

System iNtrusion Analysis & Reporting Environment

# Installation Guide for Snare Server v7

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## 1. About this Guide

This document details the steps required to install the components necessary to run the Snare Server as a standalone appliance on your hardware. The Snare Server relies on a number of Open Source tools, including the Linux Operating System, the Apache Web Server, and the PHP scripting language, amongst others - these are included with your installation media.

There are a number of configuration items, such as system passwords, that are specific to an installation. These are highlighted throughout this manual, and a section at the end of the document provides a space where you can record the site specific installation parameters. This document does not cover the installation and removal of specific Snare Agents; these are available as separate documents.

An appendix to this document also highlights several post-installation checks that will allow you to verify that the Snare Server has been installed correctly, and is operating optimally.

### **Important**

This document does not cover the steps involved in migrating or upgrading an existing v4 / v5 / v6 Snare Server to Snare Server v7.

Please review the Snare Server v7 Migration Guide for a side-by-side migration, and the Snare Server v7 Upgrade Guide for an over-the-top upgrade.

### **Other guides that may be useful to read**

- Snare Server v7 Users Guide
- Snare Server v7 Migration Guide
- Snare Server v7 Upgrade Guide
- Snare Agent Guides
- Snare Server Troubleshooting Guide
- Snare Toolset White Paper.

## 2. Hardware Configuration

### 2.1. Hardware Overview

The Snare Server is capable of running on a variety of hardware configurations, from laptops, right up to Linux partitions on mainframe systems. Hardware requirements are significantly dependent on the volume of audit received by the Snare Server, and the type and number of audit objectives defined.

However, in order for the Snare Server to be in a supported configuration, the following requirements **MUST** be followed. There should be no deviations from the specifications listed below.

#### **Snare Server - Hardware Requirements**

- A 64-bit x86 compatible CPU (eg: Pentium Core I5, AMD64), preferably with two cores or more.
- 200Gb hard disk or larger. This should be recognized by an operating system as one single disk, and may be either IDE, SATA or SCSI. Hardware RAID may be used, as long as the RAID controller is capable of either emulating normal IDE/SATA/SCSI protocols, or has a supported driver available in Snare.
- An IDE, SATA or USB DVD writer supported by Snare. Most modern CD/DVD writers are ATAPI compatible, and will therefore work with the Snare Server. Some brands of USB Writers may be supported. Please consult the general compatibility notes below for more details.
- 2 Gb RAM, or more.
- A 100 megabit, or (preferably) a 1000 megabit (1 Gigabit) network card.
- Keyboard, mouse and monitor as appropriate.

#### **General compatibility notes**

In order to make compatibility research simpler, the Snare Server uses a Linux kernel from the Ubuntu 14.04 LTS 'Trusty' release. Hardware that is identified as compatible with the first release of Ubuntu 14.04 LTS 'Trusty' will also be accepted by the Snare Server.

### 2.2. Incompatible Hardware / Configurations

If commonly available hardware, or virtual machine implementations, are specifically identified as being incompatible with Snare Server version 7, the model numbers will be identified below.

#### **Incompatible Hardware**

No hardware has yet been specifically identified as incompatible.

### 3. Preparation

Prior to installation, a check should be made of a number of configuration parameters required for the operation of the Snare Server. These configuration parameters are as follows:



#### What You Need

- An IP address for the Snare Server, and the Netmask of the local area network on which the Snare Server will be installed.
- A Hostname & fully qualified DNS Name for the Snare Server (your network team may wish to add this information into your organisational DNS server).
- The IP address of the default gateway for the local area network on which the Snare Server will be installed.
- The IP address of the organisational SMTP (Email server).
- The IP addresses of the organisational DNS server(s).
- The Snare Server download accessible from the Snare Secure Area at [intersectalliance.com](https://intersectalliance.com). Authorisation credentials and license are provided by your Snare Server support team.

In addition, you should make the following changes to the system BIOS in order to ensure that installation and operation proceed smoothly:

- Set the system to automatically boot when power is reapplied after a system power failure.
- Set the first CD/DVD drive to be bootable.

The steps required to accomplish the two operations above, vary depending on your system, and bios type.

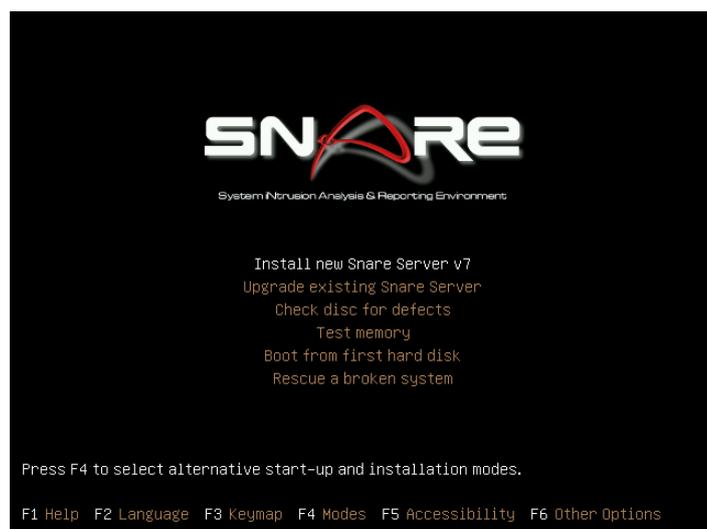
## 4. Snare Server Installation

Snare is an appliance-like solution, that includes the operating system, and the Snare Server software, on the installation media. A heavily customised distribution of Linux is used for the baseline installation.

The system which will host the Snare Server must be configured to boot from the CD or DVD device. Please note that a monitor, mouse and keyboard should be connected to the server or workstation.

