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About This Guide



Note: SUSE Manager Version Information

In this manual if not other specified, SUSE Manager version 3.2 is assumed and this version is required if a feature is discussed. {susemgr} 3.2 and SUSE Manager 3.2 Proxy were originally released as a SLES 12 SP3 extension. Whenever features of the SUSE Manager{productnumber} host operating system are documented and not other specified version 12 SP3 is assumed.

1 SUSE Manager on IBM z Systems

1.1 Introduction

This best practice guide is intended for z/VM administrators responsible for operating the IBM z Systems Mainframe. The goal of this guide is to lead an z/VM administrator trained on normal z Systems operating protocols through the installation of SUSE Manager onto an existing mainframe system. The intent of this article is not to cover the variety of hardware configuration profiles available on z Systems but instead to provide a foundational overview of the procedure and requirements necessary for a successful SUSE Manager server deployment.

1.2 Base System Requirements

The z/VM administrator should acquire and prepare the following resources for a successful SUSE Manager installation. SUSE Manager{productnumber} is delivered as an extension. These sections will provide you with the minimum and recommended system requirements for SUSE Manager . The base system for SUSE Manager 3.2 is SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} .

Hardware	Recommended Hardware
IBM Systems	* IBM zEnterprise System z196 (z196) * IBM zEnterprise System z114 (z114) * IBM zEnterprise EC12 (zEC12) * IBM zEnterprise EC12 (zEC12) * IBM zEnterprise BC12 (zBC12) * IBM z13 (z13) * LinuxOne Rockhopper * LinuxOne Emperor
RAM	<i>Split memory requirements across available RAM, VDISK and swap to suit your environment. On a production system the ratio of physical memory to VDISK will need to be re-evaluated based on the number of clients which will be supported.</i> Minimum 5 GB + for test server (3 GB RAM + 2 GB VDISK Swap)

Hardware	Recommended Hardware
	Minimum 16 GB + for base installation Minimum 32 GB + for a production server
Free Disk Space	Minimum 100 GB for root partition Minimum 50 GB for <u>/var/lib/pgsql</u> Minimum 50 GB per SUSE product + 100 GB per Red Hat product <u>/var/spac-</u> <u>walk</u>
Network Connection	* OSA Express Ethernet (<i>including Fast and Gigabit Ethernet</i>) _ * HiperSockets or Guest LAN * 10 GBE, VSWITCH * RoCE <i>(RDMA over Converged Ethernet)</i> The following interfaces are still included but no longer supported: * CTC (<i>or virtual CTC</i>) * IP network interface for IUCV


MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

- SUSE Linux Enterprise {sles-version}{sp-version} Installation Media for IBM z Systems :
<https://www.suse.com/products/server/download/> 

1.3 Additional Requirements

There are a few additional resource requirements you will need to prepare before installing the SUSE Manager extension on your system. This section overviews these requirements.

The guest z/VM should be provided with a static IP address and hostname as these cannot be easily changed after initial setup. The hostname should contain less than 8 characters.

For more information on SUSE Manager additional requirements, see https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-manager-3/book_suma_best_practices/data/mgr_conceptual_overview.html .

You are required to calculate sufficient disk storage for SUSE Manager before running:

```
yast2 susemanagersetup
```

The following information will help fulfill these requirements.



Warning: SUSE Manager Default Volume Groups and Disk Space

By default the file system of SUSE Manager including the embedded database and patch directories will reside within the root volume. While adjustments are possible once installation has completed it becomes the administrators responsibility to specify and monitor these adjustments.

If your SUSE Manager runs out of disk space, this can have a severe impact on its database and file structure. Preparing storage requirements in accordance with this section will aid in preventing these harmful effects. {suse} technical services will not be able to provide support for systems suffering from low disk space conditions as this can have an effect on an entire system and therefore becomes unresolvable. A full recovery is only possible with a previous backup or a new SUSE Manager installation.

REQUIRED STORAGE DEVICES

- An additional disk is required for database storage. This should be an zFCP or DASD device as these are preferred for use with HYPERPAV. This disk should fulfill the following requirements

At least 50 GB for

```
/var/lib/pgsql
```

Minimum 50 GB per SUSE product + 100 GB per Red Hat product

```
/var/pacewalk
```

1.4 SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} Installation and the SUSE Manager Extension

This section covers the installation of SUSE Manager{productnumber} as an extension to SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} .


For more information on deploying SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} on your hardware, see https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_sle_deployment/data/cha_zseries.html [↗](#).

During installation of SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} select SUSE Manager as an extension.

After rebooting you will need to set up the additional storage required for [/var/spacewalk](#) and [/var/lib/pgsql](#) and swap space using the yast partitioner tool. This step is *required* before running **yast2 susemanagersetup**.

After configuring the storage requirements, having executed a YaST online update and completed a full system reboot, run SUSE Manager setup to finalize the SUSE Manager installation on your z Systems mainframe:

```
{prompt.root}yast2 susemanagersetup
```

This completes the installation of SUSE Manager on your z Systems . For more information on beginning management with SUSE Manager , see [Setup SUSE Manager with YaST \(suma-setup-with-yast-sumasetup.xml#suma-setup-with-yast-sumasetup\)](#) .

2 SUSE Manager 3.2 Proxy

This chapter explains how to install and set up SUSE Manager{productnumber} Proxy. It also provides notes about migrating a previous proxy such as version 2.1, 3.0, or 3.1 to version 3.2.

2.1 Overview

SUSE Manager{productnumber} Proxy is a SUSE Manager add-on that caches software packages on an internal, central server. The proxy caches patch updates from SUSE or custom RPMs generated by third-party organizations. A proxy allows you to use bandwidth more effectively because client systems connect to the proxy for updates, and the SUSE Manager server is no longer required to handle all client requests. The proxy also supports transparent custom package deployment.

SUSE Manager Proxy is an open source (GPLv2) solution that provides the following features:

- Cache software packages within a Squid proxy.
- Client systems see the SUSE Manager Proxy as a SUSE Manager server instance.
- The SUSE Manager Proxy is registered as a client system with the SUSE Manager server.

The primary goal of a SUSE Manager Proxy is to improve SUSE Manager performance by reducing bandwidth requirements and accelerating response time.

2.2 Proxy Installation and Connecting Clients

2.2.1 Requirements

The following section provides SUSE Manager Proxy requirements.

Supported Client Systems. For supported clients and their requirements, see .

Hardware Requirements. Hardware requirements highly depend on your usage scenario. When planning proxy environments, consider the amount of data you want to cache on your proxy.

If your proxy should be a 1:1 mirror of your SUSE Manager , the same amount of disk space is required. For specific hardware requirements, see the following table.

Hardware	Required
CPU	Multi-core 64-bit CPU (x86_64).
RAM	Minimum 4 GB for a non-production server Minimum 16 GB for a production server
Free Disk Space	Minimum 100 GB for base installation and at least 50 GB for caching per SUSE product and + 100 GB per Red Hat product; a resize-able partition strongly recommended.



Tip: Storage for Proxy Data


SUSE recommends storing the squid proxy caching data on a separate disk formatted with the XFS file system.

SSL Certificate Password. For installing the proxy, you need the SSL certificate password entered during the initial installation of SUSE Manager .

Network Requirements. For additional network requirements, see .

SUSE Customer Center. For using SUSE Manager Proxy , you need an account at SUSE Customer Center (SCC) where your purchased products and product subscriptions are registered. Make sure you have the following subscriptions:

- One or more subscriptions for SUSE Manager Proxy .
- One or more subscriptions for SUSE Manager .
- Subscriptions for the products on the client systems you want to register with SUSE Manager via SUSE Manager Proxy .
- Subscriptions to client entitlements for the client system you want to register with SUSE Manager via SUSE Manager Proxy .

Network Time Protocol (NTP). The connection to the Web server via Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) requires correct time settings on the server, proxy and clients. For this reason, all systems must use NTP. For more information, see https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_sle_admin/data/cha_netz_xntp.html .

Virtual Environments. The following virtual environments are supported:

- http://www.linux-kvm.org/page/Main_Page 
- <http://www.vmware.com/> 
- <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/server-cloud/solutions/virtualization.aspx> 

For running SUSE Manager Proxy in virtual environments, use the following settings for the virtual machine (VM):

- At least 1 GB of RAM
- Bridged network

2.2.2 Installation and Setup

The following section will guide you through the installation and setup procedure.

Important: Registering Proxies

SUSE Manager Proxy systems are registered as traditional clients using a bootstrap script. Currently there is no method to register proxy systems using Salt. A SUSE Manager Proxy can serve both Traditional and Salt clients.

Important: Procedure: Registering the Proxy

First completely download the channels (SUSE Linux Enterprise 12 SP3) and then create the activation key. Only then you can select the correct child channels.

+

1. Create an activation key based on the SUSE Linux Enterprise 12 SP3 base channel. For more information about activation keys, see .

Create Activation Key

Activation Key Details

Systems registered with this activation key will inherit the settings listed below.

Description:

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Use this to describe what kind of settings this key will reflect on systems that use it. If left blank, the default is 'None'.

Key:

1- susemgr_3_1_proxy

Activation key can contains only numbers [0-9], letters [a-z A-Z], '-', '_' and '.'



Leave blank for automatic key generation. Note that the prefix is an indication of the SUSE Manager associated with.


Usage:


Leave blank for unlimited use.

Base Channel:

2. Click the *Child Channels* subtab and select the SUSE Manager 3.2 Proxy child channel with the matching update channel (SUSE Manager Proxy-3.2-Pool and SUSE Manager Proxy-3.2-Updates). These child channels are required for providing the proxy packages and updates. As for normal SLES clients, SLES12-SP3-Updates plus SLE Manager-Tools12-Pool and SLE-Manager-Tools12-Updates are required.

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 Clone Key

 Delete Key

Details

Child Channels

Packages

Configuration

Groups

Activated Systems

Any system registered using this activation key will be subscribed to the selected child channels.

The following child channels of **SLES12-SP3-Pool for x86_64** can be associated with this activation key.

☒ SLE-Manager-Tools12-Pool x86_64 SP3

☒ SLE-Manager-Tools12-Updates x86_64 SP3

☐ SLE-Module-Adv-Systems-Management12-Pool for x86_64 SP3

☐ SLE-Module-Adv-Systems-Management12-Updates for x86_64 SP3

☒ SLES12-SP3-Updates for x86_64

☐ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Pool for x86_64 SP3

☐ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Updates for x86_64 SP3

☒ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Pool for x86_64 SP3

☒ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Updates for x86_64 SP3

☐ SUSE-Manager-Server-3.1-Pool for x86_64 SP3

☐ SUSE-Manager-Server-3.1-Updates for x86_64 SP3

Update Activation Key

FIGURE 2.2: BASE AND CHILD PROXY CHANNEL

1. Modify a bootstrap script for the proxy. Ensure unchecking *Bootstrap using Salt* , because in this case the proxy must be bootstrapped as a so-called traditional client. For more information about bootstrap scripts, see .
2. Bootstrap the client with the bootstrap script.
3. You will see a list of channels to which your client is already subscribed to. Select the two unchecked proxy channels which include the SUSE Manager Proxy-3.2-Pool and SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.2-Updates , then select *Change Subscriptions* to continue. This will provide the required repositories for the proxy packages from the SUSE Manager server to the client.

A few more steps are still needed:

- install the suma_proxy pattern (see [Section 2.2.3, “Install the suma_proxy pattern”](#));
- copy the SSL certificate and key from the server (see [Section 2.2.4, “Copy Server Certificate and Key”](#));
- run configure-proxy.sh (see [Section 2.2.5, “Running configure-proxy.sh”](#));

You will then be able to register your clients against the proxy using the Web UI or a bootstrap script as if it were a SUSE Manager server. For more information, see [Section 2.2.6, “Registering Salt Clients via SUSE Manager Proxy”](#).

2.2.3 Install the suma_proxy pattern

Make sure the suma_proxy pattern version 2.5.1.3 or later is installed using the following command on the proxy:

```
{prompt.root}zypper in -t pattern suma_proxy
```

The new salt-broker service will be automatically started at the end of the package installation. This service forwards the Salt interactions to the SUSE Manager server.



Note: Proxy Chains

It is possible to arrange Salt proxies in a chain. In such a case, the upstream proxy is named “parent” .

Make sure the proxy's TCP ports 4505 and 4506 are open and that the proxy can reach the SUSE Manager server (or another upstream proxy) on these ports.

2.2.4 Copy Server Certificate and Key

The proxy will share some SSL information with the SUSE Manager server, so the next step is to copy the certificate and its key from the SUSE Manager server or the upstream proxy.

As root , enter the following commands on the proxy using your SUSE Manager server or chained proxy named as PARENT:

```
{prompt.root}cd /root/ssl-build{prompt.root}scp root@`PARENT`: /root/ssl-build/RHN-ORG-PRIVATE-SSL-KEY .{prompt.root}scp root@`PARENT`: /root/ssl-build/RHN-ORG-TRUSTED-SSL-CERT .{prompt.root}scp root@`PARENT`: /root/ssl-build/rhn-ca-openssl.cnf .
```



Note: Known Limitation

The SUSE Manager Proxy functionality is only supported if the SSL certificate was signed by the same CA as the SUSE Manager Server certificate. Using certificates signed by different CAs for Proxies and Server is not supported.

2.2.5 Running **configure-proxy.sh**

The **configure-proxy.sh** script will finalize the setup of your SUSE Manager Proxy .

Now execute the interactive **configure-proxy.sh** script. Pressing **Enter** without further input will make the script use the default values provided between brackets [] . Here is some information about the requested settings:

SUSE Manager Parent

A SUSE Manager parent can be either another proxy server or a SUSE Manager server.

HTTP Proxy

A HTTP proxy enables your SUSE Manager proxy to access the Web. This is needed if where direct access to the Web is prohibited by a firewall.

Proxy Version to Activate

Normally, the correct value (3.0, 3.1, or 3.2) should be offered as a default.

Traceback Email

An email address where to report problems.

Use SSL

For safety reasons, press Y.

Do You Want to Import Existing Certificates?

Answer N. This ensures using the new certificates that were copied previously from the SUSE Manager server.

Organization

The next questions are about the characteristics to use for the SSL certificate of the proxy. The organization might be the same organization that was used on the server, unless of course your proxy is not in the same organization as your main server.

Organization Unit

The default value here is the proxy's hostname.

City

Further information attached to the proxy's certificate. Beware the country code must be made of two upper case letters. For further information on country codes, refer to the online [list of alpha-2 codes \(https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search\)](https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search).



Tip: Country Code

As the country code enter the country code set during the SUSE Manager installation. For example, if your proxy is in US and your SUSE Manager in DE, you must enter DE for the proxy.

Cname Aliases (Separated by Space)

Use this if your proxy server can be accessed through various DNS CNAME aliases. Otherwise it can be left empty.

CA Password

Enter the password that was used for the certificate of your SUSE Manager server.

Do You Want to Use an Existing SSH Key for Proxying SSH-Push Salt Minions?

Use this option if you want to reuse a SSH key that was used for SSH-Push Salt minions on the server.

Create and Populate Configuration Channel `rhnp_proxy_config_1000010001?`

Accept default Y.

SUSE Manager Username

Use same user name and password as on the SUSE Manager server.

Activate advertising proxy via SLP?

SLP stands for Service Location Protocol.

If parts are missing, such as CA key and public certificate, the script prints commands that you must execute to integrate the needed files. When the mandatory files are copied, re-run **`configure-proxy.sh`**. Also restart the script if a HTTP error was met during script execution.

`configure-proxy.sh` activates services required by SUSE Manager Proxy, such as `squid` , `apache2` , `salt-broker` , and `jabberd` .

To check the status of the proxy system and its clients, click the proxy system's details page on the Web UI (*Systems* > *Proxy* , then the system name). *Connection* and *Proxy* subtabs display the respective status information.

2.2.6 Registering Salt Clients via SUSE Manager Proxy

Proxy servers may now act as a broker and package cache for Salt minions. These minions can be registered with a bootstrap script like the traditional clients, or directly from the Web UI or the command line.

Registering Salt clients via SUSE Manager Proxy from the Web UI is done almost the same way as registering clients directly with the SUSE Manager server. The difference is that you specify the name of the proxy in the *Proxy* drop-box on *Salt* > *Bootstrapping* page.

Bootstrap Minions

You can add systems to be managed by providing SSH credentials only. SUSE Manager will prepare the system remotely and will perform the registration.

Host:

SSH Port:

User:

Password:

Activation Key:

Proxy:

☒ Disable SSH strict host key checking during bootstrap process

☐ Manage system completely via SSH (will not install an agent)

FIGURE 2.3: BOOTSTRAPPING A SALT CLIENT WITH A PROXY

PROCEDURE: REGISTER A SALT CLIENT THROUGH A PROXY FROM COMMAND LINE

1. Instead of the Web UI , you may use the command line to register a minion through a proxy. To do so, add the proxy FQDN as the master in the minions configuration file located at:

```
/etc/salt/minion
```

or alternatively:

```
/etc/salt/minion.d/`name`.conf
```

2. Add the FQDN to the minion file:

```
master: proxy123.example.com
```

Save and restart the salt-minion service with:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl restart salt-minion
```

3. On the proxy, accept the new minion key with:

```
{prompt.root}salt-key -a 'minion'
```

The minion will now connect to the proxy exclusively for Salt operations and normal HTTP package downloads.

2.2.7 Registering Clients via SUSE Manager Proxy with a Script

Registering clients (either traditional or Salt) via SUSE Manager Proxy with a script is done almost the same way as registering clients directly with the SUSE Manager server. The difference is that you create the bootstrap script on the SUSE Manager Proxy with a command-line tool. The bootstrap script then deploys all necessary information to the clients. The bootstrap script refers some parameters (such as activation keys or GPG keys) that depend on your specific setup.

1. Create a client activation key on the SUSE Manager server using the Web UI . See .
2. On the proxy, execute the **mgr-bootstrap** command-line tool as **root** . If needed, use the additional command-line switches to tune your bootstrap script. An important option is **--traditional** that enables to opt for a traditional client instead of a salt minion. To view available options type **mgr-bootstrap --help** from the command line:

```
# ``mgr-bootstrap --activation-keys=key-string``
```

3. Optionally edit the resulting bootstrap script. Execute the bootstrap script on the clients as described in .

The clients are registered with the SUSE Manager Proxy specified in the bootstrap script.

2.2.8 Additional Information about Client Registration on Proxies

Within the Web UI , standard proxy pages will show information about client, no matter whether minions or traditional clients.

A list of clients connected to a proxy can be located under *Systems <proxy name> DetailsProxy* .

A list of chained proxies for a minion can be located under *Systems <minion name> DetailsConnection*

If you decide to move any of your clients between proxies or the server you will need to repeat the registration process from scratch.

2.3 Enabling PXE Boot via SUSE Manager Proxy

2.3.1 Synchronizing Profiles and System Information

To enable PXE boot via a proxy server, additional software must be installed and configured on both the SUSE Manager server and the SUSE Manager Proxy server.

1. On the SUSE Manager server install susemanager-tftpsync :

```
# ``zypper in susemanager-tftpsync``
```

2. On the SUSE Manager Proxy server install susemanager-tftpsync-recv :

```
# ``zypper in susemanager-tftpsync-recv``
```

3. Run the configure-tftpsync.sh setup script and enter the requested information:

```
# ``configure-tftpsync.sh``
```

It asks for hostname and IP address of the SUSE Manager server and of the proxy itself. Additionally, it asks for the tftpboot directory on the proxy.

4. On the SUSE Manager server, run configure-tftpsync.sh to configure the upload to the SUSE Manager Proxy server:

```
# ``configure-tftpsync.sh FQDN_of_Proxy_Server``
```

5. To initiate an initial synchronization on the SUSE Manager Server run:

```
# ``cobbler sync``
```

Also can also be done after each a change within Cobbler that needs to be synchronized immediately. Otherwise Cobbler synchronization will also run automatically when needed. For more information about Cobbler, see [Chapter 10, Cobbler](#).

2.3.2 Configuring DHCP for PXE via SUSE Manager Proxy

SUSE Manager is using Cobbler to provide provisioning. PXE (tftp) is installed and activated by default. To enable systems to find the PXE boot on the SUSE Manager Proxy server add the following to the DHCP configuration for the zone containing the systems to be provisioned:

```
next-server: `IP_Address_of_SUSE_Manager_Proxy_Server` filename: "pxelinux.0"
```

2.4 Migrating SUSE Manager 3 Proxy to Version 3.1

The recommended order for migrations is to first migrate the server and then the proxies. Note that a SUSE Manager 3 Proxy cooperates just fine with SUSE Manager 3.1.

For the migration of the proxies there are two possible approaches: Existing SUSE Manager proxies may be upgraded to version 3.1 with YaST or **zypper** migration. Alternatively, the proxies may be replaced by new ones. This section documents both approaches.

2.4.1 Replacing a SUSE Manager Proxy

A SUSE Manager Proxy is dumb in the sense that it does not contain any information about the clients which are connected to it. A SUSE Manager Proxy can therefore be replaced by a new one. Naturally, the replacement proxy must have the same name and IP address as its predecessor.

In order to replace a SUSE Manager Proxy and keeping the clients registered to the proxy leave the old proxy in SUSE Manager . Create a reactivation key for this system and then register the new proxy using the reactivation key. If you do not use the reactivation key, you will need to re-registered all the clients against the new proxy.

PROCEDURE: REPLACING A SUSE MANAGER PROXY AND KEEPING THE CLIENTS REGISTERED

1. Before starting the actual migration procedure, save the data from the old proxy, if needed. Consider copying important data to a central place that can also be accessed by the new server:
 - Copy the scripts that are still needed.
 - Copy the activation keys from the previous server. Of course, it is always better to re-create the keys.
2. Shutdown the server.

3. Install a new SUSE Manager 3.1 Proxy, see [Section 2.2, “Proxy Installation and Connecting Clients”](#).
4. In the SUSE Manager Web UI select the newly installed SUSE Manager Proxy and delete it from the systems list.
5. In the Web UI , create a reactivation key for the old proxy system: On the System Details of the old proxy click *Reactivation* . Then click *Generate New Key* , and remember it (write it on a piece of paper or copy it to the clipboard). For more information about reactivation keys, see .
6. After the installation of the new proxy, perform the following actions (if needed):
 - Copy the centrally saved data to the new proxy system.
 - Install any other needed software.
 - If the proxy is also used for autoinstallation, do not forget to setup TFTP synchronization.

Important: Proxy Installation and Client Connections

During the installation of the proxy, clients will not be able to reach the SUSE Manager server. After a SUSE Manager Proxy system has been deleted from the systems list, all clients connected to this proxy will be (incorrectly) listed as directly connected to the SUSE Manager server. After the first successful operation on a client *such as execution of a remote command or installation of a package or patch* this information will automatically be corrected. This may take a few hours.

2.4.2 Upgrading a SUSE Manager Proxy from 3 to 3.1

In most situations upgrading the proxy will be your preferred solution as this retains all cached packages. Selecting this route saves time especially regarding proxies connected to SUSE Manager server via low-bandwidth links. This upgrade is similar to a standard client migration.



Warning: Synchronizing Target Channels

Before successfully initializing the product migration, you first must make sure that the migration target channels are completely mirrored. For the upgrade to SUSE Manager 3.1 Proxy, at least the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP3 base channel with the SUSE Manager Proxy 3.1 child channel for your architecture is required.

PROCEDURE: MIGRATING PROXY TO 3.1

1. Direct your browser to the SUSE Manager{webui} where your proxy is registered, and login.
2. On the *Systems > Systems > Proxy* page select your proxy client system from the table.

System Status

 Software Updates Available **Non-Critical: 5** **Packages: 6**

System Info


Hostname:	f51.suse.de
IP Address:	10.160.66.51
IPv6 Address:	::1
Kernel:	3.12.69-60.64.35-default
SUSE Manager System ID:	1000010006
Activation Key:	1-suma_3_proxy

Installed Products:

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1

SUSE Manager Proxy 3.0

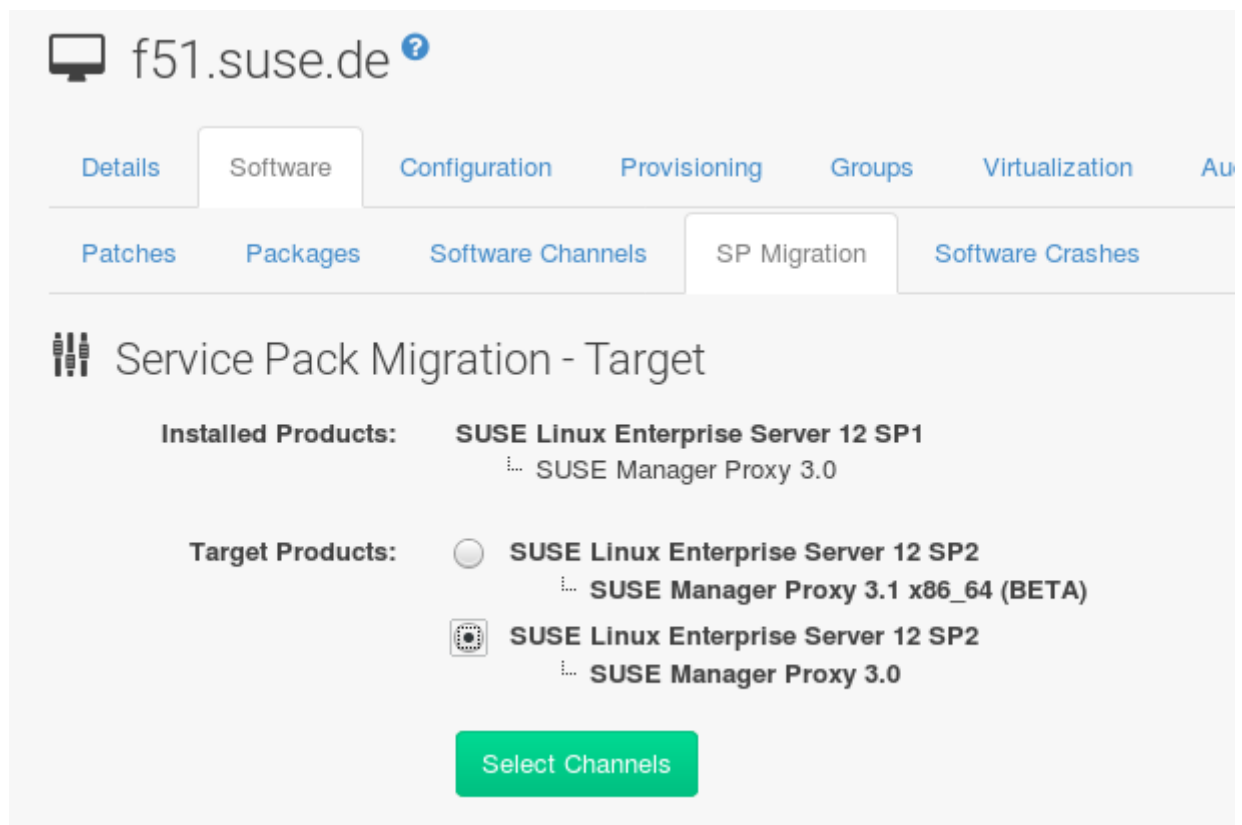
Lock Status:

 System is **unlocked**
([Lock system](#))



Subscribed Channels ([Alter Channel Subscriptions](#))

- [SLES12-SP1-Pool for x86_64](#)
- [SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Pool for x86_64](#)
- [SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Updates for x86_64](#)

3. On the system's detail page select the *Software* tab, then the *SP Migration* tab.



4. From this page you will see installed products listed on your proxy client, and the available target products. Select the wanted *Target Products*, which include SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP3 and SUSE Manager Proxy 3.1.

 f51.suse.de 

Details

Software

Configuration

Provisioning

Groups

Virtualization

Auc


Patches

Packages

Software Channels

SP Migration

Software Crashes

 Service Pack Migration - Target

Installed Products:

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1

└─ SUSE Manager Proxy 3.0

Target Products:

☒ SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2



└─ SUSE Manager Proxy 3.1 x86_64 (BETA)

☐ SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2

└─ SUSE Manager Proxy 3.0

Select Channels

Then confirm with *Select Channels*.

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 Service Pack Migration - Channels

Installed Products:

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1

- SUSE Manager Proxy 3.0

Target Products:

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2

- SUSE Manager Proxy 3.1 x86_64 (BETA)

Target Base Channel:

SLES12-SP2-Pool for x86_64

• Mandatory Child Channels:

☒ SLE-Manager-Tools12-Pool x86_64 SP2

☒ SLE-Manager-Tools12-Updates x86_64 SP2

☒ SLES12-SP2-Updates for x86_64

☒ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Pool for x86_64

☒ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Updates for x86_64

• Optional Child Channels:

☐ SLE-Module-Adv-Systems-Management12-Pool for x86_64

☐ SLE-Module-Adv-Systems-Management12-Updates for x86_64

☐ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Pool for x86_64 SP2

☐ SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.0-Updates for x86_64 SP2

Schedule Migration

5. From the *Schedule Migration* menu, and then *Confirm* .

Check the *System Status* on the system's details when the migration is done.

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Configuration

Provisioning

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Virtualization

Audit

Overview

Properties

Remote Command

Connection

Proxy

Reactivation

System Status

 **System is up to date**

 The system requires a reboot ([Schedule System Reboot](#))

System Info

Hostname: f51.suse.de

IP Address: 10.160.66.51

IPv6 Address: ::1

Kernel: 3.12.69-60.64.35-default

SUSE Manager System ID: 1000010006

Activation Key: 1-suma_3_proxy

Installed Products:

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2

SUSE Manager Proxy 3.1 x86_64 (BETA)

Lock Status:  System is **unlocked**
([Lock system](#))

Subscribed Channels ([Alter Channel Subscriptions](#))

- [SLES12-SP2-Pool for x86_64](#)
- [SLE-Manager-Tools12-Pool x86_64 SP2](#)
- [SLE-Manager-Tools12-Updates x86_64 SP2](#)
- [SLES12-SP2-Updates for x86_64](#)
- [SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Pool for x86_64](#)
- [SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Updates for x86_64](#)



Note: Checking `refresh_pattern` in `/etc/squid/squid.conf`

If you migrate from an early SUSE Manager Proxy 3.0 add the following `refresh_pattern` to `/etc/squid/squid.conf` :

