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SGI Foundation Software

This manual describes the contents of the SGI Foundation Software 2 release and how to install and configure it.

About This Guide

This guide documents the installation, configuration, and administration of SGI Foundation Software 2 release.

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Audience

This guide is written for system administrators who are responsible for installing, configuring, and administering SGI Foundation Software running on SGI Altix, SGI Altix XE, and SGI Altix ICE systems and the latest SGI hardware offerings.

Helpful Online Resources

This section describes the electronic support services available for your SGI system running SGI Foundation software, as follows:

- Supportfolio

Supportfolio, the SGI support web site, including the SGI Knowledgebase, SGI YaST Update Online (YOU) server, SUSE YaST Online Server, links for software supports and updates, as described in this listing.

<https://support.sgi.com/login>

- Supportfolio SGI Knowledgebase

The SGI Knowledgebase available from Supportfolio has answers to common questions, problem resolutions, how-to documents, and many other useful articles for system administrators.

<https://support.sgi.com/kb/publisher.asp>

- SGI YaST Online Update Server

The SGI YaST Update Online (YOU) server is available for your convenience. Get updates to SGI Foundation Software 2, SGI ProPack 7 for Linux, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES11) using the YaST install tool right from your system. The **YaST Online Update** -

Patch Media Instructions describes how to update your system using patch media. Use your Supportfolio account name and password, and point YaST to this location:

<https://update.sgi.com/>

- Supportfolio Software Updates

Check for new updates to your purchased SGI software, and download or order CDs all in one convenient place. Supportfolio Software Updates provides one-stop shopping to check for and get new updates for your SGI software.

<https://support.sgi.com/software?cmd=order>

- SGI Customer Support Center

You can open calls to the SGI Customer Support Center on-line, keep track of all your cases, and receive automatic update information when your case is updated via the Supportfolio Problem Resolution Tools at:

<https://support.sgi.com/caselist>

- SGI Software Licensing

If you need to get your license for SGI software, you can order your software licenses conveniently via e-mail or on-line.

You can send a blank email to license@sgi.com, and you will receive a simple template to fill out. You will quickly receive your new license back with complete instructions for installing it back via E-Mail.

Or, you can go on-line to the SGI Key-O-Matic at:

<http://www.sgi.com/support/licensing/>

Software Introduction

The SGI Foundation software product includes software to support the SGI differentiated hardware solutions. This product adds to or enhances features in the base SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Linux distribution. SGI Foundation software is designed to run on any SGI Altix, SGI Altix XE, SGI Altix ICE system and the latest SGI hardware offerings.

SGI hardware platforms and operating system configuration settings supported by SGI in this release are documented at the following URL:
<http://www.sgi.com/servers/altix/>

SGI Foundation Software CD Contents

This section describes the major contents of the SGI Foundation Software 2 CD, as follows:

- SGI Itanium 2 PROM (System controller software)

- Device driver libraries
- LSI Logic LSIUtil (`lsiutil`) configuration utility
- Memory logging utility
- Open source Performance Co-Pilot
- Embedded Support Partner (ESP)
- SGI support tools
- SGI LK software licensing mechanism
- Environment modules
- SGI ProPack configuration recommendations
- Check feature utility
- Multiple InfiniBand fabric configuration files and scripts

Getting Updates

This section describes how to get software updates for SGI Foundation Software 2 release.

Detailed instructions for downloading and installing SGI Foundation Software 2 updates are available from the SGI Foundation Software product pages on Supportfolio:
https://support.sgi.com/content_request/229992/index.html.

Note: You must have a Supportfolio account to access this page and the SGI update server.

Customers that received SGI Foundation Software 2 pre-installed on their new SGI Altix system may run the following command to add the proper update source for SGI Foundation Software 2:

```
§ /usr/sbin/sgi-foundation-update-source
```

This script will prompt you for your Supportfolio login and then add the proper SGI update source for the given architecture.

System Controller Software 1.24 CD

The System Controller software provides a system control platform for field service and system maintenance applications.

