

# Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460

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Hi all!

I have a problem with connecting host CD-ROM to VM on BL460. I connect CD-ROM to ESX host, select device type on VM to "Host Device /dev/scd0", set "Connect at power on" and "Connected" on "Device status" but CD-ROM didn't connected to VM. I checked VM's settings again and find unmarked field "Connected". I set it again, click OK, but again nothing! I connected to ESX, checked CD-ROM - all ok, all necessary links exists, I could mount CD-ROM.

What is problem with connecting host device to VM and why field "Connected" reset?

Problem exist for any VM.

ESX 4.0.0 164009



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are you able to mount your cd to service console??



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Mar 1, 2007 2. **Re: Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460** May 29, 2009 3:39 AM

👤 in response to: [mudha](#) I can mount CD-ROM from service console (mount /dev/cdrom). I try "ln -s /dev/cdrom /dev/scd0" but it already existed.



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Jul 21, 2008 3. **Re: Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460** May 29, 2009 4:41 AM

👤 in response to: [Linog](#) is it connected to scd0?? which is your cdrom is it SATA or IDE?? try to reset your host ..



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👤 in response to: [mudha](#) It is external USB DVD-ROM. Virtual Center setup device alias as /dev/scd0 automatically, I can't write any other device in this field. I don't want to reboot host, it's a microsoft way (reboot host if any problem occurred). CD-ROM work great on other server (similar HP BL460 with ESX 3.5u4).



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Aug 29, 2007 5. **Re: Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460** May 29, 2009 5:04 AM


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 in response to: [Linog](#) This is one of the reasons why I don't connect host cdroms - I always just connect the guest CD Drive to an iso image - works everytime!



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*Jul 21, 2008* **6. Re: Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460** May 29, 2009 5:10 AM

 in response to: [java\\_cat33](#) ok, so now add your cerom as scsi pass through as we will not follow MS:) and it should work but you will not able to boot your vm through that cd, if you need so then use iso



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*Mar 1, 2007* **7. Re: Connect host CD-ROM to VM on HP BL460** Jun 1, 2009 12:09 AM

 in response to: [mudha](#)

So, thanks for you help.