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How to Install ESX 4.0 on Workstation 6.5.2 as a VM

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Content Overview:

- Step by step install guide for VMware ESX 4.0 as a virtual machine within VMware Workstation 6.5.2
- Why this is useful as a portable demo or training environment

1.0 Introduction

Being able to run VMware ESX 4.0 under VMware Workstation as a VM gives users and professionals in the IT community great flexibility when it comes to learning, experimenting or even demonstrating the product. Needless to say, this is not an officially supported deployment.

The approach is fundamentally no different to that previously devised for VMware ESX 3.5, the main difference simply being the change in minimum hardware requirements.

2.0 Pre-Requisites

The minimum hardware requirements for the machine running VMware Workstation are:

- 2GB RAM
- A 64-bit x86 Intel VT-x or AMD-V capable processor (with the feature enabled in the BIOS)
- 1 Ethernet NIC
- 16GB disk space

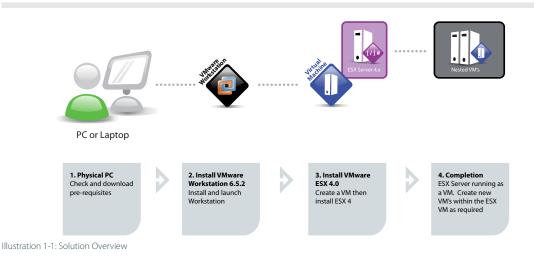
The following software is required:

- VMware Workstation 6.5.2 (Build 156735) presumed to already be installed
- VMware ESX Server 4.0 (Build 164009) ISO image

This installation was tested on a Lenovo T60 laptop computer with the following specification:

- Intel Mobile Core 2 Duo T5600 1.83GHz CPU
- 2GB RAM
- Intel PRO/1000PL Ethernet NIC
- Windows XP Professional with SP3
- VMware Workstation 6.5.2 (Build 156735)

Note: The VMware ESX 4.0 installer will abort if it detects less than 2GB RAM, so the machine running VMware Workstation must have a minimum of this amount of RAM installed. If, as in this example, 2GB RAM is all that is installed, it will also be necessary to configure VMware Workstation to allow most of the VM's RAM requirements to be swapped out to disk. See section 2.1 below.



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2.1 VMware Workstation Configuration

 Start VMware Workstation and go to Edit -> Preferences. Select to the Memory tab, select the Allow most virtual machine memory to be swapped radio button. Click OK.

Preferences		×
Workspace Memory	Input Hot Keys Display Too Priority Devices Lockou	
Reserved memo	ryRAM should the system be able to reserve for a	
' 16	1843	
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Figure 2-1: Allow most VM memory to be swapped

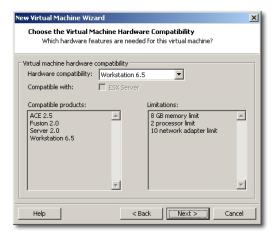
3.0 Define the VMware ESX 4.0 Virtual Machine

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 Start VMware Workstation and go File -> New -> Virtual Machine. Select the Custom radio button and click Next.



 Choose the Virtual Machine Hardware Compatibility. Ensure that VMware Workstation
 6.5 is selected in the Hardware Compatibility field. Click Next.



 Guest Operating System Installation. Select I will install the operating system later option. Click Next.

New Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Guest Operating System Installation A virtual machine is like a physical computer; it needs an operating system. How will you install the guest operating system?	
Install from:	
O Installer disc:	
S DVD-RAM Drive (D:)	
C	
C Installer disc image file (iso)	
Browse	
I will install the operating system later	
The virtual machine will be created with a blank hard disk.	
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 Select a Guest Operating System. Select Linux, then in the Version field select Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit. Click Next.

New Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Select a Guest Operating System Which operating system will be installed on this virtual machine?	
Guest operating system	
C Microsoft Windows	
C Linux	
C Novell NetWare	
🔿 Sun Solaris	
C Other	
Version	
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit	2
Help < Back Cancel Cancel	1

5. Name the Virtual Machine. Enter a VM name and specify a location to store VM files. Click **Next**.

New Virtual Machine Wizard		×
Name the Virtual Machine What name would you like to use for this virtual machine?		
Virtual machine name		
E5X4.0		
Location		
C:\Virtual Machines\ESX4.0	Browse	
The default location can be changed at Edit > Preferences.		
< Back Next >	Cancel	

6. Processor Configuration. Select **One**. Click **Next**.

ew Virtual Machine Wiz	ard	
Processor Configural Specify the number	tion r of processors for this virtual machine.	
Processors		
Number of processors:	One	
	C Two	

7. Memory for the Virtual Machine. Select a minimum of **2048MB**. Click **Next**.

New Virtual Machine Wizard		×
Memory for the Virtual Machine How much memory would you lik	e to use for this virtual machine?	
Memory		
Specify the amount of memory allocate must be a multiple of 4 MB.	ed to this virtual machine. The memory size	•
Memory for this virtual machine:	2048 × ME	
4 🛆 📥	4096	
△ Guest OS recommended minimum:	512 MB	
A Recommended memory:	1024 MB	
A Maximum recommended memory:	924 MB	
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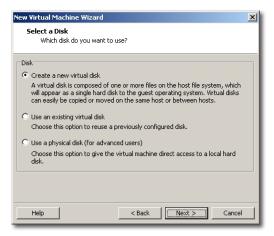
8. Network Type. For this example the **Use bridged networking** option was selected. Click **Next**.

Ne	twork connection
e	Use bridged networking
	Give the guest operating system direct access to an external Ethernet network. The guest must have its own IP address on the external network.
c	Use network address translation (NAT)
	Give the guest operating system access to the host computer's dial-up or external Ethernet network connection using the host's IP address.
c	Use host-only networking
	Connect the guest operating system to a private virtual network on the host computer.
0	Do not use a network connection

9. Select I/O Adapter Types. Select LSI Logic. Click Next.

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	dapter Types SI adapter type would you like to use?	
_I/O adapter typ	85	
IDE Adapter:	ATAPI	
SCSI Adapter:	C BusLogic (Not available for 64-bit guests)	
	 LSI Logic (Recommended) 	
	C LSI Logic SAS	
Help	< Back Next > Cance	1
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10. Select a Disk. Select **Create a new virtual disk**. Click **Next**.



11. Select a Disk Type. Select SCSI. Click Next.

New Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Select a Disk Type What kind of disk do you want to create?	
└─ Virtual disk type	
○ IDE	
⊙ SCSI (Recommended)	
	-
Help < Back Next > Cancel	

12. Specify Disk Capacity. **16GB** was used in this example. Select the **Allocate all disk space now** checkbox and also select **Store virtual disk as a single file**. Click **Next**.

New Virtual Machine Wizard
Specify Disk Capacity How large do you want this disk to be?
Maximum disk size (GB): 16.0 📩
Recommended size for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit: 8 GB
✓ Allocate all disk space now.
Allocating the full capacity can enhance performance but requires as much physical disk space as you specify for the virtual disk. If you do not allocate all disk space now, the virtual disk starts small and is created quickly. It grows as you add applications, files and data.
Store virtual disk as a single file
C Split virtual disk into 2 GB files
Splitting the disk makes it easier to move the virtual machine to another computer.
Pocket ACE size calculator
Help < Back Next > Cancel

 Specify Disk File. Rename the disk file if required. Click Next.

New Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Specify Disk File Where would you like to store information about this disk?	
Disk File One 16 GB disk file will be created using the file name provided here.	
ESX4.0.vmdk Browse	
Help Capra	
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14. Ready to Create Virtual Machine. Deselect the **Power on this virtual machine after creation** checkbox. Click **Customize Hardware**.

New Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Ready to Create Virtual Machine Click Finish to create the virtual machine and start installing Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit.	
The virtual machine will be created with the following settings:	
Name: ESX4.0 Location: C:{Virtual Machines/ESX4.0 Version: Workstation 6.5 Operating System: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit Hard Disk: 16 GB, Pre-allocated Memory: 2048 MB Network Adapter: Bridged Other Devices: CD/DVD, Floppy, USB Controller, Sound Card	
Customize Hardware	
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15. Hardware. Remove the following hardware: Floppy, USB Controller, Sound Card.

 Hardware. Select CD/DVD (IDE). Select Connect at power on and in the Use ISO image file field, browse to the location of the VMware ESX 4.0 ISO previously downloaded. Click OK.

lware		
Device ∰ Memory Device CDNO (DEC) Device Vice Note ∰ Processors Processors	Summary 2040 MB Auto detect Bridged Auto detect 1	Device status Connected Connected Connected Connection Due physical drive: Note detect v Use 150 image file: Crijess-OVD-4.0.0-164009.8 Proves Advanced
	Add Remove	
		OK Cancel Help

17. Hardware. Select **Network Adapter**. Tick **Replicate physical network connection state**.

	C Custom: Specific virtual network Virtnet0 (default Bridged)	Processors
Add Remove		

Hardware, Select Display. Deselect the Accelerate
 3D graphics checkbox.

Device	Summary	Monitors
∰ Memory CoC(IVO (DF)) Wetwork Adapter ■ Dealey ■ Processors	2049 MB Using file EV,Do Bridged Auto detect 1	C Use host setting for monitors C Specify monitor settings: Number of monitors: E Moximum resolution of any one monitor: Z360 x 1770 Y 3D graphics Accelerate 3D graphics (Direct/ 9.0c)
	Add Remove	

 Hardware. Select **Processors**. In the Preferred Mode field select the **Intel-VTx or AMD-V** option. Click **OK**.

ardware		<u>ک</u>
Device Control (CDE) Control (CDE)	Summary 2040 MB ELIDO Bridged Auto detect 1	Processors Humber of processors: Cone Two Execution Mode Preferred mode: Intel VT-s or AMD-V Diable acceleration for binary translation What we have be praverturalization What prefermance under certain workbads.
	Add Remove	
		Cancel Help

20. Click **Finish**. The virtual disk will be allocated. This step may take some time.

lew Virtual Machine Wizard	×
Ready to Create Virtual Machine Click Finish to create the virtual machine and start installing Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit.	
The virtual machine will be created with the following settings:	
Namoi ESV4.0	
VMware Workstation	
Creating Disk	
Customize Hardware	
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21. To enable nested VMs, a line needs to be added to the .vmx file for this virtual machine. Without it, you won't be able to power on a VM under VMware ESX4 and will see the following message:



22. The name and location of the .vmx file is show in the VMware Workstation GUI. Edit the .vmx file using Notepad. Add the following line, monitor_ control.restrict_backdoor = TRUE



4.0 Install VMware ESX 4.0

 Initial ESX Installer screen. Select Install ESX in graphical mode and press Enter.



2. Welcome to the ESX Installer. Click Next.



 End User License Agreement. Review the license agreement and select the I accept the terms of the license agreement checkbox. Click Next.

ESX 4.0 🚽	
End User License Agreement To continue with the installation, please read and accept the end user license agreement.	
VMWARE MASTER END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT	-
NOTCE: BY DOWILOADING AND INSTALLING, COMING OR OTHERWISE USING THE SOFTWARE, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE YOWARE MATTER BOIL USER LICENES AGREEMENT ("ELLA"). IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE SULA. YOU MAY NOT DOWILOAD. INSTALL COPY OR USE THE SOFTWARE, AND YOU MAY RETURN THE UNUSED SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THIS DAYS AMD THE UNUSED SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THE SOFTWARE, AND YOU MAY RETURN THE UNUSED SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THE SOFTWARE, AND DAYS AMD THE UNUSED SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THE SOFTWARE, AND THE DEWILDOWS AND SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THE SOFTWARE TO THE VERSION FRAM WHICH YOU ADQUIRED TO THE SOFTWARE THERE DEWILDOWS AND THINK AND YOU CONTACTORS THE PROVIDE SOFTWARE TO YOU. YOU SHALL BE LIARLE FOR ANY FAULURE BY SUCH EMPLOYEES AND THIRD MATTY CONTRACTORS TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.	
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 Select Keyboard. Select the appropriate keyboard for your system type. Click Next.

