

Operating Systems - Feature # 67: Install image details

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Subject:	Install image details		
Description:	<p>I just had a quick skim of the wiki and also looked at the panel and the main Bitfolk website and I can't seem to find any details of the install images available.</p> <p>Unless I'm missing something (which is more than likely!) I'd like to suggest the addition of a page (auto-generated?) which provides a list of the available images/distros and maybe has some/all of the following information for each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Link to download tar (or similar) of each image (for users to experiment and possibly customise the image on their home computer or similar before deployment to their VPS)*Name and description of image*change history or similar*checksum of image*list of packages*log files for creation of image - so that the image can be recreated or modified with greater ease, etc.		

History

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We're moving away from install images to using the distribution's native installers.

<http://bitfolk.com/techspec.html> lists the available Linux distributions and all of these are installable via self-installer. Soon we will stop doing the initial install for people.

Each of these has a config file and one or more shell scripts to set some default or sensible config values, e.g.:

<http://tools.bitfolk.com/d-i/squeeze/preseed.cfg>

<http://tools.bitfolk.com/d-i/squeeze/post-install.sh>

which we can certainly put into a public VCS for change history, but I think that's about as far as I want to go with this.

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Reading through this again it seems like you might be wanting some sort of way to store and upload different virtual machine images as you might with Amazon or similar cloud providers. You can of course prepare a filesystem yourself and then copy it over your block device(s) from the rescue VPS.

Example of using rescue VPS:

https://tools.bitfolk.com/wiki/Resetting_root_password

As I say we're moving away from image-based installs in favour of the distributions' native installers.

Some people may not want to sit through an install answering the questions (even though it only takes a few minutes for a basic Debian or Ubuntu install these days) so I'll also be looking to provide a completely automated install option, but this will also just use the native installers.