

# ctys-uc-Android(7)

## Setup of Android on

## Qemu/KVM and VirtualBox

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## 1 General

The current document shows the basic installation of Android, which is a Linux variant.

The following environment is used here:

- Debian-5.0.6 with VirtualBox-3.2.10
- CentOS-5.4 with kvm-83 / Qemu-0.9.1
- eeeDroid-1.6

The current description is based on the edition for i386 architecture. Download the image:

[androidx86/eeeDroid\\_2008-12-20\\_1843Z.img](#)

- UnifiedSessionsManager - ctys-01.11.011

## 2 Setup of Host-OS and Hypervisor

The installation for the following variants has to be performed by the appropriate standard setup of the HostOS and , which quite straight forward:

- Debian with VirtualBox  
Install the download version instead of the OSE edition shipped with the distribution.
- CentOS with QEMU/KVM  
Here the standard distribution is installed. Additional packages are vde2-2.2.3 and Qemu-0.12.2, which are build and installed to '/opt'. The vde2-2.2.3 package for network encapsulation requires a symbolic link

`ln -s /opt/vde2-2.2.3 /opt/vde`

The wrapper vde may not be required, when the Qemu support option is compiled in, but this is not yet widely the case. Thus vde2 is still utilized as standard.

## 3 Setup of the UnifiedSessionsManager

### 3.1 Install tgz BASE-Package + DOC-Package on Debian

1. Unpack the tar-gzip-archive and apply the standard installation procedure, where the call has to be executed by typing the fully qualified absolute path when ambiguity could occur. This is due to automatic usage of consistent libraries for the install procedure.

`ctys-distribute -F 2 -P UserHomeCopy root@lab02`

2. Open a Remote Shell by call of CLI plugin:

`ctys -t cli -a create=l:tst137 root@tlab02`

3. Check the plugins states by calling ctys-plugins:

`ctys-plugins -T all -E`

### 3.2 Install rpm BASE-Package + DOC-Package on CentOS

The following steps are required for a RPM based setup on CentOS. The installation is relocatable, but located at '/opt', and installed locally by 'ctys-distribute'.

1. Install BASE package.

```
rpm -i ctys-base-01.11.011.noarch.rpm
```

2. Now install a local version, here by copy. The PATH prefix is important here, particularly in case of updates. The path is resolved to its actual path by eliminating any symbolic link, and used for consistent link of libraries.

```
/opt/ctys-01.11.011/bin/ctys-distribute -F 2 -P UserHomeCopy
```

3. Next the menu is setup.

```
ctys-xdg --menu-create
```

4. Now the help is available as either a Gnome or KDE menu. Alternatively could be called from the commandline.

### 3.3 Setup of the Gnome Menu

The setup of the Gnome Menu is quite simple, the contained tool **ctys-xdg(1)** sets up a standard menu by the call:

```
ctys-xdg --menu-create
```

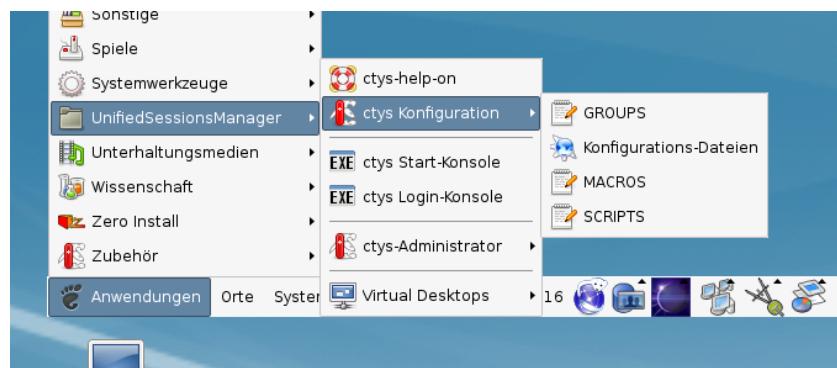


Figure 1: Create Menu

The setup could be targeted either for private menus or shared menus. Both setups are based on a menu template, which is stored in the configuration subdirectory 'xdg.d'. The call

```
ctys-xdg --menu-cancel
```

removes the installed files. For current version no checks for changed files is done. The menus could be edited and extended by the call

```
ctys-xdg --menu-edit
```

which opens the related directories for modification of '\*.menu', '\*.desktop', and '\*.directory' files.

## 4 Creation and Installation

### 4.1 Creation and Installation on QEMU/KVM

The demo example VM is here named tst141, this is the hostname of GuestOS too.

1. Login into the machine where QEMU/KVM is installed.

```
ssh -X ap2
```

2. Change to the vmpool and create a directory and change into.

```
mkdir tst141
```

3. Call the install and configuration utility for VMs. Here some values are set by environment variables, a complete list including the actually assigned values could be displayed by the option **-levo**.

```
ARCH=i386 \
DIST=Android \
DISTREL=1.6-r2 \
OS=Linux \
OSREL=2.6 \
ctys-createConfVM -t qemu --label=tst141
```

This call creates a virtual image(hda.img), the call-wrapper(tst140.sh), and the configuration file(tst140.ctys). The files are created from templates by assigning configuration values either from pre-configured default values, or interactive variation.

The resulting parameters are:

```
Not all values require to be set, some will be requested later
by dialogue.
Thus it is not neccessary to have values assigned to the complete
displayed set.
```

Actually used sources for default values:

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| no-marker | = Pre-Set value, either from defaults configuration,<br>or by commandline.                            |
| no-value  | = Either requested by dialog later, or the defaults<br>of the finally<br>called application are used. |
| (c)       | = Read from actual configuration file, e.g. vmx-file.   |
| (d)       | = Read from database.   |
| (g)       | = Dynamically generated.  |
| (h)       | = Used from current host as default.  |
| (m)       | = Received from mapping definitions.  |

Applicable modifications:

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| blue  | = By call option, defines dependency for others.   |
| green | = By environment, 'could be set almost independent'<br>from other values.  |
| cyan  | = By miscellaneous facilities, but is dependent from<br>others.<br>E.g. LABEL defines by convention the network 'hostname',<br>thus the TCP/IP params.<br>This could ..., but should not be altered! |

Most of the missing values will be fetched during actual execution

of this tool by dynamic evaluation.

```
VAR name:Initial Value

C_SESSIONTYPE:QEMU
    LABEL:tst141
        MAC:00:50:56:13:11:69 (m)
        IP:172.20.2.245 (m)
    BRIDGE:
        DHCP:
    NETMASK:
        TCP:
    GATEWAY:

    EDITOR:acue

    UUID:ff81f9d8-ba06-4c90-a801-484ad4841b50 (h)

    DIST:Android
    DISTREL:1.6-r2
        OS:Linux
    OSREL:2.6

    ARCH:i386
    ACCELERATOR:KVM (h)
        SMP:
    MEMSIZE:512
    KBD_LAYOUT:de

    STARTERCALL:/usr/libexec/qemu-kvm
    WRAPPERCALL:tst141.sh

    DEFAULTBOOTMODE:HDD

    DEFAULTINSTTARGET:/mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/...
        ...tst141/hda.img
    HDDBOOTIMAGE_INST_SIZE:8G
    HDDBOOTIMAGE_INST_BLOCKSIZE:256M
    HDDBOOTIMAGE_INST_BLOCKCOUNT:32
    HDDBOOTIMAGE_INST_BALLOON:y

    DEFAULTINSTMODE:CD
        INSTSRCCDROM:/mntn/swpool/UNIXDist/..../miscOS/Android/raw/...
            ...android-x86/android-x86-1.6-r2.iso
    DEFAULTINSTSOURCE:/mntn/swpool/UNIXDist/..../miscOS/Android/...
            ...raw/android-x86/android-x86-1.6-r2.iso
    INST_KERNEL:
    INST_INITRD:

    VMSTATE:ACTIVE
```

Remember that this is a draft pre-display of current defaults.  
No consistency-checks for provided values are performed at this stage.  
Some missing values are evaluated at a later stage dynamically.