```
# salt minions get the repodata via a different URL
refresh_pattern /rhn/manager/download./*/repodata./.*$ 0 1% 1440 ignore-no-cache
reload-into-ims refresh-ims
```

Finally consider to schedule a reboot.

2.5 Migrating SUSE Manager 2.1 Proxy to Version 3.1

For the migration of SUSE Manager 2.1 Proxies there are two possible approaches—this section documents both approaches:

- Existing SUSE Manager proxies may be replaced by newly installed and reconfigured proxies, see [Section 2.5.1, “Replacing a SUSE Manager Proxy”](#). This is the recommended method.
- Proxies may be auto-upgraded to version 3.1 by means of YaST auto-installation, see [Section 2.5.2, “Upgrading a SUSE Manager Proxy from 2.1 to 3.1”](#).



Tip: Order of Server and Proxy Migration

The recommended order for migrations is to first migrate the server and then the proxies. A SUSE Manager 2.1 Proxy cooperates just fine with SUSE Manager 3.1.

2.5.1 Replacing a SUSE Manager Proxy

A SUSE Manager Proxy is dumb in the sense that it does not contain any information about the clients which are connected to it. A SUSE Manager Proxy can therefore be replaced by a new one. The replacement proxy must have the same name and IP address as its predecessor.

In order to replace a SUSE Manager Proxy and keeping the clients registered to the proxy leave the old proxy in SUSE Manager . Create a reactivation key for this system and then register the new proxy using the reactivation key. If you do not use the reactivation key, you will need to re-registered all the clients against the new proxy.

PROCEDURE: REPLACING A SUSE MANAGER PROXY AND KEEPING THE CLIENTS REGISTERED

1. Before starting the actual migration procedure, save the important data from the old proxy. Copy the data to a central place that also the new server can access:
 - Copy the scripts that are still needed.
 - Copy the activation keys from the existing server. Of course, it is always better to re-create the keys.
2. Shutdown the server.
3. Install a new SUSE Manager 3.1 Proxy, see [Section 2.2, "Proxy Installation and Connecting Clients"](#).



Important: Proxy Installation and Client Connections

During the installation of the proxy, clients will not be able to reach the SUSE Manager server. After a SUSE Manager Proxy system has been deleted from the systems list, all clients connected to this proxy will be (incorrectly) listed as directly connected to the SUSE Manager server. After the first successful operation on a client *such as execution of a remote command or installation of a package or patch* this information will automatically be corrected. This may take a few hours.

4. In the SUSE Manager Web UI select the newly installed SUSE Manager Proxy and delete it from the systems list.
5. In the Web UI , create a reactivation key for the old proxy system: On the System Details of the old proxy click *Reactivation* . Then click *Generate New Key* , and remember it (write it on a piece of paper or copy it to the clipboard). For more information about reactivation keys, see .
6. After the installation of the new proxy, perform the following actions (if needed):
 - Copy the centrally saved data back to the new proxy system.
 - Install any other needed software.
 - If the proxy is also used for autoinstallation, do not forget to setup TFTP synchronization.

2.5.2 Upgrading a SUSE Manager Proxy from 2.1 to 3.1

In other situations upgrading the proxy will be the preferred solution as it retains all cached packages. This route saves time especially regarding proxies connected to a SUSE Manager server via low-bandwidth links. This upgrade can be automated by using the YaST auto-installation feature.

PROCEDURE: UPGRADING SUSE MANAGER PROXYFROM 2.1 TO 3.1

1. Create an auto-installable distribution based on SLES 12 SP3. SUSE Manager 3.1 Proxy is an Add-On for SLES 12 SP3. Refer to the *Book "Reference Manual", Chapter 8 "Autoinstallation"* on creating an auto-installable distribution.
2. To start the auto-installation of a proxy, some additional packages must be installed that are only available in the SUSE Manager Tools channel. These tools were not available for proxies when in the past the system was shipped as an appliance. To gain access to the required packages for use with proxies, the underlying SLES 11 SP3 channel (SLES11-SP3-SUSE-Manager-Tools) needs to be cloned and assigned to the to-be-upgraded proxies. After these steps have been completed, create an auto-installation profile.

In the following example you will see an auto-install profile. The label Proxy31 is used both for the auto-installable distribution as well as for the auto-install profile. Use the following auto-installation as template and create the auto-installation profile by uploading the edited file:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE profile>
<profile xmlns="http://www.suse.com/1.0/yast2ns"
  xmlns:config="http://www.suse.com/1.0/configns">
  <general>
    $SNIPPET('spacewalk/sles_no_signature_checks')
    <mode>
      <confirm config:type="boolean">false</confirm>
    </mode>
  </general>
  <add-on>
    <add_on_products config:type="list">
      <listentry>
        <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
        <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/sles12-sp3-updates-
x86_64/Proxy31</media_url>
        <name>SLES12 SP3 Updates</name>
        <product>SLES12-SP3</product>
        <product_dir>/</product_dir>
      </listentry>
    </add_on_products>
  </add-on>
</profile>
```

```

    <listentry>
      <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
      <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/sle-manager-tools12-
pool-x86_64-sp3/Proxy31</media_url>
      <name>SLE12 Manager Tools Pool</name>
      <product>SLES12</product>
      <product_dir></product_dir>
    </listentry>
    <listentry>
      <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
      <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/sle-manager-tools12-
updates-x86_64-sp3/Proxy31</media_url>
      <name>SLE12 Manager Tools Updates</name>
      <product>SLES12</product>
      <product_dir></product_dir>
    </listentry>
    <listentry>
      <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
      <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/suse-manager-proxy-3.1-
pool-x86_64/Proxy31</media_url>
      <name>SLE12 Proxy 3.1 Pool</name>
      <product>SLES12</product>
      <product_dir></product_dir>
    </listentry>
    <listentry>
      <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
      <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/suse-manager-proxy-3.1-
updates-x86_64/Proxy31</media_url>
      <name>SLE12 Proxy 3.1 Update</name>
      <product>SLES12</product>
      <product_dir></product_dir>
    </listentry>
  </add_on_products>
</add-on>
<upgrade>
  <only_installed_packages config:type="boolean">>false</only_installed_packages>
  <stop_on_solver_conflict config:type="boolean">true</stop_on_solver_conflict>
</upgrade>
<backup>
  <sysconfig config:type="boolean">true</sysconfig>
  <modified config:type="boolean">true</modified>
  <remove_old config:type="boolean">>false</remove_old>
</backup>
<networking>
  <keep_install_network config:type="boolean">true</keep_install_network>
  <start_immediately config:type="boolean">true</start_immediately>
</networking>

```

```

<scripts>
  <pre-scripts config:type="list">
    <script>
      <filename>remove_initrd_koan.sh</filename>
      <source>

        mount /dev/sda1 /mnt
        rm -f /mnt/initrd_koan
        umount /mnt

      </source>
    </script>
  </pre-scripts>
  <chroot-scripts config:type="list">
    <script>
      <filename>migration_fix_script.sh</filename>
      <chrooted config:type="boolean">true</chrooted>
      <source><![CDATA[ ln -sf /usr/share/rhn/RHN-ORG-TRUSTED-SSL-CERT /etc/pki/trust/
anchors/
/usr/sbin/update-ca-certificates ]]>
</source>
    </script>
  </chroot-scripts>
  <init-scripts config:type="list">
    <script>
      <filename>sles_register.sh</filename>
      <source>

        $SNIPPET('spacewalk/sles_register')
        chmod 640 /etc/sysconfig/rhn/systemid
        chown root:www /etc/sysconfig/rhn/systemid
        systemctl enable squid
        systemctl start squid

      </source>
    </script>
  </init-scripts>
</scripts>
</profile>

```

Ensure all channels referenced in this file are available and fully synced. Replace the label Proxy31 with the correct reference chosen for your auto-installation profile. It is recommended to create a new activation key, for example: 1-sles12sp3 which has the relevant channels assigned; later this key will be used to subscribe the upgraded proxy with the correct channels. The following base channel should be assigned:

```
SLES12-SP3-Pool
```

Also include the following child channels:

```
SLE-Manager-Tools12-Pool  
SLE-Manager-Tools12-Updates  
SLES12-SP3-Updates  
SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Pool  
SUSE-Manager-Proxy-3.1-Updates
```

In Kernel Options enter the following value:

```
autoupgrade=1 Y2DEBUG=1
```

The debug setting is not required but can help investigate problems in case something goes wrong; the autoupgrade parameter is vital! Do not remove it.

Save your changes then click on "Variables" and enter the following value:

```
registration_key=1-sles12sp3
```

Specify the name of the key which has all respective channels assigned to it. The auto-install file contains a script named remove_initrd_koan.sh. In this script you should specify the device name of your /boot partition.



Note: remove_initrd_koan.sh

The purpose of this script is to act as a workaround for the following problem: During installation the initrd of the installation media (SLES12SP3) is in use. This initrd is rather large (around 50 MB), so there is not enough space left when the new kernel is being installed. Therefore this script deletes the initial ramdisk file once it has been booted. The partition of your boot partition might differ, so it should be explicitly specified in the autoinstall file.

During auto-installation this script attempts to delete the initial ramdisk file once it has booted. Your boot partition may differ, so ensure it is explicitly specified within the auto-install file.

If this step is bypassed or mixed up (for example: specifying a wrong value) it's fine. During installation of the new kernel, YaST will detect that there is not enough space available and will stop. You may switch to another console (there is a shell running on virtual console 2) and reclaim some disk space by issuing the command:

```
rm /mnt/boot/initrd_koan
```

When you have completed this step, switch back to the console where YaST is running (console 7) and click *Retry* . Installation of the kernel will continue and succeed. The system will reboot, a few automated init scripts will run and the proxy will be upgraded to the SUSE Manager 3.1 based on SLES12SP3 and will be fully functional.

3 Security

3.1 Setup a Minion to Master Validation Fingerprint

In highly secure network configurations you may wish to ensure your minions are connecting a specific master. To setup validation from minion to master enter the masters fingerprint within the `/etc/salt/minion` configuration file. See the following procedure:

1. On the master enter the following command as root and note the fingerprint:


```
salt-key -F master
```

On your minion, open the minion configuration file located in `/etc/salt/minion`. Uncomment the following line and enter the masters fingerprint replacing the example fingerprint:

```
master_finger: 'ba:30:65:2a:d6:9e:20:4f:d8:b2:f3:a7:d4:65:11:13'
```


2. Restart the salt-minion service:

```
# systemctl restart salt-minion
```

For more information on configuring security from a minion see: <https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/ref/configuration/minion.html> 

4 SUSE Manager in the Public Cloud

SUSE Manager Server and SUSE Manager Proxy in the Public Cloud

SUSE Manager delivers best-in-class Linux server management capabilities. For detailed information about the product please refer to the [SUSE Manager \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse_manager\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse_manager)  documentation.

The SUSE Manager Server and SUSE Manager Proxy images published by SUSE in selected Public Cloud environments are provided as Bring Your Own Subscription (BYOS) images. SUSE Manager Server instances need to be registered with the SUSE Customer Center (SCC). Subscriptions of SUSE Manager Proxy instances are handled through their parent SUSE Manager Server. After an instance is launched, SUSE Manager needs to be set up and configured following the procedure in the SUSE Manager documentation.

4.1 Instance Requirements

Select an instance size that meets the system requirements as documented in the SUSE Manager documentation.

- Minimal main memory: > 12G
- The SUSE Manager setup procedure performs a Forward-confirmed reverse DNS lookup. This must succeed in order for the setup procedure to complete successfully and for SUSE Manager to operate as expected. Therefore it is important that the hostname and IP configuration be performed prior to running the SUSE Manager setup procedure.
- SUSE Manager Server and SUSE Manager Proxy instances are expected to run in a network configuration that provides you control over DNS entries and that is shielded from the Internet at large. Within this network configuration DNS (Domain Name Service) resolution must be provided, such that `hostname -f` returns the FQDN (Full Qualified Domain Name). The DNS resolution is not only important for the SUSE Manager Server procedure

but is also important when clients are configured to be managed via SUSE Manager . Configuring DNS is Cloud Framework dependent, please refer to the cloud service provider documentation for detailed instructions.

- Minimal free disk space for SUSE Manager 15G.

For Public Cloud instances we recommend that the repositories and the SUSE Manager Server database, and respectively the SUSE Manager Proxy squid cache, be located on an external virtual disk. The details for this setup are provided in [Section 4.2.1, “Using Separate Storage Volume”](#).

Storing the database and the repositories on an external virtual disk ensures that the data is not lost should the instance need to be terminated for some reason.

Please ensure that the selected instance type matches the requirements listed above. Although we recommend that the database and the repositories are stored on a separate device it is still recommended to set the root volume size of the instance to 20G.

4.2 Setup

1. Run an instance of the SUSE Manager Server or SUSE Manager Proxy image as published by SUSE.

The images are identifiable by the `suse`, `manager`, `server` or `proxy`, and `byos` keywords in each public cloud environment.

The SUSE Manager instance must run in a network access restricted environment such as the private subnet of a VPC or with an appropriate firewall setting such that it can only be accessed by machines in the IP ranges you use. A generally accessible SUSE Manager instance violates the terms of the SUSE Manager EULA. Access to the web interface of SUSE Manager requires https.

2. Setup the hostname as follows:

SUSE Manager requires a stable and reliable hostname and does not take kindly to hostname changes. All commands provided need to be executed as the **root** user. .. Disable hostname setup in the dhcp configuration file: `/etc/sysconfig/network/dhcp`

+

```
DHCLIENT_SET_HOSTNAME="no"
```

- a. Set the hostname to a name of your choice. Please note it is important to provide the system name and not the fully qualified hostname to the hostnamectl command.

It is expected that the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) is set by the cloud framework; for example if **cloud_instance.cloud.net** is the fully qualified name than **cloud_instance** is the system name and **cloud.net** is the domain name.

In the following example we will change the system name to **suma**

```
$ hostnamectl set-hostname suma
```

The fully qualified hostname is now locally set to **suma.cloud.net**. Once the host-name is set locally a DNS entry needs to be created in your network environment such that domain name resolution works properly.

Alternatively to force proper resolution of the name on the SUSE Manager system you may alter the /etc/hosts file as follows:

```
$ echo "${local_address} suma.cloud.net suma" >> /etc/hosts
```

The current value for the local_address, can be obtained from the public cloud Web console or from within a terminal session as follows: * Obtain local ip address from within Amazon EC2 instance

+

```
$ ec2metadata --local-ipv4
```

- Obtain local ip address from within Google Compute Engine instance

```
$ gcmetadata --query instance --network-interfaces --ip
```

- Obtain local ip address from within Microsoft Azure instance

```
$ azuremetadata --internal-ip
```

Note that forcing the DNS resolution to work via modification of the /etc/hosts file will allow the yast2 susemanagersetup procedure to work. However, if DNS resolution is not properly configured this also implies that any client that is to be managed via this SUSE Manager instance must also receive the same modification to /etc/hosts .

+ One more aspect of hostname resolution is the `/etc/resolv.conf` file. Depending on the order of your setup, i.e. if you started the SUSE Manager instance prior to setting up DNS services the file may not contain the appropriate **search** directive. Double check that the proper search directive exists in `/etc/resolv.conf` . In our example the directive would be **search cloud.net**. If the directive is missing add it to the file.

+ Reference information for the DNS record update is provided below.

a. For an update of the DNS records for the instance within the DNS service of your network environment, refer to the cloud service provider documentation for detailed instructions:

- DNS setup on Amazon EC2 (<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonVPC/latest/UserGuide/vpc-dns.html>) ↗
- DNS setup on Google Compute Engine (<https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/networking>) ↗
- DNS setup on Microsoft Azure (<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/dns-operations-recordsets>) ↗

3. Configure SUSE Manager

- If you run a SUSE Manager Server instance run YaST as shown below after the instance is launched, the external storage is attached and prepared according to [Section 4.2.1, "Using Separate Storage Volume"](#), and the DNS resolution is set up as described earlier.

```
$ /sbin/yast2 susemanagersetup
```

Note that the setup of SUSE Manager from this point forward does not differ from the documentation in the [SUSE Manager Guide \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse_manager\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse_manager) ↗.

The SUSE Manager setup procedure in YaST is designed as a one pass process with no rollback or cleanup capability. Therefore, if the setup procedure is interrupted or ends with an error, it is not recommended to attempt a recovery as a repeat of the setup process or attempts to manually "fix" the configuration are most likely to fail and result in a broken SUSE Manager installation. In case of any errors we recommend to start a new instance in order to run a fresh setup procedure on a clean system.

If you are prompted with a message that there is not enough space available for the setup of SUSE Manager verify that your root volume is at least 20GB and double check that the instructions in [Section 4.2.1, “Using Separate Storage Volume”](#) had the desired effects.

SUSE Manager Server for the Public Cloud comes with a bootstrap data module pre-installed that contains optimized package lists for bootstrapping instances started from SUSE Linux Enterprise images published by SUSE. If you intend to register such an instance, make sure when creating the bootstrap repository you run the `mgr-create-bootstrap-repo` script as follows:

```
$ mgr-create-bootstrap-repo --datamodule=mgr_pubcloud_bootstrap_data -c SLE-12-SP1-x86_64
```

The above example creates a bootstrap repository suitable for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1 instances. See [Creating the SUSE Manager Tools Repository \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-manager-3/book.suma.getting-started/data/create_tools_repository.html\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-manager-3/book.suma.getting-started/data/create_tools_repository.html) for more information on bootstrapping.

Prior to registering instances started from on demand images remove the following packages from the instance to be registered: ... `cloud-regionsrv-client` ... **For Amazon EC2**

- + `regionServiceClientConfigEC2`
- + `regionServiceCertsEC2`

i. For Google Compute Engine

- `cloud-regionsrv-client-plugin-gce`
- `regionServiceClientConfigGCE`
- `regionServiceCertsGCE`

ii. For Microsoft Azure

- `regionServiceClientConfigAzure`
- `regionServiceCertsAzure`

If these packages are not removed it is possible to create interference between the repositories provided by SUSE Manager and the repositories provided by the SUSE operated update infrastructure.

- + Additionally remove the line from the `/etc/hosts` file that contains the **susecloud.net** reference.

- If you run a SUSE Manager Proxy instance

Launch the instance, optionally with external storage configured. If you use external storage (recommended), prepare it according to [Section 4.2.1, “Using Separate Storage Volume”](#). It is recommended but not required to prepare the storage before configuring SUSE Manager proxy, as the suma-storage script will migrate any existing cached data to the external storage. After preparing the instance, register the system with the parent SUSE Manager, which could be a SUSE Manager Server or another SUSE Manager Proxy. See the [SUSE Manager Proxy Setup guide \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-manager-3/singlehtml/suse_manager21/book_susemanager_proxyquick/book_susemanager_proxyquick.html\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-manager-3/singlehtml/suse_manager21/book_susemanager_proxyquick/book_susemanager_proxyquick.html) for details. Once registered, run

```
$ /usr/sbin/configure-proxy.sh
```

to configure your SUSE Manager Proxy instance.

4. After the completion of the configuration step, SUSE Manager should be functional and running. For SUSE Manager Server, the setup process created an administrator user with following user name:

- User name: admin

TABLE 4.1: ACCOUNT CREDENTIALS FOR ADMIN USER

Amazon EC2	Google Compute Engine	Microsoft Azure
<u>Instance-ID</u>	<u>Instance-ID</u>	<u>Instance-Name</u> -suma

The current value for the Instance-ID or Instance-Name in case of the Azure Cloud, can be obtained from the public cloud Web console or from within a terminal session as follows: ** Obtain instance id from within Amazon EC2 instance

+

```
$ ec2metadata --instance-id
```

- Obtain instance id from within Google Compute Engine instance

```
$ gcmetadata --query instance --id
```

- Obtain instance name from within Microsoft Azure instance

```
$ azuremetadata --instance-name
```

After logging in through the SUSE Manager Server Web UI, **change** the default password. + {susemgr} Proxy does not have administration Web interface itself. It can be managed through its parent SUSE Manager Server.

4.2.1 Using Separate Storage Volume

We recommend that the repositories and the database for SUSE Manager be stored on a virtual storage device. This best practice will avoid data loss in cases where the SUSE Manager instance may need to be terminated. These steps **must** be performed **prior** to running the YaST SUSE Manager setup procedure.

1. Provision a disk device in the public cloud environment, refer to the cloud service provider documentation for detailed instructions. The size of the disk is dependent on the number of distributions and channels you intend to manage with SUSE Manager . For sizing information refer to [SUSE Manager sizing examples \(https://www.suse.com/support/kb/doc.php?id=7015050\)](https://www.suse.com/support/kb/doc.php?id=7015050) ↗. A rule of thumb is 25 GB per distribution per channel.
2. Once attached the device appears as Unix device node in your instance. For the following command to work this device node name is required. In many cases the attached storage appears as **/dev/sdb**. In order to check which disk devices exists on your system, call the following command:

```
$ hwdm --disk | grep -E "Device File:"
```

3. With the device name at hand the process of re-linking the directories in the filesystem SUSE Manager uses to store data is handled by the suma-storage script. In the following example we use /dev/sdb as the device name.

```
$ /usr/bin/suma-storage /dev/sdb
```

After the call all database and repository files used by SUSE Manager Server are moved to the newly created xfs based storage. In case your instance is a SUSE Manager Proxy, the script will move the Squid cache, which caches the software packages, to the newly created storage. The xfs partition is mounted below the path /manager_storage .

4. Create an entry in /etc/fstab (optional)

Different cloud frameworks treat the attachment of external storage devices differently at instance boot time. Please refer to the cloud environment documentation for guidance about the `fstab` entry.

If your cloud framework recommends to add an `fstab` entry, add the following line to the `/etc/fstab` file.

```
/dev/sdb1 /manager_storage xfs defaults 1 1
```

4.3 Registration of Cloned Systems

SUSE Manager treats systems (instances) with the same system ID as one. This implies that one instance will mask another if the instances have the same system ID. This situation occurs by launching multiple instances from the same image or when an image has been created from a running instance. Thus prior to registering a new instance complete step 5.1 or 5.2, depending on the distribution on the following wiki.

http://wiki.novell.com/index.php/SUSE_Manager/Register_Clones ↗

5 Optimization and Scalability

5.1 Optimizing Apache and Tomcat



Warning: Altering Apache and Tomcat Parameters

Apache and Tomcat Parameters should only be modified with support or consulting as these parameters can have severe and catastrophic performance impacts on your server when improperly adjusted. SUSE will not be able to provide support for catastrophic failure when these advanced parameters are modified without consultation. Tuning values for Apache httpd and Tomcat requires that you align these parameters with your server hardware. Furthermore testing of these altered values should be performed within a test environment.

5.1.1 Apache's httpd MaxClients Parameter

The MaxClients setting determines the number of Apache httpd processes, and thus limits the number of client connections that can be made at the same time (SUSE Manager uses the pre-fork MultiProcessing Modules). The default value for MaxClients in SUSE Manager is 150. If you need to set the MaxClients value greater than 150, Apache httpd's ServerLimit setting and Tomcat's maxThreads must also be increased accordingly (see below).



Warning

The Apache httpd MaxClients parameter must always be less or equal than Tomcat's maxThreads parameter!

If the MaxClients value is reached while the software is running, new client connections will be queued and forced to wait, this may result in timeouts. You can check the Apache httpd's error.log for details:

```
[error] Server reached MaxClients setting, consider increasing the MaxClients setting
```

The default MaxClients parameter can be overridden on SUSE Manager by editing the server-tuning.conf file located at /etc/apache2/.

Example server-tuning.conf file:

```
# prefork MPM
<IfModule prefork.c>
    # number of server processes to start
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/mpm_common.html#startservers
    StartServers      5
    # minimum number of server processes which are kept spare
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/prefork.html#minspareservers
    MinSpareServers   5
    # maximum number of server processes which are kept spare
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/prefork.html#maxspareservers
    MaxSpareServers   10
    # highest possible MaxClients setting for the lifetime of the Apache process.
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/mpm_common.html#serverlimit
    ServerLimit       150
    # maximum number of server processes allowed to start
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/mpm_common.html#maxclients
    MaxClients        150
    # maximum number of requests a server process serves
    # http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/mpm_common.html#maxrequestperchild
    MaxRequestsPerChild 10000
</IfModule>
```

5.1.2 Tomcat's maxThreads Parameter

Tomcat's maxThreads represents the maximum number of request processing threads that it will create. This value determines the maximum number of simultaneous requests that it is able to handle. All HTTP requests to the SUSE Manager server (from clients, browsers, XMLRPC API scripts, etc.) are handled by Apache httpd, and some of them are routed to Tomcat for further processing. It is thus important that Tomcat is able to serve the same amount of simultaneous requests that Apache httpd is able to serve in the worst case. The default value for SUSE Manager is 200 and should always be equal or greater than Apache httpd's MaxClients. The maxThreads value is located within the server.xml file located at /etc/tomcat/ .

Example relevant lines in server.xml :

```
<Connector port="8009" protocol="AJP/1.3" redirectPort="8443" URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    address="127.0.0.1" maxThreads="200" connectionTimeout="20000"/>
<Connector port="8009" protocol="AJP/1.3" redirectPort="8443" URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    address=":::1" maxThreads="200" connectionTimeout="20000"/>
```



Note: Tuning Notes

When configuring Apache httpd's `MaxClients` and Tomcat's `maxThreads` parameters you should also take into consideration that each HTTP connection will need one or more database connections. If the RDBMS is not able to serve an adequate amount of connections, issues will arise. See the following equation for a rough calculation of the needed amount of database connections:

$$((3 * \text{java_max}) + \text{apache_max} + 60)$$

Where:

- 3 is the number of Java processes the server runs with pooled connections (Tomcat, Taskomatic and Search)
- `java_max` is the maximum number of connections per Java pool (20 by default, changeable in `/etc/rhn/rhn.conf` via the `hibernate.c3p0.max_size` parameter)
- `apache_max` is Apache httpd's `MaxClients`
- 60 is the maximum expected number of extra connections for local processes and other uses

5.2 Big Scale Deployment (1000 Minions or More)

In the following sections find considerations about a big scale deployment. In this context, a big scale comprises 1000 minions or more.

5.2.1 General Recommendations

SUSE recommends the following in a big scale SUSE Manager deployment:

- SUSE Manager servers should have at least 8 recent x86 cores, 32 GiB of RAM, and, most important, fast I/O devices such as at least an SSD (2 SSDs in RAID-0 are strongly recommended).
- Proxies with many minions (hundreds) should have at least 2 recent x86 cores and 16 GiB of RAM.

- Use one SUSE Manager Proxy per 500-1000 clients. Keep into account that download time depends on network capacity. Here is a rough example calculation with physical link speed of 1 GB/s:

```
400 Megabytes * 3000 / 119 Megabyte/s / 60
= 169 Minutes
```

This is:

```
Size of updates * Number of minions / Theoretical download speed / 60
```

- Depending on hardware you can accept hundreds of minion keys.
- Plan time for onboarding minions— at least one hour per 1000 minions.
- It is not recommended onboarding more than approx. 1000 minions directly to the SUSE Manager server— proxies should be used instead. This is because every minion can use up to 3 TCP connections simultaneously, and too many TCP connections can cause performance issues.
- If the following error appears in output of `dmesg`, you probably have an excessive number of minions attached to a single SUSE Manager server or proxy for the ARP cache to contain all of their addresses:

```
kernel: neighbour table overflow
```

In that case, increase the ARP cache values via `sysctl`, for example, by adding the following lines to `/etc/sysctl.conf`:

```
net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc_thresh1 = 4096
net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc_thresh2 = 8192
net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc_thresh3 = 16384
net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc_interval = 60
net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc_stale_time = 120
```



Tip: Start Small and Scale Up

Always start small and scale up gradually. Keep the server monitored in order to identify possible issues early.

5.2.2 Tuning Proposals

SUSE proposes the following tuning settings in a big scale SUSE Manager deployment:

- Increase Tomcat memory to face a long queue of Salt return results. Items in the Salt return queue might accumulate in a short time: Set 8 GiB instead of the current default 1 GiB.
- Several RHN parameters should be changed from their defaults:
 - The number of Taskomatic workers should be increased, and thus parallelizing work on a high number of separate jobs (onboarding, staging).
 - Quartz should check for runnable jobs more frequently to reduce latency (onboarding, staging, Action execution).
 - Tomcat's Salt return result workers should be increased, and thus parallelizing work on a high number of Salt return results (patching).
 - The number of PostgreSQL connections available to Java applications (Tomcat, Taskomatic) should increase accordingly. Otherwise extra workers will starve waiting for a connection.
 - Salt's presence ping timeouts should be increased because responses might come back later than the defaults.
- Salt master worker threads should be increased to 100 from 15, and thus parallelizing more requests (otherwise Tomcat and Taskomatic workers will starve waiting for the API to do something).
- Increasing the number of Salt master worker threads more requires more RAM and does not bring benefits. Apache maximum request time should be increased.

6 Salt SSH Integration

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The following topic provides an overview of the [Salt SSH \(https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/ssh/\)](https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/ssh/) integration with SUSE Manager. This integration adds support for both `ssh-push` and `ssh-push-tunnel` connections for Salt minions.

6.1 SSH Push Overview

Like the traditional stack, Salt minions may use an `ssh` connection to manage minions in place of `Zeromq` (<https://docs.saltstack.com/en/latest/topics/transport/zeromq.html>). This additional functionality is based on Salt SSH. Salt SSH enables you to execute salt commands and states via `ssh` without ever needing to install a salt-minion.

When the server executes an action on a minion an `ssh` connection is made on demand. This connection differs from the always-connected mode used by minions managed via `Zeromq`.

In SUSE Manager there are two `ssh-push` methods. In both use cases the server initiates an `ssh` connection to the minion in order to execute a Salt call using `salt-ssh`. The difference in the two methods is how `zypper/yum` initially connects to the server repositories:

ZYPPER CONNECTION METHODS:

`ssh-push`

`zypper` works as usual. The `http(s)` connection to the server is created directly.

`ssh-push-tunnel`

The server creates an `http(s)` connection through an `ssh` tunnel. The `http(s)` connection initiated by `zypper` is redirected through the tunnel by means of `/etc/hosts` aliasing (see below). This method should be used for in place firewall setups that block `http(s)` connections from a minion to the server.

6.2 Salt SSH Integration

As with all Salt calls, SUSE Manager invokes `salt-ssh` via the `salt-api`.

Salt SSH relies on a Roster to obtain details such as hostname, ports, and ssh parameters of an ssh minion. SUSE Manager keeps these details in the database and makes them available to Salt by generating a temporary Roster file for each salt-ssh call. The location of the temporary Roster file is supplied to salt-ssh using the `--roster-file=` option.

6.2.1 Authentication

salt-ssh supports both password and key authentication. SUSE Manager uses both methods:

PASSWORD AND KEY AUTHENTICATION:

Bootstrapping Authentication

Password authentication is used only when bootstrapping. During the bootstrap step the key of the server is not authorized on the minion and therefore a password must be utilized for a connection to be made. The password is used transiently in a temporary roster file used for bootstrapping. This password is not stored.

Common Salt Call Authentication

All other common salt calls use key authentication. During the bootstrap step the ssh key of the server is authorized on the minion (added to a minion's `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` file). Therefore subsequent calls no longer require a password.

6.2.2 User Account for salt-ssh Calls

The user for `salt-ssh` calls made by SUSE Manager is taken from the `ssh_push_sudo_user` setting. The default value of this is `root`.

If the value of `ssh_push_sudo_user` is not `root` then the `--sudo` options of `salt-ssh` are used.

6.3 SSH Push Tunnel HTTP(s) Redirection

For the `ssh-push-tunnel` method the traffic originating from zypper/yum has to be redirected through an ssh tunnel in order to bypass any firewall blocking a direct connection from the minion to the server.

This is achieved by using port `1233` in the repo url:

```
https://suma-server:1233/repourl...
```


Next alias the suma-server hostname to localhost in /etc/hosts:

127.0.0.1	localhost	suma-server
-----------	-----------	-------------

The server creates a reverse ssh tunnel that connects localhost:1233 on the minion to suma-server:443 (`ssh ... -R 1233:suma-server:443`)

The result is that zypper/yum will actually connect to localhost:1233 which is then forwarded to suma-server:443 via the ssh tunnel.

This implies that zypper can contact the server only if the tunnel is open. This happens only when the servers executes an action on the minion. Manual zypper operations that require server connectivity are not possible in this case.

6.4 SUSE Manager Salt SSH Call Sequence

1. Prepare the Salt Roster for the call

- a. Create remote port forwarding option IF the contact method is ssh-push-tunnel
- b. Compute the ProxyCommand IF the minion is connected through a proxy
- c. create Roster content:

- hostname
- user
- port
- remote_port_forwards: The remote port forwarding ssh option
- ssh_options: other ssh options:
 - ProxyCommand: If the minion connects through a SUMA proxy
- timeout: default 180s
- minion_opts:
 - master: set to the minion id if contact method is ssh-push-tunnel

2. create a temporary Roster file

3. execute a synchronous salt-ssh call via the API
4. remove the temporary Roster file

Additional Information:

`SaltSSHService.callSyncSSH` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/java/code/src/com/suse/manager/webui/services/impl/SaltSSHService.java>) ↗

6.5 Bootstrap Process Sequence

Bootstrapping minions uses salt-ssh under the hood. This happens for both regular and ssh minion.

The bootstrap sequence is a bit different than the regular salt-ssh call:

1. For a regular minion generate and pre-authorize the Salt key of the minion
2. If this is an ssh minion and a proxy was selected retrieve the ssh public key of the proxy using the `mgrutil.chain_ssh_cmd` runner. The runner copies the public key of the proxy to the server using ssh. If needed it can chain multiple ssh commands to reach the proxy across multiple hops.
3. Generate pillar data for bootstrap. Pillar data contains:

mgr_server

The hostname of the SUSE Manager server

minion_id

The hostname of the minion to bootstrap

contact_method

The connection type

mgr_sudo_user

The user for salt-ssh

activation_key

If selected

minion_pub

The public minion key that was pre-authorized

minion_pem

The private minion key that was pre-authorized

proxy_pub_key

The public ssh key that was retrieved from the proxy if the target is an ssh minion and a proxy was selected

4. If contact method is ssh-push-tunnel fill the remote port forwarding option
5. if the minion connects through a SUMA proxy compute the ProxyCommand option. This depends on the path used to connect to the proxy, e.g. server → proxy1 → proxy2 → minion
6. generate the roster for bootstrap into a temporary file. This contains:

- hostname
- user
- password
- port
- remote_port_forwards: the remote port forwarding ssh option
- ssh_options: other ssh options:
 - ProxyCommand if the minion connects through a SUMA proxy
- timeout: default 180s

7. Via the Salt API execute:

```
salt-ssh --roster-file=<temporary_bootstrap_roster> minion state.apply  
certs,<bootstrap_state>
```



Note

<bootstrap_state> replaceable by **bootstrap** for regular minions or **ssh_bootstrap** for ssh minions.

The following image provides an overview of the Salt SSH bootstrap process.

