



SUSE Multi-Linux Manager 5.1

# Common Workflows

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# Chapter 1. Preface

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The SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Common Workflows Guide provides step-by-step instructions for the most frequently used workflows to install, manage, and configure clients with SUSE Multi-Linux Manager.

Each workflow in this guide has a clear objective and includes detailed steps to help you achieve it efficiently.

Designed for both routine and advanced tasks, this guide not only explains the actions you take but also highlights the available options at each stage.

Throughout this guide, each routine task is referred to as a Workflow.

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## Chapter 2. Client Onboarding

SUSE Multi-Linux Manager is all about managing client systems. So one of the first things you need to do is onboard some clients. This workflow shows you how to set up your SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server to manage a new client, set up the software channels you need, and bootstrap the client using an activation key.

### 2.1. Use Case

This workflow shows you how to onboard a client to your SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server.

The client must be running a supported Linux operating system. For a list of supported client systems, see **Client-configuration › Supported-features**.

This is one of the first tasks you need to do when you set up SUSE Multi-Linux Manager for the first time, and you will probably have to do it many more times as you use the product.

### 2.2. Outcome

When you have completed this workflow, your client is onboarded, and it can be seen in the systems list of the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI. You can then use SUSE Multi-Linux Manager to manage the client.

### 2.3. Preparation

Before you start, you should already have:

- SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server installed, that you can access using the Web UI.
- Client machine with an operating system installed, which you can access across the network that your SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server is on, using SSH.
- Appropriate subscriptions from <http://scc.suse.com> for the products you are using.

This workflow uses a SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP2 operating system. You can use other Linux operating systems, but some of the steps might be different. For more information on onboarding other clients, see **Client-configuration › Registration-methods**.

### 2.4. Step-by-step Workflow Instructions

#### Procedure: Configure a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) on Your Client

1. On the client, at the command prompt, show the current hostname:

```
hostname -f
```

This command will probably return an error, or show something like localhost.

2. Set a new hostname. Your new hostname should have a subdomain name and thus include at least two periods. In this example, we are using client1.MLM.example

```
hostnamectl set-hostname client1.MLM.example
```

3. Check that your change was successful:

```
hostnamectl
```

4. Open YaST and navigate to **Network Services › Hostnames**. Edit the hostname to match the one you just set, and click **[OK]**.
5. In YaST, navigate to **System › Network Settings** and go to the Hostname/DNS tab. In the Static hostname field, type your new hostname.
6. Check that the change was successful:

```
hostname -f
```

This command should return your new FQDN.

## Procedure: Prepare Software Channels on the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Admin › Setup Wizard**.
2. In the **Organization Credentials** tab, ensure you have entered your SUSE Customer Center credentials, and are correctly authenticated.
3. In the **Products** tab, ensure that the product catalog is fully updated:
4. Use the product search bar to find the channels you need for your client operating system. Check the channels you want to install, and click **[Add products]**:
5. Wait for the product channels to fully synchronize. Depending on the products you have chosen, this could take a long time.

## Procedure: Create an Activation Key

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Systems › Activation Keys**, and click **[Create Key]**.
2. Give your activation key a name, and select the base channel that matches the client you want to onboard. This should be the product you just enabled:
3. Check the child channels to include, and any add-on system types you want clients registered with this key to have. Click **[Create Activation Key]**.

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## Procedure: Bootstrap the Client

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Systems › Bootstrapping**.
2. Type the hostname and provide authentication credentials for the client you want to onboard, and select the activation key. Click **[Bootstrap]**:
3. Navigate to **Systems › System List** to manage your new client.

## 2.5. Related Topics

- For more information about supported clients and client features, see **Client-configuration › Supported-features**.
- For more information about different onboarding methods, and instructions for clients running various operating systems, see **Client-configuration › Registration-methods**.
- For more information about general client concepts, see **Client-configuration › Channels**.

## Chapter 3. Clients Update Using Recurring Actions

This workflow shows how to automate updating the clients registered at SUSE Multi-Linux Manager using recurring actions.

### 3.1. Use Case / Situation

Automated update of clients is beneficial when:

- update of a large number of clients is wanted
- the workflow should not be re-done every execution
- a dedicated maintenance window exists.

### 3.2. Outcome / Resolution

Successful completion of this workflow results in consistent and supportable state.

### 3.3. Preparation

Before you start, you should have a number of clients onboarded. It may make sense to have them sorted into groups you want to update together. In this workflow we use a system group named infra-services.

### 3.4. Step-by-Step Workflow Instructions

To update a client two steps are required. A third step is optional but highly recommended to finalize the update process.

#### Procedure 1: Creating a Recurring Action to Update Salt Itself

1. As an example, we create the action to update Salt itself as a recurring action for all systems in the organization. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Home › My Organization › Recurring Actions** and click **[Create]**.
2. Select Action Type **Custom State** and enter a Schedule Name like update-salt.
3. Select a schedule. For example, **Weekly: Wednesday, 9:00 am**.
4. Assign the update-salt state by selecting the checkbox.
5. Click **[Save Changes]** to save the action.
6. You can edit the execution order of the states if needed. Click **[Confirm]** to confirm the order.
7. Click **[Create Schedule]** to save the action.