An alternate call for the installation is the remote execution:

```
ctys -t qemu \
-a create=l:tst140,id:${TST140}/tst140.ctys,instrmode,console:sdl\
app2
```

This starts the same by transforming to the target host 'app2' and calling the previous wrapper script.

The resulting files in both cases are:

- tst141.ctys
- tst141.sh
- hda.img

4. Once the set of files is created the virtual machine is prepared for startup. For some other systems complete installation routines are available, e.g. debian and CentOS. The current state could be checked now by the following call.

```
./tst141.sh --console=vnc --vncaccessdisplay=47 --print --check
```

This shows the current resulting call:

```
#####
#Display call          #
#####

QEMU_VERSION      = "qemu-0.9.1-kvm-83-maint-snapshot-20090205"
QEMU_MAGIC        = "QEMU_091"
QEMU_ACCELERATOR = "KVM"

ctys-uc-AndroidNAME    = "tst141.sh"
    +->STARTERCALL      = /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm
    +->REALSTARTERCALL = /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm

#The resulting call is:  #
--->
eval "/opt/vde/bin/vdeq /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm  \
-net nic,macaddr=00:50:56:13:11:69,model=rtl18139 \
-net vde,sock=/var/tmp/vde_switch0.acue \
-name "tst141" -vga cirrus -localtime -k de -m 512 -cpu qemu32 \
-serial mon:unix:/var/tmp/qemumon.tst141.21844.acue,server,nowait \
-daemonize -vnc :47 \
-boot c /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141/hda.img"
<---

EXECALL:/opt/vde/bin/vdeq /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm
-net nic,macaddr=00:50:56:13:11:69,model=rtl18139
-net vde,sock=/var/tmp/vde_switch0.acue
-name "tst141"
-vga cirrus
-localtime
-k de
-m 512
-cpu qemu32
```

```
-serial mon:unix:/var/tmp/qemumon.tst141.21844.acue,server,nowait  
-daemonize  
-vnc :47  
-boot c  
/mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141/hda.img
```

The installation is slightly different due to boot from install media.

```
./tst141.sh --console=vnc --vncaccessdisplay=47 --print --instmode --check  
#####  
#Display call #  
#####  
  
QEMU_VERSION      = "qemu-0.9.1-kvm-83-maint-snapshot-20090205"  
QEMU_MAGIC        = "QEMU_091"  
QEMU_ACCELERATOR = "KVM"  
  
ctys-uc-AndroidNAME    = "tst141.sh"  
    +->STARTERCALL      = /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm  
    +->REALSTARTERCALL  = /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm  
  
#The resulting call is:  #  
--->  
eval "/opt/vde/bin/vdeq /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm \  
-net nic,macaddr=00:50:56:13:11:69,model=rtl8139 \  
-net vde,sock=/var/tmp/vde_switch0.acue \  
-name "tst141" -vga cirrus -localtime -k de -m 512 -cpu qemu32 \  
-serial mon:unix:/var/tmp/qemumon.tst141.23708.acue,server,nowait \  
-daemonize -vnc :47 -boot d \  
-cdrom /mntn/swpool/UNIXDist/../miscOS/Android/raw/...  
    ...android-x86/android-x86-1.6-r2.iso \  
-hda /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141/hda.img "  
<---  
  
EXECALL:/opt/vde/bin/vdeq /usr/libexec/qemu-kvm  
-net nic,macaddr=00:50:56:13:11:69,model=rtl8139  
-net vde,sock=/var/tmp/vde_switch0.acue  
-name "tst141"  
-vga cirrus  
-localtime  
-k de  
-m 512  
-cpu qemu32  
-serial mon:unix:/var/tmp/qemumon.tst141.23708.acue,server,nowait  
-daemonize  
-vnc :47  
-boot d  
-cdrom /mntn/swpool/UNIXDist/../miscOS/Android/raw/...  
    ...android-x86/android-x86-1.6-r2.iso  
-hda /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141/hda.img
```

The actual call starts the VM and displays the following screen.

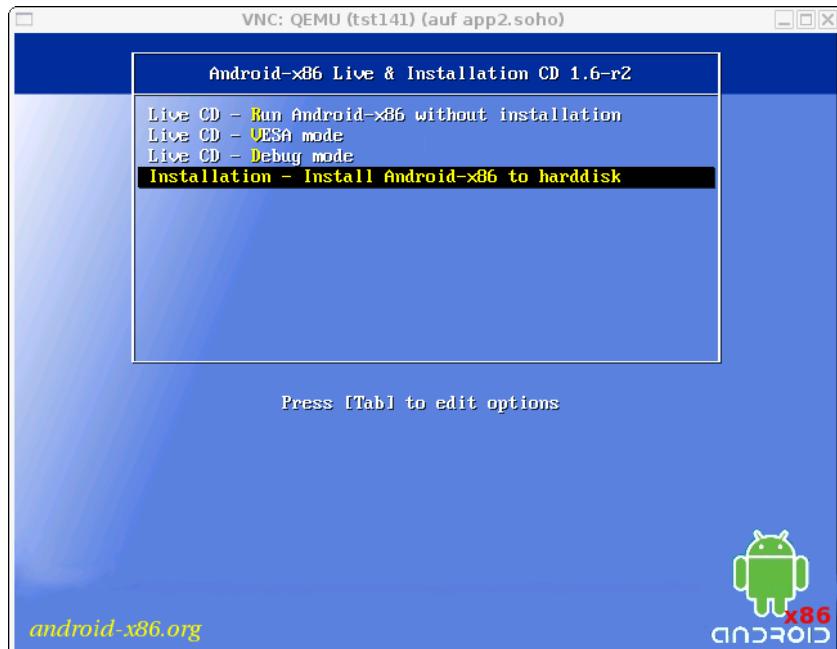


Figure 2: Install Menu on QEMU/KVM

The install procedure just installs here a life system on disk, thus proceeds quite fast. After the installation unmount the install media and boot into Android.

5. In order to reboot just shutdown and boot again without the 'instmode' option. The shutdown could be proceeded by the 'quit' command within the monitor. The **monitor mode** is entered e.g. by **Ctrl-Alt-2**. One possible boot call for SDL console is:

```
ctys -t qemu \
-a create=l:tst141,id:${PWD}/tst141.ctys,console:sdl \
app2
```

The next starts with VNC console, which is default:

```
ctys -t qemu \
-a create=l:tst141,id:${PWD}/tst141.ctys,console:vnc \
app2
```

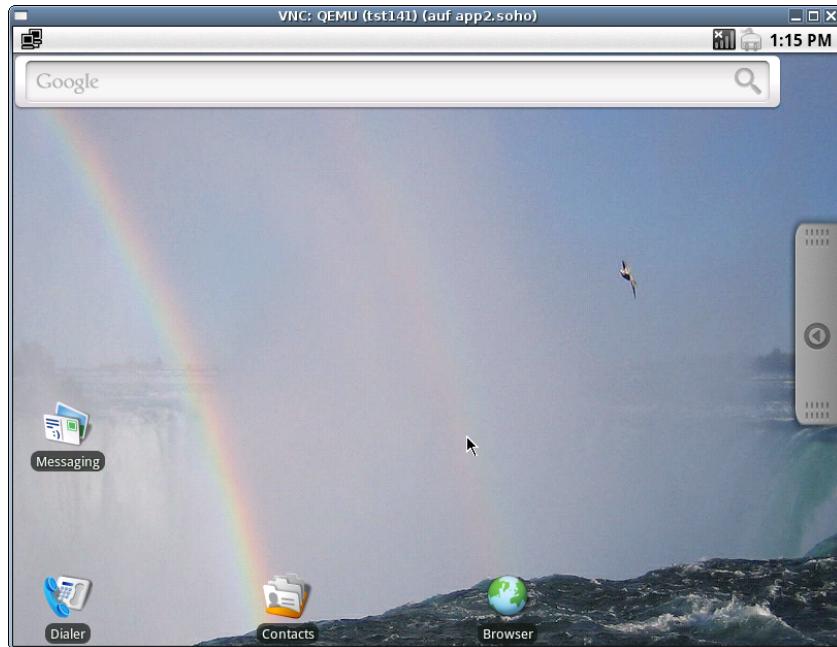


Figure 3: Install Menu on QEMU/KVM

When standard options are used the VM crashes when the screensaver is activated. Two workarounds are possible, first deactivating ACPI, second deactivating the screensaver. Here both are applied.