Bootstrap process

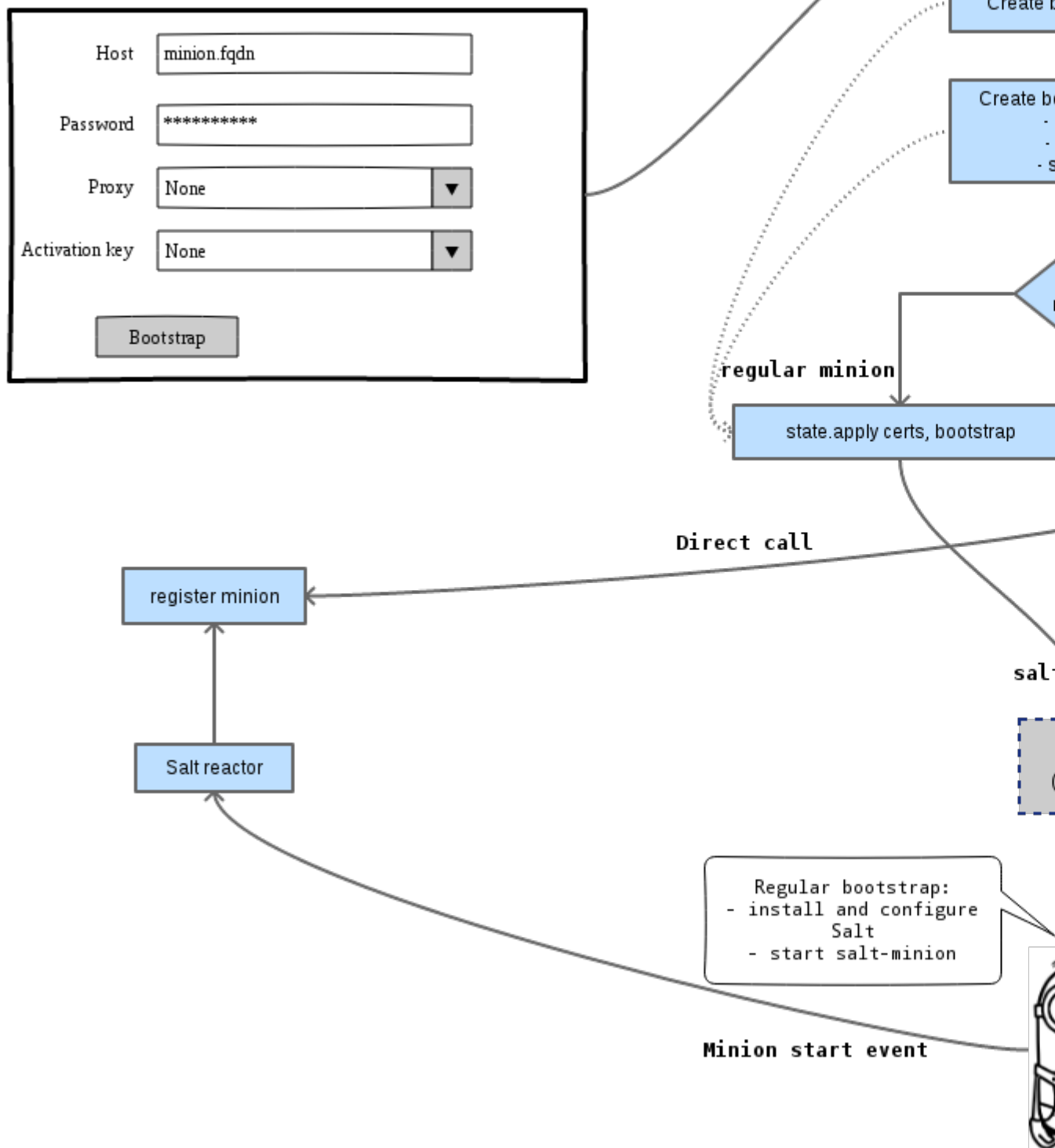


FIGURE 6.1: SALT SSH BOOTSTRAP PROCESS

Additional Information:

- `SSHMinionBootstrapper.java` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/java/code/src/com/suse/manager/webui/controllers/utils/RegularMinionBootstrapper.java>) ↗
- `RegularMinionBootstrapper.java` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/java/code/src/com/suse/manager/webui/controllers/utils/SSHMinionBootstrapper.java>) ↗
- `bootstrap/init.sls` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/susemanager-utils/susemanager-sls/salt/bootstrap/init.sls>) ↗
- `ssh_bootstrap/init.sls` (https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/susemanager-utils/susemanager-sls/salt/ssh_bootstrap/init.sls) ↗

6.6 Proxy Support

In order to make salt-ssh work with SUSE Managers proxies the ssh connection is chained from one server/proxy to the next. This is also known as multi-hop or multi gateway ssh connection.

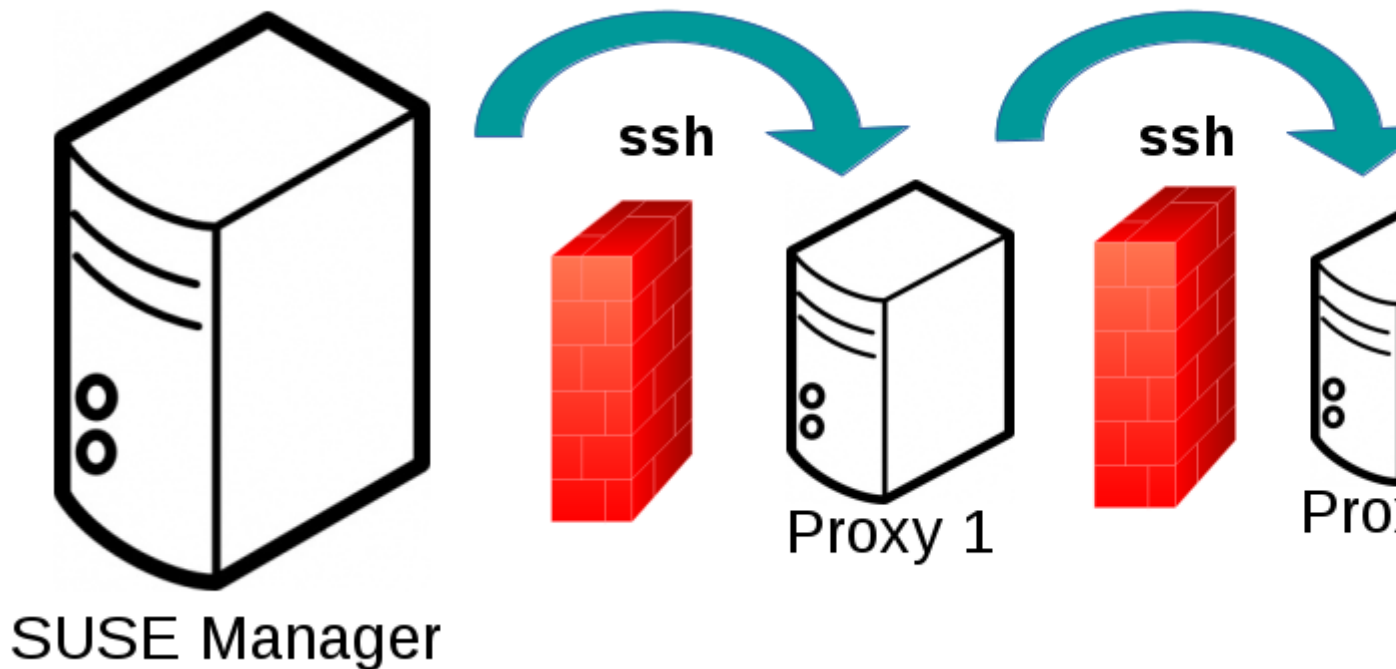


FIGURE 6.2: SALT SSH PROXY MULTIPLE HOPS

6.6.1 The ProxyCommand

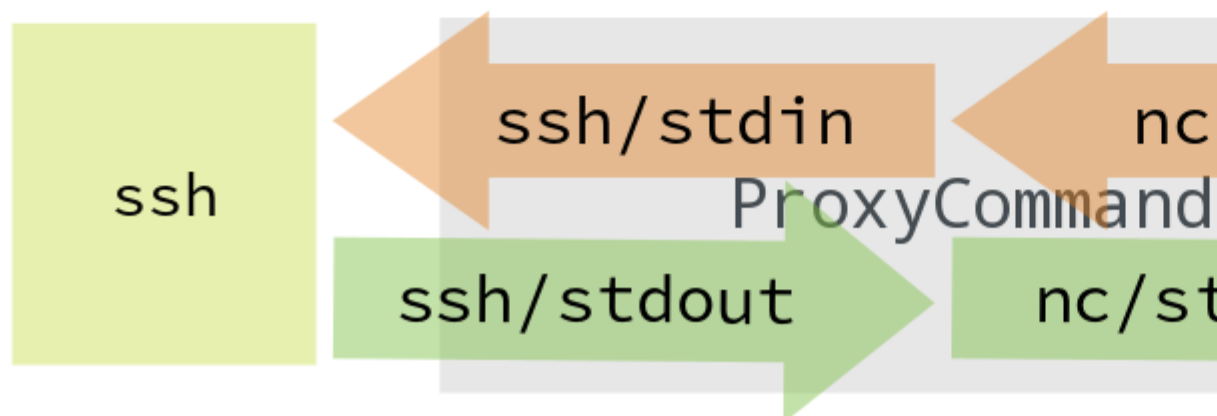
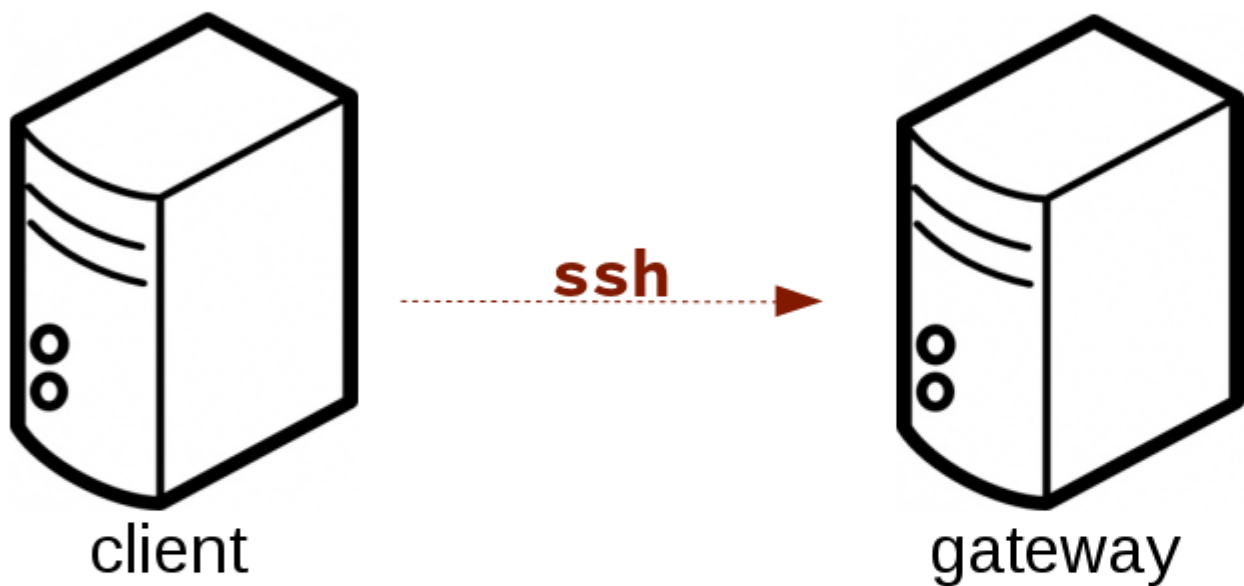
In order to redirect the ssh connection through the proxies the ssh ProxyCommand option is used. This options invokes an arbitrary command that is expected to connect to the ssh port on the target host. The standard input and output of the command is used by the invoking ssh process to talk to the remote ssh daemon.

The ProxyCommand basically replaces the TCP/IP connection. It doesn't do any authorization, encryption, etc. Its role is simply to create a byte stream to the remote ssh daemon's port.

E.g. connecting to a server behind a gateway:

```
ssh -o ProxyCommand=<stdio/std
```

```
ssh -o ProxyCommand='ssh gateway nc f
```





Note

In this example netcat (nc) is used to pipe port 22 of the target host into the ssh std i/o.

6.6.2 Salt SSH Call Sequence via Proxy

1. SUSE Manager initiates the ssh connections as described above.
2. Additionally the ProxyCommand uses ssh to create a connection from the server to the minion through the proxies.

6.6.2.1 Twin Proxies and SSH Push

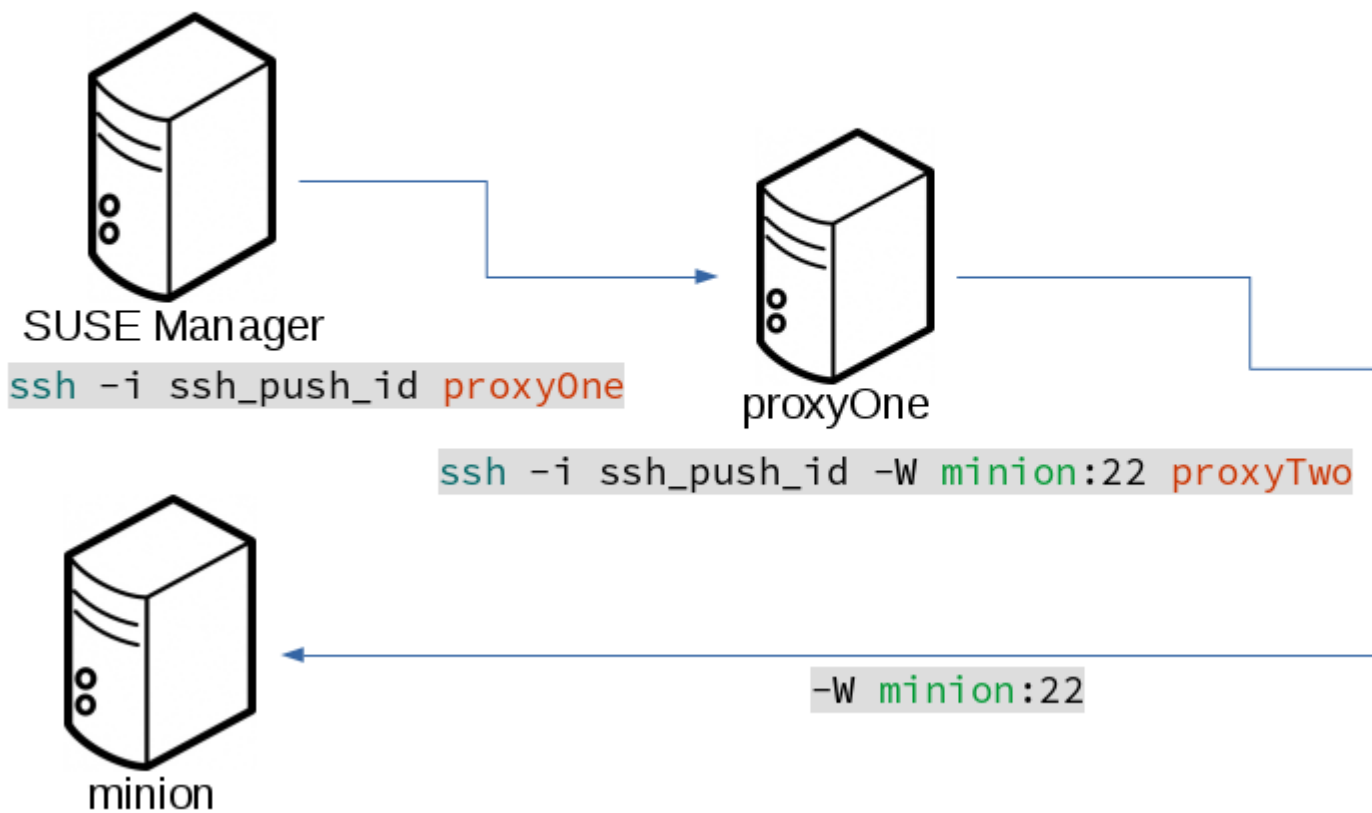
The following example uses the ProxyCommand option with two proxies and the usual ssh-push method:

```
# 1
/usr/bin/ssh -i /srv/susemanager/salt/salt_ssh/mgr_ssh_id -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o
  User=mgrshtunnel proxy1
# 2
/usr/bin/ssh -i /var/lib/spacewalk/mgrshtunnel/.ssh/id_susemanager_ssh_push -o
  StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o User=mgrshtunnel -W minion:22 proxy2
```

STEPS

1. connect from the server to the first proxy
2. connect from the first proxy to the second and forward standard input/output on the client to minion:22 using the -W option.


```
ssh -i salt_ssh_id -o ProxyCommand='ssh -i ssh_push_id proxyOne
ssh_push_id proxyTwo -W minion:22' root@minion <cmd>
```



6.6.2.2 Twin Proxies and SSH Push Tunnel

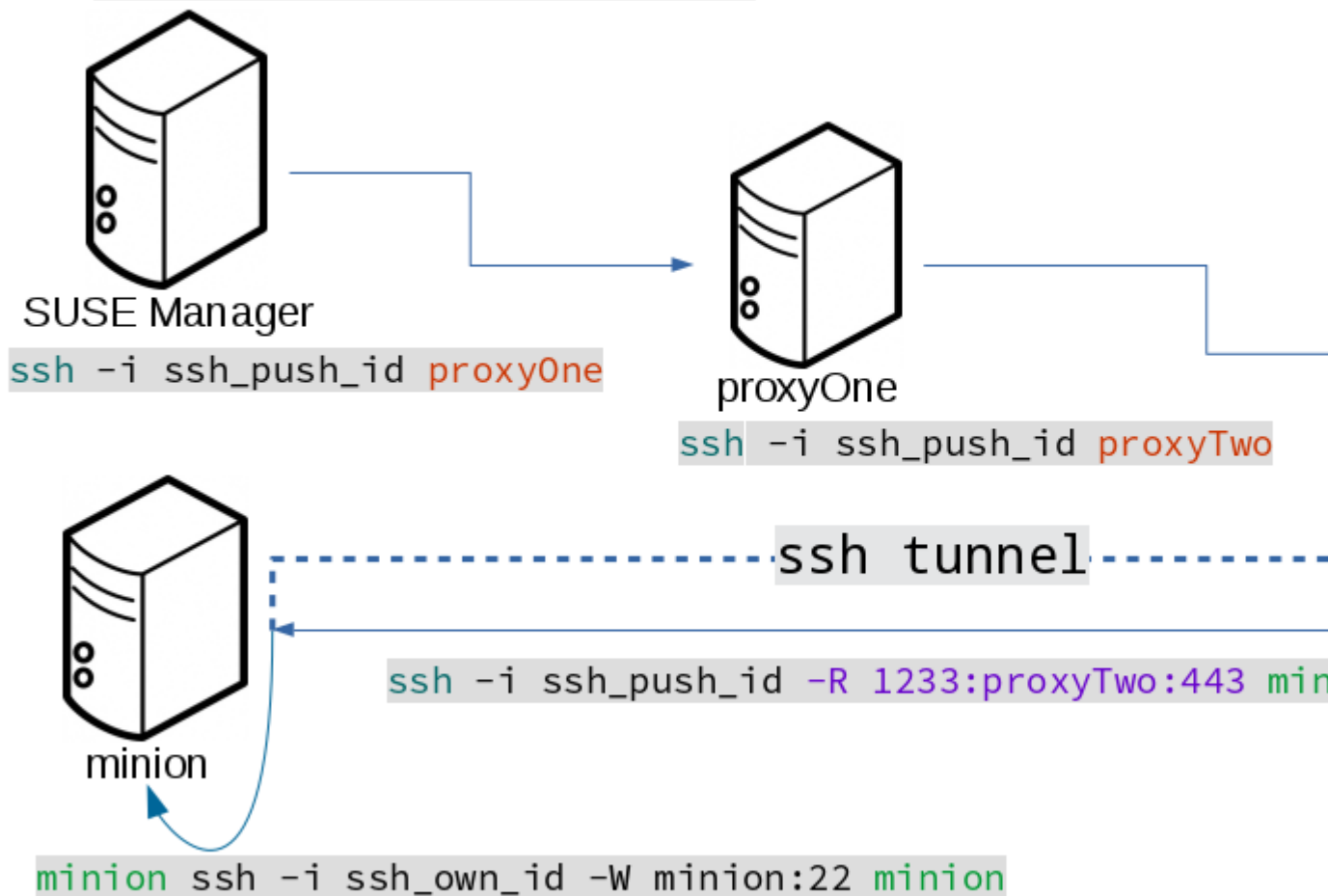
The following example uses the ProxyCommand option with two proxies over an ssh-push-tunnel connection:

```
# 1
/usr/bin/ssh -i /srv/susemanager/salt/salt_ssh/mgr_ssh_id -o User=mgrshtunnel proxy1
# 2
/usr/bin/ssh -i /home/mgrshtunnel/.ssh/id_susemanager_ssh_push -o User=mgrshtunnel
proxy2
# 3
/usr/bin/ssh -i /home/mgrshtunnel/.ssh/id_susemanager_ssh_push -o User=root -R
1233:proxy2:443 minion
# 4
/usr/bin/ssh -i /root/.ssh/mgr_own_id -W minion:22 -o User=root minion
```

STEPS

1. Connect from the server to the first proxy.
2. Connect from the first proxy to the second.
3. connect from the second proxy to the minion and open an reverse tunnel (-R 1233:proxy2:443) from the minion to the https port on the second proxy.
4. Connect from the minion to itself and forward the std i/o of the server to the ssh port of the minion (-W minion:22). This is equivalent to `ssh ... proxy2 netcat minion 22` and is needed because ssh doesn't allow to have both the reverse tunnel (-R 1233:proxy2:443) and the standard i/o forwarding (-W minion:22) in the same command.

```
ssh -i salt_ssh_id -o ProxyCommand='ssh -i ssh_push_id p
ssh_push_id proxyTwo ssh -i ssh_push_id -R 1233:proxyTwo
ssh_own_id -W minion:22 minion' root@minion1 <cmd>
```



Additional Information:

- SaltSSHService.sshProxyCommandOption (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/java/code/src/com/suse/manager/webui/services/impl/SaltSSHService.java>) ↗

6.7 Users and SSH Key Management

In order to connect to a proxy the parent server/proxy uses a specific user called mgrshtunnel.

The ssh config /etc/ssh/sshd_config of the proxy will force the execution of ``/usr/sbin/mgr-proxy-ssh-force-cmd`` when mgrshtunnel connects.

``/usr/sbin/mgr-proxy-ssh-force-cmd`` is a simple shell script that allows only the execution of scp, ssh or cat commands.

The connection to the proxy or minion is authorized using ssh keys in the following way:

1. The server connects to the minion and to the first proxy using the key in ``/srv/susemanager/salt/salt_ssh/mgr_ssh_id``.
2. Each proxy has its own key pair in ``/home/mgrshtunnel/.ssh/id_susemanager_ssh_push``.
3. Each proxy authorizes the key of the parent proxy or server.
4. The minion authorized its own key.

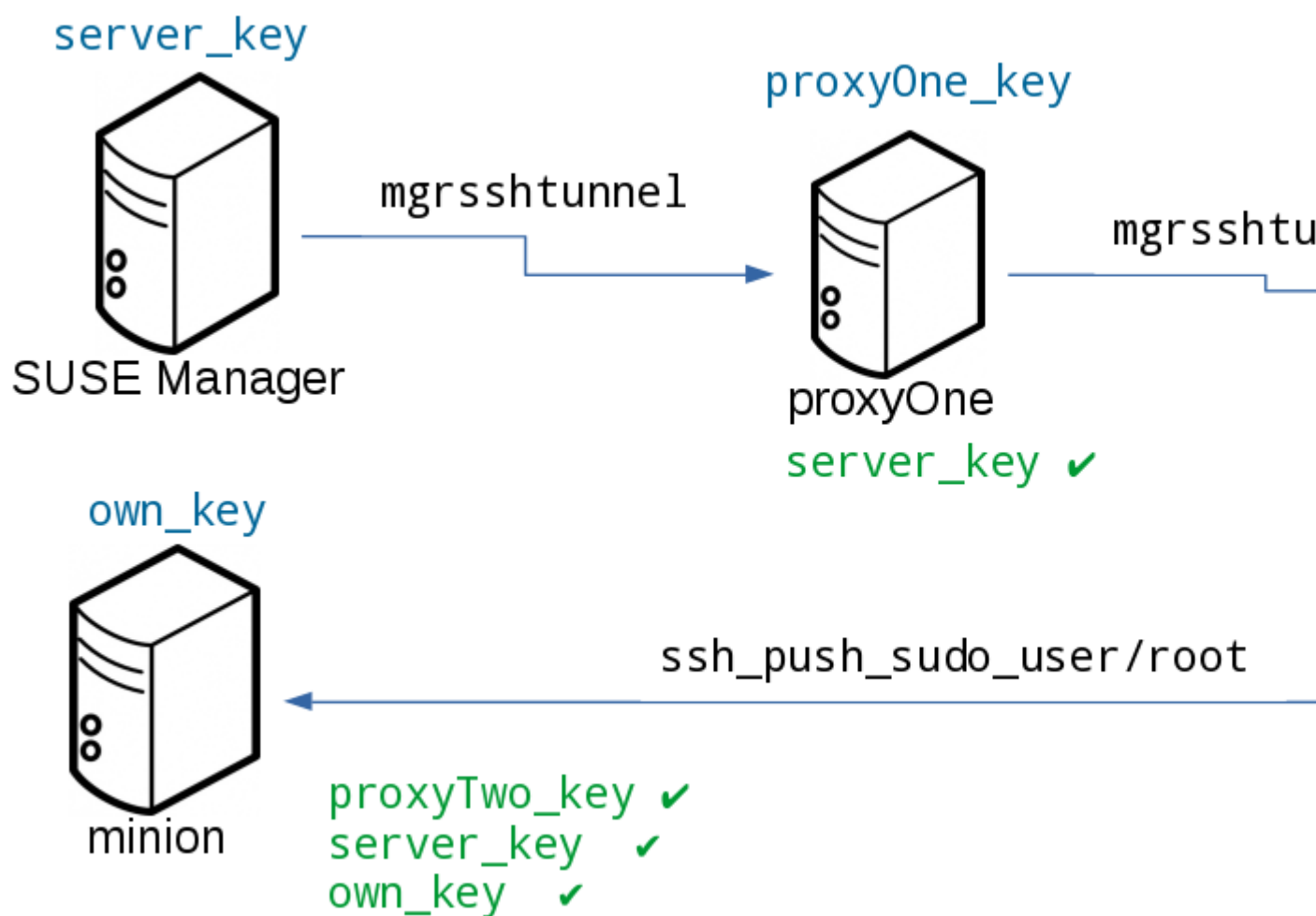


FIGURE 6.3: SALT SSH KEY AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

Additional Information:

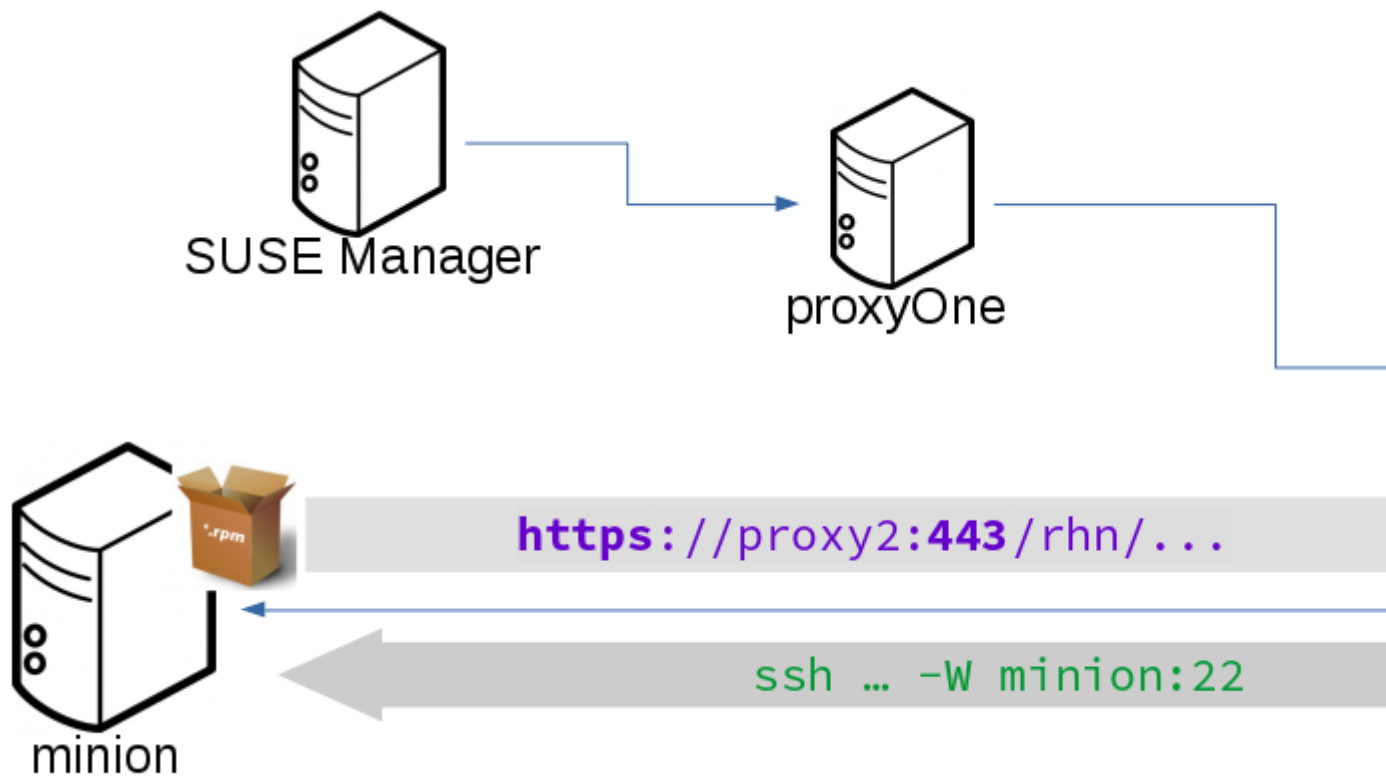
- `mgr-proxy-ssh-force-cmd` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/proxy/proxy/mgr-proxy-ssh-force-cmd>) ↗

6.8 Repository access via proxy

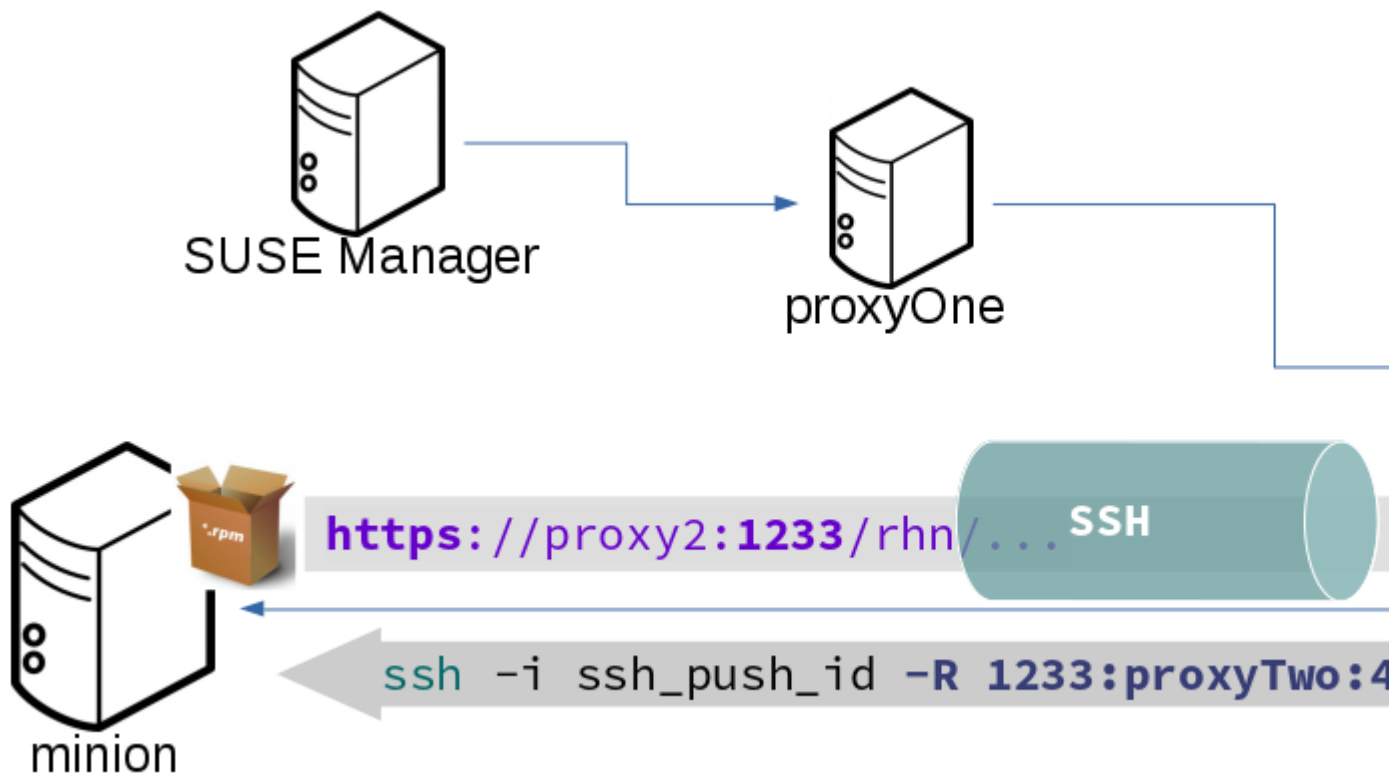
For both `ssh-push` and `ssh-push-tunnel` the minion connects to the proxy to retrieve packages and repo data.

