

Best practices with SUSE Linux Enterprise Server Starter System and extensions

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Starter System for System z

Why do we need a starter system?

- Linux cannot be installed from DVD on System z, a network installation is required.
 - Security policies can make it difficult to have an installation server outside of System z
 - To have an installation server, a linux system need to be installed and on this server the installation media
- > The Starter System is a ready to run linux with the needed installation media integrated.

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Requirements

- z/VM
- two Model-3 disks permanent and one Model-3 during installation
- a VSWITCH interface in z/VM
- FTP in z/VM

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Installation

- Create the z/VM guest
 - three minidisks (one only needed during installation)
 - format the three disks
- Transfer the three images and two files to the guest
- execute INVMARC exec to unpack and restore the images
- ==> now the LINUX system is installed on the disks

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Installation (user direct entry)

USER NOVSTART PASSWORD 512M 512M G

MACHINE XA 2

CPU 0

CONSOLE 0009 3215 T CONLOG

SPOOL 000C 2540 READER *

SPOOL 000D 2540 PUNCH A

SPOOL 000E 1403 A

LINK MAINT 0190 0190 RR

LINK MAINT 019E 019E RR

LINK MAINT 019D 019D RR

NICDEF 0340 TYPE QDIO LAN SYSTEM GLAN1

* MDISK 0191 3390 0001 0005 USER01 MR RIAMSL WIAMSL MIAMSL

* MDISK 019F 3390 0006 0050 USER01 MR ALL WIAMSL MIAMSL

* MDISK 0150 3390 0056 3283 USER01 MR RIAMSL WIAMSL MIAMSL

* MDISK 0151 3390 0001 3338 USER02 MR RIAMSL WIAMSL MIAMSL

* MDISK 0F00 3390 0001 3338 TEMP01 MR RIAMSL WIAMSL MIAMSL

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Configuration

- execute the REXX-script
NETNEW NETWORK PARMS
 - Hostname, Domain, IP-Number, Gateway and other parameters can be set and/or modified
 - This script can be used at a later point in time if such a parameter changes
 - save your changes.
 - now the LINUX system can be started with the following command:

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Configuration

- Set a new root-password after the system is started
- In case the network parameters are wrong or need to be changed, remove the following file in the linux:

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rm /etc/Startsystem_already_configured
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and reboot the system

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Install a Linux system

- Create the user direct entry

This guest should have the following disks:

- A link to MAINT 190 (for use by CMS)
 - a link to NOVSTART 19F (install scripts)
 - 191 for CMS startup and configuration
 - Other disk(s) for the linux system
- Start *SLES*
This will load the installation system into the card reader and start the installation.

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extending the starter system

The starter system resides on a lvm which can be extended. This way additional releases of SLES can be hosted on the same guest.

- add a disk with YaST
- add the disk to the lvm system volume
- resize the filesystem
- add the dvd to /srv/ftp/SLES11/??

Questions?
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Thank you.







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