

Chapter 01

Introduction



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INTRODUCTION:

The HP-UX Handbook is a collection of HP-UX related chapters, each covering an area topic related to the HP-UX operating system. Each chapter is the result of contribution by several support engineers specializing in the area covered by the chapter at hand. These contributions are based on knowledge and experience. Each of these chapters is currently published as a separate standalone document.

HISTORY:

Originally the HP-UX Handbook was created as an everyday tool for engineers and field technicians. But due to its popularity in the field over the years, it was decided to make it available to registered HP customers as well. Please see section: **“TERMS OF USE AND LEGAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE HP-UX HANDBOOK”** provided at the beginning of each chapter on page 3.

This handbook was last updated in 2006. After hard work by many people, we now have the latest version (v13.00) completed. It still maintains separate documents for separate chapters, which are available electronically for download in PDF format internally, and externally for registered HP customers on the [HP Support Center Portal](#) (HPSC). Depending on feedback and other factors, we may (in the future) combine all these chapters into a single document. HP provides no ETA for such task, nor does it guarantee that such task will be performed.

We like to emphasize that these HP-UX Handbook chapters are not officially released HP documents. They are contributed collection of cookbooks, and therefore may contain errors. HP is not responsible for any problems resulting from the use of unofficial procedures given in this handbook. We will do our best effort to fix any errors reported to us through the feedback process, but HP makes no guarantee that every error will be fixed, nor does it provide ETA for error fixes.

NAME CHANGE:

Originally, this handbook was referred to as **“HP-UX Software Recovery Handbook”**. But since after years of updates it now contains many more chapters and subjects than just “recovery related”, starting with this revision, v13.00, and going forward it will be referred to as simply the **“HP-UX Handbook”**.

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CREDITS:

It is impossible to name all the people who contributed to this project throughout the years. The handbook started many years ago, but has not been updated since 2006. New efforts were put into place to see this latest version, v13.00, into completion, updating old materials, and adding new ones. Some of the people's names who worked on previous versions (pre 2006) are not known to me. But we thank each and every one of them, and we apologize for not mentioning them below.

I will only mention those people who provided contributions to this latest HP-UX Handbook v13.00, as I worked with them closely. While individual contribution levels varied from contribution to parts of one chapter, to contributions to several chapters, the efforts of each and every one of those individual are tremendously appreciated, and without each one this work would not be possible. I will list them here in alphabetical order:

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For specific chapters, you can search on the document ID listed below (HP Employees click the imbedded link in the ID to get there):

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Chapter 03	System Startup	c03992065
Chapter 04	System Recovery	c03992185
Chapter 05	Software Distributor (SD-UX)	c03992191
Chapter 06	Ignite-UX	c03992313
Chapter 07	Kernel Configuration	c03992390
Chapter 08	Crash Dumps	c03992391
Chapter 09	Networking Basics	c03992392
Chapter 10	Network Services	c03992394
Chapter 11	Software Development	c03992399
Chapter 12	I/O Addressing	c03992467
Chapter 13	LVM (Logical Volume Manager)	c03992484
Chapter 14	Journaled File System (JFS)	c03992500
Chapter 15	Serviceguard	c03992539
Chapter 16	Instant Capacity (iCAP)	c03992552
Chapter 17	Virtual Partitions (vPars)	c03992569
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Chapter 19	Process Resource Manager (PRM)	c03992603
Chapter 20	CIFS	c03992615
Chapter 21	Itanium Architecture (IA)	c03992616
Chapter 22	Performance & Tuning	c03992617

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May the efforts put into these documents provide some readers with helpful information, gain of knowledge, or fixes to specific problems. Otherwise, may they bring someone many hours of *“happy & joyful reading”*.

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