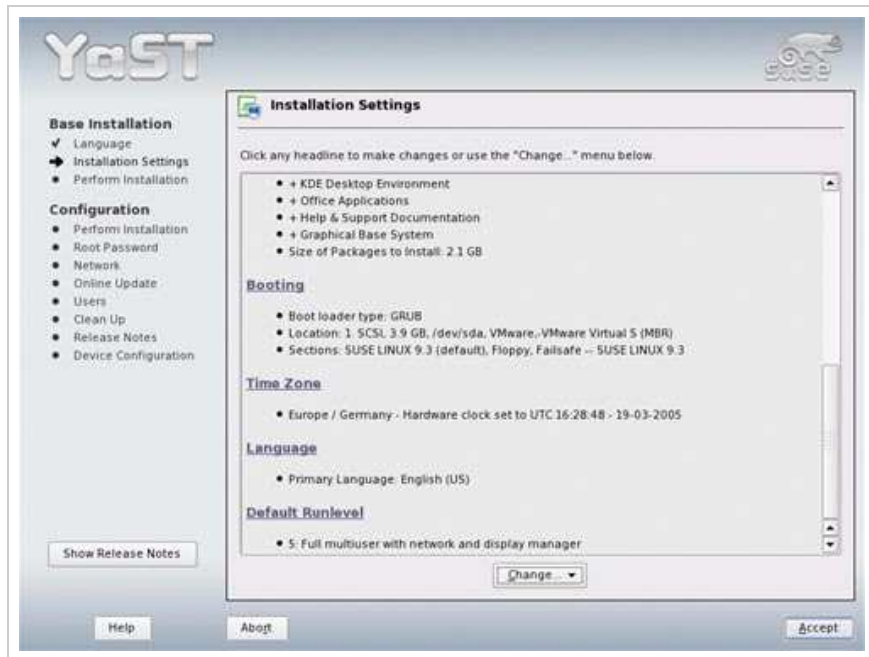
Then I want to have a look at the partitioning. You can accept YaST's proposal c partitions. In this case, I accept YaST's proposal. For my purposes one big /-pai partition are a good choice:



Next, I adjust the time zone:



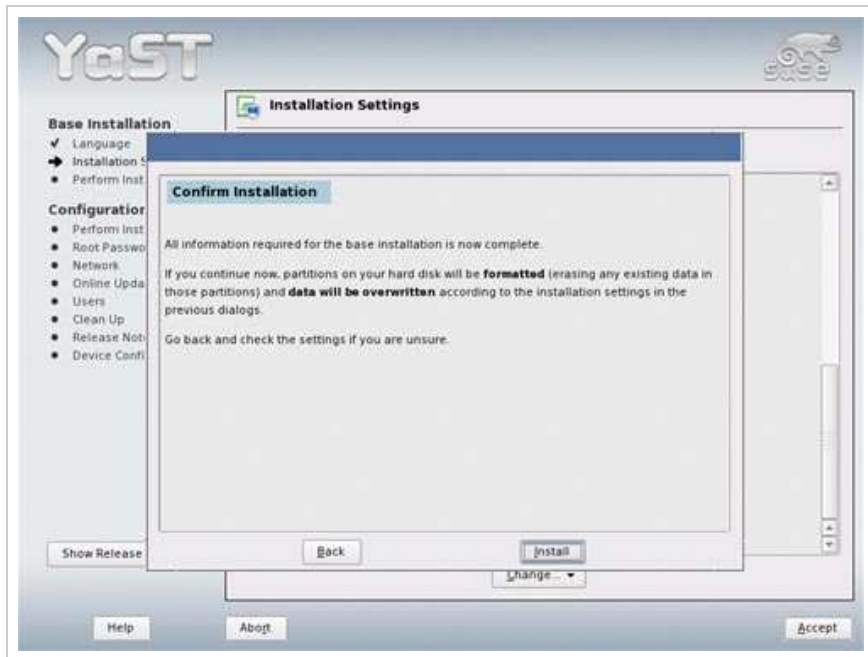
Back on the *Installation Settings* screen, you can also choose the software know what you are doing. In this example, I will leave YaST's package choice u software I need to run a web/email/ftp server manually after the base installati click on *Accept* as we're done here:



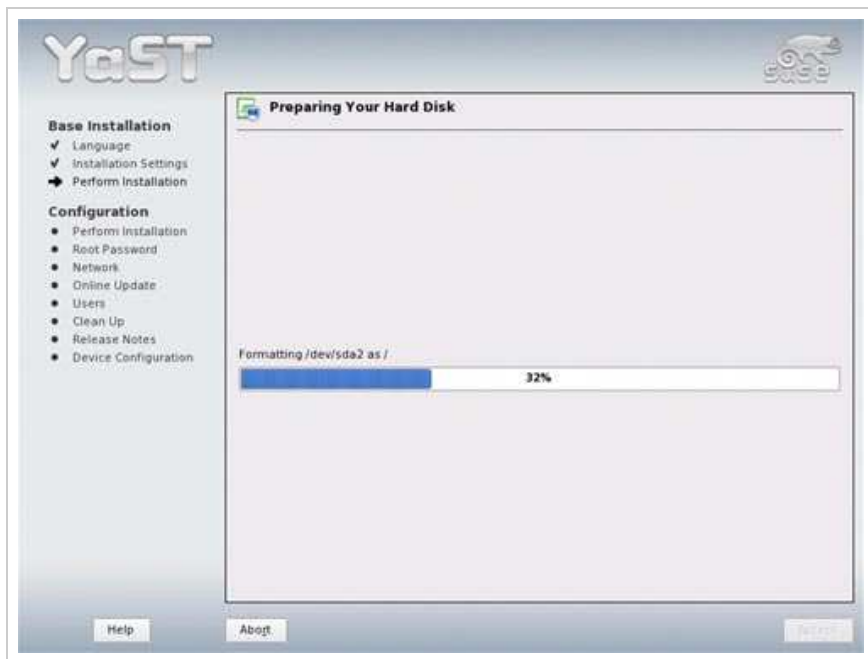
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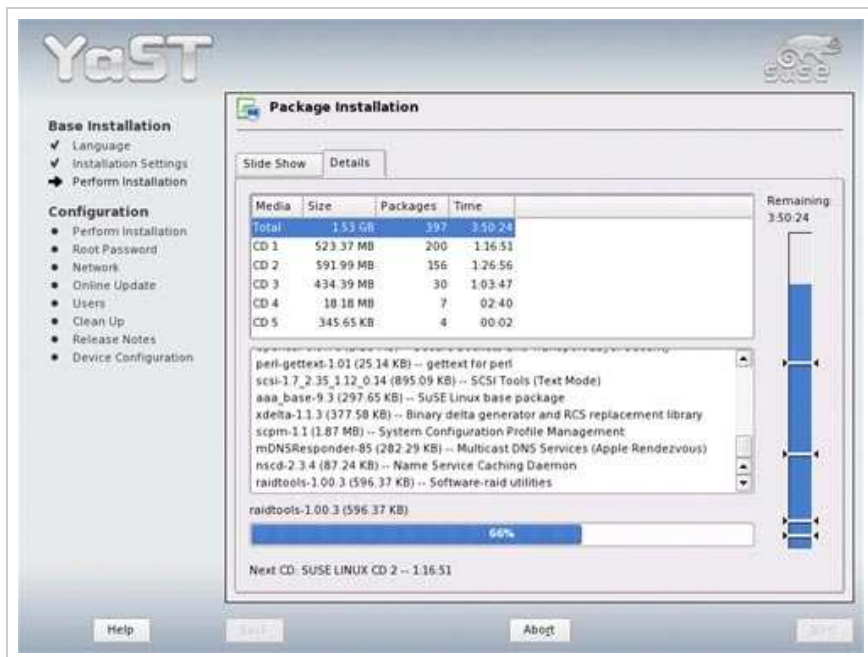
Click on *Install*:



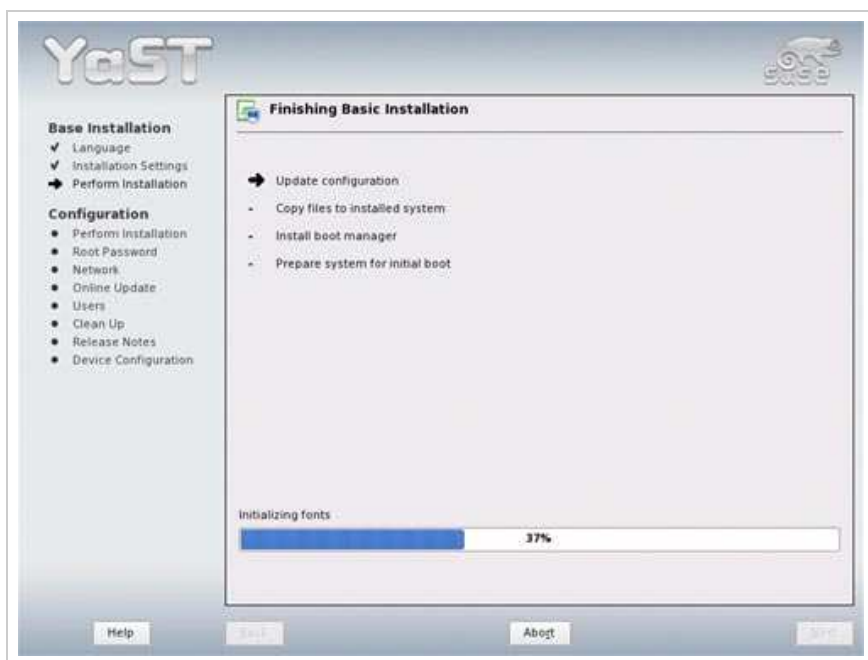
The hard disk is being formatted:

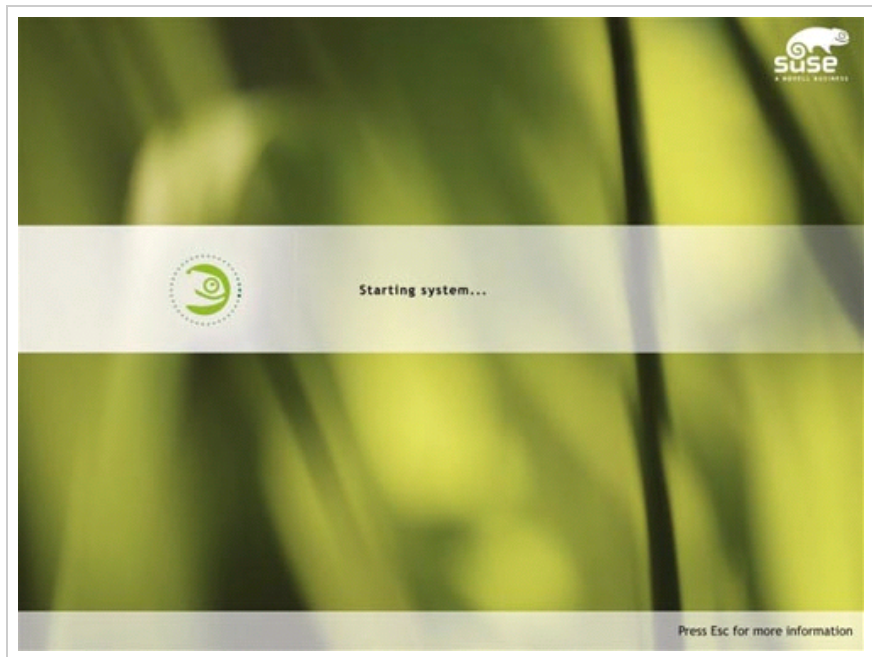


The package installation starts:

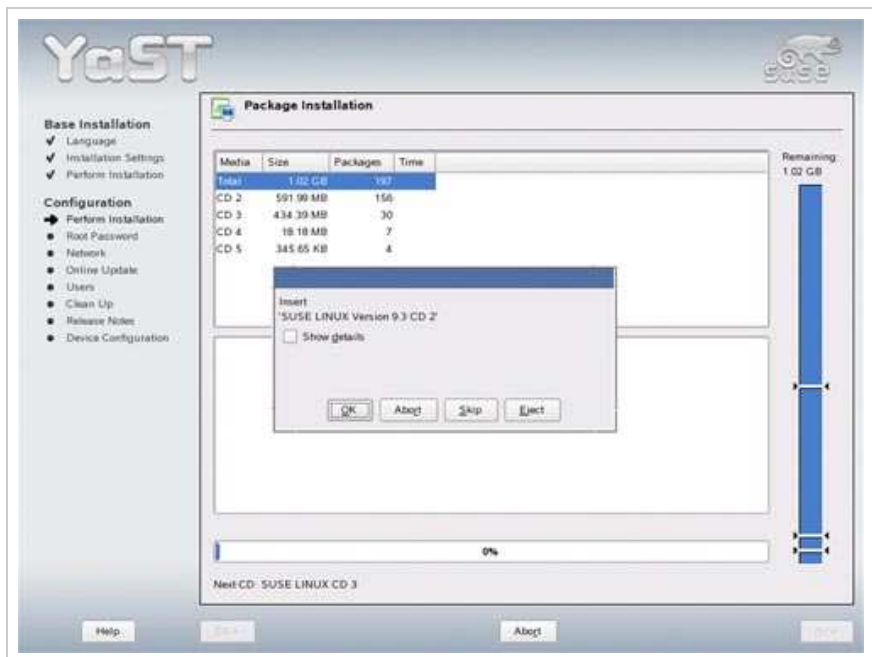


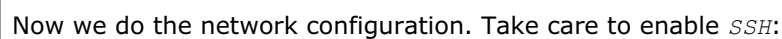
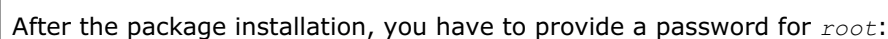
After the basic package installation the system reboots. Remove the SuSE CD a the hard disk:





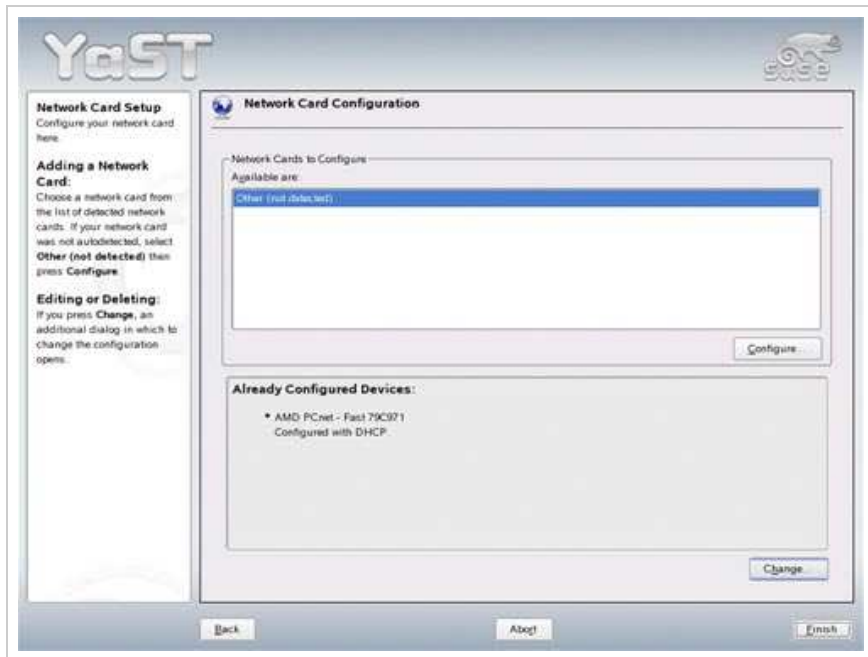
After the reboot, insert CD 2 and go on with the package installation:



