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| Installing VMware Tools from the Command Line with the Tar Installer The first steps are performed on the host, within Workstation menus:  1. Power on the virtual machine.  2. After the guest operating system has started, prepare your virtual machine to install VMware Tools.  Select the host. Right click to get menu. Guest > **Install VMware Tools**.  The remaining steps take place inside the virtual machine.  3. As root (su -), mount the VMware Tools virtual CD-ROM image, change to a working directory (for example, /tmp), uncompress the installer, then unmount the CD-ROM image.  **Note:** Some Linux distributions automatically mount CD-ROMs. If your distribution uses automounting, do not use the mount and umount commands below. You still must untar the VMware Tools installer to /tmp.  Some Linux distributions use different device names or organize the /dev directory differently. If your CD-ROM drive is not /dev/cdrom or if the mount point for a CD-ROM is not /mnt/cdrom, you must modify the following commands to reflect the conventions used by your distribution.  mount /dev/cdrom /mnt/cdrom  cd /tmp  **Note:** If you have a previous installation, delete the previous vmware-distrib directory before installing. The default location of this directory is  /tmp/vmware-tools-distrib.  4. Untar the VMware Tools tar file:  tar zxf /mnt/cdrom/VMwareTools-5.0.0-<xxxx>.tar.gz  Where <xxxx> is the build/revision number of the VMware Workstation release.  **Note:** If you attempt to install a tar installation over an rpm installation — or the reverse — the installer detects the previous installation and must convert the installer database format before continuing.  5. Run the .tar VMware Tools installer:  cd vmware-tools-distrib  ./vmware-install.pl --default  If you add the —default option, you don’t need to respond to the configuration questions on the screen. Otherwise, press Enter to accept the default value.  6. umount /mnt/cdrom  7. Log off of the root account.  exit |