## Procedure 2: Creating a Recurring Action to Apply All Available Updates to the Systems

1. As an example we create the action to apply all updates as a recurring action for a system group called **infra-services**. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI go to **Systems › System Groups** and click on **infra-services**.
2. Now go to Recurring Actions and click **[Create]**.
3. Select Action Type **Custom State** and enter a Schedule Name like **full-system-update**.
4. Select a Schedule. For example, **Weekly: Wednesday, 9:30 am**. Keep enough time between this action and the update-salt action. The update-salt actions must be finished on all systems before this action should be executed.
5. Assign the states **util.syncall**, **certs**, **channels** and **uptodate** by selecting the checkboxes. To perform a reboot afterwards you can also add **reboot** or **rebootifneeded**.
6. Save the action by clicking **[Save Changes]**.
7. You can edit the execution order of the states. The order should be **util.syncall**, **certs**, **channels**, **uptodate** and finally **reboot** or **rebootifneeded** if chosen. Click **[Confirm]** to store the order.
8. Click **[Create Schedule]** to save the action.

## Procedure 4: Creating a Recurring Action to Run a Highstate After the Update

1. As an example, we create the action to apply the highstate for the same group which was fully updated before. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Systems › System Groups** and click **infra-services**.
2. Go to Recurring Actions and click **[Create]**.
3. Select Action Type **Highstate** and enter a Schedule Name like **highstate**.
4. Select a Schedule. For example, **Weekly: Wednesday, 10:30 am**. Again, keep enough time between this action and the full-system-update action.
5. Click **[Create Schedule]** to save the action.

## 3.5. Related Topics

- For more information about recurring actions, see [Recurring Actions](#).
- For more information about custom info values, see **Client-configuration › Custom-info**.

## Chapter 4. Configuration Management

You can use configuration files and channels to manage configuration for your clients, rather than configuring each client manually. This workflow shows you how to use the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI to create a centrally managed configuration file, assign it to a client, and apply the configuration.

### 4.1. Use Case

If you are managing a lot of clients, you probably do not want to manually apply configuration settings to each of them in turn. Configuration channels are used to organize configuration files. You can subscribe clients to configuration channels, and deploy configuration files as required.

### 4.2. Outcome

When you have completed this workflow, you will have a configuration channel containing a configuration file, have assigned clients to the channel, and applied the configuration successfully.

### 4.3. Preparation

Before you start, you should already have:

- SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server installed, that you can access using the Web UI.
- At least one client registered to your server.
- Appropriate subscriptions from <http://scc.suse.com> for the products you are using.

This workflow uses a centrally managed configuration file and a Salt state. You can also use locally managed configuration files and different methods, to get more flexibility in how you manage configuration in your environment. For more information about the different ways to manage configuration, see **Client-configuration › Configuration-management**.

### 4.4. Step-by-step Workflow instructions

#### Procedure: Create a New Configuration Channel and file

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Configuration › Channels** and click **[Create State Channel]**.
2. Type a name, label, and description for your configuration file, and type the contents of your configuration file. An example that you can copy is at the end of this section. . Click **[Create Config State Channel]**
3. Procedure: Assign Clients to the Configuration Channel
4. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Systems › Systems List** and select the client you

want to assign to your configuration channel.

5. Navigate to the Configuration tab. In the `guimenu:Configuration Overview` section, click **[Subscribe to channels]**.
6. Check the configuration channel you created earlier, and click **[Continue]**.
7. If you have more than one configuration channel, you can rank them in order of importance, or click **[Update Channel Rankings]** to finish.

## Procedure: Apply the Configuration to Your Client

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Systems › Systems List** and select the client you want to assign to your configuration channel.
2. Navigate to the Configuration tab. In the `guimenu:Configuration Actions` section, click **[Deploy all managed config files]**.

## 4.5. Example

### 4.5.1. SLS State for Keeping Clients Updated

```
include:
  - channels

int_keep_system_up2date_updatestack:
  pkg.latest:
    - pkgs:
      - salt
      - salt-minion
  {%- if grains.os_family == 'Suse'%}
    - zypper
    - libzypp
  {%- elif grains['os_family'] == 'RedHat' %}
  {%- if grains['osmajorrelease'] >= 8 %}
    - dnf
  {%- else %}
    - yum
  {%- endif %}
  {%- endif %}
  - require:
    - sls: channels
  - order: last

int_keep_system_up2date_pkgs:
  pkg.up2date:
    - require:
      - sls: channels
      - pkg: int_keep_system_up2date_updatestack
    - order: last

int_reboot_if_needed:
  cmd.run:
    - name: shutdown -r +5
  {%- if grains['os_family'] == 'RedHat' and grains['osmajorrelease'] >= 8 %}
    - onlyif: 'dnf -q needs-restarting -r; [ $? -eq 1 ]'
```

```
{%- elif grains['os_family'] == 'RedHat' and grains['osmajorrelease'] <= 7 %}
  - onlyif: 'needs-restarting -r; [ $? -eq 1 ]'
{%- elif grains['os_family'] == 'Debian' %}
  - onlyif:
    - test -e /var/run/reboot-required
{%- else %}
  - onlyif: 'zypper ps -s; [ $? -eq 102 ]'
{%- endif %}
```

## 4.6. Related Topics

- For more information about configuration management, see **Client-configuration › Configuration-management**.
- For more information about SLS files, see: [https://docs.saltproject.io/en/latest/topics/tutorials/starting\\_states.html](https://docs.saltproject.io/en/latest/topics/tutorials/starting_states.html).