The difference is how the connection works:

- In case of ssh-push, zypper or yum connect directly to the proxy using http(s). This assumes there's not firewall between the minion and the proxy that would block http connections initiated by the minion.



- In case of ssh-push-tunnel, the http connection to the proxy is redirected through a reverse ssh tunnel.



6.9 Proxy setup

When the `spacewalk-proxy` package is installed on the proxy the user `mgrsshtunnel` is created if it doesn't already exist.

During the initial configuration with `configure-proxy.sh` the following happens:

1. Generate a ssh key pair or import an existing one
2. Retrieve the ssh key of the parent server/proxy in order to authorize it on the proxy
3. Configure the `sshd` of the proxy to restrict the user `mgrsshtunnel`

This configuration is done by the `mgr-proxy-ssh-push-init` script. This is called from `configure-proxy.sh` and the user doesn't have to invoke it manually.

Retrieving the parent key is done by calling an HTTP endpoint on the parent server or proxy.

1. First [https://\\$PARENT/pub/id_susemanager_ssh_push.pub](https://$PARENT/pub/id_susemanager_ssh_push.pub) is tried. If the parent is proxy this will return the public ssh key of that proxy.
2. If a `404` is received then it's assumed the parent is a server not a proxy and [https://\\$PARENT/rhn/manager/download/saltssh/pubkey](https://$PARENT/rhn/manager/download/saltssh/pubkey) is tried.
 - a. If /srv/susemanager/salt/salt_ssh/mgr_ssh_id.pub already exists on the server it's returned
 - b. If the public key doesn't exist (because `salt-ssh` has not been invoked yet) generate the key by calling the `mgrutil.ssh_keygen` runner



Note

`salt-ssh` generates a key pair the first time it is invoked in /srv/susemanager/salt/salt_ssh/mgr_ssh_id. The previous sequence is needed in case a proxy is configured before `salt-ssh` was invoked for the first time.

Additional Information:

- `com.suse.manager.webui.controllers.SaltSSHController` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/java/code/src/com/suse/manager/webui/controllers/SaltSSHController.java>) ↗
- `mgrutil.ssh_keygen` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/susemanager-utils/susemanager-sls/modules/runners/mgrutil.py>) ↗
- `mgr-proxy-ssh-push-init` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/proxy/proxy/mgr-proxy-ssh-push-init>) ↗
- `spacewalk-proxy.spec` (<https://github.com/SUSE/spacewalk/blob/Manager/proxy/proxy/spacewalk-proxy.spec>) ↗

7 Monitoring with Icinga

7.1 Introduction

This chapter provides guidance on the setup of an Icinga server using SLES {sles-version}{sp-version} . For more information, see the Official Icinga documentation: <http://docs.icinga.org/latest/en/>.

7.2 Installation and Basic Configuration

Icinga packages are found in the SLE-Manager-Tools{sles-version} -Updates x86_64.



Tip: Icinga Installation Location

Do not install Icinga on the SUSE Manager server. Install Icinga on a stand-alone SUSE Linux Enterprise client.

PROCEDURE: INSTALLATION AND BASIC CONFIGURATION

1. Register the new client with SUSE Manager and subscribe it to the SUSE Manager client and update channels. SLES {sles-version} and later include these channels by default.
2. Install the required Icinga packages on the new client:

```
zypper in icinga icinga-idoutils-pgsql postgresql postgresql94-server \  
monitoring-plugins-all apache2
```

3. Edit the /etc/icinga/objects/contacts.cfg file and add the email address which you will use for receiving alerts.

```
define contact {  
    contact_name    icingaadmin        ; Short name of user  
    use             generic-contact    ; Inherit default values  
    alias           Icinga Admin       ; Full name of user  
    email           icinga@localhost   ; <<*** CHANGE THIS TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS  
    ***  
}
```

4. Enable postgres on boot and start the database:

```
systemctl enable postgresql.service
systemctl start postgresql.service
```

5. Create the database and user for Icinga:

```
>psql
postgres=# ALTER USER postgres WITH PASSWORD '<newpassword>';
postgres=# CREATE USER icinga;
postgres=# ALTER USER icinga WITH PASSWORD 'icinga';
postgres=# CREATE DATABASE icinga;
postgres=# GRANT ALL ON DATABASE icinga TO icinga;
postgres=# \q
exit
```

6. Adjust client authentication rights located in /var/lib/pgsql/data/pg_hba.conf to match the following:

#	TYPE	DATABASE	USER	ADDRESS	METHOD
	local	icinga	icinga		trust
	local	all	postgres		ident
# "local" is for Unix domain socket connections only					
	local	all	all		trust
# IPv4 local connections:					
	host	all	all	127.0.0.1/32	trust
# IPv6 local connections:					
	host	all	all	:::1/128	trust
# Allow replication connections from localhost, by a user with the					
# replication privilege.					
	#local	replication	postgres		peer
	#host	replication	postgres	127.0.0.1/32	ident
	#host	replication	postgres	:::1/128	ident



Important: Placement of Authentication Settings

Ensure the local entries for icinga authentication settings are placed above all other local entries or you will get an error when configuring the database schema. The entries in pg_hba.conf are read from top to bottom.

7. Reload the Postgres service:

```
systemctl reload postgresql.service
```

8. Configure the database schema by running the following command in `/usr/share/doc/packages/icinga-idoutils-pgsql/pgsql/`:

```
psql -U icinga -d icinga < pgsql.sql
```

9. Edit the following lines in `/etc/icinga/ido2db.cfg` to switch from the default setting of mysql to postgres:

```
vi /etc/icinga/ido2db.cfg

db_servertype=pgsql
db_port=5432
```



Important: Open Firewall Port

Allow port 5432 through your firewall or you will not be able to access the WebGUI.

10. Create an icinga admin account for logging into the web interface:

```
htpasswd -c /etc/icinga/htpasswd.users icingaadmin
```

11. Enable and start all required services:

```
systemctl enable icinga.service
systemctl start icinga.service
systemctl enable ido2db.service
systemctl start ido2db.service
systemctl enable apache2.service
systemctl start apache2.service
```

12. Login to the WebGUI at: <http://localhost/icinga>.

This concludes setup and initial configuration of Icinga.

7.3 Icinga and NRPE Quickstart

The following sections provides an overview on monitoring your SUSE Manager server using Icinga. You will add SUSE Manager as a host to Icinga and use a Nagios script/plugin to monitor running services via NRPE (Nagios Remote Plugin Executor). This section does not attempt to cover all monitoring solutions Icinga has to offer but should help you get started.

PROCEDURE: ADDING SUSE MANAGER TO ICINGA FOR MONITORING

1. On your SUSE Manager server install the required packages:

```
zypper install nagios-nrpe susemanager-nagios-plugin insserv nrpe monitoring-  
plugins-nrpe
```

2. Modify the NRPE configuration file located at:

```
/etc/nrpe.cfg
```

Edit or add the following lines:

```
server_port=5666  
nrpe_user=nagios  
nrpe_group=nagios  
allowed_hosts=Icinga.example.com  
dont_blame_nrpe=1  
command[check_systemd.sh]=/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_systemd.sh $ARG1$
```

Variable definitions:

server_port

The variable `server_port` defines the port nrpe will listen on. The default port is 5666. This port must be opened in your firewall.

nrpe_user

The variables `nrpe_user` and `nrpe_group` control the user and group IDs that nrpe will run under. SUSE Manager probes need access to the database, therefore nrpe requires access to database credentials stored in `/etc/rhn/rhn.conf`. There are multiple ways to achieve this. You may add the user `nagios` to the group `www` (this is already done for other IDs such as tomcat); alternatively you can simply have nrpe run with the effective group ID `www` in `/etc/rhn/rhn.conf`.

allowed_hosts

The variable `allowed_hosts` defines which hosts nrpe will accept connections from. Enter the FQDN or IP address of your Icinga server here.

`dont_blame_nrpe`

The use of variable `dont_blame_nrpe` is unavoidable in this example. `nrpe` commands by default will not allow arguments being passed due to security reasons. However, in this example you should pass the name of the host you want information on to `nrpe` as an argument. This action is only possible when setting the variable to 1.

`command[check_systemd.sh]`

You need to define the command(s) that `nrpe` can run on SUSE Manager . To add a new `nrpe` command specify a command call by adding `command` followed by square brackets containing the actual nagios/icinga plugin name. Next define the location of the script to be called on your SUSE Manager server. Finally the variable `$ARG1$` will be replaced by the actual host the Icinga server would like information about. In the example above, the command is named `check_systemd.sh` . You can specify any name you like but keep in mind the command name is the actual script stored in `/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/` on your SUSE Manager server. This name must also match your probe definition on the Icinga server. *This will be described in greater detail later in the chapter. The `check_systemd.sh` script/plugin will also be provided in a later section.*

3. Once your configuration is complete load the new `nrpe` configuration with:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl start nrpe
```

This concludes setup of `nrpe`.

7.3.1 Adding a Host to Icinga

To add a new host to Icinga create a `host.cfg` file for each host in `/etc/icinga/conf.d/` . For example `susemanager.cfg` :

```
define host {
    host_name      susemanager
    alias          SUSE Manager
    address        192.168.1.1
    check_period    24x7
    check_interval  1
    retry_interval  1
    max_check_attempts 10
    check_command   check-host-alive
}
```

```
}
```



Note

Place the host IP address you want to add to Icinga on the Address line.

After adding a new host restart Icinga and load the new configuration:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl restart icinga
```

7.3.2 Adding Services

To add services for monitoring on a specific host define them by adding a service definition to your `host.cfg` file located in `/etc/icinga/conf.d` . For example you can monitor if a systems SSH service is running with the following service definition.

```
define service {
    host_name      susemanager
    use            generic-service
    service_description SSH
    check_command  check_ssh
    check_interval 60
}
```

After adding any new services restart Icinga to load the new configuration:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl restart icinga
```

7.3.3 Creating Hostgroups

You can create hostgroups to simplify and visualize hosts logically. Create a `hostgroups.cfg` file located in `/etc/icinga/conf.d/` and add the following lines:

```
define hostgroup {
    hostgroup_name ssh_group
    alias          ssh group
    members        susemanager,mars,jupiter,pluto,examplehost4
}
```

The `members` variable should contain the `host_name` from within each `host.cfg` file you created to represent your hosts. Every time you add an additional host by creating a `host.cfg` ensure you add the `host_name` to the `members` list of included hosts if you want it to be included within a logical hostgroup.

After adding hosts to a hostgroup restart Icinga to load the new configuration:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl restart icinga
```

7.3.4 Creating Servicegroups

You can create logical groupings of services as well. For example if you would like to create a group of essential SUSE Manager services which are running define them within a `servicegroups.cfg` file placed in `/etc/icinga/conf.d/`

```
#Servicegroup 1
define servicegroup {
    servicegroup_name    SUSE Manager Essential Services
    alias                Essential Services
}

#Servicegroup 2
define servicegroup {
    servicegroup_name    Client Patch Status
    alias                SUSE Manager 3 Client Patch Status
}
```

Within each host's `host.cfg` file add a service to a servicegroup with the following variable:

```
define service {
    use                generic-service
    service_description SSH
    check_command      check_ssh
    check_interval     60
    servicegroups      SUSE Manager Essential Services
}
```

All services that include the `servicegroups` variable and the name of the servicegroup will be added to the specified servicegroup. After adding services to a servicegroup restart Icinga to load the new configuration:

```
{prompt.root}systemctl restart icinga
```

7.4 Monitoring Systemd Services

The following section provides information on monitoring uptime of critical SUSE Manager services.

PROCEDURE: MONITORING RUNNING SYSTEMD SERVICES

1. As root create a new plugin file called `check_systemd.sh` in `/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/` on your SUSE Manager server:

```
vi /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/ check_systemd.sh
```

2. For this example you will use an opensource community script to monitor Systemd services. You may also wish to write your own.

```
#!/bin/bash
# Copyright (C) 2016 Mohamed El Morabity <melmorabity@fedoraproject.com>
#
# This module is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify it under
# the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by the Free Software
# Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or (at your option) any later
# version.
#
# This software is distributed in the hope that it will be useful, but WITHOUT
# ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS
# FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the GNU General Public License for more details.
#
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# this program. If not, see <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>.

PLUGINDIR=$(dirname $0)
. $PLUGINDIR/utils.sh

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Usage: ${0##*/} <service name>" >&2
    exit $STATE_UNKNOWN
fi

service=$1

status=$(systemctl is-enabled $service 2>/dev/null)
r=$?
if [ -z "$status" ]; then
    echo "ERROR: service $service doesn't exist"
```



```

    exit $STATE_CRITICAL
fi

if [ $r -ne 0 ]; then
    echo "ERROR: service $service is $status"
    exit $STATE_CRITICAL
fi

systemctl --quiet is-active $service
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
    echo "ERROR: service $service is not running"
    exit $STATE_CRITICAL
fi

echo "OK: service $service is running"
exit $STATE_OK

```

A current version of this script can be found at: https://github.com/melmorability/nagios-plugin-systemd-service/blob/master/check_systemd_service.sh ↗



Warning: Non-supported 3rd Party Plugin

The script used in this example is an external script and is not supported by SUSE . Always check to ensure scripts are not modified or contain malicious code before using them on production machines.

3. Make the script executable:

```
chmod 755 check_systemd.sh
```

4. On your SUSE manager server add the following line to the `nrpe.cfg` located at `/etc/nrpe.cfg` :

```
# SUSE Manager Service Checks
command[check_systemd.sh]=/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_systemd.sh $ARG1$
```

This will allow the Icinga server to call the plugin via nrpe on SUSE Manager .

5. Provide proper permissions by adding the script to the sudoers file:

```
{prompt.root}visudo
```

```
nagios    ALL=(ALL)        NOPASSWD:/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_systemd.sh
```

```
Defaults:nagios !requiretty
```

You can also add permissions to the entire plugin directory instead of allowing permissions for individual scripts:

```
nagios ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/
```

6. On your Icinga server define the following command within /etc/icinga/objects/commands.cfg :

```
define command {
    command_name    check-systemd-service
    command_line    /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H $HOSTADDRESS$ -c
    check_systemd.sh -a $ARG1$
}
```

7. Now you will add the following critical services to be monitored to your SUSE Manager host file:

- auditlog-keeper.service
- jabberd.service
- spacewalk-wait-for-jabberd.service
- tomcat.service
- spacewalk-wait-for-tomcat.service
- salt-master.service
- salt-api.service
- spacewalk-wait-for-salt.service
- apache2.service
- osa-dispatcher.service
- rhn-search.service
- Cobblerd.service
- taskomatic.service
- spacewalk-wait-for-taskomatic.service

On your Icinga server add the following service blocks to your SUSE Manager host file `susemanager.cfg` file located in `/etc/icinga/conf.d/` . (This configuration file was created in the previous section *Adding a Host to Icinga.*)

+

```
# Monitor Audit Log Keeper
define service {
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval     1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Audit Log Keeper Service
    servicegroups      SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!auditlog-keeper.service
}

# Monitor Jabberd
define service {
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval     1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Jabberd Service
    servicegroups      SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!jabberd.service
}

# Monitor Spacewalk Wait for Jabberd
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval     1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Spacewalk Wait For Jabberd Service
    servicegroups      SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!spacewalk-wait-for-
jabberd.service
}

# Monitor Tomcat
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
```

```

        check_interval      1
        active_checks_enabled 1
        service_description  Tomcat Service
        servicegroups        SUSE Manager Essential Services
        check_command         check-systemd-service!tomcat.service
    }

# Monitor Spacewalk Wait for Tomcat
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Spacewalk Wait For Tomcat Service
    servicegroups        SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command        check-systemd-service!spacewalk-wait-for-
tomcat.service
}

# Monitor Salt Master
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Salt Master Service
    servicegroups        SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command        check-systemd-service!salt-master.service
}

# Monitor Salt API
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Salt API Service
    servicegroups        SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command        check-systemd-service!salt-api.service
}

# Monitor Spacewalk Wait for Salt
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1

```

```

        service_description    Spacewalk Wait For Salt Service
        servicegroups          SUSE Manager Essential Services
        check_command           check-systemd-service!spacewalk-wait-for-salt.service
    }

# Monitor apache2
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Apache2 Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!apache2.service
}

# Monitor osa dispatcher
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Osa Dispatcher Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!osa-dispatcher.service
}

# Monitor rhn search
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description RHN Search Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!rhn-search.service
}

# Monitor Cobblerd
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Cobblerd Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command       check-systemd-service!cobblerd.service
}

```

```

}

# Monitor taskomatic
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Taskomatic Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command        check-systemd-service!taskomatic.service
}

# Monitor wait for taskomatic
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          susemanager
    check_interval      1
    active_checks_enabled 1
    service_description Spacewalk Wait For Taskomatic Service
    servicegroups       SUSE Manager Essential Services
    check_command        check-systemd-service!spacewalk-wait-for-
taskomatic.service
}

```

+ Each of these service blocks will be passed as the `check-systemd-service!$ARG1$` variable to SUSE manager server via `nrpe`. You probably noticed the `servicegroups` parameter was also included. This adds each service to a servicegroup and has been defined in a `servicesgroups.cfg` file located in `/etc/icinga/conf.d/` :

+

```

define servicegroup {
    servicegroup_name    SUSE Manager Essential Services
    alias                Essential Services
}

```

8. Restart Icinga:

```
systemctl restart icinga
```

7.5 Using the check_suma_patches Plugin

You can use the `check_suma_patches` plugin to check if any machines connected to SUSE Manager as clients require a patch or an update. The following procedure will guide you through the setup of the `check_suma_patches` plugin.

PROCEDURE: SETUP CHECK_SUMA_PATCHES

1. On your SUSE Manager server open `/etc/nrpe.cfg` and add the following lines:

```
# SUSE Manager check_patches
command[check_suma_patches]=sudo /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_suma_patches $ARG1$
```

2. On your Icinga server open `/etc/icinga/objects/commands.cfg` and define the following command:

```
define command{
    command_name      check_suma
    command_line       /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H 192.168.1.1 -c $ARG1$
    -a $HOSTNAME$
}
```

3. On your Icinga server open any of your SUSE Manager client host configuration files located at `/etc/icinga/conf.d/clients.cfg` and add the following service definition:

```
define service {
    use                generic-service
    host_name           client-hostname
    service_description Available Patches for client-host_name
    servicegroups       Client Patch Status
    check_command        check_suma!check_suma_patches
}
```

4. In the above service definition notice that this host is included in the servicegroup labeled *Client Patch Status*. Add the following servicegroup definition to `/etc/icinga/conf.d/servicegroups.cfg` to create a servicegroup:

```
define servicegroup {
    servicegroup_name    Client Patch Status
    alias                SUSE Manager 3 Client Patch Status
}
```

- 5.

- OK: System is up to date
- Warning: At least one patch or package update is available
- Critical: At least one security/critical update is available
- Unspecified: The host cannot be found in the SUSE Manager database or the host name is not unique

This concludes setup of the check_suma_patches plugin.

7.6 Using the check_suma_lastevent Plugin

You can use the check_suma_lastevent plugin to display the last action executed on any host. The following procedure will guide you through the setup of the check_suma_patches plugin.

PROCEDURE: SETUP CHECK_SUMA_LASTEVENT

1. On your SUSE Manager server open /etc/nrpe.cfg and add the following lines:

```
# Check SUSE Manager Hosts last events
command[check_events]=sudo /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_suma_lastevent $ARG1$
```

2. On the Icinga server open /etc/icinga/objects/commands.cfg and add the following lines:

```
define command {
    command_name    check_events
    command_line    /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H manager.suse.de -c
    $ARG1$ -a $HOSTNAME$
}
```

3. On your Icinga server add the following line to a host.cfg service definition:

```
define service{
    use                generic-service
    host_name          hostname
    service_description Last Events
    check_command       check_events!check_suma_lastevent
```




```
}
```


4. Status will be reported as follows:

- OK:Last action completed successfully
- Warning: Action is currently in progress
- Critical:Last action failed
- Unspecified:The host cannot be found in the SUSE Manager database or the host name is not unique

This concludes setup of the check_suma_lastevent plugin.

7.7 Additional Resources

For more information, see Icinga's official documentation located at <http://docs.icinga.org/latest/en> .

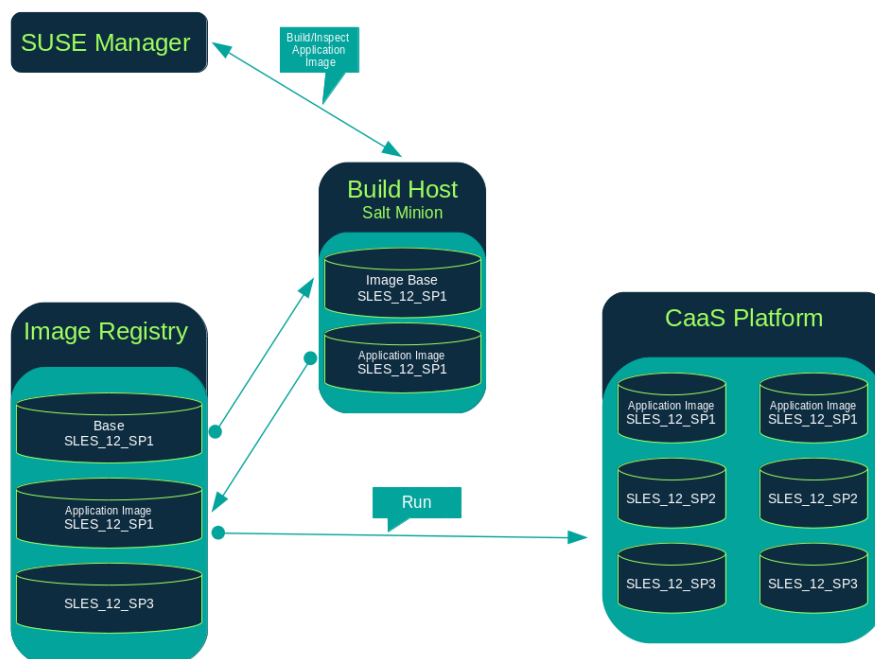
For some excellent time saving configuration tips and tricks not covered in this guide, see the following section located within the official documentation: <http://docs.icinga.org/latest/en/objecttricks.html> .

8 Image Building and Management

8.1 Image Building Overview

SUSE Manager enables system administrators to build containers, system, and virtual images. SUSE Manager helps with creating Image Stores and managing Image Profiles.

8.2 Container Images



8.2.1 Requirements

The containers feature is available for Salt minions running SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 or later. The following requirements should be met before following this guide:

- You will need an existing external Github or internal Gitlab Repository containing a Dockerfile and configuration scripts (Example scripts are provided in the following sections)
- Portus or another image registry properly configured.



Note: Registry Provider Solutions

If you require a private image registry you can use an open source solution such as Portus. For additional information on setting up Portus as a registry provider, see the: ** [Portus Documentation \(http://port.us.org/\)](http://port.us.org/) ↗

For more information on Containers or CaaS Platform review the following links:

- [SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP3 Docker Guide \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_sles_docker/data/book_sles_docker.html\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_sles_docker/data/book_sles_docker.html) ↗
- [SUSE CaaS Platform 2 Documentation \(https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-caasp-2/\)](https://www.suse.com/documentation/suse-caasp-2/) ↗

8.2.2 Creating a Build Host

To build all kind of images with SUSE Manager, you will need to create and configure a build host. Build hosts are Salt minions running SLES 12 or later. The following steps will guide you through the initial configuration for a build host.

From the SUSE Manager{webui} perform the following steps to configure a build host.

1. Select a minion that will be designated as a build host from the *Systems > Overview* page.
2. From the *System Details* page for the selected minion assign the containers modules by going to *Software > Software Channels* and enable SLE-Module-Containers12-Pool and SLE-Module-Containers12-Updates. Confirm by clicking *Change Subscriptions*.

3. From the *System Details > Properties* page, enable the *Add-on System Type* Container Build Host and confirm by selecting *Update Properties*.
4. Install all required packages by applying the Highstate. From the system's details page select *States > Highstate* and select *Apply Highstate*. Alternatively apply a Highstate from the command line by executing state.highstate from command line of the SUSE Manager server.

8.2.2.1 Define Container Build Channels with an Activation Key

Create an activation key associated with the channel that your images will use.

Create Activation Key ⓘ

Activation Key Details

Systems registered with this activation key will inherit the settings listed below.

Description:
 Use this to describe what kind of settings this key will reflect on systems that use it. If left blank, this field will be filled in 'None'.

Key: 1-
 Activation key can contains only numbers [0-9], letters [a-z A-Z], '-', '_' and '!'.
 Leave blank for automatic key generation. Note that the prefix is an indication of the SUSE Manager organization the key is associated with.

Usage:
 Leave blank for unlimited use.

Base Channel:
 Choose "SUSE Manager Default" to allow systems to register to the default SUSE Manager provided channel that corresponds to the installed SUSE Linux version. Instead of the default, you may choose a particular SUSE provided channel or a custom base channel, but if a system using this key is not compatible with the selected channel, it will fall back to its SUSE Manager Default channel.

Add-On System Types: ☐ Container Build Host
☐ Virtualization Host

Contact Method:

Universal Default: ☐
 Tip: Only one universal default activation key may be set for this organization. By setting this key as universal default, you will remove universal default status from the current universal default key if it exists. If this key is set as universal default, then newly-registered systems to your organization will inherit the properties of this key.

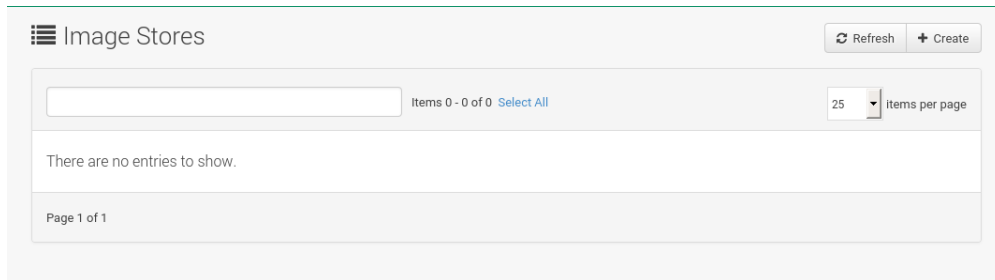
Create Activation Key

1. From the left navigation menu select *Systems > Activation Keys*.
2. Click *Create Key*.
3. Enter a Description , a Key name. Use the drop-down menu to select the Base Channel that should be associated with this key. Confirm with *Create Activation Key*.

For more information, see Book “Best Practices”, Chapter 7 “Activation Key Management”.

8.2.3 Creating an Image Store

Define a location to store all of your images by creating an Image Store.



1. From the left navigation menu select *Images > Stores*.
2. Click *Create* to create a new store.

1. SUSE Manager currently provides support only for the `Registry` *Store Type*. Define a name for the image store in the *Label* field.
2. Provide the path to your image registry by filling in the *URI* field. The FQDN of the container registry host (whether internal or external) is sufficient.

registry.example.com

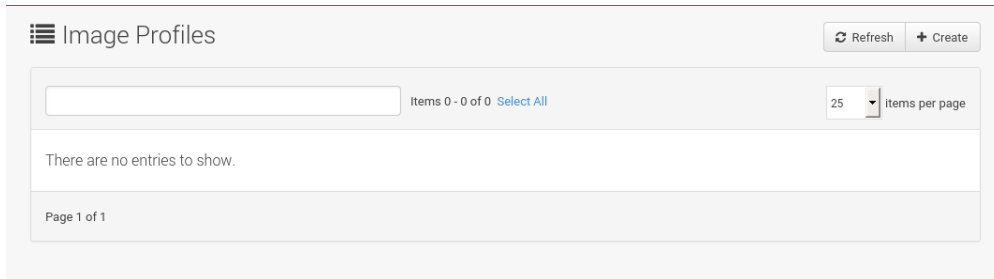
Registry URI is also used to specify image store on used registry.

```
registry.example.com:5000/myregistry/myproject
```

3. Click *Create* to add the new Image Store.

8.2.4 Creating an Image Profile

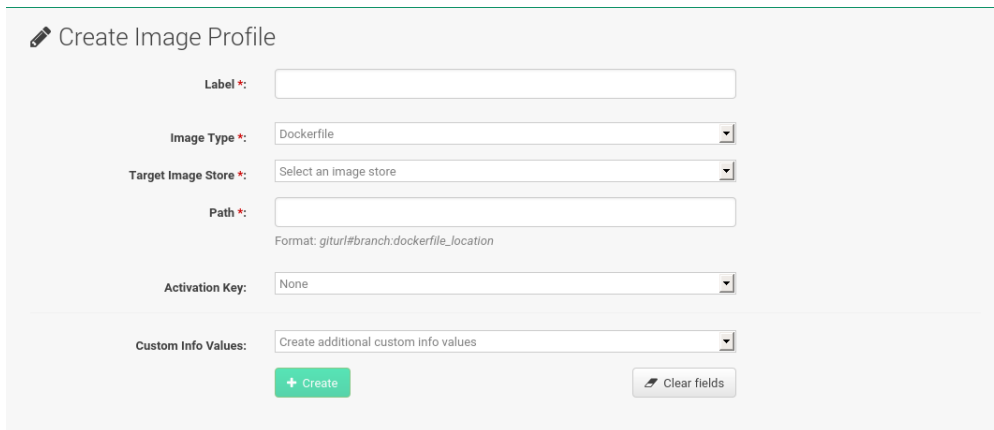
Manage Image Profiles from the Image Profile page.



The screenshot shows the 'Image Profiles' management interface. At the top, there is a header with a menu icon and the text 'Image Profiles'. To the right of the header are two buttons: 'Refresh' and '+ Create'. Below the header is a search bar and a status indicator 'Items 0 - 0 of 0' with a link 'Select All'. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu set to '25' with the text 'Items per page'. The main content area is empty and contains the text 'There are no entries to show.' At the bottom of the main content area, it says 'Page 1 of 1'.

PROCEDURE: CREATE AN IMAGE PROFILE

1. To create an image profile select *Image > Profiles* and click *Create*.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Image Profile' form. It has a header with a pencil icon and the text 'Create Image Profile'. The form contains several fields: 'Label *' (text input), 'Image Type *' (dropdown menu with 'Dockerfile' selected), 'Target Image Store *' (dropdown menu with 'Select an image store' selected), 'Path *' (text input with a hint 'Format: giturl#branch:dockerfile_location'), 'Activation Key' (dropdown menu with 'None' selected), and 'Custom Info Values' (dropdown menu with 'Create additional custom info values' selected). At the bottom of the form are two buttons: '+ Create' and 'Clear fields'.

1. Provide a name for the Image Profile by filling in the *Label* field.



Note

Only lower case alphanumeric characters are permitted as container label. In case your container image tag is a format such as myproject/myimage, make sure your Image store registry URI contains the /myproject suffix.

2. Use a Dockerfile as the Image Type

3. Use the drop-down menu to select your registry from the Target Image Store field in case of Dockerfile image type.
4. Enter a Github or Gitlab repository URL (http/https/token authentication) in the *Path* field using one of the following formats:

GITHUB PATH OPTIONS

- Github Single User Project Repository:

```
https://github.com/USER/project.git#branchname:folder
```

- Github Organization Project Repository:

```
https://github.com/ORG/project.git#branchname:folder
```

- Github Token Authentication

If your GIT repository is private and not publicly accessible, you need to modify the profile's GIT URL to include some authentication. Use the following URL format to authenticate with a Github token.

```
https://USER:<AUTHENTICATION_TOKEN>@github.com/USER/project.git#master:/container/
```

GITLAB PATH OPTIONS

- Gitlab Single User Project Repository

```
https://gitlab.example.com/USER/project.git#master:/container/
```

- Gitlab Groups Project Repository

```
https://gitlab.example.com/GROUP/project.git#master:/container/
```

- Gitlab Token Authentication

If your GIT repository is private and not publicly accessible, you need to modify the profile's GIT URL to include some authentication. Use the following URL format to authenticate with a Gitlab token.

```
https://gitlab-ci-token:<AUTHENTICATION_TOKEN>@gitlab.example.com/USER/project.git#master:/container/
```

Important: Specifying a Github or Gitlab Branch

If a branch is not specified the master branch will be used by default. If a folder is not specified the image sources (Dockerfile sources) are expected to be in the root directory of the Github or Gitlab checkout.

