

JELINUX AS A VIRTUAL MACHINE

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INTRODUCTION

JELinux is the operating system at the core of the Jacques IP Integrated System. It allows users to monitor, view, filter and record events within the intercom systems. This operating system has been designed by Jacques around a LINUX base. JELinux Server contains a standard HTTP server, allowing access from remote workstations using generic web browsers.

JELinux software is made available to run within a virtual hosting environment offering full system functionality to the user, with increased flexibility and usability. JELinux virtual image is available in 32-bit version and a 64-bit version. The web interface for both the versions remains the same with the only difference being in functionality aspect. It is recommended to use 64-bit JELinux for better performance.

This document outlines the requirements for using JELinux as a virtual machine within a virtual hosting environment. It also includes a guide for installing Jelinux on VMWare Player 5.0.x as an example.

REQUIREMENTS

VIRTUAL SERVER PERFORMANCE

	MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED	HIGH PERFORMANCE (Major Project)
CPU	Dual core, 2GHz	Four core, 3GHz, 8MB cache or similar	8 core, 3.5GHz, 10-20MB cache
RAM	2GB	4GB	8GB
Supports DAR/SIPPROXY software	No	Yes	Yes

VIRTUAL SERVER REQUIREMENTS

Operating systems Browsers for JELinux Web	Linux 2.6.x (32-bit) or later for 32-bit JELinux system	
	Linux 2.6.x (64-bit) or later for 64-bit JELinux system	
	Mozilla Firefox	
Interface	Google chrome	
Storage 6GB* *Minimum requirement, contact Jacques for recommendations		
NIC ports	A minimum of 1 NIC port is required. Additional NIC port is required for audio recording server	
Network bandwidth	For systems that only use jccpserver and event controller, network bandwidth requirements are low. However, a reasonable Quality of Service (QoS) is assumed. The DAR and/or SIPPROXY process audio on behalf of endpoints in the system. Each one-way audio connection between endpoint and DAR/SIPPROXY required 128Kbps.	

JELINUX VIRTUAL IMAGE

	JELinux virtual image is provided in '.vmdk' format with a size of 512MB
	32-bit: jelinux-prod.jrp.pentium_m.512.V7.XX
	64-bit: x86-64.x86-64.512.V7.XX
	Note: Custom site specific image file will be provided with a filename that represents the site name.
Format	Note: vmdk can be converted to other formats, please see Consideration section

Software upgrades

Jacques 650 system server virtual machine is maintained using the same methodology as the Jacques hardware servers – a browser based configuration utility, and upgrades supplied from Jacques as 'jrp' files

CONSIDERATIONS

- JELinux virtual machine does not support sound cards. Hence, a physical server is required for background music and analog recording functionality. Please contact Jacques for more details.
- High availability on virtual host failure should be provided by the virtualization software.
- Allow expanding or adding hard disks to the virtual machine.
- Allow addition of USB controller to the virtual machine for configuring USB logging on a Jacques server.
- 64-bit JELinux software does not accept packages that are designed for 32-bit versions and vice versa.
- 64-bit JELinux requires at least 4GB of RAM.

HIGH AVAILABILITY SYSTEMS

When creating a high availability system on vsphere, it's important to change the security options of the vsphere network.

Promiscuous mode, MAC address changes and forged transmits all need to be Accepted. This is to allow for vrrp packets from the active server to be correctly sent to all servers in the cluster. Vrrp packets are not sent from the physical MAC address of the machine, but from a virtual MAC address generated by the Jacques ucarp service.

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Figure 1: Vsphere Network with Updated Security Settings

SCSI HARD DISK

To use the vsphere fault tolerance feature, the hard disk must be on a SCSI bus. This requires JELinux to support SCSI hard disks. This support is included in the JELinux boot package versions V7.96 and greater. The busses that are supported are LSI Logical SAS, LSI Logical Parallel and VMWare Paravirtual.

CONVERT VMDK TO VHD

If you require a .vhd file for your virtualisation, it's possible to convert the provided .vmdk file to your preferred format.

- 1. Download qemu-img from https://cloudbase.it/gemu-img-windows/
- 2. Unzip qemu-img to it's own directory
- 3. Create a .bat file and add the following: cd %~dp0 mkdir converted FOR %%A IN (%*) DO qemu-img convert -f vmdk -0 vpc %%A "converted/%%~nA.vhd" Pause
- 4. Save the .bat file to the same directory as qemu-img.
- Take the provided .vmdk file and drag it on top of the .bat file
 A popup will appear, then a directory called "converted" will appear. This will contain the
 - converted .vhd file

INSTALLATION

Instructions to install JELinux as a virtual machine under VMware Player are as follows:

NOTE: These instructions are intended as a guide only. Installing under other Virtual Hosting Environments is outside the scope of this document.