Once you boot from the Snare Server installation media, the installation will ask you a number of questions. The following images and instructions will guide you through the process of installation.

### Snare Server Installation - Kickstart

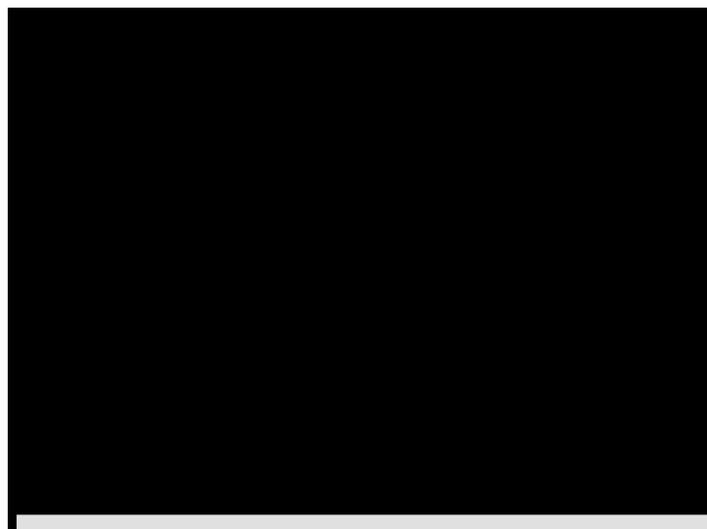


Insert the Snare Server Installation media, and boot the computer.

The Snare Server installation media will provide you with a guided install of the Linux operating system, and the Snare Server tools and utilities, presenting you with only those options that may vary from site to site, or from system to system, and specifically require your input.

Hit ENTER on your keyboard.

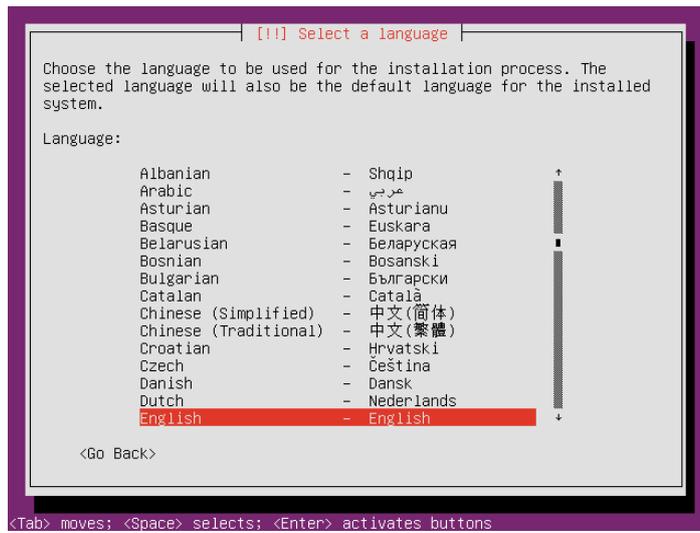
### Operating System Bootstrap



When you hit ENTER, the Snare Server will boot the Linux operating system. The screen will remain blank for some time, and then a new video mode will appear on your monitor.

Please Wait

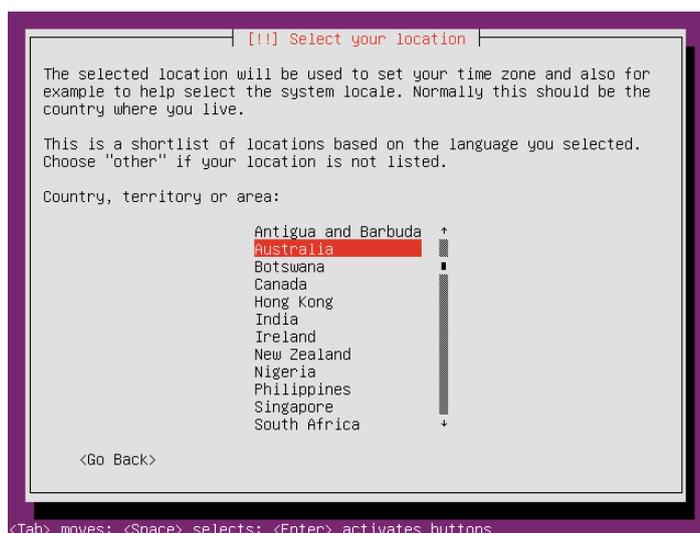
## Language Selection



Although the Snare Server currently only supports the English language, some elements of the operating system installation process can be localised.

Select the language that is most appropriate for your current geographic location, and press ENTER.

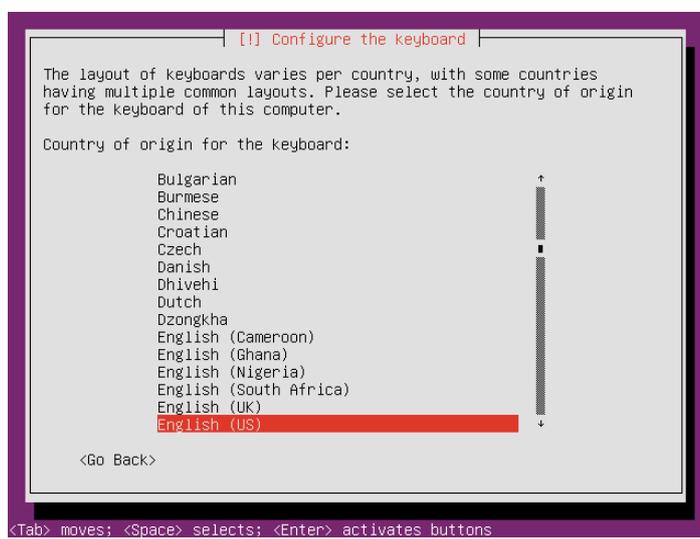
## Location Selection



The installer will attempt to provide a range of potential locations, based on your language selection.