Note: The System Controller Software 1.24 CD is not shipped by default. You can download the System Controller Software 1.24 package from <http://support.sgi.com/> or order it on CD-ROM (P/N 812-1138-024). Contact your SGI account representative if you need assistance obtaining the software package.

For installation instructions, see *System Controller Software 1.2x Update Guide* available on <http://docs.sgi.com>.

Getting the Latest Firmware/Software for Your SGI Altix XE or SGI Altix ICE Series System

For information on the basic input/output system (BIOS), Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) firmware, Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) control utility, Field Replaceable Unit/Sensor Data Record (FRUSDR) software, Hierarchical Storage Controller (HSC) software, LSI RAID firmware, Platform Manager cluster management software, Infiniband drivers, INTEL MPI Runtime Environment Kit for Linux, and Java Runtime Environment (JRE), see the SGI Altix XE Firmware/Software page on SGI Supportfolio at:
https://support.sgi.com/content_request/229992/index.html

For information on SGI Altix ICE system firmware, see the “System Firmware” section in Chapter 5, “System Maintenance, Monitoring, and Debugging” in the *SGI Tempo System Administrator’s Guide* available on <http://docs.sgi.com>.

License Manager Updates



Warning: Please backup your license key files prior to installing SLES11 and/or SGI ProPack 7. A license key file is not included in these RPMs.

Your original license key files will need to be restored after you complete your installation.

In terms of software licensing support, the Redhat and SUSE distributors do not ship any code. ISVs are responsible for obtaining and including software licensing components into their products.

SGI Foundation Software contains a licensing mechanism called LK. LK was developed by SGI for SGI products only. New for this release, LK floating licenses facilities are available. For more information, see the “SGI LK License Facility” chapter in the *Linux Configuration and Operations Guide* on the SGI Technical Publications Library at <http://docs.sgi.com>.

For more information, see the specific product release notes or the FAQ, as follows:

<http://www.sgi.com/support/licensing/faq.html>

If you encounter any license related problems, please contact your local support center at this location:

<http://www.sgi.com/support/supportcenters.html>

Embedded Support Partner

Embedded Support Partner (ESP) is a support infrastructure which is integrated into the operating system. ESP components capture and store system level events, system configuration information, system availability information, provide an electronic logbook of activities performed on the system, log calls to the ESP database at SGI and other support related activities. For more information, see *Embedded Support Partner User Guide* available on <http://docs.sgi.com>.

Installing SGI Foundation Software

The following set of instructions is based on an install using the physical product media. For other installation methods, see the product release notes.

Installing on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11

For an overview of SLES11 installation, see the *SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Installation Quick Start* ([installquick.pdf](#)). This document provides a quick overview of how to run through the default installation of SLES walking you through a number of installation screens. For

detailed installation instructions, see the *SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Deployment Guide* (`deployment.pdf`)

Note: Documentation for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 is located on your system in the `/docu/en` directory.

There are a number of ways to install SGI Foundation Software 2 on top of the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES11) operating system. One method is to install it at the same time as you install SLES11. Another method is to install SGI Foundation Software 2 after SLES11 has been completely installed. The two procedures are quite similar and are described in this section, as follows:

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Install SLES11 and SGI Foundation Software 2 Together

To install SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES11) from the DVD media and SGI Foundation Software 2 as an add-on product, perform the following steps:

1. Insert the SLES 11 Installation DVD in the DVD drive and reboot your system.

2. Follow the steps in the *SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Installation Quick Start*. When you get to the **Installation Mode** screen, as shown in Figure 1, page 14, click the button next to **Include Add-On Products from Separate Media** and then click **Next** to continue.

