

SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 (x86 and x64) Dual SCM (ALUA) Installation BKM

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UPGRADING FROM SINGLE SCM TO DUAL SCM





 This section covers the steps required to update a SLES 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 Single SCM installation to a Dual SCM configuration.

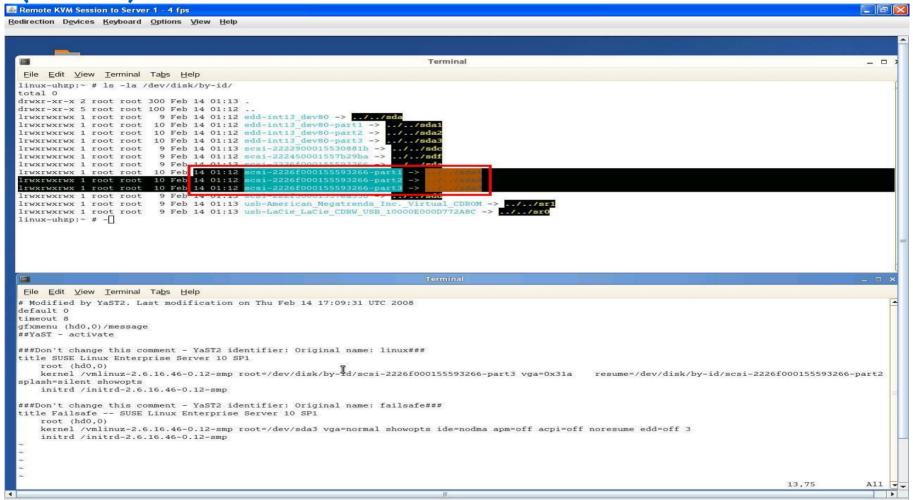
The steps assume that the installation was performed with default settings for fstab values.



Prior to installing the second SCM, perform the following steps:

- Boot the system and log in to the OS
- Type the following: ls -la /dev/disk/by-id
- Note the SCSI-ID associated with each partition (sda<u>x</u>)
- Edit /etc/fstab to reflect the "by-id" references
 - Modify the <u>/dev/sd*</u> references with <u>/dev/disk/by-id/scsi<xxxx></u> obtained from the above steps
- Next, edit /boot/grub/menu.lst
 - Modify the /dev/sd* entries to /dev/disk/by-id/scsi<xxxx>