The following deactivates the screensaver - here called 'Screen timeout'. The menu order is:

Settings → Sound&display → Screen timeout → Never timeout

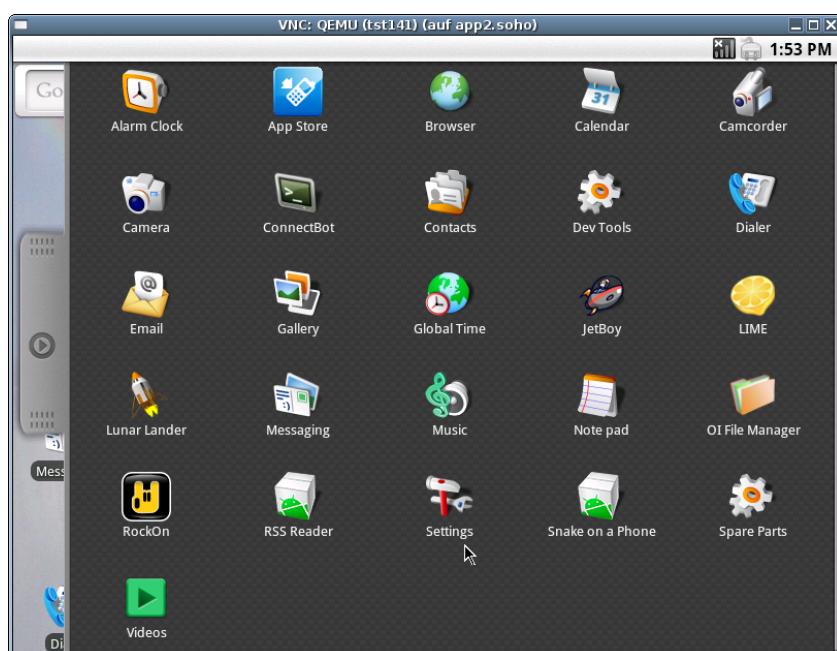


Figure 4: Deactivate screensaver - 01

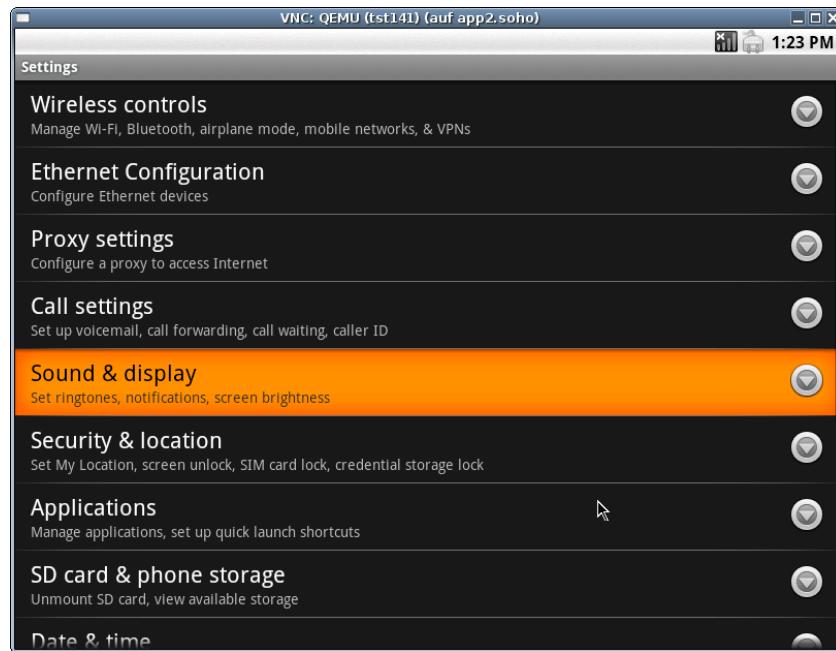


Figure 5: Deactivate screensaver - 02

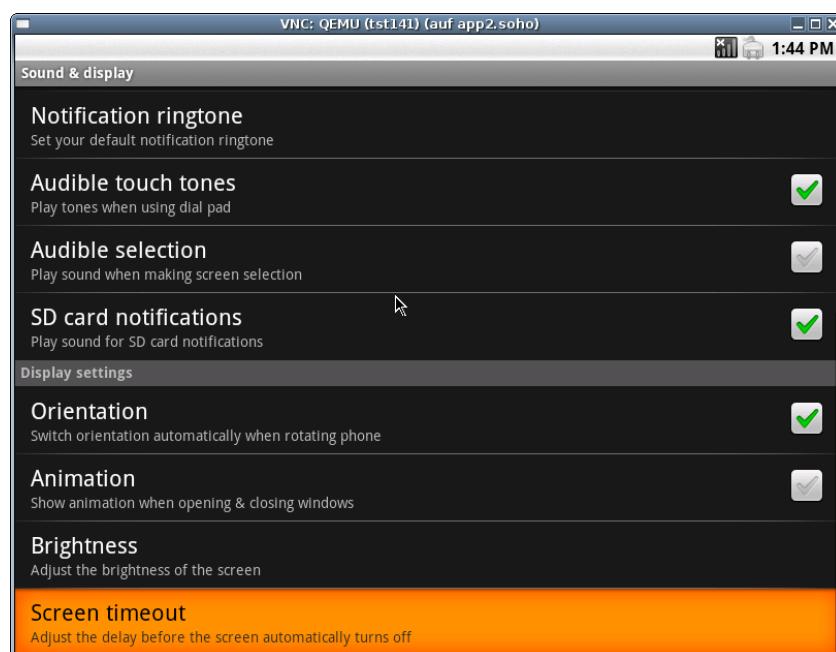


Figure 6: Deactivate screensaver - 03

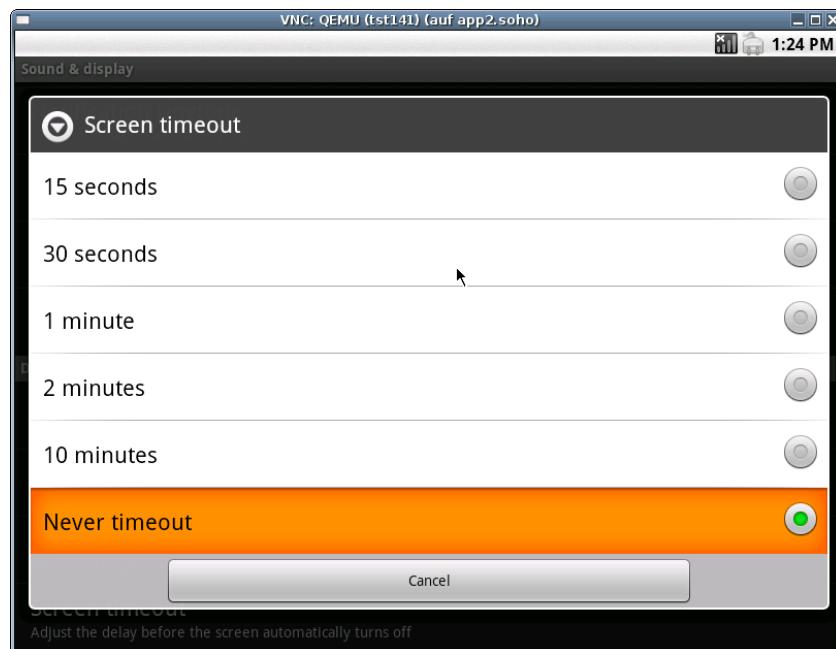


Figure 7: Deactivate screensaver - 04

For stable operations the following variation of predefined settings are applied manually within the file 'tst141.ctys':

- Activate: NIC=\$NIC:-pcnet
- Add: ARGSADD="-no-acpi";
- Eventually activate: VGADRIVER="-vga std"