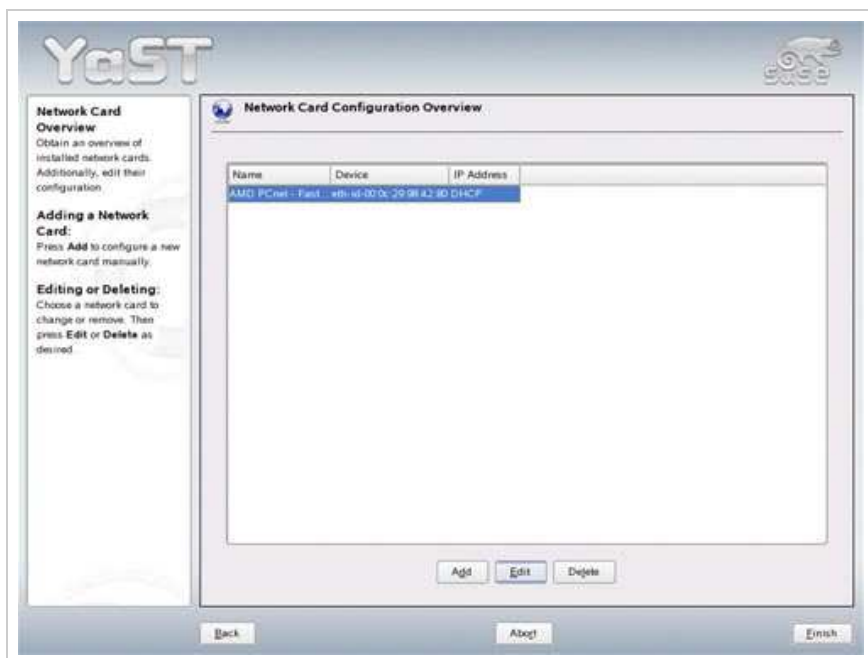




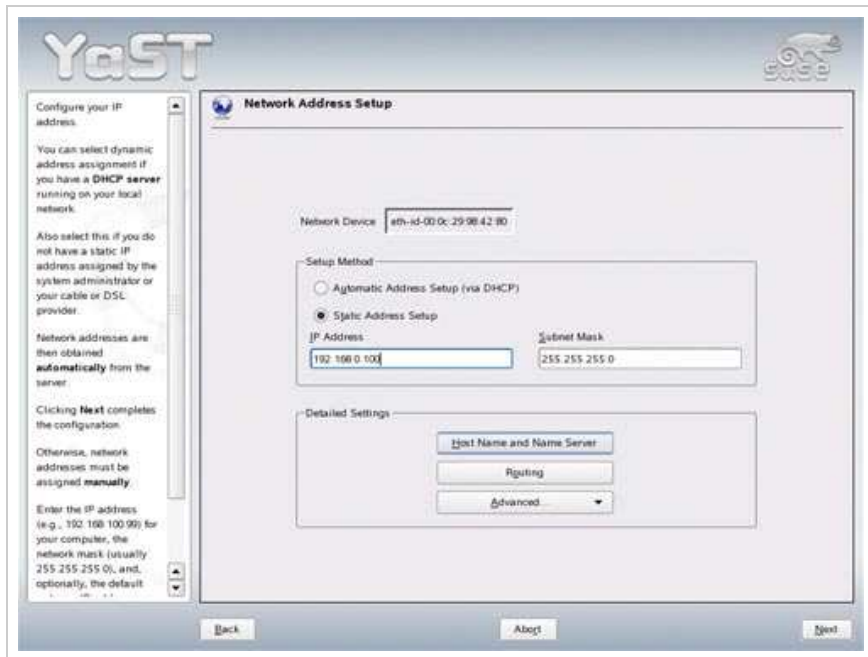
Then I click on *Network Interfaces*. On the next screen that appears, under *Devices*, click on *Change*:



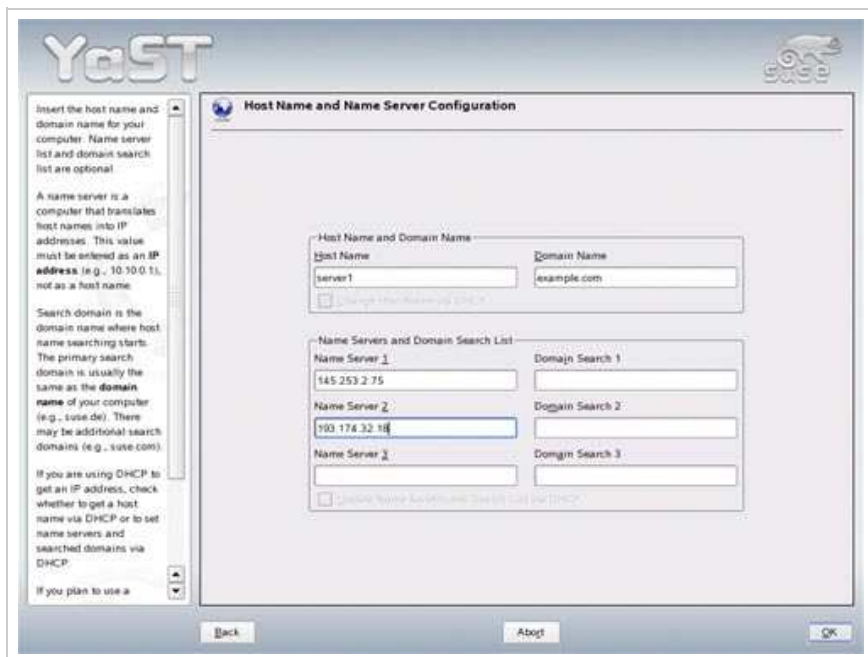
I do not want to get IP addresses from a DHCP server because a server should I so I change this by clicking on *Edit*:



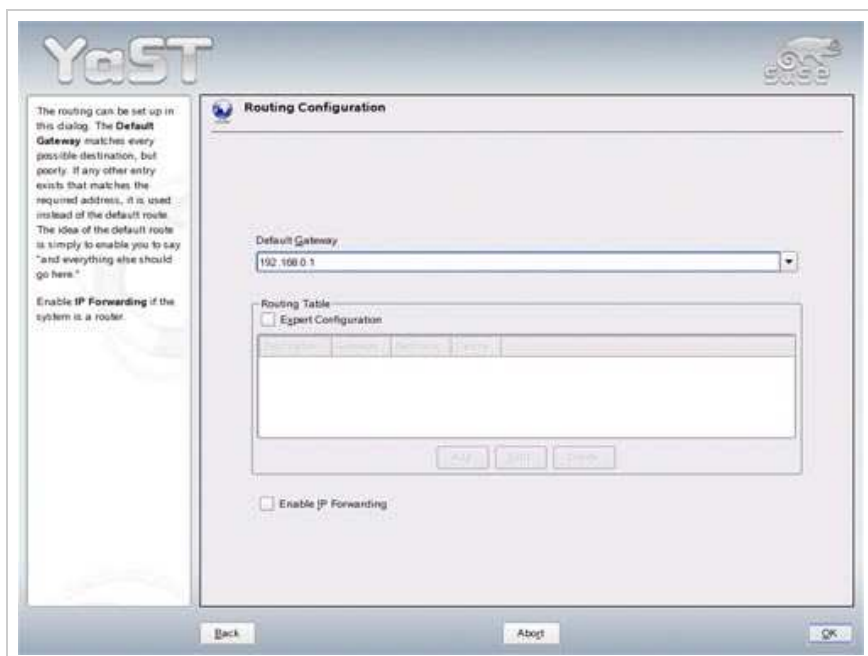
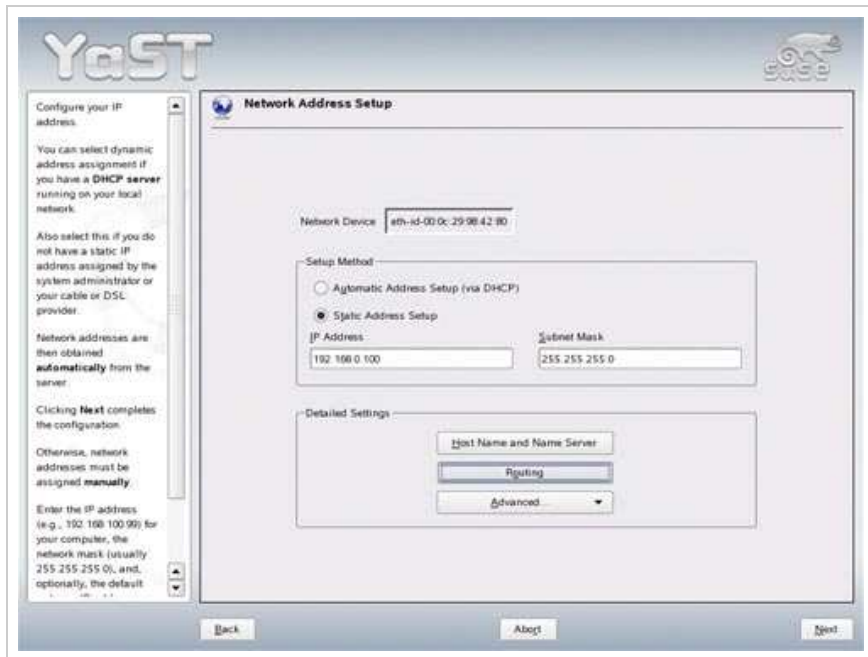
Select *Static Address Setup* and enter an IP address (e.g. 192.168.0.100) a 255.255.255.0):



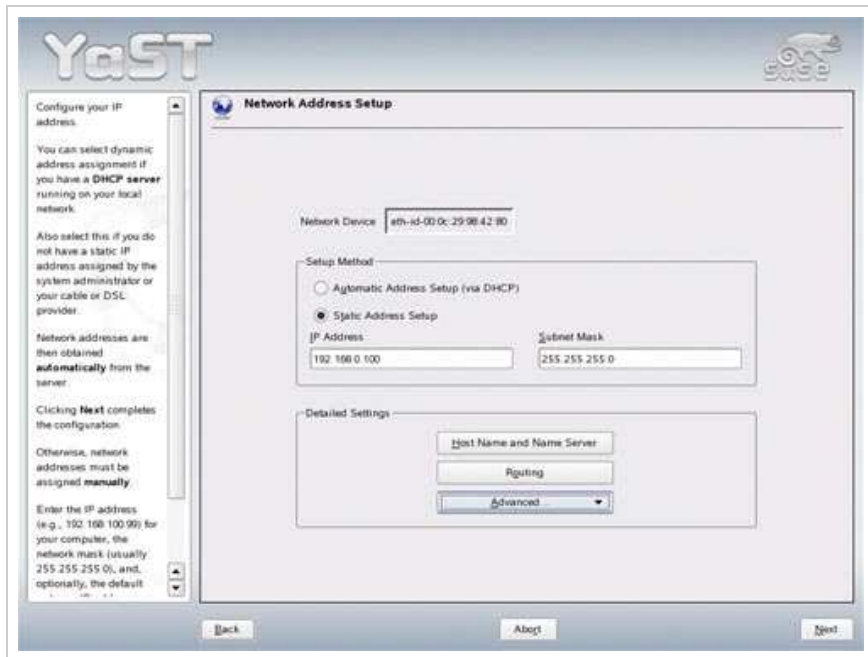
Under *Host Name and Name Server* I set my hostname `server1.example.com` servers (e.g. `145.253.2.75` and `193.174.32.18`):



