

# Linked Clones script for ESXi

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This script allows users to create linked cloned virtual machine(s) from a master (or golden) virtual machine. Clones may be stored on any type of datastore (LOCAL, SAN, NFS) that is presented to the ESXi host. The script is very capable in deploying a large VDI environment in a relatively short amount of time.

## Compatible with:

VMware ESXi 3.5 Installable Update 3

VMware ESXi 3.5 Installable Update 2

VMware ESXi 3.5 Installable Update 1

VMware ESXi 3.5 Installable

**Note:** This linked clones script is virtual machine OS independent (i.e. it is not restricted to just Windows OS's for VDI environment). For example, one can utilize this script to their advantage in development environments where new VMs need to be (mass) cloned quickly for testing.

The only supported case is the "**Default case**" in [ghetto-esx-linked-clones.sh](#).

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~ #
./ghetto-esxi-linked-clones.sh
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Usage: ghetto-esxi-linked-clones.sh [FULL_PATH_TO_MASTER_VMX_FILE]
[VM_NAME] [START_#] [END_#]
      i.e.
      ./ghetto-esxi-linked-clones.sh
/vmfs/volumes/4857f047-4e4ec6bf-a8b8-001b78361a3c/LabMaster/LabMaster.vmx
LabClient- 1 200
      Output:
              LabClient-{1-200}

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