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## NIM Upgrade Strategies and Advanced Topics

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# NIM AIX Upgrade Strategies and Advanced Topics

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- Multihomed client – the nimadapters facility

# Migrate NIM Master First

- Save NIM database to file in the nimvg (or rootvg if no nimvg)
- mksysb of NIM master rootvg to tape or mkcd to DVD
- alt\_disk\_copy of master rootvg to unused disks, creating altinst\_rootvg
- Make note of physloc(s) for rootvg and altinst\_rootvg disks
- Shutdown NIM master, boot with AIX 6.1 media
- Migrate either rootvg or altinst\_rootvg disks to AIX 6.1
- All existing NIM resources, machines, networks etc still served by 6.1 master, from nimvg filesystems
- Create /export/61 filesystem on nimvg
- smitty bffcreate AIX 6.1 media into /export/61/lppsource\_6100-02-02-0849
- smitty nim, point at lpp\_source, define as NIM resource
- smitty nim, create spot\_6100-02-02-0849 from lpp\_source
- smitty nimadm a test client up to AIX 6.1, on unused client disk(s)

# Client Migration Methods

- Migrate from older AIX to 5.2, 5.3 or 6.1
  - NIM Alternate Disk Migration (nimadm) on a running client (creates altinst\_rootvg on unused client disks)
  - NIM Alternate Disk Install of new “golden” image (not a migration, a new load on altinst\_rootvg)
  - mksysb migration – install downlevel mksysb, then migrate it
- Or Update within an AIX Version
  - nim\_alt\_clone with update\_all (from TL to TL, or SP to SP)
  - multibos – standby copy of AIX on same rootvg disks (updates optional, TL to TL, SP to SP)

# NIM Alternate Disk Migration (nimadm 1 of 3)

- At nim master, smitty nimadm
- At nim client, running, existing rootvg clones itself onto unused disk(s) as altinst\_rootvg
- Running client then nfs exports altinst\_rootvg filesystems for nim master to mount, and migrate to new Version of AIX
- Bootlist on running client optionally set to boot from migrated altinst\_rootvg disks
- Boot from upgraded disk at your convenience, verify behavior, if satisfactory stay there. If not, set bootlist back to old\_rootvg disks.

# NIM Alternate Disk Migration (nimadm 2 of 3)

```
smitty nimadm
```

```
Perform NIM Alternate Disk Migration
```

```
Type or select values in entry fields.
```

```
Press Enter AFTER making all desired changes.
```

[TOP]	[Entry Fields]	
* Target NIM Client	[nimclient]	+
* NIM LPP_SOURCE resource	[lppsource_53ML2]	+
* NIM SPOT resource	[spot_53ML2]	+
* Target Disk(s) to install	[unused hdisks in client]	
DISK CACHE volume group name	[ ]	
 NIM IMAGE_DATA resource	[ ]	+
NIM BOSINST_DATA resource	[ ]	+
NIM EXCLUDE_FILES resource	[ ]	+
NIM INSTALLP_BUNDLE resource	[ ]	+
NIM PRE-MIGRATION SCRIPT resource	[ ]	+
NIM POST-MIGRATION SCRIPT resource	[ ]	+
 Phase to execute	[all]	+
NFS mounting options	[ ]	
Set Client bootlist to alternate disk?	yes	+
Reboot NIM Client when complete?	no	+
Verbose output?	no	+
Debug output?	no	+
 ACCEPT new license agreements?	<b>yes</b>	+

# NIM Alternate Disk Migration (nimadm 3 of 3)

- nimadm can be finicky...
  - You must install bos.alt\_disk\_install.rte into the spot (smitty nim\_res\_op, cust operation on the spot, install from the lppsource)
  - An AIX 5.3 NIM master can nimadm a 433 client to 5.1 or 5.2 or 5.3, if you install bos.alt\_disk\_install.rte.5.3 into the 5.1 and 5.2 spots. But do not copy it into the 5.1 and 5.2 lppsource.
  - bos.alt\_disk\_install.rte - same level installed on master as level installed in the spot
- But the error messages are generally coherent

# NIM Alternate Disk Install (1 of 1)

- When the running rootvg image is not migrated forward but a new "golden" (e.g., 5.3 or 6.1) image is desired
- Build new golden image on test system
- Pull golden mkysb image from test system to NIM master
- Use NIM to drive golden mkysb image onto unused disks on NIM client. Those disks become altinst\_rootvg, while running AIX instance remains on rootvg.
- At maintenance window, boot from altinst\_rootvg and verify behavior. If satisfactory, remain on new image that is now labeled rootvg, previous image is labeled old\_rootvg



# mksysb migration (1 of 3)

- Allows “restore” of downlevel, non-supported mksysb onto Power5 or Power6 hardware, followed by immediate migration to AIX 53TL6.
- Avoids requirement to upgrade existing system to newer Version of AIX before taking mksysb.
- Network boot target LPAR / System with 53TL6 NIM spot
- Restore downlevel mksysb (as far back as 433)
- Immediate Migration of restored mksysb to 53TL6
- See “NIM From A to Z in AIX 5L” pp 205-216, SG24-7296  
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247296.html?Open>
- Also documented in AIX 5.3 Installation Guide

## mksysb migration (2 of 3)

- No BOS menu support of mksysb migration – no prompt required
- bosinst\_data file requires the following fields