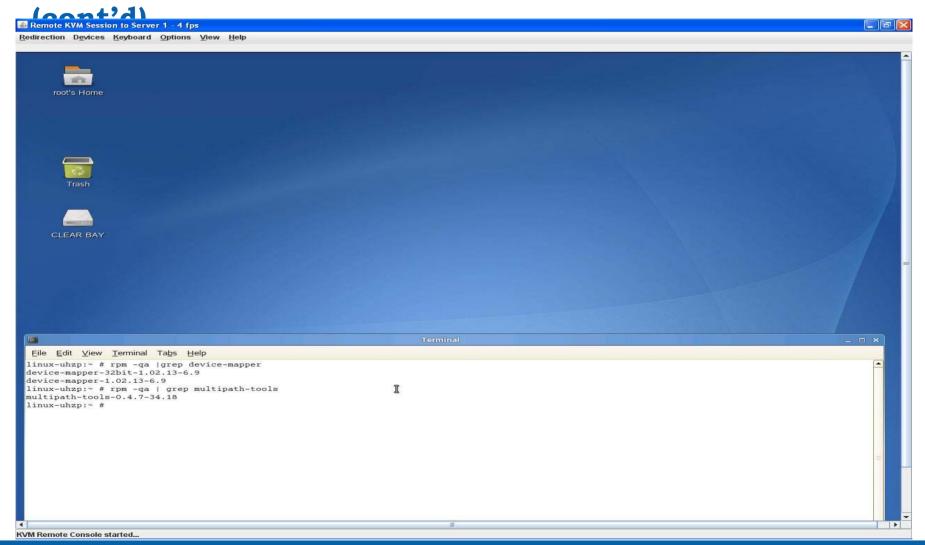




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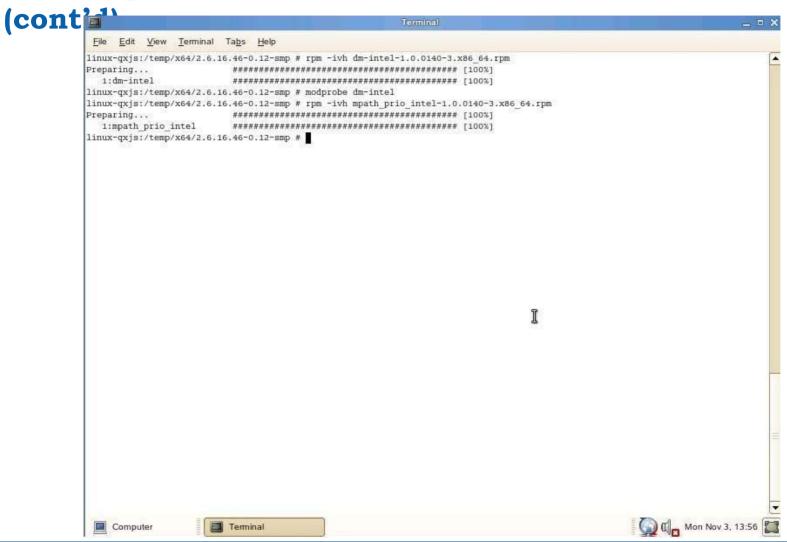
- Update the LSI MPT SAS driver only for SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 as follows:
 - Copy the SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server driver package (mptlinux-4.00.36.00-1-sles10.x86_64.rpm) to a known location on the system under test.
 - /temp is assumed for the remainder of the BKM.
 - Open a terminal window
 - cd /temp/
 - Type "rpm -ivh mptlinux-4.00.36.00-1-sles10.x86_64.rpm"

NOTE: You do not need to update the LSI driver for SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP2, as it already contains an updated driver.



- Set up Multipath ALUA
 - Copy the SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server driver package to a known location on the system under test
 - /temp is assumed for the remainder of the BKM
 - Open a terminal window
 - cd /temp/<OS type>/2.6.16.46-0.12-smp
 - Load the priority driver by typing:
 - For an x86 installation: rpm –ivh dm-intel-1.0.0140-3.i586.rpm
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 - Type "modprobe dm-intel"
 - The system will not return anything, which indicates a successful installation.
 - Verify the module loaded by typing "lsmod | grep dm_intel"
 - Load the priority driver by typing:
 - For an x86 installation: rpm -ivh mpath_prio_intel-1.0.0140-3.i586.rpm
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- Copy "multipath.conf.SLES" to the /etc directory and rename multipath.conf
- Type the following commands:
 - chkconfig boot.multipath on <return>
 - chkconfig multipathd on <return>
- Edit /etc/sysconfig/kernel by adding "dm-multipath" and "dm-intel" to the INITRD_MODULES section in the mentioned sequence.
 - See the screenshot on the next slide for reference.
- Type the following:
 - mkinitrd
 This will create a new kernel image file.
- Shut down the compute module and install the second SCM.
- Once the required FW updates have completed on the second SCM, power on the compute module.



SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 - Post Install Configuration (cont'd)

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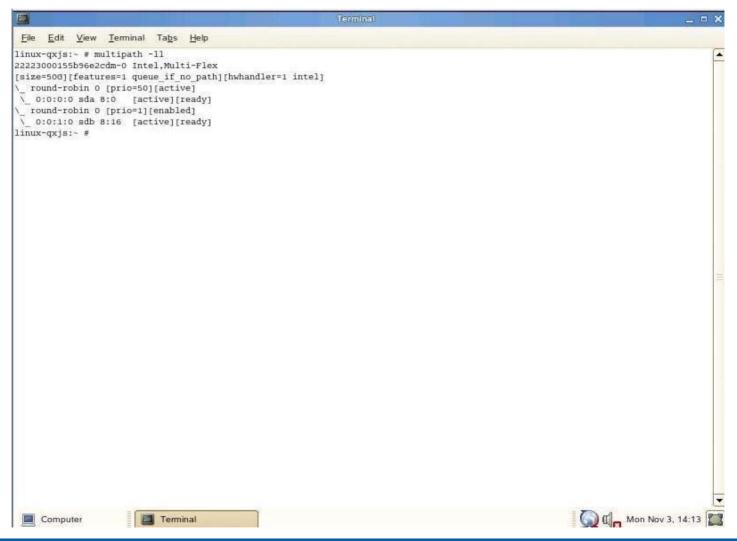


- To display the topology, type the following command:
 - multipath –ll

For a sample output of the "multipath –ll" command, see the screenshot on the next slide.



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The server is now properly configured for Multipath usage.

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NEW OS INSTALLATION IN A DUAL SCM CONFIGURATION





New Installation in Dual SCM Configuration

• This section covers a fresh install of SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 in a Dual SCM configuration.



Virtual Drive Creation and Slot Assignment

- Create Storage Pool -> Virtual Drive and assign to a compute module
 - Note the SCM assigned as the active path (see the red box in the screenshot on the next slide).
 - It is recommended to set controller Affinity to SCM1 during Virtual Drive creation, although installation to a drive with controller Affinity set to SCM2 is also supported.
 - If SCM1 is not the <u>active</u> path, it can be changed by selecting the virtual drive from the Storage tab, then clicking the "<u>affinity</u>" button, and choosing SCM1 from the drop-down menu.



