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Virtual Disk Copy BKM

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1. Introduction

When a virtual disk containing an installation of SUSE* Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES11) is copied, the data on the disk is replicated exactly to a new virtual disk. While the data on the virtual disks does not change, information about the virtual disk itself will be different on the new disk. For example, the disk ID (the SAS disk WWN) is different between the source virtual disk and the copy. This change in disk information will cause problems booting SLES11 since SLES11 uses disk ID information to mount partitions.

This BKM contains instructions for updating the disk ID information on the copied disk so SLES11 can be booted normally after copying.

These instructions work for a single SCM installation or a dual SCM installation with storage multipathing configured.

1.1 Supported Intel® Server Products

The following Intel[®] Server Products are supported with the Intel[®] Modular Server System Unified Firmware Update V4.0 or later installed:

- Intel[®] Modular Server System MFSYS25
- Intel[®] Modular Server System MFSYS35
- Intel[®] Compute Module MFS5000SI
- Intel[®] Compute Module MFS5520VI

2. Repair Instructions

These instructions will show you how to check disk ID information on your source disk, then check disk ID information on your copied disk and update the SLES11 installation on the copied disk to use the new disk ID information.

- 1. You will need to establish the disk ID of the virtual disk containing the original OS installation. This should be done on the source OS virtual disk, not on the copy. This can be done before or after making the copy.
 - a. Boot one of the compute modules from the disk and log into the SLES11 operating system.
 - b. Run the command "cat /etc/fstab" and make a copy of the information displayed. You will refer back to this information in later steps. The screenshot below shows a sample fstab contents.

```
10.23.37.181 - PuTTY
                                                                                                   login as: root
Using keyboard-interactive authentication.
Password:
Last login: Wed May 20 15:11:54 2009 from console
ruhersles11-1:~
 ruhersles11-1:~ # cat /etc/fstab
/dev/disk/by-id/scsi-222bc000155791fda-part1 swap
                                                                             defaults
                                                                  swap
/dev/disk/by-id/scsi-222bc000155791fda-part2 /
                                                                             acl, user xattr
proc
                    /proc
                                                     defaults
                                         proc
sysfs
                    /svs
                                         sysfs
                                                     noauto
                                                                           0 0
                    /sys/kernel/debug
debugfs
                                         debugfs
                                                                           0 0
                                                     noauto
usbfs
                    /proc/bus/usb
                                         usbfs
                                                     noauto
                                                                           0.0
                                                     mode=0620, gid=5
devpts
                     /dev/pts
                                          devpts
gruhersles11-1:~ #
```

Figure 1. Select Virtual Disk to Copy

- 2. If you have not yet made a copy of the OS virtual disk, power down the server and make a copy now. If you have already made a copy, go on to the next step.
- 3. Attach your copied virtual disk to a compute module as disk 0 and power on the module. SLES 11 should begin to boot but fail as shown in the screenshot below.



Figure 2. Boot Fail Indication

4. Enter "y" to continue. This will also fail and you will end up at a command prompt, as shown below.

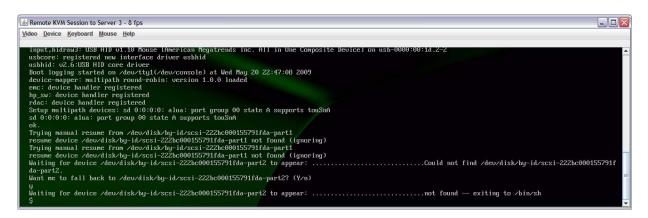


Figure 3. Boot Fail to Command Prompt

- 5. Check the disk ID for the new disk.
 - a. Run "ls /dev/disk/by-id" at the command prompt.
 - b. In the output you will see the disk ID as the items starting with "scsi-". Depending on your system you may or may not see items startings with "dm". If you do, these items can be ignored.
 - c. In this example the disk ID is scsi-2223e000155a7941f. You will want to write down this value to refer to later.