**INSTALL\_METHOD = migrate**

**EXISTING\_SYSTEM\_OVERWRITE = yes**

**PROMPT = no**

**RECOVER\_DEVICES = no**

**MKSYSB\_MIGRATION\_DEVICE = network**

New and  
important field

**target\_disk\_data:**

**PVID =**

**PHYSICAL\_LOCATION = U9111.520.10C1C1C-V9-C5-T1-L810000000000**

**CONNECTION =**

**LOCATION =**

**SIZE\_MB =**

**HDISKNAME =**

Physloc is the most definite identifier for target disk. You may have to network boot the target to read these from the menus, then put them into bosinst\_data file on master, and boot the target again

## mksysb migration (3 of 3)

- You cannot `nim -o bosinst (smitty nim_bosinst)` a mksysb install to a target with mksysb at 5.2 and spot at 5.3. This will error.
- On the master, pre-allocate the downlevel mksysb to the target client  
`nim -o allocate -a mksysb=image_52ML9 <nimclient>`
- Then on the master...  
`smitty nim_bosinst / rte install / spot_53TL6 / lppsource_53TL6/  
bosinst_data / etc`
- And then netboot the client. 5.2 mksysb image restores, and is immediately migrated to 5.3.

# nim\_alt\_clone with update\_all (1 of 2)

- Update within same Version/Release (e.g. 53TL4SP2 to 53TL5)
  - From one TL to next TL
  - From one SP to next SP on same TL
- Build lpp\_source at desired level, with simages=yes attribute
- Update NIM master from this lpp\_source, reboot master
- If client is mirrored, should unmirror prior to nim\_alt\_clone:
  - unmirrorvg rootvg hdisk1  
message about quorum being on for rootvg at next reboot,  
quorum off currently, safe to ignore at this point
  - chpv -c hdisk1
  - reducevg rootvg hdisk1
  - bosboot -a
  - bootlist -m normal hdisk0 (the disk remaining in rootvg)

# nim\_alt\_clone with update\_all (2 of 2)

- At the master, smitty nim\_alt\_clone
- Specify target client (F4 to select)
- Specify target disks (you may select on the running client, say, hdisk1)
- Specify “FIXES to Install” as “update\_all”
- Specify “LPP\_SOURCE” (F4 to select lpp\_source from above)
- Accept Licenses
- Clone and update takes place onto altinst\_rootvg, while running on rootvg
- At maintenance window, boot from altinst\_rootvg, verify behavior
- If acceptable, stay on new rootvg, if not, boot back to old\_rootvg
- If desired mirror new rootvg
  - \*might\* alt\_disk\_install -X (clear old\_rootvg off hdisk0)
  - extendvg rootvg hdisk0
  - mirrorvg rootvg (msg quorum off on next boot – important!)
  - bosboot -a
  - bootlist -m normal hdisk1 hdisk0
  - shutdown -Fr (to have quorum off on next varyonvg rootvg)

# Multibos Support (1 of 6)

- SCSI disks continue to get larger.
- Must I have another unused 70GB disk to alt\_disk\_clone? No longer
- AIX 53ML2 introduced multibos command. Can create two bootable AIX rootvgs on a single hdisk, or mirrored hdisks
- Defaults to copy / /usr /var /opt /home filesystems. Others can be added to this list, or left to be shared between the two OS images.
- Many flags on the multibos command. See the man page  
<http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/pseries/topic/com.ibm.aix.doc/cmds/aixcmds3/multibos.htm>
- Some important examples:
  - Before you start, you might extendlv hd5 from one logical partition to two contiguous partitions  
lslv -m hd5  
extendlv hd5 1  
bosboot -a -d hdiskn
  - Create standby copy of OS – multibos -Xs
  - Add updates to standby copy from /images – multibos -Xac -l /images

# Multibos Support (2 of 6)

➤ Log file defaults to /etc/multibos/logs/op.alog – sample output here:

```
=====
DATE: 2005.11.08.10:54:56 ID: [3 5 00CC1C1C4C00] COMMAND: (multibos -Xsp)
=====
Gathering system information ...

+-----+
Preview
+-----+
Verifying operation parameters ...
Processing preview information ...

ACTIVE LV:          hd4
STANDBY LV:         bos_hd4
TYPE:              jfs2
ACTIVE FS:          /
STANDBY FS:         /bos_inst
ACTION:             Setup
STATE:              mounted
```

# Multibos Support (3 of 6)

## ➤ More log output...

```
+-----+
Logical Volumes
+-----+
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd5
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd4
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd2
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd9var
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd1
Creating standby BOS logical volume bos_hd10opt

+-----+
File Systems
+-----+
Creating all standby BOS file systems ...
```



# Multibos Support (4 of 6)

➤ Check the bootlist after multibos command:

```
# bootlist -m normal -o  
hdisk0 blv=bos_hd5  
hdisk0 blv=hd5
```

➤ Change bootlist if desired:

```
# bootlist -m normal hdisk0 blv=hd5 hdisk0 blv=bos_hd5
```

➤ Check bootlist again:

```
# bootlist -m normal -o  
hdisk0 blv=hd5  
hdisk0 blv=bos_hd5
```

# Multibos Support (5 of 6)

➤ At the end of the multibos command output,

```
Setting bootlist to logical volume bos_hd5 on hdisk0.
```

```
ATTENTION: firmware recovery string for standby BLV (bos_hd5):
```