Virtual Drive Properties Page Showing SCM1 Affinity/Active Controller



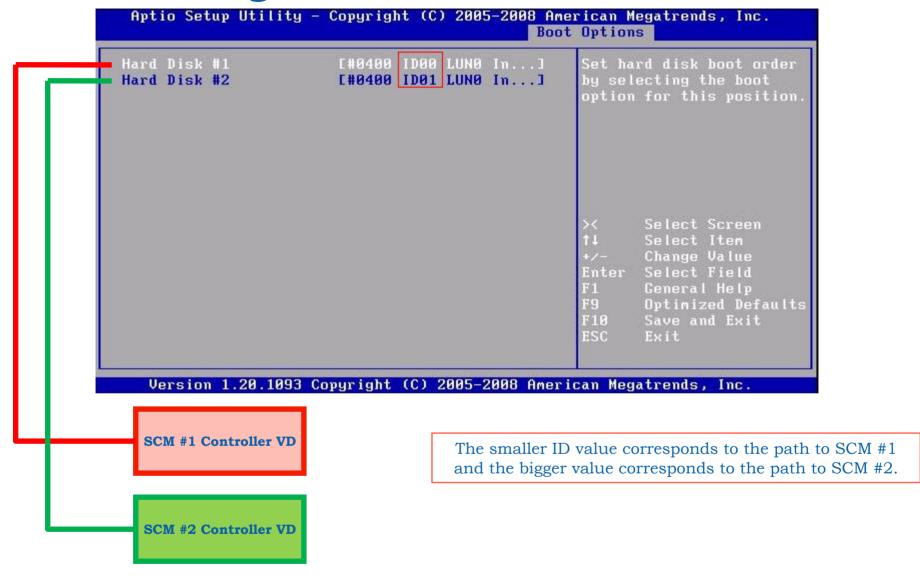


Boot Drive Order in System BIOS

- Boot the compute module and enter the system BIOS (press F2 during POST)
 - If the active SCM for LUN 0 is SCM #1, place it first in the HDD boot order. Typically, this will show up as <u>ID00</u> (LUNs assigned to SCM #1 usually have lower ID values than SCM #2, but not always) LUN0 (see the screenshot on the next slide).
 - If the active SCM for LUN 0 is SCM #2, place it first in the HDD boot order.
 Typically, this will show up as <u>ID01</u> (LUNs assigned to SCM #2 usually have higher ID values than SCM #1, but not always) LUN0 (see the screenshot on the next slide).



HDD Ordering Based on Active SCM



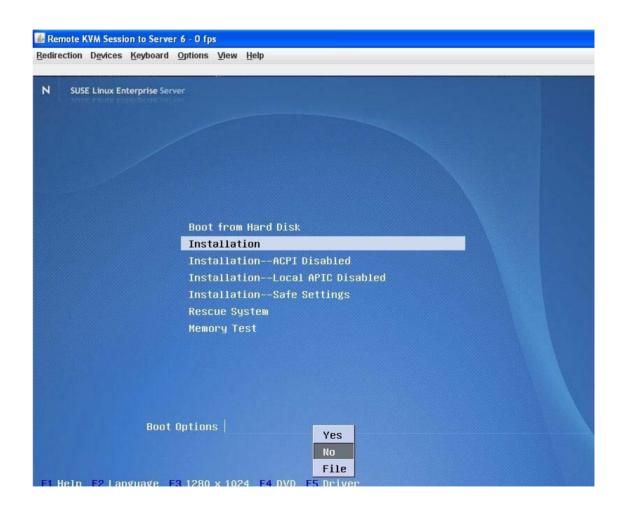


SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 Notes

- It is recommended that you perform the installation with only a single VD assigned to the compute module; however, installations may be performed with multiple VDs assigned.
- BIGSMP kernel is <u>NOT</u> supported if the system is configured with 4 GB memory, it is highly recommended that you install the x64 version.
- LSI SAS driver update procedure is needed only for SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1. SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP2 already has an updated driver (skip slides 24 27).



