some necessary packages after basic installation of Archlinux

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installation guide: Office install guide of archlinux.

Somethings about boot loader¹

- if grub can't detect windows in the hard disk, you can install os-prober and execute grub-mkconfig again. If that didn't work, you can edit /etc/grub.d/40_custom to set manually, the tutor is: archwiki:GRUB
- some computers can load grub, but can't boot into grub directly, this is different with series name of computers, there will be a short cut for change boot loader.
- If your computer use ssd which have volume less than 128GB, Linux Live may not detact your ssd, so you need to change the "SATA Controller Mode" to AHCI, but windows may not able to boot, so you need to adjust bios before changing os after installed.
- some computers (most are lenovo), can only boot from the bootloader of windows, so you need to copy grubx64.efi to the file which the motherboard boot with (usually /boot/EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi), and rename the orign file to another name first. then copy the file grub needed to the directory /boot/EFI/Microsoft/Boot/ (the same relative location to grubx64.efi with origin).

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- 1. gnome
- 2. vim
- $3. \ {\rm sudo}$

 $^{^{1}}$ I meant grub XD

- $4. \ zsh^2$
- 5. $mlocate^3$
- 6. gnome-tweak-tool
- 7. firefox/chromium
- 8. wireless
 - (a) enable NetworkManager⁴
 - (b) bluez-utils⁵
 - (c) $dnsmasq^6$
 - (d) wpa_supplicant⁷
- 9. fcitx
 - (a) gnome-shell-extension-topicons-plus-git⁸
 - (b) config the xim variables

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/etc/profile
export XMODIFIERS="@im=fcitx"
export XIM=fcitx
export XIM_PROGRAM=fcitx
export GTK_IM_MODULE=fcitx
export QT_IM_MODULE=fcitx
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- 10. mplayer
- 11. gimp, imagemagick, inkscape⁹
- 12. $openssh^{10}$
- 13. libreoffice / wps-office / texlive-most¹¹
- 14. yaourt / pacaur 12
- 15. some times some processes blocked and make halt slowly, change the DefaultTimeoutStart(Stop)Sec in /etc/systemd/system.conf

³to find file with the database of index

²there is a "command not found" hook, it will notice you which package you need to install when the command you type not found. It rely on pkgfile, you need to add source/usr/share/doc/pkgfile/command - not - found.zsh in your \$HOME/.zshrc file and then source it or wait for reboot

 $^{^4}$ systemd

 $^{^{5}}$ blue to oth

 $^{^{6}}$ hotspot

⁷wifi

 $^{^8\}mathrm{to}$ show fcitx in the new est version of gnome-shell

 $^{^{9}\}mathrm{for}$ dealing with graphics, and image magick based on commandline, inkscape is used for vector

¹⁰for remote login

¹¹for document editing

 $^{^{12}}$ to install packages in AUR