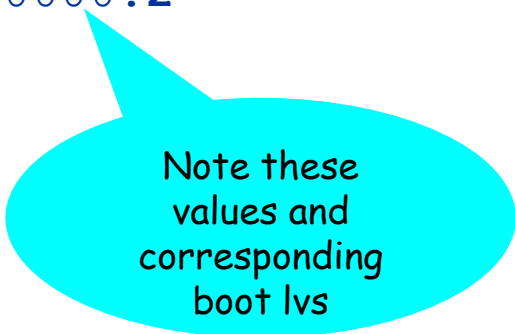
```
boot /vdevice/v-scsi@30000005/disk@8100000000000000:4
```

```
ATTENTION: firmware recovery string for active BLV (hd5):
```

```
boot /vdevice/v-scsi@30000005/disk@8100000000000000:2
```

```
Log file is /etc/multibos/logs/op.alog
```

```
Return Status = SUCCESS
```



Note these  
values and  
corresponding  
boot lvs

➤ Do both of these boot devices both show up in SMS? Of course!

# Multibos Support (6 of 6)

## SMS Selecting boot / install device, scsi disk

```
PowerPC Firmware
Version SF235_185
SMS 1.6 (c) Copyright IBM Corp. 2000,2005 All rights reserved.
```

---

```
--
Select Device
Device    Current  Device
Number    Position  Name
1.         2      SCSI 13421 MB Harddisk, part=2 (AIX 5.3.0)
              ( loc=U9111.520.10C1C1C-V2-C5-T1-W810000000
2.         1      SCSI 13421 MB Harddisk, part=4 (AIX 5.3.0)
              ( loc=U9111.520.10C1C1C-V2-C5-T1-W810000000
```

part=2,  
part=4 from  
multibos  
output

Same LUN,  
W81000000,  
one hdisk

- Two copies on one disk doesn't protect against a spindle failure.  
But does protect against operator errors (e.g., `rm -r /usr`)

Let's NOT try  
this sample  
syntax

# SUMA Examples

## ➤ Update an lppsource

```
suma -x -a RqType=SP -a RqName=5300-07-06-0844 -a Action=Preview \  
-a FilterDir=/export/53/lppsource_53TL7 -a DLTarget=/export/53/lppsource_53ML7  
suma -x -a RqType=SP -a RqName=5300-08-04-0844 -a Action=Download \  
-a FilterDir=/export/53/lppsource_53ML7 -a DLTarget=/export/53/lppsource_53ML7
```

Note that pointing at the lppsource directory puts the updates down in <lppsource>/installp/ppc  
Same code, may be packaged in different SP for different TL

## ➤ Update a running client

```
lspp -Lc >./list  
suma -x -a RqType=Security -a Action=Preview -a FilterSysFile=./list -a DLTarget=/usr/sys/inst.images  
suma -x -a RqType=Critical -a Action=Preview -a FilterSysFile=./list -a DLTarget=/usr/sys/inst.images  
suma -x -a RqType=APAR -a RqName=IY12345 -a Action=Preview -a FilterSysFile=./list \  
-a DLTarget=/usr/sys/inst.images  
suma -x -a RqType=TL -a RqName=5300-08 -a Action=Preview -a FilterSysFile=./list \  
-a DLTarget=/usr/sys/inst.images  
suma -x -a RqType=Fileset -a RqName=bos.rte.lvm -a Action=Preview -a FilterSysFile=./list \  
-a DLTarget=/usr/sys/inst.images
```

change Action from Preview to Download to actually download the fixes

- I occasionally use suma to update SP or TL of an older lpp\_source
- Better to build new lpp\_source from new media – will not miss “new” base install filesets

# SUMA Examples

- If your network requires use of proxy to reach public Internet, you may add proxy config:

Bypass SUMA's proxy handling by clearing the HTTPS\_PROXY value

```
suma -ca HTTPS_PROXY=
```

Set environment variables instead as follows:

```
export HTTPS_PROXY="<proxy>"
```

and, if appropriate:

```
export HTTPS_PROXY_USERNAME="<username>"
```

```
export HTTPS_PROXY_PASSWORD="<password>"
```

- Or add one of these right on the suma command line:

```
-a HTTP_PROXY=http://proxy.your.domain.com:8080
```

```
-a HTTP_PROXY=http://username:password@proxy.your.domain.com:8080
```

- Or, each of these might be required on the command line

```
-a FIXSERVER_PROTOCOL=https
```

```
-a DOWNLOAD_PROTOCOL=https
```

```
-a HTTPS_PROXY=https://username:password@proxy.your.domain.com:443
```

- Hint: Support Line has worked a number of these

# SUMA Examples

- Can you select equivalent code at different Technology Levels? Yes
- <http://www-933.ibm.com/eserver/support/fixes/fixcentral/pfixpacks/53>

Fix packs			
Name	Type	Prereqs	Date
<a href="#">5300-08-04-0844</a>	Service Pack	5300-08-00-0818	October 2008
<a href="#">5300-08-03-0831</a>	Service Pack	5300-08-00-0818	July 2008
<a href="#">5300-08-02-0822</a>	Service Pack	5300-08-00-0818	May 2008
<a href="#">5300-08-01-0819</a>	Service Pack	5300-08-00-0818	April 2008
<a href="#">5300-08-00-0818</a>	Technology Level		April 2008