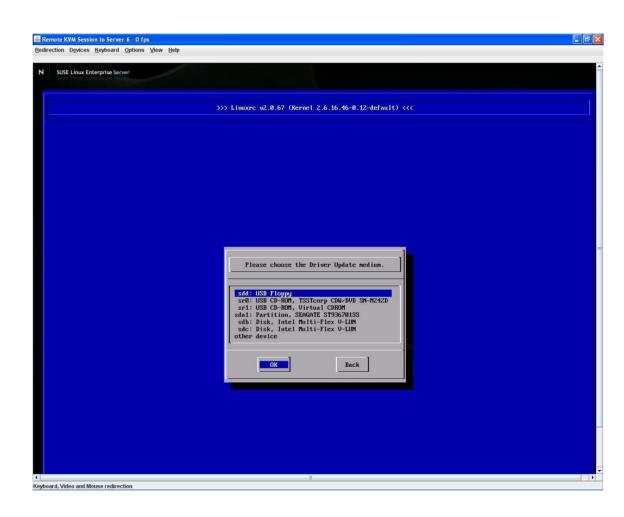
 At the initial installation screen, press <F5> and change the selection from "No" to "Yes".





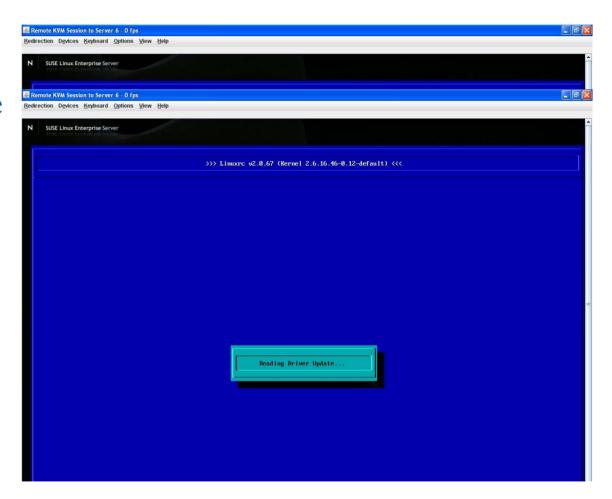


 Select the device where the .dd image is located. In the example shown, the image is located on the USB floppy.



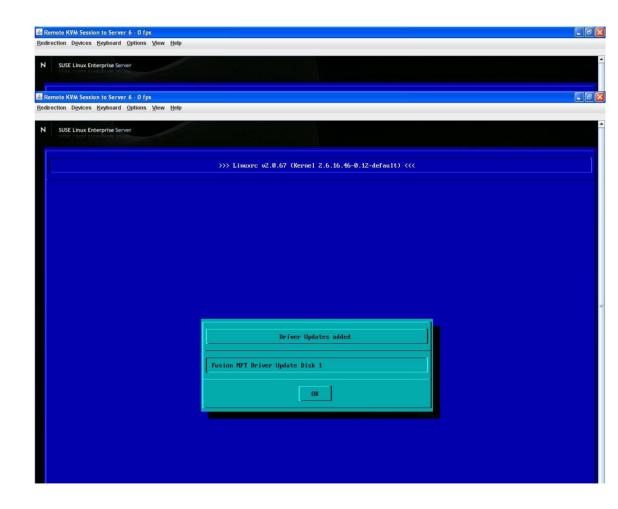


Screenshot showing the image being read from the .dd image.





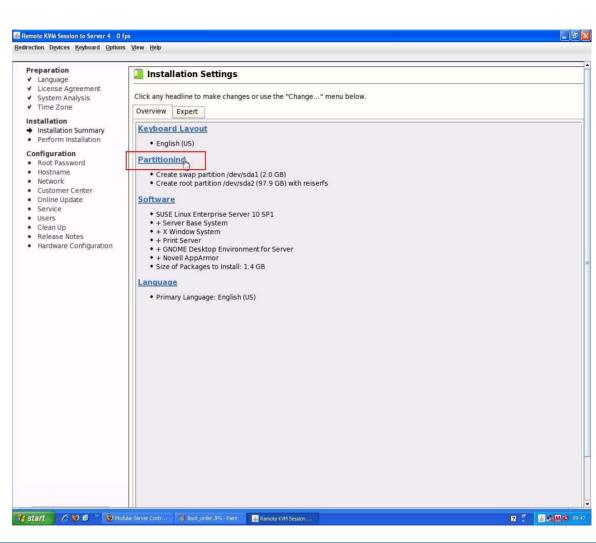
Screenshot indicating the completion of the .dd image transfer.





Changes Required to Partitioning

- Select the appropriate responses to the setup questions based on the system setup.
- On the "Installation Settings" screen (shown on the right), select "Partitioning".

