

VMware OSP Tools

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- Repository on vmware.com
 - <http://packages.vmware.com/tools>
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 - Need to import it
 - Subscribe with rug/zypper



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- Independent updates
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 - ISO for Windows!
- Version management
 - Normal zypper commands



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- PowerOps plugin
 - Shutdown guest now works



Installation



The Lawrence Method ®

- Download packaging key using a web browser
 - `rpm --import /key_path/key_name`
- Add repo
 - `zypper addservice --type=YUM`
`http://packages.vmware.com/tools/esx/4.1/sles11sp1/x86_64 vmware-tools-collection`
- Success??
 - `zypper packages vmware-tools-collection`
- Install
 - `zypper install vmware-tools-collection vmware-tools`



The Mark Method (open source)

- We have a script for that!
 - OS version/SP detection
 - SLES 10/11 all SPs
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 - Imports build key
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- Non-SUSE OS

Yes, they do exist!

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RH

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Demo



Mirroring with SMT



Mirroring with SMT

- SMT can mirror repos
 - And attach them to “Products”
- SMT Commands
 - `smt-list-products | grep 11.2`
 - `smt-setup-custom-repos --productid 3009 -name "VMware-OSP-Tools-SLES11-SP2-x86_64" --exturl http://packages.vmware.com/tools/esx/latest/sles11.2/x86_64/ --description "VMware OSP tools for SLES11 SP2 x86_64"`





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