Fix packs			
Name	Type	Prereqs	Date
<a href="#">5300-07-06-0844</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	October 2008
<a href="#">5300-07-05-0831</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	July 2008
<a href="#">5300-07-04-0818</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	June 2008
<a href="#">5300-07-03-0811</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	March 2008
<a href="#">5300-07-02-0806</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	February 2008
<a href="#">5300-07-01-0748</a>	Service Pack	5300-07-00-0747	November 2007
<a href="#">5300-07-00-0747</a>	Technology Level		November 2007

Fix packs			
Name	Type	Prereqs	Date
<a href="#">5300-06-09-0844</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	October 2008
<a href="#">5300-06-08-0831</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	July 2008
<a href="#">5300-06-07-0818</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	May 2008
<a href="#">5300-06-06-0811</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	March 2008
<a href="#">5300-06-05-0806</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	February 2008
<a href="#">5300-06-04-0748</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	November 2007
<a href="#">5300-06-03-0732</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	August 2007
<a href="#">5300-06-02-0727</a>	Service Pack	5300-06	July 2007

# Migrate VIO from 1.5.2.1 to 2.1.0.0

## Boot Migration Media

- Preserves SEA config, and vhost virtual disk mapping
- Watch for some fileset microsurgery
  - bos.INed 6.1.2.0
  - bos.INed 6.1.0.0
  - bos.mls.rte 6.1.2.0
  - devices.pciex.b3154a63.rte 6.1.0.0                      PCI-E DDR Infiniband driver
  - devices.vdevice.IBM.vfc-client.rte 6.1.0.0              Virtual Fibre Channel Client Support
- Doubt anyone will miss INed
- Found Infiniband driver at 5.3.8.1 on migrated VIO, but at 6.1.2.0 plus 6.1.2.2 on scratch 2.1 VIO install
- Found VFC at 6.1.2.0 plus 6.1.2.2 on a new scratch VIO 2.1 install, but not on a migrated VIO
- VIO 2.1 migration DVD iso image –  
<http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/vios/documentation/home.html>

## Migrate VIO from 1.5.2.1 to 2.1.0.0

Phase 2 – Really do need a NIM solution for this migration – can fix missing filesets in the process

- copied <cdrom>/installp/ppc to NIM master, defined it as lpp\_vio21\_mig lpp\_source
- copied into this lpp\_source, from 6100-02-02-0849 lppsource, the following:
  - devices.chrp.IBM.HPS.1.4.0.0.l (instfix -icqk 6100-02\_AIX\_ML | grep “:-:” or, oslevel -rl)
  - devices.common.IBM.sni.1.4.0.0.l
  - devices.msg.en\_US.chrp.IBM.HPS.1.4.0.0.l
  - devices.msg.en\_US.common.IBM.sni.1.4.0.0.l
  - devices.pciex.8680c71014108003.6.1.2.0.l
  - devices.pciex.b3154a63.6.1.2.1.l
- did initial scratch install of VIO server with VIO 1521 mkysb and spot
- copied VIO migration <cdrom>/bosinst.data file to NIM master, modified it for migration, defined it as NIM resource
- enabled RTE install of VIO server with lpp\_vio21\_mig lpp\_source, vio21 spot extracted from vio21 mkysb, and migration bosinst\_data resource
- Migrated VIO 2.1 now shows same TL as scratch install VIO 2.1
  - # instfix -i | grep ML
  - All filesets for 6100-00\_AIX\_ML were found.
  - All filesets for 6100-01\_AIX\_ML were found.
  - All filesets for 6100-02\_AIX\_ML were found.



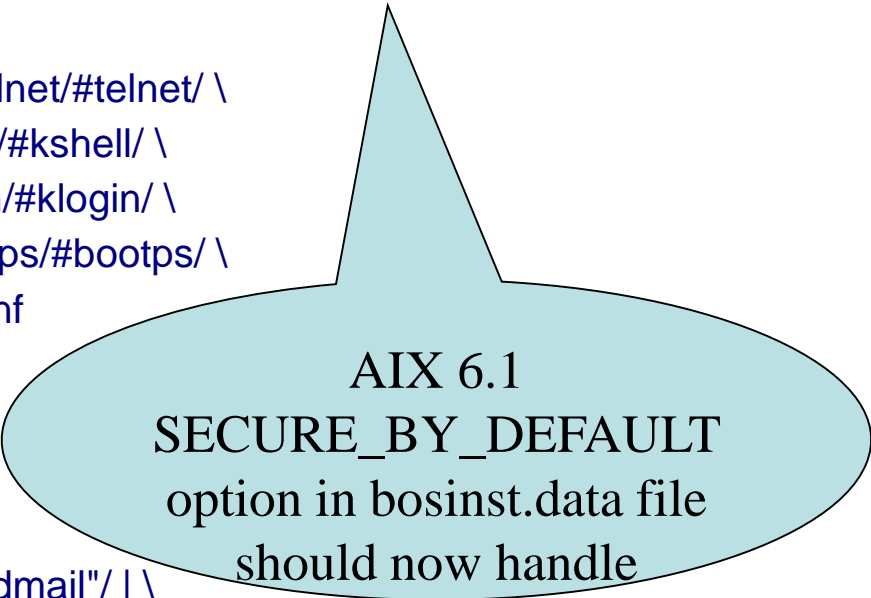
# Various scripts - turn off TCP/IP Services