Figure 4. Check the Disk ID

- 6. Next we will make a temporary mount point and mount the root partition from the new disk
 - a. Make a temporary mount point "tmp_root" in /tmp by running the command "mkdir /tmp/tmp_root".
 - b. Refer back to the fstab information from the original disk which you captured in step 1. Check the partition number for the root (/) partition. In this example it is partition 2 ("-part2").
 - c. Mount the root partition to your temporary mount. For this example we do this by running the command "mount /dev/disk/by-id/scsi-2223e000155a7941f-part2". On your system you will run the same command, but your disk ID string will be different (refer to step 5) and your partition number may be different.

```
Remote KVM Session to Server 3 - 7 fps
                                                                                                          Video Device Keyboard Mouse Help
  $ ls /dev/disk/by-id
                                   dm-uuid-mpath-2223e000155a7941f
  dm-name-2223e000155a7941f
                                                                          scsi-2223e000155a7941f
  dm-name-2223e000155a7941f_part1 dm-uuid-part1-mpath-2223e000155a7941f scsi-2223e000155a7941f-part1
  dm-name-2223e000155a7941f_part2 dm-uuid-part2-mpath-2223e000155a7941f
                                                                         scsi-2223e000155a7941f-part2
  $ mkdir /tmp/tmp_root
  $ mount /dev/disk/by-id/scsi-2223e000155a7941f-part2 /tmp/tmp_root/
  kjournald starting. Commit interval 5 seconds
  EXT3 FS on dm-Z, internal journal
  EXT3-fs: recovery complete.
  EXT3-fs: mounted filesystem with ordered data mode.
4
```

Figure 5. Create a Temporary Mount Point

- 7. Next we want to update fstab on the new system to use the new disk ID instead of the original disk ID. The shell you are in does not support a text editor so we will call one from the root partition we mounted in the previous step.
 - a. Run "/tmp/tmp_root/bin/vim-normal /tmp/tmp_root/etc/fstab". It should appear similar to the screenshot below.

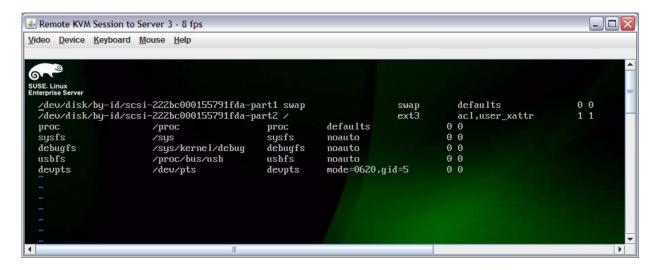


Figure 6. Update fstab with New Disk ID

b. Note that the disk IDs are for the original disk and not the copied disk. Change them to match the new disk ID. After changes fstab should look like the screenshot below (your disk IDs will be different).

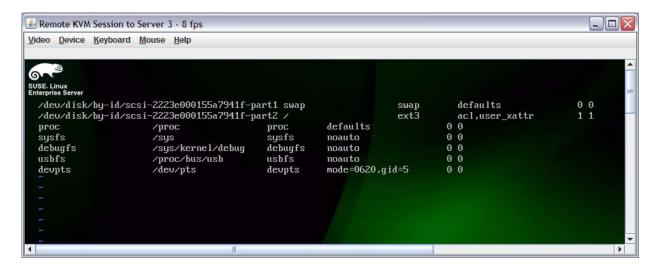


Figure 7. Updated fstab with New Disk ID

- c. Save and exit.
- 8. Next we want to update the GRUB menu on the new system to use the new disk ID instead of the original disk ID. The shell you are in does not support a text editor so we will call one from the root partition we mounted in the previous step.
 - a. Run "/tmp/tmp_root/bin/vim-normal /tmp/tmp_root/boot/grub/menu.lst". It should appear similar to the screenshot below.



Figure 8. Update GRUB Menu

b. Again, note that the disk IDs are for the original disk and not the copied disk. Change them to match the new disk ID. After changes fstab should look like the screenshot below (your disk IDs will be different).



Figure 9. Updated GRUB Menu with new Disk ID

- c. Save and exit.
- 9. Reboot the system with CTRL-ALT-DEL. If CTRL-ALT-DEL is not available you can reset the server through the Chassis Management Module (CMM) user interface.
- 10. After reboot the system should boot normally. Log in and go to a command prompt.
- 11. Edit "/boot/grub/device.map".
 - a. It should look like the screenshot below.

```
gruhersles11-1.jf.intel.com - PuTTY

(hd0) /dev/disk/by-id/scsi-222bc000155791fda

"/boot/grub/device.map" 1L, 45C

1,44-46

All
```

Figure 10. Edit "/boot/grub/device.map"

b. Change any instances of the source disk's ID to the disk ID of the copy. After changes it should look like the screenshot below.

Figure 11. Updated GRUB Device Map

- c. Save and exit.
- 12. You now need to rebuild the initrd.
 - a. If you are running a dual SCM system with multipathing configured in the OS, run "mkinitrd –f multipath".
 - b. If you are running a single SCM system run "mkinitrd".
- 13. Reboot the system again. You are now done and can resume using the system normally.