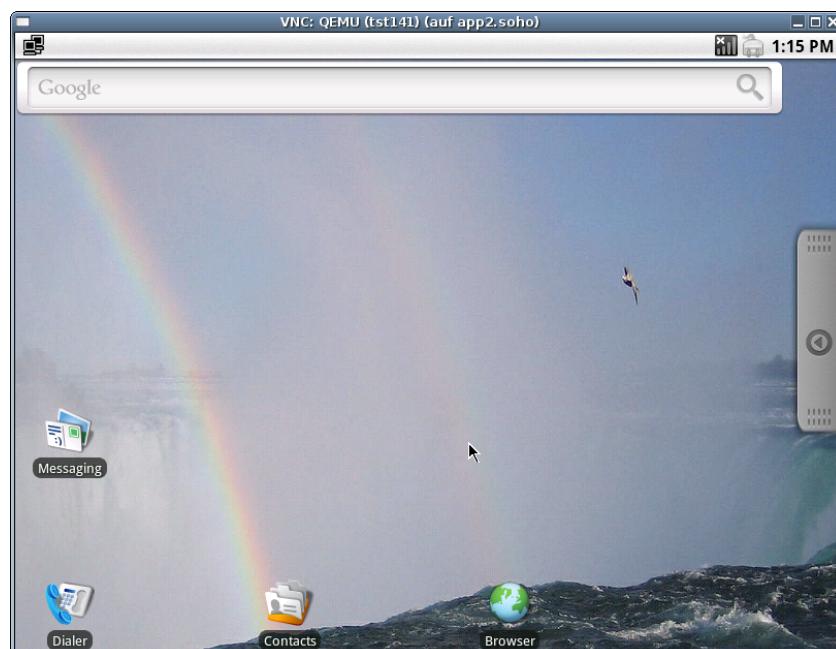


Figure 8: Android on QEMU/KVM

## 4.2 Creation and Installation on VirtualBox

The creation of the raw VM is the first step to be executed at the host operating system. This could be either performed locally or remote and requires the usage of the provided tools by VirtualBox(TM).

1. Login into the machine where VirtualBox is installed.

```
ssh -X lab02
```

2. Execute the VirtualBox(TM) console.

VirtualBox

3. Create the VM, the machine is called here 'tst140'. The OS is 'Linux', the version is 'Linux 2.6'.



Figure 9: Create Virtual Machine

4. Set RAM to 512MByte.

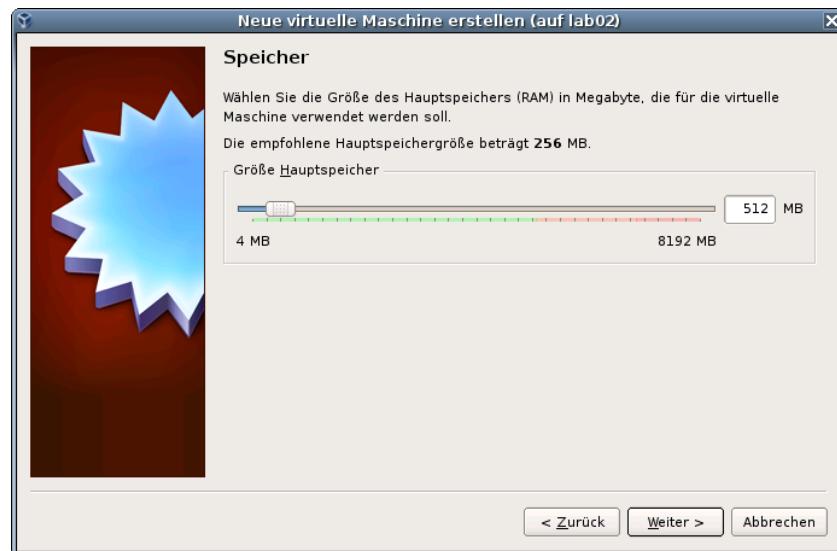


Figure 10: Set virtual RAM

5. Create a virtual HDD, here 8GByte is chosen. When finished the raw VM is present and could be used as required, for basic functions of ctys no additional configuration is required.



Figure 11: Create Virtual HDD



Figure 12: Check HDD image file

6. The network device should be set to 'PCnet-Fast III' with DHCP, either NAT or bridged.



Figure 13: Network device

7. The audio card has to be set to 'Sound Blaster 16'.

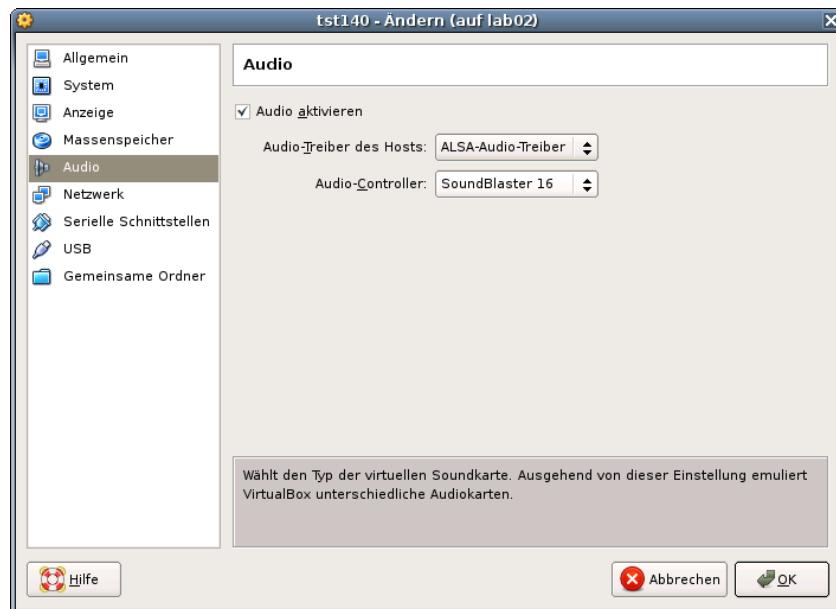


Figure 14: Audio device

8. When additional information should be stored coallocated to the VM and scanned automatically into a database, than the tool **ctys-createConfVM(1)** should be applied. This generates additional detailed information related to the specific VM and the inherent guest OS. The call could be executed either interactive or automatic.

Call within the same directory for first inspection:

```
ARCH=i386 \
DIST=Android \
DISTREL=1.6-r2 \
OS=Linux OSREL=2.6 \
ctys-createConfVM -t vbox --label=tst140 --levo
```

This lists some defaults for the specific hypervisor. These could be preconfigured by specific template files within the configuration directory **ctys-createCOnfVM.d**. The result should look like the following:

Not all values require to be set, some will be requested later by dialogue.  
Thus it is not neccessary to have values assigned to the complete displayed set.

Actually used sources for default values:

- (n) = Pre-Set value, either from defaults configuration, or by commandline.
- (o) = Either requested by dialog later, or the defaults of the finally called application are used.
- (c) = Read from actual configuration file, e.g. vmx-file.
- (d) = Read from database.
- (g) = Dynamically generated.
- (h) = Used from current host as default.
- (m) = Received from mapping definitions.

Applicable modifications:

- blue = By call option, defines dependency for others.
- green = By environment, 'could be set almost independent' from other values.
- cyan = By miscellaneous facilities, but is dependent from others.  
E.g. LABEL defines by convention the network 'hostname', thus the TCP/IP params.  
This could ..., but should not be altered!

Most of the missing values will be fetched during actual execution of this tool by dynamic evaluation.