# turn off certain TCP/IP services on client machine (can do this in an fb\_script)

```
cp /etc/inetd.conf /etc/inetd.conf.original
cat /etc/inetd.conf.original | sed s/^ftp/#ftp/ | sed s/^telnet/#telnet/ \
    | sed s/^shell/#shell/ | sed s/^kshell/#kshell/ \
    | sed s/^login/#login/ | sed s/^klogin/#klogin/ \
    | sed s/^exec/#exec/ | sed s/^bootps/#bootps/ \
    | sed s/^ntalk/#ntalk/ >/etc/inetd.conf
```

```
cp /etc/rc.tcpip /etc/rc.tcpip.original
cat /etc/rc.tcpip.original | \
sed s/^qpi=30m/#qpi=30m/ | \
sed s/"^start VusrVlibVsendmail"/"#start VusrVlibVsendmail"/ | \
sed s/"^start VusrVsbinVsnmpd"/"#start VusrVsbinVsnmpd"/ | \
sed s/"^start VusrVsbinVportmap"/"#start VusrVsbinVportmap"/ | \
sed s/"^start VusrVsbinVdpid2"/"#start VusrVsbinVdpid2"/ >/etc/rc.tcpip
```

```
cp /etc/inittab /etc/inittab.original
cat /etc/inittab.original | sed s/^rcnfs/:rcnfs/ | \
    sed s/^qdaemon/:qdaemon/ | \
    sed s/^writesrv/:writesrv/ > /etc/inittab
```



AIX 6.1  
SECURE\_BY\_DEFAULT  
option in bosinst.data file  
should now handle

# Various scripts - get\_mksysb

```
#!/bin/ksh
# Copyright IBM Corporation 2002, 2008 All Rights Reserved.
#
usage() {
    echo ""
    echo "get_mksysb [-r] [-n] [-m 'machines to get mksysb from']"
    echo " "
    echo "  -r remove oldest mksysb for client machine"
    echo "  -n no_make - do not make new mksysb after removing oldest"
    echo "  -m machine_list"
    echo ""
    echo "get mksysb from each client machine specified with -m."
    echo ""
    echo "-r flag says remove oldest existing mksysb for the machines"
    echo "  being backed up. You must specify machine list with -m flag"
    echo "  when using -r flag."
    echo ""
    echo "-n no_make flag with -r to remove a generation of mksysb, without"
    echo "  creating a new one. Again, -m flag is required with -r flag."
    echo ""
    echo "script assumes client mksysbs should be placed in a directory"
    echo "/export/mksysb/client. This will allow mksysb for one client to"
    echo "be made while other clients are enabled for install, without an"
    echo "nfs export conflict"
    exit 1
}
```

# Various scripts - get\_mksysb

```
remove_old=
```

```
machine_list=
```

```
no_make=
```

```
while getopts rnh?m: option
do
case $option in
r) remove_old=1;;
m) machine_list="$OPTARG";;
n) no_make=1;;
h) usage;;
?) usage;;
esac
done
```

```
# 3-10-2008, do not run without user specified machine_list
if [ -z "$machine_list" ]; then
usage
fi
```

```
# do not remove mkysb images without a machine_list
if [ -z "$machine_list" ] && [ ! -z "$remove_old" ]; then
usage
fi
```

```
# do not run without some command line arguments
if [ $# -eq 0 ]; then
usage
fi
```

# Various scripts - get\_mksysb

```
# if machine_list is null at this point, set it to ALL clients
# As of 3-10-2008, won't do this, because we always expect a user
# specified machine_list
#if [ -z "$machine_list" ]; then
#  machine_list=`lsnim -c machines | grep -v master | awk '{print $1}'`
#fi

# echo machine list is $machine_list
cd /export/mksysb
for m in $machine_list
do

if [ ! -z "$remove_old" ]; then
  nim_mkysb_res=$(ls -lt $m 2>>/dev/null | grep $m | tail -1 | awk '{print $9}')
  if [ ! -z "$nim_mkysb_res" ]; then
    echo removing old file and nim resource $nim_mkysb_res
    nim -o remove $nim_mkysb_res
    rm $m/$nim_mkysb_res
  fi
fi
```

# Various scripts - get\_mksysb

```
# if no_make is null, go ahead and make the mkysb
if [ -z "$no_make" ]; then
    if [[ ! -d "/export/mkysb/$m" ]] then
        mkdir /export/mkysb/$m
    fi
    filename="$m"_"`date +%Y%m%d%H%M`
    echo new file / nim resource is $filename
    echo machine to backup is $m
    nim -o define -t mkysb -aserver=master -amk_image=yes \
    -alocation=/export/mkysb/$m/$filename \
    -asource=$m $filename
fi
done
```

# Various scripts – NIM “script” for rte install

```
#!/bin/ksh
```

```
chfs -a size=+1 /  
chfs -a size=+1 /home  
chfs -a size=+1 /var  
chfs -a size=+1 /tmp  
chfs -a size=+1 /opt
```

Increase filesystems by  
one 512 Byte block  
(essentially, 1 physical  
partition)

```
echo "set -o vi" >>/.profile  
echo 'export PS1="`whoami `@`hostname `\$PWD # "' >>/.profile  
echo "export PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/bin" >>/.profile  
chmod u+x /.profile
```

