

Installing Proxmox VE 8.2 on a Standalone GPU Passthrough Server

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Requirements

- Proxmox VE 8.2 ISO Installer
 - Bootable USB creation tool (Etcher or Rufus)
 - At least 1 NVMe SSD (recommended Gen4 for performance)
 - BIOS configured for UEFI boot, IOMMU, virtualization, and passthrough (see backlink for full BIOS setup)
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Step 1: Download and Flash Proxmox ISO

1. Go to [Proxmox Downloads](#)
2. Download the latest ISO: `proxmox-ve_8.2-1.iso` (or newer)
3. Use **Balena Etcher** or **Rufus** to flash it to a USB drive
 - Select ISO
 - Select USB
 - Click **Flash**

Step 2: Install Proxmox VE

1. Boot from the USB using **UEFI Boot Mode**
2. Select **Install Proxmox VE** from the menu
3. Accept license agreement
4. Choose the **Gen4 NVMe** (Kioxia in this case) as the target disk
5. Configure:
 - Region & Timezone
 - Strong root password & email
 - Hostname (e.g. `proxmox-node2.local`)
 - Static IP address (e.g. `192.168.1.101`) or use DHCP for testing

Step 3: First Boot and Web GUI Access

- Remove the USB when prompted
- Log into the Proxmox web GUI:

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https://<your-proxmox-ip>:8006
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- Accept the self-signed certificate

Step 4: Secondary Drive (Optional)

If you have a second NVMe (like an Inland Gen3):

1. Go to `Datacenter > Disks`
 2. Select `/dev/nvme1n1`
 3. Wipe the disk
 4. Initialize it with GPT
 5. Create a new storage:
 - As **LVM-Thin** for VM disk storage
 - Or as **Directory** for ISOs/backups
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