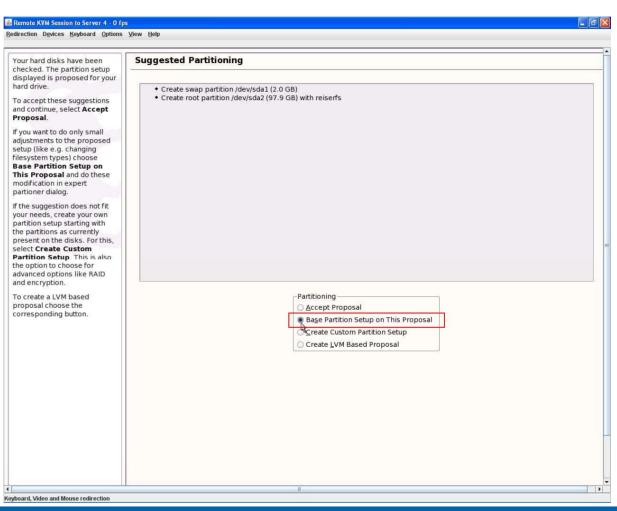




"Suggested Partitioning" Screen

After selecting "<u>Partitioning</u>", the "Suggested Partitioning" screen will appear.

 Select "Base Partition Setup on This Proposal" and click the "Next" button at the bottom of the screen (see the screenshot).





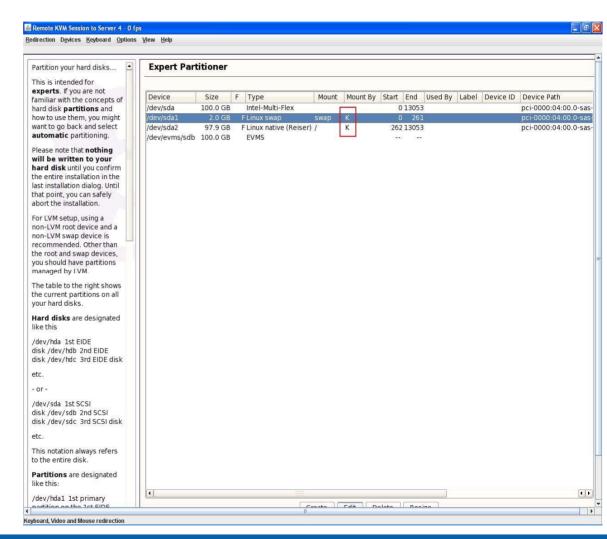
Expert Partitioner Screen

Clicking "Next" on the "Suggested Partitioning" screen brings up the "Expert Partitioner" screen (see the screenshot).

 On this screen, note the partitions are mounted by their "Device Name" as indicated by "<u>K</u>" in the highlighted box in the screenshot to the right.

NOTE: If the drives are mounted by ID as the default (indicated by an "I" in the Mount By column), no changes are required.

 Select either the "swap" or "/" partition ("swap" selected in the screenshot) and click the "Edit" button at the bottom of the screen.

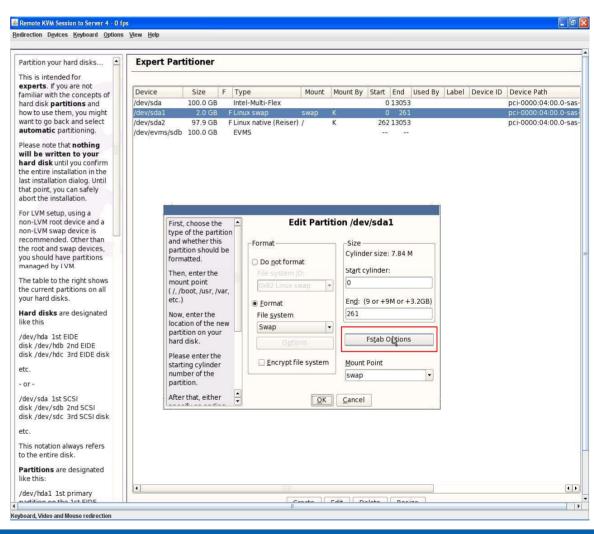




Expert Partitioner Screen - Edit Partition

Clicking the "Edit" button at the bottom of the screen brings up the "Edit Partition" dialog (see the screenshot).

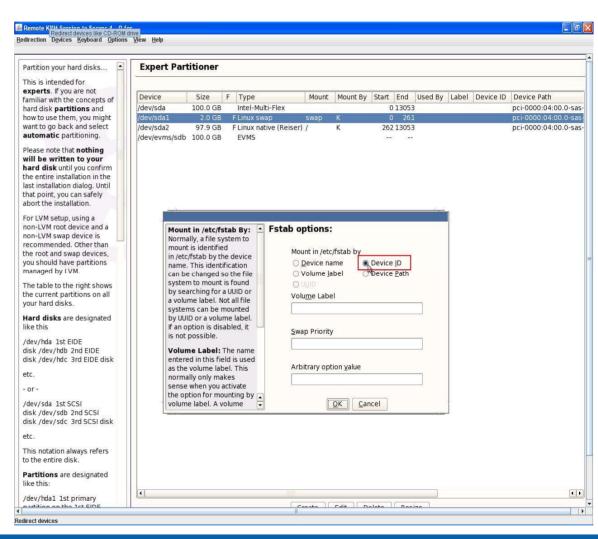
• In the "Edit Partition" dialog, click the "Fstab Options" button (highlighted in the screenshot).