VAR name:Initial Value

```
C_SESSIONTYPE:VBOX
    LABEL:tst140
        MAC:08:00:27:A4:51:0B (c)
        IP:
    BRIDGE:
    DHCP:
    NETMASK:
    TCP:
    GATEWAY:

    EDITOR:root

    UUID:97d5a071-1914-477c-89c4-d47dd7adac74 (c)

    DIST:Android
    DISTREL:1.6-r2
    OS:Linux
    OSREL:2.6

    ARCH:i386
    ACCELERATOR:HVM (c)
    SMP:1 (c)
    MEMSIZE:768 (c)
    KBD_LAYOUT:de

    STARTERCALL:/usr/bin/VirtualBox

    DEFAULTBOOTMODE:HDD

    DEFAULTINSTTARGET:/mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/vbox/test/...
                    ...tst-ctys/tst140/tst140.vdi
    HDDBOOTIMAGE_INST_SIZE:8192M

    VMSTATE:ACTIVE
```

Remember that this is a draft pre-display of current defaults.  
No consistency-checks for provided values are performed at this stage.  
Some missing values are evaluated at a later stage dynamically.

When the call is finished without the '-levo' option the file 'tst140.ctys' with additional configuration

information information is stored.

9. The start of the VM could be proceeded either by calling VirtualBox, or by the VBOX plugin. Both require in current version the pre-configuration of the appropriate install procedure e.g. by attaching the install media. Here the boot image 'android-x86-1.6-r2.iso' is required.

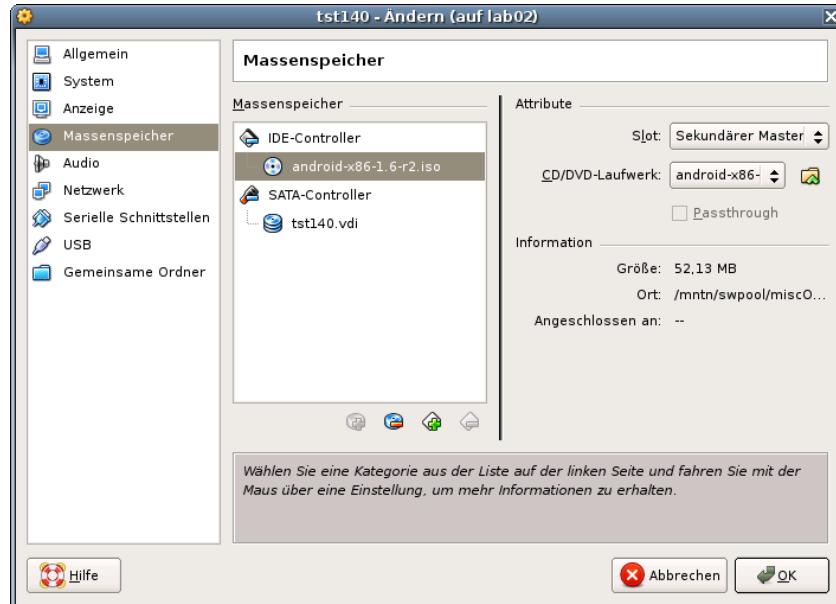


Figure 15: Install media

The following call starts the VirtualBox console.

#### VirtualBox

The following call variant starts the remote VM with a VirtualBox console:

```
ctys -t vbox \
-a create=1:tst140,id:${TST140}/tst140.ctys,console:vbox\
app2
```

10. Now boot the VM and choose 'Installation Only' to start the installation.

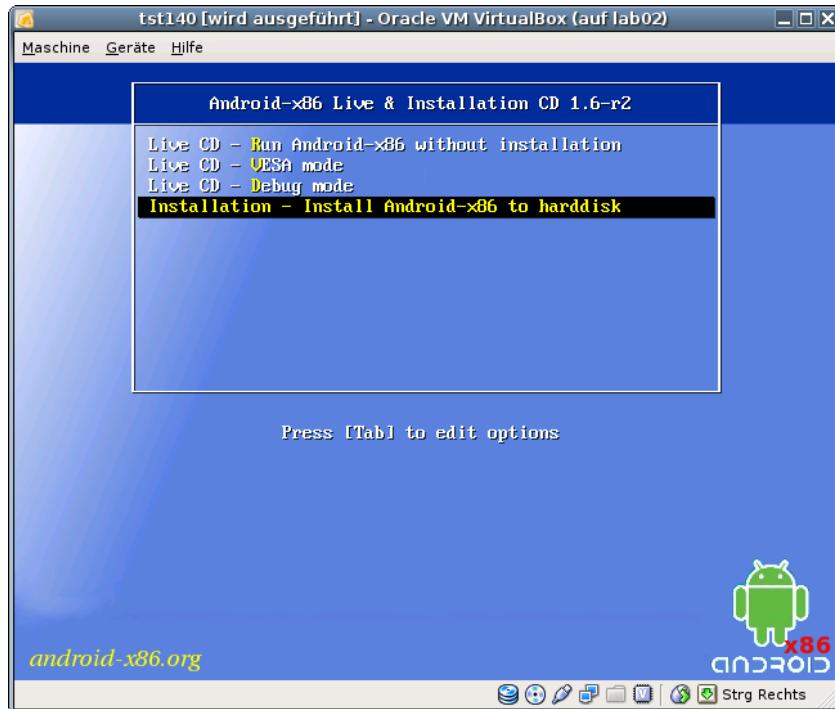


Figure 16: Install menue

## 11. HDD partitioning.

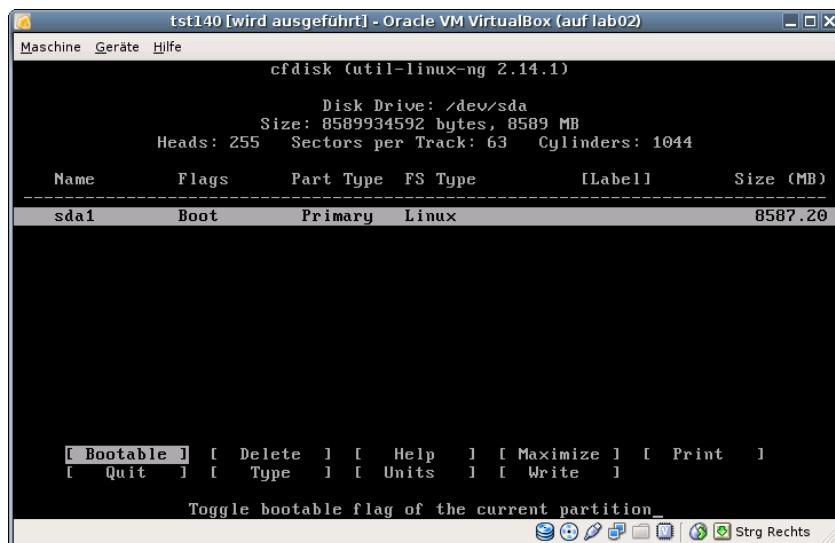


Figure 17: Format vHDD

## 12. After the installation unmount the install media and boot into Android. In case of a first start the call could look like:

```
ctys -t vbox \
-a create=l:tst140,id:${PWD}/tst140.ctys,console:vbox \
```

app2

The default console is here RDP.

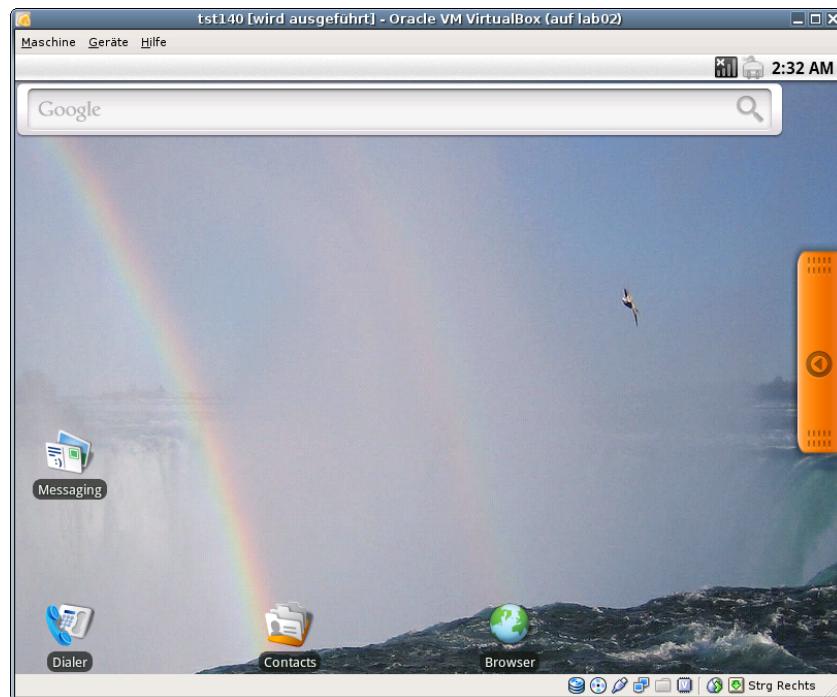


Figure 18: Android

Change into console with **Alt-F1**, **Alt-F7** returns to graphical display.