1. Select an Activation Key (Activation Keys ensure images using a profile are assigned to the correct channel and packages).



Note: Relationship Between Activation Keys and Image Profiles

When you associate an activation key with an image profile you are ensuring any image using the profile will use the correct software channel and any packages in the channel.

2. Click the *Create* button.

8.2.5 Example Dockerfile and add_packages Script

The following is an example Dockerfile. You specify a Dockerfile that will be used during image building when creating an image profile. A Dockerfile and any associated scripts should be stored within an internal or external Github/Gitlab repository:



Important: Required Dockerfile Lines

The following basic Dockerfile lines provide access to a specific repository version served by SUSE manager. The following example Dockerfile is used by SUSE Manager to trigger a build job on a build host minion. These ARGs ensure that the image built is associated with the desired repo version served by SUSE Manager. These ARGs also allow you to build image versions of SLES which may differ from the version of SLES used by the build host itself.

For example: The ARG repo and echo to the repository file creates and then injects the correct path into the repo file for the desired channel version . *The repository version is determined by the activation key that you assigned to your Image Profile.*


```

FROM registry.example.com/sles12sp2
MAINTAINER Tux Administrator "tux@example.com"

### Begin: These lines Required for use with SUSE Manager

ARG repo
ARG cert

# Add the correct certificate
RUN echo "$cert" > /etc/pki/trust/anchors/RHN-ORG-TRUSTED-SSL-CERT.pem

# Update certificate trust store
RUN update-ca-certificates

# Add the repository path to the image
RUN echo "$repo" > /etc/zypp/repos.d/susemanager:dockerbuild.repo

### End: These lines required for use with SUSE Manager

# Add the package script
ADD add_packages.sh /root/add_packages.sh

# Run the package script
RUN /root/add_packages.sh

# After building remove the repository path from image
RUN rm -f /etc/zypp/repos.d/susemanager:dockerbuild.repo

```

The following is an example `add_packages.sh` script for use with your Dockerfile:

```

#!/bin/bash
set -e

zypper --non-interactive --gpg-auto-import-keys ref

zypper --non-interactive in python python-xml aaa_base aaa_base-extras net-tools timezone
vim less sudo tar

```

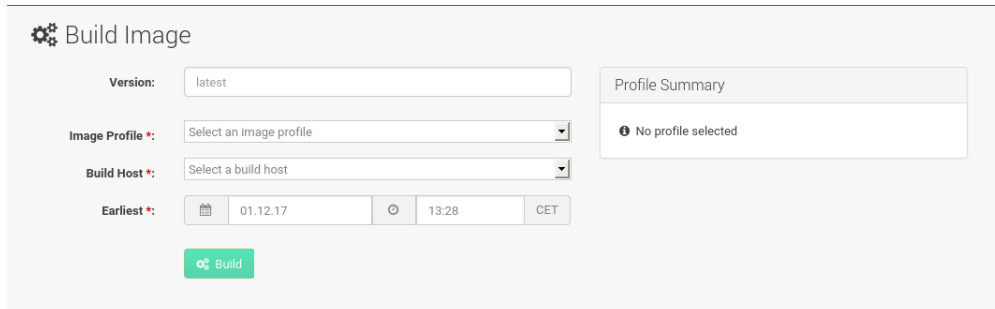


Note: Packages Required for Inspecting Your Images

To inspect images and provide the package and product list of a container to the SUSE Manager{webui} you are required to install `python` and `python-xml` within the container. If these packages remain uninstalled, your images will still build, but the package and product list will be unavailable from the Web UI.

8.2.6 Building an Image

There are two ways to build an image. You can select *Images* > *Build* from the left navigation bar, or click the build icon in the *Images* > *Profiles* list.



The screenshot shows a 'Build Image' form. On the left, there are four input fields: 'Version' with a text box containing 'latest'; 'Image Profile' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select an image profile'; 'Build Host' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select a build host'; and 'Earliest' with a date/time picker showing '01.12.17' and '13:28' in 'CET'. Below these fields is a green 'Build' button with a gear icon. On the right, there is a 'Profile Summary' box with a message: 'No profile selected'.

PROCEDURE: BUILD AN IMAGE

1. For this example select *Images* > *Build*.
2. Add a different tag name if you want a version other than the default latest (Only relevant to Containers).
3. Select the *Build Profile* and a *Build Host*



Note: Profile Summary

Notice the *Profile Summary* to the right of the build fields. When you have selected a build profile detailed information about the selected profile will show up in this area.

4. To schedule a build click the *Build* button.

8.2.7 Importing an Image

You can import and inspect arbitrary images. Select *Images* > *Images* from the left navigation bar. Fill the text boxes of the Import dialog. When processed the imported image will get listed on the *Images* page.

PROCEDURE: IMPORT AN IMAGE

1. From *Images* > *Images* click the *Import* to open the *Import Image* dialog.
2. In the *Import* dialog fill the following fields:

Image store

The registry from where the image will be pulled for inspection.

Image name

The name of the image in the registry.

Image version

The version of the image in the registry.

Build host

The build host that will pull and inspect the image.

Activation key

The activation key provides the path to the software channel that the image will be inspected with.

For confirmation, click *Import* .

At this point, the entry for the image is created in the database and an *Inspect Image* action on SUSE Manager is scheduled right away.

When processed find the imported image in the images list. You can recognize it because of a different icon in the *Build* column, which means that the image is imported (see screenshot below). The status icon for the imported image can also be seen on the overview tab for the image.

8.2.8 Troubleshooting

The following are some known pitfalls when working with images.

- HTTPS certificates to access the registry or the git repositories should be deployed to the minion by a custom state file.
- SSH git access with docker is currently unsupported. You may test it, but SUSE will not provide support.
- If the `python` and `python-xml` packages are not installed within your images during the build process, Salt cannot run within the container and reporting of installed packages or products will fail. This will result in an unknown update status.

9 Kubernetes Integration Guide

9.1 Prerequisites

The prerequisites listed below should be met before proceeding.

- At least one *Kubernetes* or *SUSE CaaS Platform* cluster available on your network
- SUSE Manager configured for container management



Note

Required channels are present, a registered build host available etc.

- virtual-host-gatherer-Kubernetes package installed on your SUSE Manager server

9.2 Requirements

- Kubernetes version 1.5.0 or higher. Alternatively use SUSE CaaS Platform (*SUSE CaaS Platform includes Kubernetes 1.5.0 by default*)
- Docker version 1.12 or higher on the container build host



Note

To enable all Kubernetes related features within the Web UI , the virtual-host-gatherer-Kubernetes package must be installed.

9.3 Register Kubernetes as a Virtual Host Manager

Kubernetes clusters are registered with SUSE Manager as virtual host managers. Registration and authorization begins with importing a kubeconfig file using Kubernetes official command line tool kubectl.

PROCEDURE: REGISTERING A KUBERNETES CLUSTER WITH SUSE MANAGER

1. Select *Systems > Virtual Host Managers* from the navigation menu.

2. Expand the Create dropdown in the upper right corner of the page and select *Kubernetes Cluster* .
3. Input a label for the new Virtual Host Manager.
4. Select the kubeconfig file which contains the required data for the Kubernetes cluster.
5. Select the correct *context* for the cluster, as specified in the kubeconfig file.
6. Click Create.

9.4 Viewing the List of Nodes in a Cluster

1. Select *Systems > Virtual Host Managers* from the navigation menu.
2. Select the desired Kubernetes cluster to view it.
3. Node data is not refreshed during registration. To refresh node data, click on Schedule refresh data.
4. Refresh the browser. If the node data is not available wait a few moments and try again.

9.5 Obtaining Runtime Data about Images

See the following steps to find runtime data for images.

1. Select *Images > Images* from the navigation menu.
2. In the image list table, take notice of the new runtime columns. These are labeled: Revision, Runtime and Instances. Initially these columns will not provide useful data.

- Revision: An artificial sequence number which increments on every rebuild for manager-built images, or on every reimport for externally built images.
- Runtime: Overall status of the running instances of the image throughout the registered clusters. The status can be one of the following:
 - All instances are consistent with SUSE Manager: All the running instances are running the same build of the image as tracked by SUSE Manager.
 - Outdated instances found: Some of the instances are running an older build of the image. A redeploy of the image into the pod may be required.
 - No information: The checksum of the instance image does not match the image data contained in SUSE Manager. A redeploy of the image into the pod may be required.
- Instances : Number of instances running this image across all the clusters registered in SUSE Manager. A breakdown of numbers can be seen by clicking on the pop-up icon next to the number.

9.6 Building an image for deployment in Kubernetes

The following steps will help you build an image for deployment in Kubernetes.

1. Under *Images > Stores* , create an image store.
2. Under *Images > Profiles* , create an image profile (with a Dockerfile which is suitable to deploy to Kubernetes).
3. Under *Images > Build* , build an image with the new profile and wait for the build to finish.
4. Deploy the image into one of the registered Kubernetes clusters (via `kubect1`).
5. Notice the updated data in Runtime and Instances columns in the respective image row.

9.7 Importing an image already deployed in Kubernetes

The following steps will guide you through importing a previously deployed image in Kubernetes.

1. Select an image that has already been deployed to any of your registered Kubernetes clusters.
2. Add the registry owning the image to SUSE Manager as an image store.
3. Select *Images* > *Images* , click Import from the top-right corner, fill in the form fields and click Import .
4. Notice the updated data in Runtime and Instances columns in the respective image row.

9.8 Obtaining Additional Runtime Data

The following steps will help you find additional runtime data.

1. Select to *Images* > *Images* , click the Details button on the right end of a row which has running instances.
2. Under the Overview tab, notice the data in Runtime and Instances fields under Image Info section.
3. Select the Runtime tab.
4. Here is a breakdown of the Kubernetes pods running this image in all the registered clusters including the following data:
 - Pod name
 - Namespace which the pod resides in
 - The runtime status of the container in the specific pod. Status icons are explained in the preceeding example.

9.9 Rebuilding a Previously Deployed Image in Kubernetes

The following steps will guide you through rebuilding an image which has been deployed to a Kubernetes cluster.

1. Go to *Images > Images* , click the Details button on the right end of a row which has running instances. The image must be manager-built.
2. Click the Rebuild button located under the Build Status section and wait for the build to finish.
3. Notice the change in the Runtime icon and title, reflecting the fact that now the instances are running a previous build of the image.

9.10 Role Based Access Control Permissions and Certificate Data

Important

Currently, only kubeconfig files containing all embedded certificate data may be used with SUSE Manager

The API calls from SUSE Manager are:

- GET /api/v1/pods
- GET /api/v1/nodes

According to this list, the minimum recommended permissions for SUSE Manager should be as follows:

- A ClusterRole to list all the nodes:


```
resources: ["nodes"]
verbs: ["list"]
```

- A ClusterRole to list pods in all namespaces (role binding must not restrict the namespace):

```
resources: ["pods"]
```

```
verbs: ["list"]
```

Due to a 403 response from /pods, the entire cluster will be ignored by SUSE Manager.

For more information on working with RBAC Authorization see: <https://kubernetes.io/docs/admin/authorization/rbac/> 

10 Cobbler

10.1 Introduction

SUSE Manager features the Cobbler server that allows administrators to centralize their system installation and provisioning infrastructure. Cobbler is an installation server that provides various methods of performing unattended system installations, whether it be server, workstation, or guest systems in a full or para-virtualized setup.

Cobbler offers several tools to assist in pre-installation guidance, automated installation file management, installation environment management, and more. This section explains supported features of Cobbler, which include:

- Installation environment analysis using the `cobbler check` command,
- Multi-site installation server configuration with `cobbler replicate`,
- Virtual machine guest installation automation with the `koan` client-side tool,
- Building installation ISOs with PXE-like menus using the `cobbler buildiso` command for SUSE Manager systems with x86_64 architecture.

For more detailed upstream documentation on Cobbler, see <http://cobbler.github.io/manuals/>.



Important: Supported Cobbler Functions

SUSE only support those Cobbler functions that are either listed within our formal documentation or available via the Web Interface and API.

10.2 Cobbler Requirements

To use Cobbler as a PXE boot server, follow these guidelines:

- For system installation with PXE, you must have a TFTP server installed and configured. By default, SUSE Manager installs such a TFTP server.
- To PXE boot systems for installation, you must either set up a DHCP server for Cobbler PXE booting or have access to your network's DHCP server. Edit `/etc/dhcp.conf` to change `next-server` to the hostname or IP address of your Cobbler server.

Important: Correct Hostname Configuration

When onboarding bare metal systems using the `pxe-default-image`, it's important to ensure all systems to be on-board have unique hostnames. Otherwise, if you later assign a provisioning profile to it, the new configuration file will overwrite the configuration settings for any system with the duplicate hostname. Cobbler uses hostnames as a unique key for each system.

10.2.1 Configuring Cobbler with `/etc/cobbler/settings`

Cobbler configuration is mainly done in the `/etc/cobbler/settings` file. With the default settings unchanged, Cobbler runs as intended. All configurable settings are explained in detail in the `/etc/cobbler/settings` file with regard to how they affect functionality of Cobbler and whether it is recommended for users to adjust values to their environment.

Note: Supported Languages

If SUSE Manager complains about language “`en`” was not found within the list of supported languages available at `/usr/share/YaST2/data/languages`, remove the `lang` in `/etc/cobbler/settings` or add a proper value such as `en_US`.

For background info, see <https://www.suse.com/support/kb/doc?id=7018334>.

10.2.2 Cobbler and DHCP

Cobbler supports bare-metal automated installation of systems configured to perform network boots using a PXE boot server. To properly implement a Cobbler installation server, administrators need to either have administrative access to the network's DHCP server or set up DHCP on the Cobbler server itself.

10.2.2.1 Configuring an Existing DHCP Server

If you have a DHCP server deployed on another system in the network, you will need administrative access to the DHCP server to edit the DHCP configuration file so that it points to the Cobbler server and PXE boot image.

As root on the DHCP server, edit the `/etc/dhcpd.conf` file and append a new class with options for performing PXE boot installation. For example:

```
allow booting;
allow bootp; ❶
class "PXE" ❷
{match if substring(option vendor-class-identifier, 0, 9) = "PXEClient"; ❸
next-server 192.168.2.1; ❹
filename "pxelinux.0";} ❺
```

- ❶ Enable network booting with the `bootp` protocol.
- ❷ Create a class called `PXE`.
- ❸ A system configured to have PXE first in its boot priority identifies itself as `PXEClient`.
- ❹ As a result, the DHCP server directs the system to the Cobbler server at `192.168.2.1`.
- ❺ The DHCP server retrieves the `pxelinux.0` bootloader file.

10.2.2.2 Setting up PXE Boot in KVM

Not necessarily for production, but for lab or demo environments you can alternatively set up PXE boot in KVM. Such a configuration can replace the `next-server` setting on a DHCP server explained in [Section 10.2.2.1, “Configuring an Existing DHCP Server”](#). To edit the network XML description with `virsh`, proceed as follow:

1. Produce an XML dump of the current description:

```
virsh net-dumpxml --inactive network > network.xml
```

2. Open the XML dump file (here `network.xml`) with a text editor and add a `bootp` statement within the `<dhcp>` element:

```
<bootp file='/pxelinux.0' server='192.168.100.153'/>
```

3. Install the edited description:

```
virsh net-define network.xml
```

Or try the `net-edit` subcommand that does some error checking.

EXAMPLE 10.1: MINIMAL NETWORK XML DESCRIPTION FOR KVM

```
<network>
```

```

<name>default</name>
<uuid>1da84185-31b5-4c8b-9ee2-a7f5ba39a7ee</uuid>
<forward mode='nat'>
  <nat>
    <port start='1024' end='65535' />
  </nat>
</forward>
<bridge name='virbr0' stp='on' delay='0' />
<mac address='52:54:00:29:59:18' />
<domain name='default' />
<ip address='192.168.100.1' netmask='255.255.255.0'>
  <dhcp>
    <range start='192.168.100.128' end='192.168.100.254' />
    <bootp file='/pxelinux.0' server='192.168.100.153' /> ❶
  </dhcp>
</ip>
</network>

```

❶ bootp statement that directs to the PXE server.

10.2.3 Xinetd and TFTP

SUSE Manager uses the atftpd daemon, but it can also operate with Xinetd/TFTP. The atftpd is installed by default as the recommended method for providing PXE services. Usually, you do not have to change its configuration, but if you have to, use the YaST Sysconfig Editor.

Xinetd is a daemon that manages a suite of services, including TFTP, the FTP server used for transferring the boot image to a PXE client.

To configure TFTP, you must first enable the service via Xinetd. To do this, edit the /etc/xinetd.d/tftp file as root and change the disable = yes line to disable = no.

Before TFTP can serve the pxelinux.0 boot image, you must start the Xinetd service. Start YaST and use *System > Services Manager* to configure the Xinetd daemon.

10.2.4 Syncing TFTP Contents to SUSE Manager Proxies

It is possible to sync cobbler generated TFTP contents to SUSE Manager Proxies to perform PXE booting via these proxies.

10.2.4.1 Installation

On the SUSE Manager Server as root, install the package `susemanager-tftpsync`:

```
zypper install susemanager-tftpsync
```

On the SUSE Manager Proxy systems as root, install the package `susemanager-tftpsync-recv`:

```
zypper install susemanager-tftpsync-recv
```

10.2.4.2 Configuring SUSE Manager Proxy

Execute `configure-tftpsync.sh` on the SUSE Manager Proxy systems.

This setup script asks for hostnames and IP addresses of the SUSE Manager server and the proxy. Additionally, it asks for the `tftpboot` directory on the proxy. For more information, see the output of `configure-tftpsync.sh --help`.

10.2.4.3 Configuring SUSE Manager Server

As root execute `configure-tftpsync.sh` on SUSE Manager Server:

```
configure-tftpsync.sh proxy1.example.com proxy2.example.com
```

Execute `cobbler sync` to initially push the files to the proxy systems. This will succeed if all listed proxies are properly configured.



Note: Changing the List of Proxy Systems

You can call `configure-tftpsync.sh` to change the list of proxy systems. You must always provide the full list of proxy systems.



Note: Reinstalling a Configured Proxy

In case you reinstall an already configured proxy and want to push all files again you must remove the cache file `/var/lib/cobbler/pxe_cache.json` before you can call `cobbler sync` again.

10.2.4.4 Requirements

The SUSE Manager Server must be able to access the SUSE Manager Proxy systems directly. Push via proxies is not possible.

10.2.5 Syncing and Starting the Cobbler Service

Before starting the cobbler service, run a check on the cobbler service to make sure that all the prerequisites are configured according to the organization's needs with the **cobbler check** command.

If content, start the SUSE Manager server with the following command:

```
/usr/sbin/spacewalk-service start
```



Warning

Do not start or stop the **cobblerd** service independent of the SUSE Manager service. Doing so may cause errors and other issues.

Always use **/usr/sbin/spacewalk-service** to start or stop SUSE Manager.

10.3 Adding a Distribution to Cobbler

If all Cobbler prerequisites have been met and Cobbler is running, you can use the Cobbler server as an installation source for a distribution:

Make installation files such as the kernel image and the initrd image available on the Cobbler server. Then add a distribution to Cobbler, using either the Web interface or the command line tools.

For information about creating and configuring AutoYaST or Kickstart distributions from the SUSE Manager interface, refer to .

To create a distribution from the command line, use the **cobbler** command as root:

```
cobbler distro add --name=`string`--kernel=`path`--initrd=`path`
```

--name= *string* option

A label used to differentiate one distribution choice from another (for example, sles12server).

--kernel= *path* option

Specifies the path to the kernel image file.

--initrd= *path* option

specifies the path to the initial ram disk (initrd) image file.

10.4 Adding a Profile to Cobbler

Once you have added a distribution to Cobbler, you can add profiles.

Cobbler profiles associate a distribution with additional options like AutoYaST or Kickstart files. Profiles are the core unit of provisioning and there must be at least one Cobbler profile for every distribution added. For example, two profiles might be created for a Web server and a desktop configuration. While both profiles use the same distribution, the profiles are for different installation types.

For information about creating and configuring Kickstart and AutoYaST profiles in the SUSE Manager interface, refer to .

Use the **cobbler** command as root to create profiles from the command line:

```
cobbler profile add --name=string --distro=string [--kickstart=url] \  
[--virt-file-size=gigabytes] [--virt-ram=megabytes]
```

--name= *string*

The unique label for the profile, such as sles12webserver or sles12workstation.

--distro= *string*

Specifies the distribution that will be used for this particular profile. For adding distributions, see [Section 10.3, “Adding a Distribution to Cobbler”](#).

--kickstart= *url*

Specifies the location of the Kickstart file (if available).

--virt-file-size= *gigabytes*

Allows you to set the size of the virtual guest file image. The default is 5 GB.

--virt-ram= *megabytes*

Specifies how many MB of physical RAM a virtual guest can consume. The default is 512 MB.

10.5 Adding a System to Cobbler

Once the distributions and profiles for Cobbler have been created, add systems to Cobbler. System records map a piece of hardware on a client with the cobbler profile assigned to run on it.



Note

If you are provisioning via koan and PXE menus alone, it is not required to create system records. They are useful when system-specific Kickstart templating is required or to establish that a specific system should always get specific content installed. If a client is intended for a certain role, system records should be created for it.

For information about creating and configuring automated installation from the SUSE Manager interface, refer to .

Run the following command as root to add a system to the Cobbler configuration:

```
cobbler system add --name=string --profile=string \  
--mac-address=AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
```

--name= *string*

A unique label for the system, such as engineering_server or frontoffice_workstation.

--profile= *string*

Specifies the name of one of the profiles added in [Section 10.4, "Adding a Profile to Cobbler"](#).

--mac-address= *AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF*

Allows systems with the specified MAC address automatically being provisioned to the profile associated with the system record when they are being installed.

For more options, such as setting hostname or IP addresses, refer to the Cobbler manpage ([man cobbler](#)).

10.6 Using Cobbler Templates

The SUSE Manager Web interface facilitates creating variables for use with Kickstart distributions and profiles. To create a Kickstart profile variable, refer to .

Kickstart variables are part of an infrastructural change in SUSE Manager to support templating in Kickstart files. Kickstart templates are files describing how to build actual Kickstart files rather than creating specific Kickstarts.

These templates are shared by various profiles and systems that have their own variables and corresponding values. These variables modify the templates and a template engine parses the template and variable data into a usable Kickstart file. Cobbler uses an advanced template engine called Cheetah that provides support for templates, variables, and snippets.

Advantages of using templates include:

- Robust features that allow administrators to create and manage large amounts of profiles or systems without duplication of effort or manually creating Kickstarts for every unique situation.
- While templates can become complex and involve loops, conditionals and other enhanced features and syntax, you can keep them simple by creating Kickstart files without such complexity.

10.6.1 Using Templates

Kickstart templates can have static values for certain common items such as PXE image file names, subnet addresses, and common paths such as `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/`. However, templates differ from standard Kickstart files in their use of variables.

For example, a standard Kickstart file may have a networking section similar to the following:

```
network --device=eth0 --bootproto=static --ip=192.168.100.24 \  
--netmask=255.255.255.0 --gateway=192.168.100.1 --nameserver=192.168.100.2
```

In a Kickstart template file, the networking section would rather look like this:

```
network --device=$net_dev --bootproto=static --ip=$ip_addr \  
--netmask=255.255.255.0 --gateway=$my_gateway --nameserver=$my_nameserver
```

These variables will be substituted with the values set in your Kickstart profile variables or in your system detail variables. If the same variables are defined in both the profile and the system detail, then the system detail variable takes precedence.



Note

The template for the autoinstallation has syntax rules, using punctuation symbols. To avoid clashes, they need to be properly treated.

In case the autoinstallation scenario contains any shell script using variables like `$(example)`, its content should be escaped by using the backslash symbol: `\$(example)`.

If the variable named `example` is defined in the autoinstallation snippet, the templating engine will evaluate `$example` with its content. If there is no such variable, the content will be left unchanged. Escaping the `$` symbol will prevent the templating engine to perform its evaluation as an internal variable. Long scripts or strings can be escaped by wrapping them with the `\#raw` and `\#end raw` directives. For example:

```
#raw
#!/bin/bash
for i in {0..2}; do
  echo "$i - Hello World!"
done
#end raw
```

Also, pay attention to similar scenarios like the following:

```
#start some section (this is a comment)
echo "Hello, world"
#end some section (this is a comment)
```

Any line with a `#` symbol followed by a whitespace is treated as a comment and is therefore not evaluated.

For more information about Kickstart templates, refer to the Cobbler project page at:

<https://fedorahosted.org/cobbler/wiki/KickstartTemplating>

10.6.2 Kickstart Snippets

If you have common configurations across all Kickstart templates and profiles, you can use the Snippets feature of Cobbler to take advantage of code reuse.

Kickstart snippets are sections of Kickstart code that can be called by a `$SNIPPET()` function that will be parsed by Cobbler and substituted with the contents of the snippet.

For example, you might have a common hard drive partition configuration for all servers, such as:

```
clearpart --all
part /boot --fstype ext3 --size=150 --asprimary
part / --fstype ext3 --size=40000 --asprimary
part swap --recommended

part pv.00 --size=1 --grow

volgroup vg00 pv.00
logvol /var --name=var vgroup=vg00 --fstype ext3 --size=5000
```

Save this snippet of the configuration to a file like my_partition and place the file in /var/lib/cobbler/snippets/, where Cobbler can access it.

Use the snippet by calling the \$SNIPPET() function in your Kickstart templates. For example:

```
$SNIPPET('my_partition')
```

Wherever you invoke that function, the Cheetah parser will substitute the function with the snippet of code contained in the my_partition file.

10.7 Using Koan

Whether you are provisioning guests on a virtual machine or reinstalling a new distribution on a running system, koan works in conjunction with Cobbler to provision systems.

10.7.1 Using Koan to Provision Virtual Systems

If you have created a virtual machine profile as documented in *Section 10.4, “Adding a Profile to Cobbler”*, you can use **koan** to initiate the installation of a virtual guest on a system. For example, create a Cobbler profile with the following command:

```
cobbler add profile --name=virtualfileserv \
  --distro=sles12-x86_64-server --virt-file-size=20 --virt-ram=1000
```

This profile is for a fileserver running SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 with a 20 GB guest image size and allocated 1 GB of system RAM. To find the name of the virtual guest system profile, run the following **koan** command:

```
koan --server=hostname --list-profiles
```

This command lists all the available profiles created with **cobbler profile add**.

Start creating the image file and the installation of the virtual guest system:

```
koan --virt --server=cobbler-server.example.com \  
  --profile=virtualfileserver --virtname=marketingfileserver
```

The command specifies that a virtual guest system be created from the Cobbler server (hostname cobbler-server.example.com) using the virtualfileserver profile. The virtname option specifies a label for the virtual guest, which by default is the system's MAC address.

Once the installation of the virtual guest is complete, it can be used as any other virtual guest system.

10.7.2 Using Koan to Reinstall Running Systems

koan can replace a still running system with a new installation from the available Cobbler profiles by executing the following command *on the system to be reinstalled*:

```
koan --replace-self --server=hostname --profile=name
```

This command, running on the system to be replaced, will start the provisioning process and replace its own system using the profile in --profile=name on the Cobbler server specified in --server=hostname.

10.8 Building ISOs with Cobbler

Some environments might lack PXE support. The cobbler buildiso command provides functionality to create a boot ISO image containing a set of distributions and kernels, and a menu similar to PXE network installations. Define the name and output location of the boot ISO using the --iso option.



Note: ISO Build Directory

Depending on Cobbler related systemd settings (see [`/usr/lib/systemd/system/cobblerd.service`](#)) writing ISO images to public `tmp` directories will not work.

```
cobbler buildiso --iso=/path/to/boot.iso
```

The boot ISO includes all profiles and systems by default. Limit these profiles and systems using the `--profiles` and `--systems` options.

```
cobbler buildiso --systems="system1,system2,system3" \  
--profiles="profile1,profile2,profile3"
```



Note

Building ISOs with the `cobbler buildiso` command is supported for all architectures except the z Systems architecture.

11 Virtualization

SUSE Manager allows you to autoinstall and manage Xen and KVM{vmguest} s on a registered VM Host Server . To autoinstall a VM Guest , an autoinstallable distribution and an autoinstallation profile (AutoYaST or Kickstart) need to exist on SUSE Manager . VM Guest s registered with SUSE Manager can be managed like “regular” machines. In addition, basic VM Guest management tasks such as (re)starting and stopping or changing processor and memory allocation can be carried out using SUSE Manager .

The following documentation is valid in the context of traditional clients. Salt minions must be treated differently: autoinstallation is still not supported and libvirt hosts are supported read-only.



Warning: Limitation to Xen and KVM Guests

Autoinstalling and managing VM Guest s via SUSE Manager is limited to Xen and KVM guests. SUSE Manager uses libvirt for virtual machine management. Currently, virtual machines from other virtualization solutions such as VMware* or VirtualBox*, are recognized as VM Guest s, but cannot be managed from within SUSE Manager .

11.1 Autoinstalling VM Guest s

With SUSE Manager you can automatically deploy Xen and KVM{vmguest} s using AutoYaST or Kickstart profiles. It is also possible to automatically register the VM Guest s, so they can immediately be managed by SUSE Manager .

11.1.1 Requirements on SUSE Manager

Setting up and managing VM Guest s with SUSE Manager does not require special configuration options. However, you need to provide activation keys for the VM Host Server and the VM Guest s, an autoinstallable distribution and an autoinstallation profile. To automatically register VM Guest s with SUSE Manager , a bootstrap script is needed.

11.1.1.1 Activation Keys

Just like any other client, VM Host Server and VM Guest s need to be registered with SUSE Manager using activation keys. Find details on how to set up activation keys at [. While there are no special requirements for a VM Guest key, at least the following requirements must be met for the VM Host Server activation key.](#)

VM HOST SERVERACTIVATION KEY: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Entitlements: Provisioning, Virtualization Platform.
- Packages: `rhn-virtualization-host` , `osad` .

If you want to manage the VM Host Server system from SUSE Manager (e.g. by executing remote scripts), the package `rhncfg-actions` needs to be installed as well.

11.1.1.2 Setting up an Autoinstallable Distribution

To autoinstall clients from SUSE Manager , you need to provide an “autoinstallable distribution” , also referred to as autoinstallable tree or installation source. This installation source needs to be made available through the file system of the SUSE Manager host. It can for example be a mounted local or remote directory or a “loop-mounted” ISO image. It must match the following requirements:

- Kernel and initrd location:

REDHAT / GENERIC RPM

- `images/pxeboot/vmlinuz`
- `images/pxeboot/initrd.img`

SUSE

- `boot/arch/loader/initrd`
- `boot/arch/loader/linux`

- The *Base Channel* needs to match the autoinstallable distribution.

Important: Autoinstallation package sources

There is a fundamental difference between RedHat and SUSE systems regarding the package sources for autoinstallation. The packages for a RedHat installation are being fetched from the *Base Channel* . Packages for installing SUSE systems are being fetched from the autoinstallable distribution.

As a consequence, the autoinstallable distribution for a SUSE system has to be a complete installation source (same as for a regular installation).

PROCEDURE: CREATING AUTOINSTALLABLE DISTRIBUTION

1. Make sure an installation source is available from a local directory. The data source can be any kind of network resource, a local directory or an ISO image (which has to be “loop-mounted”). Files and directories must be world readable.
2. Log in to the SUSE Manager Web interface and navigate to *Systems > Autoinstallation > Distributions > Create Distribution* .
3. Fill out the form *Create Autoinstallable Distribution* as follows:

Distribution Label

Choose a unique name for the distribution. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, periods, and underscores are allowed; the minimum length is 4 characters. This field is mandatory.

Tree Path

Absolute local disk path to installation source. This field is mandatory.

Base Channel

Channel matching the installation source. This channel is the package source for non-SUSE installations. This field is mandatory.

Installer Generation

Operating system version matching the installation source. This field is mandatory.

Kernel Options

Options passed to the kernel when booting for the installation. There is no need to specify the `install=` parameter since it will automatically be added. Moreover, the parameters `self_update=0` `pt.options=self_update` are added automatically to prevent AutoYaST from updating itself during the system installation. This field is optional.

Post Kernel Options

Options passed to the kernel when booting the installed system for the first time. This field is optional.


4. Save your settings by clicking *Create Autoinstallable Distribution* .

To edit an existing *Autoinstallable Distribution* , go to *Systems > Autoinstallation > Distributions* and click on a *Label* . Make the desired changes and save your settings by clicking *Update Autoinstallable Distribution* .

11.1.1.3 Providing an Autoinstallation Profile

Autoinstallation profiles (AutoYaST or Kickstart files) contain all the installation and configuration data needed to install a system without user intervention. They may also contain scripts that will be executed after the installation has completed.