Expert Partitioner Screen – Fstab Options

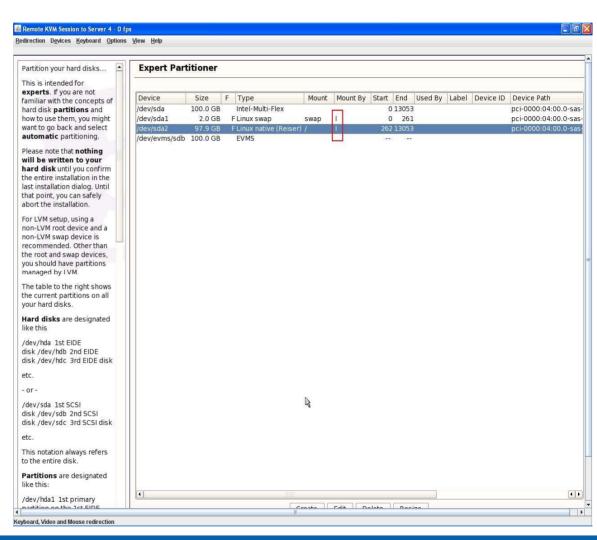
- In the "Fstab options" dialog, select "Device ID" and click "OK" (see the screenshot).
- Perform the steps on slides 30 and 31 for each of the partitions ("swap" and "/" for most installations or additional ones for expert users).





Expert Partitioner Screen – Completed

- After modifying all the partitions to mount by their "Device-ID", the "Mount By" column should change to "I" (see the screenshot on the right) from "K" (as seen in the screenshot on slide #30).
- Click the "Finish" button to proceed with the installation.





SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 Installation

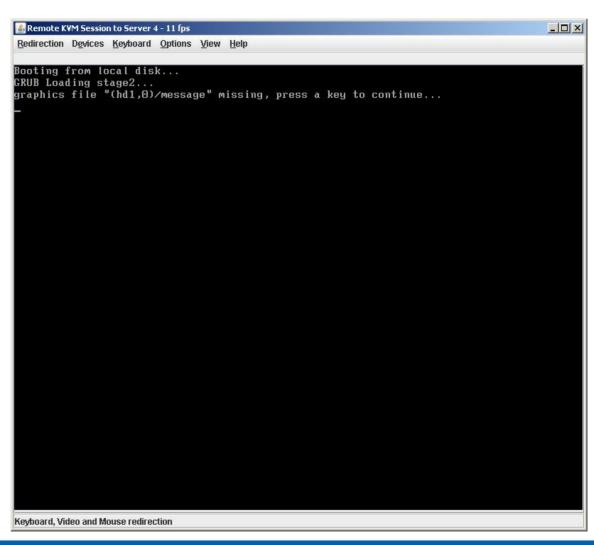
 Complete the installation and reboot the host as instructed via the installation process.



SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 – Possible Error Scenario #1

Upon reboot, there is a possibility that it will fail with the message shown in the screenshot.

• If this screenshot appears, press the "Return" key to continue.

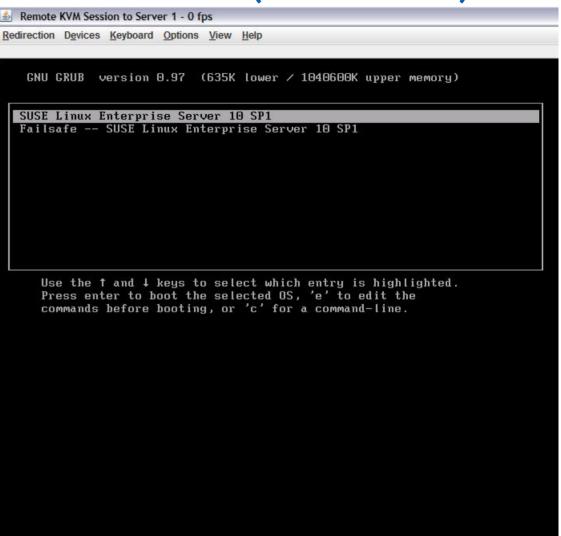




SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 – Possible Error Scenario #1 (Resolution)

The GRUB boot order screen appears (see the screenshot).

• Using the arrow keys, highlight the first row as shown in the screenshot and press "e".