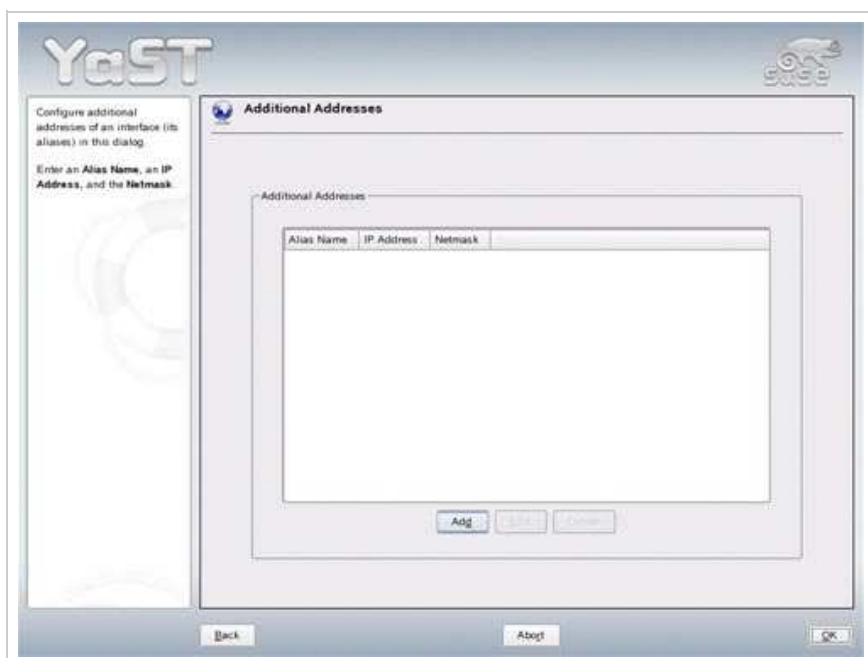
Under *Routing* I set my gateway (e.g. `192.168.0.1`):



Under *Advanced* -> *Additional Addresses* you can set additional IP addresses



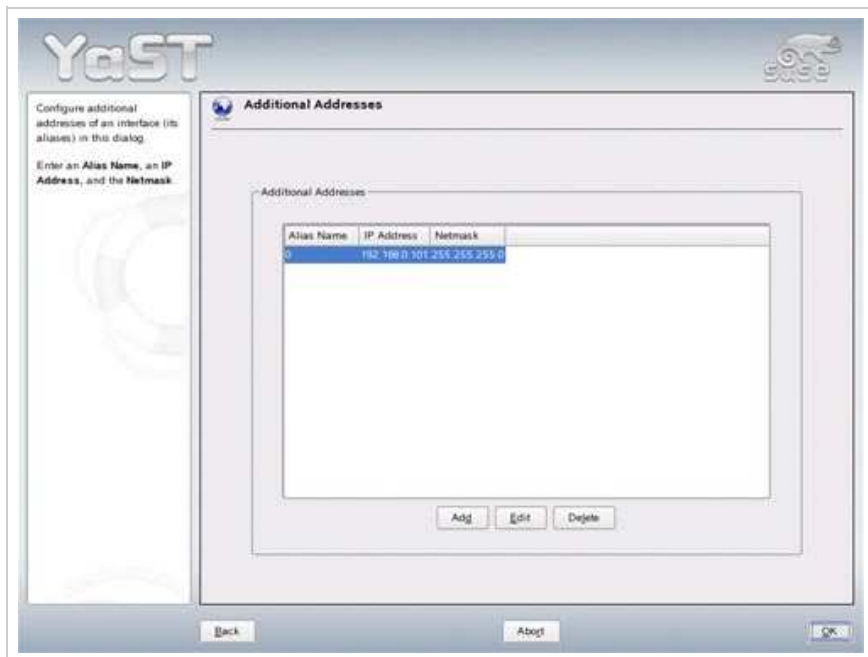
I want to create a virtual network card `eth0:0` with the IP address `192.168.0.1` `192.168.0.100` in this example) so I select **Add**:



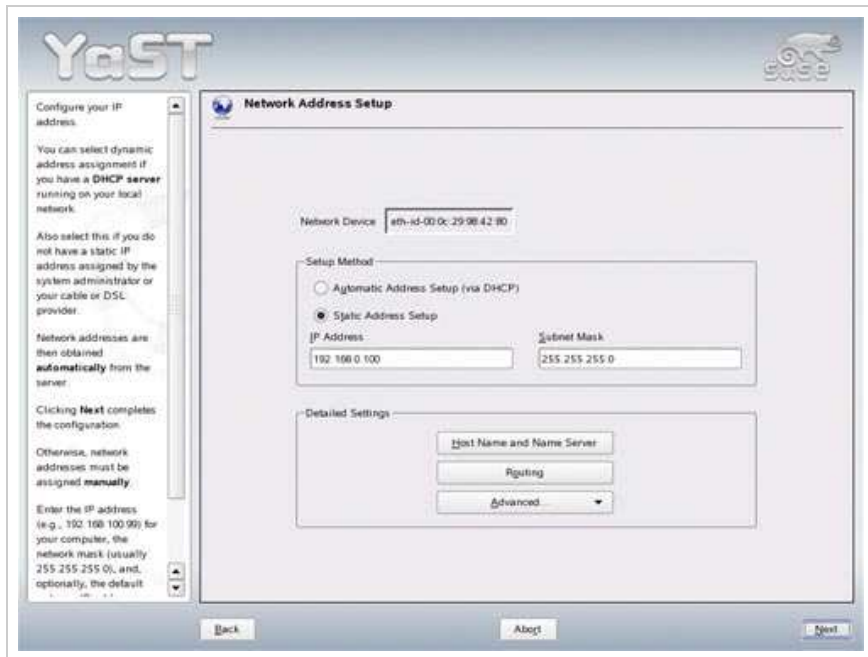
I enter an *Alias Name* (`0`), my additional IP address (`192.168.0.101`) and my r (`255.255.255.0`):



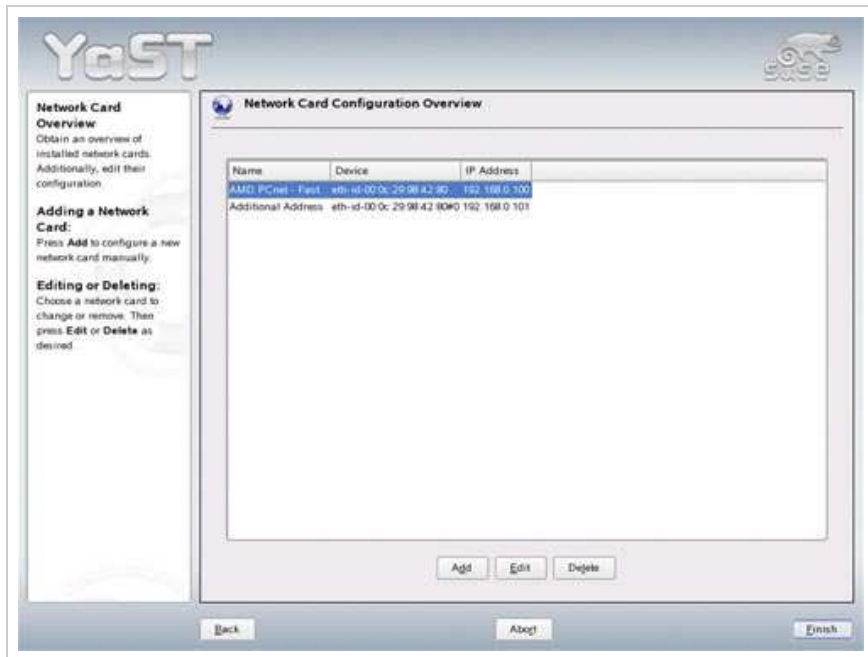
Click on *OK*:



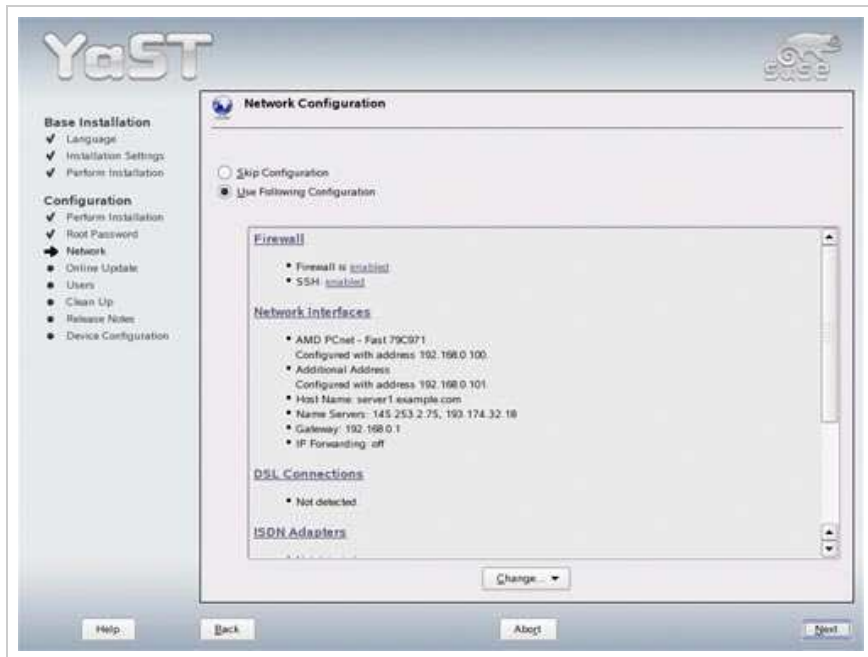
Then *Next*:



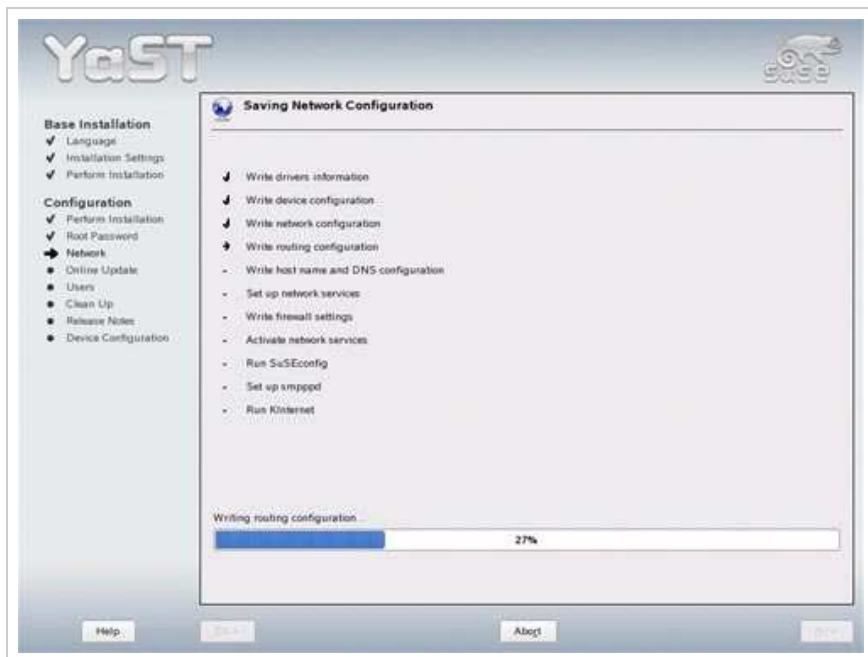
An overview of my network cards:



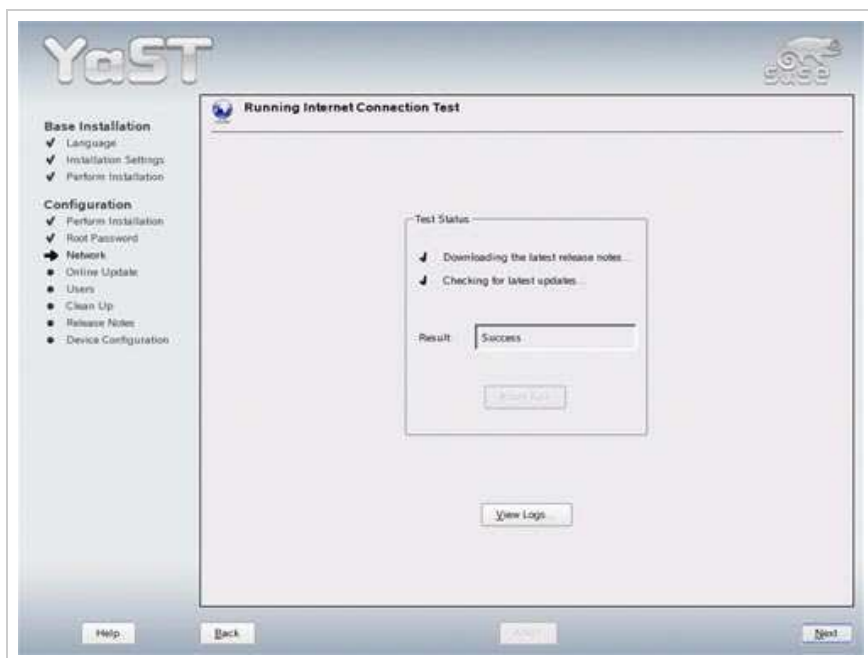
Back to the main *Network Configuration* screen, and the *Next*:



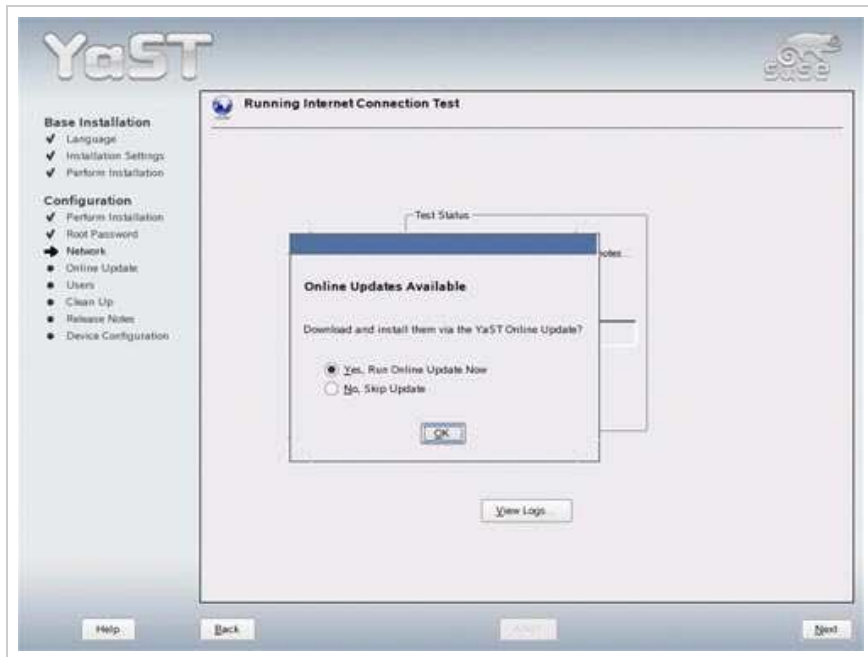
The network configuration is saved:



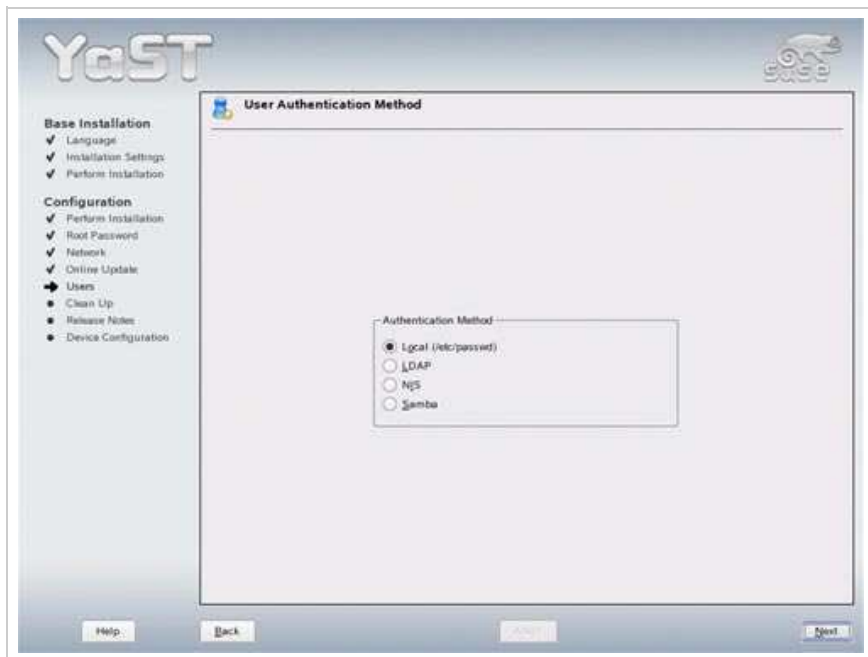
Now the internet connection of the system is tested:



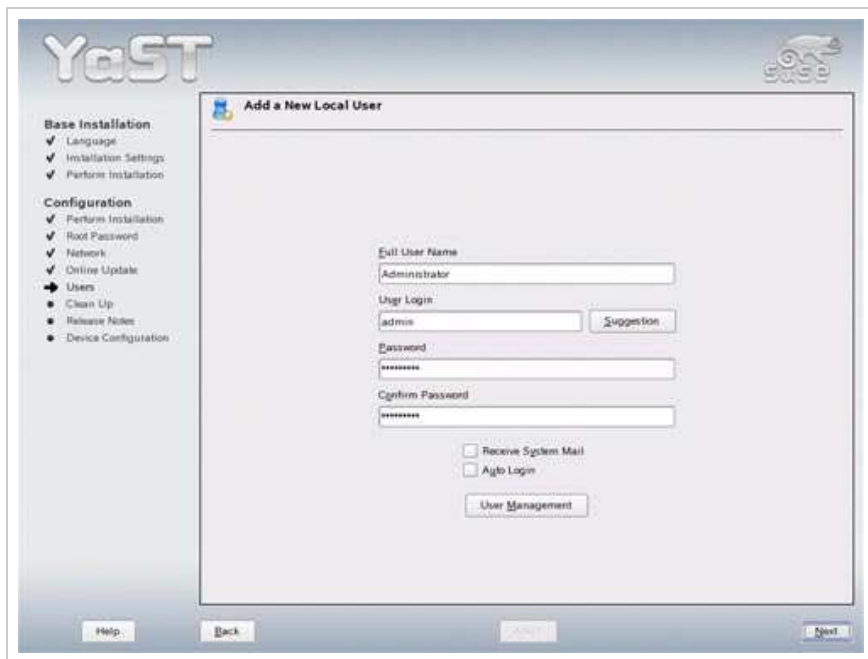
If you want the latest updates can be downloaded from a SUSE mirror and be ir



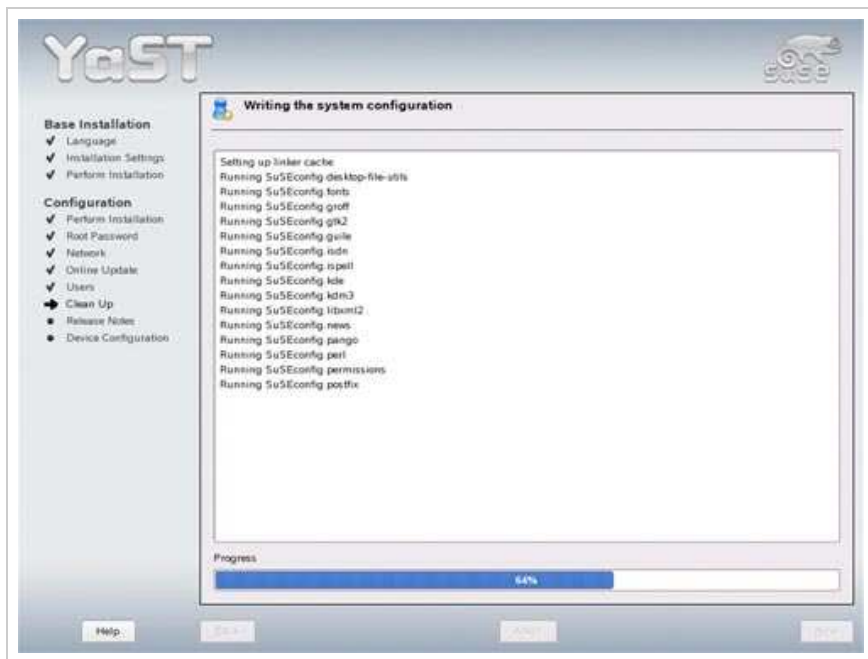
When asked how users should authenticate choose *Local (/etc/passwd)*:



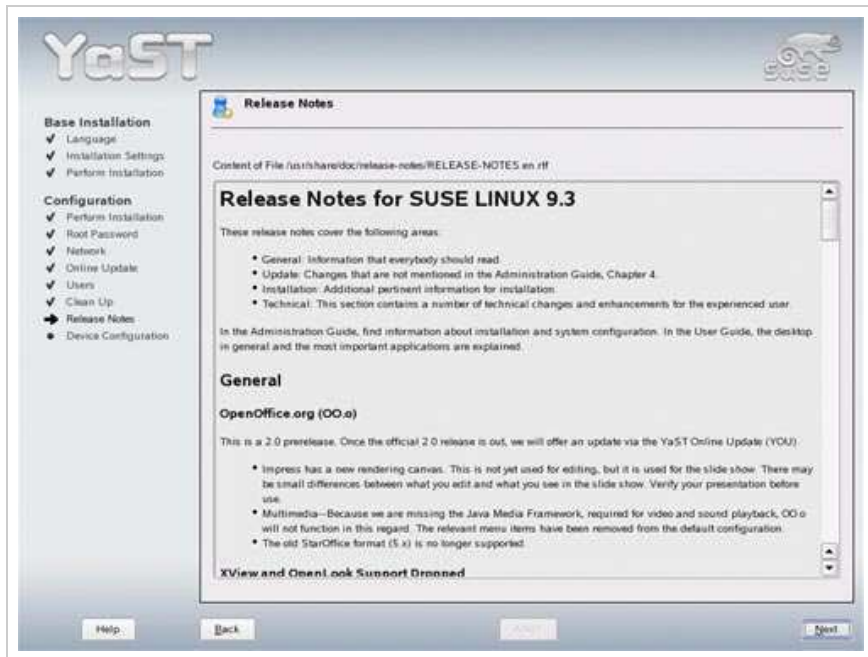
Create a second user other than *root* (e.g. *admin*):



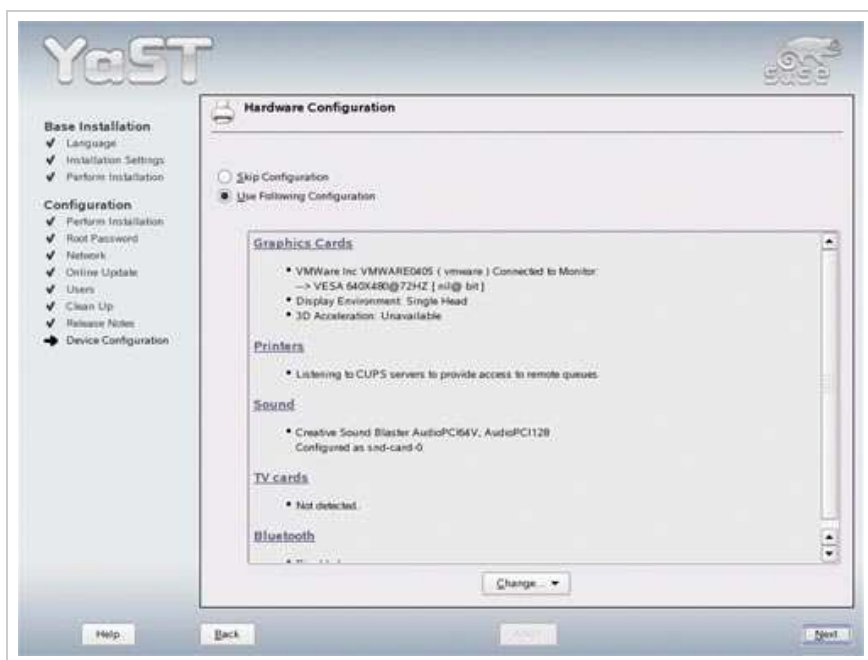
The system configuration gets written:



Read the release notes (if you like...) and click on *Next*:



Finally YaST performs a hardware check (graphics cards, printers, Sound, TV ca
can accept the results of this check as this hardware is not important for a serve



Congratulations! Your base installation is complete.



On to the next step...

2 Installing And Configuring The Rest Of The System

Configure Additional IP Addresses

If you want to add more IP addresses to your system, simply run

```
yast2
```

The YaST Control Center will pop up. Go to *Network Devices* -> *Network Card* same as during the network setup in the installation.