Select your geographic location, and press ENTER.

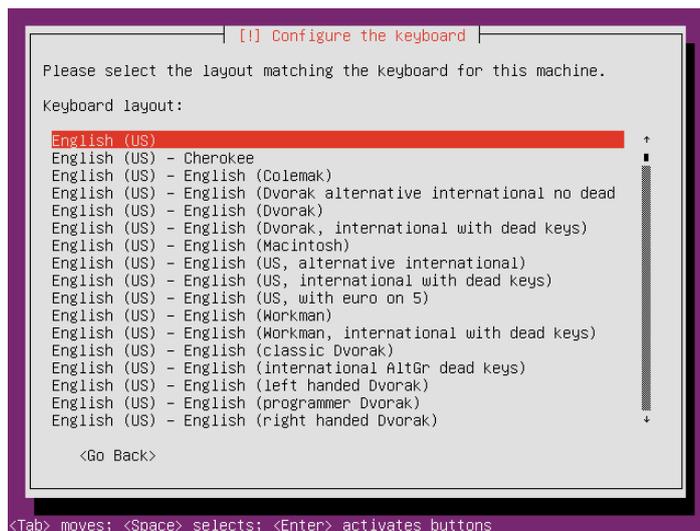
## Keyboard Layout



Local keyboard layouts are supported for the Snare Server.

Select an option appropriate for your type of keyboard, and press ENTER.

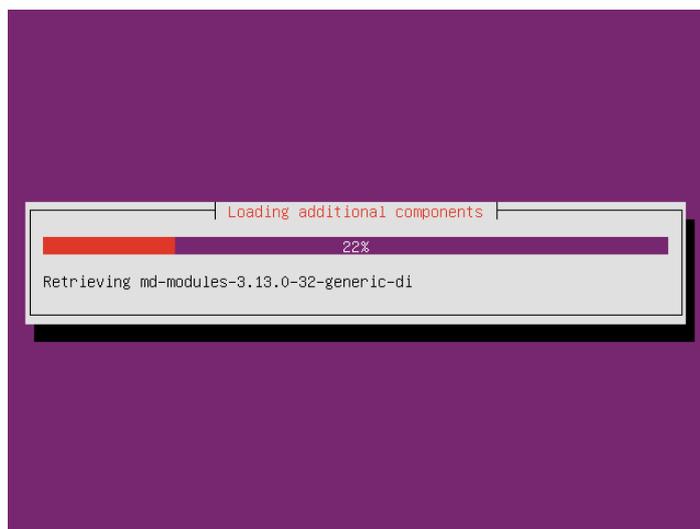
## Keyboard Layout (2)



Some languages/locations provide more than one option for keyboard layouts (eg: Qwerty, Dvorak).

Select an option appropriate for your type of keyboard, and press ENTER.

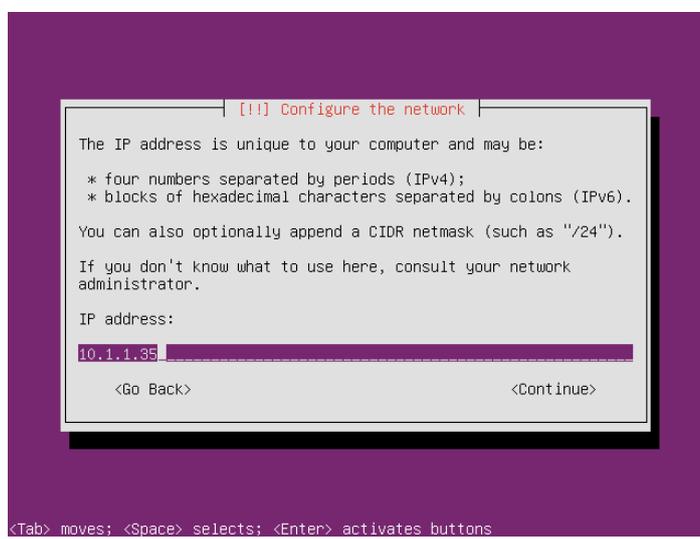
## Preparing for Installation



The Snare Server will scan the local application database for installation targets, and load additional components.

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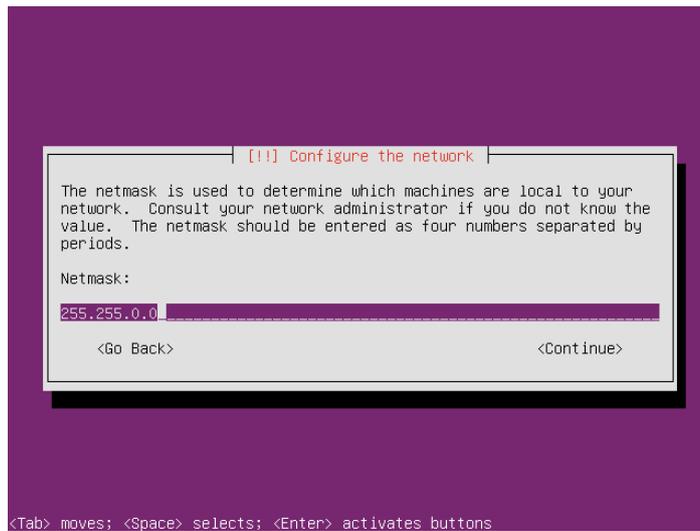
## IP Address Configuration



Your Snare Server will require an IP address in order to participate on the network. You may need to consult your network administration team for assistance with an appropriate allocation, so that address conflicts do not occur.

