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# Handbook

# OPENMANDRIVA

# Lx 2013

Installation and configurations

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**Please, this is only a first release of my handbook for OpenMandriva Lx, in my terrible english, probably, there will be a lot of grammatical error, but i think it could be useful as guidance in any case.**

**Some pictures still refer to italian version, but in the next releases I'm going to upgrade all the pictures.**

**Thank you for your patience.....**

## Changes from previous version

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### **Version 1.0**

First release of Garatti's handbook for OpenMandriva Lx 2013 in English

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Here is the first official release of the new association OpenMandriva, with its OpenMandriva Lx distribution (Lx stands for Linux, seeing that OpenMandriva is also the name of the foundation).

Home page <http://www.openmandriva.org>  
Forum <http://forums.openmandriva.org>

Google+ <https://plus.google.com/101198591581536232848/posts>  
Facebook <https://facebook.com/OpenMandriva>  
Twitter <https://twitter.com/OpenMandrivaOrg>

As usual, this manual is intended as a simple guide to follow step by step, to complete the installation, and the first configuration, immediately after installing the new operating system.

**It will be based on the 2013 version of OpenMandriva Lx**

**This is just one of many ways to configure OpenMandriva Lx**

## 2 FEATURES OpenMandriva 1.1 Lx 2013

<b>Kernel</b>	"3.11.8"    "nrjQL"
<b>KDE</b>	"4.11.2"

Libreoffice : Release 4.1.3  
Firefox : Release 25.0.1  
Amarok : Release 2.8.0  
Gimp : Release 2.8.6  
hplip : Release 3.13.10  
Digikam : Release 3.5.0

Glibc : Release 2.18  
rpm : Release 5.4.10

### Link utili:

Home page <http://www.openmandriva.org>  
Forum <http://forums.openmandriva.org>

Bugzilla <http://issues.openmandriva.org/>  
Mirror Status <http://downloads.openmandriva.org/mm/>

The ISO can be put on USB sticks thanks to hybrid ISO, see [3.5.1.1.Set the ISO to USB Pen](#)

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## 3 Installation of the basic system

### 3.1 Existing Configuration

- 1) *A system with Win NT, 2000, XP, Vista, Seven or greater.*
- 2) *System with Win 95,98, ME*
- 3) *A system with no Operating System*

In the first two cases there should be a partition where we will go to install Linux, to do so we can use, for example, programs like Partition Magic or utilities of Windows ®, or entrust to the partitioning application (and resizing) of OpenMandriva, in all these cases is always appropriate to provide running a defragmentation of partitions windows ®, in order to simplify any process of resizing the partition.

Note:With the passage of time also the process of resizing of NTFS partitions has become common, and "safe", then choose the application on the basis of your knowledge.

If you do not have any S.O. , third case, so just procede with installation.

### 3.2 Hardware detection

La maggior parte delle periferiche (stampanti, scanner, modem) e di dispositivi interni (EIDE, SATA, SCSI, schede video, schede audio, ecc) sono riconosciuti e trattati senza difficoltà. Alcune difficoltà possono sorgere con chipset di nuova generazione e hardware.

È possibile avviare la distribuzione in modalità LIVE, ma io, sempre suggerisco di fare una ricerca su internet delle varie parti che compongono il vostro PC, laptop o netbook che sia, prestando attenzione alla scheda grafica, e non dare nulla per scontato.

### ***3.3 Preliminary checks***

Once you have identified the partition on which to install Linux, would be better get information on your hardware, in particular mode about the type of:

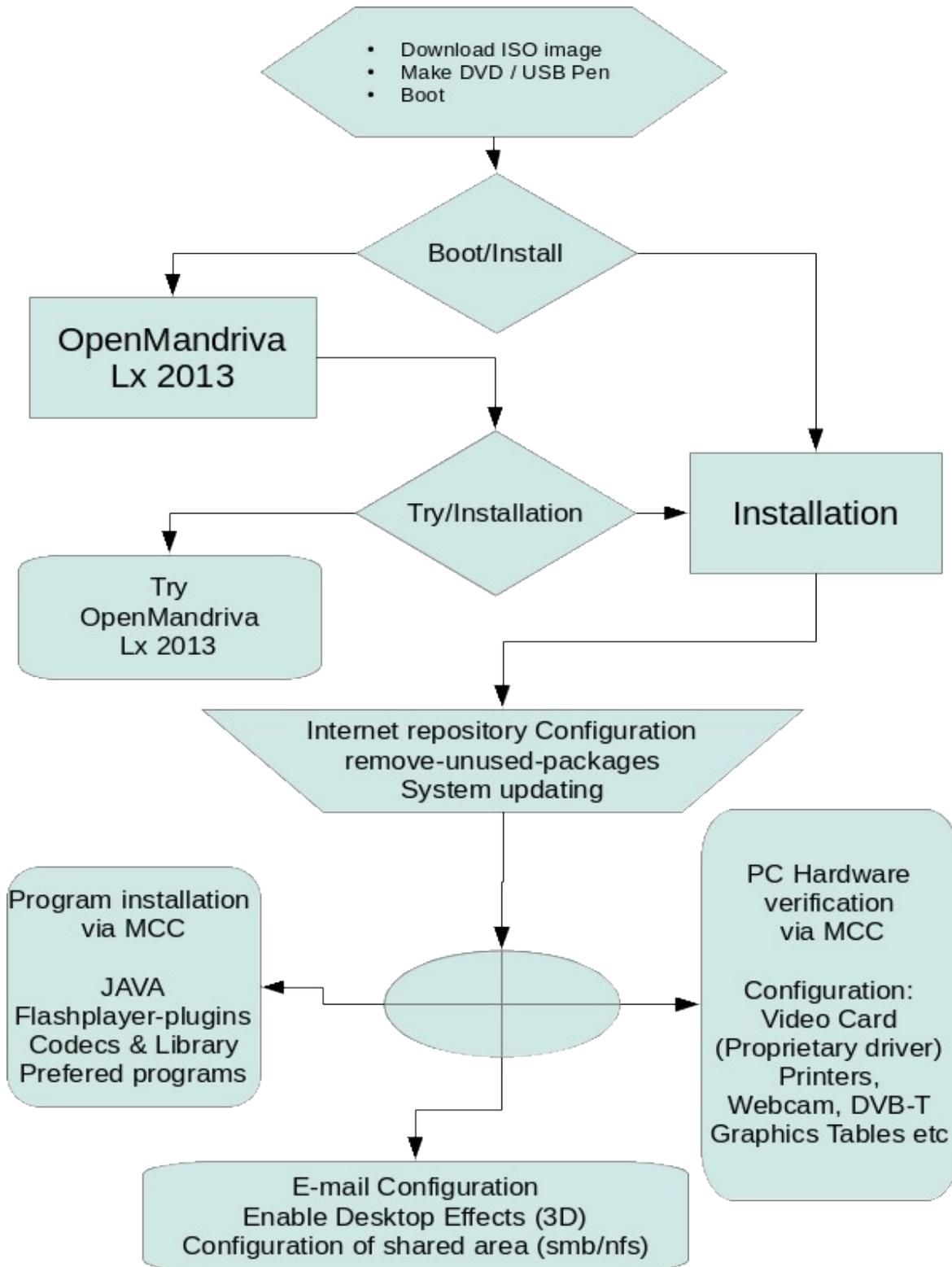
- video card
- sound Card
- chipset mother board
- Any SATA drivers
- printer
- special devices (USB HDTV, etc.)
- etc..

Note: The important information are not the name or brand of the card, for example the video card's model, but rather the name of the chipset and GPU mounted on them.

Is always a good idea have the most information possible about your hardware, but this no depends on the operating system, it's just a good rule.

Omit this step does not imply any problem with the installation, but it serves, more than anything else, to understand eventual problem in advance

### 3.4 Flow diagram of installation



## 3.5 Installing the Operating System

Set the BIOS's option "PNP OS installed" = NO

*NOTE: To access the BIOS press the specified key on the screen during the earliest phases of system startup.*

*The buttons can usually be F10, DEL, depends on the BIOS manufacturer.*

*If you have a device with UEFI BIOS is better to make sure, via Internet, on any procedures to install a new operating system.*

*Also check any issues about SecureBoot option.*

### 3.5.1 Downloading the ISO images

The ISO images for the installation of OpenMandriva Lx can be found on the official site <http://www.openmandriva.org>

The ISO file will also be accessible directly through the various mirrors  
The state of the mirror can be checked via the following link

<http://downloads.openmandriva.org/mm/>

The one closest to us (Italy) is the Garr

<http://unity.mirror.garr.it/mirrors/unity/isos/OpenMandrivaLx/2013.0/>

And of course what you download is an ISO image of OpenMandriva Lx 2013 who have to be compliant with your system.

Then 32-bit ( i586 ) or 64 bit ( x86\_64). The Iso Image will go burned on a DVD media or inserted into a USB device .

Typically you have a voice , " write the ISO image to CD or DVD " in your burning program .

NOTE

And also a good idea download the small text file which contains the MD5 checksum, Usually programs's burning have the possibility to check the checksum on the downloaded ISO file.

If it is not so, or you are going to insert iso file into a USB stick, then you can use the command "md5sum <File name>.iso" and then check with that downloaded from the site. If the string matches the download was successful without errors otherwise re-download the files from the internet .

Coming from Windows, you can download a free program from <http://www.winmd5.com/> to perform the calculation and subsequent verification.

I Council of burn the ISO image to DVD at a low speed (8x - 10x ), especially if you are using rewritable media .

### 3.5.1.1 Set the ISO to USB Pen

The ISO can be inserted into a USB stick with ability  $\geq$  to 2G in the usual way :

- 1) Download the ISO image of Lx OpenMandriva you want.
- 2) Insert the usb stick , verify what device has been engaged, with the dmesg command (you have to look for sdb , sdc , or otherwise) .  
remember the device name without taking into account the number.  
The device must not be mounted.
- 4) Go to the directory that contains the ISO image
- 5 ) Become Administrator ( su -)
- 6 ) Give the command:

```
dd if=<fullpath>/OpenMandrivaLx-2013.0.x86_64.iso of =/dev/sdx bs=1M
```

Where:

The full path is the full path to the directory containing the ISO file in my case  
**/home/davide/Downloads/**

**OpenMandriva-2013.x86\_64.iso** is the name of the ISO file you downloaded  
**/dev/sdx** is the device associated to your USB stick

so for example :

```
dd if = /home/davide/Scaricati/OpenMandrivaLx-2013.0.x86_64.iso of=/dev/sdx bs=1M
```

The USB pen obtained, can be used to perform installations , or try OpenMandriva

**NOTE: To use the Live takes at least 1.5 G of ram**

Note:

If you do not have a Linux system to perform the procedure or do you prefer a convenient graphical interface , you can use the program developed by Rosalab called :

#### **Rose - ImageWriter**

you can download it from the following link :

[http://wiki.rosalab.ru/en/index.php/ROSA\\_Installation](http://wiki.rosalab.ru/en/index.php/ROSA_Installation)

and it is available for the following S.O.

for Windows <sup>™</sup> (3.6 Mb)  
for Linux 32 -bit (11.7 Mb)  
for Linux 64 -bit (11.6 Mb)  
for Mac ® OS X (7.7 M6 )

Simply select the ISO and the USB device ... and you press the "Write"



### 3.5.2 Installing directly from Live DVD / USB (IN MODIFICA)

Insert the DVD or USB flash drive on which you downloaded the ISO image and boot the system.

Press the function key to launch the boot menu that now all PCs have, and who allows you to select the device from which to boot, usually 'F8'.  
In the case, PC has dated, you need to set the BIOS to external media from CD / DVD / USB or E-SATA .

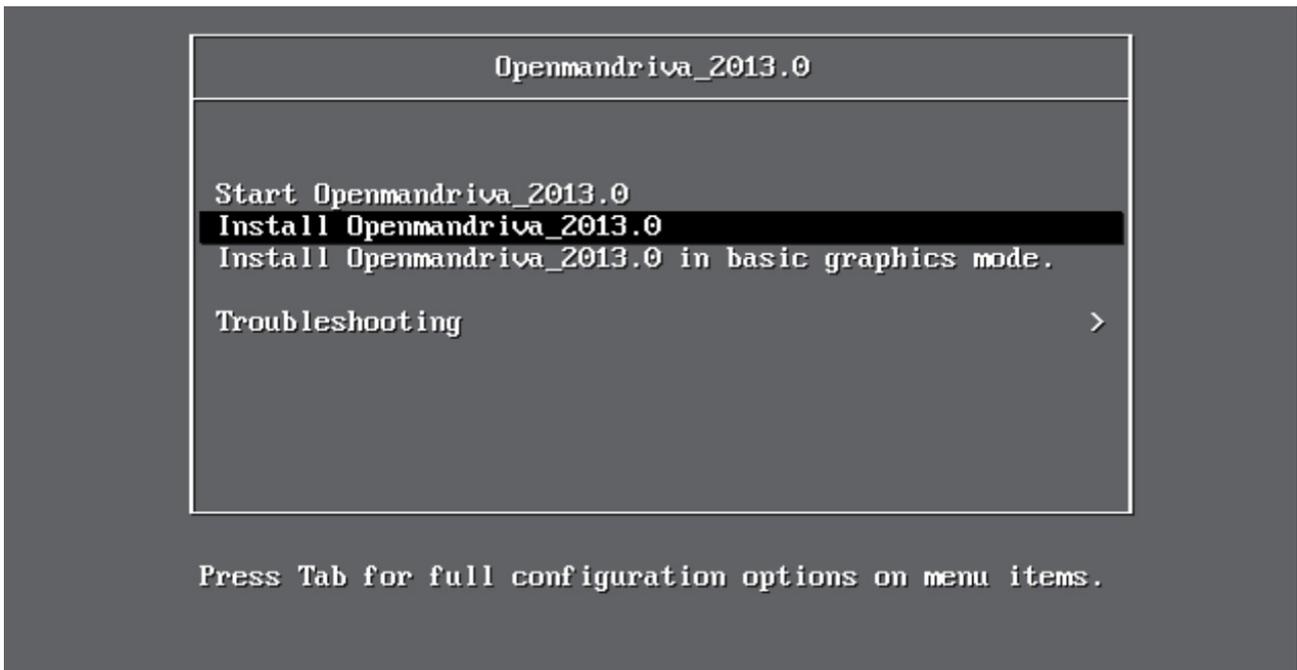
The installation of OpenMandriva Lx 2013 is very simple, and results in a time varying between 10 and 25 minutes .... depends on the performance of the PC and the reader / writer used during installation.

The first screen allows you to choose the type of boot available, refer to the two methods of "direct installation" or "post-installation", plus a section about troubleshooting, for disk and memory controls.

**Start OpenMandriva 2013**  
**Install OpenMandriva 2013**  
**Install OpenMandriva 2013 basic graphics mode**

#### **troubleshooting**

The first entry starts OpenMandriva in Live mode (only memory ) and the others two entries will be used to directly install our new operating system. If you do not have a PC too old, use the second option .

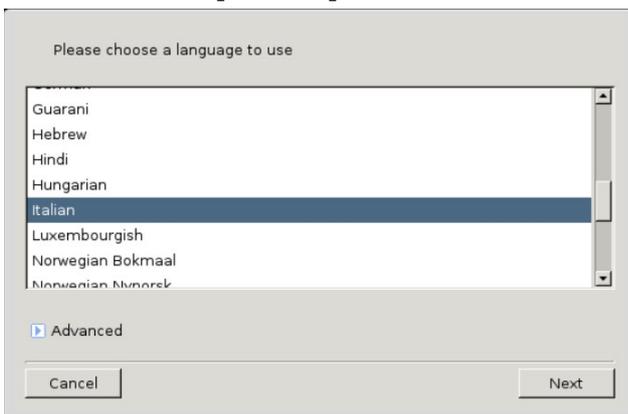


In this chapter we will see how to install the OS directly, then choose the item:

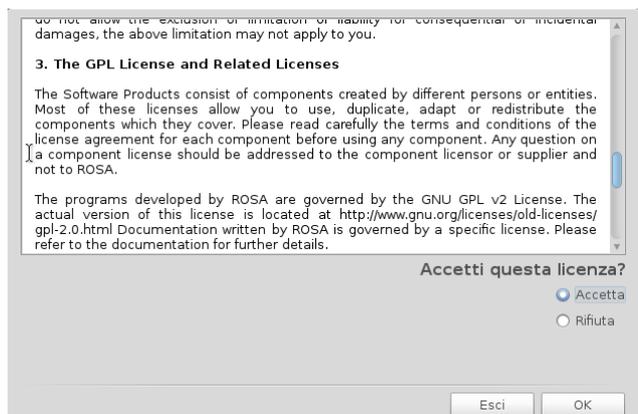
### Install OpenMandriva 2013

You will need to wait some time for the start of a base of support to the installation program:

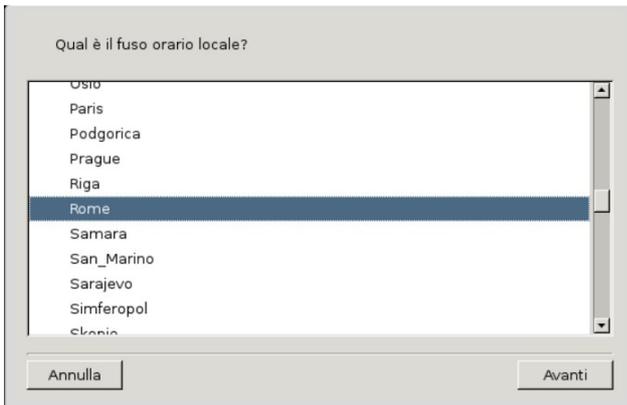
Here are the steps in sequence:



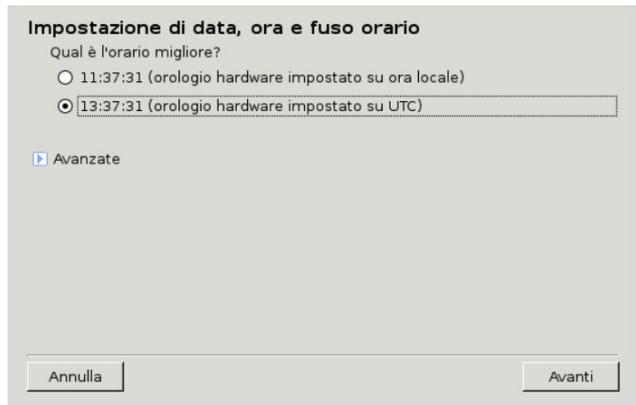
1) Select your language, press NEXT



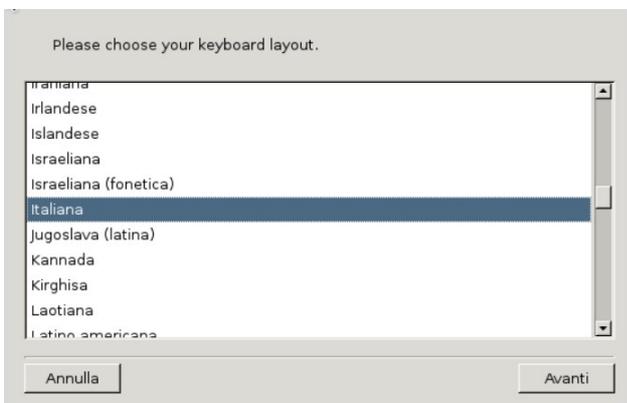
2) Accept the license agreement, then press OK



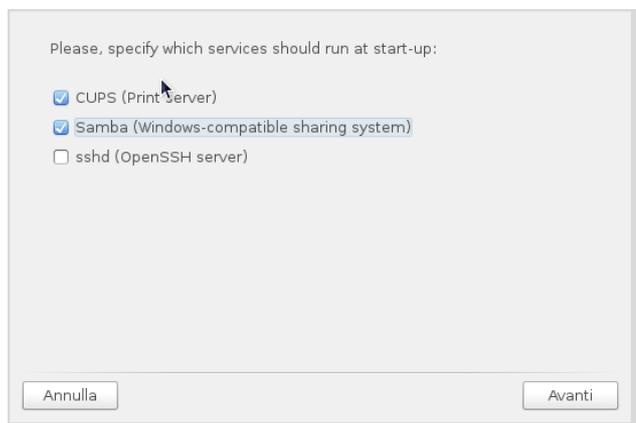
3) Choose the Time Zone



4) Select the correct time



5) select the appropriate mapping of the keyboard, and press Next



6) Select the first two items



7) In this step, you choose how to partition the disk.

If you have not others S.O. or you do not have special needs partitioning used the Voice "Erase and use entire disk".

This simplified display will be very useful in case of re-installation (with partitions already made) or installation disk empty.

I would still recommend always the third option "Custom Partitioning" with which we have the following advantages:

- A) Increased awareness, of the operations that we are making.
- B) The ability to have a more accurate management of the various partitions and hard disks, which are present in the computer.

*Use the program is very intuitive, just click on one partition and in addition to the various information about it, you will trigger the commands you can use, as the "delete partition" to "format", etc..*

You need to create, at least:

- 1) a root partition, with mounting point set to "/" (EXT4 file-system - [\*])
- 2) A swap partition, with a size typically double the RAM. If you have 512MB or more, you can set the size of the swap partition to the value of the ram installed.

then:

RAM (MB)	Swap	note
<512	RAM x 2	



Una volta completate le partizioni si clicca su FATTO.

512M	512MB	
1G	512MB o 1G	[**]
>1G	512MB o 1G	[**]
>1G	equal to the installed memory	only to allow hibernation [**]

**What we need to do is essentially assign to all partitions, even those "Windows®" a mount point (mount). It 'absolutely necessary to have a Linux partition with mount point "/"**

**CAREFUL NOT PERFORM ANY OTHER ACTIONS ON Windows® PARTITIONS (Press Only "POINT OF MOUNT" and assign a path /mnt /windows or /mnt/disco\_C rather than /Disk\_C or /Disk\_D.)**

[\* ] The type of file system is a personal choice , start with the default ( currently the EXT4 ) then by the time you can try the other , of course in future installations.

[\*\* ] It is not necessary to go beyond the 1GB , however, given the current capacity of the disks , if you want you can increase the size of the swap partition up to 2G or more.

In case you want to use the swap for hibernation process , set the swap memory at exactly the same amount of memory installed in the system , for example 4G RAM then set 4G of memory swap . Swap =1G is fine for normal use

I remind you that in case you had already set the swap to a lower value , and you want to still use or you want to just try the hibernate process , you can use a swap file.  
<http://ubuntuforums.org/showthread.php?t=1042946>

Some prefer to create a partition "/" home " ( EXT4 file system ) which will house the default directories of the users, you do it in case you want to leave intact your documents and settings.

However , since it is a good idea, create a backup of your data (possibly in another partition or better still another disk if available, and given that , personally, I prefer to see the default settings of the new versions of KDE and OpenMandriva Lx , it has become my habit don't use a separate partition for / home.

Choose whether to create or less depending on your needs.

If you have space you can forecast to create partitions for backups or a partitions with FAT32/NTFS filesystem to share files among Windows ®, and Linux . This is to facilitate the achievement of the files on Linux when you are using Windows® , whereas when you use Linux , there are no problems.

NOTE: # Name of the devices EIDE (PATA) and SATA #

The names of the devices depend on the type of interface and the type of controller (PATA and SATA) , usually the HD and CD / DVD drive connected to the EIDE interfaces are devices hooked to HDx . Where x stands for the first letter available .

This means that , in the case of two connected HD PATA IDE interface 0 and two CD-ROM on the first IDE interface , we have the following devices:

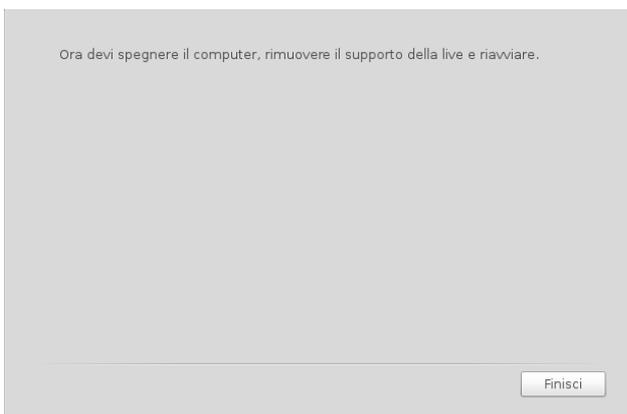
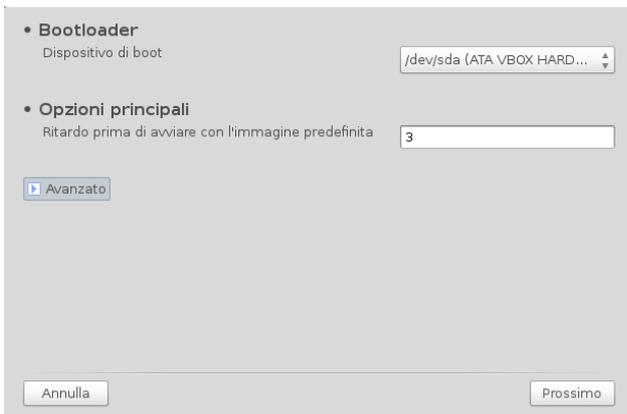
PATA (IDE)	Master/Slave	Devices
IDE 0	Master	hda
IDE 0	Slave	hdb
IDE 1	Master	hdc

IDE 1	Slave	hdd
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SATA disks use the devices instead Sdx and then if we had another SATA disk device that would be attached to the SDA.

In both cases, the next number in the sequence of letters specifies the partition on the hard, pay attention because these numbers can also be non-contiguous.

8) Press "Done" to start formatting the partition and the actual installation of the OS



Start the installation of the system, we'll just have to wait for a time that depends on the overall performance of the system on which you are installing OpenMandriva Lx 2013

At the end of the installation process will reach the last step, namely the installation of the boot loader ....

9) Reduce the wait time before boot if there is no other OS Installed on the system (3 Seconds are fine). Press "Next"

Note: If you are installing the S.O. On an E-Sata HD then outside, or if you have a bay for more HD, remember to select the boot device for it.