Insert content into  
/.profile

```
if [ `oslevel` == "5.3.0.0" ] ; then  
    chdev -l aio0 -a minservers=20 -a maxservers=40 -a autoconfig=available  
fi
```

AIO config for AIX  
5.3, after install,  
before boot

```
chuser fsize=-1 root
```

```
grep -p -v "^root:" /etc/security/passwd >/etc/security/passwd.noroot  
echo "root:" >/etc/security/passwd  
echo "\tpassword = IG.NHtgcCnUno" >>/etc/security/passwd  
echo "\tlastupdate = `date +%s`" >>/etc/security/passwd  
echo "\tflags = " >>/etc/security/passwd  
echo "" >>/etc/security/passwd  
cat /etc/security/passwd.noroot >>/etc/security/passwd  
rm /etc/security/passwd.noroot
```

Set password for  
root

# Various scripts – NIM “script” for rte install

```
chdev -l hdisk0 -a hcheck_interval=300 -P
```

```
echo "hosts=local,bind" >>/etc/netsvc.conf
```

```
/usr/sbin/mkitab -i rcnfs "sknim:2:once:/usr/local/sknim_bundle >>/smit.log 2>&1  
"
```

```
mkdir /usr/local
```

```
echo '/usr/lpp/bos.sysmgt/nim/methods/c_sm_nim inst_bundle \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '-l lppsource_ssl_ssh \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '-b "ssl_53_bundle" \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '-f Y -f c -f N -f g -f X ' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo 'wait' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo "" >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '/usr/lpp/bos.sysmgt/nim/methods/c_sm_nim inst_bundle \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
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```
echo '-l lppsource_ssl_ssh \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '-b "ssh_53_bundle" \' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo '-f Y -f c -f N -f g -f X ' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo 'wait' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo "" >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

Set MPIO before boot, to check failed or non-active paths every 300 sec

Make inittab entry after nfs startup, for script we create below

# Various scripts – NIM “script” for rte install

```
echo 'no -p -o rfc1323=1' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo 'no -p -o tcp_sendspace=262144' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo 'no -p -o tcp_recvspace=262144' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

Set some no  
options for now  
and restart

```
echo 'if [ `oslevel` == "6.1.0.0" || `oslevel` == "6.1.2.0" ] ; then' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo '  ioo -p -o aio_minservers=20' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo '  ioo -p -o aio_maxservers=40' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo '  ioo -p -o posix_aio_minservers=20' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo '  ioo -p -o posix_aio_maxservers=40' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
echo 'fi' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

AIO config for  
AIX 6.1 has  
changed

```
echo '/usr/sbin/rmtcpip' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

```
echo 'rmitab sknim' >>/usr/local/sknim_bundle  
chmod u+x /usr/local/sknim_bundle
```

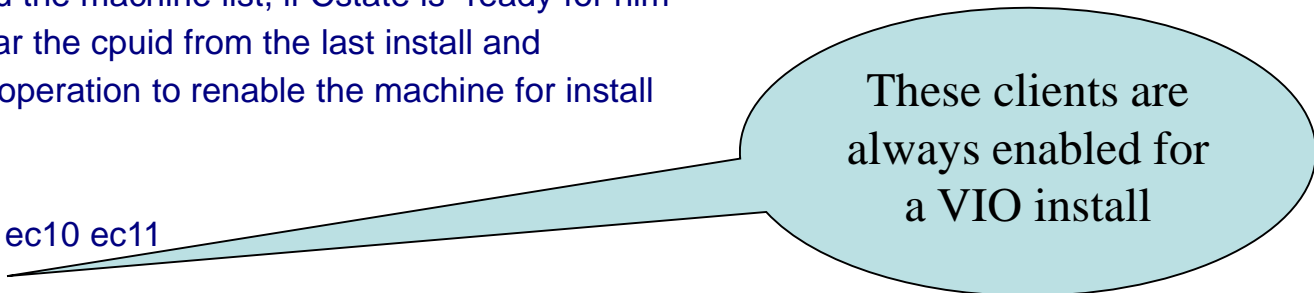
Script removes itself  
from inittab at end of  
execution

The IP that this client installed  
with may be used on another target  
machine. Must rmtcpip at the end  
of processing here. Would need  
more intelligent selection of  
interface to unconfigure if  
multiple interfaces are configured  
with nimadapters