Type the IP Address of the Snare Server, and press ENTER.

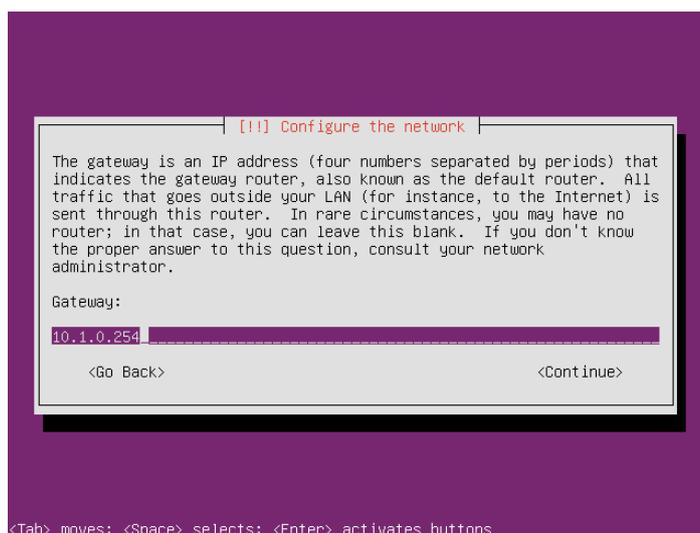
## Netmask



Your Snare Server will need to know the netmask to use for the local network. You may need to consult with your network administration team for assistance with an appropriate value, but most networks on which a Snare Server will be installed will generally use either a 'Class C' (255.255.255.0), or 'Class B' (255.255.0.0) range.

Type the Netmask for the network on which the Snare Server will be active.

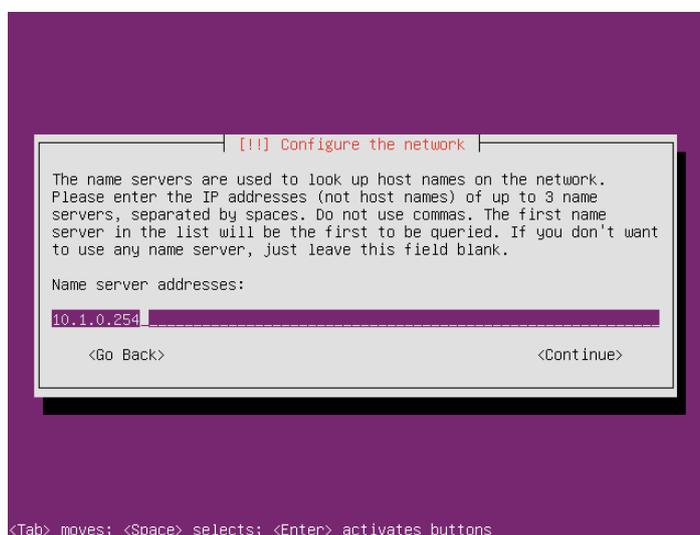
## Default Gateway



In order to contact (and be contacted by) machines outside the local area network, your Snare Server will need to know the IP address of the default gateway on the local network. You may need to consult with your network administration team for an appropriate value.

Type the Default Gateway Address that the Snare Server should use to contact non-local network devices, and press ENTER.

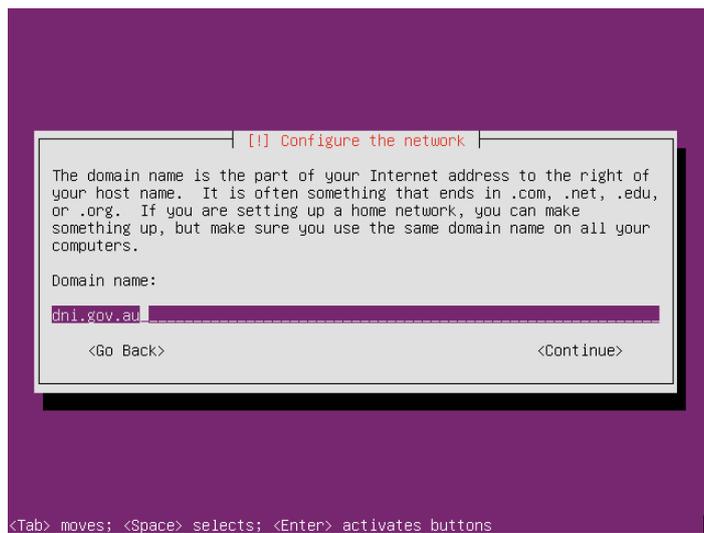
## Name Servers



Enter the IP address of your Domain Name Server(s).

Space separated DNS Server IP addresses, then press ENTER

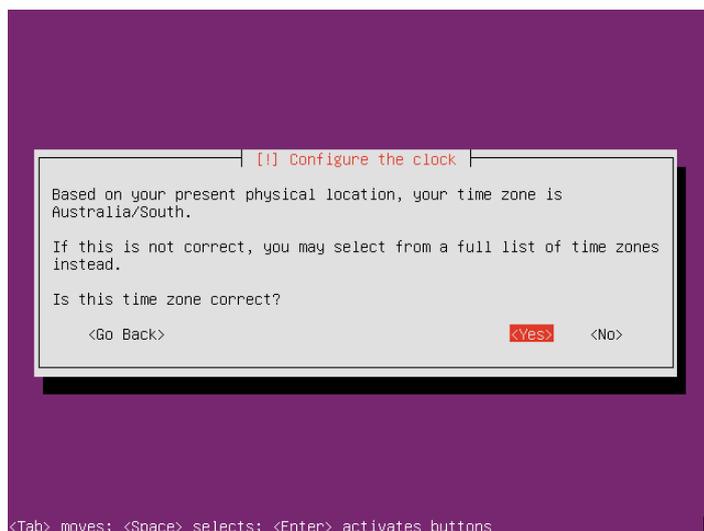
## Domain Name



The domain name is generally the alphabetic part of your company or organisational internet address; it may include '.gov' or '.com'. Do not include the hostname in this text entry box.