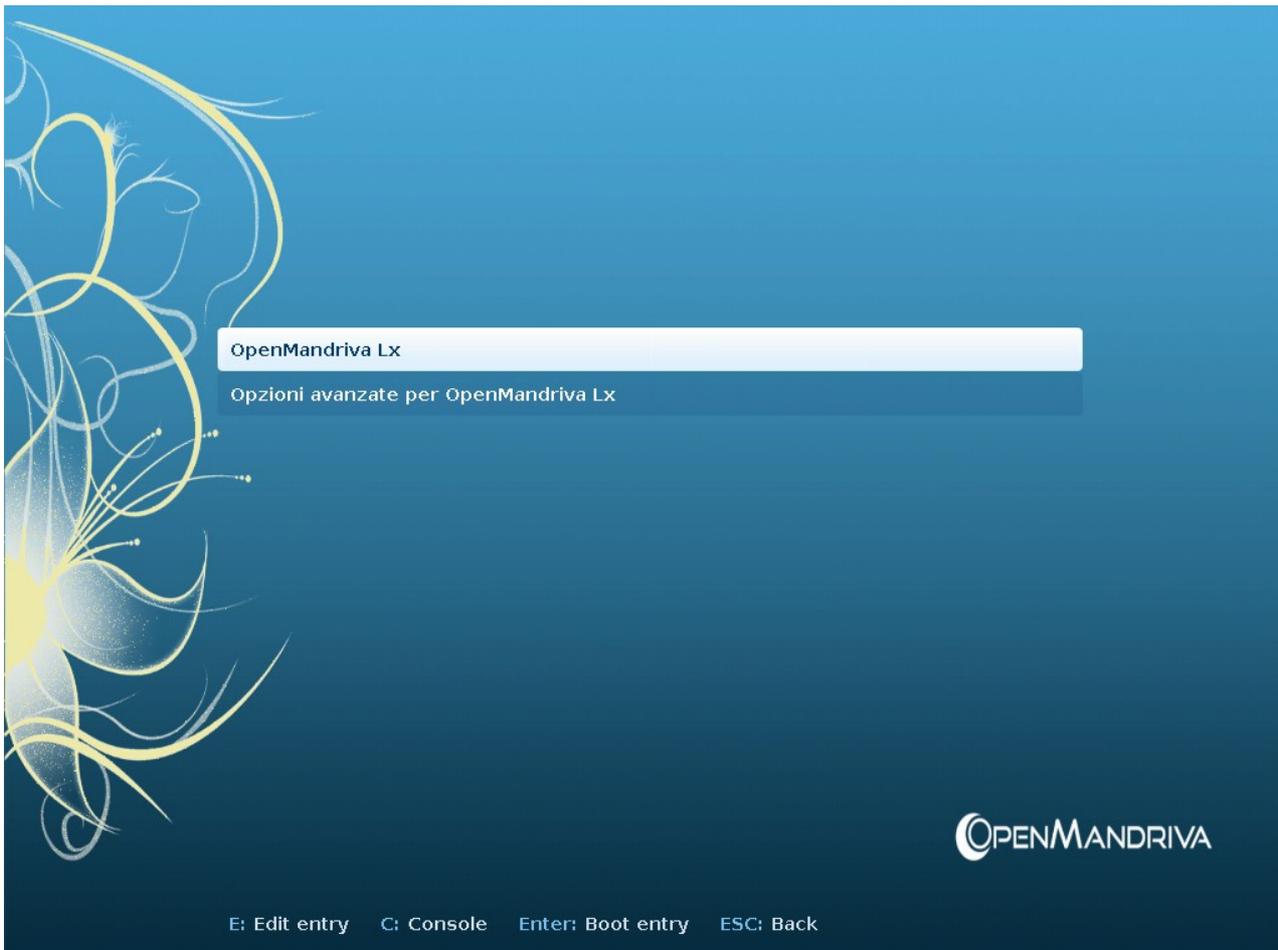
In this way you can use the PC's boot manager to select the device, without affecting in any way the main HD / internal.

At this point you will be prompted to reboot the system and remove the installation media (DVD or USB pen drive that is)

Then press the "Finish"

**Reboot System**

There will be only two items and there will infuse the menu to enter any boot options, or otherwise.



**Scegli password amministratore (root)**

Password

Password (ripeti)

Avanzate

**Inserisci un utente**

Icona 

Vero nome

Nome utente

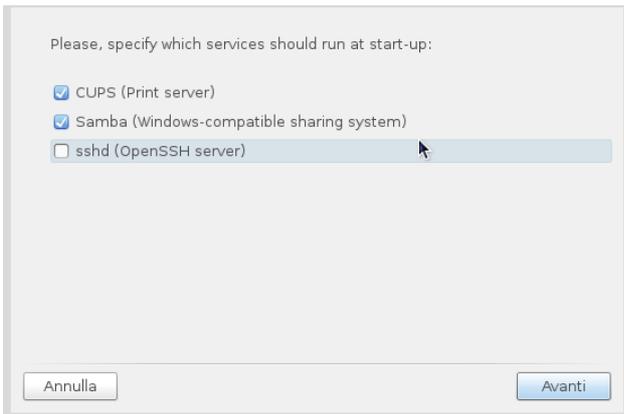
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Avanzate

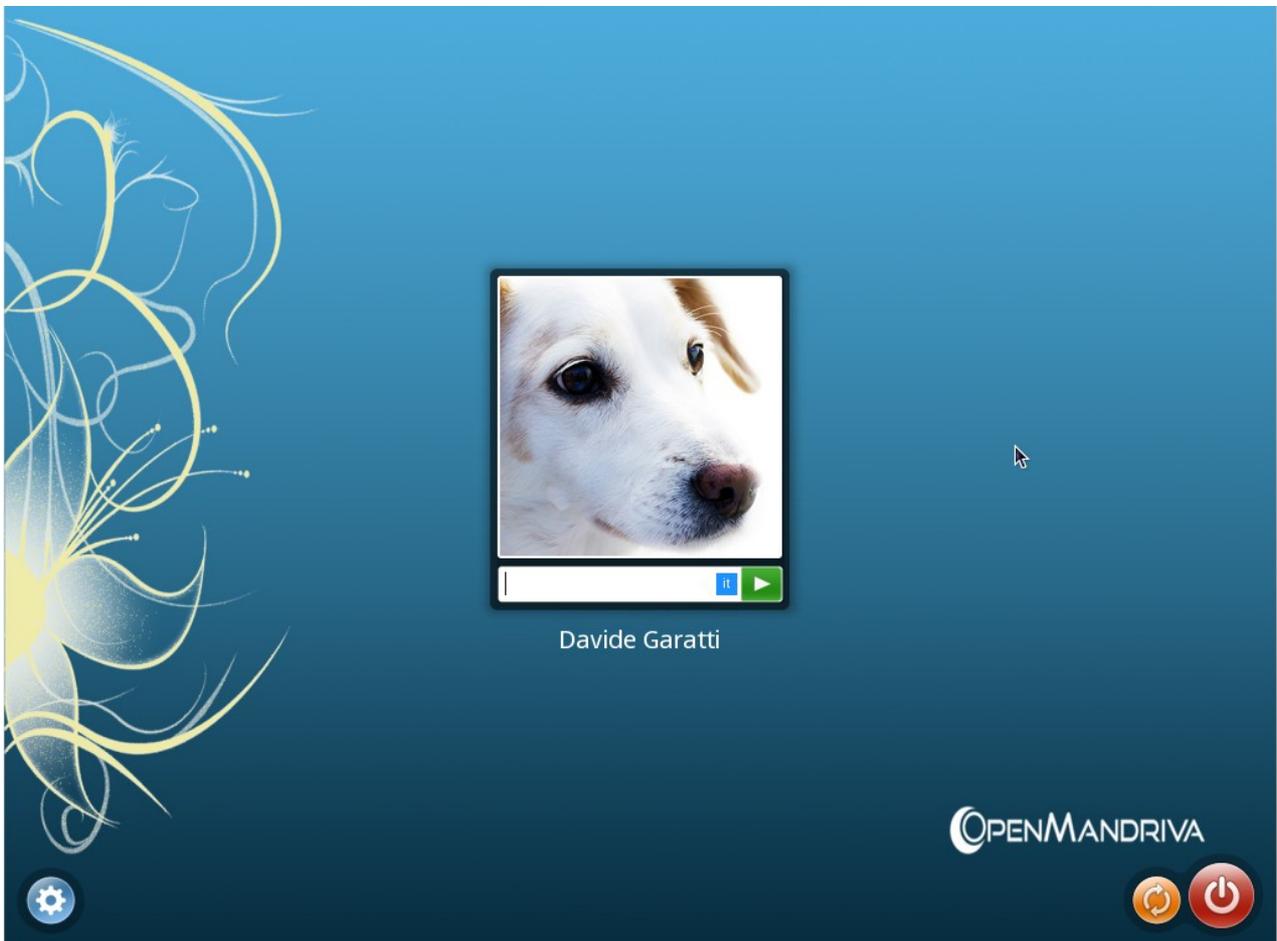
10), here's where we're going to mask the password of the system administrator. Insert it and press the button "Next"

11) We insert all the data related to the first user, the others will be added later.



We reaffirm the choices made earlier.

The installation of OpenMandriva Lx is over, you just have to enter the user password you just entered and access the KDE desktop.



### 3.5.3 Boot DVD Live and installation

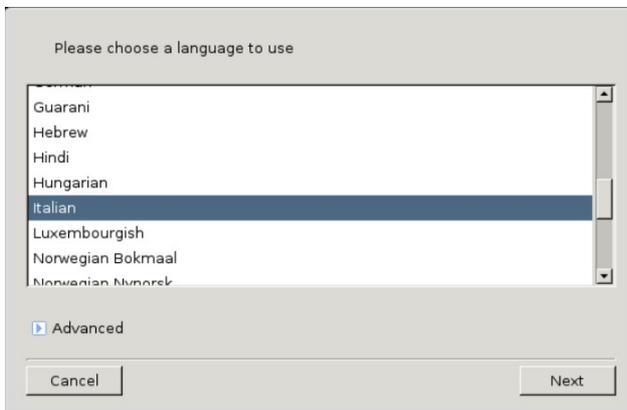
**NOTE:** To use the Live takes at least 1.5 G of ram

To install after launching and tried the Live simply need to select the boot entry:

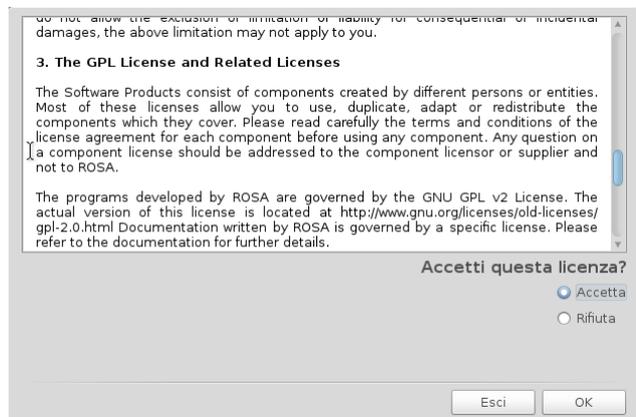
Start OpenMandriva 2013

As usual you have to wait a bit to the base system starts ....

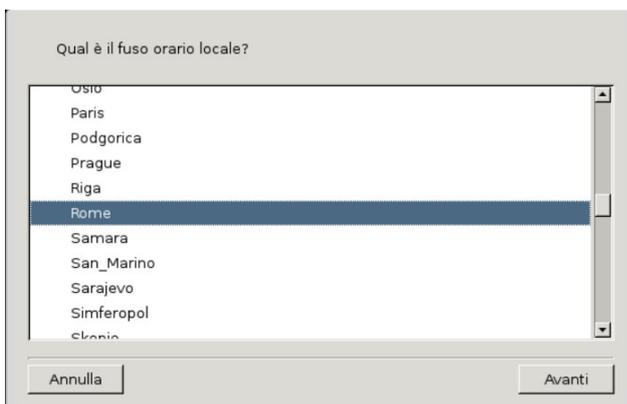
The steps are almost identical to those we have already seen in the previous section.



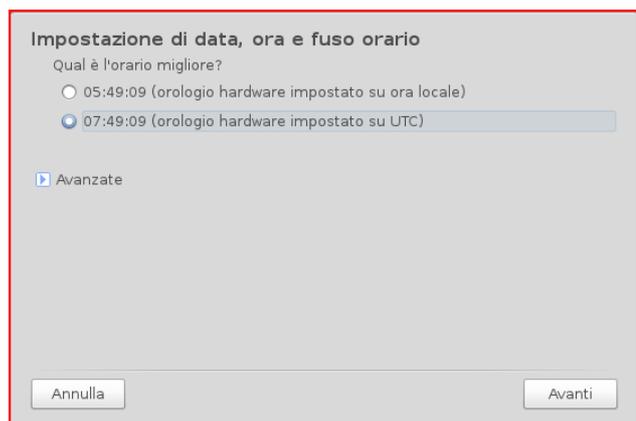
1) You choose your language



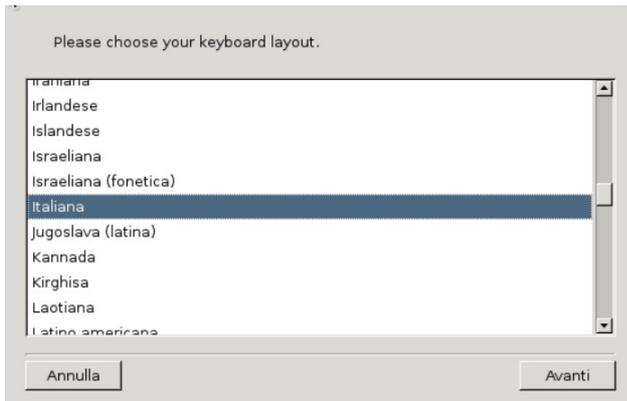
2) Accept the license agreement



3) You set your time zone

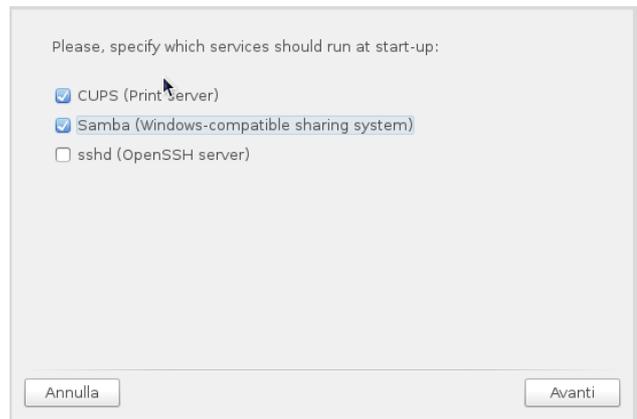


4) choosing the time



5) select the keyboard mapping

6) Select the first two items



7) Do you expect to get into the KDE4 desktop from which we can launch the installation wizard. Program that is in the tools section of the menu item OpenMandriva to Install OpenMandriva Live.

The steps are those shown in chapter [2.5.2. Installazione diretta da Live DVD](#)

### 3.5.4 Upgrade from previous version

I almost always advise against direct upgrade from one version to the next distribution, except for special reasons or evidence.

The operation should work, but there are too many variables that could derail the operation. The operations that we often do on our systems, and we forget, (installing programs, various configurations, etc.), but also update libraries and programs based on continuous and heavy development (see KDE), may lead to the need to resolve conflicts between installed packages and those yet to be updated.

However, those who want to engage in this experience will be enough to replace the repository with the next upgrade.

Remember to perform a final update of the current version of the operating system, the first to provide the replacement and upgrade of the repository to OpenMandriva Lx 2013

### 3.5.5 Removing unnecessary packages

*Please do not use this command, because it is currently plagued by a bug  
(291)*

*Since these installations made of the Live versions installed, Driver carries with it completely useless.*

*So one of the first things to do 'just to remove the packages unusable.*

*Then open a terminal and become an administrator*

*[david @ iron] \$ su -*

*Enter the root password*

*[david @ iron] # remove-unused-hardware*

*complete the steps ....*

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## 4 Configuring ADSL

Leaving aside the configuration of a connection to the internet via regular phone line, in the following paragraphs I will discuss, in broad terms, the configuration of ADSL lines.

Notes:

1) prefer ADSL router with Ethernet interface.

2) in the case of routers on loan for use would be better ask specifically one with an Ethernet interface. (now they all are so)

Perform a search on the internet, to seek guidance specific to your hardware (routers, etc.) and also for your provider.

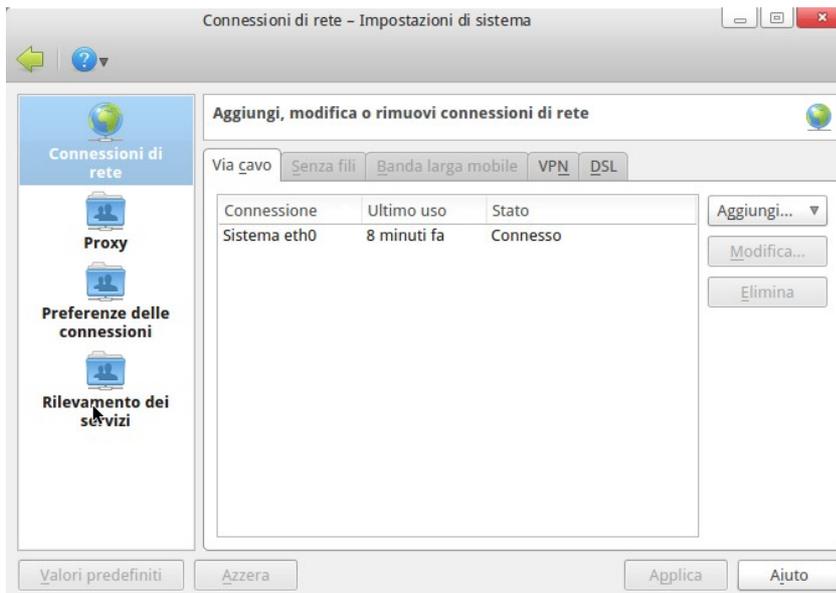
By now all providers supply their device with capabilities router / switch, Ethernet connections, and consequently most of the time everything is resolved by inserting the Ethernet cable into the RJ45 socket of the PC, the system is already set up to receive the address and other information via DHCP.

### 4.1 ADSL Ethernet

Typically you access the ADSL line via an ADSL router with an Ethernet connection, in case there is provided a USB device, is better to request specifically a router with Ethernet interface (or both interfaces).

With an ethernet device, everything is resolved with the connection of the network card to the router via RJ45 Ethernet cable and the usual configuration of the network card, and then click:

**Configure your Computer  
network and connectivity  
Network Connections**



The network adapters are recognized perfectly, so from the outset there is already an interface configured via DHCP, and already connected.

Selecting the connection and pressing the Edit button you can change the name, or the characteristics of the connection (for example by setting a static IP address)

The various tabs refer to the various types of interfaces that we have on the PC (fixed, wireless, mobile, etc.)

In case you're into an enterprise network, you also need to configure the proxy that will allow you access to the outside world. Select the item and choose the appropriate way to configure the system (via url or directly via the IP address and port)

## 4.2 ADSL USB

In this case, look for guides on the net relating to your devices, often you have to install some packages, and additional drivers.

Typically, the support is good, but to avoid any problems, it is better to inquire first on the compatibility of the device with the Linux operating system.

## 4.3 GPRS/HSDPA Con dispositivi USB

This type of USB devices are GPRS or HSDPA, they are provided by virtually all providers, and allow fast access to the Internet on any portable or not device.

The first consideration is actually always the same, you must inquire about the model of the USB stick, and its compatibility with Linux. All providers have different hardware suppliers and are able to provide you different models. So far I have only been able to test some devices including

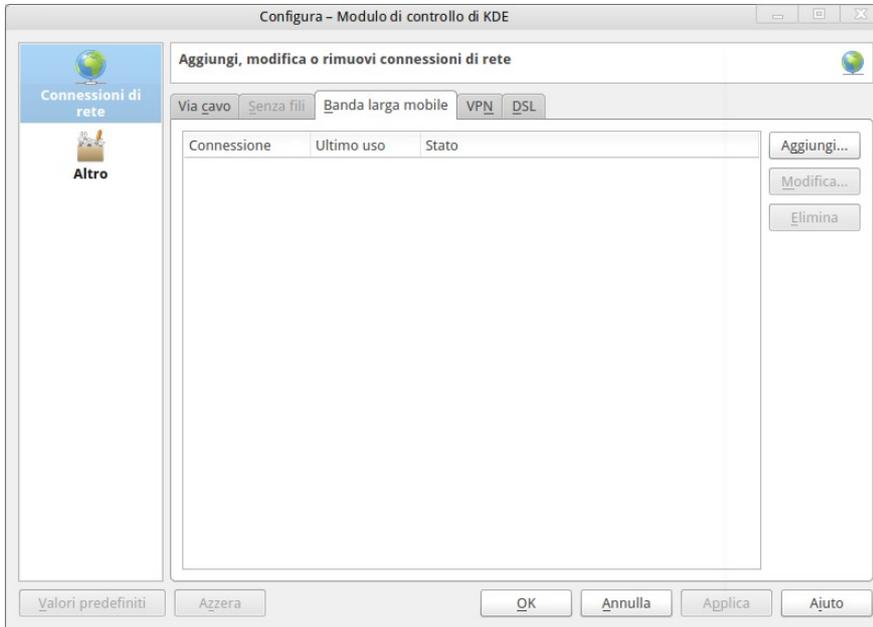
"Huawei E169 HSDPA".

And the key station 2 of the Vodafone K3806-Z

**Of course, they could be models not available in other countries.**

However, if the device is compatible, the procedure will deviate only slightly from the description.

You usually need to insert the device, and wait for a moment and then begin the configuration using the Network Manager widget in the system tray:

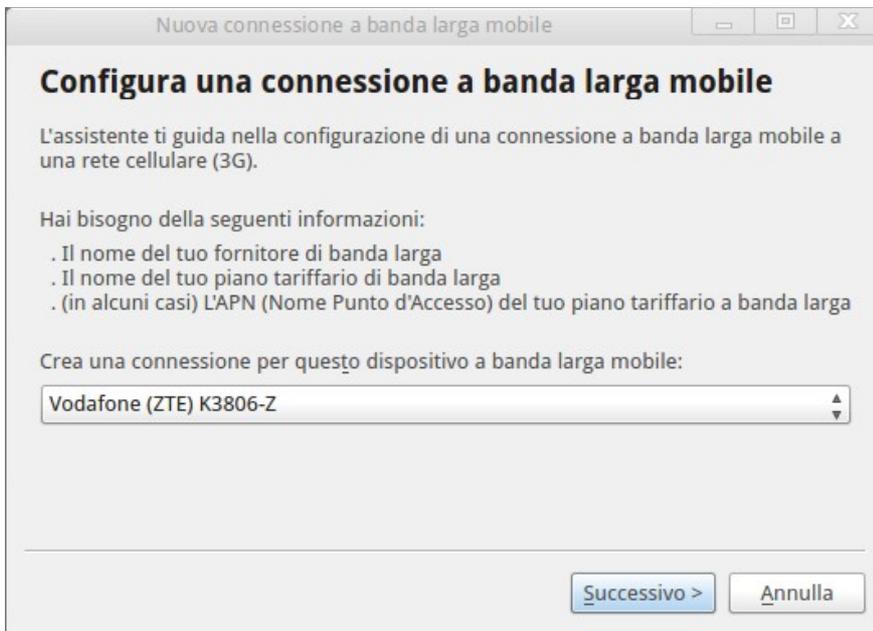


The steps are few, totally driven, and intuitive.

Let's see them!

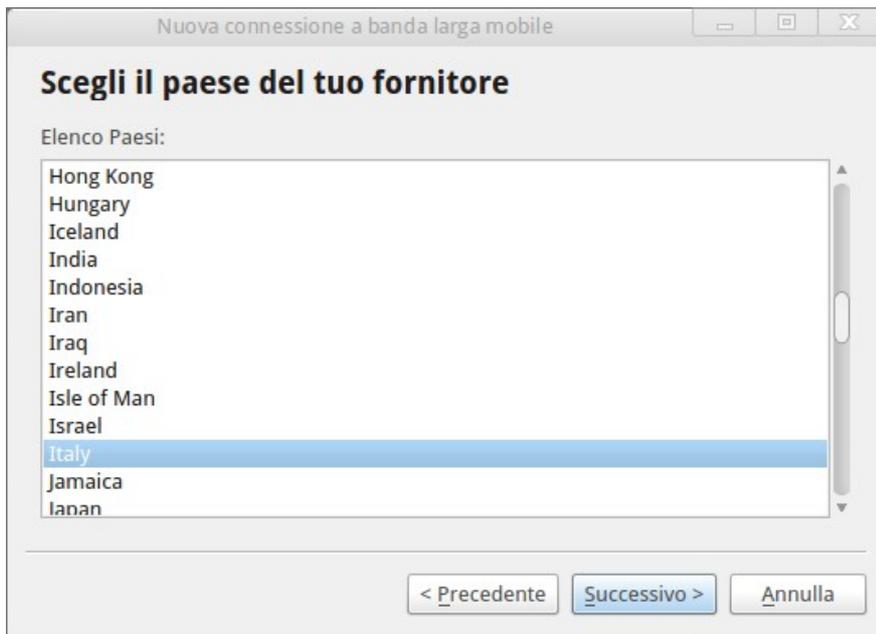
Open the Network Manager let's move on TAB on the mobile "Mobile Broadband" and start the configuration process by pressing the

"Add" button.



The key should be inserted already been recognized. If you see this already in the dropdown menu there will be problems, otherwise look on the internet the information on your device.

Press "Next"



We select our country, and press "Next"

Used to narrow down your options later.



We select the service provider, in this case Vodafone, and press the "Next" button

This option is perhaps the most difficult to evaluate the pull-down menu offers some options for the data plan, and it is best not to make mistakes, as is clearly stated in the note.

