RHEL: Handling SCSI disks

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# Tested on RHEL 5, 6 & 7



# Check devices currently known to the SCSI subsystem
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cat /proc/scsi/scsi
Attached devices:
    Host: scsi0 Channel: 00 Id: 00 Lun: 00
    Vendor: VMware   Model: Virtual disk     Rev: 1.0
    Type:   Direct-Access                    ANSI SCSI revision: 02
    Host: scsi0 Channel: 00 Id: 01 Lun: 00
    Vendor: VMware   Model: Virtual disk     Rev: 1.0
    Type:   Direct-Access                    ANSI SCSI revision: 02


# NOTE: 'lsscsi' command can be used to display disks attached to
server



# Identify a disk using 'scsi_id' command
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# 'scsi_id' queries a SCSI device via the SCSI INQUIRY vital product
data (VPD)
# page 0x80 or 0x83 and uses the resulting data to generate a value
that is
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unique across all SCSI devices that properly support page 0x80 or page 0x83.

It may be useful, for instance, to identify a disk shared by two nodes:

hostA:/#> **scsi_id --page=0x83 --whitelisted --device=/dev/sdd**
    36000c290d59b294f402f949a10afd541

hostB:/#> **scsi_id --page=0x83 --whitelisted --device=/dev/sde**
    36000c290d59b294f402f949a10afd541

 # Depending on RHEL version, parameters and command location may vary slightly.
 # More information about command usage:
 # **https://sites.google.com/site/syscookbook/rhel/rhel-scsi-identifier-show**

Add a SCSI disk to the system

On this server we have: Host=**0** (**scsi0**), Channel=**0**, Id=[**0**|**1**] and Lun=**0** For a new disk
we have to use, then, path **0.0.2.0** - **SCSI(0:2)**.
Once new disk has been attached/added to server, run following command to discover it:

echo "0 2 0" > /sys/class/scsi_host/host0/scan

NOTE: We may know that **host0** is the one to be used taking a look to the contents

of /proc/scsi/scsi file. In this case all disks are attached to scsi0 (host0)

Alternatively we can run following commands in order to run a complete rescan:

for i in /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/scan; do echo "- - -" > $i; done

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lvmdiskscan

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      /dev/ramdisk [       16.00 MB]
      /dev/root    [        8.00 GB]
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  /dev/ram     [       16.00 MB]
  /dev/sda1    [      258.83 MB]
  /dev/dm-1    [       64.00 MB]
  /dev/ram2    [       16.00 MB]
  /dev/sda2    [      258.86 MB]
  /dev/dm-2    [        2.00 GB]
  /dev/ram3    [       16.00 MB]
  /dev/sda3    [       41.49 GB] LVM physical volume
  /dev/dm-3    [        2.00 GB]
  /dev/sdb     [       45.00 GB] LVM physical volume
[...]
  /dev/sdc     [       20.00 GB]                      <--
  4 disks
  37 partitions
  1 LVM physical volume whole disk
  1 LVM physical volume
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fdisk -l

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[...]
    Disk /dev/sdc: 21.4 GB, 21474836480 bytes
    255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 2610 cylinders
    Units = cylinders of 16065 * 512 = 8225280 bytes

    Disk /dev/sdc doesn't contain a valid partition table
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# Remove a SCSI disk from the system
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# To remove a disk from server, once it has been removed from VG,
etc, run following command:
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echo 1 > /sys/block/<sdc>/device/delete

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