

how to enable VM autostart using RCLI ...



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Hi,

I manage my VMs on ESX3i u3 hosts exclusively using RCLI commands. When I create a new VM, it won't autostart when esxi host is rebooted. I need to find out what RCLI command(s) to use to enable AUTOSTART for newly created VM.

Thanks!



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I haven't seen that you could do that with the RCLI but you might want to look at this vi-toolkit script - <http://communities.vmware.com/message/827789#827789> or this perl sample - <http://communities.vmware.com/docs/DOC-1003>



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PS - Just curious as to why you're doing that.



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 in response to: [Dave.Mishchen...](#)


Thanks for the pointers, but we are using redhat servers, so PowerShell scripts are no use to me , while that perl script only prints out current autostart settings, not how to modify it.

I am evaluating ESXi server to work with a third party management tool, which will manage creation/register/unregister/deletion and start/stop of VMs using RCLI commands. When new VM gets created, its autostart parameters are in MANUAL START category by default, so I need a command to move new VMs into AUTOSTART category.



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 in response to: [QucickSand](#) It may not fit into your plans, but VMware has an appliance that includes the VI Perl Toolkit. The file you would look at editing is /etc/vmware/hostd/vmAutoStart.xml.

<http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vima/>

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