In the case of Vodafone's key station 2 option is the "Default" then continue the configuration by pressing the "Next"

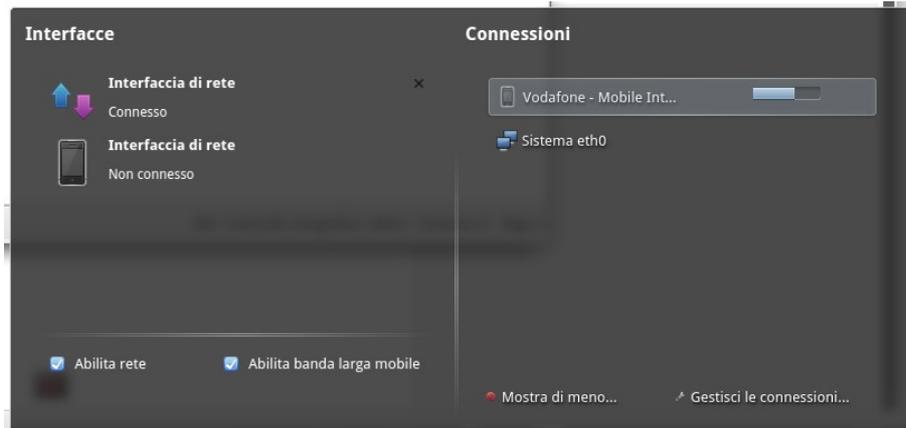
Also ensure that your contract carefully to avoid problems!

You will see a summary screen that we will actually finish the setup process. So one last Click on the "Finish" button

The setup procedure is finished now just turn it on when needed.

Every time we will want to make an internet access, we will simply insert the USB device, wait a moment, go to the Network Manager and press on the item Vodafone in the list of connections.

The LED in the device will change color depending on the type of connection available, and depending on the device model



The devices and the operators are so many, so the configuration procedures, but above all the options to choose from, can be different and not all of which are the following may be a manual.

So it is always the advice, inquire at least the parameters to be included (and the presence of any PIN).

The procedure configuration remains simple.

Note: Before you buy a device, it is better make a search on the internet to check the compatibility with Linux, especially on newer devices.

## 4.4 ADSL via WIFI

The procedure is as simple as connecting to physical Ethernet with RJ45, if the interface is recognized and configured, you will find into the connection manager just saw the wireless card enabled.

The connection can also be configured by pressing the icon on the system tray, at the bottom right in the main panel of the desktop.

In these interfaces will find all detected networks, we will just have to choose our, or that you want, and complete the necessary information, as usual.

Is usually sufficient:

- **Cipher mode**
- **password (encryption key)**

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## 5 SYSTEM UPDATE (security and bug fix) (ADSL)

The upgrade system allows you to eliminate known vulnerabilities, fix software bugs that have been resolved, and update drivers, programs, and libraries. To make this possible, you will need to perform some operations that will allow us also to take advantage of a virtually unlimited amount of software packages.

Immediately after installing the system, I always suggest to do an update.

OF COURSE IT IS NECESSARY TO A FAST INTERNET CONNECTION (DSL)

Note:

If you wanted to delete all previously set repository, use the command:

```
#urpmi.removemedias -a
```

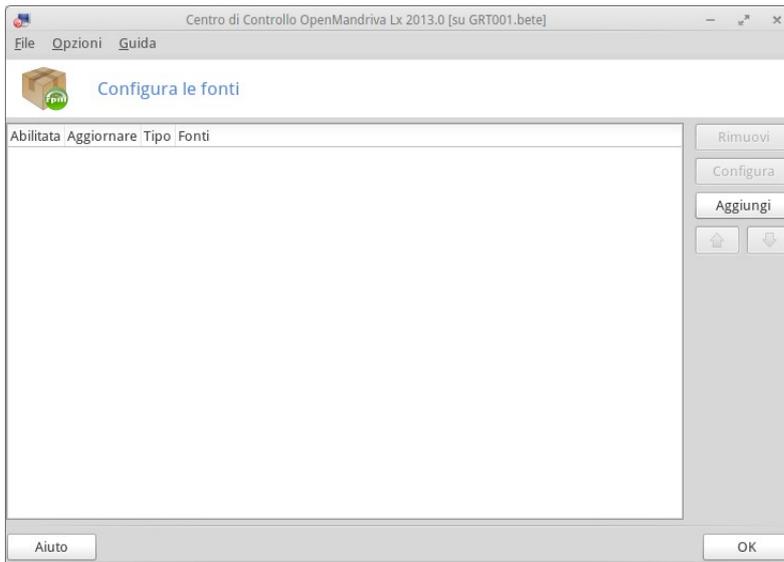
### 5.1 Configuration of the various repository OFFICIAL

From OpenMandriva Control Center (Configure your computer) section:

**"Management Software"**

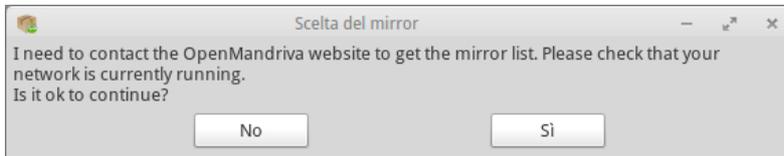
choose the item:

**"Configure the sources for install and update"**

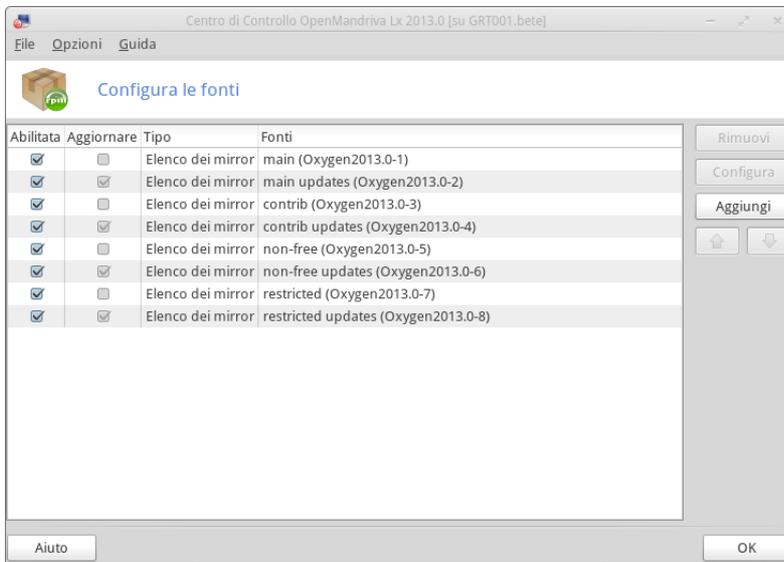


In case there are the DVD or CD media cater to remove them with the appropriate button.

To insert the new on-line press ADD



Verify that your Internet connection is active (if it is not activate it) and accept to contact the website by pressing YES PINK



After a phase of downloads will be presented with a list of configured repositories.

Please note that not all repositories are ENABLED and especially the major ones (which really should not change) do not have the check mark on UPDATE. Depending on the version of OpenMandriva Lx, we installed a set of repository and enables different.

Then press OK,

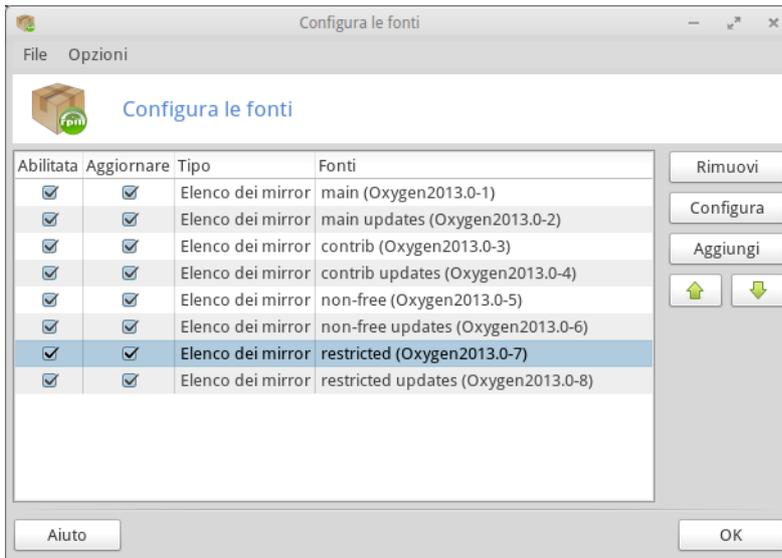
Open a terminal become an administrator with the command  
**ON <ENTER>**

Enter the root password

give the command

**drakrpm-edit-media --expert**

that will reopen the same window as before but this time we will be able to perform all the necessary changes.



Ino particular we are going to select the UPDATE even on Main sources ie main, contrib, no-Free

in addition you can also enable the Restricted sources.

Press OK to complete the operation

Note I am using a 64bit system you see in the image more sources than you would find on a 32bit system.

This is due to the presence of sources 32bit more.

If not, we can add the repository 32bit manually see paragraph: [4.1.2](#)

### 5.1.1 Abilitare le fonti bloccate

If you have followed all the steps in section 4.1 this section does not need

Some repositories are locked for update, and through the usual interface in MCC, you can not unlock them. To enable them to do this, you must issue the following command from a terminal (as administrator).

```
[root]#drakrpm-edit-media --expert
```

will open the usual form in which, however, we can enable the Update option on all repositories.

Abilitateli only if you have real needs and maybe in a targeted manner.

### 5.1.2 Add the sources 32bit on 64bit systems

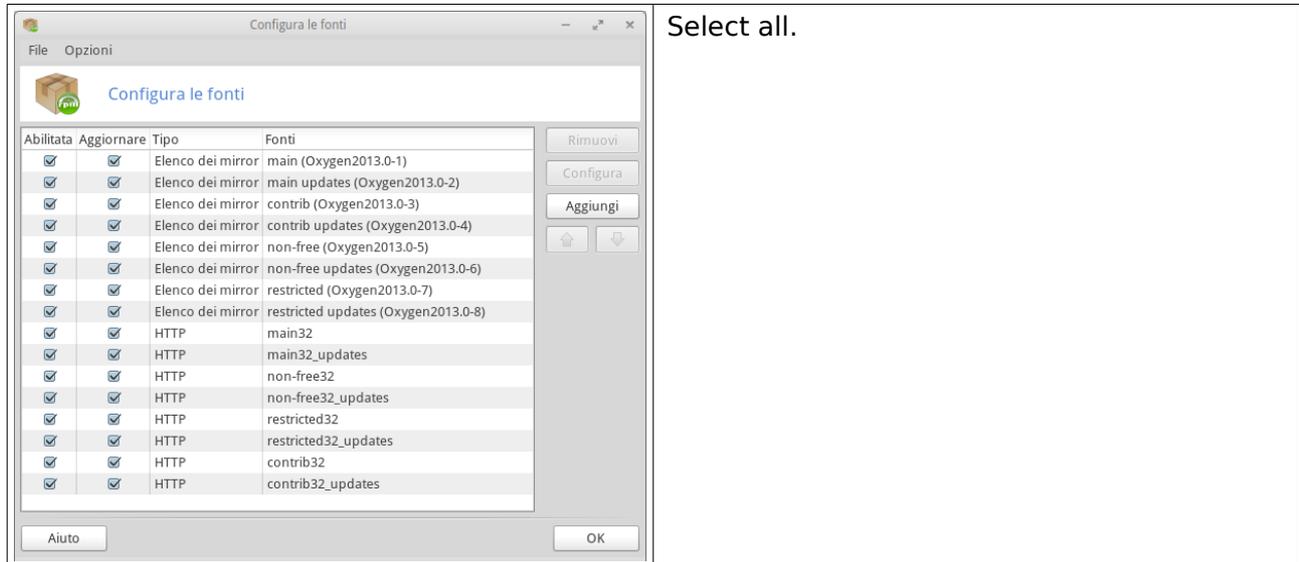
Open a terminal as an administrator and run the following commands:

```
urpmi.addmedia main32 http://abf-downloads.rosalinux.ru/openmandriva2013.0/repository/i586/media/main/release/
urpmi.addmedia main32_updates http://abf-downloads.rosalinux.ru/openmandriva2013.0/repository/i586/media/main/updates/
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urpmi.addmedia contrib32 http://abf-downloads.rosalinux.ru/openmandriva2013.0/repository/i586/media/contrib/release/
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urpmi.addmedia contrib32\_updates <http://abf-downloads.rosalinux.ru/openmandriva2013.0/repository/i586/media/contrib/updates/>

then with

```
[root]#drakrpm-edit-media -expert
```



### 5.1.3 Add the MIB sources

We can also add the MIB repository, in which we can find additional packages, updates and much more.

<http://mib.pianetalinux.org/blog/>

The repositories are:

32bit systems

```
urpmi.addmedia --update MIB-basic http://mib.pianetalinux.org/MIB/omv2013/32/basic/
urpmi.addmedia --update --raw MIB-experts http://mib.pianetalinux.org/MIB/omv2013/32/experts/
```

64bit systems

```
urpmi.addmedia --update MIB-basic_64 http://mib.pianetalinux.org/MIB/omv2013/64/basic/
urpmi.addmedia --update --raw MIB-experts_64 http://mib.pianetalinux.org/MIB/omv2013/64/experts/
```

The repository "expert" is not yet available, but you can check the following link:  
<http://mib.pianetalinux.org/blog/repository>

## 5.2 System Updates

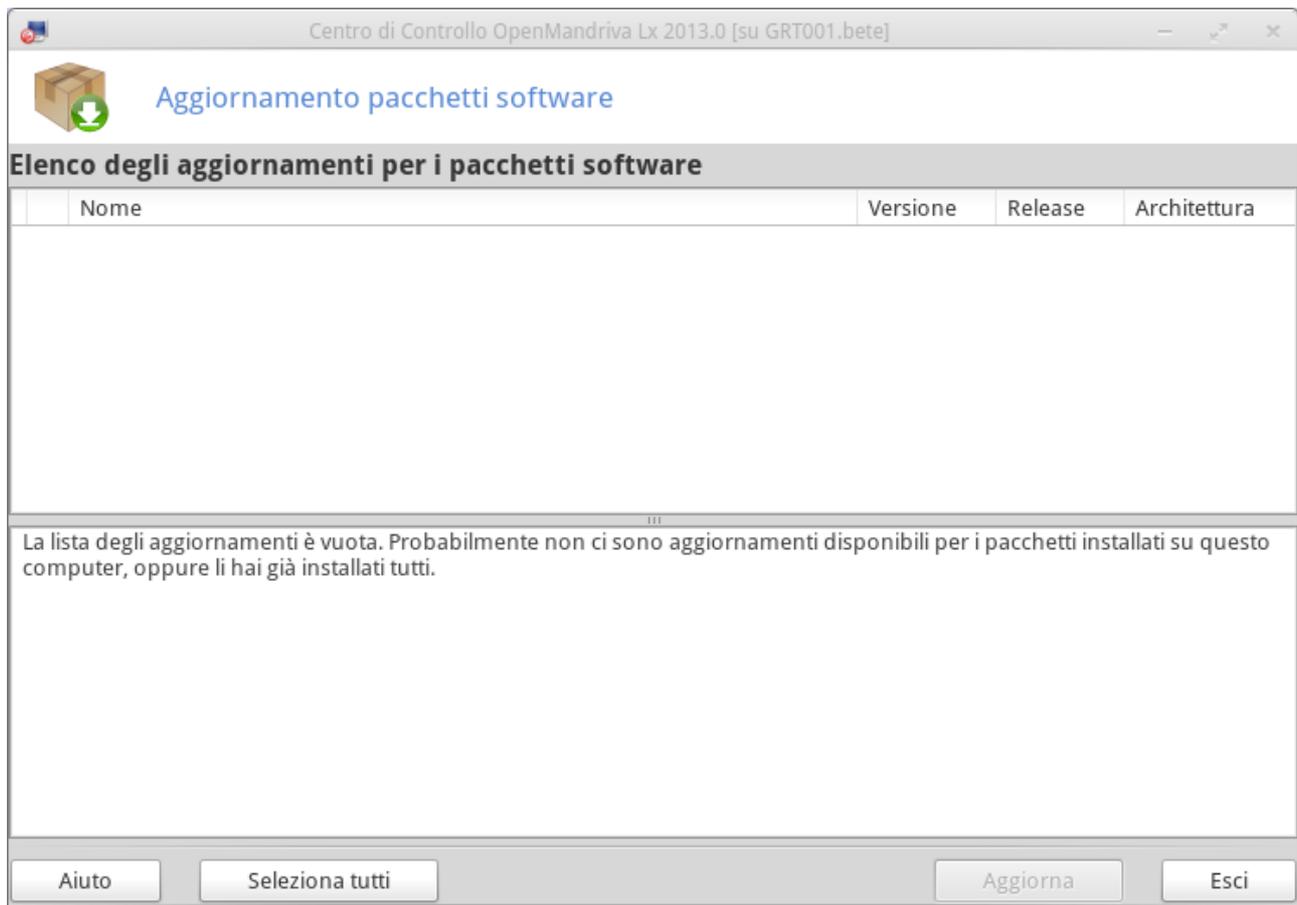
NOTE: Once the repository configured the system will warn you of the presence of any updates in complete autonomy, by displaying a small icon in the system tray (OpenMandriva Online).



Pressing it will request the USER password. In the window that opens will present the list of packages to update.

If you want to change the user password requirement, the original setting, with the root password, read the following paragraph:

[Configura l'autenticazione per gli strumenti OpenMandriva](#)



we will not have to do is press the UPDATE button and confirm the update in the next window. After downloading and installing the updates window will be empty so we can close the window by pressing EXIT. The small icon will change color

and will disappear after a few seconds.

You can also upgrade the system from the terminal of course .....

Open a terminal and become an administrator, after that, run the following command.

```
[root@GOLD davide]# urpmi --auto-update
```

the system will update the lists of internet repositories, check for updates, download, and install complete autonomy ...

when the operation is complete disconnect from the internet (if necessary).

NOTE: Some times it is possible that the signatures of packages to be installed is not correct, only happens when you give the command by adding the following option:

```
--no-verify-rpm
```

then:

```
[root@GOLD davide]# urpmi --auto-update --no-verify-rpm
```

NOTE: ADSL connections is not bad update your system every time (or almost) that you go on the internet, or in the case of flat connection whenever you remember. In practice everything is resolved with the same command

```
[root@GOLD davide]# urpmi --auto-update
```

An update frequently has multiple benefits, firstly it is always up to date for both bug fixes, software updates for security, on the other hand the number of packages to be installed will be low then the process will take little or very little.

Infrequent updates can also lead to an update process involving hundreds of packages.

### ***5.3 Installing programs***

After entering the new sources of packets, in the "System Administration" in the "Configure Your Desktop" we will be able to click on "Install and Remove Software" where you can find thousands of software categorized by type of application

To install them:

select

Turn on the connection to the internet (if necessary)

press install

when the operation is complete disconnect from the internet.

(actually just start the installation phase, you can already close the connection to the internet)

From the terminal you can install the programs that you already know the name simply with the command `urpmi name> preset>` obviously need to be super user and have the internet connection is already active then:

```
#urpmi <program name> <INVIO>
```

**NOTE:**

In the case in which the PC is plugged into a corporate network with proxy is added to the following command string

```
--proxy <IP del proxy>:<porta> --proxy-user <user name>:<password>
```

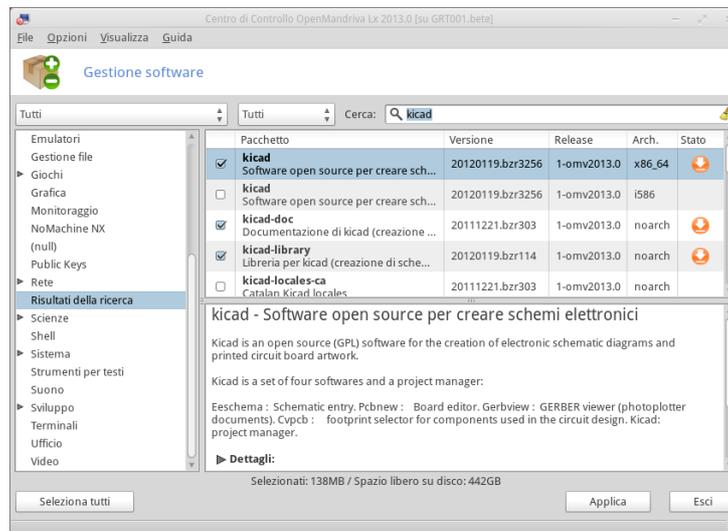
or if the proxy does not require password

```
--proxy <IP del proxy>:<porta>
```

**"Install and Remove Software"**

To search for a program that you know the name, for example KiCad, just type it into the field at the top and press enter.

In fact, it will find all the packages that contain the search string in the name.



Then press Apply and you agree to resolve any dependencies.

For some special programs, for example PYTHON research will bring out many files, we have to do in the absence of special needs (for example, use a specific version of python), you select only the main one, then just python.

**NOTE 1:**

Note the voice ALL the icons above groups of programs used to specify display all the available packages.

The drop-down menu allows you to choose other options including "Packages with GUI" through which packets will be displayed with graphical interface omitting libraries and programs from the terminal, in short, to simplify the choice.

**NOTE 2:**

In the Options menu, select "use regular expressions to search" in this way you refine your search.

**Note 3:**

In the VIEW menu and can choose from various types of grouping of packages.

**5.3.1 Meta-packages**

Also from the drop-down menu, which we just talked about, among other options there is the

voice Meta-packages.

These are empty packages that have been dragging behind as dependencies a particular set of packages.

Let's take an example, selecting the "meta-packages" from the menu, and select the icon on the left bar "Graphical Desktop" and as "Xfce" you will find a little packet appointed task-xfce (plus version) by selecting one, you can do it for only one test, you will see the list of dependencies associated with it, and you'll understand the convenience of these meta packages.

They are very comfortable:

**Task-games** (install different games of various types of space occupying about 2.2 G)

**edu-task** (installs kde games, tuxpaint, stellarium etc for about 390M)

## 5.4 Updating a single program

If, for some reason, you do not want to upgrade the system, but you want to update only a single program, for example k3b just update the lists with the usual command:

```
#urpmi.update -a
```

after you install the update with

```
#urpmi -update k3b
```

## 5.5 The first programs I install!

There are a number of programs and libraries whose "I" can not do without, and I install immediately after adding the repository, and the first system update. here's the list:

Program	Description
<b>yakuake</b>	terminal (appears and disappears by pressing F12)
Konqueror	We need more than anything else to add convenient service menu to dolphin
<b>kaffeine</b>	Great media player for digital TV
<b>wine</b>	to install the programs win (install the 32bit version)
<b>xsane</b>	for the scanner
<b>xsane-gimp</b>	scanner using gimp
<b>gimp</b>	Image manipulation program
<b>Java (OpenJDK)</b>	Java (java-1.7.0-openjdk)
<b>flash-player-plugin</b>	Flash Player plugin for browser
lame	encoder MP3 (if you are on a 32bit system)
<b>kipi-plugins</b>	Various plugins for photo correction
<b>glabels</b>	to create labels
<b>Tellico</b>	Cataloger collections, which I use as a small database
win32-codecs	decoder per vari formati (se sono su un sistema 32bit)
libdvdcss2	librerie per leggere i DVD
libdvdnav4	librerie per la navigazione dei DVD
libfreetype6	librerie per i font
libfreetype6-devel	librerie per i font
Kommader	Editor ed executor per kommander scripts

Note 1: Some are already installed, but I am still checking.

Note 2: This will also install dependencies

A further step is to verify the install kernel source  
 [root@gold davide]#uname -r <INVIO>

3.11.8-nrjQL-desktop-1omv

indicates that both the kernel version: **3.11.8**  
 and also the type: **desktop**

I install the kernel-sources related to nrjQL-desktop

[root@gold davide]#urpmi kernel-nrjQL-desktop-devel<Return>

devel package may already be installed, if so will be notified.

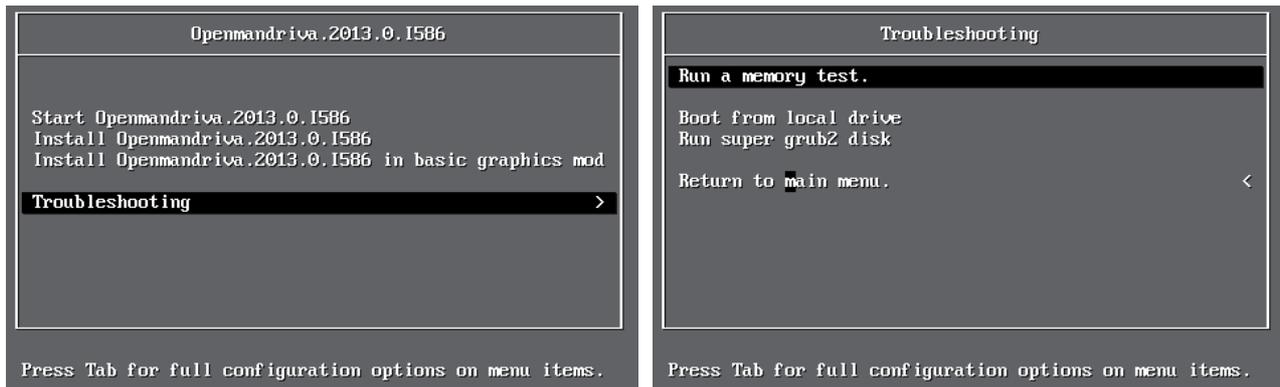
If you try the kernel on the graphical installation program, will be listed including various kernel will select the kernel devel relative to ours.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>kernel-nrjQL-desktop-3.11.8-1omv</b> Linux Kernel for desktop use with x86_64	1	1-omv2013.0	x86_64	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>kernel-nrjQL-desktop-devel-3.11.8-1omv</b> The kernel-devel files for kernel-nrjQL-deskt...	1	1-omv2013.0	x86_64	

Note: The kernel package devel serves, for example, when you need to install dkms driver. Even if you do not check this in advance, during the installation of anything that needs this package, it will be installed as a dependency.

## 5.6 System Recovery

It never happened, but if by chance you ever need to restore the boot loader of Linux or Windows ® (then rewrite MBR), or for any other reason, you can use the installation DVD OpenMandriva Lx, 2013, by selecting the item "Troubleshooting"



From which we can launch both memory test is the GRUB2.

## 6 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

The configuration programs that we will use to modify some aspects of the distribution are always the same:

**Configure your Desktop** (change user-level)  
**Configure your Computer** (machine-level changes) (to run it from terminal use the command "mcc")

Are easily found in SimpleWelcome



Or if you put kickoff as the start menu then you will find below:

### TOOLS | TOOLS SYSTEM

and have the following names:

**Control Center** <> **Configure Your Desktop**  
**OpenMandriva Control Center** <> **Configure Your Computer**

## 6.1 OpenMandriva CONTROL CENTER

All the operations of system settings can be performed via a dedicated graphics program.

The main control center is just in distribution OpenMandriva "OpenMandriva Control Center" via the following:

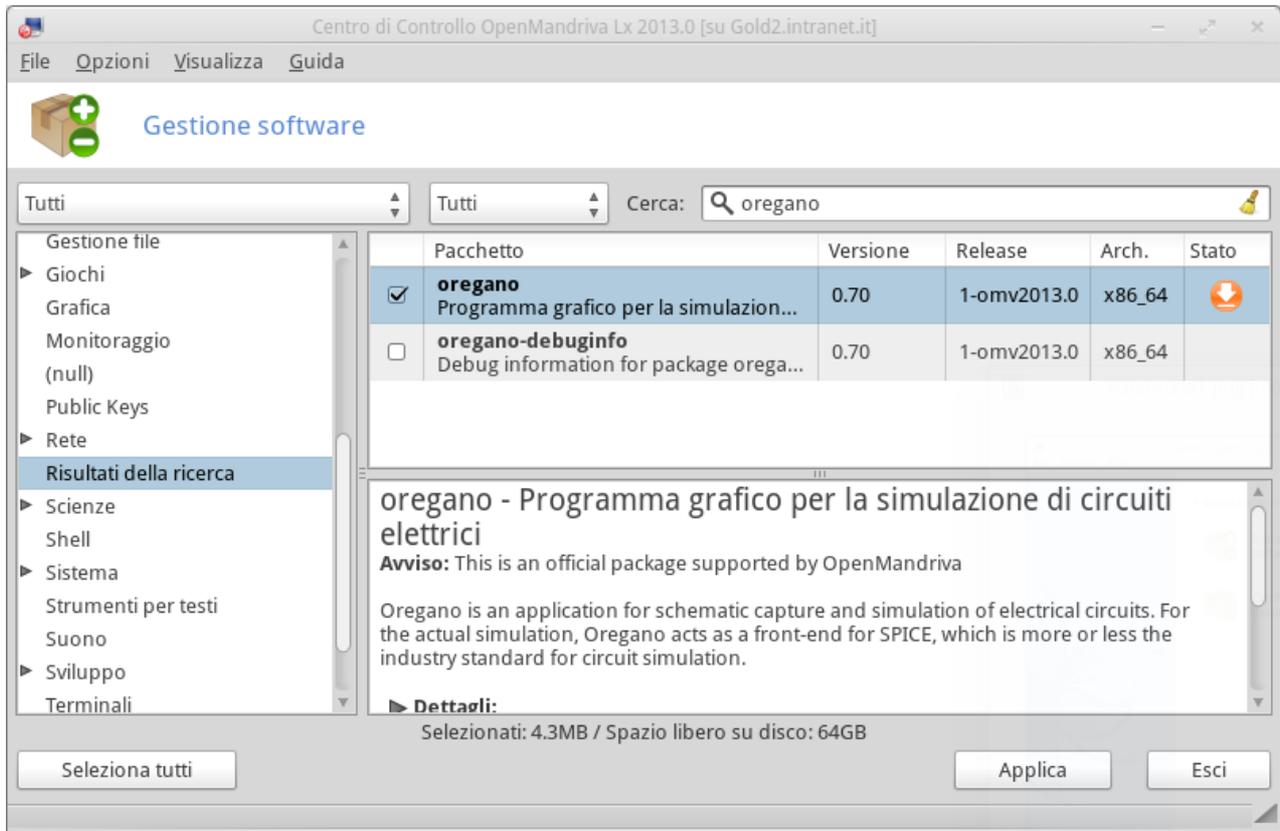
### MENU | TOOLS | TOOLS SYSTEM

Identical to the famous "Mandriva Control Center"



On the left are the various sections of which the most used is sure to be "**Software Management**", from here you can access the system for managing the installation and removal of packages. RPMs containing the various programs.

Selecting the icon for the installation you get:



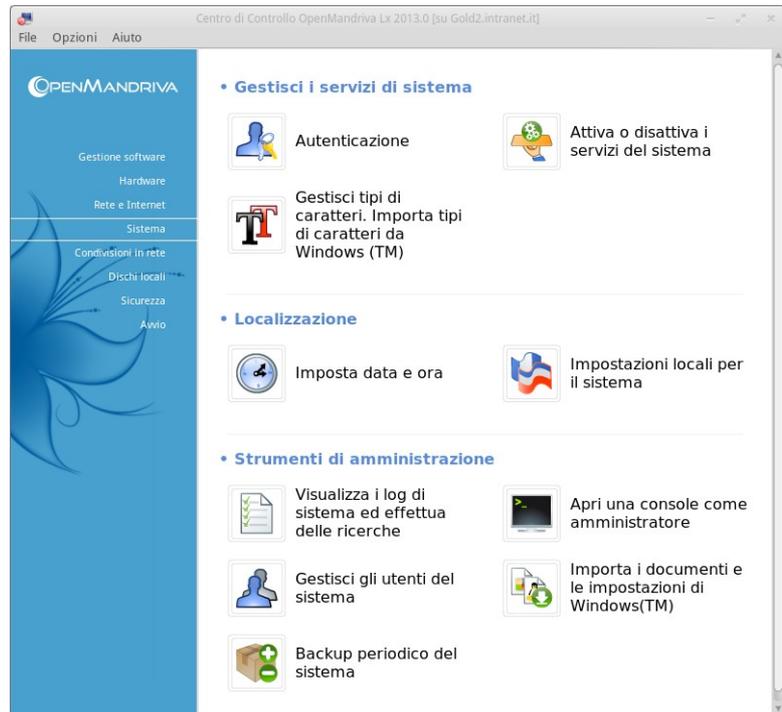
If you already know the name of the package you want to install, for example if I want to install a program for electronic simulation, then try "oregano" and I select it, the system will select automatically all the other packages needed to install it (of course if there are any).

At this point, press **APPLY**.

Of course it is possible to select multiple items and install only at the end of the selection.

In the System section of the MCC can be configured:

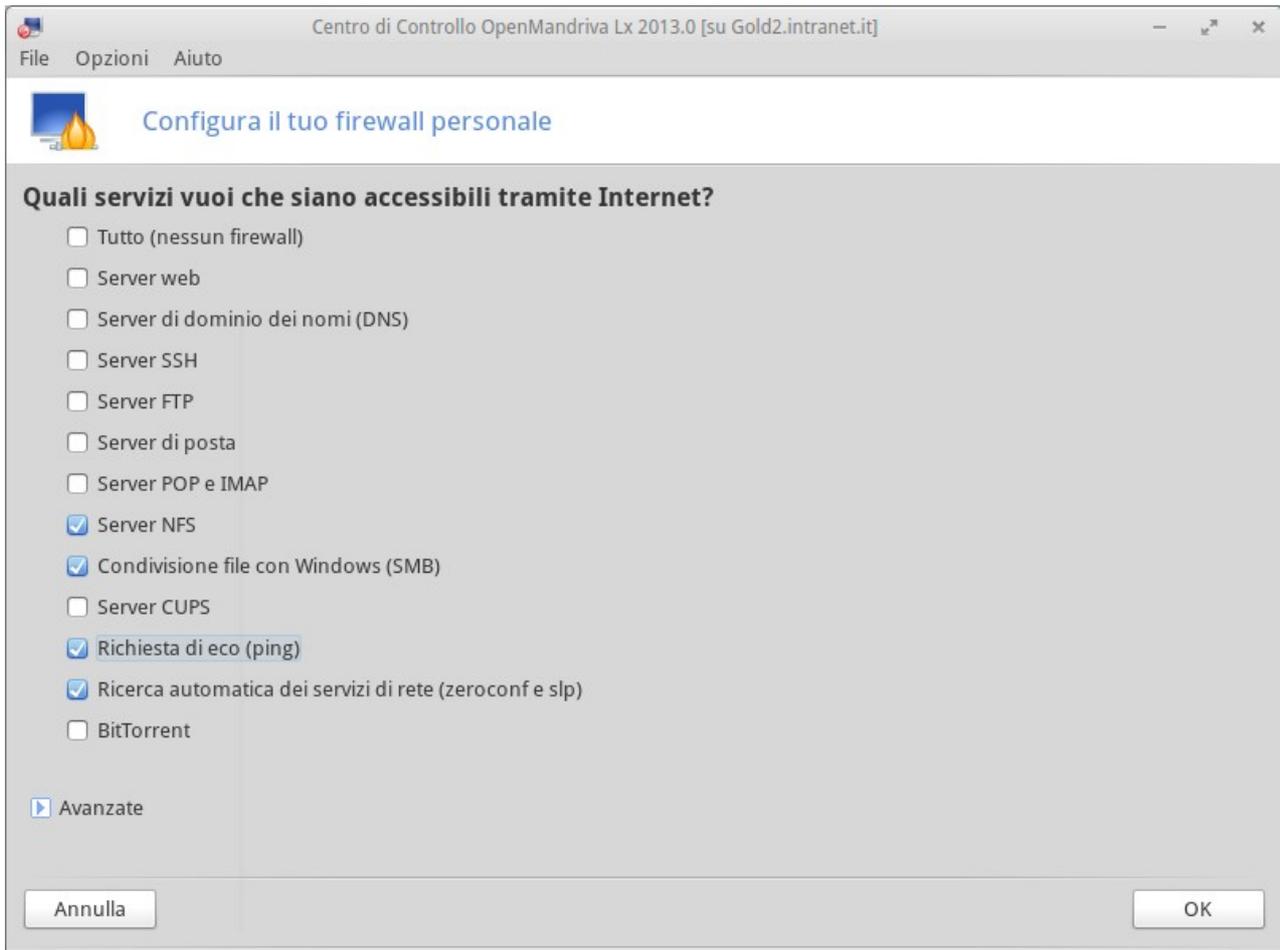
- Fonts (if you want to import on the partition windows or add more)
- Active services (be careful)
- The locale (language used by the old system and compatibility encoding is not UTF-8, reachable by voice ADVANCED)
- Provide for and set up periodic backups.
- Add additional users



"Set the date and time" is useful if you want to activate the option for setting the time on the network. All you need is an internet connection active when you configure it.

Also from MCC you can easily configure a firewall for internet in the **SAFETY** section

selecting "**Configure your personal firewall**"



You can **ENABLE** services and servers that **CAN** be reached from the Internet. Typically deselection all entries (ie, no open door to the internet)

You can also close / open all the doors of access to the system, individually, based on the port number and service.



As clearly stated you can check `/etc/services` which ports are available.

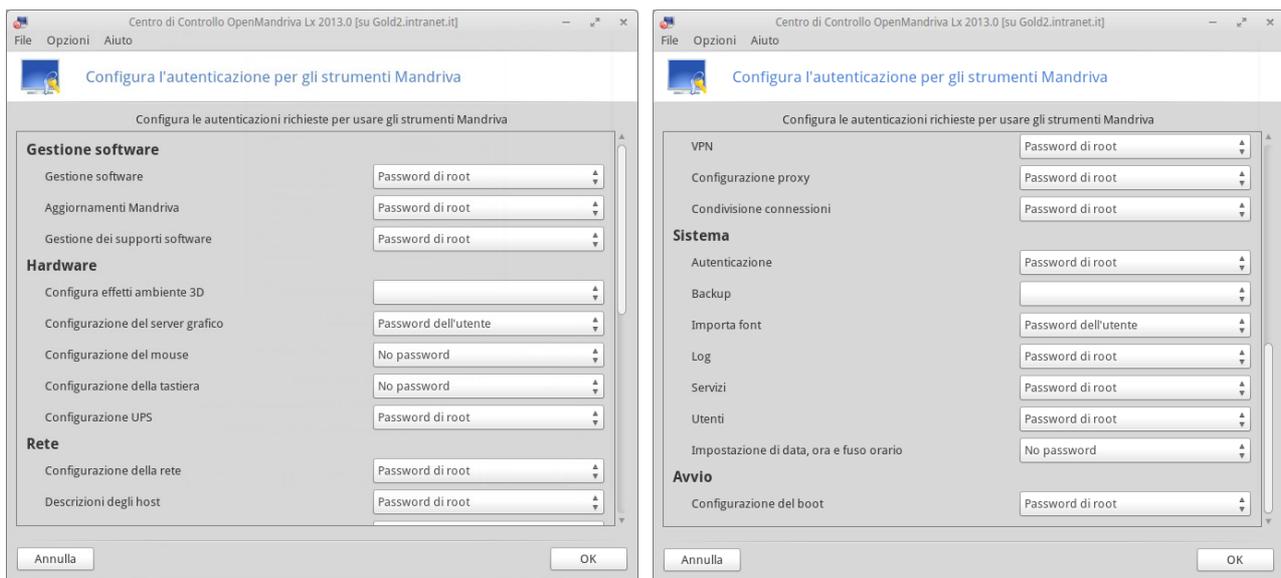
Once you enable the firewall just click on OK and choose which eth interface you want to enable the firewall.

it is important to take a look at the firewall logs from time to time to check for any access attempts

In the same section we also find the following entry:

### 6.1.1 Configure authentication for instruments OpenMandriva

Through this menu you can select the necessary permits for the various configuration programs. Let's take a practical example if we wanted to change the user password requirement for system upgrades, making it necessary for the user's password administrator (root), simply find the row relating to "Mandriva Updates" and select from its drop-down menu "Password root "



Complete by pressing the OK button

## 6.1.2 Adding components in MCC

After adding the repository internet you can install packages that will add other configuration wizard OpenMandriva Control Center.

There are several, among which I quote:

**Drakfax** : Allows you to configure a fax server, which uses Hylafax attention, and in fact will ask you to immediately install the HylaFAX server. You will see a new icon in the Hardware section in MCC | Configure printers and scanners.

**Drakwizard** : set of wizards for configuring the system (ftp, web, dhcp, dns, sshd, etc.)

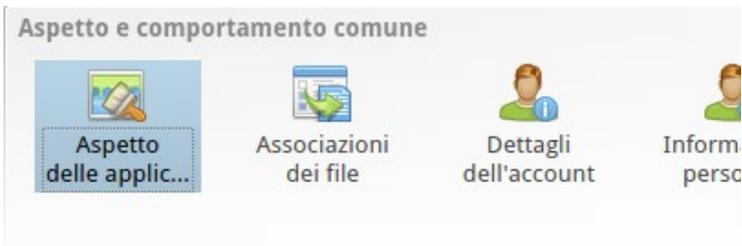
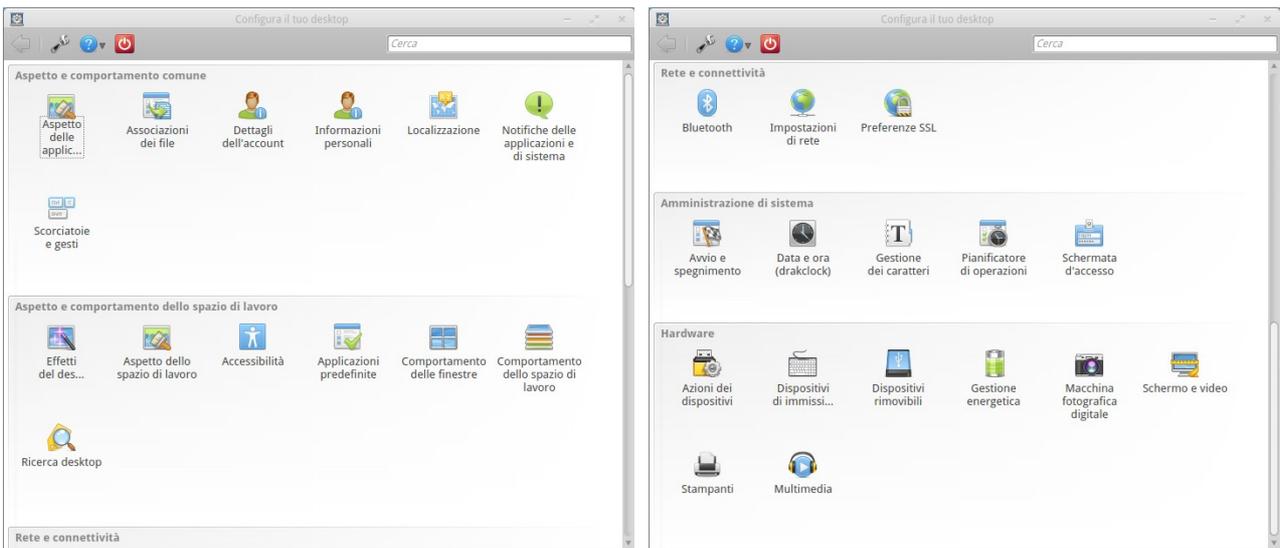
Others will not appear in MCC but may be launched directly from the terminal.

**Drakoo** : Set the default save format for LibreOffice.

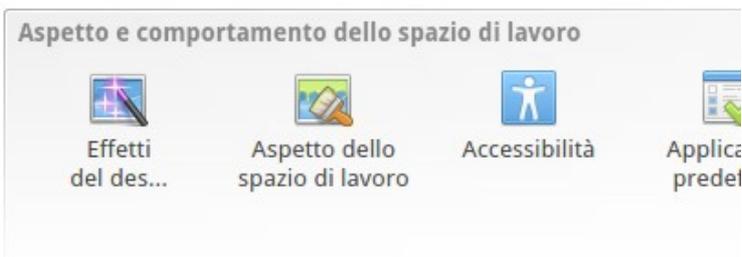
## 6.2 Control Center (KDE 4)

Through the control center accessible from KDE4

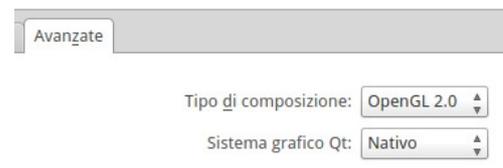
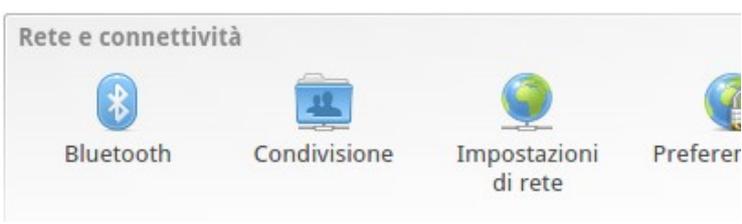
**Menu | Computer | System Settings**, you can configure all the options related to your desktop, then the appearance, user information, the presets, keyboard shortcuts with the relative configuration of the various function keys, and much more .



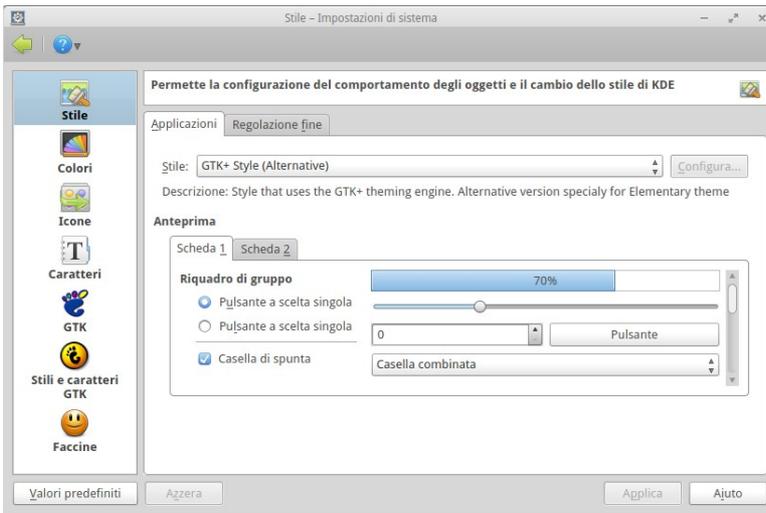
The entries are the usual ones already present in the control center KDE, and functions remain the same. They are grouped into sections whose title already spells out the functions that we are going to check.



If you have installed the nvidia drivers remember to run the "Desktop Effects" go to the tab "Advanced" and

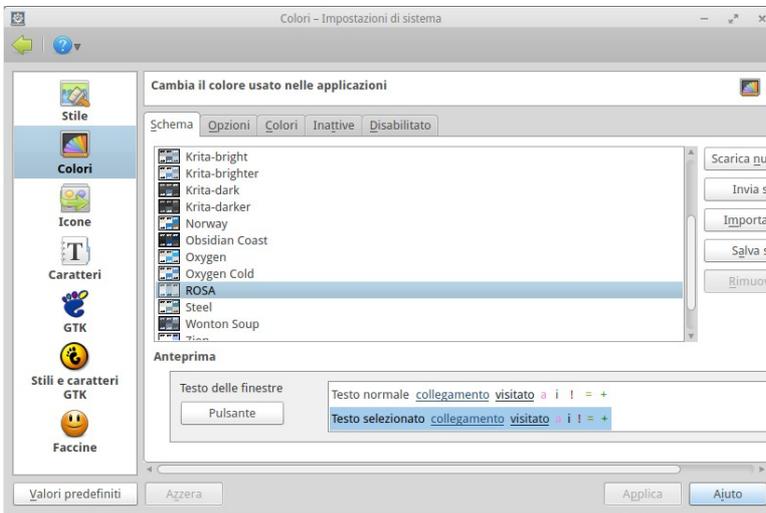


**Set OpenGL as the type of composition, so you can then enable other 3D effects like the cube just to make an example.**

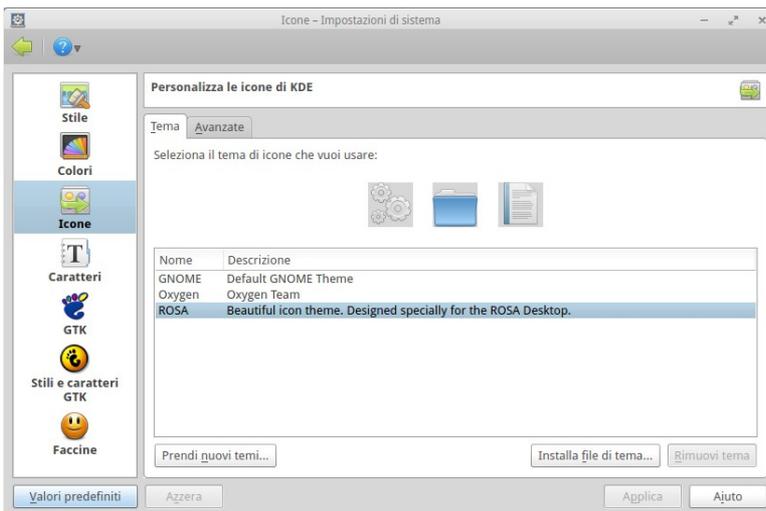


selecting "Application Appearance" questtta window will open with an icon menu on the left and on the presentation of the options you can change.

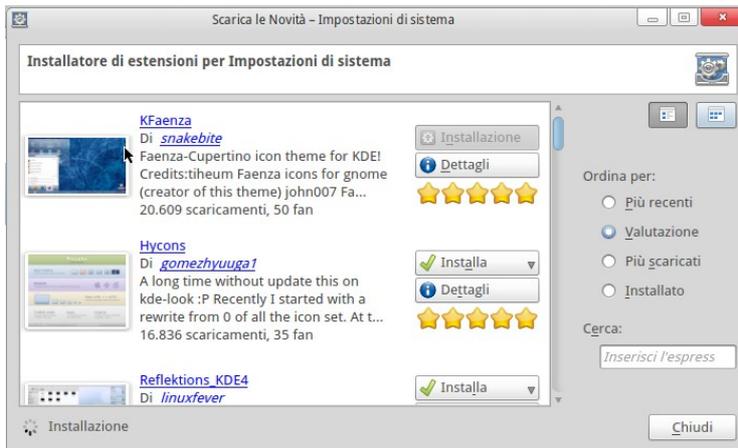
Selecting **STYLE** we can select using the appropriate drop-down menu styles already available in the system.



COLORS, Change the color set used (menu bars, etc.)



Here we can select the icon theme, or adds new sets of downloading them directly from kde-look, to do this just press the [Get New Themes ...]



To install them just choose the one you want, select it and press on install

the topic will find him in the list.

**NOTE:**

The [Get new ....] we find in the other sections and we will always allow access to the extensive library of kde-look.

Scorriamo tutte le voci presenti all'interno del Centro di controllo KDE per verificare tutte le possibili configurazioni

Of particular interest may be:

**Association of the file** that allows you to select the program to use to open a particular file type. Just search for the file extension in a timely manner and to organize the list of programs associated with it, keeping in mind that the first program in the list will be the one normally used to open files of that type.

**Auto Start** from where you can enter both programs scripts, to be launched automatically to our desktop. See an example of a script to launch a VNC server, in paragraph (10.28), for example, I always add the "yakuake."

**Session Management** useful to set the default exit action and remove or add the request of shutdown options.

## 6.2.1 Mouse

If you prefer to set single click instead of double for opening files

### Control Center Hardware section Input Devices mouse

Selecting the menu on the left mouse

I enable "single click to open files and folders"

I leave the rest as is.

Also in this window will be possible to calibrate the joystick and modify and add keyboard shortcuts, simply click their icons.

### 6.3 Configuring Sensors Fans / temperature

*lm\_sensors* and 'one of those packages that will be installed automatically during installation of the OS To verify the presence go to a terminal and type:

`$sensors <RETURN>`

the command should return something like:

```
acpitz-virtual-0
Adapter: Virtual device
temp1:    +55.0°C (crit = +105.0°C)
temp2:    +51.0°C (crit = +105.0°C)
temp3:    +36.6°C (crit = +105.0°C)
temp4:    +60.0°C (crit = +110.0°C)
temp5:    +60.0°C (crit = +256.0°C)
temp6:    +56.0°C (crit = +105.0°C)

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k10temp-pci-00c3
Adapter: PCI adapter
temp1:    +29.1°C (high = +70.0°C)
           (crit = +90.0°C, hyst = +85.0°C)
```

and then everything already installed. If not returned anything or not this command, simply install the `lm_sensors` package.

however, launch the command as an administrator:

```
# sensors-detect
```

and follow the suggestions for each question (the options are written in upper case), just press Enter.

Will be detected and configured so other devices, relaunch the command "sensors" and get more information:

```
it8721-isa-0290
Adapter: ISA adapter
in0:      +2.82 V (min = +1.36 V, max = +0.68 V) ALARM
in1:      +2.82 V (min = +2.33 V, max = +1.60 V) ALARM
in2:      +1.21 V (min = +2.94 V, max = +0.28 V) ALARM
+3.3V:    +3.34 V (min = +5.35 V, max = +2.38 V) ALARM
in4:      +2.99 V (min = +2.08 V, max = +0.95 V) ALARM
in5:      +2.53 V (min = +1.12 V, max = +0.83 V) ALARM
in6:      +1.64 V (min = +2.66 V, max = +0.32 V) ALARM
3VSB:    +6.07 V (min = +1.80 V, max = +3.77 V) ALARM
Vbat:     +3.36 V
fan1:     2586 RPM (min = 21 RPM)
fan2:     0 RPM (min = 12 RPM) ALARM
fan3:     0 RPM (min = 11 RPM) ALARM
temp1:    +38.0°C (low = +1.0°C, high = -57.0°C) ALARM sensor = thermistor
temp2:    +34.0°C (low = -5.0°C, high = -5.0°C) ALARM sensor = thermistor
```

temp3: -128.0°C (low = +87.0°C, high = +59.0°C) sensor = disabled  
 intrusion0: OK

**Using KDE4 is certainly simple to use plasmoids available to monitor temperatures.**

## 6.4 Video Codec Installation

In order to see the various media formats both audio and video, as well as read DVD as fully as possible, you need to install some packages that provide libraries and codecs needed. Many others are already installed we will add them.

Libreria / codec		Descrizione
32 bit	64 bit	
<b>libdvdcss2</b>	<b>lib64dvdcss2</b>	DVD access by deCSS
<b>libdvdread4</b>	<b>lib64dvdread4</b>	Library for Reading DVD Video Images
<b>libdvdnav4</b>	<b>lib64dvdnav4</b>	DVD Navigation library
<b>libdv4</b>	<b>lib64dv4</b>	Codecs for Quasar DV Video
liba52dec0	lib64a52dec0	Library for decoding ATSC A/52 streams
libdvbpsi	lib64dvbpsi7	Decoding MPEG2 and DVB PSI sections
libebml3	lib64ebml3	Extensible Binary Meta Language
libmatroska5	lib64matroska5	Library for Matroska (HD)
<b>win32-codecs</b>		Set of codecs
x264	x264	H264/AVC encoder
<i>real-codecs</i>	<i>real-codecs</i>	Codecs real player
<i>faac</i>	<i>faac</i>	Free Advanced Audio Encoder (AAC encoder)
<i>faad2</i>	<i>faad2</i>	Free Advanced Audio Decoder (Mpeg2 e 4 decoder)

If you install you will see all your DVDs and read most of the audio / video formats

IF YOU ARE ON THE REPOSITORY all  
 you can simply use the INSTALL SOFTWARE MCC search. select and install the various packages.

**Mandatory Note: Some of these packages are run formats covered by Rights (DRM or other), the use of which may be illegal in your country, why are released from the Restricted**

**repository.**

NOTE: If you have installed the 64bit version look for the above mentioned libraries in 64bit version basically just change the name from libdvdcss2 <> lib64dvdcss2, just to give an example. You better look for them with the graphic program for installing packages, so as to simplify the search and version control (64bit/32bit), which are both present.

## **6.5 Readers Memory Cards, MP3 devices, digital cameras**

As mentioned above, the detection and installation of USB devices is very efficient, so in principle everything that connects to the PC is automatically detected and mounted by presenting a widget into ICON



**[Device newest].**

In addition, by selecting the device from that window, a window appears with several options to choose from, for example, open a window or do nothing, formats, and more.

In the case inserissimo a camera and should not be presented, you can use the program Digikam, just connect the camera and from the "camera" is pressed on "add camera". The communication will be through is ptp mode is

Digikam is useful both as a cataloguer / viewer for both correct and retouch our photos, the program is complex and feature-rich, and therefore requires a reasonable time of learning of functions, although many of the possible operations to be performed on the photos are automated by various plugins present in Digikam and kipi by excellent plugins that extend the functionality of the program yet.

I add some links:

<http://www.digikam.org/>

<http://www.digikam.org/node/323>

<http://extragear.kde.org/apps/digikamimageplugins/>

<http://extragear.kde.org/apps/kipi/>

See also the "MANUAL OF APPLICATIONS" always on  
linux-corner

[www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it)

## **6.6 OCR Software**

As often happens in Linux we also have for OCR programs from the command line and the front-end for ease of use, We therefore available

**Gocr** (0:49 version)  
**Ocrad** (0:21 version)  
**Tesseract** (version 3:02:02)

See the "APPLICATION MANUAL" always on linux-corner  
[www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it)

## 6.7 NVIDIA DRIVER INSTALLATION

More and more hardware manufacturers release proprietary drivers for Linux, one of them is NVIDIA graphics chip maker (GeForce2, 4, GEFORCE FX, GeForce 6000/7000/8000 series, etc.) and NFORCE chipset motherboard (Nforce 2 Ultra Nforce2 400, nForce3 Nforce4 etc.)

NOTE: In my opinion it is absolutely preferable to install using DKMS packages, which have many advantages including the list:

1. Ease of installation
2. Automatic update drivers during system upgrades.
3. Automated rebuilding of the driver in case of updating the kernel and related packages devel.

use the other method only in the case of impossibility of access to the network.

### 6.7.1 NVIDIA Video Card Driver

The open source drivers used in the distribution are the nouveau driver, but often, for various needs that are recreational or professional, you need to install the nvidia proprietary driver excellent, they have much better performance.

To properly install the nvidia proprietary driver you need the kernel and use the kernel devel are aligned, otherwise the driver installation will not be completed, this is done automatically during the configuration of X11 is used by MCC.

#### 6.7.1.1 Installing NVIDIA official drivers

***If you do not have special needs drivers to use DKMS, see next paragraph.***

From the Nvidia website in the download section you can download the latest drivers for your card, just select the series and it will be sent to the appropriate download page

This was downloaded and 'a run file.

NVIDIA-Linux-x86\_64-331.20.run

(The number varies when a new version)

NOTE: This procedure requires that the modules are not loaded nouveau, because it totally incompatible with the nvidia proprietary driver.

So now that the open drivers are nouveau instead of nv classics, to install the driver we can not simply leave the ServerX but we will have to boot directly into init3

the ServerX will not work but will not be loaded above the nouveau driver, and we'll end up in front of a pure console.

At this point you go to the directory where we saved our file. Runs and we will make it executable with the command:

```
#chmod +x NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-331.20.run  
and then we will launch  
#sh NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-331.20.run
```

Start an application that will install the new driver in the system, but to do so will have to compile one.

The only attention and answer NO to the connection request to the mirror Nvidia to search for a driver already compiled (you can also groped if you have Internet access already active and if you have never updated the kernel).

After the procedure you have to tell the system to use the Nvidia drivers, do so by editing the file:

```
/etc/X11/xorg.conf  
then:
```

```
[root@GOLD davide]#vi /etc/X11/xorg.conf
```

In the DEVICE to change the voice that Driver "**nv**" must become "**nvidia**"

```
Section "Device"  
    Identifier "device1"  
    VendorName "nVidia"  
    BoardName "NVIDIA GeForce (generic)"  
    Driver "nvidia"  
    Option "DPMS"  
EndSection
```

save the file

```
ESC  
:wq
```

Also check the presence of "nvidia"  
in /etc/modprobe.preload

and reboot the system with the command  
#shutdown -r now <Return>

### 6.7.1.2 *Installing the NVIDIA driver using DKMS packages*

If you have already configured the repository internet

Enough to go to **Configure Your Computer Hardware** section and press the **Configure Graphic system**

This will open a window through which we are going to reselect our video card, under the Vendor and nVidia, are listed in groups for practically as:

"Geforce 2 MX to Geforce 4"	
"Geforce 400 series and later"	(install nvidia-current)
"Geforce 6100 to Geforce 7950"	(install nvidia-304)
"Geforce 8100 to Geforce 360"	(install nvidia-current)
"Geforce FX - series"	(install nvidia-173)
etc	

confirm your choice !

We'll be warned of the presence of a driver and owner , we are asked if we want to use it .... Click on " YES"

Be so installed all the necessary packages including the DKMS and the appropriate kernel-devel .

Complete the installation and compilation of us dkms driver will be asked to select monitor - select Plug & Play resolution - please leave what you find

and in the end you will see a window with a few options to enable or disable and ' absolutely necessary to enable the last option at the bottom otherwise just restart the X server will not start .

In the case of dual monitor , remember to enable the output with the appropriate option .

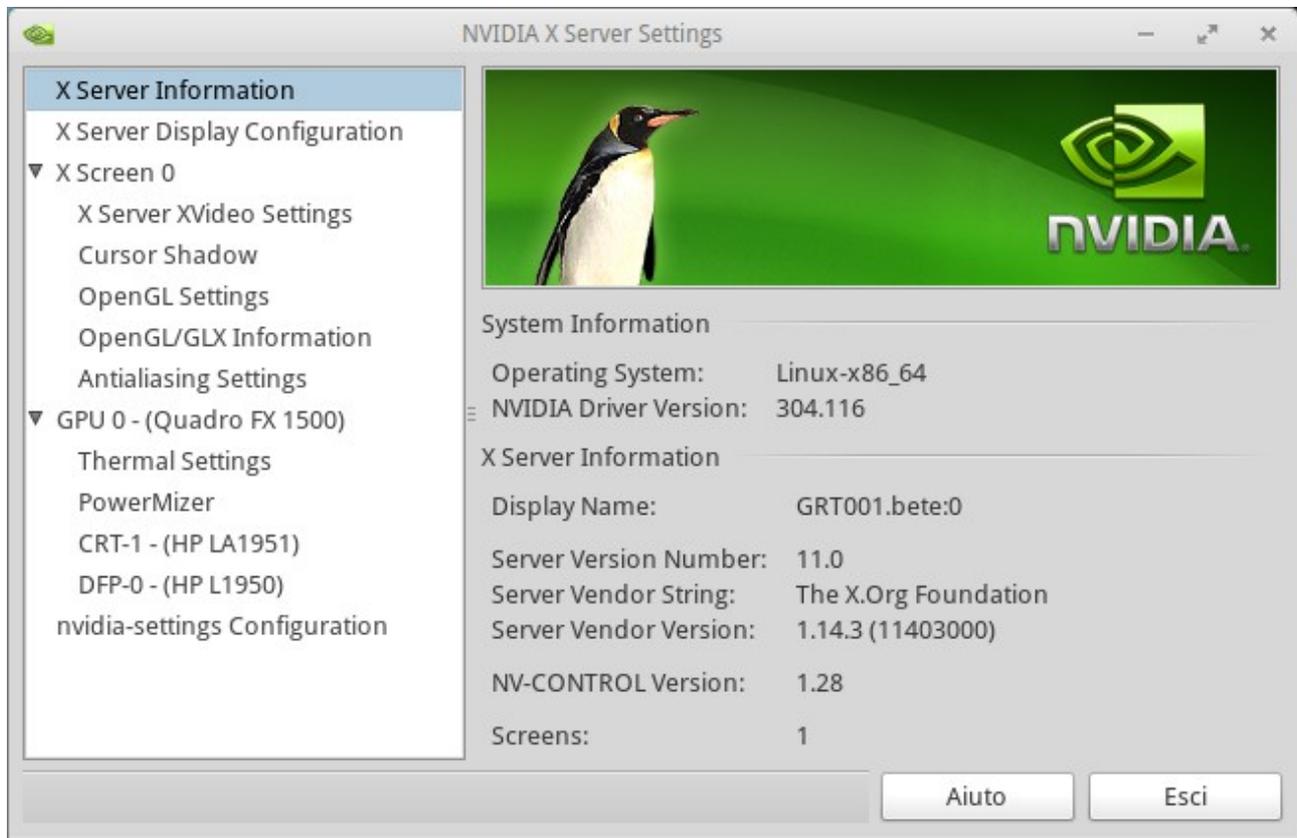
Complete these tasks will exit the configuration program , and you will have to restart your PC.

Note:

The advantage of using these packages , in addition to not having to exit X and move on a terminal , to be automatically recompiled for every kernel upgrade, and to be updated during the usual system upgrades.

The disadvantage is that upgrades automatically during system updates , you run the risk , very low because they are extensively tested before , to install a version with bugs too blockers, due to the packaging or by the driver. To overcome this problem , just enter these drivers between the packages to not update .

I installed drivers provide extra programs such as nvidia-settings with which you can obtain a lot of information on the video card hardware .



But even possible to configure a second monitor.

In case you want to use this application to configure the video card remember to run it as an administrator, the command to use is:

```
#nvidia-settings
```

**Running it as an administrator we can save changes to the file usually**

```
/etc/X11/xorg.conf
```

## **6.8 *installing the ATI DRIVER***

Install the kernel sources

and follow the same instructions in the section

### [5.8.1.2.Installazione driver NVIDIA tramite pacchetti DKMS](#)

The procedure and almost identical.

I can not be more detailed as I never got to try the ATI cards, buying, in fact, always depending on the hardware Linux does not even take into account the different cards from Nvidia or intel ..... at least for now. But this is only my personal opinion.

More information can be found, however, dedicated network.

## **6.9 *Installing the INTEL DRIVER***

Intel releases the driver directly to the open source community so there are no proprietary drivers to update. Having a laptop with Intel video card I could see that drivers released are good enough, and can be activated even 3D.

The performances are not comparable to Nvidia cards, but definitely good.

Note: Sometimes the video playback with this type of video cards has an abnormal overlap of dots blacks on the images. To solve this problem, simply select in the settings of the player in the category Video Video a suitable driver, such as **X11Shm**.

This on almost every player mplayer, xine and the programs that they rely kplayer, kaffeine etc.

## **6.10 *In the event of problems with the proprietary drivers (ATI / Nvidia)***

If the verification of the operation of the proprietary driver does not have a positive outcome, simply rerun the selection process of the card and the question

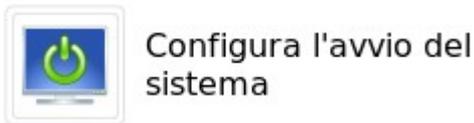
"There is a proprietary driver ..... I want to use "answer NO!

Complete and try again with the TEST button, the proper functioning of the open drivers.

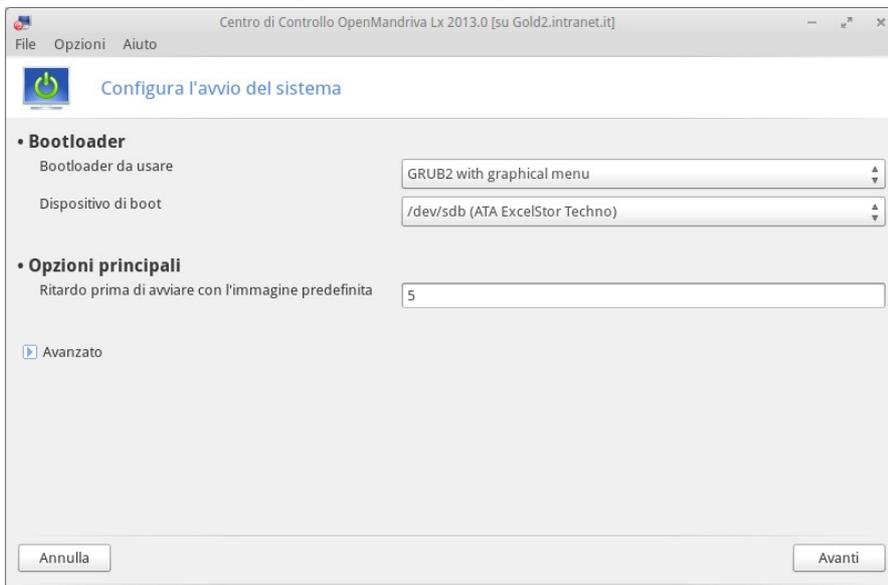
At this point riavremo a GUI and we dedicate ourselves to understand the origin of the problem with the drivers Owners.

## 6.11 Boot Loader Configuration

The default boot loader in OpenMandriva Lx 2013.0 is GRUB2. For its board configuration using the graphical tool

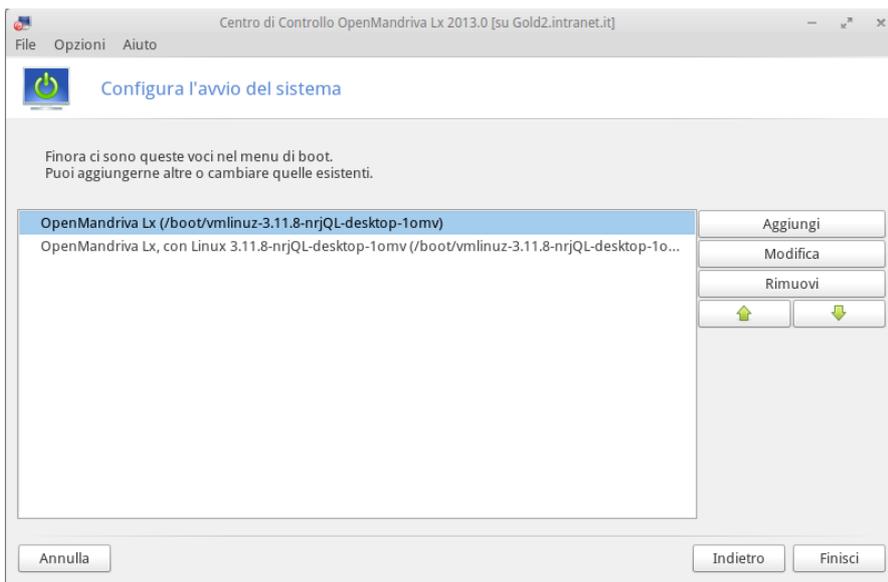


present in the "Startup" section of OpenMandriva Control Center.



Here you can select for example the delay before starting the default operating system

Press NEXT



At this point we can add other operating systems may be installed on other HD.



## 6.12 *Installing and Configuring Devices*

In these paragraphs will be given instructions on how to install the most common devices on OpenMandriva, often you will not need to do anything other times we will have to perform the steps, in principle simple.

### 6.12.1 Printers

From the "**Configure Your Computer** "

#### **Hardware section**

Press the button: **Configure printer (s) , print queues , ...**

We will meet in front of a window where we're going to add the printer already connected via the **ADD** button .

Later you may need to install some packages, so make sure you have already configured the repository and to have access to the Internet is active. If prompted to accept the installation of required packages .

If the printer is connected via USB will find it already in the list, if it is a network printer we have to choose :

"Find network printer" is added in the space HOST IP address of the printer and trace it using the button **FIND**

After a few moments of research will be found the printer and will be added to the list is network printer is

Press the **NEXT** button to complete the configuration, you will need to be installed if other packages.

Now we will choose the driver to use , try our printer brand and model from the list. In the right window there will be several drivers to choose from. All going well , you probably need to select the recommended and press **NEXT**

Set the name and description of the printer and press **APPLY**

In the printer's Properties window you can still change the options, for example, the print quality to be used as the default rather than the two-sided printing if available (usually in the office printers or multi-function )

NOTE:

The steps and options depend on the type of printer , make, model , type of connection and available options , then what will be required may vary slightly from the description just made .

If your printer is an HP , you can use the program " HP Device Manager " to configure and manage the printer , if you have an HP multifunction use this program to configure the printer and fax in a single shot.

Search on the net any guides or directions .

On [www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it) is present, for example , a guide in Italian for the HP 6500 Multifunction Printer with Ethernet connection .

## 6.12.2 Scanner

From the **Configure Your Desktop Hardware** section  
Press :: **Configure a scanner**

Some packages will be installed if necessary including of course the back end sound, after which it will be detected the scanner connected to the PC.

**NOTE: If you own an HP MFP does not use this system to configure the integrated scanner, the HP driver for the printer already provides everything you need to use the scanner.**

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## 7 APPLICATIONS

See "User Application" for guidance programs you use most frequently.

e-mail  
Burning program  
Manager MP3 audio files, ogg  
Manager Camera and Photos  
GnuCash (personal finance manager)  
and more

See the "APPLICATION MANUAL" always on linux-corner

[www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it)

## 8 Finishing touches to the system

There are some tweaks that can be used to make our system more usable.

### 8.1 Konsole

"**Yakuake**," for example, is a wonderful program that allows you to make ready a terminal. Do not you see it just a simple click on the F12 and will appear above.

### 8.2 SYSTEM MENU Default (Simple Wellcome)

#### Simple Wellcome

The default menu of OpenMandriva Lx 2013 called Simple wellcome, a menu is a little detail that occupies almost the entire screen and follows the menus of mobile devices such as tablets and smart-phones by presenting all the icons of installed applications, with the possibility of horizontal scrolling and dragging a possibility to group icon on the other, to obtain the groups.



It is divided into three sections:  
The first is a summary, with the latest applications and perform disk access and root directories

Note the possibility of Fixa program into Recent applications, in such a way as not to make them disappear. To do that just click with the right mouse button which will bring up a yellow star, on which we then we're going to click with the left



mouse button to fix it.

The middle one shows all the icons of the programs installed on the system

These icons can be moved just hold down the left button of the mouse for a while on one of them.

In addition to absent move you can also just move on to other group to automatically create a group.

The group can be renamed.



The third named TimeFrame has two different sections of the first "My Local Documents" Shows in chronological order all the documents (including photos and videos), but to work requires the enabling of Nepomuk from KDE control center.

The second "Social Networking Site" to access facebook & other online services

Personal opinion: I do not think the place to insert these features.

To add and change other menu, more conventional, there must be added to the object "Starter Application" panel which will add to the Kickoff menu, or to download new items for PLASMA, you can try BigLancelot, appmenuQML and others.

### 8.3 New Characters (Fonts)

After installation we have available for each program different sets of characters in the repositories internet, there are several others.

a complete list can be found on the "Install Software" looking "font"

## ***8.4 Transition from RocketBar of RosaLab the default KDE4***

OpenMandriva 2013 uses the RocketBar created by Rosa LAB and that completely replaces the classic panel of KDE4 .

The transition from one configuration to another is quite simple , just go to the tool box in the right corner and select the item

ADD PANEL and from the menu select the type of panel.

You have three options :

- 1 ) Default Panel
- 2 ) Blank panel
- 3 ) RocketBar

The first and the third entry in one fell swoop recreate a full panel in the classic version of KDE4 and RocketBar RosaLab

So just completely remove the panel you want to replace and add your panel. To do so, use the context menu that appears by pressing the right mouse button on the panel to remove and selecting : Remove Panel

Note: In case you do not remove the panel already ' present the new panel will cover it without replacing it .

So just move one on another side of the screen to have them both visible .

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## 9 WINE - Run programs under Linux win

See Manual Applications for this section, you find the page Manuals Linux-corner.

<http://www.linux-corner.it/it/pagine/Manuali.htm>

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## 10 Miscellaneous info

### 10.1 INITIAL NOTES

In this chapter we list some notions that often comes in handy to know, even if they are not absolutely necessary for everyday use and profitable system, they can make life easier in case of problems.

In the manual, I often refer to commands executed on end, sometimes this can be hard especially in the beginning, but it is good to specify that all operations configuration, installation, etc. can also be made through the various graphics applications provided by OpenMandriva, as any other Linux distribution.

Having said that, with the passage of time some operations, you will want them via the command line, precisely because of their convenience and speed.

### 10.2 Commands main shell

To use the shell commands necessary to know at least the main evidential list are in bold.

The shell can be called many things you know that when it comes to the terminal prompt, or command line always refers to the same thing.

There are a huge amount of commands, below is a short list of the most significant and used, and some are even listed the main options.

man	:	formats and displays the online help pages .
cd	:	changes the current directory .
ls	:	display the contents of a directory.
cp	:	copy files and directories.
mv	:	move or rename a file or directory.
rm	:	delete files and directories.
mkdir	:	Creates a directory.
ln	:	create links to files and directories.
pwd	:	shows the current directory.

chmod	:	change the access permissions of a file.
Chown	:	change owner of a file.
cat	:	display the contents of a file.
find	:	Find a file between directories .
vi	:	the text editor . the one and only .
df	:	shows the free space on the hard disk .
free	:	Shows the status of the memory.
mount	:	mounting a filesystem.
umount	:	disable a file system.
ps	:	displays a list of running processes .
kill	:	send a message (TERM by default) to a process .
hostname	:	display and change the host name.
gzip	:	compresses and decompresses files . gz .
tar	:	create backup files (. tar).
more	:	separates the output into more ' pages ( even less) .
less	:	separates the output into more ' pages
reset	:	reset the terminal to its initial settings .
zip and unzip	:	compresses and decompresses files . zipper.
top	:	shows processes that use more ' CPU time or memory.
uncompress	:	uncompress files compressed file (. Z )
dmesg	:	print event logs on the system, if you insert a USB storage device or another device to see what is associated with :

Some clarifications on the various options of the following commands :

<b>cp</b>	:	Copy file and directory. -r recursively. (If you are coping a directory) -a maintains the attributes. -f Force.
<b>rm</b>	:	delete files and directories (note: NOT undelete exists!). -d remove also the directory. -i asks for confirmation. -f force. -r recursively. (if you delete a directory)
<b>tar</b>	:	creates or draws up files . x extracts. c stores. v verbose. f file name (to store or extract). z processes before gzip (for. tar.gz or. tgz).

In general, to store:

```
tar -cvf <archive name.tar> <filename (o directory)>
```

and to extract

```
tar -xvf <archive name.tar>
or
tar -zxvf <archive name.tar.gz>
or
tar -zxvf <archive name .tgz>
```

- gzip** : comprime e decomprime file (estensione .gz).  
-d decomprime.  
-f forza.  
-r ricorsivo.  
-1 più veloce.  
-9 miglior compressione.
- ps** : visualizza un elenco dei processi correnti.  
l formato esteso.  
u nome utente ed ora di avvio.  
m informazioni sull'utilizzo della memoria.  
a mostra anche i processi di altri utenti.  
r mostra solo i processi attivi.  
x mostra anche i processi che non controllano un terminale.
- tail** : mostra la fine di un file.  
-s solo le ultime s righe.  
-c x ultimi x byte.  
-f continua a leggere un file, utile se questo viene modificato.
- chgrp** : cambia il gruppo di appartenenza di un file.  
**chmod**: modifica i permessi di accesso di un file.  
metodo numerico:  
primo numero (opzionale):  
4 : set user ID  
2 : set group ID  
1 : swappa la text image  
secondo numero; permessi del proprietario:  
4 : lettura  
2 : scrittura  
1 : esecuzione  
terzo numero; permessi del gruppo, stessi valori.  
quarto numero; permessi degli altri, stessi valori.  
-R ricorsivo.
- chown** : cambia il proprietario di un file o directory.  
user.group setta il proprietario a user.group  
-R ricorsivo.
- rpm** : gestire pacchetti .rpm  
-i installa un pacchetto.  
-e rimuove un pacchetto.  
-qi [-qip] mostra informazioni su un pacchetto [non] installato.  
-ql [-qlp] mostra i file contenuti in un pacchetto [non] installato.  
-qa mostra l'elenco dei pacchetti installati.

OpenMandriva fornisce il comando “urpmi” molto comodo e funzionale.