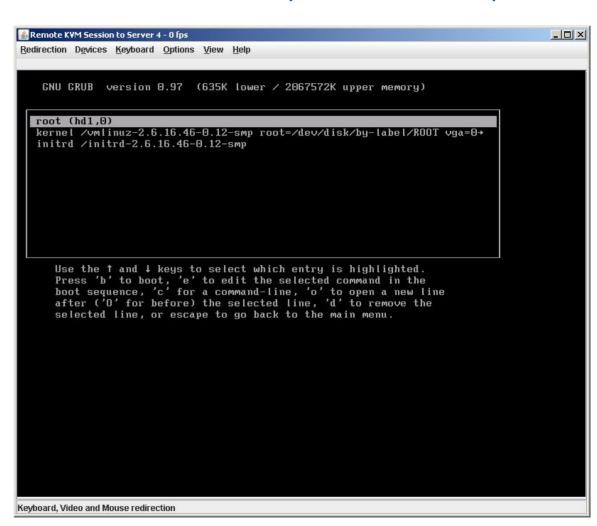




SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 – Possible Error Scenario #1 (Resolution)

The GRUB boot screen appears (see screenshot).

- Using the arrow keys, highlight the "root (hdx, 0)" line similar to the one in the screenshot.
- Once highlighted, press the "e" key to edit the command.
- Modify the line as follows:
 - If the line is "root (hd0,0)", change it to "root (hd1,0)".
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 - Press the "Return" key when the modification is complete.
- In some instances, you may need to hit the "Esc" key and "e" key several times before the "root (hdx,0)" line is displayed.
- NOTE: If this step is performed, the menu.lst file will need to be updated to reflect this change once the OS boots.

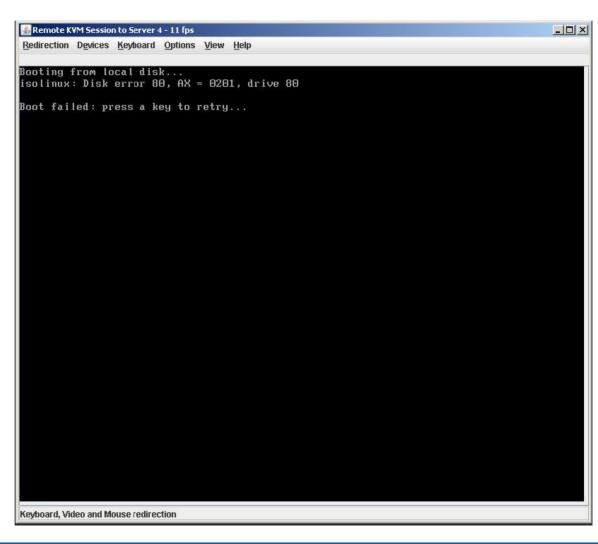


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SuSE* Linux Enterprise Server 10 SP1 and 10 SP2 – Possible Error Scenario #2

- If the boot drive order was not set properly prior to OS installation, the error condition in the screenshot will appear.
- If this error condition occurs, reboot the server and enter the system BIOS by pressing "F2" during POST.
 - Once in the system BIOS, swap the HDD boot order.

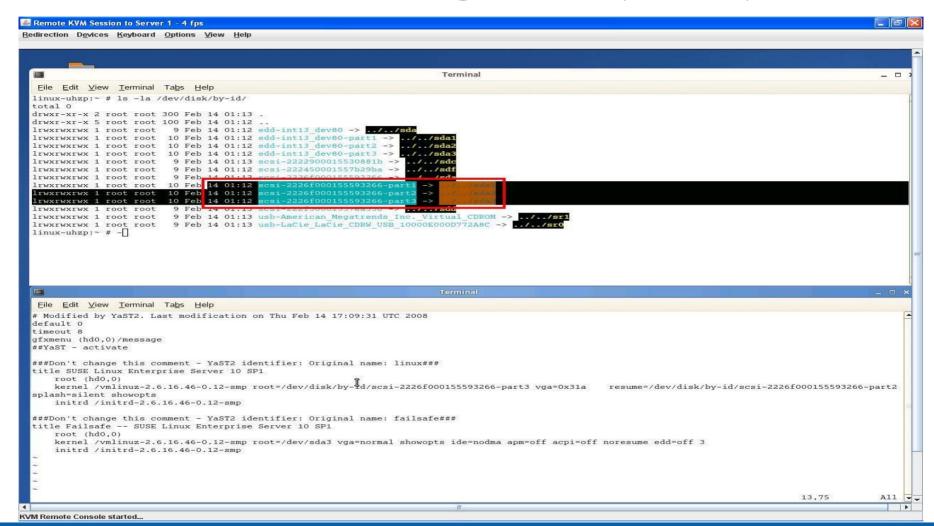


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- Once the installation completes, log in to the system.
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 - For <xxxx>, refer to the red box in the screenshot on the next slide for values on the system under test.