## Chapter 5. Content Lifecycle Management

If you are managing a lot of clients and you need to apply customized packages to them, you can use content lifecycle management (CLM) to manage your packages. CLM allows you to customize and test packages before updating production clients. It is also useful if you need to apply updates during a limited maintenance window.

### 5.1. Use Case

Content lifecycle management allows you to select software channels as sources, adjust them as required for your environment, and thoroughly test them before installing onto your production clients. You can use CLM to manage your software channels from development, through testing, and rolling the changes out to your clients.

### 5.2. Outcome

When you have completed this workflow, you will have a content lifecycle project set up. You will have created a basic CLM project, and promoted it through its lifecycle.

### 5.3. Preparations

Before you start, you should already have:

- SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server deployed, and accessible using the Web UI.
- Client machine with an operating system installed, which you can access across the network that your SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server is on, using SSH.
- Appropriate subscriptions from <http://scc.suse.com> for the products you are using.

### 5.4. Step-by-step Workflow Instructions

#### Procedure: Create a new CLM Project

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Content Lifecycle › Projects** section, and click **[Create Project]**.

Type a name, label, and description for your project, and click **[Create]**.

2. In the Sources section, click **[Attach/Detach Sources]**.

Select the source type, and select a base channel for your project.

The available child channels for the selected base channel are displayed, including information on whether the channel is mandatory or recommended. Check the child channels you require, and click

**[Save]** to return to the project page.

3. Leave the Filters section blank for now, we will not be using them in this example. You can add filters later on if you need to.
4. In the Environment Lifecycle section, create three environments: production, testing, and development. Click **[Add Environment]** and complete the name and label for each.

For the production environment, leave the Insert before field blank.

For the testing environment, in the Insert before field, select production.

For the development environment, in the Insert before field, select testing.

5. Click **[Build]** to build version 1 of your project:

## Procedure: Assign Clients

1. Navigate to **Systems › System List**, select the client to assign, and go to the **Software › Software Channels** tab.
2. In the Base Channel section, select the CLM project and environment you want to assign the client to.

For example, if you want this client to receive updates from your CLM only when packages are in the production environment, assign the base channel `<CLM_Project_Name>-production-<Channel_Name>`.

Alternatively, you could use this client as a way to test if your CLM packages are working as expected before you promote them to development, so you assign the base channel `<CLM_Project_Name>-testing-<Channel_Name>`.

3. Click **[Next]** to assign the client.

## Procedure: Promote Environments

1. In the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI, navigate to **Content Lifecycle › Projects**, and select the project you want to work with.
2. In the Environment Lifecycle section, locate the environment to promote to its successor, and click **[Promote]**. You can monitor build progress in the Environment Lifecycle section.

## 5.5. Related Topics

- For more information about CLM, including information about how to use filters, see **Administration › Content-lifecycle**.
- For CLM examples, see **Administration › Content-lifecycle-examples**.

## Chapter 6. In-place Upgrade of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server with SUSE Multi-Linux Manager

This workflow shows how to automatically complete the task of in-place SUSE Linux Enterprise Server instances upgrade with SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server.

### 6.1. Use Case

In-place migration is beneficial when:

- migrating large number of the older SUSE Linux Enterprise Server is time-consuming
- you are looking for a way to automate migrations

### 6.2. Outcome

Successful completion of this workflow results in consistent, supportable outcomes.

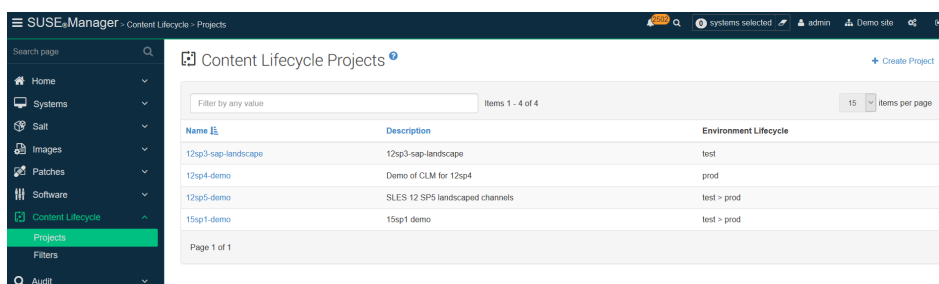
### 6.3. Step-by-step Preparation Instructions