ESX 4.0			
Select Keyboard Select the type of keyboard for this system			
Keyboard			-
Portuguese			
Romanian			
Russian			
Russian (Microsoft)			
Russian (cp1251)			
Slovenian			
Spanish			
Swedish			
Swiss French (latin1)			
Swiss German (latin1)			
Turkish			
U.S. English			
U.S. International			
Ukrainian			
United Kingdom			
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5. Custom Drivers. Select No. Click Next.

o you want to install cust	om drivers?	
) Yes Click "Add" to eject t Driver		

6. Load Drivers. Click Yes.

ESX 4.0	
Custom Drivers Select custom drivers to Install for ESX	
Do you want to install custom drivers? ② No	
Key State of the set of the	
🖉 Mo 🖉 Yes	
Add Remove	
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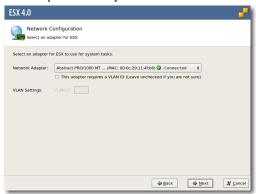


ESX 4.0			
Loading Drivers The installation wizard will resume after all necessary drive	ers are loaded		
Status: 100% Complete			
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 License. If you have one, enter a serial number, otherwise select the Enter a serial number later radio button to evaluate the product. Click Next.



9. Network Configuration. Select the required **network adapter for ESX system tasks**. Click **Next**.



10. Network Configuration. Enter the required **network configuration information**. Click **Next**.

etwork Adapter: vm	nico
Adapter Settings	
 Set automaticall 	y using DHCP
Our Use the following	g network settings:
IP Address:	192.168.20.71
Subnet Mask:	255.255.255.0
Gateway:	192.168.20.1
Primary DNS:	192.168.20.5
Secondary DNS:	
Host name:	esx40.xtravirt.lab
	Enter a fully qualified host name (e.g. host.example.com)

11. Setup Type. Select the **Standard setup** radio button. Click **Next**.

ESX 4.0	-
Setup Type Setup Type of setup for this installation	
© Standard setup Setup ESX on a single hard drive or LUN.	
O Advanced setup Vere and customize the individual ESX partitions. S Configure boot leader automaticality (sever checked if unsure)	
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12. ESX Storage Device. Select the required **storage device**. Click **Next**.

ESX 4.0			-
ESX Storage Device Select a location to Install ESX			
Select the storage device to install ESX (requires at least 9.5 GB).			
Storage Device	LUN ID	Capacity	
VMware, VMware Virtual S (mpx.vmhba0:C0:T0:L0)	0	16.38 GB	
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13. Data Loss Warning. Click OK.

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ESX 4.0				- 7
ESX Storage D Select a location t				
Select the storage device to Storage Device	install ESX (requires at least 9.5 GB).	LUN ID	Capacity	
	Delete Device Co	ntents		
	The contents of the selected st before installing ESX. All exist want to save this content, pleas another option.	ng data will be lost. se cancel out and cho	If you	
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14. Time Zone Settings. Select the required **Time zone**. Click **Next**.

	ne Settings time zone for ESX			
Time	one: Europe/London		Advanced	
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15. Date and Time. Configure the **current date and time**. Click **Next**.

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	27	28	29	30								
											Next	X Cancel

16. Set Administrator Password. Enter and confirm the required **root password**. Click **Next**.

ESX 4.0	· 🥜
Set Administra Enter the adminis	ator Password strator (root) password for ESX
The password must be a	t least 6 characters long.
User Name:	
Password:	******
Confirm Password:	******
Additional Accounts:	User Name Add Remove
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17. Summary of installation settings. Click Next.