```
#urpmi <nome pacchetto.rpm>
```

### 10.3 VI un editor rapido ed efficace

Although all changes to various configuration files you can run through the usual graphics editors like kwrite, throwing in administrator mode.

With KDE4 need to open a terminal and switch to administrator and then launch the program.

```
[davide@GOLD ~]$su -<Return> (NOTE hyphen after the command is absolutely necessary)
```

```
password:
```

```
[davide@GOLD ~]# kwrite<Return>
```

a great editor from the terminal is the famous "VI".

Unfortunately, its use is not the most simple, yet remembering only a few commands you can in a few moments bare minimum required to execute those changes, sometimes in the various configuration files.

```
([davide@GOLD ~]#vi <File name> <Return>
```

here is some useful commands to know.

Command	Effect
Vi <File name>	opening files
Esc	Switch to write mode to display
i	Enable writing to the position of the cursor (insert)
a	Enable writing to the next position (append)
x	In viewing mode deletes the character under the cursor
dd	Delete the line under the cursor
Esc :	Enable the save commands output
Esc : r	Inserts the contents of the file read (r /etc/fstab inserts the contents of fstab file and the point on which we are running the command)
Esc : wq	Save and exit (write quit)
Esc : q!	Exits without saving

### 10.4 Super User (root)

When you open a terminal you get what is called the prompt:

```
example    [davide@GOLD ~]$
or         [root@GOLD davide]#
```

these strings on each new line give us some information type:

**The user** (davide, root)

**The name of the system** (GOLD)

**and especially the PATH** (~ davide)

by david if I move in the Music directory with the command

```
[davide@GOLD ~]$ cd Musica
```

the prompt will become like this:

```
[davide@GOLD Musica]$
```

Finally the most important information tells us if we are a member (\$) or administrator (#)

# indicates that you are super user (administrator or root) to become type:

```
[davide@GOLD ~]$ su <Return>
[davide@GOLD ~]$ password *****
[root@GOLD davide]#
```

Note:

If you want to edit files as root from GUI but just open the terminal and switch to administrator and then launch the desired program.

```
[davide@GOLD ~]$su -<Return> (NOTE hyphen after the command is absolutely necessary)
password:
[davide@GOLD ~]# kwrite<Return>
```

Any program can be run with root privileges in the same manner. CAUTION because the use of the user root has serious implications for safety. see [#2.5](#)

## 10.5 Structure of the file system

Here is the structure of the file system folders are some basics for everyday work, among them the home directory.

```
./
../
bin/      --> links to programs and system programs
boot/     --> file to boot, boot manager (Grub, LILO) ect
dev/      --> Folder with all devices that can be used and detected no
etc/      --> Folder with all the configuration files of all programs
home/     --> Contains the user's folders.
```

```
|davide
|alessia
|andrea
|alice
```

```
initrd/   --> System Folder
lib/      --> Contains most of the libraries required by the various programs
Media/    --> contains links to CD-rom, floppy as / mnt
mnt/      --> Contains the directory partitions on Windows ® or removable storage
           devices, USB sticks, iPods ect
```

```
|Cdrom
```

**|Floppy**  
**|Win\_C**  
**|Win\_D**  
**|Removable**

opt/           -> Folder used in other distributions to install programs (in Libreoffice official version is installed here)  
 proc/         -> System folder (contains all the details about your hardware)  
 root/         -> Folder root  
 sbin/         -> System Folder (links to programs)  
 sys/         -> System Folder  
 tmp/         -> Classic temp folder  
 usr/         -> contains all the programs and other  
 var/         -> System Folder [this is where all of the information that changes, plus a little folder containing for example the "html" to run a web server (apache) where you go to enter web pages under construction or to be published.]

## 10.6 Security

### SYSTEM

**THE ROOT PASSWORD SHOULD NEVER BE USED AS IF IT WERE A USER NORMAL USE THE ROOT USER, AS YOU HOME impairs SECURITY SYSTEM.**

THEN USE YOUR USER!

### DATA

MAKE PERIODIC BACKUP OF DATA TO ANOTHER PARTITION OR BETTER THAN ONE DISC, it is a good idea to avoid total loss of data, both for involuntary cancellation is due to breakage of the storage medium.

## 10.7 Change Password

There are various ways to change their password but the easiest and fastest is to open a terminal and type the command "passwd".

```
$ passwd <ENTER>
```

You will be prompted to enter in sequence  
 the old password  
 The new password  
 the new password again

Done ....

To do this with graphics Applications must invoke the setup program Configure Your Desktop

Navigate to the SYSTEM tab and click on the item

"Managing system users"

Select the user and click Edit button.

In the form that appears type in the new password in the fields

Password and Confirm Password.

Click OK and exit the program.

NOTE: As you can already see from this example, some operations are much faster when performed by terminal.

## ***10.8 Applications of remote servers***

It can happen to need to use applications that reside on other servers (Linux, HP, SUN), in these cases it is necessary to remember two important things:

a) Export your DISPLAY:

then after you login to your server we give the following command

**<indirizzoIP of our machine> setenv DISPLAY: 0.0**

b) Allow you to access your X server to the machine that hosts the program.

From terminal on our machine \$ xhost <Servername>

or \$ xhost + (allows access to all)

These commands can be automated to log in many ways the easiest and enter the xhost command line <servername> in the file .bash\_profile which is located on our home

this is the place to put any scripts / programs you want to start automatically.

In the case of access via SSH (if the server supports it) there will be no need for another command in addition to the following:

```
ssh-X-l <Servername> <user>
```

## ***10.9 Connecting to the remote machine (XDMCP)***

If we have two or more PCs on the network can use XDMCP to connect to multiple PCs remotely by opening a real remote session with their user . In fact the same computer, and the applications contained therein may be used by multiple users simultaneously.

Editing the configuration file / etc/alternatives/kdm4-config changing the field "Enable " Make your PC reachable .

Obviously, as an administrator, right to pass the file to the section and put Xdmcp Enable = true

```
[ Xdmcp ]  
Enable = true  
Willing = /usr/share/X11/xdm/Xwilling  
Xaccess = /etc/X11/xdm/Xaccess
```

On the client side we have two possibilities

- 1 ) From the login screen to choose between the options Remote login , select the machine to reach and cater to login
- 2) From your desktop , open a terminal and give the command X: 1 -query <username> PC -to-reach or address ADDRESS>

in both cases you'll end up with the usual login screen .

Note 1: In the second example, we will have our desktop (local) accessible via CTRL + ALT + F8 while remotely via CTRL + ALT + F9

Note 2: Better not use the 3D desktop for this type of application .

Note 3: If we log off what we get is the closure of the session, and processes / programs are enabled , so not to be used as a remote control session. If this is what you want you'll have to use something like TightVNC or TigerVNC , see appropriate section .

## ***10.10 Configuring authentication for instruments OpenMandriva***

From the Configure Your Computer  
Hardware section  
Press the button:

"Configuring autenticazioni for instruments OpenMandriva"

A window will open with a list of the transactions will be able to choose the type of authentication required, between the following options:

Root Password  
user password  
No password

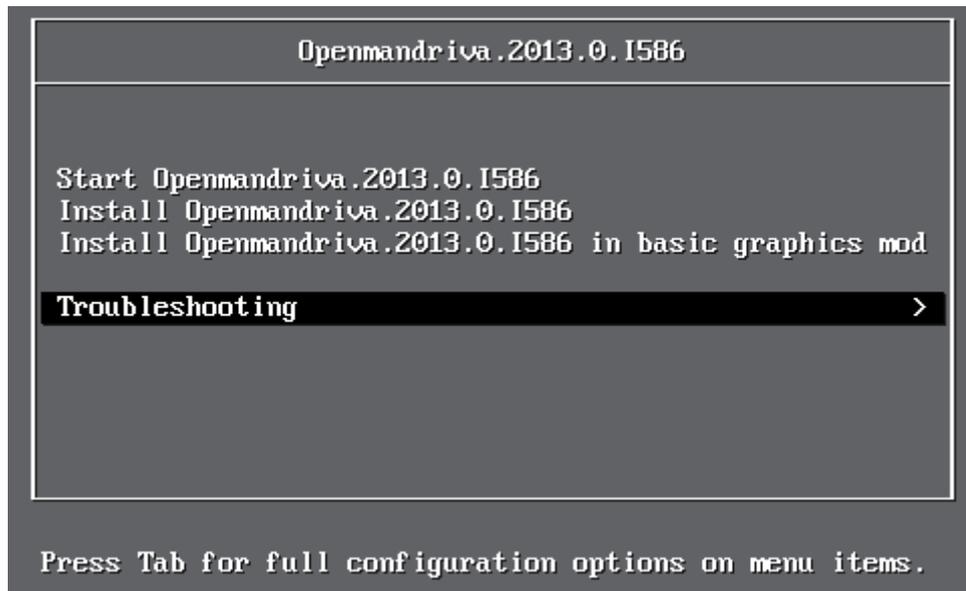
For example the default configuration provides the ability to perform updates to the system by entering the user's password, if you have children it would be better to change this option with "Root password" from this screen you can do it easily by changing the second item.

## ***10.11 Kernel Options***

In some (rare) cases the installation of S.O. can not be completed or started, and often just add to the kernel options to enable / disable / force "something." This section lists some options to add to the kernel, to solve this kind of problems.

Let's start by clarifying how and where you put these options in STEP INSTALLATION.

At the Boot from DVD when screen comes with various options



OpenMandriva you select Install and press the TAB key appears in a command line (Boot options) in the bottom of which we are going to add the option previously selected on the basis of the problem, for example noapic and nolapic and others.

You only need to add the options you want in the bottom of the line "boot option"

let's see what they should do these options.

Opzione	Descrizione		Info
NOAPIC	Disable APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controllers)	System used to set the interrupts of the various devices	(*)
NOLAPIC	Disable APIC (Local Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controllers)	System used to set the interrupts of the various devices	
ACPI=OFF	Disable ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface)	A system for controlling speed of the fans and the various kinds of PC shutdown	(*)
NOAPM	is the other power management in use.		
mem=xxxM	Overwrites the memory detected by the system useful for older PCs but also for laptop video card that shares memory	Overwrites the memory detected by the system to be used in case of discrepancy between the measured and the memory actually present.	(**)
nopcmcia	Turn off PCMCIA devices present in the system		
nosmp	Force boot in single processor mode		
speedboot	Option that enables the quick start of the system	OpenMandriva speedboot used to speed up boot before loading the services necessary to start the graphical interface	

edd=off			
mce=off nomce	Exception control system	Disable this control	
nomodeset	Prevents the kernel to determine the screen resolution	Applicable in the event starting and stalling on a black screen.	
nokmsboot	Disable the boot on multi-core	Use only one core of the uP to boot	

(\*) Try it if you can not boot the OS installation

(\*\*) Replace xxx with the value of memory in Megabytes.

## **10.12 SpeedBoot**

Even OpenMandriva Lx 2013 continues to have the ability to set speedboot. Speedboot is a system to speed up boot time, in practice charges before the services necessary to start the graphical interface. The system has yet to be developed and filed down a bit.

The initial configuration provides the option is set to NO, to run the probe and see if you can actually enable it, add the boot option speedboot = probe.

When you first start, try to check the compatibility of the system with speed-boot, and the second starts will use it or not depending on the first test.

Just edit the file as administrator  
/etc/sysconfig/speedboot  
changing  
SPEEDBOOT = yes  
rather  
SPEEDBOOT = no

in this way you will not need to add or remove any kernel option.  
If you want to force active, assigned to Speedboot = yes

## 10.13 Info Startup

During the startup of the system we are "entertained" by a beautiful screen and a progress bar indicates the progress of booting the system, this is just a cover of the classic startup checklist of Linux systems, which could scare off new users and that in any case it was "bad" to behold.

To pull it off, simply press the ESC key during startup.

The sequence of "OK" or "Failed" dedicated to the start of each service, you may want to verify the presence or absence of problems, but very often turns out to be too fast for the proper understanding of what happened, and then to re-read it with calm that has happened in the last start, just go to see the "system log" / var / log / boot.log it can be read from the terminal via the usual commands

```
#cat /var/log/boot.log
```

or with

```
# less /var/log/boot.log
```

or still open on kwrite in this case with

```
# kwrite /var/log/boot.log (you must be Administrator - command "su - "
```

Notes:

Better to use the first command for a clearer understanding.

Note the need to open them as administrator (SU)

What we'll see will be a list like this:

```
Starting SMB services : [OK]
```

```
Starting NMB services : [OK]
```

```
Starting wine : [OK]
```

Where we're going to try not OK but rather any [ FAILED ] .

NOTE: With the use of boot speed given the speed of system startup, and the number and type of services that start before, it is even more important to check, in case of problems, or curiosity, the system log /var/log/prcsys.log stored.

## 10.14 LOG System

As we saw in the previous section. Log file system are placed in the / var / log / here we can read other logs with some useful information.

Some files are listed very long reporting and store information for each day, to restrict the viewing of the latest lines stored using the command "tail" with the option - <serial lines> for example:

```
# tail -20 /var/log/dmesg
```

## 10.15 Close a blocked program

It does not happen often but sometimes it happens to be in front of a locked program can use three different methods to "kill the process"

1) Use the top command on a terminal which will present after a certain rows of information is a list of active processes: where we'll have to find one with a higher CPU utilization, or the name of the program locked in the corresponding row we find the information PID that we need to kill the program

```
PID  USER      PR NIVIRT RES  SHR S  %CPU %MEM  TIME+  COMMAND
3581  root      15  0 286m 52m 4660 R   5    10.6  3:07.52 X
4294  davide 15  0 31856 14m 11m S   3    2.9    0:18.51 yakuake
3831  root      15  0 7168 1168 884 S   0    0.2    0:03.36 nmbd
```

So just take the key k (kill) and enter the name of the process to kill and then press 9.

to exit from top command to use "q"

2) press the keyboard shortcut CTRL + Esc will open a window with the list of processes, just like in the top, but less "impressive", where we will look for the same information as before, but in this case it is sufficient to select the line and press the "KILL". Note that you can sort the information by pressing on the column headers.

3) Install xkill (# urpmi xkill) launch it from the menu | Run command, you will see a skull instead of the mouse cursor and we will just go and click on the window to kill.

Choose the method you prefer, but remember that there are various ways to do this.

## 10.16 KDE GNOME XFCE and ...

This manual, as well as several others present on [www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it) assume you use KDE as a desktop environment (KDE 4 now), mostly for my own convenience since it is what I prefer.

KDE4 is the default desktop manager OpenMandriva Lx 2013.

To our great fortune, there are other DE and among those who would want/should try there certainly are GNOME and XFCE, LXDE exactly like KDE which are composed of many packages and libraries, some of which are essential for the proper functioning of the desktop.

If you want to try them just run by an administrator on a terminal the following commands:

```
# urpmi task-gnome <ENTER>
# urpmi task-xfce <ENTER>
and of course, accept the installation of all dependencies.
```

For others, such as, for example, Enlightenment, you will need to install the software and install packages by searching on going on and Enlightenment Desktop Chart, here you will select the main package, and selected according to the descriptions of the other packages, those that may be of interest.

Nota: XFCE potrebbe essere adatto a sistemi datati o poco performanti, proprio per la sua caratteristica migliore, la leggerezza.

Io per esempio l'ho scelto come base per il Multimedia center.

## **10.17 Permissions, Groups, devices**

Often we run into two problems to the permissions Setting On the devices, files, services, etc., Simplifying a lot, These the vary-dependending on the level of security and many of Their Own These groups have, for example, sound, video, etc. . tty.

When we fail to do something That You administrator instead we can do, for example, use a DVB card rather than a scanner or another, the first thing we do in order to add to our "USER" That interest groups us. To do this we use MCC | SYSTEM | Add remove changes to accounts.

Select from the list of users in your name and double click on it. This will open a window in Which the last card GROUPS, we're going to select the item That interests us.

Select only one related to your problem, do not select a carpet Everything That Seems useful.

## **10.18 Start, Stop, Restart Services**

On some occasions it may be necessary or useful to restart a service .

Active services can be seen both by the usual MCC | System | enable disable some system services

In the window that shows the services there are two buttons to start and stop each service , as well as a convenient key information if you have questions about the service (unfortunately in English).

Also you can check / uncheck the boot to set which services you need at startup .

From the terminal and as an administrator is possible via the command

```
# chkconfig
```

see the services that should be activated for any specific run .

Some of these will not tell us anything , others will know them by name , and still others are very useful to know.

Just for example :

For wine wine

For the xfs font handling (no longer used)

cups for printer management

For network management network

To manage the start , stop or restart of the various services , which we remember the exact name , from the terminal using the command "service" as an administrator :

```
# service <service> <command>
```

where <command> can take the following items

1. start
2. stop
3. restart

make an example of wanting to re-initialize the network will give the command:  
# service network restart <return>  
obtaining:

```
Off the interface eth0           : [OK]
Off the interface eth1           : [OK]
Disabling loopback interface     : [OK]
Enabling loopback interface     : [OK]
Active interface eth0           : [OK]
Active interface eth1           : [OK]
```

## **10.19 Add fonts "special"**

Aside from the normal installation of the various RPMs, requiring only the selection and installation to "install software" automatically solve everything, I stop adding special character set required for applications running, for example, on a SUN server / HP etc.

Suppose you want to add a folder containing fonts <TEST>, will just copy it to /usr/share/fonts/ enter into the TEST directory and run the command mkfontdir <return>

In /usr/share/fonts/ you will also find directories related to fonts already installed, for example:  
100dpi / 75dpi / chinese / cyrillic / default / drakfont / java / misc / msfonts / OTF / override / Speedo / TTF / TTF / Type1 /

Then we will go to the directory / etc/X11/fontpath.d / and create a symbolic link to the folder <TEST> with the command:  
# ln-s ../.. /usr/share/ fonts/TEST TEST: pri = 50

Note:  
YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESTART THE SERVICE ANY FONTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

## **10.20 Restore the Boot Loader**

## 10.21 Avoid The update of some programs

The automatic update of packages, it is a very convenient feature that allows you to keep a system updated to solve bugs, various problems and applying security patches. However this may be risky on some packages "special" type kernel drivers (eg nvidia), in fact you could go from one driver to a fully functional again but with problems.

To avoid this risk we say "calculated" you can edit the file  
/etc/urpmi/skip.list

going to add a line by line the names of the programs you do not want them to be updated.

For example:

```
/ ^ nvidia /
```

Note:

```
/ ^ nvidia / exclude from the updating all the packages containing the string "nvidia"
```

## 10.22 /etc/fstab

### INFORMAZIONE

penMandriva uses the identifier UUIUD in fstab practice in the classical strings  
/dev/hda7 / ext3 defaults 1 1

is replaced with the ID of the disk / partition (/ dev/sda1) with a UUID type

**# Entry for /dev/sdb1 :**

**UUID=32cae650-def2-4a5e-9e17-6c35225ff611 / ext4 defaults 1 1**

Does not change much while it may seem less understandable it has a great advantage in the event of a change of partitions, if we were to delete or create multiple partitions those that remain continue to have the same UUID and fstab so the file would still be valid Above each string there is a comment that specifies the disk equivalent with the usual syntax

/dev/hda1, /dev/sda5 or whatever.

To view UUID of a disk using the command (as administrator)

```
# vol_id -u /dev/hda7 <invio>
```

**NOTE: If, for any reason, you do not want to use this system, you can restore the "normal" syntax by adding parameters to the kernel configuration option use\_uuid = 0**

Let us now recall the meaning of the various parts of the string

**/dev/sdb1 / ext4 defaults 1 1**

<b>/dev/sdb1</b>	(or new UUID) = device and partition to mount
<b>/</b>	Mount point (where we will find the contents of the disk / partition)
<b>ext4</b>	File system type
<b>defaults</b>	Set of options separated by commas (see table below)
<b>1</b>	(dump) specifies whether to dump to do the backup (obsolete)

- 1** (pass) Specifies whether or not the file system check at startup and with which priority  
 0 = No Control  
 1 = High priority (boot partition)  
 2 = Control with secondary priority

Opzione	Descrizione	Nota
default	Set basic options: rw, suid, dev, exec, auto, nouser, async.	*
user	It also allows normal users to mount the filesystem	
nouser	It does not allow normal users to mount the filesystem	
auto	All filesystem with this option mentioned in fstab are mounted at boot (mount-a)	
noauto	The filesystem must be mounted explicitly	
exec	Allows execution of programs on the filesystem	
noexec	It does not allow programs to run on the filesystem	
ro	Mount the filesystem read-only	
rw	Mount the filesystem read / write	
async	all I / O to the file system should be asynchronous	**
sync	all I / O to the file system must be synchronous	**
suid	Allows the suid and sgid bits to take effect	
nosuid	It does not allow the use of device files on the filesystem	
dev	Allows the use of device files on the filesystem	
nodev	It does not allow the use of device files on the filesystem	
noatime	Do not update the access time for each access to the inode. It increases the speed of data access	
gid=xxx	Indicates the permissions of the user group with the logic of the command "chmod" (every x is from 0 to 7)	*
uid=xxx	# Uid = xxx - indicates the user's permissions.	*
umask=xxx	Set the permissions of the filesystem TO REMOVE THOSE OF SYSTEM (with the logic chmod), umask = 777 even root can change permissions of any file	*

\* If the after the default option, you insert another option, contrary to one of those present in the default set this option will overwrite the previous one.  
 So we can use the default option as a base and then change the options adding others.

\*\*Making careful to use these options.

## 10.23 Enable / disable CTRL + ALT + Backspace to restart X

You can enable or disable the key combination Ctrl + Alt + Backspace, directly from XFdrake, just select the appropriate item.

Open the Configure Your Desktop  
Hardware section

you choose "Configure the graphics system"

On the form that opens, select the "Options" button  
and uncheck the "Disable CTRL + ALT + Backspace"

Press OK

You will be prompted to save the changes, then press "Yes"

For earlier versions continue to use the old method:

The key combination Ctrl + Alt + Backspace to restart the X server and disabled, to reactivate need to edit the file

/etc/X11/xorg.conf

adding in the ServerFlags section the following option:

Option "DontZap" "false"

---

Section "ServerFlags"

Option "Xinerama" "0"

**Option "DontZap" "false"**

EndSection

---

## 10.24 Change the java version in use

Often you need to use the applications that require a particular version of Java, in this case just install the correct version from the repository, without removing those already installed.

To check the version currently in use, you can use the command:

```
[Prompt ~] $ java-version
```

which returns:

```
java version "1.7.0_11-icedtea"
```

```
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (OpenMandriva Association-2.4.1.2-x86_64)
```

```
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 24.0-b50, mixed mode)
```

via the **alternative** command (you must be an administrator) can check the available alternatives and switch to another version:

```
[Prompt ~] # alternatives - config java
```

which returns:

```
There is only one alternative in link group java (providing /usr/bin/java): /usr/lib/jvm/jre-1.7.0-openjdk.x86_64/bin/java
```

Nothing to configure.

If I had installed other virtual machine would find a list from which I could select which one to use.

Note: there is no longer the option to install directly from the repository Java Oracle (ex SUN), also by downloading it directly from the rpm package, will not see him in the list of alternatives. We shall therefore put it on the alternatives at hand:

Downloaded from the rpm package you want (JDK, JRE 32bit or 64bit) see: 9.24.1

install it by clicking on it or using the command from konsole urpmi.