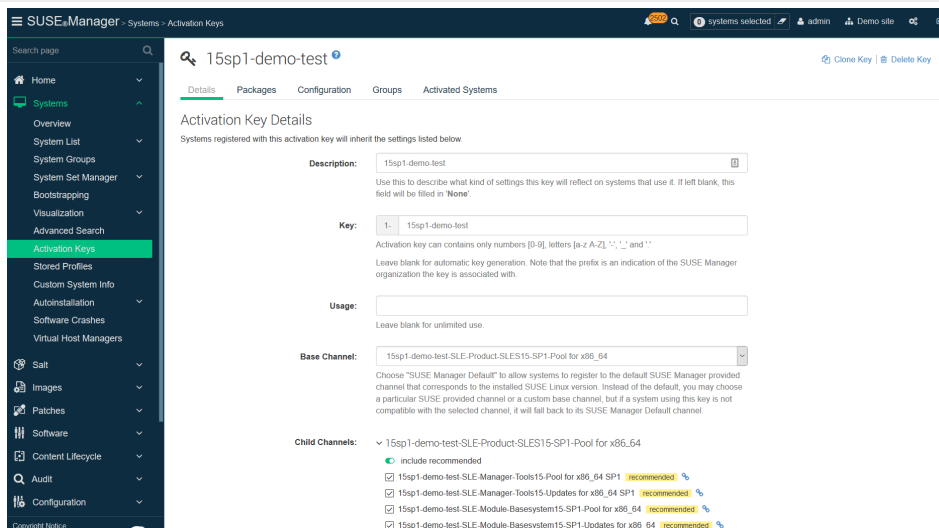
This workflow is complex and time-consuming. Make sure that adequate testing is done before deploying the procedure in live environment.

#### Procedure: Prepare the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server for Provisioning

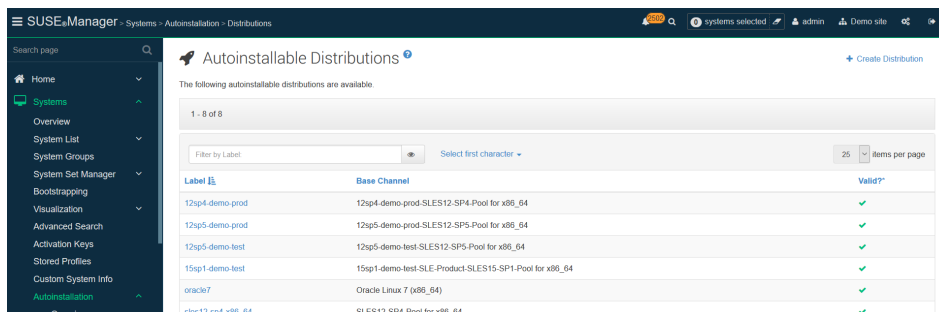
1. Create a SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Content Lifecycle Management project for your distribution. Choose a short-but-descriptive prefix in the name, including all source channel modules. Add Filters as needed. Add at least one Environment.



2. Create an Activation Key that includes the filtered project channels.



3. (Optional) Create a bootstrap script. The profile will not need it, because it is managed in the AutoYaST.
4. Create a `/var/spacwalk/iso` directory, and for SLES 15 SP2 and following, copy the Full iso (>10 GB) there. Create a mount point for it, such as `/opt/install/15sp3` and mount the ISO there. Ensure this path gets re-mounted at boot time.
5. Create an Autoinstallation Distribution in SUSE Multi-Linux Manager for each base channel to which you will migrate.
  - a. In the Distribution, reference the specific Base Channel to match the base to which you might migrate, for example the base channel of your CLM project Environment Lifecycle.
  - b. Label the Distribution something that references your specific Base Channel.
  - c. Set the Installer Generation to match your specific version of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (12, 15, etc.).
  - d. The kernel options will be automatically populated when you click Create Autoinstallable Distribution.
6. You may create more Distributions depending on the Base Channel you need to assign, and you can re-use the same Tree Path for the boot media if required.



7. Click on Profiles, and upload Kickstart/AutoYaST file for each target SUSE Linux Enterprise Server distribution, service pack and channels you wish to migrate to.



- a. This profile will be associated with the activation key and autoinstallation distribution created above.
  - b. Cut-and-paste a Profile template as the basis for what you upload, assign it the Autoinstall tree you created as a Distribution above.
  - c. Do not put anything in the Virtualization Type box, and click **[Create]**.
8. Once created, your profile will now have some new fields on this Details page. In the Kernel Options line on this Details page, put in
- autoupgrade=1 insecure=1 useonlinerepo
9. This will tell your profile to treat its install as an upgrade, and allow http access to the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server to obtain installer updates without needing to go to SUSE Customer Center.

The screenshot shows the 'Autoinstallation Profiles' page in SUSE Manager. It displays a table with 8 profiles. The columns are: Label, Active, Distribution, and SUSE Manager-managed?.

Label	Active	Distribution	SUSE Manager-managed?
salt-15sp1-demo-test	✓	15sp1-demo-test	✓
salt-autoupgrade-to-15sp1	✓	sles15sp1	✓
salt-autotest_upgrade-to-12sp4	✓	sles12-sp4-x86_64	✓
salt-minion-to-https-15sp1-demo-test	✓	15sp1-demo-test	✓
salt-test-15sp1	✓	sles15sp1	✓
traditional-12sp5-demo-test	✓	12sp5-demo-test	✓
traditional-proxy-custom-12sp4	✓	sles12-sp4-x86_64	✓
traditional-to-custom-12sp4_upgrade	✓	sles12-sp4-x86_64	✓

Tip: - Autoinstallation profiles that are not managed by SUSE Manager can not be edited in the SUSE Manager UI. To modify these profiles, please log onto the SUSE Manager server and run the 'cobbler profile edit' command. For more information, consult the SUSE Manager Reference Guide.