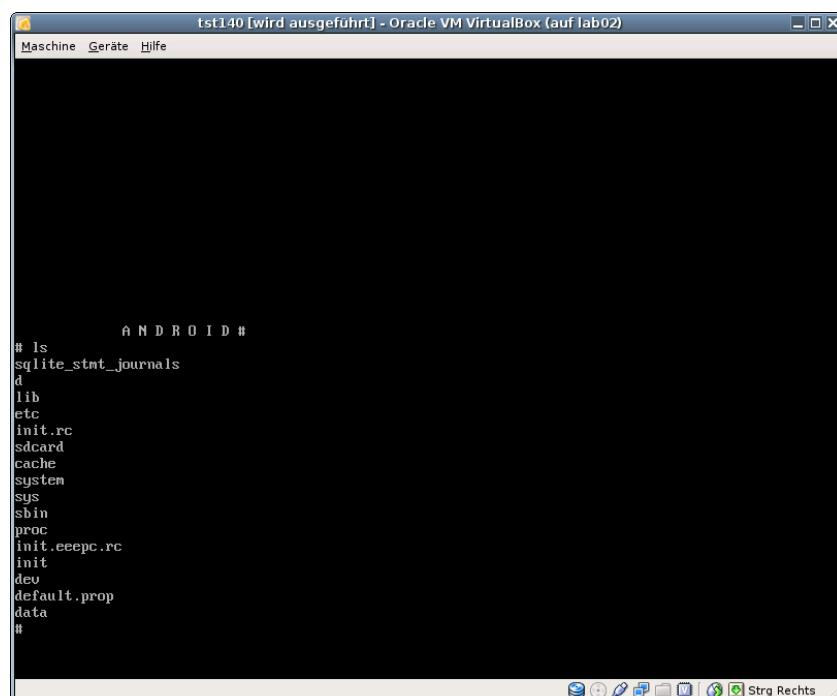


Figure 19: Android ASC-II Console

## 5 Creation of the Inventory - cacheDB

In case of a common mounted NFS filesystem for the pool VMs for simplicity just change into the directory of the VM on any machine. Call for the first check **ctys-vdbgenVM(1)** with the **--stdio** option for display only.

```
cd /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/vbox/test/tst-ctys/tst140
ctys-vdbgen --append --base=$PWD --stdio -- root@lab02
cd /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141
ctys-vdbgen --append --base=$PWD --stdio -- app2
```

When the result is displayed correctly just call without the '**--stdio**' option.

```
cd /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/vbox/test/tst-ctys/tst140
ctys-vdbgen --append --base=$PWD -- root@lab02
```

The following output should be displayed:

**Prepare execution-call:**

```
Require DB-PATH,           USE: DEFAULT_DBPATHLST="/homen/acue/.ctys/db/default"
Require DB-PATH,           USE: -o => "/homen/acue/.ctys/db/default"
APPEND mode                : ON(1)
STDIO mode off              : OFF(0)
Set TYPE scope              ADD: DEFAULT="-t ALL"
Preload TYPE set             ADD: DEFAULT="-T ALL"
For splitted operations     ADD: DEFAULT="-b sync,seq "
Nameservice cache            OFF: DEFAULT="-c off "
Data cache                  OFF: DEFAULT="-C off "
```

```
Resulting ENUMERATE        ADD: DEFAULT="-a enumerate=matchvstat:...
...active%disabled%empty,machine,b:/mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/vbox/...
...test/tst-ctys/tst140 -C off -c off -T ALL "
```

-> generate DB(may take a while)...

-----  
START:14:55:11  
-----

-----  
END:14:55:38  
DURATION:00:00:27  
-----

RET=0  
-----

Cached data:

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Mode:                | APPEND      |
| Pre-Appended:        | 835 records |
| Appended:            | 1 records   |
| Fetched Records Raw: | records     |

```
Fetched Records Unique:    records
Final:                  836 records
```

-----  
...finished.

The QEMU/KVM scan by:

```
cd /mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141
ctys-vdbggen --append --base=$PWD -- app2
```

Should display:

Prepare execution-call:

```
Require DB-PATH,          USE: DEFAULT_DBPATHLST="/homen/acue/.ctys/db/default"
Require DB-PATH,          USE: -o => "/homen/acue/.ctys/db/default"
APPEND mode               : ON(1)
STDIO mode off            : OFF(0)
Set TYPE scope             ADD: DEFAULT="-t ALL"
Preload TYPE set            ADD: DEFAULT="-T ALL"
For splitted operations     ADD: DEFAULT="-b sync,seq "
Nameservice cache           OFF: DEFAULT="-c off "
Data cache                  OFF: DEFAULT="-C off "

Resulting ENUMERATE        ADD: DEFAULT="-a enumerate=matchvstat:active%...
...disabled%empty,machine,b:/mntn/vmpool/vmpool05/kvm/test/tst-ctys/tst141
-C off -c off -T ALL "
```

-> generate DB(may take a while)...

-----  
START:14:55:40  
-----

-----  
END:14:56:29  
DURATION:00:00:49

-----  
RET=0  
-----

Cached data:

```
Mode:                   APPEND
Pre-Appended:           836 records
Appended:                1 records
Fetched Records Raw:    records
Fetched Records Unique: records
Final:                  837 records
```

-----  
...finished.

This shows that only two(1+1) entries are appended to the existing database with 835 VM-Entries. Now check the database entry by calling:

```
ctys-vhost tst14
```

The following result should be displayed when the regular expression 'tst14.\*' matches only twice:

| label  | lstype | accel | distro  | distrorel | os      | osrel | PM        | if | TCP          |
|--------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|----|--------------|
| tst141 | QEMU   | KVM   | Android | 1.6-r2    | Linux   | 2.6   | app2.soho | 0  | 172.20.2.245 |
| tst140 | VBOX   | HVM   |         |           | Linux26 |       | lab02     |    |              |

## 6 Graphical Start of the Virtual Machine

This chapter demonstrates the seamless integration of the hypervisors QEMU(emulation), QEMU/KVM, and VirtualBox(TM). The fully automatic generated database is synchronous with the graphical starter and offers the same and one user interface. This is the case for all supported plugins, due to missing native plugins for Android the LOGIN could not be demonstrated for this special case.

## 6.1 Graphical Start of the Virtual Machine by QEMU/KVM

Now call the menu item for start of the VM 'tst141'.