- a. Install VMware Player latest version from http://www.vmware.com.
- b. Customers will receive the virtual images as a 'vmdk' file.
- c. On successful installation, open the VMware Player.



Figure 2: VMware Player Start up screen display

- d. Click on "Create a <u>New Virtual Machine</u>" option. The New Virtual Machine Wizard starts. For the first pop-up select "I will install the operating system later" option and click "Next".
- e. On the next step select the type and version of guest operating system to be installed. Here, the type is Linux and the version is other Linux 2.6.x kernel.
- f. Choose desired name for your virtual machine and the location path on the host system.
- g. Specify disk capacity in accordance with your host operating system configuration, click on next and complete the installation of the virtual machine by clicking on finish.

- h. The newly created virtual machine can now be seen in the left column under the Home option.
 Select the newly created virtual machine and click on "Edit virtual machine settings" option located on the bottom right side.
- i. Now the settings of the virtual machine are displayed. Click on the Add button. Select "Hard Disk" option and click on next. On the next tab select the option stating "Use an existing virtual disk". Browse for the '.vmdk' image that has been supplied and click on finish. On the settings page it can be seen that the newly added hard disk is visible in the left hand corner with its details displayed on right when selected.
- j. Click on the hard disk that was installed initially and click on "Remove". Click on "Ok". Now run the virtual machine.
- k. On successful run of the virtual machine, the console screen displays the "Welcome to jelinux" message followed by a prompt asking for login details.



Figure 3: Console screen on successful run of the virtual machine

To enter into the console screen press "Ctrl+g" and press "Enter". Similarly to move back to the host system press "Ctrl + Alt" and the mouse cursor becomes visible indicating that the user is no longer in the console screen. The username for login is "root" and password is "jacques".

🤹 Windows 7 - VMware Player (Non-commercial use only)	
Player 👻 🔛 🚛 🌉	*
eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:0C:29:F9:F1:30 inet addr:10.7.0.1 Bcast:10.7.0.255 Mask:255.255.255.0 lo Link encap:Local Loopback inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0	
For help type "help" followed by the <enter> key</enter>	
EXIT - /etc/init.d/rc 2	
Boot log is in /var/log/boot.log	
jelinux login: jelinux login: jelinux login: root Password:	
Welcoмe to jelinux	===
Credits to Linux, GNU and friends.	
(c) Copyright, 2014 Jacques Technologies Pty Ltd. All rights reserve	ed.
For help type "help" followed by the <enter> key</enter>	
root@jelinux ∕root# _	

Figure 4: Console screen display on successful login

- I. Determine the IP address of your PC from the point of view of the JELinux virtual machine. Also inspect your IP configuration by using "ifconfig" command.
- m. Take particular notice of the "Ethernet adapter VMWare Network Adapter" settings. **For example:**

Ethernet Virtual Machine Network Adapter VMNet8:

Connection- specific DNS suffix:ip IP Address...... 192.168.254.1 Subnet mask...... 255.255.255.0 Default Gateway......:

Ethernet Virtual Machine Network Adapter VMNet1:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix.: IP Address...... 192.168.159.1 Subnet Mask...... 255.255.255.0 Default Gateway.....:

n. By default, the JELinux Virtual Machine does not have any network interface configured. VMNet1 corresponds to the "Host-Only" vmware connection. So for the above IP configuration, the IP address of your PC from the point of the JELinux Virtual Machine is 192.168.159.1.

o. Temporarily set JELinux Virtual Machine IP address (so you can connect via browser). For proper communication between the JELinux virtual machine and your PC, the JELinux Virtual Machine IP address must be configured to communicate with the PC's address determined above.

For example:

If the VMNet1 IP address is 192.168.159.1 then the JELinux virtual machine should be configured to use the static IP address 192.168.159.2, with a gateway of 192.168.159.1. Note: If you are using a software firewall (Windows, ZoneAlarm etc) you will need to add the IP address of the JELinux to your trusted hosts.

To do so enter into the virtual machine console screen and at the JELinux root prompt input the following command:

root@jelinux /root# syscfg network -a 192.168.159.2 -i eth0

OR

To revert to DHCP:

root@jelinux /root# syscfg network -a dhcp -i eth0

For instructions to configure the server, please refer to **JED-0196 (JELinux Web Interface Manual).pdf**

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