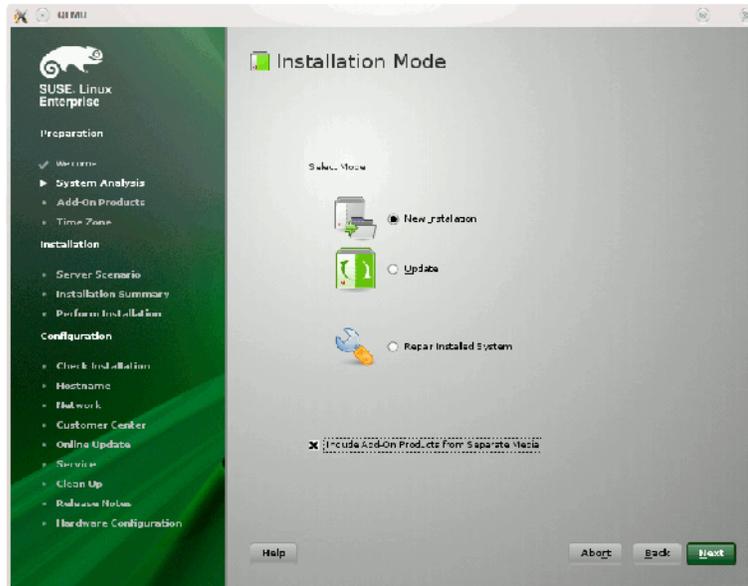


Figure 1 SLES11 Installation Mode Screen

3. From the **Media Type** screen, shown in Figure 2, page 16, click the button to the left of **CD**.

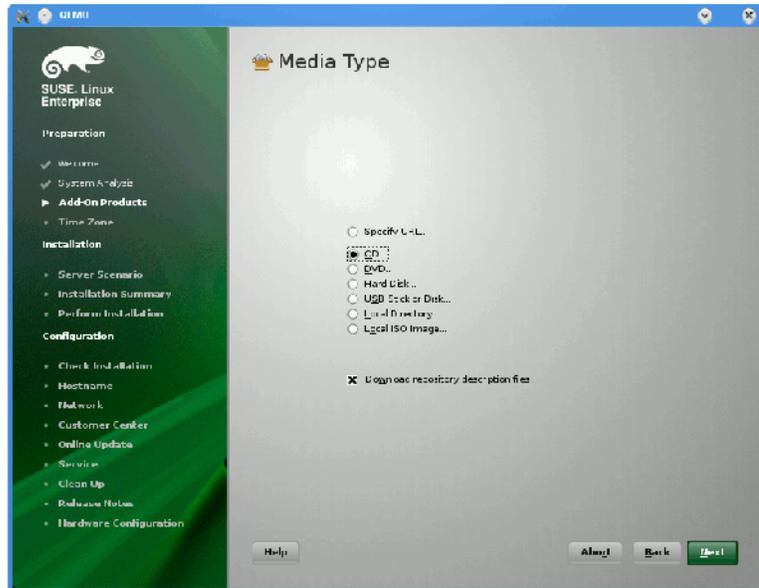


Figure 2 SLES11 Media Type Screen

4. The **Insert the add-on product CD** dialog box appears. Insert the SGI-**Foundation-x86_64** CD into the drive and click the **Continue** button and then **Next** to proceed.
5. From the **Add-On Product Installation** screen, as shown in Figure 3, page 18, click on **SGI-Foundation-x86_64 1-6 cd:///Directory** and click the **Add** button and then **Next** to proceed
6. Follow the SLES11 instructions to complete the installation.