Type the domain name under which the Snare Server will exist, and press ENTER

## Time Zone

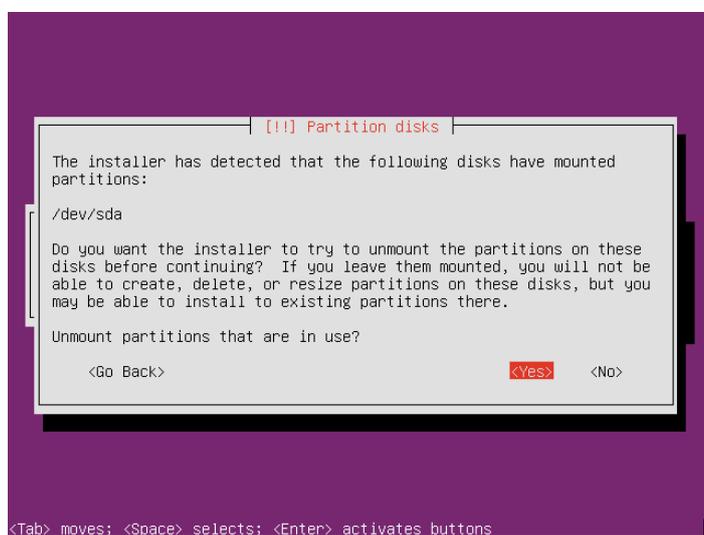


The Time Zone setting is important to ensure that your Snare Server retains appropriate time settings, particularly during events such as "Daylight Saving".

The installation process will attempt to detect your approximate physical location based on your earlier location and language settings.

Select your time zone. The list will be populated with values based on your earlier location and language selections.

## Partitioning - mounted partitions

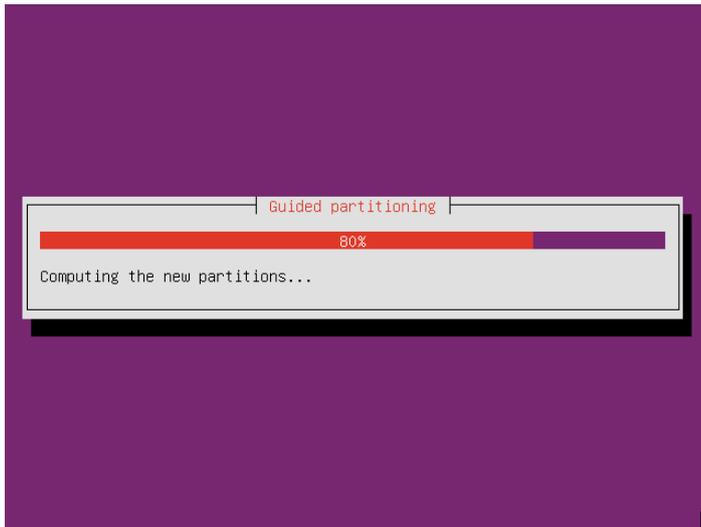


If the server on which you intend to install Snare, already has disks formatted with a file system that Snare is able to recognise, the installer may attempt to mount the disks.

If it does so successfully, this dialog may appear, requesting that you unmount the partition.

Select 'Yes'.

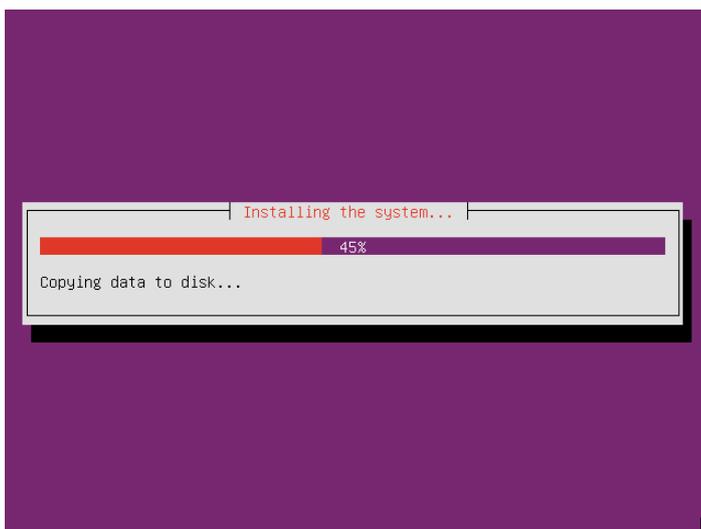
## Partitioning



The local disk will be automatically partitioned based on Snare's requirements.

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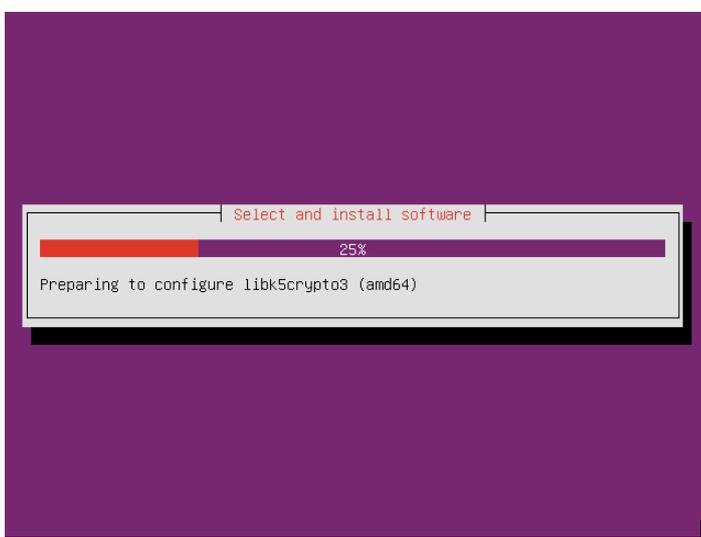
## Installing the Base System



The installation process will install the system packages required for the operation of the Snare Server.