10. Click the variables tab in your Autoinstallation Profile to specify CLM prefix, Activation Key, Distribution tree, and Organization:

The screenshot shows the 'Autoinstallation: salt-15sp1-demo-test' page in SUSE Manager. The 'Variables' tab is selected, showing a list of variables to be substituted in the autoinstallation profile.

Variables:
registration_key=1-15sp1-demo-test
org=1
channel_prefix=15sp1-demo-test
distro_label=15sp1-demo-test

Sample Variables:

- registration\_key=1-15sp1-demo-test
- org=1
- channel\_prefix=15sp1-demo-test
- distrotree=15sp1-demo-test

Edit the AutoYaST profile itself in a tool where you can use cut-and-paste for the channels in your profile. Use variables in your profiles where possible.

Published profiles can be used as a starting point.



For profile files, see <https://github.com/SUSE/manager-build-profiles>.

The profiles follow AutoYaST XML guidelines, and for an in-place upgrade there are several important sections:

#### Add-ons - the repositories used in the upgrade

```
<listentry>
<ask_on_error config:type="boolean">true</ask_on_error>
#if $channel_prefix != ""
<media_url>https://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/$channel_prefix-sle-manager-
tools15-pool-$arch-sp3/$distrotree</media_url>
#else
<media_url>https://$redhat_management_server/ks/dist/child/sle-manager-tools15-pool-$arch-
sp3/$distrotree</media_url>
#end if
<name>$channel_prefix SLE-15-Manager-Tools Pool</name>
<product>sle-manager-tools</product>
</listentry>
```

Be sure to include all (and only) the relevant modules (both Pool and Updates) to be used in the migration. In migration, it is recommended to add all available modules, as the location of certain packages changes with new major versions.

After finishing the preparation, proceed with the actual migration.

## 6.4. Migration of Clients

### Procedure: Migrating Clients

1. Prior to migration, be sure to check Software → Non-Compliant. This will show any orphaned packages on your system - those SUSE Multi-Linux Manager does not find in any assigned channel. Make sure this list is very small or empty, and that you can account for all the packages there. Delete any that are unnecessary.
2. Before provisioning, issue the following Remote Command to the systems you wish to upgrade to remove the existing SUSE Multi-Linux Manager channels during the upgrade process:

```
rm -rf /etc/zypp/repos.d/susemanager*
```

3. Assign your Autoinstallation Profile in System Details → Provisioning for one system, or in the Provisioning tab in SSM for as many systems as you need. SUSE Multi-Linux Manager provisioning then auto-assigns a Reactivation Key to this system, that is referenced in the provisioning process. If you need to perform the upgrade through a particular SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Proxy you will need to group just those systems together in SSM.

The top screenshot shows the SUSE Manager interface for a system named 'newer12.site.com'. The 'Provisioning' tab is active, and the 'Schedule' sub-tab is selected. The 'Schedule Autoinstallation' section explains that scheduling this system will re-install it using selected autoinstallation options. Below this, the 'Select Autoinstallation Profile' section prompts the user to select a profile. A table lists available profiles:

Autoinstallation Profile	Distribution	SUSE Manager-managed?
<input type="radio"/> salt-15sp1-demo-test	15sp1-demo-test	✓
<input type="radio"/> salt-autoupgrade-to-15sp1	sles15sp1	✓
<input type="radio"/> salt-autoyesl_upgrade-to-12sp4	sles12-sp4-x86_64	✓
<input checked="" type="radio"/> salt-minion-to-https-15sp1-demo-test	15sp1-demo-test	✓

The bottom screenshot shows the 'System Set Manager Overview' page. The 'Provisioning' tab is active, and the 'Autoinstallable Systems' section lists systems in the selected systems list. A table shows the system 'newer12.site.com' with the base channel 'SLES12-SP3-Pool for x86\_64'. Below this, the 'Autoinstall Selected Systems' section provides options to autoinstall the selected systems, with 'Select autoinstallation profile' chosen.

SUSE Multi-Linux Manager creates the proper entry in `/etc/grub.d/` for the reinstallation, and boots the selected systems to that entry. The Profile you created above will be used to drive automated upgrade, following which your system will use the reactivation key (one time), associating the upgraded system with the previous SUSE Multi-Linux Manager profile.

The Session Status screen in SUSE Multi-Linux Manager will not be updated real-time. Instead, watch the target system console to track progress. If you are updating an instance on a hyperscaler like AWS you may be able to get screenshots of the console.

## 6.4. Migration of Clients

**Get instance screenshot** Info

i-0967884ceaf68f70e (dpv-slesupdate) on 2022-04-29 at T16:13:01.642 -04:00

The screenshot displays the SUSE Linux installer's progress window during a system upgrade. The title bar reads "SUSE Performing Upgrade". It features a table titled "Media" with columns for "Remaining", "Packages", and "Time". The table lists various update packages such as SLES15-SP3-15-3-0, SLE-Module-Basesystem, and SLE-Module-Public-Cloud. Below the table, there are sections for "Actions performed" and "Downloaded" files, showing details like file names, sizes, and download speeds. At the bottom, a blue progress bar indicates the overall completion status, currently at 100%.

