



RESim Remote Access Guide

Configuring RESim servers and clients

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1 Introduction

This guide provides instructions for accessing RESim remotely on a RESim server

These instructions assume your remote RESim server is bladet9. Adjust as needed based on the server assigned to you.

2 Client setup

Perform these steps on the computer that you will use to access RESim. These instructions assume a Linux host upon which IDA Pro is installed, e.g., a VM.

Use `ssh-keygen` to create an ssh key pair and send the public key to `mfthomps@nps.edu` along with a requested user ID. You will then receive an assigned server name and IP address. After receiving the reply, do the following:

- Add the assigned blade and IP address to your `/etc/hosts`:

```
10.20.200.159 bladet9
```

- Set up your `/.ssh/config` file to identify the gateway and RESim server. An example assuming your assigned RESim server is bladet9. Replace that, and the ProxyCommand IP with those assigned to you. Also replace the IdentityFile with your own, and replace both User fields with your assigned login ID.:

```
Host cgc-gw
  IdentityFile      ~/.ssh/id_rsa
  User              mfthomps
  ServerAliveInterval 1
  ServerAliveCountMax 60
  TCPKeepAlive      yes
  HostName          205.155.65.172

Host bladet9
  HostName          bladet9
  User              mike
  IdentityFile      ~/.ssh/id_rsa
  ProxyCommand      ssh -q cgc-gw nc 10.20.200.159 22
```

- Create an ssh agent on your local Linux. E.g., source this script (using your ssh id file):

```
eval 'ssh-agent'
ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

- You should now be able to ssh to the RESim server, e.g.,

```
ssh -Y bladet9
```

(Using `-X` seems to eventually time out because of temporary permissions?)

2.1 IDA

Configure IDA for remote use:

- Clone the RESim repo onto the computer from which you'll run IDA (need this for RESim IDA Python plugins)
- Copy the `simics/ida/cfg/*.xml` files into your `/idaxx/cfg` directory after first backing up the originals.
- On the computer upon which you'll run IDA, create a ssh tunnel for use by the GDB port:

```
ssh -fN -L 9123:localhost:9123 -oStrictHostKeyChecking=no -oUserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null bladet9
```

- Start Ida and configure the debugger to use gdb, localhost and port 9123

3 Configure RESim Server

See section 6 if this RESim server has not yet been configured.

Steps below are implemented in RESim/simics/setup/config-resim-user.sh The following steps are taken for each user on the RESim server.

- Add to your .bashrc:

```
export RESIM_DIR=~/.git/RESim
export SIMDIR=/mnt/simics/simics-4.8/simics-4.8.170
```

- Add to your .profile:

```
PATH=$RESIM_DIR/simics/bin:$PATH
```

- Start a new shell to inherit that variable:

```
bash -l
```

- Use git to clone the RESim repo on the RESim server, e.g.,

```
mkdir ~/.git
cd ~/.git
git clone https://github.com/mfthomps/RESim.git
```

- Create a "workspace" directory, and cd to it. Then initialize it as a Simics workspace:

```
resim-ws.sh
```

- Copy the files in git/RESim/simics/workspace to your workspace, and follow the README instructions.

4 Workspaces

The steps above are intended to allow you to run tests using the CADET01 service. For each new project, create and initialize a new workspace. Simply create a directory with an informative name, cd to it and run the workspace or project setup command as described above.

5 Simics 5 procedures

This section addresses bladet10 which has both Simics 4.8 and Simics 5. When creating a new workspace, initialize it with:

```
resim-ws.sh
```

Two scripts in /usr/bin are used to control the license server. Use simics5-license.sh and simics4-license.sh to set the server for the version of Simics that you wish to run. Those scripts need only be run when changing versions.

6 System Setup

These steps are only required once for each new server. **Steps below are implemented in RESim/simics/setup/config-resim-server.sh**

- Add the following to the server /etc/hosts:

```
10.20.200.41 webproxy
```

- Confirm the /etc/apt/sources.list refers to the proper mirror, e.g.,

```
deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty universe
deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty main restricted
deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty-updates main restricted
```

- Create a mount point and add entry to the `/etc/fstab`:

```
sudo mkdir /mnt/re_images
sudo chmod a+rwX /mnt/re_images/
Add to /etc/fstab: webproxy:/ubuntu_img /mnt/re_images nfs4 auto 0 0
```

- Create link to shared images:

```
sudo mkdir /eems_images
cd /eems_images
sudo ln -s /mnt/re_images ubuntu_img
```

- Install python-magic from gz file: `pip install ipath`

```
sudo pip install /mnt/re_images/python_pkgs/python-magic-0.4.15.tar.gz
```

- Install xterm

```
apt-get install xterm
```

- Install git

```
apt-get install git
```

7 Configure Simics licenses

These steps are automated in the `RESim/setup/config-simics.sh` script.

- Get the Simics license server running (name the license file that matches your ethernet MAC address:

```
./simics-gui -license-file /mnt/simics/simics-4.8.75/licenses/24B6FDF7BB64.lic
```

- Then quit. Use

```
ps aux | grep lmgrd
```

to confirm

- Install the vmx kernel module (Simics VMP)

```
bin/vmp-kernel-install
(follow instructions to enable on reboot)
```