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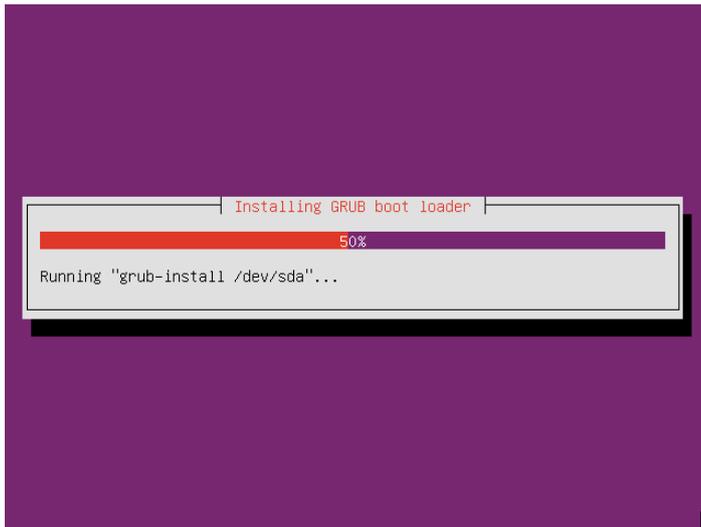
## Selecting and Installing Software



Additional packages required by Snare, over and above the operating-system level functions will also be installed.

Please Wait.

## Installing Boot Loader

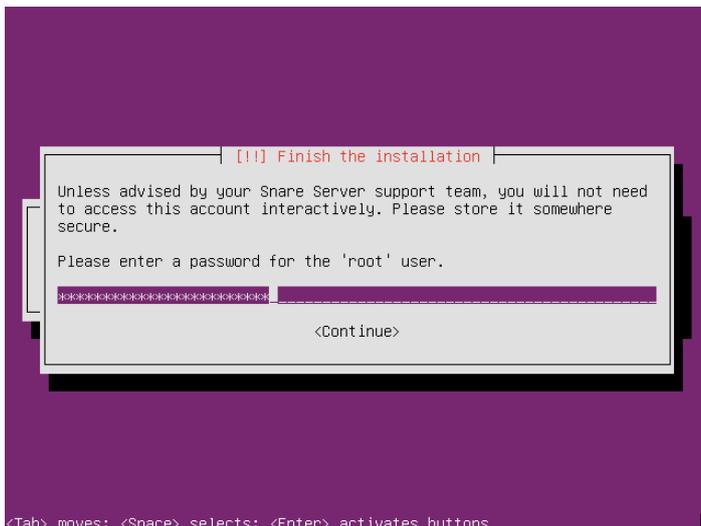


The primary disk on the server will be set to boot the Snare Server operating system.

On some systems, the installer may confirm if it should install GRUB, or other similar system components. This should be answered with a "Yes", otherwise the Snare Server will not boot.

Please Wait.

## Account Authentication



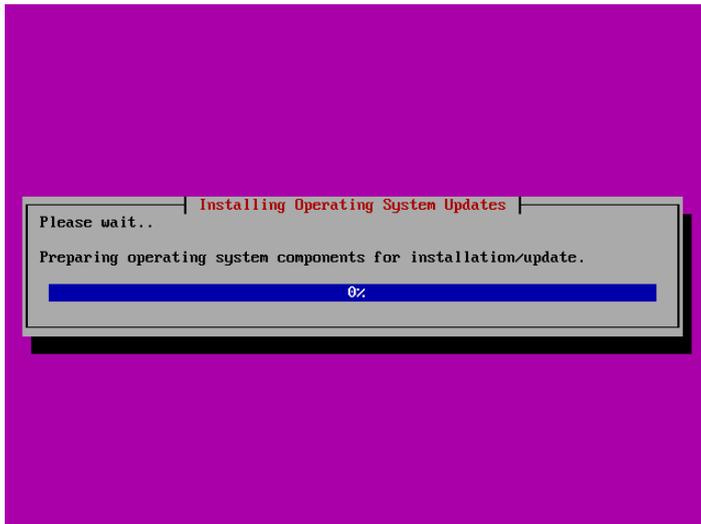
The installation subsystem will ask you to supply default passwords to several accounts, including:

- The Snare operating system 'root', and 'snare' user accounts, used for emergency hardware-level system administrative activities, as guided by your Snare Server support team.
- The Snare operating system 'snarexfer' account, which can be used by remote systems to transfer log data to the Snare Server via ftp or scp.

 *Although the Snare Server implements several password complexity controls such as dictionary exclusions, minimal length, and so on; initial installation passwords are NOT subject to such controls.*

Enter appropriate passwords for each account.