Media	Remaining	Packages	Time
Total	2,149 GiB	873	X
SLES15-SP3-15-3-0	334.5 KiB	1	X
SLE-15-Manager-Tools-Updates	8.63 MB	5	X
SLE-Module-Basesystem15-SP3-Pool-for-x86_64-SAP	259.83 MB	391	X
SLE-Module-Basesystem15-SP3-Updates-for-x86_64-SAP	1,730 KiB	381	X
SLE-Module-Desktop-Applcations15-SP3-Pool-for-x86_64-SAP	880 KiB	5	X
SLE-Module-Public-Cloud15-SP3-Pool-for-x86_64-SAP	402.9 KiB	7	X
SLE-Module-Public-Cloud15-SP3-Updates-for-x86_64-SAP	12.42 MB	5	X
SLE-Module-Python215-SP3-Pool-for-x86_64-SAP	22.36 MB	32	X
SLE-Module-Python215-SP3-Updates-for-x86_64-SAP	53.68 MB	15	X
SLE-Module-Server-Applcations15-SP3-Pool-for-x86_64-SAP	4.98 MB	18	X
SLE-Module-Server-Applcations15-SP3-Updates-for-x86_64-SAP	53.85 MB	2	X

**Actions performed:**

- Downloading libstdc++6 (download size 551.8 KiB)
- Installing libstdc++6-11.2.1-1sp810.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 2.06 MiB)
- Reinstalling libzifc-2.0.7-3.x86\_64.rpm (libzifc size 1.34 Mm)
- Downloading meminfo-base (download size 206 KiB)
- Installing meminfo-base-6.1.5-9.1.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 1.12 MiB)
- Downloading libncurses (download size 402.6 KiB)
- Installing libncurses-6.1.5-9.1.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 1.06 MiB)
- Downloading lifecycle-data-sle-module-desktop-applications (download size 15.5 KiB)
- Installing lifecycle-data-sle-module-desktop-applications-15.6.1.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 17.8 KiB)
- Downloading cloud-init-config-suse (download size 159.5 KiB)
- Installing cloud-init-config-suse-21.4-1501r00.8.50.1.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 2.3 KiB)
- Downloading lifecycle-data-sle-module-server-applications (download size 15.5 KiB)
- Installing lifecycle-data-sle-module-server-applications-15.4.1.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 17.8 KiB)
- Downloading grub2-x86\_64-evm (download size 2.85 MiB)
- Downloading grub2-x86\_64-evm-2.56 MB/s (on average 2.56 MB/s) (download size 2.85 MiB)


**Downloaded:**

- grub2-x86\_64-evm-2.56 MB/s (on average 2.56 MB/s) (download size 2.85 MiB)

Installing Packages... (Remaining: 2,149 GiB, 872 packages)

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## Performing Upgrade

Media	Remaining	Packages
Total	565.27 MiB	252
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-15-Manager-Tools Updates	262.8 KiB	1
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Basesystem15-SP3 Pool for x86_64 SAP	70.10 MiB	74
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Basesystem15-sp3 Updates for x86_64 SAP	367.82 MiB	107
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Public-Cloud15-sp3-Pool for x86_64 SAP	68 KiB	1
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Python2-15-SP3-Pool for x86_64 SAP	18.76 MiB	23
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Python2-15-SP3-Updates for x86_64 SAP	54.08 MiB	15
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Server-Applications15-sp3 Pool for x86_64 SAP	4.33 MiB	11
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-Server-Applications15-sp3 Updates for x86_64 SAP	34.97 MiB	2
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-DevTools15-SP3-Pool for x86_64 SAP	29.3 KiB	1
15sp3filtered-preprod SLE-Module-DevTools15-SP3-Updates for x86_64 SAP	24 KiB	1
SLE-Module-Public-Cloud12-Updates for x86_64 SP4	4.90 MiB	7
SLES12-SP4-Pool for x86_64	1.31 MiB	6

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- Downloading libdappcp1 (download size 72.7 KiB)
- Installing libdappcp1-0.3.1-4.75.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 229.4 KiB)
- Downloading dirmngr (download size 365 KiB)
- Installing dirmngr-2.2.27-1.2.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 891 KiB)
- Downloading kbd-legacy (download size 495.7 KiB)
- Installing kbd-legacy-2.0.4-14.38.noarch.rpm (installed size 517 KiB)
- Downloading python3-appdirs (download size 22.5 KiB)
- Installing python3-appdirs-1.4.3-1.21.noarch.rpm (installed size 83.5 KiB)
- Downloading python3-pyparsing (download size 187.4 KiB)
- Installing python3-pyparsing-2.4.7-1.24.noarch.rpm (installed size 877 KiB)
- Downloading yast2-transfer (download size 43.1 KiB)
- Installing yast2-transfer-4.1.0-1.28.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 123.5 KiB)
- Downloading gpg2 (download size 1.95 MiB)
- Installing gpg2-2.2.27-1.2.x86\_64.rpm (installed size 7.02 MiB)

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## Chapter 7. Installing SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Using RAW Image

SUSE Multi-Linux Manager offers various image formats, including a RAW format. This guide demonstrates how to set up SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server using the raw image.