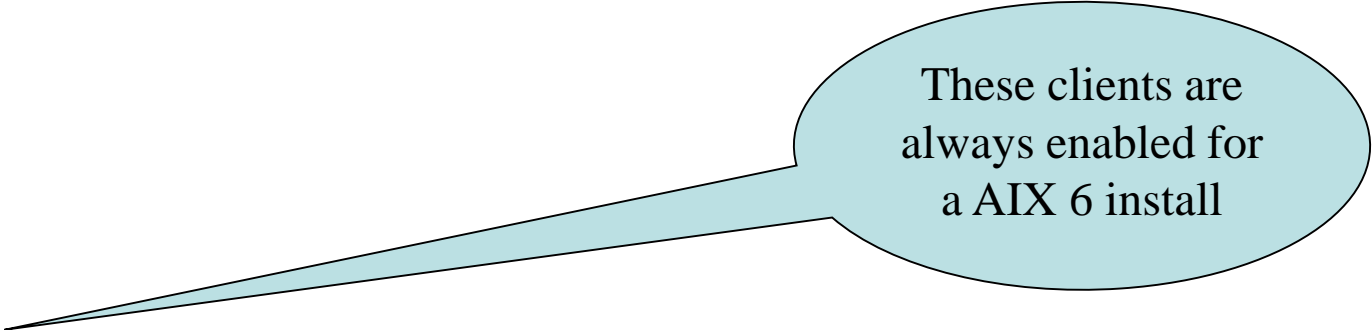
# cron script on master keeps addresses enabled

```
#!/bin/ksh
#
# sknim_bosinst - goes thru the machine list, if Cstate is "ready for nim
#                operation", clear the cpuid from the last install and
#                do the bosinst operation to renable the machine for install
#
#
#for machine in ec01 ec02 ec10 ec11
for machine in sq17 sq18
do
if lsnim -l $machine | grep "Cstate      = ready for a NIM operation" >/dev/null ; then
echo enabling $machine ...
nim -o change -a cpuid="" $machine
wait ;
nim -o bos_inst -a source=mksysb -a spot=spot_vio \
    -a bosinst_data=bosinst_vio \
    -a mksysb=mksysb_vio \
    -a resolv_conf=resolv_51 \
    -a accept_licenses=yes \
    -a no_client_boot=yes -a preserve_res=yes \
    -a installp_flags=cNgXY $machine
fi
done
```



These clients are  
always enabled for  
a VIO install

# cron script on master keeps addresses enabled



These clients are  
always enabled for  
a AIX 6 install

```
for machine in ec03 ec04
do
if lsrim -l $machine | grep "Cstate      = ready for a NIM operation" >/dev/null ; then
echo enabling $machine ...
nim -o change -a cpuid="" $machine
wait ;
nim -o bos_inst -a source=rte -a spot=spot_aix6 \
-a lpp_source=lpp_source_aix6 \
-a bosinst_data=bosinst_53_64bit \
-a script=order_52_script \
-a resolv_conf=resolv_51 \
-a accept_licenses=yes \
-a no_client_boot=yes -a preserve_res=yes \
-a installp_flags=cNgXY $machine
fi
done
```

# Various scripts - reset client machine state

```
#!/bin/ksh
#
# to reset nim state of a nim client, not running
#
# sknim_reset client
#
nim -o reset -aforce=yes $1
nim -Fo deallocate -asubclass=all $1
nim -o change -a cpuid="" $1
```

# Multihomed NIM Client

- NIM master and client environment
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- Set client hostname, nimsh config
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  - Preview update\_all
  - Collect mkysb from client
  - HMC DLPAR memory, virtual adapter into client

# NIM master and client environment

- NIM master fahr.dfw.ibm.com 9.19.51.115 oslevel –s 6100-02-02-0849
- NIM client bmark28.dfw.ibm.com 9.19.51.229 oslevel –s 5300-09-02-0849
- Client needs following interfaces

en0 9.19.51.228 bmark28	HMC and NIM (admin network)
en1 129.1.1.228 bmark28_129	Public facing
en2 172.16.1.228 bmark28_172	TSM
en3 192.168.16.228 bmark28_192	Oracle HSI
- Objectives
  - install thru en0 NIM interface
  - configure all interfaces on install
  - configure client communications services for nimsh
  - set client hostname to match public facing interface (bmark28\_129)
  - preserve “all” nimsh functions from master to client (preview update\_all, collect mkysb. 1Q2009, nimadm still requires rsh)

# NIM Adapters resource

- NIM “adapter\_def” resource is a directory that holds client secondary adapter definitions
- `# mkdir /export/adapters`
- `smitty nim / perform nim administration tasks / Manage Resources / Define a Resource / type adapter_def`

## Define a Resource

Type or select values in entry fields.  
Press Enter AFTER making all desired changes.

	[Entry Fields]	
* Resource Name	[adapters]	
* Resource Type	adapter_def	
* Server of Resource	[master]	+
* Location of Resource	[/export/adapters]	/
NFS Client Security Method	[ ]	+
NFS Version Access	[ ]	+
Comments	[ ]	

# NIM Adapters resource

```
# lsnim -l adapters
```

```
adapters:
```

```
class          = resources
type           = adapter_def
Rstate         = ready for use
prev_state     = unavailable for use
location       = /export/adapters
alloc_count    = 0
server         = master
```

# Client Secondary Adapters stanza file

Many options – see “man nimadapters”

```
# pg /export/res/bmark28.adapter
```

default:

```
machine_type = secondary
subnet_mask = 255.255.255.0
network_type = en
cable_type = N/A
```

Stanza file is not in the  
adapter\_def directory

bmark28:

```
netaddr = 129.1.1.228
interface_name = en1
secondary_hostname = bmark28_129
route="0:::129.1.1.1"
```

Default settings for all adapters  
following. These attributes can  
be overridden in adapter stanza

bmark28:

```
netaddr = 172.16.1.228
interface_name = en2
secondary_hostname = bmark28_172
```

Wanted a default route on this  
one... didn't get it – maybe if  
I take the default route off the  
NIM network definition on  
the master

bmark28:

```
netaddr = 192.168.16.228
interface_name = en3
secondary_hostname = bmark28_192
```

(EOF):

You may specify “location”  
instead of “interface\_name”.  
See man nimadapters



# nimadapters command

Generate secondary adapter definitions from the stanza file

```
# nimadapters -d -f /export/res/bmark28.adapters adapters
```

```
# pg /export/adapters/bmark28.adapters
```

```
bmark28:
```

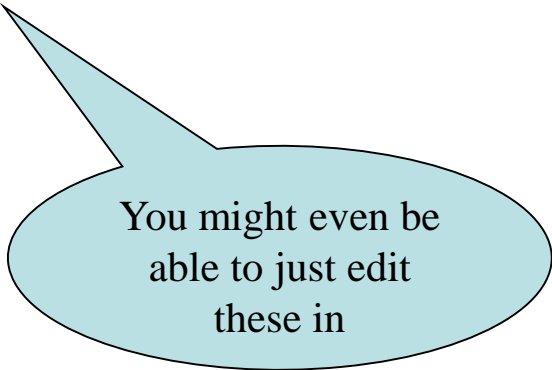
```
hostname=bmark28
machine_type=secondary
network_type=en
hostaddr=9.19.51.228
secondary_hostname=bmark28_129
netaddr=129.1.1.228
subnet_mask=255.255.255.0
cable_type=N/A
interface_name=en1
media_speed=Auto_Negotiation
route="0:::129.1.1.1"
```

```
bmark28:
```

```
hostname=bmark28
machine_type=secondary
network_type=en
hostaddr=9.19.51.228
secondary_hostname=bmark28_172
netaddr=172.16.1.228
subnet_mask=255.255.255.0
cable_type=N/A
interface_name=en2
media_speed=Auto_Negotiation
```

```
bmark28:
```

```
hostname=bmark28
machine_type=secondary
network_type=en
hostaddr=9.19.51.228
secondary_hostname=bmark28_192
netaddr=192.168.16.228
subnet_mask=255.255.255.0
cable_type=N/A
interface_name=en3
media_speed=Auto_Negotiation
```



You might even be  
able to just edit  
these in

# Install of client

```
# nim -o allocate -a adapter_def=adapters bmark28
# nim -o bos_inst -a source=rte -a spot=spot_53TL9 \
    -a lpp_source=lppsource_5300-09-02-0849 \
    -a bosinst_data=bosinst_53_64bit \
    -a script=order_52_script \
    -a resolv_conf=resolv_51 \
    -a accept_licenses=yes \
    -a no_client_boot=yes -a preserve_res=yes \
    -a installp_flags=cNgXY bmark28
```

Network boot client, and perform rte install of AIX

# Check client config after install

```
# netstat -in
```

Name	Mtu	Network	Address	Ipkts	Ierrs	Opkts	Oerrs	Coll
en0	1500	link#2	4e.c4.33.88.21.b	497543	0	930053	0	0
en0	1500	9.19.51	9.19.51.228	497543	0	930053	0	0
en1	1500	link#3	4e.c4.33.88.21.c	0	0	14	0	0
en1	1500	129.1.1	129.1.1.228	0	0	14	0	0
en2	1500	link#4	4e.c4.33.88.21.d	0	0	4	0	0
en2	1500	172.16.1	172.16.1.228	0	0	4	0	0
en3	1500	link#5	4e.c4.33.88.21.e	0	0	4	0	0
en3	1500	192.168.16	192.168.16.228	0	0	4	0	0
lo0	16896	link#1		294	0	314	0	0
lo0	16896	127	127.0.0.1	294	0	314	0	0
lo0	16896	::1						

- Did not get my default route 129.1.1.1, had to add it – smitty route. My HMC and NIM master are on the same 9.19.51.0 network; no route added for these.

```
# tail -5 /etc/hosts
```

```
9.19.51.228      bmark28.dfw.ibm.com
9.19.51.115     fahr.dfw.ibm.com
129.1.1.228     bmark28_129
172.16.1.228   bmark28_172
192.168.16.228 bmark28_192
```

Did get the secondary  
hostnames in  
/etc/hosts

# Set client hostname, nimsh config

# smitty hostname, set to bmark28\_129

# smitty nim / Configure Client Communication Services

Configure Client Communication Services

Type or select values in entry fields.

Press Enter AFTER making all desired changes.

[TOP]

\* Communication Protocol used by client

[Entry Fields]

[nimsh] +

NIM Service Handler Options

\* Enable Cryptographic Authentication  
for client communication?

[disable] +

Install Secure Socket Layer Software (SSLv3)?

[no] +

Absolute path location for RPM package

[/dev/cd0] /

-OR-

lpp\_source which contains RPM package

[] +

Alternate Port Range for Secondary Connections  
(reserved values will be used if left blank)

Still battling for the  
right combo of openssl,  
openssh. Was able to  
use nimsh without ssl  
encryption

# NIM master to client activities

- Successfully previewed an update\_all from master to client bmark28, while it was wearing hostname bmark28\_129
- Successfully collected mksysb image from bmark28, using get\_mksysb script
- Successful DLPAR at HMC to add memory to client LPAR bmark28, also added virtual adapter
- Still have not resolved correct combination of openssl (RPM and / or installp models) and openssh at these levels of AIX.
- Late 2008, openssl was installp packaged for use with openssh.
- RPM model of openssl still required for nimsh
- Ifix IZ28211 must be built by support at your exact oslevel –s for installp model of openssl to support both nimsh and openssh.

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