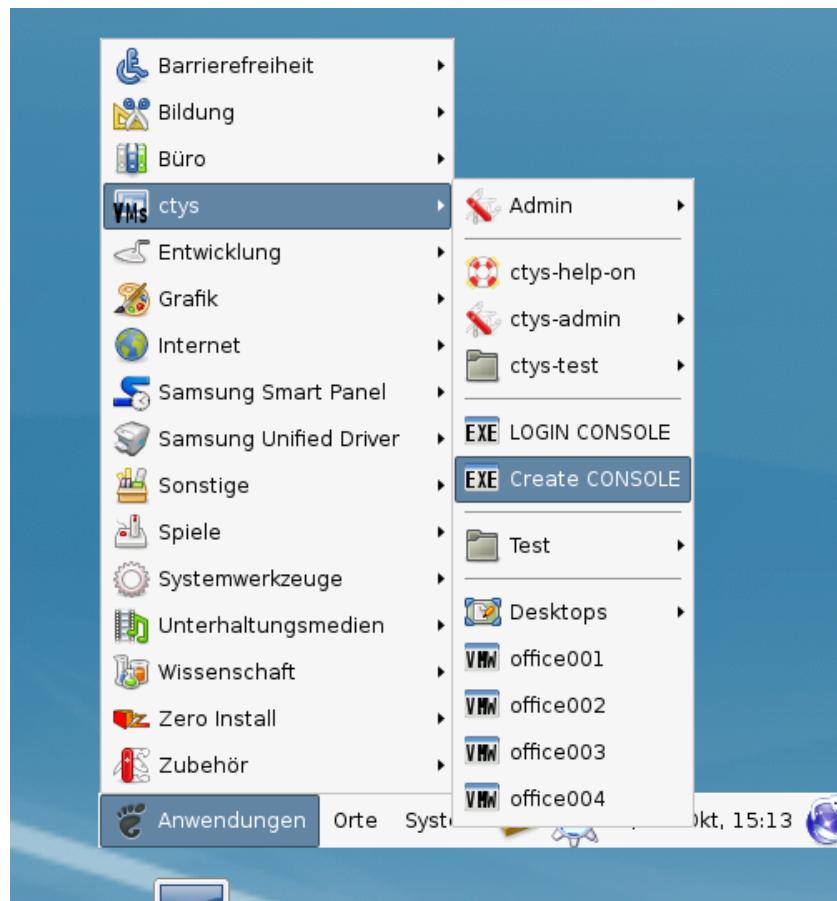


Figure 20: Android Start Menu

The created cacheDB record for the VM 'tst140' is now automatically visible in the list of startable virtual machines.

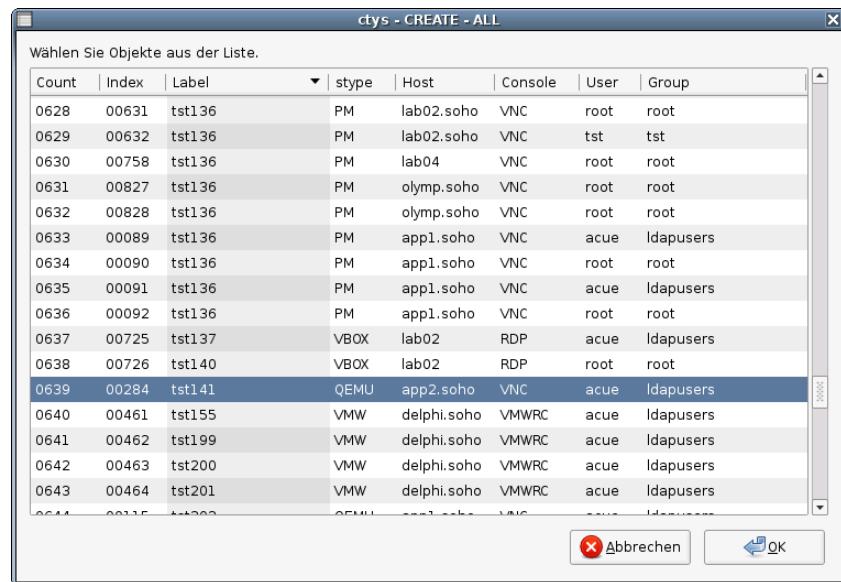


Figure 21: Android VM Selection

Confirm the selected entry.

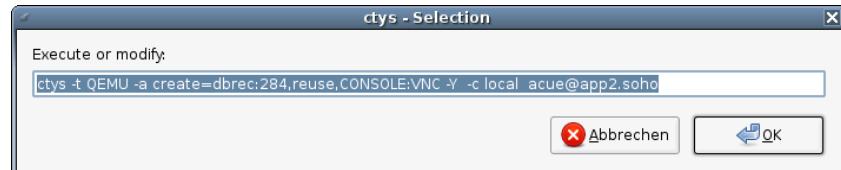


Figure 22: Android Call Confirmation

Boot...

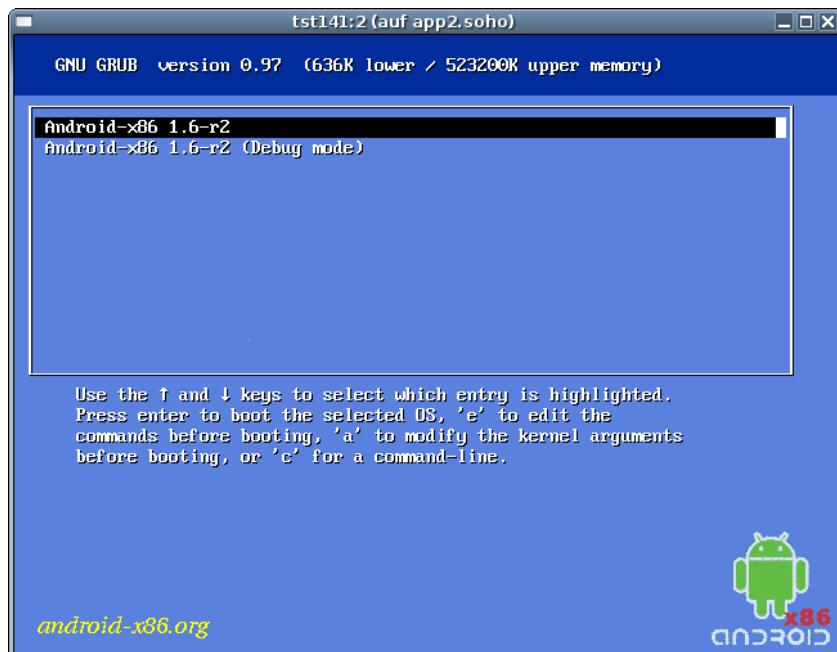


Figure 23: Boot Android

...and enjoy Android.

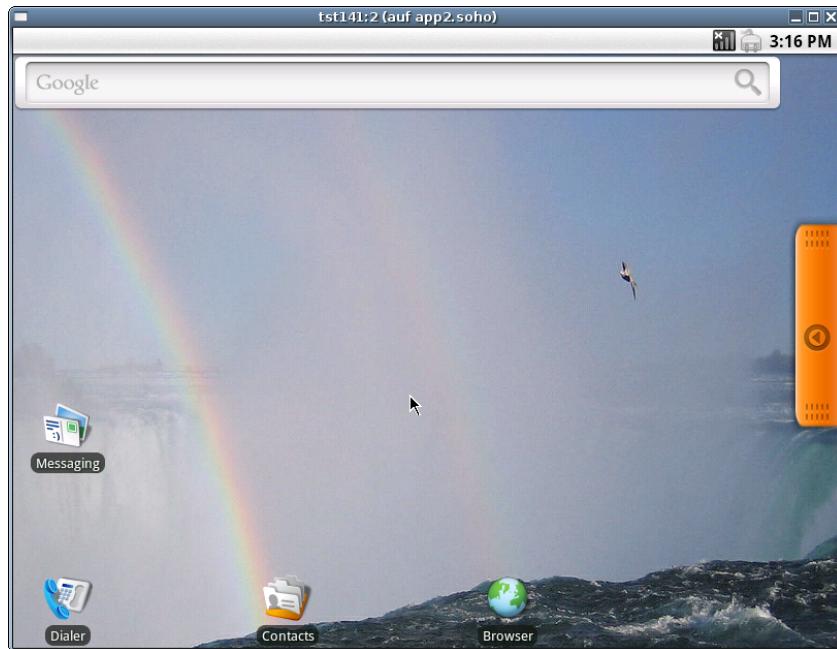


Figure 24: Enjoy Android

## 6.2 Graphical Start of the Virtual Machine by VBOX

Now call the menu item for start of the VM 'tst140'.