### 7.1. Use Case

RAW images are pre-built, ready-to-use representations of a running operating system. Instead of being installed through a traditional installer, they are directly copied to the hard disk of the target host. RAW image format is flexible and compatible with a wide range of virtualization and deployment tools.

This guide provides essential information about these pre-configured images.

### 7.2. Outcome

Successful completion of this workflow results in successful installation of SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server.

### 7.3. Step-by-step Instructions



This workflow is complex and time-consuming. Make sure that adequate testing is done before deploying the procedure in live environment.

#### Procedure: Prepare the Prerequisites

1. **Download the Image:** Download the architecture-specific .raw.xz image of SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server for your target block size.
2. **Make Image Accessible:** Copy the image to a web server (preferred), or expand the .raw file to add directly as a disk in a virtual environment (if supported).
3. **Target Disk Setup:** If applicable, in virtual machine hypervisor, create:
  - a. A 40GB root disk
  - b. Additional storage for persistent SUSE Manager data

#### Procedure: Installation Steps

1. **Prepare Boot Environment and Network**
  - a. Provide a bootable ISO (SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SPX or SLE Micro 5.5) to access the "Rescue System." Add netsetup=1 on the kernel command line for networking, or configure IP via ifcfg.
  - b. Create a new instance, attach the root and persistent storage, then attach the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server or SLE Micro ISO as a virtual CD.

- c. Boot the instance to the ISO, selecting the Rescue System.
- d. Add the following on the command line to enable network configuration.

```
netsetup=1
```

## 2. Configure Network and Identify Devices

- a. Complete network setup as prompted and log in as root.
- b. Use a disk storage utility like `blockdev` or `lsblk` to verify the block size against your downloaded image.

```
blockdev --getpbsz $device
```

```
lsblk -o NAME,PHY-SEC
```

## 3. Transfer the Image

- a. Use `curl` to copy the `.raw.xz` image onto the root disk:

```
curl -Sks $url | xz -d > $device -v
```

- b. Replace `$url` with the image URL and `$device` with the root partition device.

## 4. Finalize Boot and Configuration

- a. Power off the instance, remove the virtual CD from the boot sequence, and start it again to boot from the newly created instance.
- b. Follow on-screen installation directions and, if needed, register with SUSE Customer Center, adding the SUSE Manager Server Extension.

## 5. Install VMware Tools (if applicable)

- a. Install the `open-vm-tools`

```
transactional-update pkg install open-vm-tools
```

- b. Reboot after installation.

## 6. Provision Persistent Storage

```
mgr-storage-server $device
```

Ensure `$device` points to the fast, persistent storage.

For more information, see [Persistent Volumes](#).

## Chapter 8. Install SUSE Multi-Linux Manager on ppc64le

This guide demonstrates how to set up SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server using SelfInstall ISO image on ppc64le machine.

### 8.1. Use case

This workflow outlines the steps to install SUSE Multi-Linux Manager on a ppc64le architecture using the SelfInstall ISO image. The method is used to create a container host for SUSE Multi-Linux Manager, allowing for efficient management of your systems.

### 8.2. Outcome

Successful completion of this workflow results in successful installation of SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Server running on a ppc64le system.

### 8.3. Step-by-step instructions



The following workflow is complex and time-consuming. Make sure that adequate testing is done before deploying the procedure in live environment.

#### Procedure: Preparing the prerequisites

1. Prepare a physical or virtual machine that supports the ppc64le architecture.
2. Ensure access to the SUSE SelfInstall ISO image for SUSE Multi-Linux Manager (either 512 or 4096 block size, depending on your disk configuration).
3. Ensure sufficient storage for the root disk (40GB recommended) and a separate, large, fast storage device for persistent volumes.
4. Ensure network connectivity for registration and updates from SUSE Customer Center.
5. Prepare a valid LCM+ subscription key.

#### Procedure: Installing SUSE Multi-Linux Manager

1. Download and prepare the installation media:
  - a. Download the SelfInstall ISO image for the appropriate physical block size (512 or 4096) from suse.com. For example: `SUSE-Manager-Server.ppc64le-5.0.2-SelfInstall-ppc-4096-2024.12.install.iso`
  - b. Create a new instance with a root disk size of 40GB (recommended).
  - c. Attach the SelfInstall ISO as a virtual CD and attach large, fast storage for the persistent volume.

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## 2. Boot from SelfInstall ISO:

- a. Boot from the SelfInstall ISO and follow the on-screen prompts.
- b. Select the desired disk for the root partition (/). The system will copy the disk image to the selected volume.

## 3. Finalize the installation and initial setup:

- a. Shut down the instance and remove the virtual CD-ROM from the boot sequence.
- b. Start the instance. It will boot from the newly installed SUSE Multi-Linux Manager host OS.
- c. The system will adapt to the disk size and allow you to log in.

## 4. Register with SCC and apply updates:

- a. Register the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager server with SCC using the SUSEConnect command, including the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Extension.
- b. Use your ppc64le LCM+ subscription key for registration.
- c. Apply all available updates using transactional-update.
- d. Reboot the system as directed.