All profiles can be uploaded to SUSE Manager and be edited afterwards. Kickstart profiles can also be created from scratch with SUSE Manager .

A minimalist AutoYaST profile including a script for registering the client with SUSE Manager is listed in *Appendix B, Minimalist AutoYaST Profile for Automated Installations and Useful Enhancements*. For more information, examples and HOWTOs on AutoYaST profiles, refer to *SUSE Linux Enterprise AutoYaST* (https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_automast/data/book_automast.html ). For more information on Kickstart profiles, refer to your RedHat documentation.

11.1.1.3.1 Uploading an Autoinstallation Profile

1. Log in to the SUSE Manager Web interface and open *Systems > Autoinstallation > Profiles > Upload New Kickstart/AutoYaST File* .
2. Choose a unique name for the profile. Only letters, numbers, hyphens, periods, and underscores are allowed; the minimum length is 6 characters. This field is mandatory.

3. Choose an *Autoinstallable Tree* from the drop-down menu. If no *Autoinstallable Tree* is available, you need to add an Autoinstallable Distribution. Refer to [Section 11.1.1.2, “Setting up an Autoinstallable Distribution”](#) for instructions.
4. Choose a *Virtualization Type* from the drop-down menu. KVM and Xen (para-virtualized and fully-virtualized) are available. Do not choose *Xen Virtualized Host* here.
5. Scroll down to the *File to Upload* dialog, click *Browse* to select it, then click *Upload File* .
6. The uploaded file will be displayed in the *File Contents* section, where you can edit it.
7. Click *Create* to store the profile.

To edit an existing profile, go to *Systems > Autoinstallation > Profiles* and click on a *Label* . Make the desired changes and save your settings by clicking *Create* .



Note: Editing existing Kickstartprofiles

If you are changing the *Virtualization Type* of an existing Kickstart profile, it may also modify the bootloader and partition options, potentially overwriting any user customizations. Be sure to review the *Partitioning* tab to verify these settings when changing the *Virtualization Type* .

11.1.1.3.2 Creating a Kickstart Profile



Note

Currently it is only possible to create autoinstallation profiles for RHEL systems. If installing a SUSE Linux Enterprise Server system, you need to upload an existing AutoYaST profile as described in [Section 11.1.1.3.1, “Uploading an Autoinstallation Profile”](#).

1. Log in to the SUSE Manager Web interface and go to *Systems > Autoinstallation > Profiles > Create New Kickstart File* .
2. Choose a unique name for the profile. The minimum length is 6 characters. This field is mandatory.
3. Choose a *Base Channel* . This channel is the package source for non-SUSE installations and must match the *Autoinstallable Tree* . This field is mandatory.

4. Choose an *Autoinstallable Tree* from the drop-down menu. If no *Autoinstallable Tree* is available, you need to add an Autoinstallable Distribution. Refer to [Section 11.1.1.2, “Setting up an Autoinstallable Distribution”](#) for instructions.
5. Choose a *Virtualization Type* from the drop-down menu. KVM and Xen (para-virtualized and fully-virtualized) are available. Do not choose *Xen Virtualized Host* here.
6. Click the *Next* button.
7. Select the location of the distribution files for the installation of your VM Guest s. There should already be a *Default Download Location* filled out and selected for you on this screen. Click the *Next* button.
8. Choose a root password for the VM Guest s. Click the *Finish* button to generate the profile. This completes Kickstart profile creation. After generating a profile, you are taken to the newly-created Kickstart profile. You may browse through the various tabs of the profile and modify the settings as you see fit, but this is not necessary as the default settings should work well for the majority of cases.

11.1.1.3.3 Adding a Registration Script to the Autoinstallation Profile

A VM Guest that is autoinstalled does not get automatically registered. Adding a section to the autoinstallation profile that invokes a bootstrap script for registration will fix this. The following procedure describes adding a corresponding section to an AutoYaST profile. Refer to your RedHat Enterprise Linux documentation for instructions on adding scripts to a Kickstart file.

1. First, provide a bootstrap script on the SUSE Manager :
 - Create a bootstrap script for VM Guest s on the SUSE Manager as described in .
 - Log in as root to the konsole of SUSE Manager and go to /srv/www/htdocs/pub/bootstrap . Copy bootstrap.sh (the bootstrap script created in the previous step) to e.g. bootstrap_vm_guests.sh in the same directory.
 - Edit the newly created file according to your needs. The minimal requirement is to include the activation key for the VM Guest s (see [Section 11.1.1.1, “Activation Keys”](#) for details). We strongly recommend to also include one or more GPG keys (for example, your organization key and package signing keys).
2. Log in to the SUSE Manager Web interface and go to *Systems > Autoinstallation > Profiles* . Click on the profile that is to be used for autoinstalling the VM Guest s to open it for editing.

Scroll down to the *File Contents* section where you can edit the AutoYaST XML file. Add the following snippet at the end of the XML file right before the closing `</profile>` tag and replace the given IP address with the address of the SUSE Manager server. See [Appendix B, Minimalist AutoYaST Profile for Automated Installations and Useful Enhancements](#) for an example script.

```
<scripts>
  <init-scripts config:type="list">
    <script>
      <interpreter>shell </interpreter>
      <location>
        http://`192.168.1.1`/pub/bootstrap/bootstrap_vm_guests.sh
      </location>
    </script>
  </init-scripts>
</scripts>
```



Important: Only one `<scripts>` section allowed

If your AutoYaST profile already contains a `<scripts>` section, do not add a second one, but rather place the `<script>` part above within the existing `<scripts>` section!

3. Click *Update* to save the changes.

11.1.2 VM Host Server Setup

A VM Host Server system serving as a target for autoinstalling VM Guest s from SUSE Manager must be capable of running guest operating systems. This requires either KVM or Xen being properly set up. For installation instructions for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server systems refer to the *SLES Virtualization Guide* available from https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_virt/data/book_virt.html. For instructions on setting up a RedHat VM Host Server refer to your RedHat Enterprise Linux documentation.

Since SUSE Manager uses `libvirt` for VM Guest installation and management, the `libvirtd` needs to run on the VM Host Server . The default `libvirt` configuration is sufficient to install and manage VM Guest s from SUSE Manager . However, in case you want to access the VNC console of a VM Guest as a non-`root` user, you need to configure `libvirt` appropriately. Configuration instructions for `libvirt` on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server are available in the

SLES Virtualization Guide available from https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles-12/book_virt/data/book_virt.html available from <http://www.suse.com/documentation/sles11/>. For instructions for a RedHat VM Host Server refer to your RedHat Enterprise Linux documentation.

Apart from being able to serve as a host for KVM or Xen guests, which are managed by libvirt, a VM Host Server must be registered with SUSE Manager .

1. Make sure either KVM or Xen is properly set up.
2. Make sure the libvirtd is running.
3. Register the VM Host Server with SUSE Manager :
 - Create a bootstrap script on the SUSE Manager as described in .
 - Download the bootstrap script from susemanager.example.com/pub/bootstrap/bootstrap.sh to the VM Host Server .
 - Edit the bootstrap script according to your needs. The minimal requirement is to include the activation key for the VM Host Server (see *Section 11.1.1.1, "Activation Keys"* for details). We strongly recommend to also include one or more GPG keys (for example, your organization key and package signing keys).
 - Execute the bootstrap script to register the VM Host Server .
4. Once the registration process is finished and all packages have been installed, enable the osad (Open Source Architecture Daemon). On a SUSE Linux Enterprise Server system this can be achieved by running the following commands as user root :

```
systemctl stop rhnsd
systemctl disable rhnsd
```

```
systemctl enable osad
systemctl start osad
```



Important: osad Together with rhnsd

The rhnsd daemon checks for scheduled actions every four hours, so it can take up to four hours before a scheduled action is carried out. If many clients are registered with SUSE Manager , this long interval ensures a certain level of load balancing since not all clients act on a scheduled action at the same time.

However, when managing VM Guest s, you usually want actions like rebooting a VM Guest to be carried out immediately. Adding `osad` ensures that. The `osad` daemon receives commands over the jabber protocol from SUSE Manager and commands are instantly executed. Alternatively you may schedule actions to be carried out at a fixed time in the future (whereas with `rhnsd` you can only schedule for a time in the future plus up to four hours).

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11.1.3 Autoinstalling VM Guest s

Once all requirements on the SUSE Manager and the VM Host Server are met, you can start to autoinstall VM Guest s on the host. Note that VM Guest s will not be automatically registered with SUSE Manager , therefore we strongly recommend to modify the autoinstallation profile as described in [Section 11.1.1.3.3, “Adding a Registration Script to the Autoinstallation Profile”](#). VM Guest s need to be registered to manage them with SUSE Manager . Proceed as follows to autoinstall a VM Guest ;.



Important: No parallel Autoinstallations on VM Host Server

It is not possible to install more than one VM Guest at a time on a single VM Host Server . When scheduling more than one autoinstallation with SUSE Manager make sure to choose a timing, that starts the next installation after the previous one has finished. If a guest installation starts while another one is still running, the running installation will be cancelled.

1. Log in to the SUSE Manager Web interface and click the *Systems* tab.
2. Click the VM Host Server 's name to open its *System Status* page.
3. Open the form for creating a new VM Guest by clicking *Virtualization > Provisioning* . Fill out the form by choosing an autoinstallation profile and by specifying a name for the VM Guest (must not already exist on VM Host Server). Choose a proxy if applicable and enter a schedule. To change the VM Guest 's hardware profile and configuration options, click *Advanced Options* .
4. Finish the configuration by clicking *Schedule Autoinstallation and Finish* . The *Session Status* page opens for you to monitor the autoinstallation process.



Note: Checking the Installation Log

To view the installation log, click *Events* > *History* on the *Session Status* page. On the *System History Event* page you can click a *Summary* entry to view a detailed log.

In case an installation has failed, you can *Reschedule* it from this page once you have corrected the problem. You do not have to configure the installation again.

If the event log does not contain enough information to locate a problem, log in to the VM Host Server console and read the log file `/var/log/up2date` . If you are using the `rhnsd` , you may alternatively immediately trigger any scheduled actions by calling `rhncckck` on the VM Host Server . Increase the command's verbosity by using the options `-v` , `-vv` , or `-vvv` , respectively.

11.2 Managing VM Guest s

Basic VM Guest management actions such as restarting or shutting down a virtual machine as well as changing the CPU and memory allocation can be carried out in the SUSE Manager Web interface if the following requirements are met:

- VM Host Server must be a KVM or Xen host.
- `libvirt` must be running on VM Host Server .
- VM Host Server and VM Guest must be registered with SUSE Manager .

All actions can be triggered in the SUSE Manager Web interface from the *Virtualization* page of the VM Host Server . Navigate to this page by clicking the *Systems* tab. On the resulting page, click the VM Host Server 's name and then on *Virtualization* . This page lists all VM Guest s for this host, known to SUSE Manager .

11.2.1 Displaying a VM Guest 's Profile

Click the name of a VM Guest on the VM Host Server 's *Virtualization* page to open its profile page with detailed information about this guest. For details, refer to .

A profile page for a virtual system does not differ from a regular system's profile page. You can perform the same actions (e.g. installing software or changing its configuration).

11.2.2 Starting, Stopping, Suspending and Resuming a VM Guest

To start, stop, restart, suspend, or resume a VM Guest , navigate to the VM Host Server 's *Virtualization* page. Check one or more *Guests* listed in the table and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Choose an action from the drop-down list and click *Apply Action* . *Confirm* the action on the next page.



Note: Automatically restarting a VM Guest

Automatically restarting a VM Guest when the VM Host Server reboots is not enabled by default on VM Guest s and cannot be configured from SUSE Manager . Refer to your KVM or Xen documentation. Alternatively, you may use libvirt to enable automatic reboots.

11.2.3 Changing the CPU or RAM allocation of a VM Guest

To change the CPU or RAM allocation of a VM Guest navigate to the VM Host Server 's *Virtualization* page. Check one or more *Guests* from the table and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Choose an action from the *Set* drop-down list and provide a new value. Confirm with *Apply Changes* followed by *Confirm* .

The memory allocation can be changed on the fly, provided the memory ballooning driver is installed on the VM Guest . If this is not the case, or if you want to change the CPU allocation, you need to shutdown the guest first. Refer to *Section 11.2.2, "Starting, Stopping, Suspending and Resuming a VM Guest"* for details.

11.2.4 Deleting a VM Guest

To delete a VM Guest you must first shut it down as described in *Section 11.2.2, "Starting, Stopping, Suspending and Resuming a VM Guest"*. Wait at least two minutes to allow the shutdown to finish and then choose *Delete Systems* followed by *Apply Action* and *Confirm* .

12 Inventorying vCenter/vSphere ESXi Hosts with SUSE Manager

12.1 Introduction

Foreign virtual hosts (such as vCenter and vSphere ESXi) can be inventoried using the *Virtual Host Manager*. From the vSphere Client you can define roles and permissions for vCenter and vSphere ESXi users allowing vSphere objects and resources to be imported and inventoried by SUSE Manager. Objects and resources are then displayed as foreign hosts on the SUSE Manager *Systems > Virtual Systems* page.

The following sections will guide you through:

- Requirements
- Overview of permissions and roles
- Adding vCenter and vSphere ESXi hosts to SUSE Manager

12.2 Requirements

The following table displays the default API communication port and required access rights for inventorying objects and resources.

Ports / Permissions	Description
443	Default port that SUSE Manager uses to access the ESXi API for obtaining infrastructure data
read-only	All vCenter/ESXi objects and resources that should be inventoried by the Virtual Host Manager should be at least assigned the <i>read-only</i> role. Mark objects and resources with <i>no-access</i> to exclude them from the inventory.

12.3 Permissions and Roles Overview

The following section will guide you through assigning user permissions and roles in vCenter/ESXi.

A user is someone who has been authorized access to an ESXi host. The Virtual Host Manager (located on the SUSE Manager server) will inventory ESXi data defined by assigned roles and permissions on a user account.

For example: The user John has been assigned the *read-only* access role to all servers and data-centers in his company with one exception. John's account has been assigned the *no-access* role on the company's *Financial Database server*. You decide to use John's user account and add the ESXi host to SUSE Manager. During the inventory the *Financial Database server* will be excluded. Keep user access roles in mind when planning to add ESXi hosts to SUSE manager. It is important to understand that SUSE Manager will not inventory any objects or resources assigned with the no-access role on any user account.




Tip: User Roles/Permissions

When planning to add new ESXi hosts to SUSE Manager, ask yourself the following question:

Have users assigned to a host been provided with the required roles and permissions for objects and resources that should be inventoried by SUSE Manager?

12.4 Adding New Users and Assigning Roles

See the official vSphere documentation on adding new users and assigning roles.

- Authentication and User Management (https://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-50/index.jsp#com.vmware.vsphere.security.doc_50/GUID-D7AEC653-EBC8-4573-B990-D8E58742F8ED.html) 

12.5 Inventorying vCenter/vSphere ESXi Hosts

The following procedure will guide you through inventorying a VSphere ESXi host with SUSE Manager.

1. From the SUSE Manager Web UI select *Main Menu > Systems > Virtual Host Managers* from the left navigation bar.
2. From the upper right corner of the *Virtual Host Managers* page select *Create VMWare-based*.
3. From the *Add a VMware-based Virtual Host Manager* page fill the following fields with your ESXi host data:

Label

Custom name for your Virtual Host Manager

Hostname

FQDN or host IP address

Port

Default ESXi API port

Username

Assign a username



Important

Remember that only objects and resources which match a users defined role will be inventoried. Set the users role on objects and resources you want inventoried to *read-only*

Password

ESXi users password

Add a VMware-based Virtual Host Manager

Label:

Hostname:

Port:

Username:

Password:

[+ Add Virtual Host Manager](#)

4. Click the *Create* button.
5. From the *Systems > Virtual Host Managers* page select the new Virtual Host manager.

6. From the *Virtual Host Managers > Properties* page select the *Refresh* button.



Important

If you do not refresh the data from a new Virtual Host Manager, host data will not be inventoried and therefore will not be displayed under *Systems > Virtual Systems*.

7. View inventoried ESXi host objects and resources by selecting *Systems > Virtual Systems* .

13 SUSE Manager Command Line Tools

13.1 Installing Command Line Tool Packages

In addition to the SUSE Manager Web interface, SUSE Manager offers two command line tools for managing (Traditional) system configuration files :

- The Configuration Client (**mgrcfg-client**)
- The Configuration Manager (**mgrcfg-manager**)

You can use the **mgrcfg-actions** tool to *enable* and *disable* configuration management on client systems.

To work with these tools install them from the SUSE Manager Tools child channel as root.

```
zypper in rhncfg-manager
```

```
zypper in rhncfg-actions
```

Install the following package on client systems:

```
zypper in rhncfg-client
```



Tip: Configuration File Backups

When a configuration file is deployed via SUSE Manager, a backup of the previous file including its full path is stored in the /var/lib/rhncfg/backups/. The backup retains its filename but has a *.rhn-cfg-backup* extension appended.

13.2 Actions Control (mgr-actions-control)

The Actions Control (**mgr-actions-control**) application is used to enable and disable configuration management on a system. Client systems cannot be managed in this fashion by default. This tool allows SUSE Manager administrators to enable or disable specific modes of allowable actions such as:

- Deploying a configuration file on the system
- Uploading a file from the system
- Using the diff command to find out what is currently managed on a system with what is available
- Running remote commands

These various modes are enabled/disabled by placing/removing files and directories in the /etc/sysconfig/rhn/allowed-actions/ directory. Due to the default permissions of the /etc/sysconfig/rhn/ directory, Actions Control has to be run by someone with root access.

13.2.1 General command line options

There is a manpage available, as for most command line tools. First, decide which scheduled actions should be enabled for use by system administrators. The following options enable the various scheduled action modes:

--enable-deploy

Allow mgrcfg-client to deploy files.

--enable-diff

Allow mgrcfg-client to diff files.

--enable-upload

Allow mgrcfg-client to upload files.

--enable-mtime-upload

Allow mgrcfg-client to upload mtime (file modification time).

--enable-all

Allow mgrcfg-client to do everything.

- enable-run**
Enable running scripts.
- disable-deploy**
Disable deployment.
- disable-diff**
Prohibit diff use.
- disable-upload**
No file uploads allowed.
- disable-mtime-upload**
Disable mtime upload.
- disable-all**
Disable all options.
- disable-run**
No scripts allowed to run.
- report**
Report whether modes are enabled or disabled.
- f, --force**
Force the operation without asking first.
- h, --help**
Show help message and exit.

Once a mode is set, your system is ready for configuration management through SUSE Manager. A common option is **mgr-actions-control --enable-all**.

13.3 Configuration Client (mgrcfg-client)

The Configuration Client (mgrcfg-client) is installed on and run from an individual client system to gain knowledge about how SUSE Manager deploys configuration files to the client.

The Configuration Client offers these primary modes:

- list
- get

- channels
- diff
- verify

13.3.1 Listing Configuration Files

To list the configuration files for the machine and the labels of the config channels containing them, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-client list
```

The output resembles the following list (“DoFoS” is a shortcut for “D or F or S”, which means “Directory”, “File”, or “Something else”(??)):

DoFoS	Config Channel	File
F	config-channel-17	/etc/example-config.txt
F	config-channel-17	/var/spool/aalib.rpm
F	config-channel-14	/etc/rhn/rhn.conf

These configuration files apply to your system. However, there may be duplicate files present in other channels. For example, issue the following command:

```
mgrcfg-manager list config-channel-14
```

and observe the following output:

```
Files in config channel 'config-channel-14'
/etc/example-config.txt /etc/rhn/rhn.conf
```

You may wonder why the second version of /etc/example-config.txt in **config-channel-14** does not apply to the client system. The rank of the /etc/example-config.txt file in **config-channel-17** was higher than that of the same file in **config-channel-14**. As a result, the version of the configuration file in config-channel-14 is not deployed for this system, therefore mgrcfg-client command does not list the file.

13.3.2 Downloading a Config File

To download the most relevant configuration file for the machine, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-client get /etc/example-config.txt
```

You should see output resembling:

```
Deploying /etc/example-config.txt
```

View the contents of the file with `less` or another pager. Note that the file is selected as the most relevant based on the rank of the config channel containing it. This is accomplished within the Configuration tab of the System Details page. Refer to Section “System Details” (Chapter 4, Systems, ↑User Guide) for instructions.

13.3.3 Viewing Config Channels

To view the labels and names of the config channels that apply to the system, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-client channels
```

You should see output resembling:

```
Config channels:
Label          Name
-----
config-channel-17  config chan 2
config-channel-14  config chan 1
```

The list of options available for **mgrcfg-client get**:

--topdir=TOPDIR

Make all file operations relative to this string.

--exclude=EXCLUDE

Exclude a file from being deployed with `get`. May be used multiple times.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.3.4 Differentiating between Config Files

To view the differences between the config files deployed on the system and those stored by SUSE Manager, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-client diff
```

The output resembles the following:

```
rhncfg-client diff
--- /etc/test
+++ /etc/test 2013-08-28 00:14:49.405152824 +1000
@@ -1 +1,2 @@
This is the first line
+This is the second line added
```

In addition, you can include the `--topdir` option to compare config files with those located in an arbitrary (and unused) location on the client system, like this:

```
# mgrcfg-client diff --topdir /home/test/blah/
/usr/bin/diff: /home/test/blah/etc/example-config.txt: No such file or directory
/usr/bin/diff: /home/test/blah/var/spool/aalib.rpm: No such file or directory
```

13.3.5 Verifying Config Files

To quickly determine if client configuration files are different from those associated with it via SUSE Manager, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-client verify
```

The output resembles the following:

```
modified /etc/example-config.txt /var/spool/aalib.rpm
```

The file `example-config.txt` is locally modified, while `aalib.rpm` is not.

The list of the options available for `mgrcfg-client verify`:

-v, --verbose

Increase the amount of output detail. Display differences in the mode, owner, and group permissions for the specified config file.

-o, --only

Only show differing files.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4 Configuration Manager (mgrcfg-manager)

The Configuration Manager (**mgrcfg-manager**) is designed to maintain SUSE Manager's central repository of config files and channels, not those located on client systems. This tool offers a command line alternative to the configuration management features in the SUSE Manager Web interface. Additionally, some or all of the related maintenance tasks can be scripted.

To use the command line interface, configuration administrators require a SUSE Manager account (username and password) with the appropriate permission set. The username may be specified in `/etc/sysconfig/rhn/rhncfg-manager.conf` or in the `[rhncfg-manager]` section of `~/.rhncfgrc`.

When the Configuration Manager is run as **root**, it attempts to pull in needed configuration values from the Red Hat Update Agent. When run as a user other than root, you may have to change the `~/.rhncfgrc` configuration file. The session file is cached in `~/.rhncfg-manager-session` to avoid having to log in for every command.

The default timeout for the Configuration Manager is 30 minutes. To adjust this, add the `server.session_lifetime` option and a new value to the `/etc/rhn/rhn.conf` file on the server running the manager. For example set the time out to **120 minutes**:

```
server.session_lifetime = 120
```

The Configuration Manager offers the following primary **modes**:

- add
- create-channel
- diff
- diff-revisions
- download-channel
- get
- list
- list-channels

- remove
- remove-channel
- revisions
- update
- upload-channel

Each mode offers its own set of options, which can be displayed by issuing the following command:

```
mgrcfg-manager mode --help
```

Replace mode with the name of the mode whose options you want to see:

```
mgrcfg-manager diff-revisions --help
```

13.4.1 Creating a Config Channel

To create a config channel for your organization, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager create-channel channel-label
```

If prompted for your SUSE Manager username and password, provide them. Once you have created a config channel, use the remaining modes listed above to populate and maintain that channel.

13.4.2 Adding Files to a Config Channel

To add a file to a config channel, specify the channel label and the local file to be uploaded:

```
mgrcfg-manager add --channel=channel-label /path/to/file
```

In addition to the required channel label and the path to the file, you can use the available options for modifying the file during its addition. For instance, you can alter the path and file name by including the `--dest-file` option in the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager add --channel=channel-label \  
--dest-file=/new/path/to/file.txt/path/to/file
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Pushing to channel example-channel  
Local file >/path/to/file -> remote file /new/path/to/file.txt
```

The list of options available for `mgrcfg-manager add`:

- c CHANNEL --channel=CHANNEL**
Upload files in this config channel.
- d DEST_FILE --dest-file=DEST_FILE**
Upload the file as this path.
- delim-start=DELIM_START**
Start delimiter for variable interpolation.
- delim-end=DELIM_END**
End delimiter for variable interpolation.
- i, --ignore-missing**
Ignore missing local files.
- h, --help**
Show help message and exit.



Tip: Max File size

By default, the maximum file size for configuration files is 128KB. If you need to change that value, find or create the following line in the `/etc/rhn/rhn.conf` file:

```
web.maximum_config_file_size=128
```

Change the value from 128 to whatever limit you need in kilobytes.

13.4.3 Differentiating between Latest Config Files

To view the differences between the config files on disk and the latest revisions in a channel, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager diff --channel=channel-label --dest-file=/path/to/file.txt \  
/local/path/to/file
```

You should see output resembling:

```
--- /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt config_channel: example-channel revision: 1
+++ /home/test/blah/hello_world.txt 2003-12-14 19:08:59.000000000 -0500
@@ -1 +1 @@
-foo
+hello, world
```

The list of options available for **mgrcfg-manager diff**:

-c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL

Get file(s) from this config channel.

-r REVISION, --revision=REVISION

Use this revision.

-d DEST_FILE, --dest-file=DEST_FILE

Upload the file at this path.

-t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR

Make all files relative to this string.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.4 Differentiating between Various Versions

To compare different versions of a file across channels and revisions, use the **-r** flag to indicate which revision of the file should be compared and the **-n** flag to identify the two channels to be checked. Specify only one file name here since you are comparing the file against another version of itself. For example:

```
mgrcfg-manager diff-revisions -n=channel-label1 -r=1 \
-n=channel-label2 -r=1 \
/path/to/file.txt
```

The output resembles the following:

```
--- /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt 2004-01-13 14:36:41 \
config channel: example-channel2 revision: 1
--- /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt 2004-01-13 14:42:42 \
config channel: example-channel3 revision: 1
```



```
@@ -1 +1,20 @@
-foo
+blah
+-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
+Version: GnuPG v1.0.6 (GNU/Linux)
+Comment: For info see http://www.gnupg.org
+
+iD8DBQA9ZY6vse4XmfJPGwgRAshCAJ9ud9dabUcdscdcqB8AZP7e0Fua0NmKsdhQCe0WHX
+VsDTfen2NWdwPaTM+S+Cow=
+=Ltp2
+-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
```

The list of options available for **mgrcfg-manager diff-revisions**:

-c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL

Use this config channel.

-r REVISION, --revision=REVISION

Use this revision.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.5 Downloading All Files in a Channel

To download all the files in a channel to disk, create a directory and issue the following command:

```
mgrcfg-manager download-channel channel-label --topdir .
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Copying /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt -> \
blah2/tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

The list of options available for **mgrcfg-manager download-channel**:

-t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR

Directory to which all the file paths are relative. This option must be set.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.6 Getting the Contents of a File

To direct the contents of a particular file to stdout, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager get --channel=channel-label \  
/tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

You should see the contents of the file as the output.

13.4.7 Listing All Files in a Channel

To list all the files in a channel, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager list channel-label
```

You should see output resembling:

```
Files in config channel `example-channel3':  
/tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

The list of the options available for mgrcfg-manager get:

-c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL

Get file(s) from this config channel.

-t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR

Directory to which all files are relative.

-r REVISION, --revision=REVISION

Get this file revision.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.8 Listing All Config Channels

To list all of your organization's configuration channels, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager list-channels
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Available config channels:
example-channel example-channel2 example-channel3 config-channel-14 config-channel-17
```



Note

This does not list **local_override** or **server_import** channels.

13.4.9 Removing a File from a Channel

To remove a file from a channel, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager remove --channel=channel-label /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

If prompted for your SUSE Manager username and password, provide them.

The list of the options available for `mgrcfg-manager remove`:

-c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL

Remove files from this config channel.