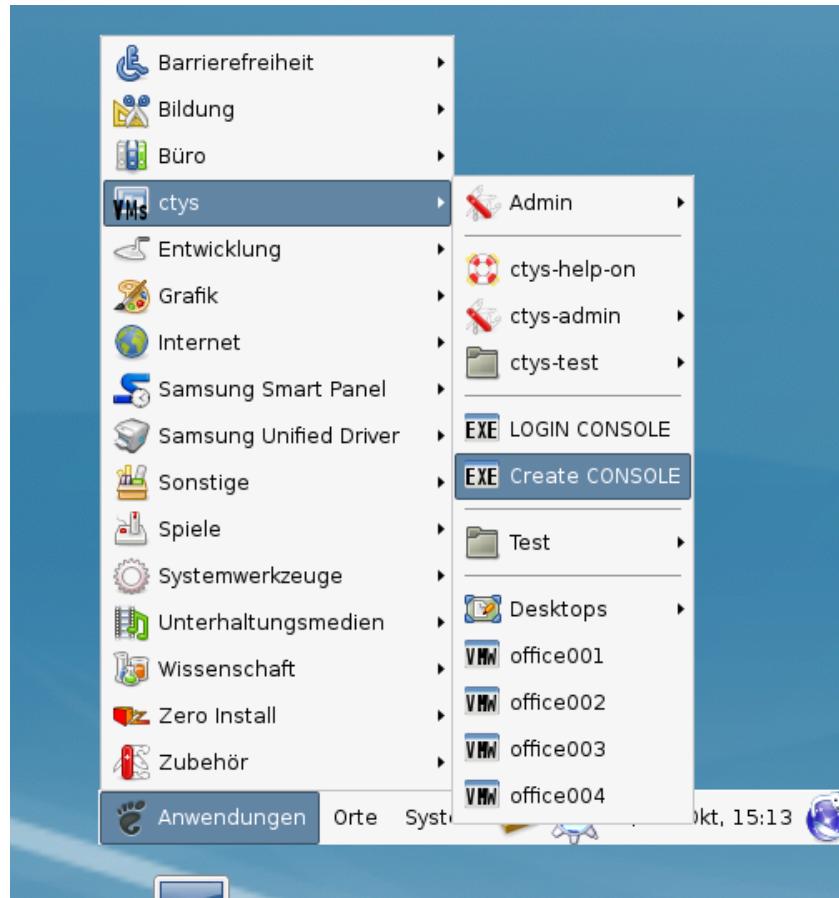


Figure 25: Android Start Menu

The created cacheDB record for the VM 'tst140' is now automatically visible in the list of startable virtual machines.

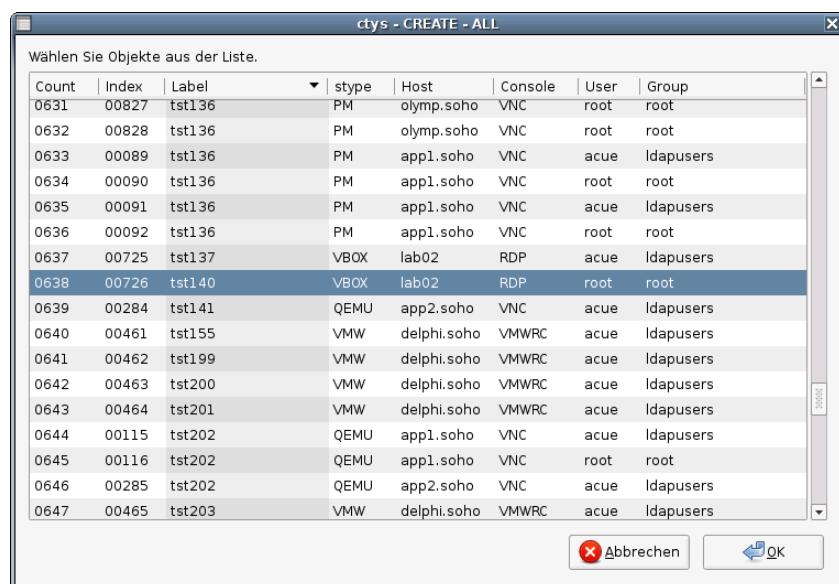


Figure 26: Android VM Selection

Confirm the selected entry.



Figure 27: Android Call Confirmation

Boot ...

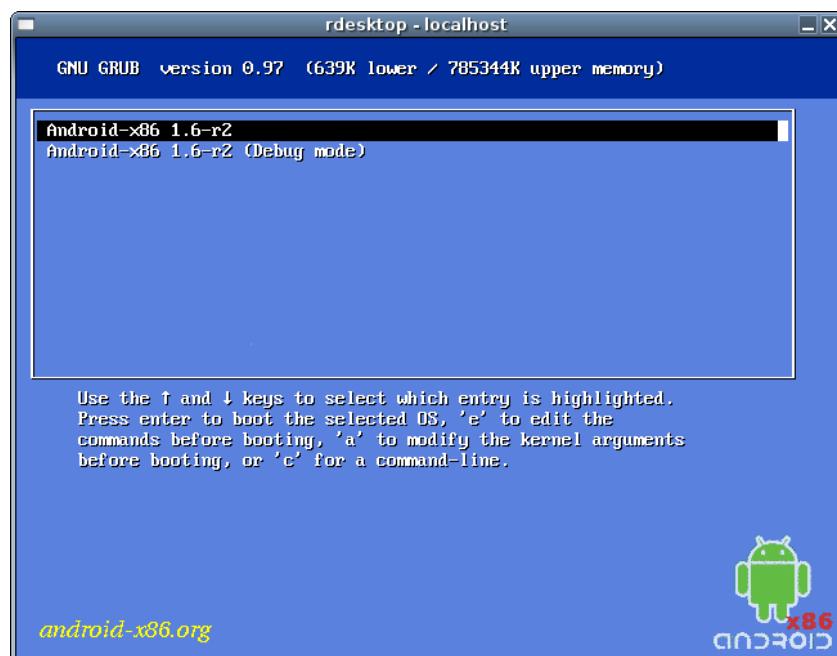


Figure 28: Boot Android

...and enjoy Android.

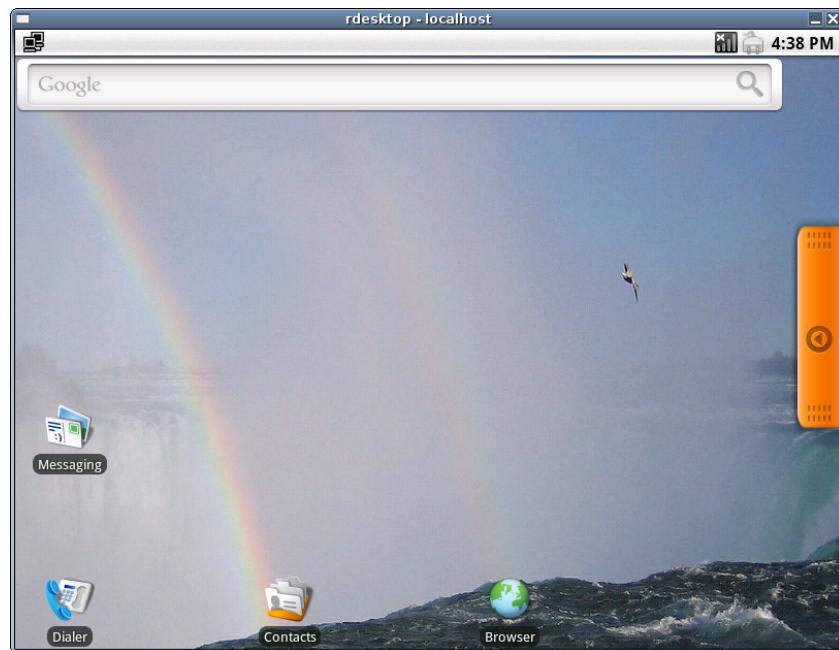


Figure 29: Enjoy Android

## 7 Manage the VM

For now no native plugin for Android is supported.

## 8 SEE ALSO

*ctys(1) , ctys-configuration-QEMU(7) , ctys-configuration-VBOX(7) , ctys-createConfVM(1) , ctys-QEMU(1) , ctys-uc-QEMU(7) , ctys-uc-VBOX(7) , ctys-VBOX(1) , ctys-vhost(1)*

**For System Tools:**

*Android: [ <http://www.android.com> ]*

*Android-x86: [ <http://www.android-x86.org> ]*

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