## 5. Install required packages:

- a. Install the packages to use this instance as a container host for SUSE Multi-Linux Manager

```
transactional-update pkg install netavark podman \
mgradm mgrctl uyuni-storage-setup-server
```

- b. Provision persistent storage for SUSE Multi-Linux Manager

```
mgr-storage-server $device
```

Ensure \$device points to the fast, persistent storage.

For more information, see [Persistent Volumes](#).

To continue with deployment, see [Server Deployment](#).



## Chapter 9. Product Upgrade via Web UI

If you want to upgrade the registered SUSE Linux Enterprise client pack to a newer product version, it can be done either on the command line or via Web UI.

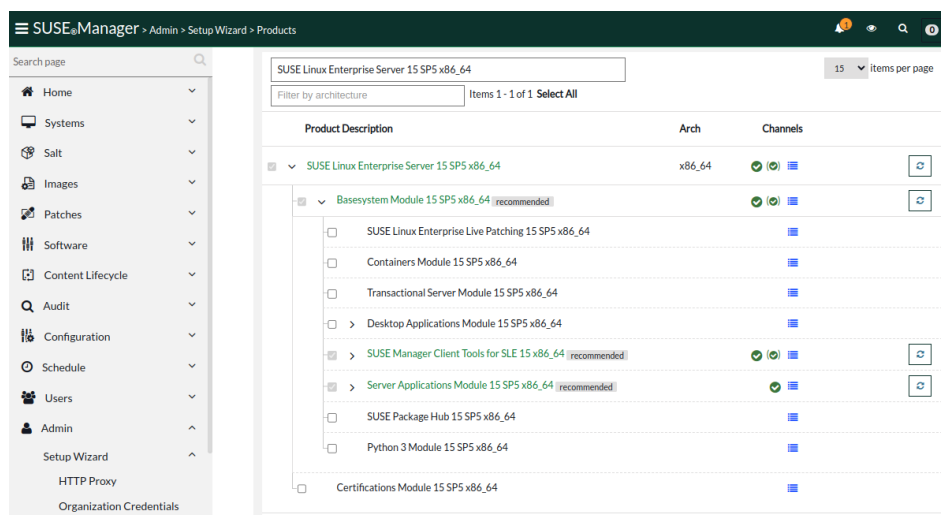
This document describes and illustrates in detail the product upgrade using the Web UI.



Product versions used are not reflective of the actual latest versions available. They are used for illustration purposes only. As an example, the following procedure describes the upgrade to version 15 SP5 from and older version 15. If you are targeting a different version, select the corresponding channels and versions.

### Procedure: Upgrading Product to a Newer Version Using Web UI

1. Log in to SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI and navigate to **Admin › Setup Wizard › Products** and search for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP5 x86\_64.
2. Select the recommended channels.



3. Click **[Add Products]**.
4. Navigate to **Systems › Registered client › Software › Product Migration**. You will see the targets available for that registered client.

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Details **Software** Configuration Provisioning Groups Audit States Formulas Recurring Actions Events

Patches Packages Software Channels **Product Migration**

### Product Migration - Target

Only shows migrations that are officially supported by SUSE in an online way. For offline migrations the autoinstallation feature in upgrade mode should be used.

**Installed Products:**

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP4 x86\_64
  - Desktop Applications Module 15 SP4 x86\_64
  - Basesystem Module 15 SP4 x86\_64
  - Containers Module 15 SP4 x86\_64
  - Server Applications Module 15 SP4 x86\_64
  - SUSE Manager Client Tools for SLE 15 x86\_64
  - Development Tools Module 15 SP4 x86\_64

**Target Products:**

- ☐ SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP5 x86\_64
  - Desktop Applications Module 15 SP5 x86\_64
  - Basesystem Module 15 SP5 x86\_64
  - Containers Module 15 SP5 x86\_64
  - Server Applications Module 15 SP5 x86\_64
  - SUSE Manager Client Tools for SLE 15 x86\_64
  - Development Tools Module 15 SP5 x86\_64

[Select Channels](#)

5. Select SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP5 x86\_64. This will expand further.
6. Select Target Base Channel as SLE-Product-SLES15-SP5-Pool for x86\_64. Keep Allow Vendor Change unchecked.
7. Click **[Schedule Migration]**. The message will be highlighted It is better to do a dry run first so continuing with dry run first.
8. Click **[Dry run]** and check the status of the simulation in **Events › History**. You should see a return code 0 indicating a successful dry run.
9. Click **[Schedule Migration]** to perform the actual product migration. The message will be highlighted on top of the screen indicating the scheduling of the action.
10. When the upgrade is complete, check the status in **Events › History**.
11. On the SUSE Multi-Linux Manager Web UI side, verify the succesfully completed product upgrade by going to **Systems › Registered client › Details**.
12. On the client side you can verify it by running:

```
cat /etc/os-release
```

13. The output will look similar to:

```
NAME="SLES"
VERSION="15-SP5"
VERSION_ID="15.5"
PRETTY_NAME="SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP5"
ID="sles"
ID_LIKE="suse"
ANSI_COLOR="0;32"
CPE_NAME="cpe:/o:suse:sles:15:sp5"
DOCUMENTATION_URL="https://documentation.suse.com/"
```

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