-t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR

Directory to which all files are relative.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.10 Deleting a Config Channel

To remove a config channel in your organization, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager remove-channel channel-label
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Removing config channel example-channel
Config channel example-channel removed
```

13.4.11 Determining the Number of File Revisions

To find out how many revisions (from **1** to **N** where **N** is an integer greater than 0) of a file/path are in a channel, issue the following command:

```
mgrcfg-manager revisions channel-label /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Analyzing files in config channel example-channel \  
/tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt: 1
```

13.4.12 Updating a File in a Channel

To create a new revision of a file in a channel (or to add the first revision to that channel if none existed before for the given path), issue the following command:

```
mgrcfg-manager update --channel=channel-label \  
--dest-file=/path/to/file.txt /local/path/to/file
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Pushing to channel example-channel:  
Local file example-channel /tmp/local/example-config.txt -> \  
remote file /tmp/dest_path/example-config.txt
```

The list of the options available for mgrcfg-manager update:

- c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL**
Upload files in this config channel.
- d DEST_FILE, --dest-file=DEST_FILE**
Upload the file to this path.
- t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR**
Directory to which all files are relative.
- delim-start=DELIM_START**
Start delimiter for variable interpolation.
- delim-end=DELIM_END**
End delimiter for variable interpolation.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.4.13 Uploading Multiple Files at Once

To upload multiple files to a config channel from a local disk at once, issue the command:

```
mgrcfg-manager upload-channel --topdir=topdir channel-label
```

The output resembles the following:

```
Using config channel example-channel4  
Uploading /tmp/ola_world.txt from blah4/tmp/ola_world.txt
```

The list of the options available for mgrcfg-manager upload-channel:

-t TOPDIR, --topdir=TOPDIR

Directory all the file paths are relative to.

-c CHANNEL, --channel=CHANNEL

List of channels the config info will be uploaded into channels delimited by ','. Example:

--channel = foo,bar,baz.

-h, --help

Show help message and exit.

13.5 Syncing SUSE Manager Repositories from SCC (mgr-sync)

mgr-sync should be used if SUSE Manager is connected to SUSE Customer Center (SCC). With **mgr-sync** you may add or synchronize products and channels. The **mgr-sync** command also enables and refreshes SCC data.

This tool requires that SCC is enabled by running **mgr-sync enable-scc** first (Enabled by default in SUSE Manager 2.1 and greater).

Important: Admin credentials

mgr-sync now requires the username/password of a **SUSE Manager administrator**. Most functions are available as part of the public API.

mgr-sync provides a command structure with sub-commands similar to **git** or **osc**. For a complete list of command line option, see the **mgr-sync** manpage (**man mgr-sync**). Basic actions are:

```
mgr-sync enable-scc

mgr-sync list channel(s)|product(s)|credentials
mgr-sync add channel(s)|product(s)|credentials
mgr-sync delete credentials

mgr-sync refresh [--refresh-channels] [--from-mirror MIRROR]
```

See the following examples.

List channels

```
mgr-sync list channels
```

Add a channel

```
mgr-sync add channel LABEL
```

List products

```
mgr-sync list products
```

Add a product

```
mgr-sync add product
```

Refresh the data

```
mgr-sync refresh
```

Refresh data and schedule a reposync for all installed vendor channels

```
mgr-sync refresh --refresh-channels
```

List SCC credentials

```
mgr-sync list credentials
```

Add new SCC credentials

```
mgr-sync add credentials
```



Tip: Credentials

There can be one primary credential only. This is username/password used first when retrieving the list of available channels and packages.

Add SCC primary credentials

```
mgr-sync add credentials --primary
```

Delete SCC credentials

```
mgr-sync delete credentials
```

13.6 Configuring SUSE Manager's Database (smdba)

SUSE Manager provides the `smdba` command for managing the installed database. It is the successor of `db-control`, which is now **unsupported**.

The `smdba` command works on local databases only, not remote. This utility allows you to do several administrative tasks like backing up and restoring the database. It also allows you to create, verify, restore backups, obtaining database status, and restart the database if necessary. The `smdba` command supports **PostgreSQL**.

Find basic information about **smdba** in the **smdba manpage**.



Note: Restart Spacewalk Services When Connection is Lost

If you have stopped or restarted the database, Spacewalk services can lose their connections. In such a case, run the following command:

```
spacewalk-service restart
```

13.6.1 Control Options

Depending on the database installed, `smdba` provides several subcommands:

<code>backup-hot</code>	Enable continuous archiving backup
<code>backup-restore</code>	Restore the SUSE Manager Database from backup.
<code>backup-status</code>	Show backup status.
<code>db-start</code>	Start the SUSE Manager Database.
<code>db-status</code>	Show database status.
<code>db-stop</code>	Stop the SUSE Manager Database.
<code>space-overview</code>	Show database space report.
<code>space-reclaim</code>	Free disk space from unused object in tables and indexes.
<code>space-tables</code>	Show space report for each table.
<code>system-check</code>	Common backend healthcheck.

For a list of available commands on your particular appliance, call `smdba help`. To display the help message for a specific subcommand, call `smdba COMMAND help`.

13.6.2 Starting and Stopping the Database

There are three commands to start, stop, or get the status of the database. Use the following commands:

```
# smdba db-status
Checking database core...      online
# smdba db-stop
Stopping the SUSE Manager database...
Stopping listener:      done
Stopping core:          done
# smdba db-status
Checking database core...      offline
# smdba db-start
Starting listener:      done
Starting core...        done
```


14 spacecmd Reference

14.1 Introduction

The following section will help you become more familiar with the **spacecmd** command-line interface. This interface is available for SUSE Manager, Satellite and Spacewalk servers. spacecmd is written in Python and uses the XML-RPC API provided by the server.

WHAT CAN SPACECMD DO FOR ME?

- Manage almost all aspects of SUSE Manager from the command line with spacecmd
- Tab completion is available for all commands
- Single commands can be passed to spacecmd without entering the interactive shell (excellent for shell scripts)
- May also be accessed and used as an interactive shell
- Advanced search methods are available for finding specific systems, thus removing the need to create system groups (nevertheless groups are still recommended)
- Complete functionality through the Spacewalk API. Almost all commands that can be executed from the WebUI can be performed via the spacecmd command-line

14.2 Configuring spacecmd

The following section provides configuration tips for spacecmd.

14.2.1 Setup Spacecmd Credentials

Normally spacecmd prompts you for a username and password each time you attempt to login to the interactive shell. Alternatively you can configure spacecmd with a credentials file to avoid this requirement.

PROCEDURE: CREATING A SPACECMD CREDENTIALS FILE

1. Create a hidden spacecmd directory in your home directory and set permissions:

```
mkdir ~/.spacecmd
```

```
chmod 700 ~/.spacecmd
```

2. Create a `config` file in `~/.spacecmd/` and provide proper permissions:

```
touch ~/.spacecmd/config  
chmod 600 ~/.spacecmd/config
```

3. Edit the `config` file and add the following configuration lines. (You can use either local-host or the FQDN of your SUSE Manager server):

```
[spacecmd]  
  
server=FQDN-here  
  
username=username-here  
password=password-here
```

4. Check connectivity by entering `spacecmd` as root:

```
# spacecmd
```

14.2.2 spacecmd Quiet Mode

By default `spacecmd` prints server status messages during connection attempts. These messages can cause a lot of clutter when parsing system lists. The following alias will force `spacecmd` to use quiet mode thus preventing this behavior. Add the following line to your `~/.bashrc` file:

```
alias spacecmd='spacecmd -q'
```

14.2.3 spacecmd Help

`spacecmd` help can be access by typing `spacecmd -h --help`

```
Usage: spacecmd [options] [command]  
  
Options:  
  -u USERNAME, --username=USERNAME  
                                use this username to connect to the server  
  -p PASSWORD, --password=PASSWORD  
                                use this password to connect to the server
```

```

-s SERVER, --server=SERVER      connect to this server [default: local hostname]
--nossll                        use HTTP instead of HTTPS
--nohistory                     do not store command history
-y, --yes                       answer yes for all questions
-q, --quiet                     print only error messages
-d, --debug                     print debug messages (can be passed multiple times)
-h, --help                     show this help message and exit

```

As root you can access available functions without entering the spacecmd shell:

```

# spacecmd -- help

      Documented commands (type help <topic>):
=====
activationkey_addchildchannels      org_trustdetails
activationkey_addconfigchannels    package_details
activationkey_addentitlements      package_listdependencies
activationkey_addgroups            package_listerrata
activationkey_addpackages          package_listinstalledsystems
activationkey_clone                package_listorphans
activationkey_create               package_remove
activationkey_delete               package_removeorphans
activationkey_details              package_search
activationkey_diff                 repo_addfilters
activationkey_disable              repo_clearfilters
activationkey_disableconfigdeployment repo_create
...

```

14.3 Troubleshooting

This section provides troubleshooting solutions when working with spacecmd

14.3.1 Creating a Distribution With spacecmd Sets Localhost Instead of FQDN

The support article associated with this issue may be located at: <https://www.suse.com/support/kb/doc/?id=7018627>

Situation

When creating a distribution with spacecmd it will automatically set localhost as the server name instead of the FQDN of SUSE Manager. This will result in the following kernel option being written:

```
install=http://localhost/ks/dist/<distributionname>
```

Resolution

Set the FQDN in `$HOME/.spacecmd/config` like the following:

```
test:~/.spacecmd # cat config
[spacecmd]
server=test.mytest.env
username=admin
password=password
nssl=0
```

Cause

This problem may be experienced if `$HOME/.spacecmd/config` has been created and the server name option was set to localhost.

14.4 spacecmd Functions

The following sections provide descriptions for all documented spacecmd commands. Each command is grouped by the function prefix. Keep in mind that all commands may also be called using scripts and passed to spacecmd as stand-alone commands.

14.4.1 activationkey_

The following spacecmd commands are available for use with activation keys.

activationkey_addchildchannels

Add child channels to an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_addchildchannels KEY <CHANNEL ...>
```

activationkey_addconfigchannels

Add configuration channels to an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_addconfigchannels KEY <CHANNEL ...> [options]

options:
  -t add channels to the top of the list
  -b add channels to the bottom of the list
```

activationkey_addentitlements

Add available entitlements to an activation key.



Note: WebUI Name Change

In the WebUI entitlements are known as System Types. Nevertheless the spacecmd backend still utilizes the entitlements term. Therefore any scripts you may be using can remain unchanged.

```
usage: activationkey_addentitlements KEY <ENTITLEMENT ...>
```

activationkey_addgroups

Add existing groups to an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_addgroups KEY <GROUP ...>
```

activationkey_addpackages

Add packages to an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_addpackages KEY <PACKAGE ...>
```

activationkey_clone

Clone an existing activation key.

```
usage examples:
    activationkey_clone foo_key -c bar_key
    activationkey_clone foo_key1 foo_key2 -c prefix
    activationkey_clone foo_key -x "s/foo/bar"
    activationkey_clone foo_key1 foo_key2 -x "s/foo/bar"

options:
  -c CLONE_NAME : Name of the resulting key, treated as a prefix for multiple
                  keys
  -x "s/foo/bar" : Optional regex replacement, replaces foo with bar in the
                  clone description, base-channel label, child-channel
                  labels, config-channel names
```

activationkey_create

Create a new activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_create [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -d DESCRIPTION
  -b BASE_CHANNEL
  -u set key as universal default
  -e [enterprise_entitled,virtualization_host]
```

activationkey_delete

Delete an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_delete KEY
```

activationkey_details

Show details of an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_details KEY ...
```

activationkey_diff

Check the difference between two activation keys.

```
usage: activationkey_diff SOURCE_ACTIVATIONKEY TARGET_ACTIVATIONKEY
```

activationkey_disable

Disable an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_disable KEY [KEY ...]
```

activationkey_disableconfigdeployment

Disable configuration channel deployment for an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_disableconfigdeployment KEY
```

activationkey_enable

Enable an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_enable KEY [KEY ...]
```

activationkey_enableconfigdeployment

Enable configuration channel deployment for an existing activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_enableconfigdeployment KEY
```

activationkey_export

Export activation key(s) to a JSON formatted file.

```
usage: activationkey_export [options] [<KEY> ...]

options:
  -f outfile.json : specify an output filename, defaults to <KEY>.json
                    if exporting a single key, akeys.json for multiple keys,
                    or akey_all.json if no KEY specified (export ALL)

Note : KEY list is optional, default is to export ALL keys
```

activationkey_import

Import activation key(s) from JSON file(s)

```
usage: activationkey_import <JSONFILE ...>
```

activationkey_list

List all existing activation keys.

```
usage: activationkey_list
```

activationkey_listbasechannel

List the base channel associated with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listbasechannel KEY
```

activationkey_listchildchannels

List child channels associated with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listchildchannels KEY
```

activationkey_listconfigchannels

List configuration channels associated with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listconfigchannels KEY
```

activationkey_listentitlements

List entitlements associated with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listentitlements KEY
```

activationkey_listgroups

List groups associated with an activation key

```
usage: activationkey_listgroups KEY
```

activationkey_listpackages

List packages associated with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listpackages KEY
```

activationkey_listsystems

List systems registered with an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_listsystems KEY
```

activationkey_removechildchannels

Remove child channels from an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_removechildchannels KEY <CHANNEL ...>
```

activationkey_removeconfigchannels

Remove configuration channels from an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_removeconfigchannels KEY <CHANNEL ...>
```

activationkey_removeentitlements

Remove entitlements from an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_removeentitlements KEY <ENTITLEMENT ...>
```

activationkey_removegroups

Remove groups from an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_removegroups KEY <GROUP ...>
```

activationkey_removepackages

Remove packages from an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_removepackages KEY <PACKAGE ...>
```

activationkey_setbasechannel

Set the base channel for an activation key.


```
usage: activationkey_setbasechannel KEY CHANNEL
```

activationkey_setconfigchannelorder

Set the ranked order of configuration channels.

```
usage: activationkey_setconfigchannelorder KEY
```

activationkey_setcontactmethod

Set the contact method to use for systems registered with a specific key. (Use the XML-RPC API to access the latest contact methods.) The following contact methods are available for use with traditional spacecmd: ['default', 'ssh-push', 'ssh-push-tunnel']

```
usage: activationkey_setcontactmethod KEY CONTACT_METHOD
```

activationkey_setdescription

Add a description for an activation key.

```
usage: activationkey_setdescription KEY DESCRIPTION
```

activationkey_setuniversaldefault

Set a specific key as the universal default.

```
usage: activationkey_setuniversaldefault KEY
```



Warning: Universal Default Key

Using a universal default key is not a Best Practice recommendation.

activationkey_setusagelimit

Set the usage limit of an activation key, can be a number or "unlimited".

```
usage: activationkey_setbasechannel KEY <usage limit>
usage: activationkey_setbasechannel KEY unlimited
```



Tip: Usage Limits

Usage limits are only applicable to traditionally managed systems. Currently usage limits do not apply to Salt or foreign managed systems.

14.4.2 api

The following API command and its options are available for calling the XML-RPC API directly. Calling the API directly allows you to use the latest features in SUSE Manager from the command-line using `spacecmd` as a wrapper for stand-alone commands or used from within scripts.



Note: Use the api Command for Access to Latest Features

`spacecmd` is the traditional tool for `spacewalk`. It functions out of the box with SUSE Manager but you should know that latest features (for example, Salt) are often excluded from traditional `spacecmd` command-line tool. To gain access to the latest feature additions call **`api api.getApiCallList`** from within `spacecmd` to list all currently available API commands formatted in json. You can then call these commands directly.

api

Call XML-RPC API with arguments directly.

```
usage: api [options] API_STRING

options:
  -A, --args Arguments for the API other than session id in comma separated
              strings or JSON expression
  -F, --format Output format
  -o, --output Output file

examples:
  api api.getApiCallList
  api --args "sysgroup_A" systemgroup.listSystems
  api -A "rhel-i386-server-5,2011-04-01,2011-05-01" -F "%(name)s" \
      channel.software.listAllPackages
```

14.4.3 clear

Clears the terminal screen

14.4.4 clear_caches

Clear the internal caches kept for systems and packages

```
usage: clear_caches
```

14.4.5 configchannel_

The following spacecmd commands are available for use with configuration channels.

configchannel_addfile

Creates a configuration file.

```
usage: configchannel_addfile [CHANNEL] [options]
```

options:

- c CHANNEL
- p PATH
- r REVISION
- o OWNER [default: root]
- g GROUP [default: root]
- m MODE [default: 0644]
- x SELINUX_CONTEXT
- d path is a directory
- s path is a symlink
- b path is a binary (or other file which needs base64 encoding)
- t SYMLINK_TARGET
- f local path to file contents

Note re binary/base64: Some text files, notably those containing trailing newlines, those containing ASCII escape characters (or other characters not allowed in XML) need to be sent as binary (-b). Some effort is made to auto-detect files which require this, but you may need to explicitly specify.

configchannel_backup

Backup a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_backup CHANNEL [OUTDIR]
```

OUTDIR defaults to \$HOME/spacecmd-backup/configchannel/YYYY-MM-DD/CHANNEL

configchannel_clone

Clone configuration channel(s).

usage examples:

```
configchannel_clone foo_label -c bar_label
configchannel_clone foo_label1 foo_label2 -c prefix
configchannel_clone foo_label -x "s/foo/bar"
configchannel_clone foo_label1 foo_label2 -x "s/foo/bar"
```

options:

```
-c CLONE_LABEL : name/label of the resulting cc (note does not update
                description, see -x option), treated as a prefix if
                multiple keys are passed
-x "s/foo/bar" : Optional regex replacement, replaces foo with bar in the
                clone name, label and description
Note : If no -c or -x option is specified, interactive is assumed
```

configchannel_create

Create a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_create [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -l LABEL
  -d DESCRIPTION
```

configchannel_delete

Delete a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_delete CHANNEL ...
```

configchannel_details

Show the details of a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_details CHANNEL ...
```

configchannel_diff

Find differences between configuration channels.

```
usage: configchannel_diff SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

configchannel_export

Export configuration channel(s) to a json formatted file.

```
usage: configchannel_export <CHANNEL>... [options]
options:
  -f outfile.json : specify an output filename, defaults to <CHANNEL>.json
                   if exporting a single channel, ccs.json for multiple
                   channels, or cc_all.json if no CHANNEL specified
                   e.g (export ALL)
```

Note : CHANNEL list is optional, default is to export ALL

configchannel_filedetails

Show the details of a file in a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_filedetails CHANNEL FILE [REVISION]
```

configchannel_forcedeploy

Forces a redeployment of files within a channel on all subscribed systems.

```
usage: configchannel_forcedeploy CHANNEL
```

configchannel_import

Import configuration channel(s) from a json file.

```
usage: configchannel_import <JSONFILES...>
```

configchannel_list

List all configuration channels.

```
usage: configchannel_list
```

configchannel_listfiles

List all files in a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_listfiles CHANNEL ...
```

configchannel_listsystems

List all systems subscribed to a configuration channel.

```
usage: configchannel_listsystems CHANNEL
```

configchannel_removefiles

Remove configuration files.

```
usage: configchannel_removefile CHANNEL <FILE ...>
```

configchannel_sync

Sync configuration files between two configuration channels.

```
usage: configchannel_sync SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

configchannel_updatefile

Update a configuration file.

```
usage: configchannel_updatefile CHANNEL FILE
```

configchannel_verifyfile

Verify a configuration file.

```
usage: configchannel_verifyfile CHANNEL FILE <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> may be substituted with any of the following targets:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

14.4.6 cryptkey_

The following spacecmd commands are available for use with cryptographic keys.

cryptkey_create

Create a cryptographic key.

```
usage: cryptkey_create [options]

options:
-t GPG or SSL
-d DESCRIPTION
-f KEY_FILE
```

cryptkey_delete

Delete a cryptographic key.

```
usage: cryptkey_delete NAME
```

cryptkey_details

Show the contents of a cryptographic key.

```
usage: cryptkey_details KEY ...
```

cryptkey_list

List all cryptographic keys (SSL, GPG).

```
usage: cryptkey_list
```

14.4.7 custominfo_

The following spacecmd commands are available for working with custom keys.

custominfo_createkey

Create a custom key.

```
usage: custominfo_createkey [NAME] [DESCRIPTION]
```

custominfo_deletekey

Delete a custom key.

```
usage: custominfo_deletekey KEY ...
```

custominfo_details

Show the details of a custom key.

```
usage: custominfo_details KEY ...
```

custominfo_listkeys

List all custom keys.

```
usage: custominfo_listkeys
```

custominfo_updatekey

Update a custom key.

```
usage: custominfo_updatekey [NAME] [DESCRIPTION]
```

14.4.8 distribution_

The following spacecmd commands are available for working with kickstart distributions.

distribution_create

Create a Kickstart tree.

```
usage: distribution_create [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -p path to tree
```

```
-b base channel to associate with  
-t install type [fedora|rhel_4/5/6|suse|generic_rpm]
```

distribution_delete

Delete a Kickstart tree.

```
usage: distribution_delete LABEL
```

distribution_details

Show the details of a Kickstart tree.

```
usage: distribution_details LABEL
```

distribution_list

List the available autoinstall trees.

```
usage: distribution_list
```

distribution_rename

Rename a Kickstart tree.

```
usage: distribution_rename OLDNAME NEWNAME
```

distribution_update

Update the path of a Kickstart tree.

```
usage: distribution_update NAME [options]  
  
options:  
-p path to tree  
-b base channel to associate with  
-t install type [fedora|rhel_4/5/6|suse|generic_rpm]
```

14.4.9 **errata_**

The following spacecmd commands are available for use with errata data.

errata_apply

Apply an patch to all affected systems.

```
usage: errata_apply ERRATA|search:XXX ...
```


errata_delete

Delete an patch.

```
usage: errata_delete ERRATA|search:XXX ...
```

errata_details

Show the details of an patch.

```
usage: errata_details ERRATA|search:XXX ...
```

errata_findbycve

List errata addressing a CVE.

```
usage: errata_findbycve CVE-YYYY-NNNN ...
```

errata_list

List all patches.

```
usage: errata_list
```

errata_listaffectedsystems

List of systems affected by an patch.

```
usage: errata_listaffectedsystems ERRATA|search:XXX ...
```

errata_listcves

List of CVEs addressed by an patch.

```
usage: errata_listcves ERRATA|search:XXX ...
```

errata_publish

Publish an patch to a channel.

```
usage: errata_publish ERRATA|search:XXX <CHANNEL ...>
```

errata_search

List patches that meet user provided criteria

```
usage: errata_search CVE|RHSA|RHBA|RHEA|CLA ...
```

Example:

```
> errata_search CVE-2009:1674
```

```
> errata_search RHSA-2009:1674
```

errata_summary

Print a summary of all errata.

```
usage: errata_summary
```

14.4.10 filepreservation_

The following spacecmd commands are available for working with kickstart file preservation lists.

filepreservation_create

Create a file preservation list.

```
usage: filepreservation_create [NAME] [FILE ...]
```

filepreservation_delete

Delete a file preservation list.

```
filepreservation_delete NAME
```

filepreservation_details

Show the details of a file preservation list.

```
usage: filepreservation_details NAME
```

filepreservation_list

List all file preservations.

```
usage: filepreservation_list
```

14.4.11 get_

get_apiversion

Display the API version of the server.

```
usage: get_apiversion
```

get_certificateexpiration

Print the expiration date of the server's entitlement certificate.

```
usage: get_certificateexpiration
```

get_serverversion

Display SUSE Manager server version.

```
usage: get_serverversion
```

get_session

Show the current session string.

```
usage: get_session
```

14.4.12 **group_**

group_addsystems

Add systems to a group.

```
usage: group_addsystems GROUP <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

group_backup

Backup a system group.

```
usage: group_backup NAME [OUTDIR]

OUTDIR defaults to $HOME/spacecmd-backup/group/YYYY-MM-DD/NAME
```

group_create

Create a system group.

```
usage: group_create [NAME] [DESCRIPTION]
```

group_delete

Delete a system group.

```
usage: group_delete NAME ...
```

group_details

Show the details of a system group.

```
usage: group_details GROUP ...
```

group_list

List available system groups.

```
usage: group_list
```

group_listsystems

List the members of a group.

```
usage: group_listsystems GROUP
```

group_removesystems

Remove systems from a group.

```
usage: group_removesystems GROUP <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

group_restore

Restore a system group.

```
usage: group_backup INPUTDIR [NAME] ...
```

14.4.13 help

List all available spacecmd commands with the help function. Check for additional help on a specific function by calling for example: **user_create --help**.

```
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
=====
activationkey_addchildchannels      org_trustdetails
activationkey_addconfigchannels     package_details
activationkey_addentitlements       package_listdependencies
activationkey_addgroups             package_listerrata
```

activationkey_addpackages	package_listinstalledsystems
activationkey_clone	package_listorphans
activationkey_create	package_remove
activationkey_delete	package_removeorphans
activationkey_details	package_search
activationkey_diff	repo_addfilters
activationkey_disable	repo_clearfilters
activationkey_disableconfigdeployment	repo_create
activationkey_enable	repo_delete
activationkey_enableconfigdeployment	repo_details
activationkey_export	repo_list
activationkey_import	repo_listfilters
activationkey_list	repo_removefilters
activationkey_listbasechannel	repo_rename
activationkey_listchildchannels	repo_setfilters
activationkey_listconfigchannels	repo_updatessl
activationkey_listentitlements	repo_updateurl
activationkey_listgroups	report_duplicates
activationkey_listpackages	report_errata
activationkey_listsystems	report_inactivesystems
activationkey_removechildchannels	report_ipaddresses
activationkey_removeconfigchannels	report_kernels
activationkey_removeentitlements	report_outofdatesystems
activationkey_removegroups	report_ungroupedsystems
activationkey_removepackages	scap_getxccdfscandetails
activationkey_setbasechannel	scap_getxccdfscanruleresults
activationkey_setconfigchannelorder	scap_listxccdfscans
activationkey_setcontactmethod	scap_schedulexccdfscan
activationkey_setdescription	schedule_cancel
activationkey_setuniversaldefault	schedule_details
activationkey_setusagelimit	schedule_getoutput
api	schedule_list
clear	schedule_listarchived
clear_caches	schedule_listcompleted
configchannel_addfile	schedule_listfailed
configchannel_backup	schedule_listpending
configchannel_clone	schedule_reschedule
configchannel_create	snippet_create
configchannel_delete	snippet_delete
configchannel_details	snippet_details
configchannel_diff	snippet_list
configchannel_export	snippet_update
configchannel_filedetails	softwarechannel_adderrata
configchannel_forcedeploy	softwarechannel_adderratabydate
configchannel_import	softwarechannel_addpackages
configchannel_list	softwarechannel_addrepo
configchannel_listfiles	softwarechannel_clone

configchannel_listsystems	softwarechannel_clonetree
configchannel_removefiles	softwarechannel_create
configchannel_sync	softwarechannel_delete
configchannel_updatefile	softwarechannel_details
configchannel_verifyfile	softwarechannel_diff
cryptokey_create	softwarechannel_errata_diff
cryptokey_delete	softwarechannel_errata_sync
cryptokey_details	softwarechannel_getorgaccess
cryptokey_list	softwarechannel_list
custominfo_createkey	softwarechannel_listallpackages
custominfo_deletekey	softwarechannel_listbasechannels
custominfo_details	softwarechannel_listchildchannels
custominfo_listkeys	softwarechannel_listerrata
custominfo_updatekey	softwarechannel_listerratabydate
distribution_create	softwarechannel_listlatestpackages
distribution_delete	softwarechannel_listpackages
distribution_details	softwarechannel_listrepos
distribution_list	softwarechannel_listsyncschedule
distribution_rename	softwarechannel_listsystems
distribution_update	softwarechannel_mirrorpackages
errata_apply	softwarechannel_regenerateneededcache
errata_delete	softwarechannel_regenerateyumcache
errata_details	softwarechannel_removeerrata
errata_findbycve	softwarechannel_removepackages
errata_list	softwarechannel_removerepo
errata_listaffectedsystems	softwarechannel_removesyncschedule
errata_listcves	softwarechannel_setorgaccess
errata_publish	softwarechannel_setsyncschedule
errata_search	softwarechannel_sync
errata_summary	softwarechannel_syncrepos
filepreservation_create	ssm_add
filepreservation_delete	ssm_clear
filepreservation_details	ssm_intersect
filepreservation_list	ssm_list
get_apiversion	ssm_remove
get_certificateexpiration	system_addchildchannels
get_serverversion	system_addconfigchannels
get_session	system_addconfigfile
group_addsystems	system_addcustomvalue
group_backup	system_addentitlements
group_create	system_addnote
group_delete	system_applyerrata
group_details	system_comparepackageprofile
group_list	system_comparepackages
group_listsystems	system_comparewithchannel
group_removesystems	system_createpackageprofile
group_restore	system_delete

help	system_deletecrashes
history	system_deletenotes
kickstart_addactivationkeys	system_deletepackageprofile
kickstart_addchildchannels	system_deployconfigfiles
kickstart_addcryptokeys	system_details
kickstart_addfilepreservations	system_getcrashfiles
kickstart_addoption	system_installpackage
kickstart_addpackages	system_list
kickstart_addscript	system_listbasechannel
kickstart_addvariable	system_listchildchannels
kickstart_clone	system_listconfigchannels
kickstart_create	system_listconfigfiles
kickstart_delete	system_listcrashedsystems
kickstart_details	system_listcrashesbysystem
kickstart_diff	system_listcustomvalues
kickstart_disableconfigmanagement	system_listentitlements
kickstart_disableremotecommands	system_listerrata
kickstart_enableconfigmanagement	system_listevents
kickstart_enablelogging	system_listhardware
kickstart_enableremotecommands	system_listinstalledpackages
kickstart_export	system_listnotes
kickstart_getcontents	system_listpackageprofiles
kickstart_getsoftwareetails	system_listupgrades
kickstart_getupdatetype	system_lock
kickstart_import	system_reboot
kickstart_import_raw	system_removechildchannels
kickstart_importjson	system_removeconfigchannels
kickstart_list	system_removecustomvalues
kickstart_listactivationkeys	system_removeentitlement
kickstart_listchildchannels	system_removepackage
kickstart_listcryptokeys	system_rename
kickstart_listcustomoptions	system_runscript
kickstart_listoptions	system_schedulehardwarerefresh
kickstart_listpackages	system_schedulepackagerefresh
kickstart_listscripts	system_search
kickstart_listvariables	system_setbasechannel
kickstart_removeactivationkeys	system_setconfigchannelorder
kickstart_removechildchannels	system_setcontactmethod
kickstart_removecryptokeys	system_show_packageversion
kickstart_removefilepreservations	system_syncpackages
kickstart_removeoptions	system_unlock
kickstart_removepackages	system_updatecustomvalue
kickstart_removescript	system_upgradepackage
kickstart_removevariables	toggle_confirmations
kickstart_rename	user_adddefaultgroup
kickstart_setcustomoptions	user_addgroup
kickstart_setdistribution	user_addrole

kickstart_setlocale	user_create
kickstart_setpartitions	user_delete
kickstart_setselinux	user_details
kickstartsetupdatetype	user_disable
kickstart_updatevariable	user_enable
list_proxies	user_list
login	user_listavailableroles
logout	user_removedefaultgroup
org_addtrust	user_removegroup
org_create	user_removeuser
org_delete	user_setemail
org_details	user_setfirstname
org_list	user_setlastname
org_listtrusts	user_setpassword
org_listusers	user_setprefix
org_removeuser	whoami
org_rename	whoamitalkingto

Miscellaneous help topics:

```
=====
time  systems  ssm
```

14.4.14 history

List recent commands using the **history** command.

```
spacecmd {SSM:0}> history
 1  help
 2  api
 3  exit
 4  help
 5  time --help
 6  quit
 7  clear
spacecmd {SSM:0}>
```

14.4.15 kickstart_

The following spacecmd functions are available for use with kickstart.

kickstart_addactivationkeys

Add activation keys to a Kickstart profile.


```
usage: kickstart_addactivationkeys PROFILE <KEY ...>
```

kickstart_addchildchannels

Add a child channels to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addchildchannels PROFILE <CHANNEL ...>
```

kickstart_addcryptokeys

Add cryptography keys to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addcryptokeys PROFILE <KEY ...>
```

kickstart_addfilepreservations

Add file preservations to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addfilepreservations PROFILE <FILELIST ...>
```

kickstart_adoption

Set an option for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_adoption PROFILE KEY [VALUE]
```

kickstart_addpackages

Add packages to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addpackages PROFILE <PACKAGE ...>
```

kickstart_addscript

Add a script to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addscript PROFILE [options]
```

options:

```
-p PROFILE  
-e EXECUTION_TIME ['pre', 'post']  
-i INTERPRETER  
-f FILE  
-c execute in a chroot environment  
-t ENABLING_TEMPLATING
```

kickstart_addvariable

Add a variable to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_addvariable PROFILE KEY VALUE
```

kickstart_clone

Clone a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_clone [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -c CLONE_NAME
```

kickstart_create

Create a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_create [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -d DISTRIBUTION
  -p ROOT_PASSWORD
  -v VIRT_TYPE ['none', 'para_host', 'qemu', 'xenfv', 'xenpv']
```

kickstart_delete

Delete kickstart profile(s).

```
usage: kickstart_delete PROFILE
usage: kickstart_delete PROFILE1 PROFILE2
usage: kickstart_delete "PROF*"
```

kickstart_details

Show the details of a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_details PROFILE
```

kickstart_diff

List differences between two kickstart files.

```
usage: kickstart_diff SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

kickstart_disableconfigmanagement

Disable configuration management on a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_disableconfigmanagement PROFILE
```

kickstart_disableremotecommands

Disable remote commands on a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_disableremotecommands PROFILE
```

kickstart_enableconfigmanagement

Enable configuration management on a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_enableconfigmanagement PROFILE
```

kickstart_enablelogging

Enable logging for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_enablelogging PROFILE
```

kickstart_enableremotecommands

Enable remote commands on a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_enableremotecommands PROFILE
```

kickstart_export

Export kickstart profile(s) to json formatted file.

```
usage: kickstart_export <KSPROFILE>... [options]
options:
  -f outfile.json : specify an output filename, defaults to <KSPROFILE>.json
                    if exporting a single kickstart, profiles.json for multiple
                    kickstarts, or ks_all.json if no KSPROFILE specified
                    e.g (export ALL)
```

Note : KSPROFILE list is optional, default is to export ALL

kickstart_getcontents

Show the contents of a Kickstart profile as they would be presented to a client.

```
usage: kickstart_getcontents LABEL
```

kickstart_getsoftwaredetails

Gets kickstart profile software details.

```
usage: kickstart_getsoftwaredetails KS_LABEL
usage: kickstart_getsoftwaredetails KS_LABEL KS_LABEL2 ...
```

kickstart_getupdatetype

Get the update type for a kickstart profile(s).

```
usage: kickstart_getupdatetype PROFILE
```

```
usage: kickstart_getupdatetype PROFILE1 PROFILE2
usage: kickstart_getupdatetype "PROF*"
```

kickstart_import

Import a Kickstart profile from a file.

```
usage: kickstart_import [options]

options:
  -f FILE
  -n NAME
  -d DISTRIBUTION
  -v VIRT_TYPE ['none', 'para_host', 'qemu', 'xenfv', 'xenpv']
```

kickstart_import_raw

Import a raw Kickstart or autoyast profile from a file.

```
usage: kickstart_import_raw [options]

options:
  -f FILE
  -n NAME
  -d DISTRIBUTION
  -v VIRT_TYPE ['none', 'para_host', 'qemu', 'xenfv', 'xenpv']
```

kickstart_importjson

Import kickstart profile(s) from json file.

```
usage: kickstart_import <JSONFILES...>
```

kickstart_list

List the available Kickstart profiles.

```
usage: kickstart_list
```

kickstart_listactivationkeys

List the activation keys associated with a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listactivationkeys PROFILE
```

kickstart_listchildchannels

List the child channels of a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listchildchannels PROFILE
```

kickstart_listcryptokeys

List the crypto keys associated with a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listcryptokeys PROFILE
```

kickstart_listcustomoptions

List the custom options of a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listcustomoptions PROFILE
```

kickstart_listoptions

List the options of a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listoptions PROFILE
```

kickstart_listpackages

List the packages for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listpackages PROFILE
```

kickstart_listscripts

List the scripts for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listscripts PROFILE
```

kickstart_listvariables

List the variables of a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_listvariables PROFILE
```

kickstart_removeactivationkeys

Remove activation keys from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removeactivationkeys PROFILE <KEY ...>
```

kickstart_removechildchannels

Remove child channels from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removechildchannels PROFILE <CHANNEL ...>
```

kickstart_removecryptokeys

Remove crypto keys from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removecryptokeys PROFILE <KEY ...>
```

kickstart_removefilepreservations

Remove file preservations from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removefilepreservations PROFILE <FILE ...>
```

kickstart_removeoptions

Remove options from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removeoptions PROFILE <OPTION ...>
```

kickstart_removepackages

Remove packages from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removepackages PROFILE <PACKAGE ...>
```

kickstart_removescript

Add a script to a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removescript PROFILE [ID]
```

kickstart_removevariables

Remove variables from a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_removevariables PROFILE <KEY ...>
```

kickstart_rename

Rename a Kickstart profile

```
usage: kickstart_rename OLDNAME NEWNAME
```

kickstart_setcustomoptions

Set custom options for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_setcustomoptions PROFILE
```

kickstart_setdistribution

Set the distribution for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_setdistribution PROFILE DISTRIBUTION
```

kickstart_setlocale

Set the locale for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_setlocale PROFILE LOCALE
```

kickstart_setpartitions

Set the partitioning scheme for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_setpartitions PROFILE
```

kickstart_setselinux

Set the SELinux mode for a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_setselinux PROFILE MODE
```

kickstartsetupdatetype

Set the update type for a kickstart profile(s).