Setting The Hostname

```
echo server1.example.com > /etc/hostname  
/bin/hostname -F /etc/hostname
```

Install apt For SUSE

apt is the packaging system used on Debian. Since it cares much better for pacl rpm it would be nice if we could use it on our new SUSE system. This would sav Fortunately, apt has been ported to a lot of rpm based distributions, and is also (you will love it... :-)).

```
rpm -ivh ftp://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/linux/suse/apt/SuSE/9.3-i386/RPMS.su  
apt-libs-0.5.15cnc7-0.suse093.rb0.i586.rpm  
rpm -ivh ftp://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/linux/suse/apt/SuSE/9.3-i386/RPMS.su  
apt-0.5.15cnc7-0.suse093.rb0.i586.rpm
```

Edit `/etc/apt/sources.list`. It should contain the following line:

```
rpm ftp://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/linux/suse/apt/ SuSE/9.3-i386 base update
```

Run

```
apt-get update
```

Install Some Software And Deactivate SUSE's Firewall

```
apt-get install findutils ncftp readline libgcc glibc-devel finduti
lynx compat-readline4 db-devel
```

```
/etc/init.d/SuSEfirewall2_setup stop
chkconfig --del SuSEfirewall2_setup
chkconfig --del SuSEfirewall2_init
```

Quota

```
apt-get install quota
```

Edit `/etc/fstab` to look like this (I added `,usrquota,grpquota` to partition `/dev` your device name might be `/dev/hda2` or similar)):

<code>/dev/sda2</code>	<code>/</code>	<code>reiserfs</code>	<code>acl,user_xattr,usrquota,grpquota</code>	
<code>/dev/sda1</code>	<code>swap</code>	<code>swap</code>	<code>pri=42</code>	<code>0 0</code>
<code>devpts</code>	<code>/dev/pts</code>	<code>devpts</code>	<code>mode=0620,gid=5</code>	<code>0 0</code>
<code>proc</code>	<code>/proc</code>	<code>proc</code>	<code>defaults</code>	<code>0 0</code>
<code>usbfs</code>	<code>/proc/bus/usb</code>	<code>usbfs</code>	<code>noauto</code>	<code>0 0</code>
<code>sysfs</code>	<code>/sys</code>	<code>sysfs</code>	<code>noauto</code>	<code>0 0</code>
<code>/dev/cdrecorder</code>	<code>/media/cdrecorder</code>	<code>subfs</code>	<code>noauto,fs=cdfss,ro,procuid,nosuid,nodev</code>	
<code>/dev/fd0</code>	<code>/media/floppy</code>	<code>subfs</code>	<code>noauto,fs=floppyfss,procuid,nodev,nosui</code>	

Then run:

```
touch /aquota.user /aquota.group
chmod 600 /aquota.*
mount -o remount /
quotacheck -avugm
quotaon -avug
```

DNS-Server

```
apt-get install bind bind-chrootenv bind-devel bind-utils

chkconfig --add named
/etc/init.d/named start
```

Bind will run in a chroot jail under `/var/lib/named`.

MySQL

```
apt-get install mysql mysql-client mysql-shared mysql-devel perl-DB
perl-Data-ShowTable

chkconfig --add mysql
/etc/init.d/mysql start
```

Now check that networking is enabled. Run

```
netstat -tap
```

It should show a line like this:

<code>tcp</code>	<code>0</code>	<code>0</code>	<code>*:mysql</code>	<code>*:*</code>	<code>LIS</code>
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If it does not, edit `/etc/my.cnf`, comment out the option `skip-networking`:

```
# Don't listen on a TCP/IP port at all. This can be a security enhan
# if all processes that need to connect to mysqld run on the same hc
# All interaction with mysqld must be made via Unix sockets or named
# Note that using this option without enabling named pipes on Window
# (via the "enable-named-pipe" option) will render mysqld useless!
#
#skip-networking
```

and restart your MySQL server:

```
/etc/init.d/mysql restart
```

Run

```
mysqladmin -u root password yourrootsqlpassword
```

to set a password for the user *root* (otherwise anybody can access your MySQL

Postfix With SMTP-AUTH And TLS

```
apt-get install cyrus-sasl cyrus-sasl-crammd5 cyrus-sasl-devel cyru
cyrus-sasl-gssapi cyrus-sasl-otp cyrus-sasl-plain cyrus-sasl-saslau
```

```
chkconfig --add saslauthd
/etc/init.d/saslauthd start
```

```
mkdir /etc/postfix/ssl
cd /etc/postfix/ssl/
openssl genrsa -des3 -rand /etc/hosts -out smtpd.key 1024
chmod 600 smtpd.key
openssl req -new -key smtpd.key -out smtpd.csr
openssl x509 -req -days 3650 -in smtpd.csr -signkey smtpd.key -out
openssl rsa -in smtpd.key -out smtpd.key.unencrypted
mv -f smtpd.key.unencrypted smtpd.key
openssl req -new -x509 -extensions v3_ca -keyout cakey.pem -out cac
```

```
postconf -e 'mydomain = example.com'
postconf -e 'myhostname = server1.$mydomain'
postconf -e 'smtpd_sasl_local_domain ='
postconf -e 'smtpd_sasl_auth_enable = yes'
postconf -e 'smtpd_sasl_security_options = noanonymous'
postconf -e 'broken_sasl_auth_clients = yes'
postconf -e 'smtpd_recipient_restrictions =
permit_sasl_authenticated,permit_mynetworks,check_relay_domains'
postconf -e 'inet_interfaces = all'
postconf -e 'alias_maps = hash:/etc/aliases'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_auth_only = no'
postconf -e 'smtp_use_tls = yes'
postconf -e 'smtpd_use_tls = yes'
postconf -e 'smtp_tls_note_starttls_offer = yes'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_key_file = /etc/postfix/ssl/smtpd.key'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_cert_file = /etc/postfix/ssl/smtpd.crt'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_CAfile = /etc/postfix/ssl/cacert.pem'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_loglevel = 1'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_received_header = yes'
postconf -e 'smtpd_tls_session_cache_timeout = 3600s'
postconf -e 'tls_random_source = dev:/dev/urandom'
```

Now restart Postfix:

```
/etc/init.d/postfix restart
```

To see if SMTP-AUTH and TLS work properly now run the following command:

```
telnet localhost 25
```

After you have established the connection to your postfix mail server type

```
ehlo localhost
```

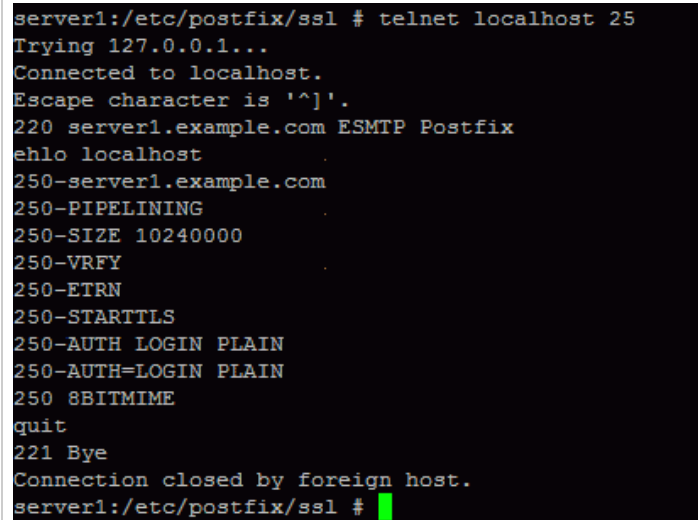
If you see the lines

```
250-STARTTLS
```

and

```
250-AUTH
```

everything is fine.



```
server1:/etc/postfix/ssl # telnet localhost 25
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 server1.example.com ESMTP Postfix
ehlo localhost
250-server1.example.com
250-PIPELINING
250-SIZE 10240000
250-VRFY
250-ETRN
250-STARTTLS
250-AUTH LOGIN PLAIN
250-AUTH=LOGIN PLAIN
250 8BITMIME
quit
221 Bye
Connection closed by foreign host.
server1:/etc/postfix/ssl #
```

Type

```
quit
```

to return to the system's shell.

Courier-IMAP/Courier-POP3

I want to use a POP3/IMAP daemon that has Maildir support. That's why I use C Courier-POP3.

```
apt-get install courier-imap fam-server
```

```
/etc/init.d/courier-authdaemon start
```

```
/etc/init.d/courier-imap start
```

```
/etc/init.d/courier-imap-ssl start
```

```
/etc/init.d/courier-pop3 start
```

```
/etc/init.d/courier-pop3-ssl start
```

```
chkconfig --add courier-authdaemon
```

```
chkconfig --add courier-imap
```

```
chkconfig --add courier-imap-ssl
```

```
chkconfig --add courier-pop3
```

```
chkconfig --add courier-pop3-ssl
```

Then configure Postfix to deliver emails to a user's Maildir*:

```
postconf -e 'home_mailbox = Maildir/'
```

```
postconf -e 'mailbox_command ='
```

```
/etc/init.d/postfix restart
```



```
cd proftpd-1.2.10/  
./configure --sysconfdir=/etc  
make  
make install  
  
cd ../  
rm -fr proftpd-1.2.10*
```

