HP Installer Kit for Linux: Important Red Hat/SUSE Linux installation information

Your HP workstation was configured without a Linux Operating System (OS), as you requested. Hewlett-Packard has offered this solution to allow you more flexibility in installing the Red Hat Linux OS or SUSE Enterprise Linux OS of your choice.

The HP Installer Kit does not include an OS. To install your Linux OS, you must purchase a Red Hat Linux box set or SUSE Enterprise Linux OS from the following Red Hat or Novell web sites and install according to their instructions:

- http://www.redhat.com

- http://www.suse.com/products/#desktop

NOTE: The OS must be downloaded from the web in order to be used with the Installer or Driver disk in this kit.

Supported operating systems

Hewlett-Packard supports multiple versions of Red Hat® Enterprise Linux on HP workstations. Depending on the vintage of the platform, these versions include:

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop 11 (x86-64)

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 4 x86 (32-bit) and AMD64/EM64T (64-bit).

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop (x86) and (x86_64).

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 6 (x86) and (x86_64)

NOTE: Some of these OS streams might no longer be supported or available from the distributors. Specific platforms are supported with OS releases that enable the hardware architecture and components. Older releases might not work with newer hardware. Consult the *HP Workstations Linux Hardware Matrix* and the OS distributor certification catalog for details.

To provide flexibility in installing a specific version of the Red Hat OS or the SUSE Enterprise Linux OS, HP has created Installer and Driver disks. These disks are included in the HP Linux Installer Kit, and the OS images (the .iso images) for these disks can be downloaded from the HP support web site at http://www.hp.com/go/workstationsupport.

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Linux Hardware Matrix

Before installing SUSE or Red Hat Linux, refer to the *HP Workstations Linux Hardware Matrix* to verify that the hardware components installed on your workstation are supported by the specific release of SUSE or Red Hat Linux that you want to install. For the most recent matrix, visit http://hp.com/support/linux_hardware_matrix.

Using your Red Hat Network Entitlement to obtain required CDs or DVDs

If you do not have the required Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 4, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Desktop, or Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 6 install CDs or DVDs, use your Red Hat Network Entitlement to download the latest "Update" version of install disk .iso images as follows:

NOTE: If you do not have a Red Hat Network Entitlement, you can purchase one at http://www.rhn.redhat.com.

1. Visit the Red Hat web site at http://www.rhn.redhat.com/network/software.

2. Select the appropriate OS to download for your system:

   - For Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 4: Under "Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 (x86 or AMD64/ EM64T)," select **downloads** for Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 4.

   - For Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5: Under "Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 (x86 or x86_64)," select **downloads** for Red Hat Enterprise Linux Desktop 5.

   - For Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 6: Under "Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 (x86 or x86_64)," select **downloads** for Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS 6.

3. Record the downloaded .iso images to optical media, then use these disks to install the Red Hat Linux OS.

Locating documentation and warranty information

For the latest online documentation, see the *HP Workstations for Linux* manual at http://www.hp.com/support/workstation_manuals.

To locate warranty information, see http://www.hp.com/support/warranty-lookuptool. You can find the expressly provided HP Limited Warranty applicable to your product in the disk provided in the box. In countries/regions where the warranty is not provided in printed format, you may request a printed copy from http://www.hp.com/go/orderdocuments or write to:

North America: Hewlett Packard, MS POD, 11311 Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714, USA

Europe, Middle East, Africa: Hewlett-Packard, POD, Via G. Di Vittorio, 9, 20063, Cernusco/Naviglio (MI), Italy

Asia Pacific: Hewlett-Packard, POD, P.O. Box 200, Alexandra Post Office, Singapore 911507

Please include your product number, warranty period (found on your serial number label), name and postal address.