

## NAME

`libguestfs-tools.conf` – configuration file for `guestfish`, `guestmount`, `virt-rescue`

## SYNOPSIS

`/etc/libguestfs-tools.conf`

`$XDG_CONFIG_DIRS/libguestfs/libguestfs-tools.conf`

`$HOME/.libguestfs-tools.rc`

`$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/libguestfs/libguestfs-tools.conf`

## DESCRIPTION

*libguestfs-tools.conf* (or *\$HOME/libguestfs-tools.rc*) changes the defaults for the following programs only:

- **guestfish**(1)
- **guestmount**(1)
- **virt-rescue**(1)

There is currently only one setting which is controlled by this file. Adding (or uncommenting):

```
read_only = true;
```

changes these programs so they act as if the `--ro` flag was given on the command line. You can use this to make the programs safe against accidental modification of a live guest (users would have to explicitly add the `--rw` flag to modify guests). This is not the default because it is not backwards compatible. See also “OPENING DISKS FOR READ AND WRITE” in **guestfish**(1).

Note that **the semicolon is required**.

This file is parsed by the `libconfig` library. For more information about the format, see: [http://www.hyperrealm.com/libconfig/libconfig\\_manual.html](http://www.hyperrealm.com/libconfig/libconfig_manual.html)

## FILE LOCATION

The order of the configuration files being read is, by importance:

- `$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/libguestfs/libguestfs-tools.conf` (`$XDG_CONFIG_HOME` is *\$HOME/.config* if not set).
- `$HOME/.libguestfs-tools.rc`
- `$XDG_CONFIG_DIRS/libguestfs/libguestfs-tools.conf` (where `$XDG_CONFIG_DIRS` means any of the directories in that environment variable, or just */etc/xdg* if not set)
- `/etc/libguestfs-tools.conf`

This means local users can override the system configuration by copying the configuration file (or creating it anew) into *\$XDG\_CONFIG\_HOME/libguestfs/libguestfs-tools.conf*.

*/etc/libguestfs-tools.conf* and *\$HOME/libguestfs-tools.rc* are the old non-XDG paths which are read for compatibility.

## SEE ALSO

“OPENING DISKS FOR READ AND WRITE” in **guestfish**(1), **guestmount**(1), **virt-rescue**(1), <http://libguestfs.org/>, <http://standards.freedesktop.org/basedir-spec/latest/>.

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- The version of libguestfs.
- Where you got libguestfs (eg. which Linux distro, compiled from source, etc)
- Describe the bug accurately and give a way to reproduce it.
- Run **libguestfs-test-tool** (1) and paste the **complete, unedited** output into the bug report.