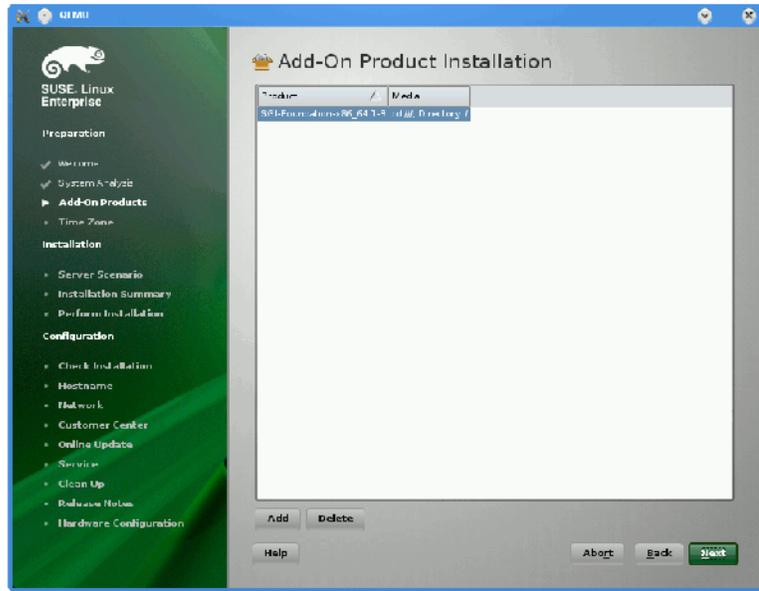


Figure 3 SLES11 Add-On Product Installation Screen Showing SGI Foundation

Install SGI Foundation Software 2 on a Previously Installed SLES11 System

To install SGI Foundation Software 2 on a previously installed SLES11 system, perform the following steps:

1. Start the graphical (`yast2`) version of the YaST install tool.
2. Under the **Software** section, choose **Add-On Products**.
3. From the **Add-On Product Installation** screen, press the **Add** button on the bottom left side.
4. The **Media Type** screen appears, as shown in Figure 2, page 16. Insert the SGI Foundation Software 2 CD into the drive and press the **Continue** button and then the **Next** button to proceed.
5. Enter your SGI SupportFolio login and password. This will enable you to set up an install source for software updates from SGI Foundation Software 2.
6. If you wish to simply install suggested defaults, simply press **Accept** in the screen that lists available patterns. The software will then be installed.

Upgrade from Earlier Releases

For information on upgrading from SLES10 SPx to SLES11, see the appropriate Novell, Inc. documentation.

For information on upgrading from a prior SGI ProPack release to SGI ProPack 7 software, see the *SGI ProPack 7 for Linux Start Here*.

Obtaining and Installing the Latest SGI Altix System Firmware

There are three levels of firmware to consider on your SGI Altix 4000 series system, as follows:

- L2 controller software (only configurations of SGI systems with routers have L2 controllers)
- L1 controllers on routers, IX-bricks, PX-bricks, C-bricks, Individual Rack Units (IRU) and so on.
- The system PROM (each node has a system PROM and each C-brick has two nodes).

Note: This section only applies to SGI Altix 4000 series systems with Intel Itanium processors.

On an SGI Altix 450 or SGI Altix 4700 system, the L1 firmware consists of three parts: the boot image, A image, and B image. For more information, see the "Upgrading L1 Firmware" section in either the *SGI Altix 450 User's Guide* or *SGI Altix 4700 User's Guide*.

L1 and L2 system controller firmware provides support for managing and monitoring the power, cooling, and testing functions for a brick and system compute rack.

On an SGI Altix 450 or SGI Altix 4700 system, the L2 system controller is an application that provides control over multiple L1s and communication to other L2s. For more information, see Chapter 3, "System Control" in the *SGI Altix 450 User's Guide* or Chapter 2, "System Control" in the *SGI Altix 4700 User's Guide*, respectively.

You can always download the latest L1/L2 system controller software and PROM firmware via Supportfolio at <http://support.sgi.com/linux/>.

You can also find system controller software by using the search term "system controller" at: http://support.sgi.com/search_request/downloads/index.

PROM is released as patches and the latest firmware can also be found at: http://support.sgi.com/browse_request/linux_patches_by_os

Note: SGI Altix 450 or SGI Altix 4700 systems running SGI Foundation Software 2 should use PROM located in `shub2snprom.bin`. All other SGI systems should use the PROM located in `shub1snprom.bin`. This note does not apply to SGI Altix XE systems (instead see "Getting the Latest Firmware/Software for Your SGI Altix XE System"). Software support contract customers can download the most recent PROM versions from SGI Supportfolio: <https://support.sgi.com/>

To update or "flash" the system PROM, you first need to download the prom RPM from Supportfolio as described above.

Once you have the latest PROM RPM, instructions on how to flash the PROM are available in the PROM Readme file at `/boot/efi/efi/sgi/snprom/README.snprom`.

For partitioned systems, it is important to upgrade all nodes (including all nodes in all partitions) before resetting any partitions. In other words, do not reset any partitions until all nodes in all partitions have been upgraded.

Reinstalling Your Software

To reinstall all of the software on your system, follow the entire set of installation instructions listed previously, using the latest SGI Foundation Software 2 CD.