ESX 4.0	· _
Summary of installation setti Review the summary of the installa	
Click Next to install ESX.	
License:	Evaluation mode
Keyboard:	United Kingdom
Custom Drivers:	(none)
ESX Storage Device:	
Nane:	mpx.vmhba0:C0:T0:L0
Boot Loader Location:	Master Boot Record
Datastore:	
Name:	(auto-generated)
Type:	New
Storage Device:	mpx.vmhba0:C0:T0:L0
Service Console Partitions:	
	vnfs3 15.17 GB
	swap 600 MB
	ext3 5.00 GB /
	ext3 1.10 GB /boot
	ext3 2.00 GB /var/log
	↓ Back ▶ Next X Cancel

18. Installing ESX 4.0. The installation will proceed and may take a few minutes to complete.

	5X 4.0 ng installed; this may :	take several minu	tes.	
	,,			
Status: 26% Complete	Installing Packages			
To stop the installation,	click Cancel.			

19. Installing ESX 4.0 Click Next.

ESX 4.0			_
Installing ESX 4.0 ESX 4.0 is being installed; this may take several minut	es.		
Status: 100% Complete			
To stop the installation, click Cancel.			
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20. ESX 4.0 Installation Complete. Click Finish.



21. The ESX server will now reboot and the ISO image can be unmounted from the VM. After the splash screen appears it may take a few minutes for ESX to complete loading. Check by pressing **ALT-F1** in the ESX VM console – if you see a login prompt then ESX has completed booting.



22. Using your Internet browser (IE8 in this case), navigate to the IP address of your ESX VM, eg: https://192.168.20.71. If using DHCP, press ALT-F11 in the ESX VM console to show the assigned IP address. Elect to ignore any website certificate warnings, eg: Continue to this website.



23. Click **Download vSphere Client**. Follow the installation prompts to install the vSphere Client.



24. Once complete, launch the vSphere Client, enter the ESX IP address, root username and its password. Click Login.



25. If using ESX in evaluation mode, click **OK** to acknowledge the number of days remaining.

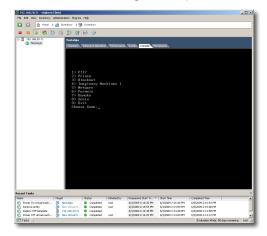


5.0 Define a Nested Virtual Machine

1. From the vSphere Client Home page, select Hosts and Clusters.

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	Mulei	Where Vehal Before		1 × 1.821 G-R
	CPU Cores	1 CPU x 1.821 GHz	Nencry usage: 705.00 MB	Capacity
	Processor Type:	Intel(R) Core(TH(2 CPU T5600 (9 1.835Hz		2047.86 MB
	License:	Evaluation Mode	Datastore Capa	
	Processor Sockets:	1	Storaget 14.7	5 G8 6.95 G8 6/3/2009 t
	Processor Sockets: Cores per Socket:	1	1	
	Cores per Societ: Logical Processors:	1	Network Type	N
	Hyperthreading:	r		f switch network 0
	Number of NICs:	1		
	2.46	Connected	•	
	Virtual Nachines and Templates:	0	Host Management	
	Whotion Enabled:	NGA	Host Management	
	Whene EVC Mode:	NUA.	Manage this host through Wilware vi	Center.
	FaultTolerance Enabled:	N(LA		
	Active Taska:			
	Host Profile:	N(UL		
	Profile Compliance:	🕢 NSA		
	Commands			
	B ¹ New Would Machine			
	New Resource Pool			
	Enter Maintenance Mode			
	Experience Relation			
	🛅 Shutdown			
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nt Tasks				
e Target	9:40.8	Risted by Requested Start		ced Time

 Go File -> Browse VA Marketplace and select a VM. Nostalgia was selected as it is only a 6MB download. Follow the import wizard and the VM will download and register with the VMware ESX VM. Power on the VM. The screenshot below shows the VM having started up.



3. And lastly, a game in progress.



This concludes the white paper on how to install VMware ESX 4.0 on VMware Workstation 6.5.2 as a VM.

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