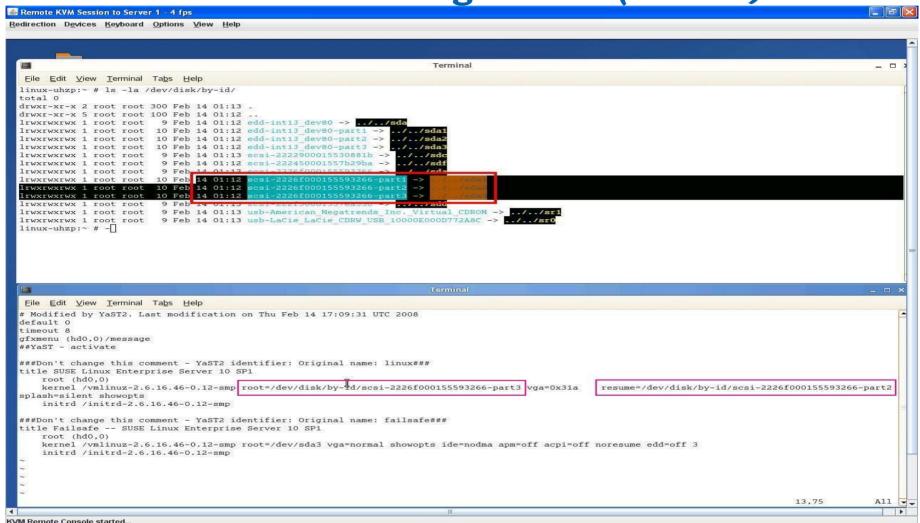


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- Next, edit /boot/grub/menu.lst
 - Modify the /dev/sd* entries to /dev/disk/by-id/scsi<xxxx>
 - See the red box in the screenshot on the next slide for reference.
 - If the steps on slide #37 were required to boot, also modify the line "root (hdx,y) to reflect the changes made when booting.





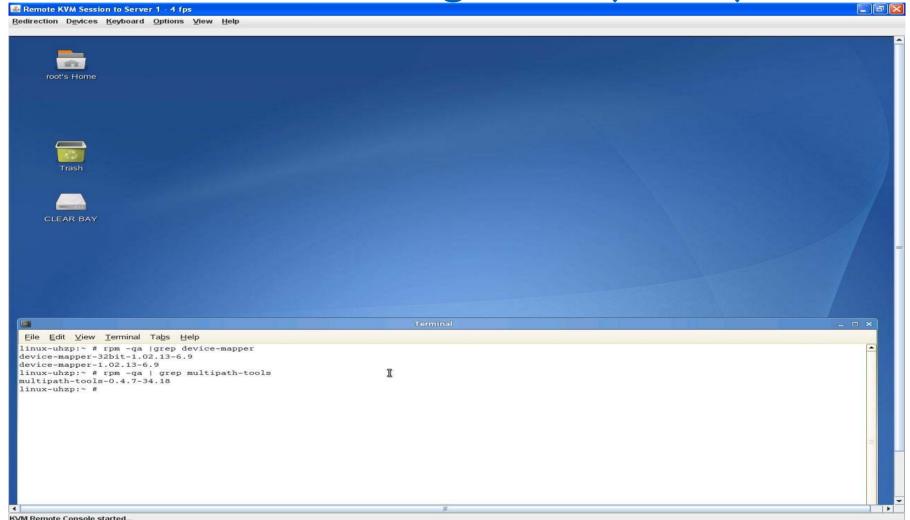
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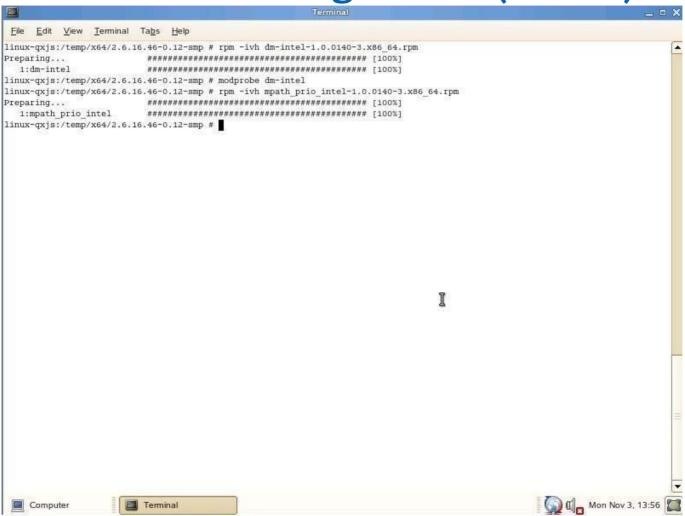


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