## System Reboot & Operating System Updates



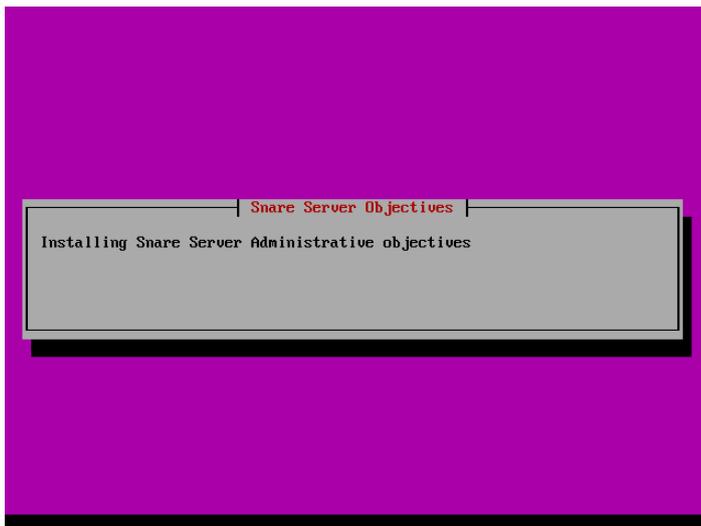
Once the installation process has completed, the Snare Server will automatically reboot.

At this point, specific components required for the operation of the event collection, analysis and reporting environment, will be installed; as will security updates to the baseline packages that come with the installation media.

This process should take approximately 8 minutes to complete, depending on the number of updates included. The most recent line from the raw output from the package update process, will be displayed within the dialog window.

Please wait.

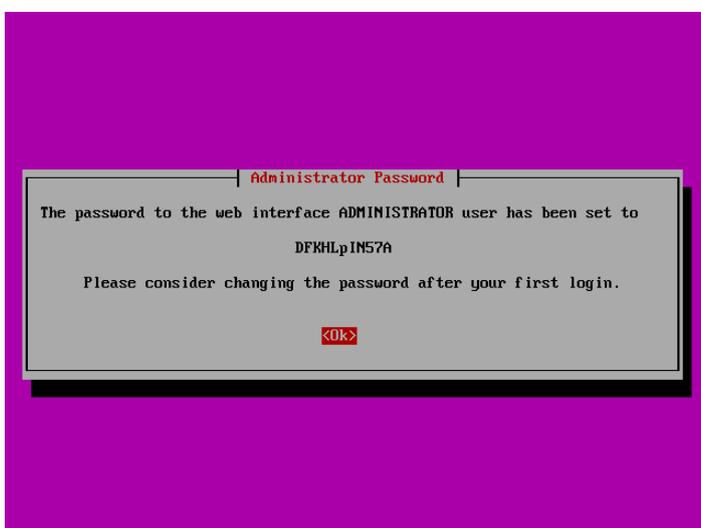
## Snare Server Bootstrap



Several server-specific tasks will scroll through, including the installation and configuration of configuration databases, the installation of administrative objectives, and the initialisation of firewall rulesets.

Please wait.

## Administrator Password

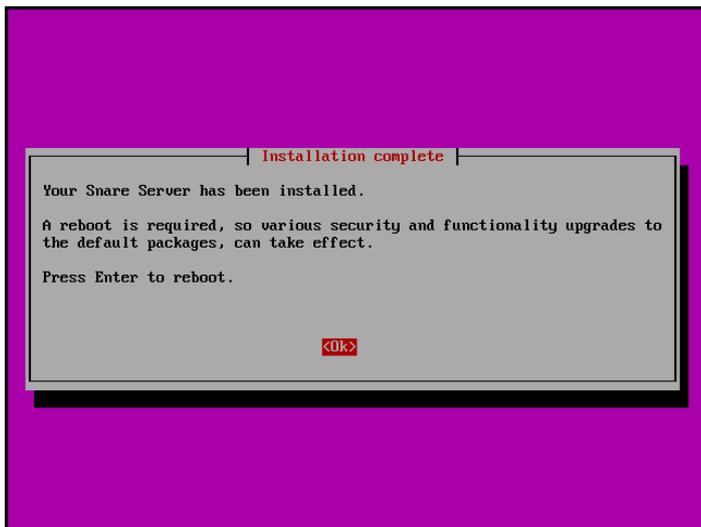


An initial password for the "Administrator" account for the Snare Server web interface, will be generated, set, and displayed.

The password will be chosen from random alpha-numeric characters, be 10 characters in length, and will exclude look-alike characters such as O/0 and l/I.

Please note this password for future reference.

## Restart to complete installation



The Snare Server needs to reboot one last time at the completion of the installation process, to complete the upgrade process of system packages.

Press Enter to reboot.

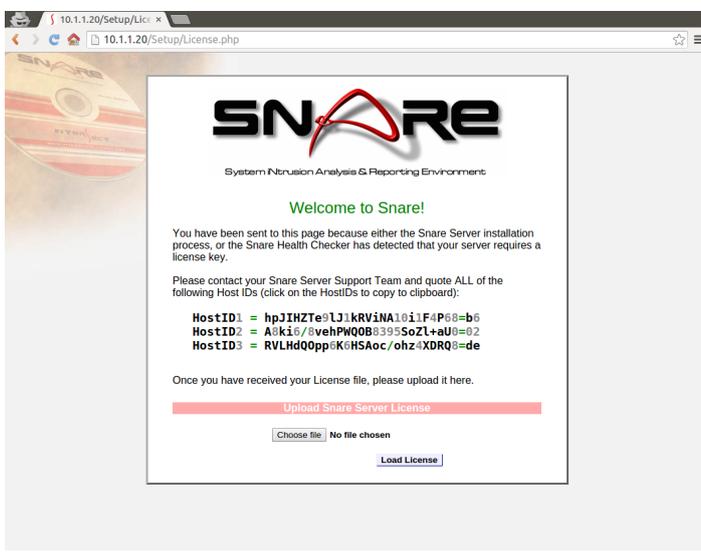
## Server Ready



The Snare server has now installed, and is ready to access via your web browser. Point your browser at the IP address or DNS name for your new server to continue.