```
usage: kickstartsetupdatetype [options] KS_LABEL

options:
  -u UPDATE_TYPE ['red_hat', 'all', 'none']
```

kickstart_updatevariable

Update a variable in a Kickstart profile.

```
usage: kickstart_updatevariable PROFILE KEY VALUE
```

14.4.16 list_proxies

The following spacecmd function is available for listing proxies.

list_proxies

List the proxies within the user's organization.

```
usage: list_proxies
```

14.4.17 login

Connect as a specific user to the SUSE manager server.

```
# spacecmd -- login <USERNAME>
```

14.4.18 **logout**

Logout from server as the current user.

```
# spacecmd -- logout
```

14.4.19 **org_**

The following spacecmd functions are available for use with organizations.

org_addtrust

Add a trust between two organizations

```
usage: org_addtrust YOUR_ORG ORG_TO_TRUST
```

org_create

Create an organization.

```
usage: org_create [options]

options:
  -n ORG_NAME
  -u USERNAME
  -P PREFIX (Dr., Mr., Miss, Mrs., Ms.)
  -f FIRST_NAME
  -l LAST_NAME
  -e EMAIL
  -p PASSWORD
  --pam enable PAM authentication
```

org_delete

Delete an organization.

```
usage: org_delete NAME
```

org_details

Show the details of an organization.

```
usage: org_details NAME
```


org_list

List all organizations.

```
usage: org_list
```

org_listtrusts

List an organization's trusts.

```
org_listtrusts NAME
```

org_listusers

List an organization's users.

```
org_listusers NAME
```

org_remove trust

Remove a trust between two organizations.

```
usage: org_remove trust YOUR_ORG TRUSTED_ORG
```

org_rename

Rename an organization.

```
usage: org_rename OLDNAME NEWNAME
```

org_trustdetails

Show the details of an organizational trust.

```
usage: org_trustdetails TRUSTED_ORG
```

14.4.20 **package_**

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with packages.

package_details

Show the details of a software package.

```
usage: package_details PACKAGE ...
```

package_listdependencies

List the dependencies for a package.

```
usage: package_listdependencies PACKAGE
```

package_listerrata

List the errata that provide this package.

```
usage: package_listerrata PACKAGE ...
```

package_listinstalledsystems

List the systems with a package installed.

```
usage: package_listinstalledsystems PACKAGE ...
```

package_listorphans

List packages that are not in a channel.

```
usage: package_listorphans
```

package_remove

Remove a package from SUSE Manager/Satellite

```
usage: package_remove PACKAGE ...
```

package_removeorphans

Remove packages that are not in a channel.

```
usage: package_removeorphans
```

package_search

Find packages that meet the given criteria.

```
usage: package_search NAME|QUERY
```

```
Example: package_search kernel
```

Advanced Search:

Available Fields: name, epoch, version, release, arch, description, summary

```
Example: name:kernel AND version:2.6.18 AND -description:devel
```

14.4.21 **repo_**

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with repositories.

repo_addfilters

Add filters for a user repository.

```
usage: repo_addfilters repo <filter ...>
```

repo_clearfilters

Clears the filters for a user repository.

```
usage: repo_clearfilters repo
```

repo_create

Create a user repository.

```
usage: repo_create <options>

options:
  -n, --name    name of repository
  -u, --url     url of repository

  --ca          SSL CA certificate (not required)
  --cert        SSL Client certificate (not required)
  --key         SSL Client key (not required)
```

repo_delete

Delete a user repository.

```
usage: repo_delete <repo ...>
```

repo_details

Show the details of a user repository.

```
usage: repo_details <repo ...>
```

repo_list

List all available user repository.

```
usage: repo_list
```

repo_listfilters

Show the filters for a user repository.

```
usage: repo_listfilters repo
```

repo_removefilters

Remove filters from a user repository.

```
usage: repo_removefilters repo <filter ...>
```

repo_rename

Rename a user repository.

```
usage: repo_rename OLDNAME NEWNAME
```

repo_setfilters

Set the filters for a user repo.

```
usage: repo_setfilters repo <filter ...>
```

repo_updatessl

Change the SSL certificates of a user repository.

```
usage: repo_updatessl <options>
options:
  --ca          SSL CA certificate (not required)
  --cert        SSL Client certificate (not required)
  --key         SSL Client key (not required)
```

repo_updateurl

Change the URL of a user repository.

```
usage: repo_updateurl <repo> <url>
```

14.4.22 report_

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with reports.

report_duplicates

List duplicate system profiles.

```
usage: report_duplicates
```

report_errata

List all errata and how many systems they affect.

```
usage: report_errata [ERRATA|search:XXX ...]
```

report_inactivesystems

List all inactive systems.

```
usage: report_inactivesystems [DAYS]
```

report_ipaddresses

List the hostname and IP of each system.

```
usage: report_network [<SYSTEMS>]

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

report_kernels

List the running kernel of each system.

```
usage: report_kernels [<SYSTEMS>]

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

report_outofdatesystems

List all out-of-date systems.

```
usage: report_outofdatesystems
```

report_ungroupedsystems

List all ungrouped systems.

```
usage: report_ungroupedsystems
```

14.4.23 scap_

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with OpenSCAP.

scap_getxccdfscandetails

Get details of given OpenSCAP XCCDF scan.

```
usage: scap_getxccdfscandetails <XID>
```

scap_getxccdfscanruleresults

Return a full list of RuleResults for given OpenSCAP XCCDF scan.

```
usage: scap_getxccdfscanruleresults <XID>
```

scap_listxccdfscans

Return a list of finished OpenSCAP scans for given systems.

```
usage: scap_listxccdfscans <SYSTEMS>
```

scap_scheduledxccdfscan

Schedule Scap XCCDF scan.

```
usage: scap_scheduledxccdfscan PATH_TO_XCCDF_FILE XCCDF_OPTIONS SYSTEMS
```

Example:

```
> scap_scheduledxccdfscan '/usr/share/openscap/scap-security-xccdf.xml' 'profile Web-Default' \
system-scap.example.com
```

14.4.24 **schedule_**

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with scheduling.

schedule_cancel

Cancel a scheduled action.

```
usage: schedule_cancel ID|* ...
```

schedule_details

Show the details of a scheduled action.

```
usage: schedule_details ID
```

schedule_getoutput

Show the output from an action.

```
usage: schedule_getoutput ID
```

schedule_list

List all actions.

```
usage: schedule_list [BEGINDATE] [ENDDATE]
```

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

m -> minutes

h -> hours

d -> days

schedule_listarchived

List archived actions.

```
usage: schedule_listarchived [BEGINDATE] [ENDDATE]
```

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

m -> minutes

h -> hours

```
d -> days
```

schedule_listcompleted

List completed actions.

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

m -> minutes

h -> hours

d -> days

schedule_listfailed

List failed actions.

```
usage: schedule_listfailed [BEGINDATE] [ENDDATE]
```

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

m -> minutes

h -> hours

d -> days

schedule_listpending

List pending actions.

```
usage: schedule_listpending [BEGINDATE] [ENDDATE]
```

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

m -> minutes

h -> hours

d -> days

schedule_reschedule

Reschedule failed actions.

```
usage: schedule_reschedule ID|* ...
```

14.4.25 snippet_

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with Kickstart snippets.

snippet_create

Create a Kickstart snippet

```
usage: snippet_create [options]
```

options:

-n NAME

-f FILE

snippet_delete

Delete a Kickstart snippet.

```
usage: snippet_removefile NAME
```

snippet_details

Show the contents of a snippet.

```
usage: snippet_details SNIPPET ...
```

snippet_list

List the available Kickstart snippets.

```
usage: snippet_list
```

snippet_update

Update a Kickstart snippet.

```
usage: snippet_update NAME
```

14.4.26 softwarechannel_

The following spacecmd functions are available for working with software channels.

softwarechannel_adderrata

Add patches from one channel into another channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_adderrata SOURCE DEST <ERRATA|search:XXX ...>
Options:
  -q/--quick : Don't display list of packages (slightly faster)
  -s/--skip  : Skip errata which appear to exist already in DEST
```

softwarechannel_adderratabydate

Add errata from one channel into another channel based on a date range.

```
usage: softwarechannel_adderratabydate [options] SOURCE DEST BEGINDATE ENDDATE
Date format : YYYYMMDD
Options:
  -p/--publish : Publish errata to the channel (don't clone)
```

softwarechannel_addpackages

Add packages to a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_addpackages CHANNEL <PACKAGE ...>
```

softwarechannel_addrepo

Add a repo to a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_addrepo CHANNEL REPO
```

softwarechannel_clone

Clone a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_clone [options]

options:
  -s SOURCE_CHANNEL
  -n NAME
  -l LABEL
  -p PARENT_CHANNEL
  --gpg-copy/-g (copy SOURCE_CHANNEL GPG details)
  --gpg-url GPG_URL
  --gpg-id GPG_ID
  --gpg-fingerprint GPG_FINGERPRINT
  -o do not clone any patches
  --regex/-x "s/foo/bar" : Optional regex replacement,
                           replaces foo with bar in the clone name and label
```

softwarechannel_clonetree

Clone a software channel and its child channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_clonetree [options]A
      e.g   softwarechannel_clonetree foobasechannel -p "my_"
            softwarechannel_clonetree foobasechannel -x "s/foo/bar"
            softwarechannel_clonetree foobasechannel -x "s/^/my_"

options:
  -s/--source-channel SOURCE_CHANNEL
  -p/--prefix PREFIX (is prepended to the label and name of all channels)
  --gpg-copy/-g (copy GPG details for correspondoing source channel))
  --gpg-url GPG_URL (applied to all channels)
  --gpg-id GPG_ID (applied to all channels)
  --gpg-fingerprint GPG_FINGERPRINT (applied to all channels)
  -o do not clone any errata
  --regex/-x "s/foo/bar" : Optional regex replacement,
                           replaces foo with bar in the clone name, label and description
```

softwarechannel_create

Create a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_create [options]

options:
  -n NAME
  -l LABEL
  -p PARENT_CHANNEL
  -a ARCHITECTURE ['ia32', 'ia64', 'x86_64', 'ppc',
                  'i386-sun-solaris', 'sparc-sun-solaris']
  -c CHECKSUM ['sha1', 'sha256', 'sha384', 'sha512']
  -u GPG_URL
  -i GPG_ID
  -f GPG_FINGERPRINT
```

softwarechannel_delete

Delete a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_delete <CHANNEL ...>
```

softwarechannel_details

Show the details of a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_details <CHANNEL ...>
```

softwarechannel_diff

Check the difference between software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_diff SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_errata_diff

Check the difference between software channel files.

```
usage: softwarechannel_errata_diff SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_errata_sync

Sync errata of two software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_errata_sync SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_getorgaccess

Get the org-access for the software channel.

```
usage : softwarechannel_getorgaccess : get org access for all channels
usage : softwarechannel_getorgaccess <channel_label(s)> : get org access for
specific channel(s)
```

softwarechannel_list

List all available software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_list [options]'  
options:  
-v verbose (display label and summary)  
-t tree view (pretty-print child-channels)
```

softwarechannel_listallpackages

List all packages in a channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listallpackages CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_listbasechannels

List all base software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listbasechannels [options]  
options:  
-v verbose (display label and summary)
```

softwarechannel_listchildchannels

List child software channels.

```
usage:  
softwarechannel_listchildchannels [options]  
softwarechannel_listchildchannels : List all child channels  
softwarechannel_listchildchannels CHANNEL : List children for a specific base  
channel  
options:  
-v verbose (display label and summary)
```

softwarechannel_listerrata

List the errata associated with a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listerrata <CHANNEL ...> [from=yyyymmdd [to=yyyymmdd]]
```

softwarechannel_listerratabydate

List errata from channelbased on a date range.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listerratabydate CHANNEL BEGINDATE ENDDATE  
Date format : YYYYMMDD
```

softwarechannel_listlatestpackages

List the newest version of all packages in a channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listlatestpackages CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_listpackages

List the most recent packages available from a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listpackages CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_listrepos

List the repos for a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listrepos CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_listsynschedule

List sync schedules for all software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listsynschedule : List all channels
```

softwarechannel_listsystems

List all systems subscribed to a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_listsystems CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_mirrorpackages

Download packages of a given channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_mirrorpackages CHANNEL
Options:
  -l/--latest : Only mirror latest package version
```

softwarechannel_regenerateneededcache

Regenerate the needed errata and package cache for all systems.

```
usage: softwarechannel_regenerateneededcache
```

softwarechannel_regenerateyumcache

Regenerate the YUM cache for a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_regenerateyumcache <CHANNEL ...>
```

softwarechannel_removeerrata

Remove patches from a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_removeerrata CHANNEL <ERRATA:search:XXX ...>
```

softwarechannel_removepackages

Remove packages from a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_removepackages CHANNEL <PACKAGE ...>
```

softwarechannel_removerepo

Remove a repo from a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_removerepo CHANNEL REPO
```

softwarechannel_removesyncschedule

Removes the repo sync schedule for a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_setsyncschedule <CHANNEL>
```

softwarechannel_setorgaccess

Set the org-access for the software channel.

```
usage : softwarechannel_setorgaccess <channel_label> [options]
-d,--disable : disable org access (private, no org sharing)
-e,--enable  : enable org access (public access to all trusted orgs)
```

softwarechannel_setsyncschedule

Sets the repo sync schedule for a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_setsyncschedule <CHANNEL> <SCHEDULE>
```

The schedule is specified in Quartz CronTrigger format without enclosing quotes.
For example, to set a schedule of every day at 1am, <SCHEDULE> would be 0 0 1 * * ?

softwarechannel_sync

Sync the packages of two software channels.

```
usage: softwarechannel_sync SOURCE_CHANNEL TARGET_CHANNEL
```

softwarechannel_syncrepos

Sync users repos for a software channel.

```
usage: softwarechannel_syncrepos <CHANNEL ...>
```

14.4.27 ssm_

The following spacecmd functions are available for use with System Set Manager.

ssm_add

Add systems to the SSM.

```
usage: ssm_add <SYSTEMS>

see 'help ssm' for more details

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

ssm_clear

Remove all systems from the SSM.

```
usage: ssm_clear
```

ssm_intersect

Replace the current SSM with the intersection of the current list of systems and the list of systems passed as arguments.

```
usage: ssm_intersect <SYSTEMS>

see 'help ssm' for more details

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNE
```

ssm_list

List the systems currently in the SSM.

```
usage: ssm_list

see 'help ssm' for more details
```


ssm_remove

Remove systems from the SSM.

```
usage: ssm_remove <SYSTEMS>

see 'help ssm' for more details

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

14.4.28 system_

The following spacecmd functions are available for use with systems.

system_addchildchannels

Add child channels to a system.

```
usage: system_addchildchannels <SYSTEMS> <CHANNEL ...>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_addconfigchannels

Add config channels to a system.

```
usage: system_addconfigchannels <SYSTEMS> <CHANNEL ...> [options]

options:
  -t add channels to the top of the list
  -b add channels to the bottom of the list

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
```

```
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_addconfigfile

Create a configuration file.

Note this is only for system sandbox or locally-managed files
Centrally managed files should be created via configchannel_addfile
usage: system_addconfigfile [SYSTEM] [options]

options:

- S/--sandbox : list only system-sandbox files
- L/--local : list only locally managed files
- p PATH
- r REVISION
- o OWNER [default: root]
- g GROUP [default: root]
- m MODE [default: 0644]
- x SELINUX_CONTEXT
- d path is a directory
- s path is a symlink
- b path is a binary (or other file which needs base64 encoding)
- t SYMLINK_TARGET
- f local path to file contents

Note re binary/base64: Some text files, notably those containing trailing newlines, those containing ASCII escape characters (or other characters not allowed in XML) need to be sent as binary (-b). Some effort is made to auto-detect files which require this, but you may need to explicitly specify.

system_addcustomvalue

Set a custom value for a system.

```
usage: system_addcustomvalue KEY VALUE <SYSTEMS>
```

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:

```
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_addentitlements

Add entitlements to a system.

```
usage: system_addentitlements <SYSTEMS> ENTITLEMENT
```

```
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_addnote

Set a note for a system.

```
usage: system_addnote <SYSTEM> [options]  
  
options:  
  -s SUBJECT  
  -b BODY  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_applyerrata

Apply errata to a system.

```
usage: system_applyerrata <SYSTEMS> [ERRATA|search:XXX ...]  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_comparepackageprofile

Compare a system against a package profile.

```
usage: system_comparepackageprofile <SYSTEMS> PROFILE  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
```

```
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_comparepackages

Compare the packages between two systems.

```
usage: system_comparepackages SOME_SYSTEM ANOTHER_SYSTEM
```

system_comparewithchannel

Compare the installed packages on a system with those in the channels it is registered to, or optionally some other channel.

```
usage: system_comparewithchannel <SYSTEMS> [options]
options:
    -c/--channel : Specific channel to compare against,
                  default is those subscribed to, including
                  child channels

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_createpackageprofile

Create a package profile.

```
usage: system_createpackageprofile SYSTEM [options]

options:
    -n NAME
    -d DESCRIPTION
```

system_delete

Delete a system profile.

```
usage: system_delete <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
```

```
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_deletecrashes

Delete crashes reported by spacewalk-abrt.

```
usage: Delete all crashes for all systems      : system_deletecrashes [--verbose]
usage: Delete all crashes for a single system: system_deletecrashes -i sys_id [--verbose]
usage: Delete a single crash record           : system_deletecrashes -c crash_id [--verbose]
```

system_deletenotes

Delete notes from a system.

```
usage: system_deletenotes <SYSTEM> <ID|*>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_deletepackageprofile

Delete a package profile.

```
usage: system_deletepackageprofile PROFILE
```

system_deployconfigfiles

Deploy all configuration files for a system.

```
usage: system_deployconfigfiles <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_details

Show the details of a system profile.

```
usage: system_details <SYSTEMS>
```

```
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_getcrashfiles

Download all files for a crash record.

```
usage: system_getcrashfiles -c crash_id [--verbose]  
usage: system_getcrashfiles -c crash_id [--dest_folder=/tmp/crash_files] [--verbose]
```

system_installpackage

Install a package on a system.

```
usage: system_installpackage <SYSTEMS> <PACKAGE ...>  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_list

List all system profiles.

```
usage: system_list
```

system_listbasechannel

List the base channel for a system.

```
usage: system_listbasechannel <SYSTEMS>  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listchildchannels

List the child channels for a system.

```
usage: system_listchildchannels <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listconfigchannels

List the config channels of a system.

```
usage: system_listconfigchannels <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listconfigfiles

List the managed config files of a system.

```
usage: system_listconfigfiles <SYSTEMS>
options:
  -s/--sandbox : list only system-sandbox files
  -l/--local   : list only locally managed files
  -c/--central : list only centrally managed files
  -q/--quiet   : quiet mode (omits the header)

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listcrashedsystems

List all systems that have experienced a crash and reported by spacewalk-abrt.

```
usage: system_listcrashedsystems
```

system_listcrashesbysystem

List all reported crashes for a system.

```
usage: system_listcrashesbysystem -i sys_id
```

system_listcustomvalues

List the custom values for a system.

```
usage: system_listcustomvalues <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listentitlements

List the entitlements for a system.

```
usage: system_listentitlements <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listerrata

List available errata for a system.

```
usage: system_listerrata <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listevents

List the event history for a system.

```
usage: system_listevents <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
```



```
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listhardware

List the hardware details of a system.

```
usage: system_listhardware <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listinstalledpackages

List the installed packages on a system.

```
usage: system_listinstalledpackages <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listnotes

List the available notes for a system.

```
usage: system_listnotes <SYSTEM>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_listpackageprofiles

List all package profiles.

```
usage: system_listpackageprofiles
```

system_listupgrades

List the available upgrades for a system.

```
usage: system_listupgrades <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_lock

Lock a system.

```
usage: system_lock <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_reboot

Reboot a system.

```
usage: system_reboot <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_removechildchannels

Remove child channels from a system.

```
usage: system_removechildchannels <SYSTEMS> <CHANNEL ...>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
```

```
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_removeconfigchannels

Remove config channels from a system.

```
usage: system_removeconfigchannels <SYSTEMS> <CHANNEL ...>  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_removecustomvalues

Remove a custom value for a system.

```
usage: system_removecustomvalues <SYSTEMS> <KEY ...>  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_removeentitlement

Remove an entitlement from a system.

```
usage: system_removeentitlement <SYSTEMS> ENTITLEMENT  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:  
name  
ssm (see 'help ssm')  
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')  
group:GROUP  
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_removepackage

Remove a package from a system.

```
usage: system_removepackage <SYSTEMS> <PACKAGE ...>  
  
<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
```

```
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_rename

Rename a system profile.

```
usage: system_rename OLDNAME NEWNAME
```

system_runscript

Schedule a script to run on the list of systems provided.

```
usage: system_runscript <SYSTEMS> [options]
```

options:

```
-u USER
-g GROUP
-t TIMEOUT
-s START_TIME
-l LABEL
-f FILE
```

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:

```
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

Dates can be any of the following:

Explicit Dates:

Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM] format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no values are provided.

Deltas:

Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:

s -> seconds

```
m -> minutes
h -> hours
d -> days
```

system_schedulehardwarerefresh

Schedule a hardware refresh for a system.

```
usage: system_schedulehardwarerefresh <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_schedulepackagerefresh

Schedule a software package refresh for a system.

```
usage: system_schedulepackagerefresh <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_search

List systems that match the given criteria.

```
usage: system_search QUERY

Available Fields:
id
name
ip
hostname
device
vendor
driver
uuid

Examples:
> system_search device:vmware
> system_search ip:192.168.82
```

system_setbasechannel

Set a system's base software channel.

```
usage: system_setbasechannel <SYSTEMS> CHANNEL

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_setconfigchannelorder

Set the ranked order of configuration channels.

```
usage: system_setconfigchannelorder <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_setcontactmethod

Set the contact method for given system(s).

```
Available contact methods: ['default', 'ssh-push', 'ssh-push-tunnel']
usage: system_setcontactmethod <SYSTEMS> <CONTACT_METHOD>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_show_packageversion

Shows version of installed package on given system(s).

```
usage: system_show_packageversion <SYSTEM> <PACKAGE>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
```

```
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_syncpackages

Sync packages between two systems.

```
usage: system_syncpackages SOURCE TARGET
```

system_unlock

Unlock a system.

```
usage: system_unlock <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_updatecustomvalue

Update a custom value for a system.

```
usage: system_updatecustomvalue KEY VALUE <SYSTEMS>

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

system_upgradepackage

Upgrade a package on a system.

```
usage: system_upgradepackage <SYSTEMS> <PACKAGE ...>|*

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

14.4.29 toggle_

toggle_confirmations

Toggle confirmation messages on/off.

```
usage: toggle_confirmations
```

14.4.30 user_

user_adddefaultgroup

Add a default group to an user account.

```
usage: user_adddefaultgroup USER <GROUP ...>
```

user_addgroup

Add a group to an user account.

```
usage: user_addgroup USER <GROUP ...>
```

user_addrole

Add a role to an user account.

```
usage: user_addrole USER ROLE
```

user_create

Create an user.

```
usage: user_create [options]

options:
  -u USERNAME
  -f FIRST_NAME
  -l LAST_NAME
  -e EMAIL
  -p PASSWORD
  --pam enable PAM authentication
```

user_delete

Delete an user.

```
usage: user_delete NAME
```


user_details

Show the details of an user.

```
usage: user_details USER ...
```

user_disable

Disable an user account.

```
usage: user_disable NAME
```

user_enable

Enable an user account.

```
usage: user_enable NAME
```

user_list

List all users.

```
usage: user_list
```

user_listavailableroles

List all available roles for users.

```
usage: user_listavailableroles
```

user_removedefaultgroup

Remove a default group from an user account.

```
usage: user_removedefaultgroup USER <GROUP ...>
```

user_removegroup

Remove a group to an user account.

```
usage: user_removegroup USER <GROUP ...>
```

user_removeole

Remove a role from an user account.

```
usage: user_removeole USER ROLE
```

user_setemail

Set an user accounts email field.

```
usage: user_setemail USER EMAIL
```

user_setfirstname

Set an user accounts first name field.

```
usage: user_setfirstname USER FIRST_NAME
```

user_setlastname

Set an user accounts last name field.

```
usage: user_setlastname USER LAST_NAME
```

user_setpassword

Set an user accounts name prefix field.

```
usage: user_setpassword USER PASSWORD
```

user_setprefix

Set an user accounts name prefix field.

```
usage: user_setprefix USER PREFIX
```

14.4.31 **whoami**

The following command is available for returning the currently logged spacecmd username.

whoami

Print the currently logged spacecmd user.

```
spacecmd {SSM:0}> whoami  
admin
```

14.4.32 **whoamitalkingto**

The following spacecmd function is available for returning the server hostname.

whoamitalkingto

Return the server hostname that spacecmd is connected with.

```
spacecmd {SSM:0}> whoamitalkingto
```

14.4.33 Miscellaneous Help Topics

The following help topics are printed with all functions requiring the relevant information.

time

Dates can be any of the following:

```
Explicit Dates:
Dates can be expressed as explicit date strings in the YYYYMMDD[HHMM]
format. The year, month and day are required, while the hours and
minutes are not; the hours and minutes will default to 0000 if no
values are provided.

Deltas:
Dates can be expressed as delta values. For example, '2h' would
mean 2 hours in the future. You can also use negative values to
express times in the past (e.g., -7d would be one week ago).

Units:
s -> seconds
m -> minutes
h -> hours
d -> days
```

systems

<SYSTEMS> can be any of the following:

```
name
ssm (see 'help ssm')
search:QUERY (see 'help system_search')
group:GROUP
channel:CHANNEL
```

ssm

The System Set Manager (SSM) is a group of systems that you can perform tasks on as a group.

```
Adding Systems:
> ssm_add group:rhel5-x86_64
> ssm_add channel:rhel-x86_64-server-5
> ssm_add search:device:vmware
```

```
> ssm_add host.example.com
```

Intersections:

```
> ssm_add group:rhel5-x86_64
```

```
> ssm_intersect group:web-servers
```

Using the SSM:

```
> system_installpackage ssm zsh
```

```
> system_runscript ssm
```

A Ports

A.1 SUSE Manager Server

Some ports are only relevant if you actually run the related service on the SUSE Manager server.

PORTS TO OPEN ON SUSE MANAGERSERVER

67

Inbound / TCP/UDP / DHCP

Required when SUSE Manager is configured as a DHCP server for systems requesting IP addresses.

69

Inbound / TCP/UDP / TFTP

Used when SUSE Manager is configured as a PXE server and allows installation and re-installation of PXE-boot enabled systems.

80

Inbound / TCP / HTTP

All Web UI , client, and proxy server requests travel via HTTP or HTTPS.

80

Outbound / TCP / HTTP

Used to contact SUSE Customer Center /Novell Customer Center .

443

Inbound / TCP / HTTPS

All Web UI , client, and proxy server requests travel via HTTP or HTTPS.

443

Outbound / TCP / HTTPS

SUSE Manager uses this port to reach SUSE Customer Center (unless running in a disconnected mode with RMT or SMT— as described in).

5222

Inbound / TCP / osad

When you wish to push actions to clients this port is required by the osad daemon running on your client systems.

5269

Inbound/Outbound / TCP / jabberd

Needed if you push actions to or via a SUSE Manager Proxy .

4505

Inbound / TCP / salt

Required by the Salt-master to accept communication requests via TCP from minions.

4506

Inbound / TCP / salt

Required by the Salt-master to accept communication requests via TCP from minions.

25151

TCP

Cobbler.

INTERNALLY USED PORTS ON SUSE MANAGERSERVER

2828

Internal /

satellite-search API, used by the RHN application in Tomcat and Taskomatic.

2829

Internal /

Taskomatic API, used by the RHN application in Tomcat.

6868

Internal

Auditlog-keeper to database.

6888

Internal

Auditlog-keeper API, used by the RHN application in Tomcat.

8005

Internal

Tomcat shutdown port.

8009

Internal

Tomcat to Apache HTTPD (AJP).

8080

Internal

Tomcat to Apache HTTPD (HTTP).

9080

Internal

salt-api, used by the RHN application in Tomcat and Taskomatic.

32000

Internal / TCP

Port for a TCP connection to the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) that runs Taskomatic and the search (satellite-search).



Note: Ephemeral Ports

Anything from port 32768 on (more exactly, what you can see with `cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_local_port_range`) is an ephemeral port, typically used as the receiving end of a TCP connection. So if process A opens a TCP connection to process B (for example, port 22), then A chooses an arbitrary source TCP port to match with destination port 22.

A.2 SUSE Manager Proxy Server

PORTS TO OPEN ON SUSE MANAGERPROXY SERVER

22

Inbound /

Required when using ssh-push or ssh-push-tunnel contact methods. Check-in on clients connected to a SUSE Manager Proxy will be initiated on the SUSE Manager Server and “hop through” through to clients.

80

Outbound /

Used to reach SUSE Manager .

5222

Inbound / TCP

For push actions and connections issued by `osad` running on the client systems.

5269

Inbound/Outbound / TCP

For push actions with the server.

A.3 SUSE Manager Client

PORTS TO OPEN ON SUSE MANAGERCLIENT

22

Inbound / SSH

Required when using ssh-push or ssh-push-tunnel contact methods.

80

Outbound

To reach the SUSE Manager server or SUSE Manager Proxy server.

5222

Outbound / TCP

For push actions with the server or proxy server.

B Minimalist AutoYaST Profile for Automated Installations and Useful Enhancements

The following AutoYaST profile will install a SUSE Linux Enterprise Server system with all default installation options including a default network configuration with DHCP. After the installation is completed, a bootstrap script located on the SUSE Manager server will be executed in order to register the freshly installed system with SUSE Manager. You need to adjust the IP address of the SUSE Manager server, the name of the bootstrap script and the root password according to your needs in the following lines:

```
<user>
...
<username>root</username>
<user_password>`linux`</user_password>
</user>

<location>http://`192.168.1.1`/pub/bootstrap/`my_bootstrap.sh`</location>
```

The complete AutoYaST file:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE profile>
<profile xmlns="http://www.suse.com/1.0/yast2ns"
  xmlns:config="http://www.suse.com/1.0/configs">
  <general>
    <mode>
      <confirm config:type="boolean">false</confirm>
    </mode>
  </general>
  <networking>
    <keep_install_network config:type="boolean">true</keep_install_network>
  </networking>
  <software>
    <install_recommended config:type="boolean">true</install_recommended>
    <patterns config:type="list">
      <pattern>base</pattern>
    </patterns>
  </software>
  <users config:type="list">
    <user>
      <encrypted config:type="boolean">false</encrypted>
      <fullname>root</fullname>
      <gid>0</gid>
```

```

<home>/root</home>
<password_settings>
  <expire></expire>
  <flag></flag>
  <inact></inact>
  <max></max>
  <min></min>
  <warn></warn>
</password_settings>
<shell>/bin/bash</shell>
<uid>0</uid>
<username>root</username>
<user_password>linux</user_password>
</user>
</users>
<scripts>
  <init-scripts config:type="list">
    <script>
      <interpreter>shell</interpreter>
      <location>http://192.168.1.1/pub/bootstrap/my_bootstrap.sh</location>
    </script>
  </init-scripts>
</scripts>
</profile>

```

Use the following enhancement fragment to add child channels:

```

<add-on>
  <add_on_products config:type="list">
    <listentry>
      <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
      <media_url>http://$c_server/ks/dist/child/`channel-label`>`distribution-label`</
media_url>
      <name>$c_name</name>
      <product>$c_product</product>
      <product_dir>/</product_dir>
    </listentry>
    ...
  </add_on_products>
</add-on>

```

Replace *channel-label* and *distribution-label* with actual labels such as *sles11-sp1-updates-x86_64* and *sles11-sp2-x86_64* (the distribution label must correspond to the Autoinstallable Distribution!), and set the variables (*\$c_server*, etc.) according to your environment. For information about variables, see .

Important: Add the Updates Channel

It is required to add the updates tools channel to the `<add-on>` AutoYaST snippet section. This ensures your systems are provided with an up-to-date version of libzypp. Without the inclusion of an updates channel you will encounter 400 errors. See the following example where the (DISTRIBUTION_NAME) is replaced with the name of the autoinstallation distribution created previously in *Systems > Autoinstallation > Distributions*

```
<listentry>
  <ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
  <media_url>http://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/sles12-sp2-updates-
x86_64/(DISTRIBUTION_NAME)</media_url>
  <name>sles12 sp2 updates</name>
  <product>SLES12</product>
  <product_dir></product_dir>
</listentry>
```

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