```
# urpmi jdk-7u45-linux-x64.rpm (will be installed in /usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45 /)
```

give the following commands (if you install the jre you have to change the strings accordingly)

```
update-alternatives --install "/usr/bin/java" "java" "/usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/bin/java" 1
update-alternatives --install "/usr/bin/javac" "javac" "/usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/bin/javac" 1
update-alternatives --install "usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/libjavaplugin.so" "mozilla-javaplugin.so"
"/usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/jre/lib/amd64/libnprj2.so" 1
```

```
update-alternatives --install "/usr/bin/javaws" "javaws" "/usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/bin/javaws" 1
```

Now there are two alternatives:

```
[root@Gold2 ~]# alternatives --config java
```

There are 2 choices for the alternative java (providing /usr/bin/java).

Selection	Path	Priority	Status
* 0	/usr/lib/jvm/jre-1.7.0-openjdk.x86_64/bin/java	170011	auto mode
1	/usr/java/jdk1.7.0_45/bin/java	1	manual mode
2	/usr/lib/jvm/jre-1.7.0-openjdk.x86_64/bin/java	170011	manual mode

## 10.24.1 Install Oracle Java

If you prefer, or do you absolutely need to install the java provided by Oracle go directly to the website

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html>

Press the button "Download free java", and in the list select the appropriate items rpm, depending on your system, so 32bit or 64bit  
Download it!

jre-7u45-linux-x64.rpm

jdk-7u45-linux-x64.rpm

or

jre-7u45-linux-i586.rpm for 32bit system

and install it (just double-click and enter the administrator password)

These rpm install java in /usr/java then in addition to not fall in the lists of the alternatives we have to perform a few simple steps to use it in your internet browser.

1) go to /usr/lib64/mozilla/plugins/ or /usr/lib/mozilla/plugins/ for 32bit and delete symbolic links to the library libjavaplugins

2) create a symbolic link /usr/java/latest/lib/amd64/libnprp2.so

then:

```
cd /usr/lib64/mozilla/plugins/
```

and

```
ln -s /usr/java/latest/lib/amd64/libnprp2.so
```

restarting firefox plugins you will find in the Java Oracle/Sun

## 10.25 Montaggio automatico dei filesystem NFS (autofs)

Install the package autofs

As an administrator, edit the file /etc/autofs/auto.master

```
[Prompt]# vi /etc/autofs/auto.master
```

and decommentare the following line

```
/net -hosts
```

save the file and restart the service

```
[Prompt]# service autofs restart
```

At this point we will be able to automatically mount the NFS shared directory.

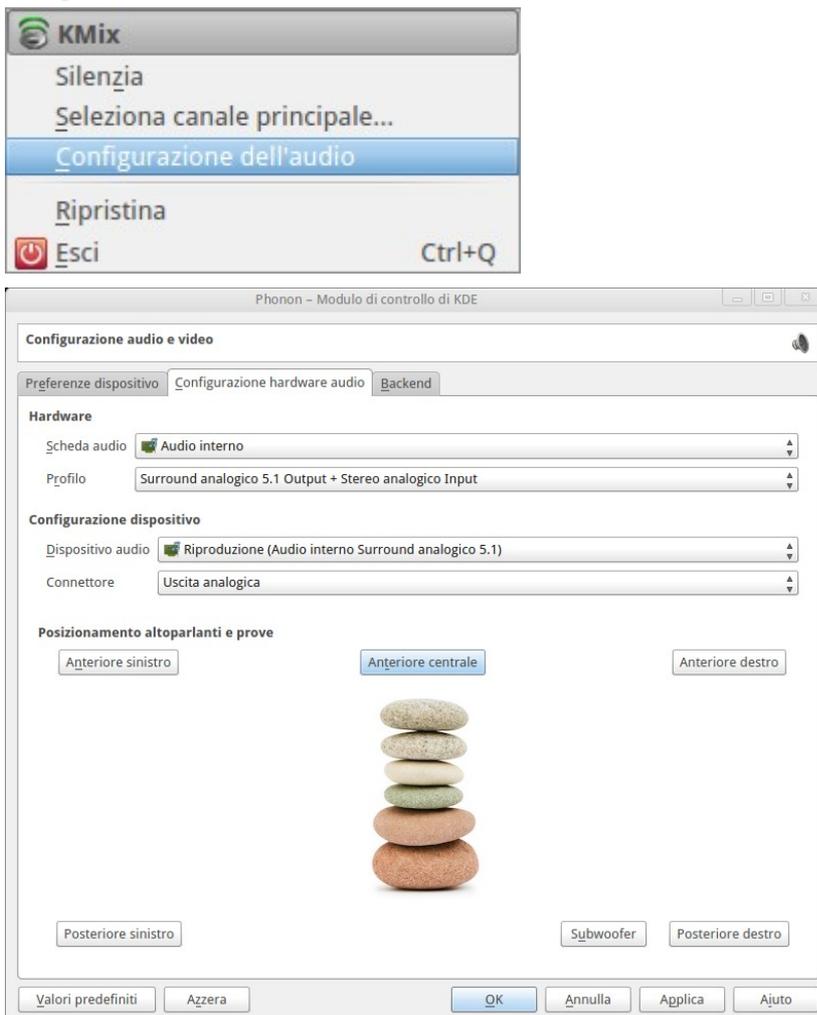
Sara simply putting /net/machine name to contact to have it automatically mounted under /net, we can do it directly from dolphin.

Great for also to simplify sharing files and folders in the home environment using NFS.

## 10.26 Check Audio Speakers

Since the onboard sound in our PCs now offer at least 6 channels, there might wanna try one of those set of 5.1 speakers. Once you have placed and connected to the PC, we can use the speaker-test program to verify proper operation and correct position.

We can go on the small icon of kmix in the system tray, right-open the menu and select "Audio Setup"



Just click on the buttons corresponding to the case and hear a voice, in English, we will specify the location of the chest under test.

You do not need to install any additional program.

The traditional method was to install the program "speaker-test"

The program must be installed, and is obviously already present in the repository, then install it as usual using MCC directly or from the terminal with

```
# urpmi speaker-test <ENTER>
```

First of all there is the capability of your sound card with aplay-L that returns all possible configurations.

[Prompt]\$aplay -L <invio>

**front:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*Front speakers*

**surround40:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*4.0 Surround output to Front and Rear speakers*

**surround41:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*4.1 Surround output to Front, Rear and Subwoofer speakers*

**surround50:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*5.0 Surround output to Front, Center and Rear speakers*

**surround51:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*5.1 Surround output to Front, Center, Rear and Subwoofer speakers*

**surround71:**CARD=**Intel**,DEV=0

*HDA Intel, AD198x Analog*

*7.1 Surround output to Front, Center, Side, Rear and Woofer speakers*

**null**

*Discard all samples (playback) or generate zero samples (capture)*

**pulse**

*PulseAudio Sound Server*

**default**

*Default ALSA Output (currently PulseAudio Sound Server)*

The easiest way is to choose how the device server PULSE Sound, Let's try it with headphones giving two different commands but getting the same result.

**speaker-test -Dpulse -c2 -twav -l1**

**speaker-test -Dfront:Intel -c2 -twav -l1**

Voice on the boxes and print:

*speaker-test 1.0.21*

*Playback device is default*

*Stream parameters are 48000Hz, S16\_LE, 2 channels*

*WAV file(s)*

*Rate set to 48000Hz (requested 48000Hz)*

*Buffer size range from 96 to 1048576*

*Period size range from 32 to 349526*

*Using max buffer size 1048576*

*Periods = 4*

*was set period\_size = 262144*

*was set buffer\_size = 1048576*

*0 - Front Left*

1 - Front Right

Time per period = 3,860220

so let's check our system to 6 channels with the command  
**speaker-test -Dpulse -c6 -twav -l1**

Let's see what the various options:

**-D** Specifies the device to be tested and it is obtained by the different device names returned by the command `aplay-L` saw earlier. For example:

```
surround71:CARD=Intel,DEV=0
```

First part: name card

thus

### **surround71:Intel**

Recall that the default value for the omission of option D is

Default ALSA Output (currently PulseAudio Sound Server) So PULSE (if we have one sound card entrust ourselves to PULSE)

**-c**: channel number to be tested configurations include 2,4,5,6,7,8

**-t**: type of test,

pink : noise

sine : Sinusoidal signal whose frequency can be varied with the **-f** option followed by the frequency in Hz

wav : you run the wav file in `/usr/share/sounds/alsa/`, nobody forbids to replace them with its own file.

**-l** : Number of test runs, if you omit it you use the default value of 0 is equivalent to the infinite loop, and thus to stop the test must press CTRL + C.

Commands list:

```
[Prompt]$speaker-test -Dpulse -c6 -twav -l1
```

## ***10.27 Collegamento da remoto alla macchina (TigerVNC)***

To connect to a working session " already open " on your PC you can use different programs vncserver , TightVNC and TigerVNC are available in the repositories of OpenMandriva . Let's start with the search for and install the program via "Install and Remove Software " We try tigervnc , you select tigervnc ( VNC viewer to connect to other servers ) tigervnc - server (our server )

for proper operation takes only a few steps:

- 1) Create a password for your user , then a terminal, give the command  
[prompt ] \$ vncpasswd <ENTER>  
and then type the password again to verify it.
- 2) From the PC you want to make controllable give the command  
[prompt ] \$ x0vncserver - PasswordFile ~/.vnc/passwd <ENTER>
- 3) From the PC to which we will connect to the server launch a vnc viewer any ( not 'say that you can choose from)  
[prompt ] \$ vncviewer <ipaddress> : 5900 <ENTER>  
will be prompted for the password for VNC previously set and you will enter the desktop remote finding programs already running on it.

The command for launching the VNC server can , of course, be added to a script. Just edit a file ( for example startVNC ) by inserting

```
# / bin / bash  
x0vncserver - PasswordFile ~ / .vnc / passwd
```

save it and make it executable ( right-click | Properties | Permissions and select the option EXECUTABLE

This script can be called from the control center KDE ADVANCED tab | AUTOSTART selecting add script. This will run automatically at every entry in our work session. You can do the same on the gnome desktop manager and others .

## 10.27.1 PC con X ma "SENZA" Monitor

If you use this simple configuration on a PC, for any reason, we wanted to put in our network but WITHOUT MONITOR, KEYBOARD AND MOUSE, we will have to change the configuration by performing a few simple steps:

- 1) From the BIOS look for the entry that allows the PC to boot even without the presence of Keyboard and Mouse, The voice depends on the BIOS manufacturer, and other factors.
- 2) Enable Automatic Login (MCC | Start | Automatic Login)
- 3) Add the script to start the VNC server session startup, as previously seen.
- 4) BUT ABOVE edit / etc/X11/xorg.conf to have the following strings:

### Section "ServerFlags"

```
Option "DontZap" "False" # disable <Ctrl><Alt><BS> (server abort)
AllowMouseOpenFail # allows the server to start up even if the mouse does not work
#DontZoom # disable <Ctrl><Alt><KP_+>/<KP_-> (resolution switching)
```

EndSection

### Section "Module"

```
Load "dbe" # Double-Buffering Extension
Load "v4l" # Video for Linux
Load "extmod"
Load "glx" # 3D layer
Load "dri" # direct rendering
```

EndSection

### Section "Device"

```
Identifier "VNC Device"
Driver "vesa"
```

EndSection

### Section "Screen"

```
Identifier "VNC Screen"
Device "VNC Device"
Monitor "VNC Monitor"
SubSection "Display"
#
Modes "1024x768"
Modes "1280x1024"
EndSubSection
```

EndSection

### Section "Monitor"

```
Identifier "VNC Monitor"
HorizSync 30-70
VertRefresh 50-75
```

EndSection

---

Otherwise, without a monitor, KDM (as well as GDM, XDM, etc.) will remain "HUNG", until you enter the monitor, without logging in automatically and effectively negating all your efforts.

Note: the following strings specify the resolution that you will use.

Modes "1024x768"

Modes "1280x1024"

## 10.28 Shared Directory

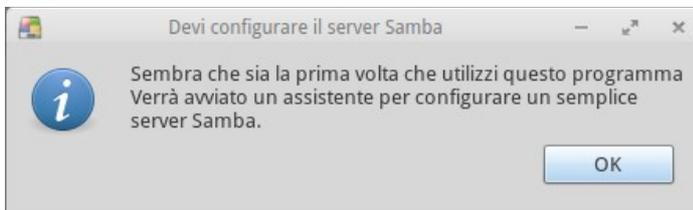
Often there is the need to share directories with other computers on the same network, whether at home or in the office, more and more often the devices that we buy have this possibility, see, for example, media-center, televisions etc..

Sharing a directory it can be obtained in several ways but the easiest is via NFS and SMB, it is absolutely necessary in a mixed network (linux / windows) or when it has to do with the above equipment that might I have a Linux on board but take it for granted that it should be used "even" with windows PC.

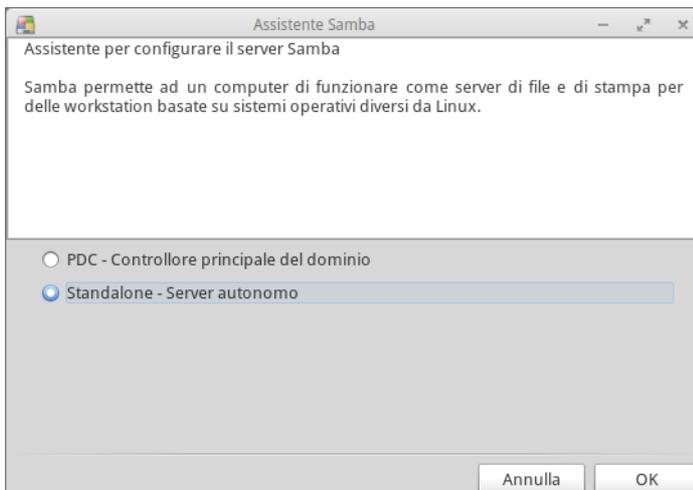
Let us see how we can make available a diretory on our PC.

### 10.28.1 SMB - samba server

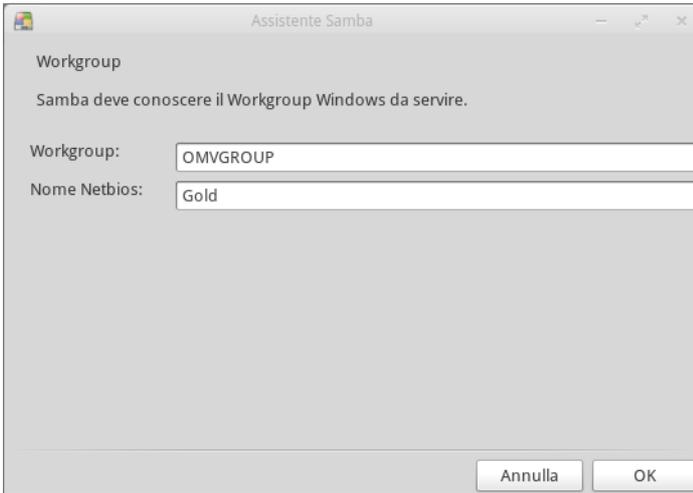
#### 10.28.1.1 OpenMandriva Control Center



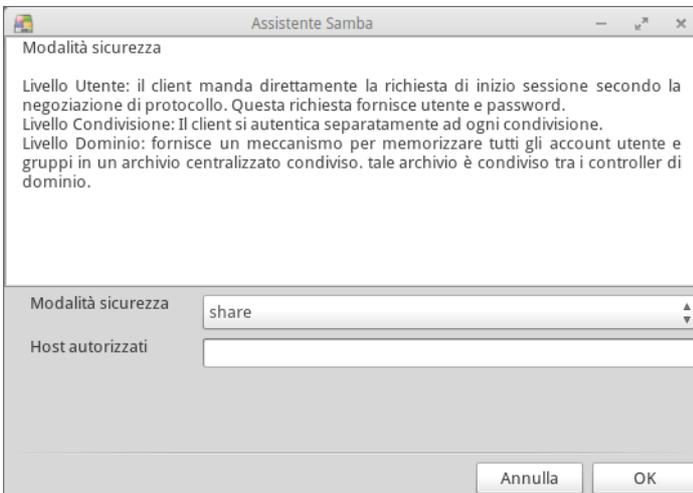
MCC section "Network Sharing" select: "Share disks and folders with Windows (SMB)" you open this form of warning press "OK"



Leave the default and press "OK"



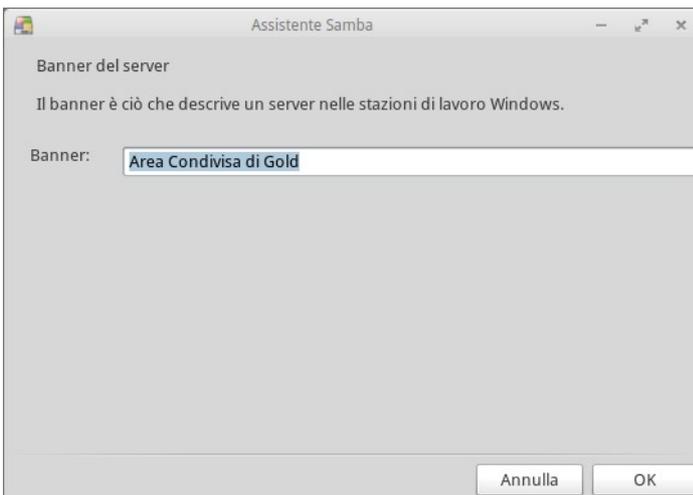
Here you must set up the workgroup and the name of the PC and press "OK"



Select Mode as 'security' Share ', so as to not have to enter password to access from other computers (only in case of need' special use user).

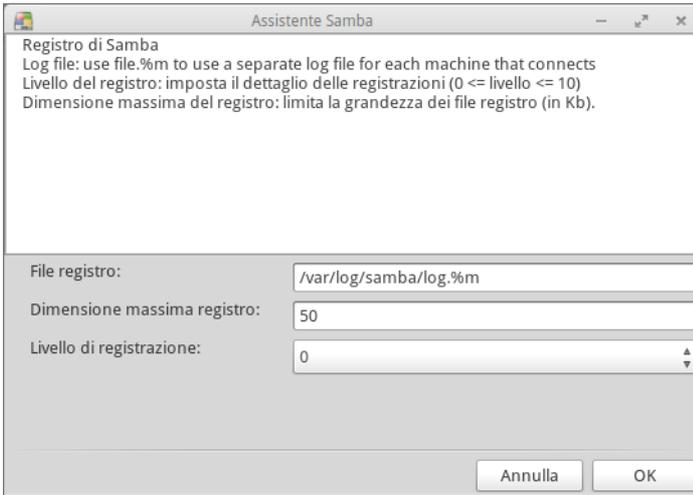
In the Allowed Hosts you can leave it blank or enter 192.168.1. \* To restrict access you PC on your network.

Press "OK"

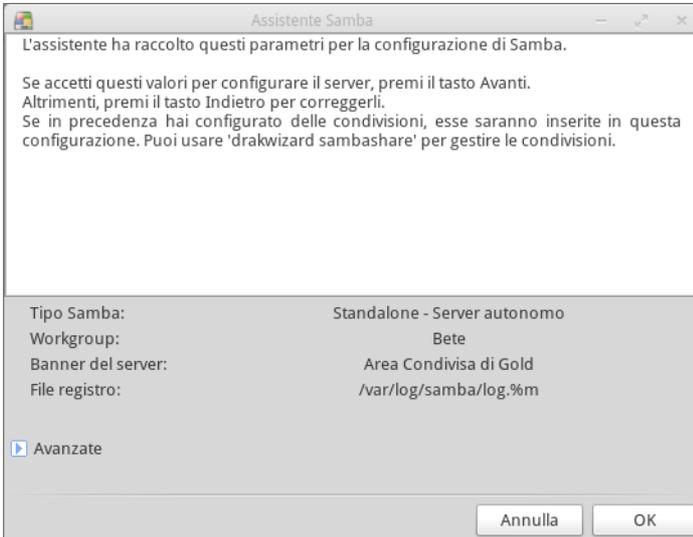


At this point we insert a message that the other PCs will see associated with our shared directory.

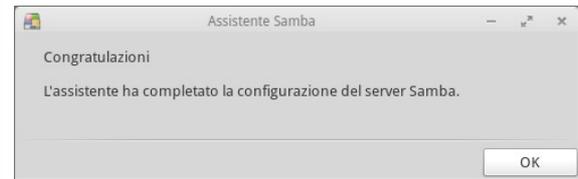
Press "OK"



Leave the default settings and press "OK"



A summary screen will take you to the end of configuration ... press OK

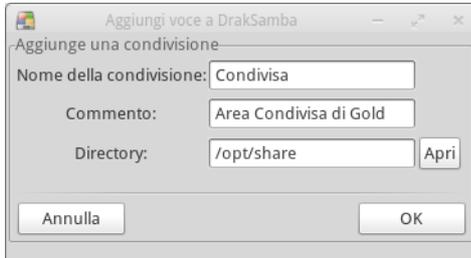


and OK again

What you get is the initial configuration of the SMB service are now going to enter a directory to be shared:

The End of the previous configuration we find ourselves in a window like the one shown here:

We use the "Add" button to insert a shared directory.

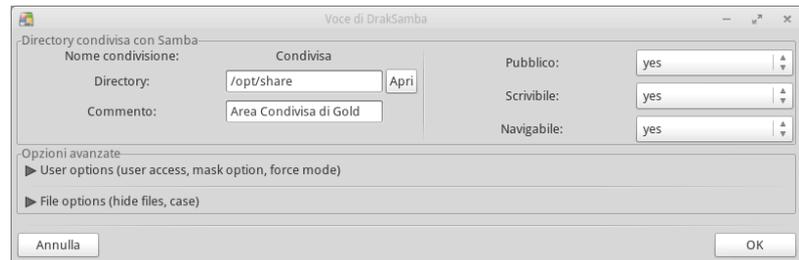
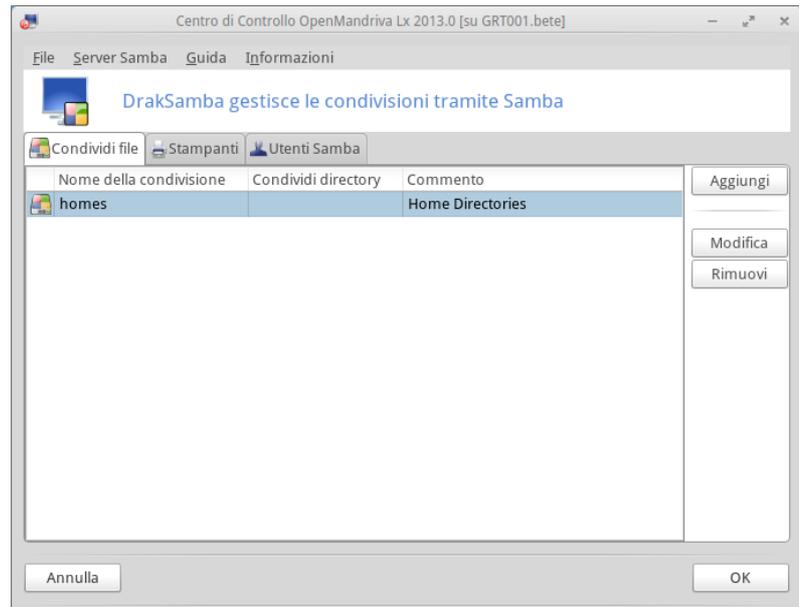


Press "OK"

The new entry will appear 'under "homes" Select it and press Edit

et the three items  
public  
writable  
and  
Navigable yes

press OK and close all



Remember to make writable shared directory  
[prompt]#chmod 777 /opt/share/

and restart the service with the command  
[prompt]#systemctl restart smb.service

### 10.28.1.2 Samba-swat

If you have special needs of one or more complex sharing of files between the PC at home or office, you can entrust us to a more comprehensive tool, but also more complex.

<http://www.samba.org/samba/docs/man/Samba-HOWTO-Collection/SWAT.html>

We start with installing the needed packages to make the package install samba-swat you bring back, as dependencies, all the necessary packages.

Samba-swat allows us to easily configure our samba server, without going to directly edit the smb.conf file located in /etc/samba/.

This file has a number of settings that cover an impressive number of needs even if I describe the procedure to share a directory remember that with this application we can perform any operation.

The interface allows us to know the role of each written with a simple click on HELP (very educational).

Before you can access the web interface of the classic swat address:

<http://localhost:901>

we need to enable the swat service that is disabled by default, to do this just edit `/etc/xinetd.d/swat`, of course, as an administrator.

---

```
# default: off
# description: SWAT is the Samba Web Admin Tool. Use swat \
#             to configure your Samba server. To use SWAT, \
#             connect to port 901 with your favorite web browser.
service swat
{
    port          = 901
    socket_type   = stream
    wait         = no
    only_from    = 127.0.0.1
    user         = root
    server       = /usr/sbin/swat
    log_on_failure += USERID
    disable      = no
}
```

---

just change the last line as shown above.

At this point starting the service with the redo command

