

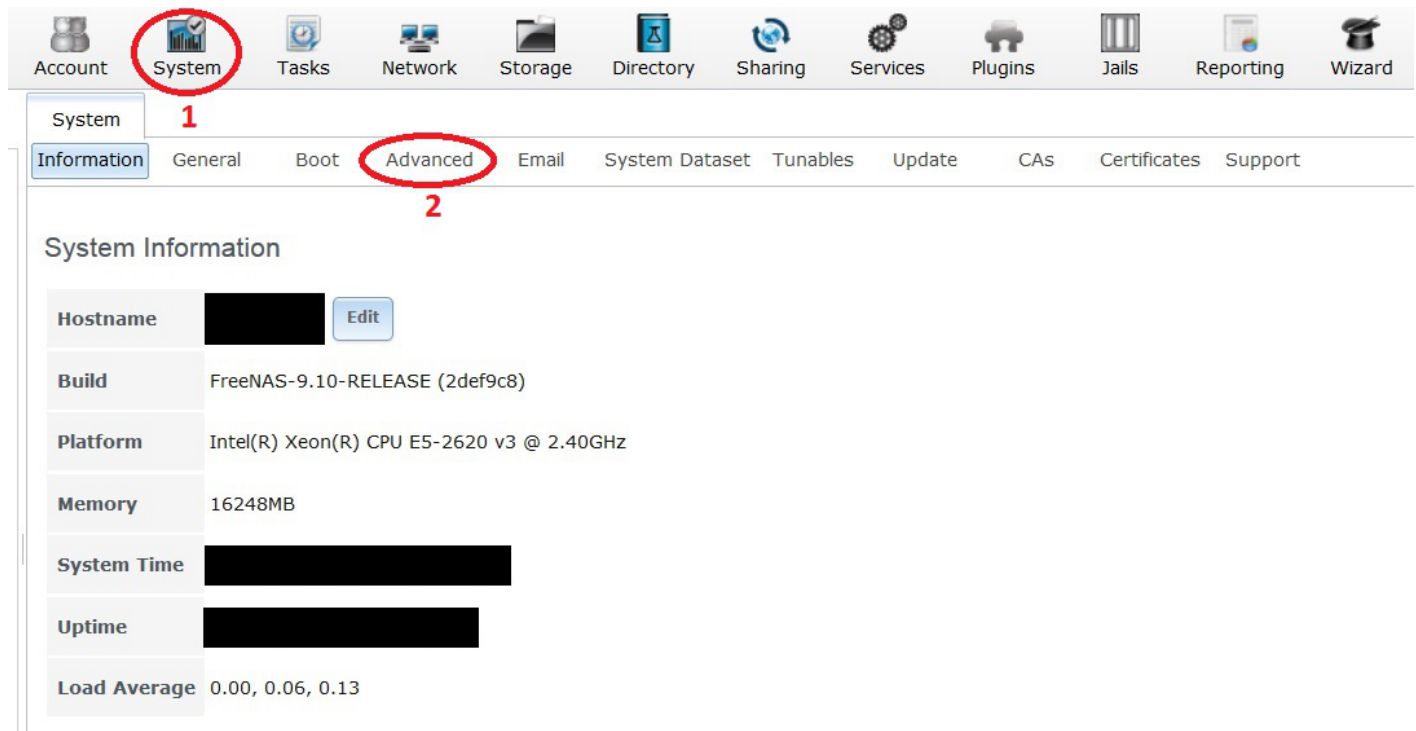
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It can be very useful to enable this function in the FreeNAS web GUI as it gives important messages at the bottom of the page that can help steer you in the right direction when a problem exists.

If you want to enable this go to the “System” page (1) and click on the “Advanced” button (2).



The screenshot shows the FreeNAS web GUI interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Account, System, Tasks, Network, Storage, Directory, Sharing, Services, Plugins, Jails, Reporting, and Wizard. The 'System' icon is circled in red and labeled with a red '1'. Below this, there is a sub-navigation bar with tabs for Information, General, Boot, Advanced, Email, System Dataset, Tunables, Update, CAS, Certificates, and Support. The 'Advanced' tab is circled in red and labeled with a red '2'. The main content area displays 'System Information' with the following details:

| | | |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Hostname | [REDACTED] | <input type="button" value="Edit"/> |
| Build | FreeNAS-9.10-RELEASE (2def9c8) | |
| Platform | Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2620 v3 @ 2.40GHz | |
| Memory | 16248MB | |
| System Time | [REDACTED] | |
| Uptime | [REDACTED] | |
| Load Average | 0.00, 0.06, 0.13 | |

Now put a tick in the tick box next to the “Show Console messages in the footer:” entry.

The screenshot shows the FreeNAS web GUI with the 'System' tab selected and the 'Advanced' sub-tab active. The 'Show console messages in the footer' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other settings include 'Enable Console Menu' (checked), 'Use Serial Console' (unchecked), 'Serial Port Address' (dropdown menu), 'Serial Port Speed' (dropdown menu), 'Enable screen saver' (unchecked), 'Enable powerd (Power Saving Daemon)' (unchecked), and 'Swap size on each drive in GiB, affects new disks only. Setting this to 0 disables swap creation completely (STRONGLY DISCOURAGED)' (input field with value 2). The 'Show tracebacks in case of fatal errors' checkbox is also checked.

Now scroll down the page and click on the “Save” button.

The screenshot shows the bottom of the FreeNAS web GUI with the 'Save' button circled in red. Other buttons visible are 'Backup' and 'Save Debug'. The 'MOTD banner:', 'Periodic Notification User:', and 'Remote Graphite Server Hostname:' fields are visible above the buttons.

At this point a little text window should appear at the bottom of the FreeNAS web GUI with green text in it, something like this.

The screenshot shows a small green text window at the bottom of the FreeNAS web GUI. The text is: 'FreeNAS© © 2016 Xsystems, Inc. May 4 12:19:45 TestNAS1 kernel: <118>Wed May 4 12:15:45 BST 2016 May 4 12:19:27 TestNAS1 kernel: ugen0.2: <SIGNMACHIP> at uebus0 (disconnected) May 4 12:19:27 TestNAS1 kernel: ukbd0: at uhub1, port 2, addr 1 (disconnected)'. The text is highlighted with a red box.

That’s it. If you click on the small green text area, it will expand to nearly fill your browser window.

Fester changes a couple of other settings whilst in this page but they are not essential and entirely optional. Here they are if you want to use them.

You can type a message in the “MOTD Banner:” text box to personalise your server.

Fester also likes to put a tick in the “Enable Screen Saver:” tick box because I like the little dancing devil (which incidentally is Fester’s nick name at the Disco).

As some of you may have already realised, Fester is quite the ladies man and for a paltry fee my book on seduction techniques can be purchased directly from Fester. Here is a short excerpt.

- At no point during courtship should chloroform be involved.
- Do not refer to your girlfriend as “Number 1 f#@k buddy”, apparently it is not romantic.

- Traditionally it is the woman who wears the stockings in the bedroom.

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