

Site management

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What's needed ?

- LCFG core
 - LCFG core packages
 - LCFG headers
 - LCFG profile server (use vmplayer image)
 - all on LCFG DVD
- Fully managed (prescriptive) site
 - the above
 - RPM repository
 - LCFG package lists
 - LCFG installroot
 - snapshot on LCFG DVD

A real site - scobies.org.uk

Tour around

Site header structure

- /var/lcfg/conf/server/include/{lcfg,domain}
 - defaults.h
 - os/
 - hw/
 - options/
- /var/lcfg/conf/server/packages/{lcfg,domain}

Initial bootstrap plan

- Install FC6 on a box
- Download and install vmplayer rpm
- Copy LCFG vmplayer image (from LCFG DVD) to the FC6 box
- Start LCFG vmplayer image
- In your LCFG vmplayer image
 - Create site header structure
 - Create simple profile for your FC6 box
- Install LCFG core RPMs (from LCFG DVD) on FC6 box
- Fetch profile from the LCFG vmplayer image you need to know the IP of the vmplayer image - site dependent

Fully managed site plan

- Create and populate RPM repository
 - structure
 - download
 - genhdfile to create RPM header files
 - apache config
- Syncing headers from rsync.lcfg.org
- Syncing RPMs from rsync.lcfg.org
- Turn your FC6 box into an LCFG server
- Burn installroot (on LCFG DVD) to CD or DVD
- Create full profile for target machine
- Create profile for installbase-fc6
- Install !

Issues with big sites

- Coordinating changes
 - config files (headers and packages) distributed instantaneously via profile
 - schema and code distributed in RPMs don't know when going to hit the server (schema) and target machines (code)
- Release Management
 - testing
 - scalability issues
 - three releases develop, testing, stable
 - escape mechanism !
- Security
 - anybody with write access to profile can control machine