```
systemctl restart xinetd.service
```

We access the web interface of swat by connecting previously reported. We insert the root user and password, we will find ourselves in front of the web browser to the following page.

With the convenient buttons located in the top line, each dedicated to a Section and a specific task.

Those who serve us we are GLOBAL SHARES and VIEW



HOME	GLOBALS	SHARES	PRINTERS	WIZARD	STATUS	VIEW	PASSWORD
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Welcome to SWAT!

Please choose a configuration action using one of the above buttons

[Samba](#) Documentation

- **Daemons**
  - [smbd](#) - the SMB daemon
  - [nmbd](#) - the NetBIOS nameserver
  - [winbindd](#) - the winbind daemon
- **Configuration Files**
  - [smb.conf](#) - the main Samba configuration file
  - [lmhosts](#) - NetBIOS hosts file
  - [smbpasswd](#) - SMB password file
- **Administrative Utilities**
  - [smbcontrol](#) - send control messages to Samba daemons
  - [smbpasswd](#) - managing SMB passwords
  - [SWAT](#) - web configuration tool
  - [net](#) - tool for administration of Samba and remote CIFS servers
  - [pdbedit](#) - Samba user account management tool
  - [tdbbackup](#) - Tool for backing up TDB databases
- **Client Tools**
  - [rpcclient](#) - command line MS-RPC client
  - [smbtar](#) - SMB backup tool
  - [smbclient](#) - command line SMB client
  - [smbmnt](#) - helper utility for mounting SMB filesystems on Linux hosts
  - [smbmount](#) - user space tool for mounting SMB filesystems under Linux
  - [smbumount](#) - user space tool for unmounting SMB filesystems under Linux
  - [ntlm\\_auth](#) - allow external programs to use NTLM authentication
  - [smbcquotas](#) - get or set quotas on NTFS 5 shares
  - [smbspool](#) - Send a print job to an SMB printer
  - [smbtree](#) - Text-based SMB network browsing
- **Diagnostic Utilities**
  - [smbstatus](#) - monitoring Samba
  - [testparm](#) - validating your config file
  - [nmblookup](#) - NetBIOS name query tool
  - [wbinfo](#) - Tool for getting winbind information
- **Misc. Utilities**
  - [profiles](#) - migrating profiles from one domain to another
  - [log2pcap](#) - generate pcap files from samba log files
- **Books**
  - [Using Samba, 2ed.](#) - by Jay Ts, Robert Eckstein, and David Collier-Brown
  - [The Official Samba HOWTO and Reference Guide](#)

We begin by GLOBAL, in this section we are going to set some important parameters including

**the workgroup** (workgroup or omvgroup) enough that all PCs are in the same group.  
 the **alias** with which we find (usually the hostname)  
 and the **type of sharing** (security), which in our case must be SHARE

HOME	GLOBALS	SHARES	PRINTERS	WIZARD	STATUS	VIEW	PASSWORD

## Variabili Globali

Configurazione Attuale:  Vista Semplice  Vista Avanzata  
 Cambia Password:

### Opzioni Basilari

<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	workgroup	MDVGROUP	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	realm		<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	netbios name	SILVER	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	server string	Samba file and print server	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	interfaces		<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	bind interfaces only	Yes <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>

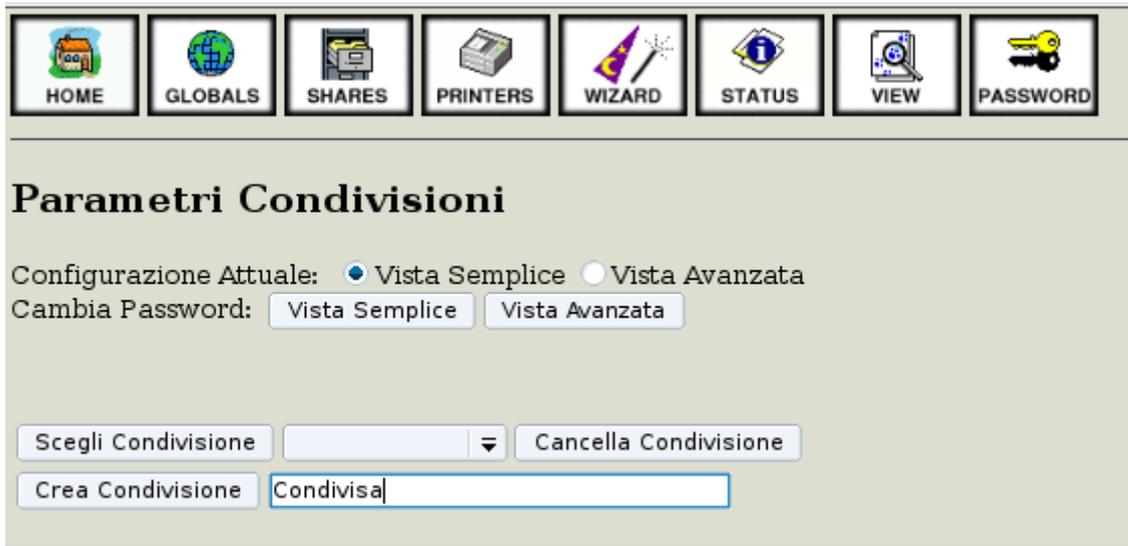
### Opzioni di Sicurezza

<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	security	SHARE <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	auth methods		<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	encrypt passwords	Yes <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	client schannel	No <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	server schannel	No <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	guest account	nobody	<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	invalid users		<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>
<a href="#">Aiuto</a>	valid users		<input type="button" value="Imposta Default"/>

Change only the three specified items, and do not worry about the rest.

Remember that before moving on to another section you will need to save the changes with the appropriate button.

We create at this point the actual sharing: Section SHARES



We put a share name and press CREATE SHARE will be shown in the drop down menu just above, Select it and press CHOOSE SHARING

In this picture are absolutely important fields  
**PATH**, and 'the full path of the directory to be shared  
**Read only**, which must be set to NO  
**Guest** OK, Browsable and Available to be set to YES

Again, remember that before moving on to another section you will need to save the changes with the appropriate button.

The section view shows just the file `/etc/samba/smb.conf` file you just edited.

You just have to restart the service with the command  
`systemctl restart smb.service`  
given in a terminal as an administrator.

## 10.29 **SYSTEMD** - *Manage system and services*

Even OpenMandriva Lx using systemd init system called.  
(System Manager, and services for Linux)

let 'commands to manage everything

### 10.29.1 **systemctl** - We manage services

The first command helps us to manage and monitor the various services  
Let's see some of the options available to us.

systemctl list-units (displays active services and their status)  
systemctl - failed (See services alone failed)  
systemctl status <service name> shows various interesting information such as status

the cgroup assigned  
the location of the configuration file (/etc/rc.d/init.d/smb)  
programs and related cascade PID

```
[root@iron user]# systemctl status smb.service
```

```
smb.service - Samba SMB Daemon
```

```
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/smb.service; enabled)
```

```
Active: active (running) since gio 2013-11-21 19:06:34 CET; 2h 12min ago
```

```
Main PID: 1704 (smbd)
```

```
CGroup: /system.slice/smb.service
```

```
├─1704 /usr/sbin/smbd
```

```
└─1781 /usr/sbin/smbd
```

NOTES:

1. the service name has to be written complete
2. the information is different if you run it as administrator

**systemctl start/stop/reload/restart <Nome del servizio>**

Start, charging, stops and restarts the specified service  
it can still be done with the command service <service> start / stop / restart  
for example

```
systemctl restart systemd-smb.service
```

or

```
systemctl restart smb.service
```

and also with the old command `service`

```
service smb restart
```

Restarting smb (via systemctl):

```
[ OK ]
```

There are many other commands, with different features, ranging from the management of the system to dell'spegnimento creations snapshot backup

<b>systemctl halt</b>	Shut down and halt the system
<b>systemctl poweroff</b>	Shut down and power-off the system
<b>systemctl reboot</b>	Shut down and reboot the system

## 10.29.2 systemd-cgls - Vediamo il contenuto di un Cgroup

Giving as an administrator command

```
# systemd-cgls systemd:/system/smb.service
```

the terminal gives us the processes associated with the specified cgroup

```
systemd:/system/smb.service:
```

```
├─ 16580 smbd -D
├─ 16586 smbd -D
└─ 16589 nmbd -D
```

Note that the list of cgroups created by the systemd you can get even launching the single command

```
# systemd-cgls
```

## 10.29.3 Analyze the boot - systemd-analyze

Among the various features that provides, what we will involve more and 'parallelization starting services, with which they should be able to start at the same time and in the right time different service (. Service) in such a way as to obtain a boot more quickly and efficiently. Installing the package `systemd-tools` will be made available commands that will allow us to analyze the boot in its most complete form as a function of process and execution times.

The commands to use to do this type of analysis are:

### **\$ systemd-analyze time**

Startup finished in 6.624s (kernel) + 15.950s (userspace) = 22.575s

by an indication of the timing of the boot dividing them into three main parts Kernel, initrd and userspace.

With the option BLAME we're going to check the execution time of each service there, but we have no indication of how many processes are started or run in parallel

### **\$ systemd-analyze blame**

```
5.852s systemd-vconsole-setup.service
4.516s network-up.service
3.637s systemd-fsck-root.service
3.364s mandriva-everytime.service
2.726s kmod-static-nodes.service
2.726s sys-kernel-debug.mount
2.725s dev-mqueue.mount
2.725s mandriva-kmsg-loglevel.service
2.724s dev-hugepages.mount
2.518s fedora-loadmodules.service
2.496s tmp.mount
2.015s network.service
1.160s systemd-udev-trigger.service
960ms resolvconf.service
722ms NetworkManager.service
707ms lm_sensors.service
```

.....

finally with

### **\$ systemd-analyze plot > boot.svg**

create a graph that represent processes over time also giving detail of parallelization



### **10.30 PLYMOUTH - The graphical boot**

The system that handles the issues that we see throughout the boot process is called plymouth. The OpenMandriva Lx 2013 running version 0.8.8.

In case you want to replace the theme, and then the look with which the system is presented to boot, we will need to know some commands.

Let's start by saying that the directory containing the themes resides in plymouth

```
/usr/share/plymouth/themes/
```

and that the list of installed themes (just inside the directory content themes you can see it with the command:

```
# plymouth-set-default-theme --list
```

which returns

```
details
```

```
OpenMandriva
```

```
text
```

Note that the command must be given as an administrator.

At this point we have to look on the repository or on kde-look the issue that most satisfies us.

If we find it on the repository (so to install software) simply select it and install it.

If we find it on the <http://www.kde-look.org> download and unpack the archive somewhere.

Take, for example, from the website <http://www.kde-look.org> the theme of the friends of MIB: "MIB-Oxygen-Ultimate-Plymouth.tar.gz"

unpack it and copy it to the directory as an administrator in the right place with the command

```
# cp -rf MIB-Ossigeno-Ultimate-Plymouth /usr/share/plymouth/themes/
```

At this point the issue and 'available and we just have to set it as the theme to use, do we use the following command:

```
# plymouth-set-default-theme MIB-Ossigeno-Ultimate-Plymouth -rebuild-initrd
```

we can do is try restarting your computer

### **10.31 Some information about Kontact, Nepomuk and Akonadi**

If like me you normally use kontakt and kmail mail, and then you will have already taken steps to install it from the repositories, you should know that Kontact and its components, as well as several properties of plasma, have started using akonadi as a centralized body to store and retrieve different types of personal information.

This centralization will provide several benefits in the future, but as always happens in the initial phase can cause several problems.

So we keep in mind a few simple steps and indicate some command to see the current status of the various services.

All major components of kontakt use akonadi, and every time you start each program will start automatically even akonadi.

You can check the status of akonadi komando with the following:

### **\$ akonadictl status**

*Akonadi Control: running*

*Akonadi Server: running*

*Akonadi Server Search Support: not available*

This is the state after disabling nepomuk and strigi from the control center of KDE in the Desktop Search.

However, because kontakt to work properly, you have the need to have akonadi and nepomuk running.

**Important Note: It is not absolutely necessary to enable strigi (indexing of the desktop)**

accordingly from the control center KDE select SEARCH DESKTOP and supply of NEPOMUK enabling and disabling Strigi. We give the command again to check the status of akonadi:

### **\$ akonadictl status**

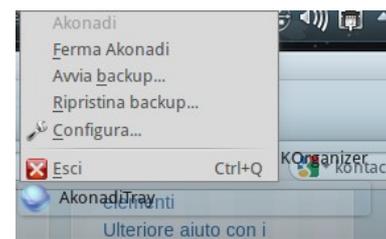
*Akonadi Control: running*

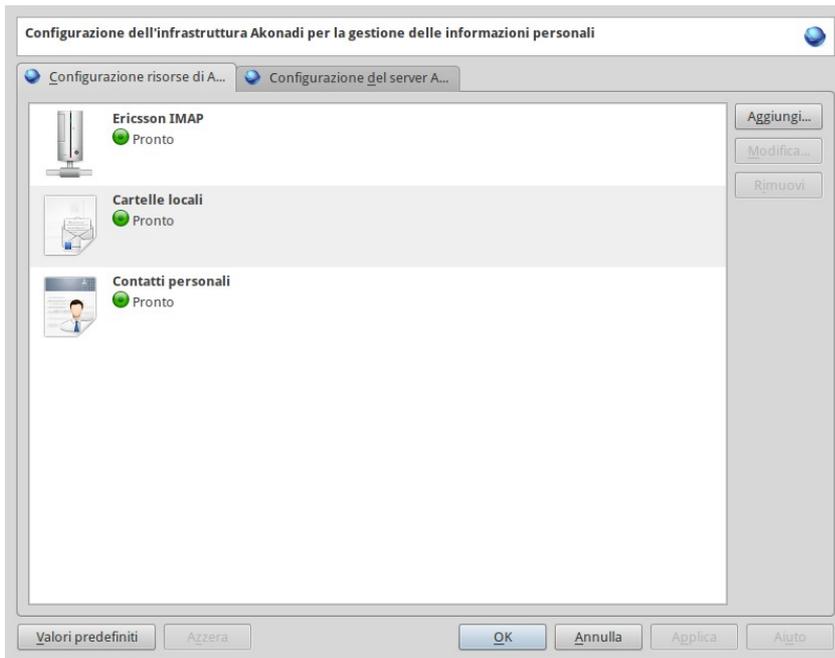
*Akonadi Server: running*

*Akonadi Server Search Support: available (backend: Virtuoso)*

he control command that we used akonadictl also allows you to start / stop and restart the server, using the start, stop and restart instead of status.

Remember that you can start akonaditray (do it with alt + f2 or directly from the terminal) that will place an icon in the system tray blue from where you can stop and start akonadi, but also perform and restore backups, which we will see later, and start the configuration dialog akonadi configured via the voice.



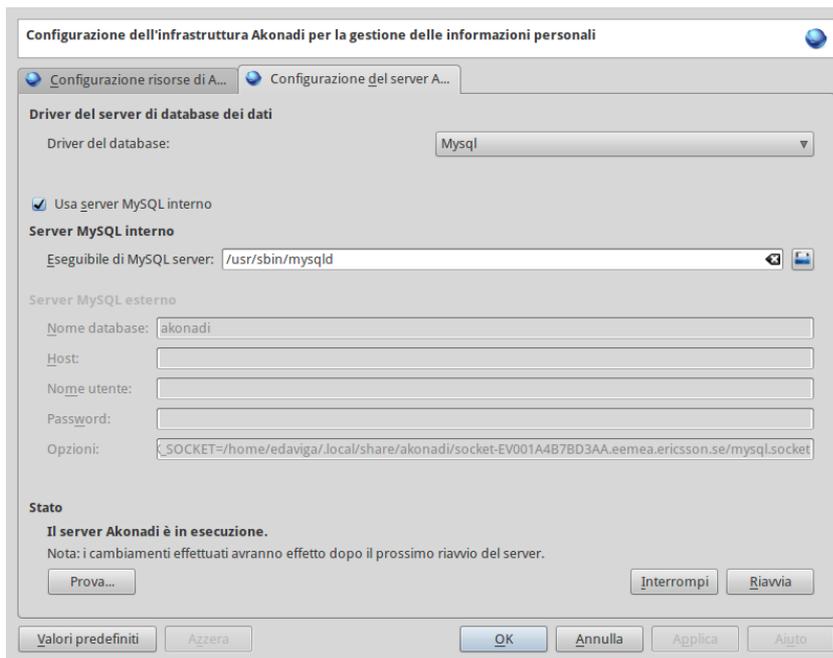


In the first tab there are all the resources configured, then e-mail (pop or imap) section etc..

the add button allows access to a list of substantial resources to manage.



The resource PERSONAL CONTACTS normally tip to the directory:  
~/.local/share/contacts



Here we do not change anything

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Now we have virtually everything you need to run smoothly and many other programs kde contact native.



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## 11 Settings and circumstances on 64bit systems

There would be no need to hold a separate section for these systems , just remember that the addition of the repositories you have to choose , of course, those 64bit . Remember that in order to ensure compatibility with 32-bit programs are not yet adapted , or with some commercial software , you must install the 32bit repository . See the relevant section

In the repository 32bit we can find , for example, audio and video codecs win32 -codecs

The problems with the proprietary programs such as , for example, flashplayer , are outdated , installing the plugins will follow exactly the same procedure used for 32-bit systems , then installing the package flash-player-plugin (you'll see that it will be marked x86 -64 ), which will download the appropriate version of flash -player without any need for further manual intervention.

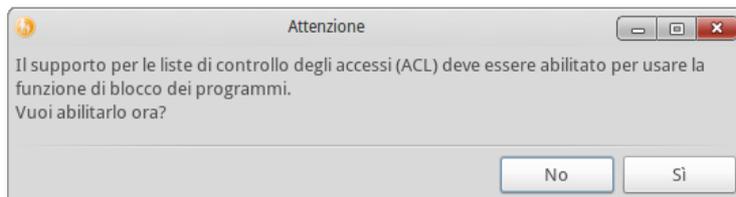
Some libraries such as those for the correct reading of the DVDs have a slightly different name from the 32bit version to identify them, and

Libdvdcss2	Lib64dvdcss2	
Libdvdnav4	Lib64dvdnav4	

## 12 Miscellaneous

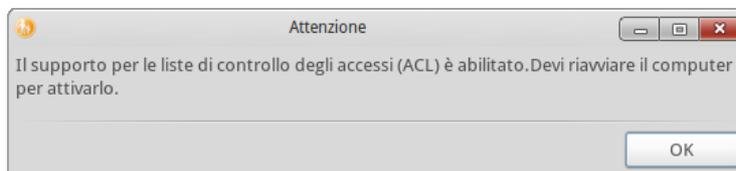
### 12.1 Filters for the Family

From OpenMandriva Control Center you can get a program dedicated to the protection of children while surfing the internet. Often they are hesitant to leave their children on the internet, which is always a good way of learning and knowledge. This system allows us to alleviate our fears, make it more enjoyable browsing and computer use to children, and give the temporal rules on the use of the PC and the network.



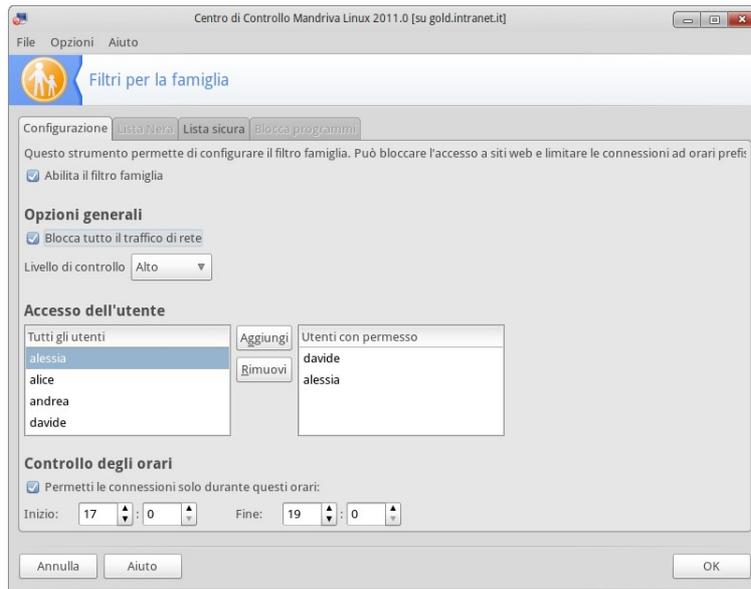
Through the voice in MCC | Security | Filters for the family leads to the main window, but when you first access the following screen will appear with which we will enable access control ACL.

**Press YES**



A second notice will tell you to restart the computer, but we can anticipate the options chosen.

**Press OK**



In the main window you have the option of:

- 1) to enable a filter to stop you from going to sites potentially dangerous .... or else.
- 2) Restrict access to the network at a time very precise and limited in time.

To do so, please mark

- a) "Enable Parental Controls"
- b) choose the level of control  
HIGH for Young Children  
MEDIUM for children  
BOULDER for larger (but I'm afraid that at that time they will manage the computer)
- c) Move in the right window, using the ADD button the user name "adults" that they will not use any filter and they will not have limitations.

Using the tabs Black List and Safe List you can change the filters making accessible or less some sites we know.

## 13 Usefull Links

### 13.1 LINUX

<i>Tipo</i>	<i>Indirizzo internet</i>	<i>Note</i>
OpenMandriva	<a href="http://www.openmandriva.org">http://www.openmandriva.org</a>	
OpenMandriva Forum Italia	<a href="http://forums.openmandriva.org">http://forums.openmandriva.org</a>	
RPM packages request, repository and forum for OpenMandriva/Rosa	<a href="http://mib.pianetalinux.org/blog/">http://mib.pianetalinux.org/blog/</a>	
Linux-Corner - Hanbook e reviews	<a href="http://www.linux-corner.it">http://www.linux-corner.it</a>	in Italian
Find information about Linux	<a href="http://www.google.com/linux">http://www.google.com/linux</a>	
Find RPM	<a href="http://rpmfind.net/">http://rpmfind.net/</a>	
KDE's Themes and Programs	<a href="http://www.kde-look.org/">http://www.kde-look.org/</a>	
KDE4	<a href="http://www.kde.org/">http://www.kde.org/</a>	
Trovare informazioni	<a href="http://www.google.com/">http://www.google.com/</a>	
KDE FAQ	<a href="http://docs.kde.org/stable/en/kdebase/faq/">http://docs.kde.org/stable/en/kdebase/faq/</a>	
KDE Documents	<a href="http://docs.kde.org/stable/en/kdebase">http://docs.kde.org/stable/en/kdebase</a>	

## 13.2 DISTRIBUZIONI

<b>NOME</b>	<b>Indirizzo internet</b>	<b>Note</b>
OpenMandriva	<a href="http://www.openmandriva.org/">http://www.openmandriva.org/</a>	
Rosa Lab	<a href="http://www.rosalab.com">http://www.rosalab.com</a>	
Ubuntu	<a href="http://www.ubuntulinux.org/">http://www.ubuntulinux.org/</a>	
Fedora	<a href="http://fedora.redhat.com/">http://fedora.redhat.com/</a>	
SUSE	<a href="http://www.suse.com/">http://www.suse.com/</a>	
Chakra	<a href="http://www.chakra-project.org/">http://www.chakra-project.org/</a>	
Knoppix	<a href="http://www.knoppix.org/">http://www.knoppix.org/</a>	
Debian	<a href="http://www.debian.org">http://www.debian.org</a>	
Slackware	<a href="http://www.slackware.com/">http://www.slackware.com/</a>	
Madeinlinux	<a href="http://www.madeinlinux.com/">http://www.madeinlinux.com/</a>	
Turbolinux	<a href="http://www.turbolinux.com/">http://www.turbolinux.com/</a>	
Dinebolic	<a href="http://www.dynebolic.org/">http://www.dynebolic.org/</a>	
Geexbox	<a href="http://www.geebox.org/">http://www.geebox.org/</a>	
Damnsmalllinux	<a href="http://www.damnsmalllinux.org/">http://www.damnsmalllinux.org/</a>	
Linspire	<a href="http://www.lindows.com/">http://www.lindows.com/</a>	
Scientific linux	<a href="https://www.scientificlinux.org/">https://www.scientificlinux.org/</a>	

Note: One of the most attractive features of free software , Open Source and Linux is that anyone can potentially create a distribution, on the one hand this leads to thousands of distributions , on the other hand leads to a high rate of development and a high rate of innovation, unthinkable in any other model of software development.

On the forums there is often a real wars of opinion between the various distributions . In principle, there are three points to consider

1 ) All distributions can do the same thing , they differ for the applications with which we will configure the various programs . The rest are personal preferences, for example, have the root password , or use SUDO . Using Gnome , KDE, XFCE or another DM, or the type of packaging programs RPM , DEB , TGZ , and more.

2) The security is obtained . If I start to use the root password as root , do not enable or disable the firewall , and use trivial passwords , it will be difficult to talk about safety , with any distribution .

3 ) I think it is of fundamental importance the number of available packages for your distribution , and their frequently update.

### 13.3 HARDWARE

The best thing when you buy a PC or any other part of the system is to start looking for different devices, assuming you want to use "also", so to speak, Linux. This is not entirely different from what you normally do when you buy a Apple system rather than a tablet or a smartphone ... you seek for your gaming peripherals. Many manufacturers (increasingly) release drivers for Linux and other operating systems, and the competition they must follow. Most of the components such as the chipset drivers using OS same for the various manufacturers see drivers for USB, IDE, etc.. also list some sites where you can find information about PC, Laptop, ect various devices.

<b>Produttore</b>	<b>Indirizzo internet</b>	<b>Note</b>
Video Card (nvidia)	<a href="http://www.nvidia.com">http://www.nvidia.com</a>	Good drivers
HP Linux Inkjet Driver Project	<a href="http://www.hpinkjet.sourceforge.net">www.hpinkjet.sourceforge.net</a>	Driver Linux
DVD/CD burners	<a href="http://www.sony-optiarc.com/">http://www.sony-optiarc.com/</a>	Good
Stampanti Multifunzione Brother	<a href="http://solutions.brother.com/linux/en_us/index.html">http://solutions.brother.com/linux/en_us/index.html</a>	RIMOSSO
Linux drivers for Philips USB webcams	<a href="http://www.smcc.demon.nl/webcam">www.smcc.demon.nl/webcam</a>	Non ufficiali
Linux Hardware Database	<a href="http://www.lhd.zdnet.com">www.lhd.zdnet.com</a>	
LinuxHardware.org	<a href="http://www.linuxhardware.org">www.linuxhardware.org</a>	
TuxMobil Laptop Manufacturers	<a href="http://www.tuxmobil.org/laptop_manufacturer.html">www.tuxmobil.org/laptop_manufacturer.html</a>	LAPTOP

See also paragrafe [3.3](#)

On [www.linux-corner.it](http://www.linux-corner.it) I added a page where I will insert Hardware Database all the hardware that I've got to try.

## 13.4 SOFTWARE

The following list of sites where you can download the latest software release of some programs that I would call basis.

<b>Programma</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Note</b>
Libreoffice	<a href="http://www.Libreoffice.org/">http://www.Libreoffice.org/</a>	
Firefox	<a href="http://www.mozilla.com">http://www.mozilla.com</a>	
Gimp	<a href="http://www.gimp.org/">http://www.gimp.org/</a>	
Java SUN	<a href="http://www.java.com/it/download/">http://www.java.com/it/download/</a>	
Adobe Acrobat Reader	<a href="http://www.adobe.it">http://www.adobe.it</a>	
VirtualBox	<a href="https://www.virtualbox.org/">https://www.virtualbox.org/</a>	

Obviously, the distributions have packages ready for these programs.

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## 15 Note Finali

*I wrote these books in the belief that one of the brakes to the use of Linux is the veil of the difficulties that we have all helped to create.*

*In fact, Linux is not harder or easier than any other operating system.*

*I think many of us would like to have the opportunity to get the best from everything, in the shortest possible time.  
To begin then, calmly to learn, if you want ..... it is not said ....*