Now create the file `/etc/init.d/proftpd`:

```
#!/bin/sh  
# Copyright (c) 2000-2001 SuSE GmbH Nuernberg, Germany.  
# All rights reserved.  
#  
# Original author: Marius Tomaschewski <mt@suse.de>  
#  
# Slightly modified in 2003 for use with SuSE Linux 8.1,  
# by http://www.learnlinux.co.uk/  
#  
# Slightly modified in 2005 for use with SuSE Linux 9.2,  
# by Falko Timme  
#  
# /etc/init.d/proftpd  
#  
### BEGIN INIT INFO  
# Provides:                proftpd  
# Required-Start:          $network $remote_fs $syslog $named  
# Required-Stop:  
# Default-Start:           3 5  
# Default-Stop:            0 1 2 6  
# Description:             Starts ProFTPD server  
### END INIT INFO  
  
# Determine the base and follow a runlevel link name.  
base=${0##*/}  
link=${base#*[SK][0-9][0-9]}  
  
# Force execution if not called by a runlevel directory.  
test $link = $base && START_PROFTPD=yes # Modified by learnlinux.cc  
test "$START_PROFTPD" = yes || exit 0   # Modified by learnlinux.cc  
  
# Return values acc. to LSB for all commands but  
# status (see below):  
#  
# 0 - success  
# 1 - generic or unspecified error  
# 2 - invalid or excess argument(s)  
# 3 - unimplemented feature (e.g. "reload")  
# 4 - insufficient privilege  
# 5 - program is not installed  
# 6 - program is not configured  
# 7 - program is not running  
  
proftpd_cfg="/etc/proftpd.conf"  
proftpd_bin="/usr/local/sbin/proftpd"  
proftpd_pid="/usr/local/var/proftpd.pid"  
  
[ -r $proftpd_cfg ] || exit 6  
[ -x $proftpd_bin ] || exit 5  
  
# Source status functions
```



```
. /etc/rc.status

# First reset status of this service
rc_reset

case "$1" in
    start)
        echo -n "Starting ProFTPD Server: "
        test -f /etc/shutmsg && rm -f /etc/shutmsg
        /sbin/startproc $proftpd_bin
        rc_status -v
        ;;

    stop)
        echo -n "Shutting down ProFTPD Server: "
        test -x /usr/local/sbin/ftpsht && /usr/local/sbin/ftpsht now &&
        /sbin/killproc -TERM $proftpd_bin
        test -f /etc/shutmsg && rm -f /etc/shutmsg
        rc_status -v
        ;;

    restart)
        ## If first returns OK call the second, if first or
        ## second command fails, set echo return value.
        $0 stop
        $0 start
        rc_status
        ;;

    try-restart)
        ## Stop the service and if this succeeds (i.e. the
        ## service was running before), start it again.
        ## Note: not (yet) part of LSB (as of 0.7.5)
        $0 status >/dev/null && $0 restart
        rc_status
        ;;

    reload|force-reload)
        ## Exclusive possibility: Some services must be stopped
        ## and started to force a new load of the configuration.
        echo -n "Reload ProFTPD Server: "
        /sbin/killproc -HUP $proftpd_bin
        rc_status -v
        ;;

    status)
        # Status has a slightly different for the status command:
        # 0 - service running
        # 1 - service dead, but /var/run/ pid file exists
        # 2 - service dead, but /var/lock/ lock file exists
        # 3 - service not running
        echo -n "Checking for ProFTPD Server: "
        checkproc $proftpd_bin
        rc_status -v
        ;;

    probe)
        ## Optional: Probe for the necessity of a reload,
        ## give out the argument which is required for a reload.
        [ $proftpd_cfg -nt $proftpd_pid ] && echo reload
        ;;
```

```
*)
echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|status|restart|reload|try-restart|prob
exit 1
;;
esac

# Set an exit status.
rc_exit
```

```
chmod 755 /etc/init.d/proftpd
```

```
chkconfig --add proftpd
```

```
/etc/init.d/proftpd start
```

For security reasons you can add the following lines to `/etc/proftpd.conf`:

```
DefaultRoot ~
IdentLookups off
ServerIdent on "FTP Server ready."
```

Be sure to comment out the following lines in order to allow ftp users to CHMOD

```
# Bar use of SITE CHMOD by default
# <Limit SITE_CHMOD>
#   DenyAll
# </Limit>
```

and restart Proftpd:

```
/etc/init.d/proftpd restart
```

Webalizer

To install webalizer, just run

```
apt-get install webalizer
```

Synchronize the System Clock

If you want to have the system clock synchronized with an NTP server do the fo

```
apt-get install netdate
```

```
netdate tcp 128.2.136.71
```

Create `/var/spool/cron/tabs/root`:

```
# update time with ntp server
0 3,9,15,21 * * * /usr/sbin/netdate 128.2.136.71
```

Then run

```
chmod 600 /var/spool/cron/tabs/root
```

```
/etc/init.d/cron restart
```

Install some Perl Modules needed by SpamAssassin (comes with ISPConfi

Installation using the Perl Shell

Login to your command line as root and run the following command to start the

```
perl -MCPAN -e shell
```

If you run the Perl shell for the first time you will be asked some questions. In r answers are ok.

Please note: If you run a firewall on your system you might have to turn it off w shell in order for the Perl shell to be able to fetch the needed modules without a switch it on afterwards.

The big advantage of the Perl shell compared to the two other methods describe about dependencies when installing new modules. I.e., if it turns out that a prer missing when you install another module the Perl shell asks you if it should insti module for you. You should answer that question with "Yes".

Run the following commands to install the modules needed by SpamAssassin:

```
install HTML::Parser
install Net::DNS (when prompted to enable tests, choose no)
install Digest::SHA1
install DB_File
q (to leave the Perl shell)
```

If a module is already installed on your system you will get a message similar to

```
HTML::Parser is up to date.
```

Successful installation of a module looks like this:

```
/usr/bin/make install -- OK
```

The End

The configuration of the server is now finished, and if you wish you can now ins

A Note On SuExec

If you want to run CGI scripts under suExec, you should specify `/srv/www` as th websites created by ISPConfig as SUSE 9.3's suExec is compiled with `/srv/www /usr/sbin/suexec2 -V`, and the output should look like this:

```
server1:~ # /usr/sbin/suexec2 -V
-D AP_DOC_ROOT="/srv/www"
-D AP_GID_MIN=96
-D AP_HTTPD_USER="wwwrun"
-D AP_LOG_EXEC="/var/log/apache2/suexec.log"
-D AP_SAFE_PATH="/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin"
-D AP_UID_MIN=96
-D AP_USERDIR_SUFFIX="public_html"
server1:~ #
```

To select `/srv/www` as the home directory for websites during the installation of following: When you are asked for the installation mode, select the `expert mod`

```
Please select the installation mode. In expert mode
ions.
1) standard
2) expert
Your Choice: 2
```

Later during the installation you are asked if the default directory `/home/www` sh where ISPConfig will create websites in. Answer `n` and enter `/srv/www` as the hc websites.

```
Checking the syntax of the httpd.conf...
Creating new config (0x80f0c08) for (null)
Syntax OK
Destroying config 0x80f0c08
The syntax is ok!
Web-Root: /home/www
Is this correct? [y/n]n
Web-Root: /srv/www
```

Links

 <http://www.suse.com>

 <http://www.ispconfig.org>

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proftpd

Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 2005-08-02 15:58.

proftpd is insecure, and ispconfig does indeed work with vsftpd, and it even supports more config author should check the ispconfig website. Otherwise a good article

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Re: proftpd

Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 2005-08-02 19:07.

As far as I can tell, the author is one of the main developers of ISPConfig. I think he knows v about... ;-)

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Any instruction for FreeBSD?

Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 2005-08-02 02:34.

Hi! This seems a very good guide. But can anyone tell me if there is a similar guide for FreeBSD? want to setup something like the above project but using freebsd

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Submitted by Anonymous on Sun, 2005-07-31 23:45.

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Typically a GUI is not inst

Submitted by Anonymous on Mon, 2005-08-01 19:48.

Typically a GUI is not installed on a server because it's resource intensive not because it's dai
considered firewall. SuSEfirewall blocks EVERY port not just ports up to 1024 like most firewa
more dangerous with the default SuSEFirewall config as anything else. There are always exce
care about repeating the "generic, general accepted norm" if you don't know first hand its val
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Why apt

Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 2005-08-02 13:55.

Even though apt is a very good update manager, I really don't see why you should install it o
thing with a nice GUI if you like.

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Firewall

Submitted by Anonymous on Sun, 2005-07-31 23:52.

As far as i know ISPConfig has its own firewall, so you
have to uninstall the SuSe Firewall to use the ISPConfig firewall.

I agree that installing the Xwindow system is not a good idea
for servers.

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Re: Firewall

Submitted by Anonymous on Mon, 2005-08-01 00:15.

Problem is YaST doesn't give you many choices about what to install. I think that's why I
otherwise the howto would have become too complicated for newbies. Anyway, I'd recon
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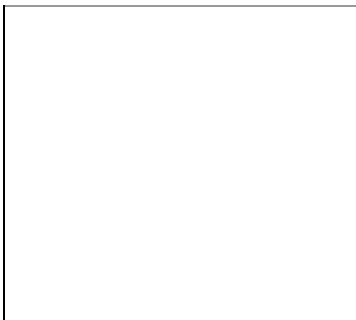
Yast install options

Submitted by Anonymous on Mon, 2005-08-01 12:35.

You can get YAST to install whatever you like. It's just that the absolute default doe:
and applications. 9.3 is a desktop distro first, not a server distro, so it makes sense
things. You can alter them and turn them off by just clicking the Software Packages
and then clicking the button to customise the install. It's not tricky in any way...

KDE is installed by default because a DE was needed, and people like to use it.

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RE: APT Vs YAST

Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 2005-08-02 18:53.

Although,

If you try to install something with dependancies YAST will just yell at you. APT of dependancies and update them if you like.

Alric

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