You can also login to the console directly using the *snare* user and password set up during the installation process.

## License Information

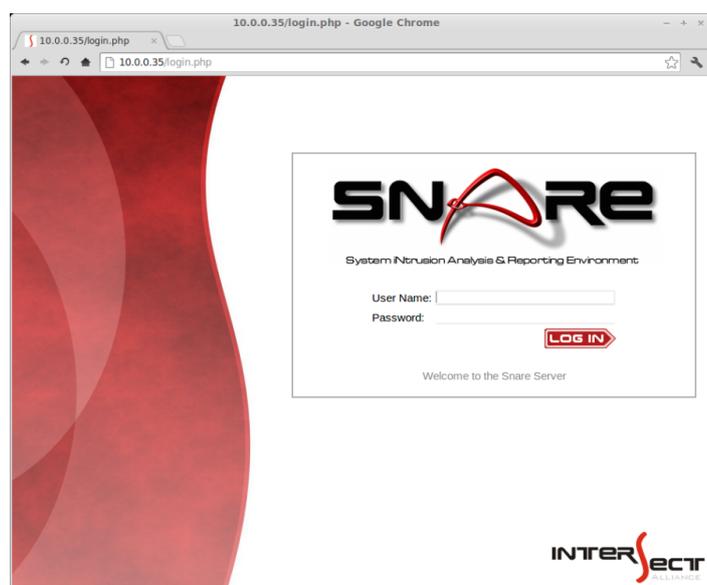


Please point your web browser at the Snare Server. A screen will appear, that identifies multiple HostID's - please contact your Snare Server support team, and supply these HostID's.

The Snare Server support team will provide you with a license to access the Snare Server.

Send the hostID's to the Snare Server support team.

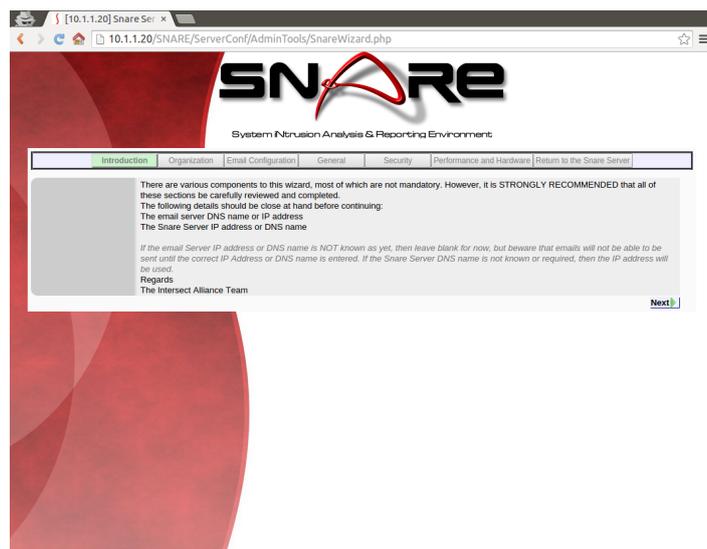
## Log in to the Snare Server



The Snare Server will present a login page. Enter the UserID "Administrator", and the password that was generated by the installation process.

Log into the Snare Server.

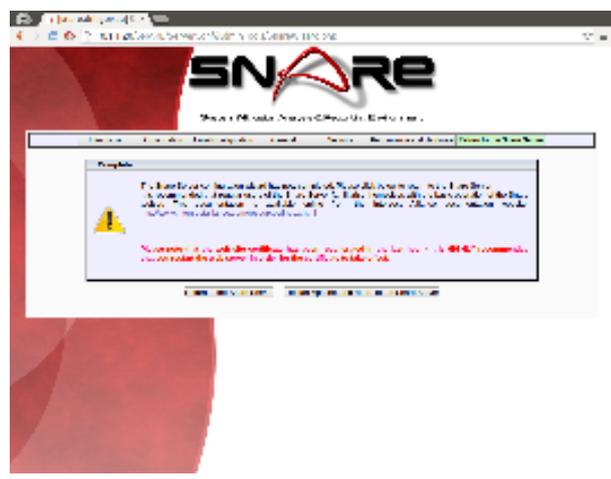
## Configuration Wizard



When you first access the Snare Server, a configuration wizard will appear. Follow the prompts to configure your Snare Server. More details about the configuration can be found in the Snare Server Users Guide, and you can always come back to the Configuration Wizard at a later time as required.

Use the Next and Previous buttons to move between the sections.

## Configuration Wizard - Done



Once the configuration wizard has finished - this page will return you to the Snare Server.

Press the "Return to the Snare Server" button.

## 5. Site specific items

Based on the above installation procedures, there are a number of site specific configuration items which will need to be set, and stored in a secure manner, such as a safe or approved, lockable cabinet. These configuration items are mainly passwords, so it is a good idea to choose a secure password, and to ensure that only the appropriate authorised staff have access to the passwords detailed below. The table below allows you to record key site specific configurations items at install-time.

<b>Snare Server Installation Configuration items</b>	
Snare Server Installation undertaken by: .....	
Date: .....	
Signature:.....	
Agency Notes: .....	
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<b>Item</b>	<b>Configuration description</b>	<b>Site information</b>
1	Snare Server "Root" password - Emergency maintenance	
2	Snare Server "snare" user password - Maintenance	
3	Snare Server "snarexfer" user password - log transfer	
4	Snare Server networking configuration	IP Address: Netmask: Default Gateway: DNS 1: DNS 2: DNS 3:
5	SMTP Server	IP Address: Hostname:

