Implementing JBoss & JRockit Cluster on Centos 4.4 using VMware

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Preface: Idea behind this manual is to give a stepwise howto to newbie in JBoss Application Server, I felt its need when I first started working on JBoss and found it difficult to get such a howto that can give me comprehensive steps for installing and configuring JBoss Cluster.

JBoss 4.2.1 GA stable is considered one of the most stable release from JBoss even for production environment, for further details please visit www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, I have used BEA's JRockit (JVM) in this manual; reason is its stability while it is Free software www.iboss.org, release which is stable for production environment, for more detail please check www.iboss.org, release which is stable for production environment, for more detail please check www.iboss.org.

Hardware Requirements: P-4 Intel with minimum 1 GB RAM, anything beyond will improve the performance.

Software Requirements: Operating System is **Centos 4.4** (www.centos.org) which is equivalent to RHEL 4.4 (www.redhat.com), while guest host O.S can be Linux or windows (xP, really sorry). Virtualization tool is VMware Server that is released under GPL for further detail see www.vmware.com.

JRockit 5.0 (27.3) stable release can be downloaded from BEA (http://www.bea.com/framework.jsp?CNT=index.htm&FP=/content/products/weblogic/jrockit/)

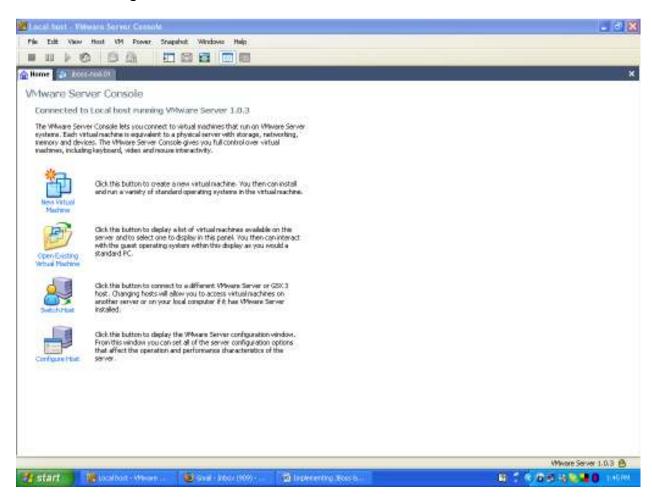
JBoss 4.2.1 GA can be downloaded from (http://labs.jboss.com/jbossas/downloads), you can download source or zip version, in manual we are using ZIP version.

Assumption: It is assumed that you have installed VMware Server (www.vmware.com/products/server/) , it does not matter that you have installed it on Linux or windows. (Please prefer on Linux open.com/ products/server/) , manual is started from creating Virtual Machines.

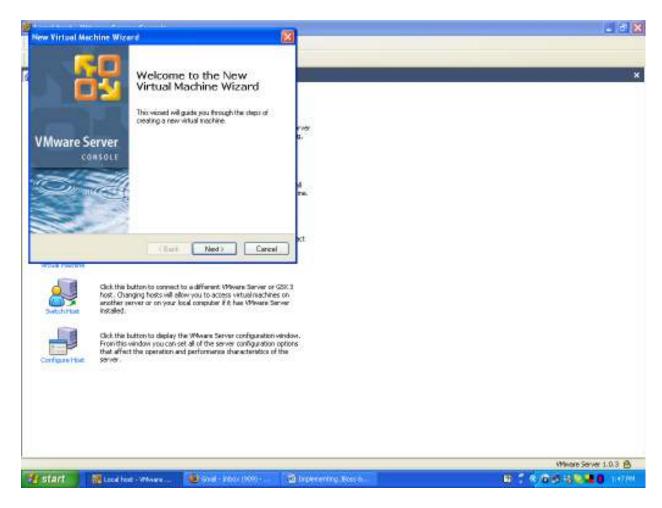
Background: There will be two Virtual Machines, i.e. Jboss01 (IP Address: 192.168.2.1/255.255.255.0) and Jboss02 (IP Address: 192.168.2.2/255.255.255.0), with Centos 4.4 installed, they will be configured as JBoss cluster with JRockit (JVM), **JBoss farming** will also going to be configured in the JBoss cluster which is another cool feature by JBoss.

So it begins:

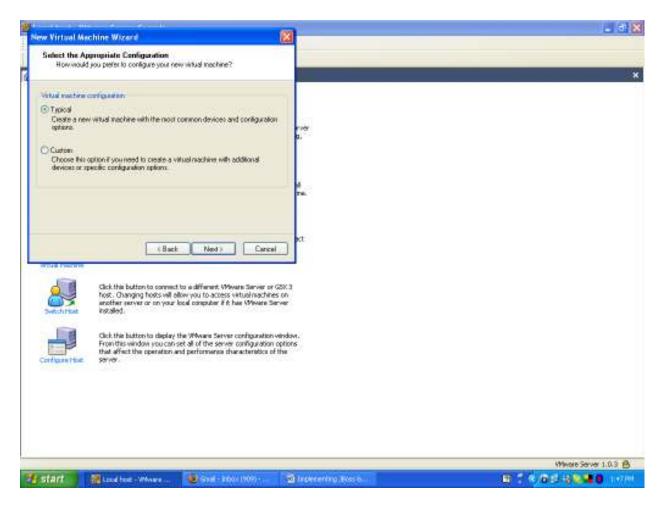
Step No. 1 We will create our first Virtual Machine i.e. Jboss01, by just opening VMware Server Console, follow the coming screenshots for Virtual Machine creation, you can use your own custom configuration. i.e.



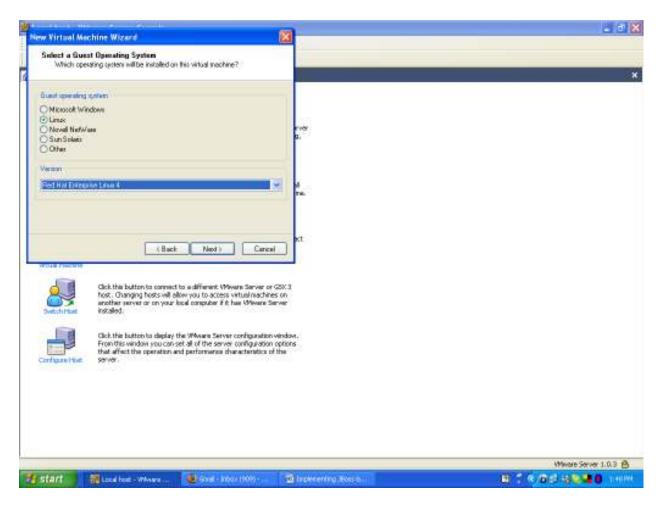
Click on "New Virtual Machine" button



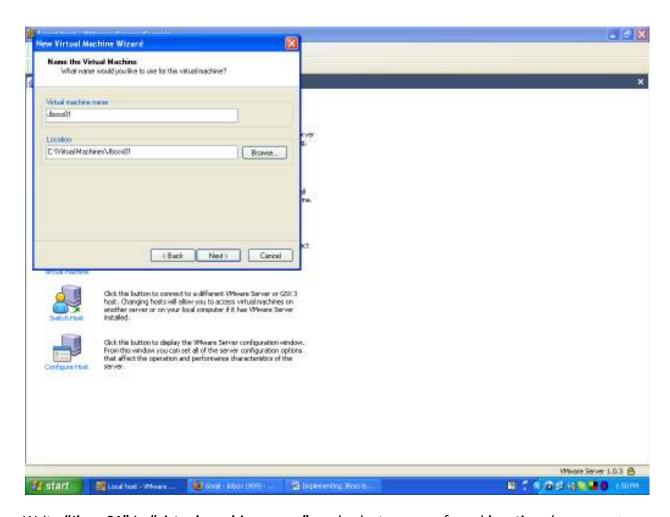
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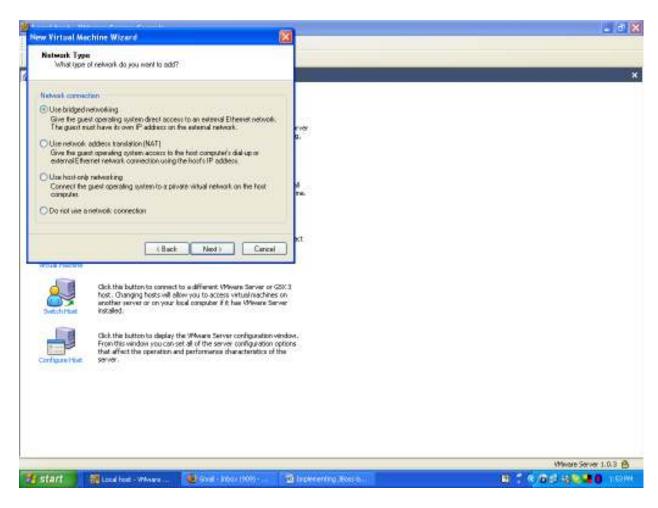
Select Typical and click Next.



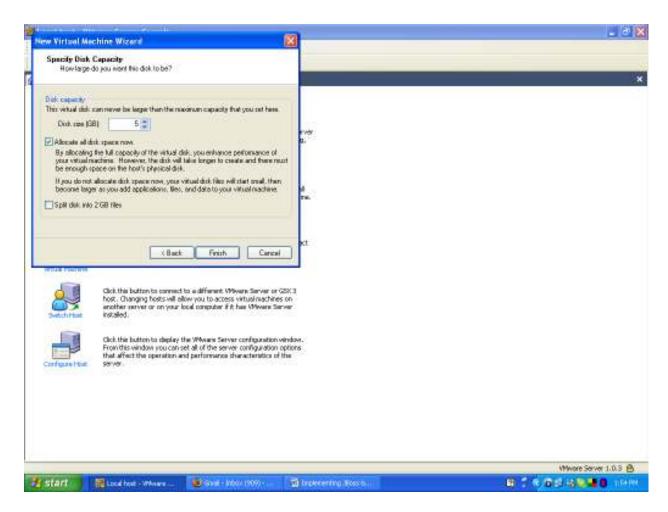
Select Linux and in Version "Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4", click Next.



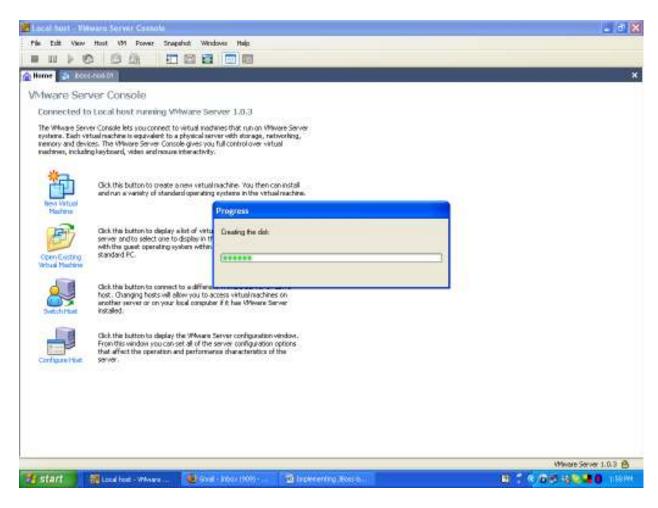
Write "Jboss01" in "virtual machine name", and select your preferred location, (location in figure is for windows) if your guest host O.S is Linux give appropriate location.



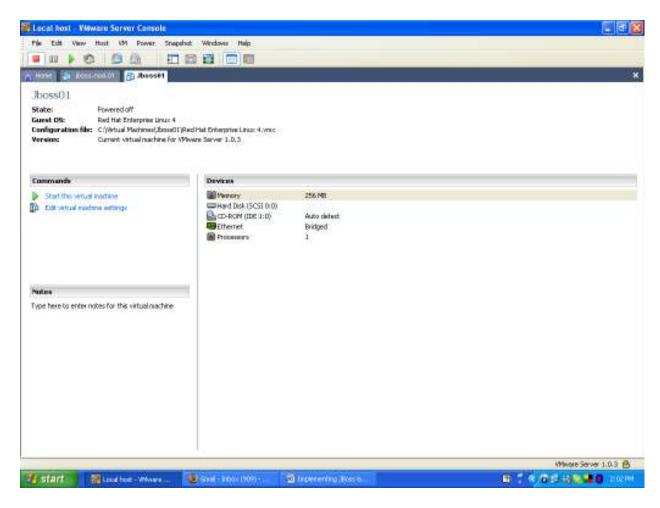
Select "Use briged networking" click Next



Write **5 GB** in **Disk Capacity**, check **"Allocate all disk space now"**, uncheck **"Split disk into 2Gb"** files, click **Finish**.

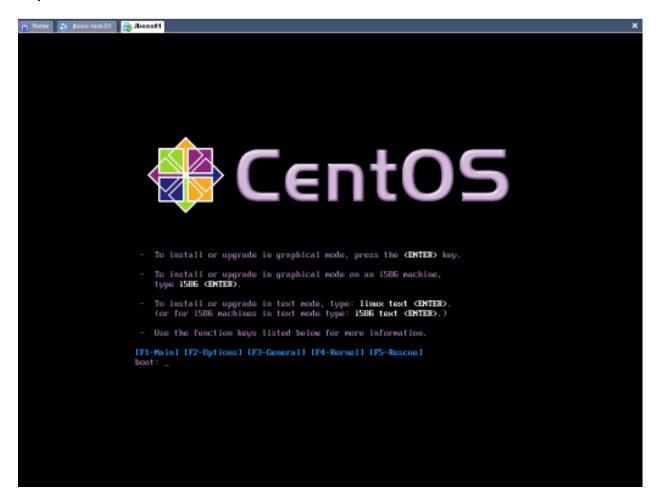


VMware now creating disk for virtual machine Jboss01

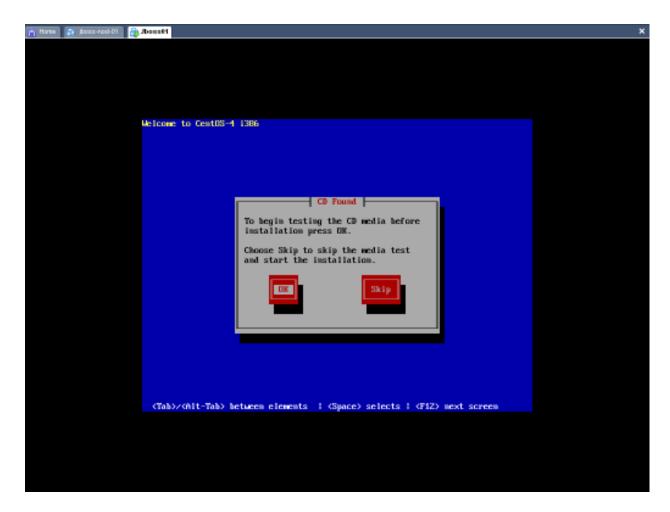


Place Centos 4.4 first Disk in CDROM and Click on "Start the Virtual Machine".

Step No. 2:



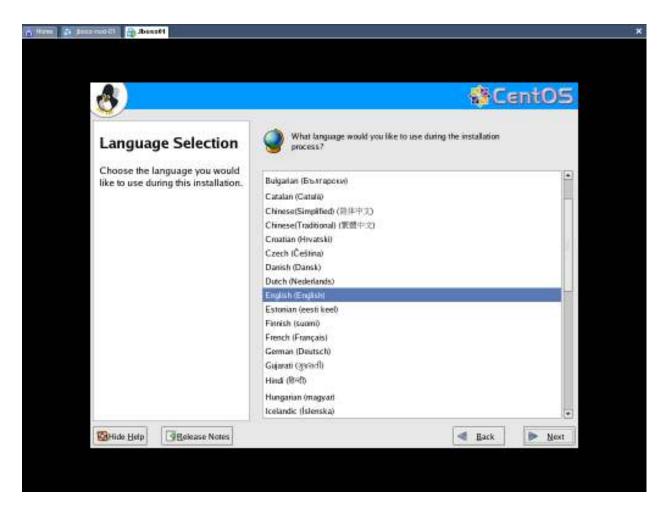
Press **return** on **boot**: prompt.



Select Skip.



Select Next.



Click Next.



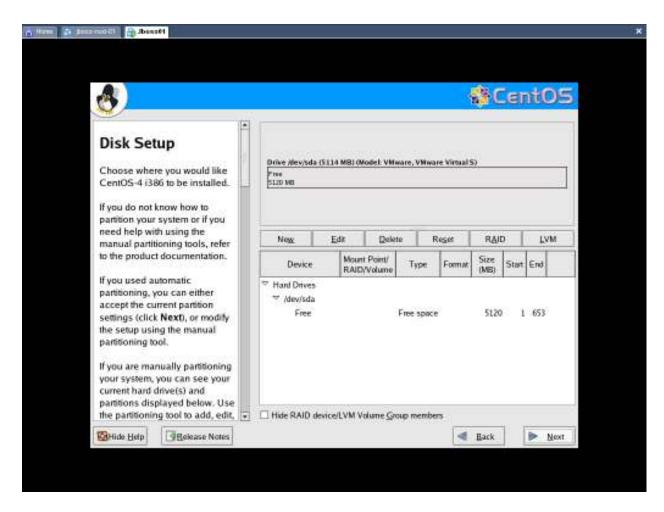
Click Next.



Select Server, click Next.



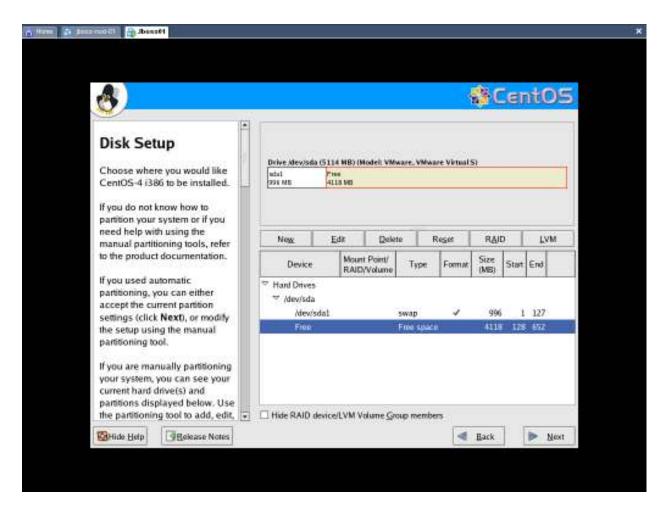
Select manual partitioning with Disk Druid, click Next.



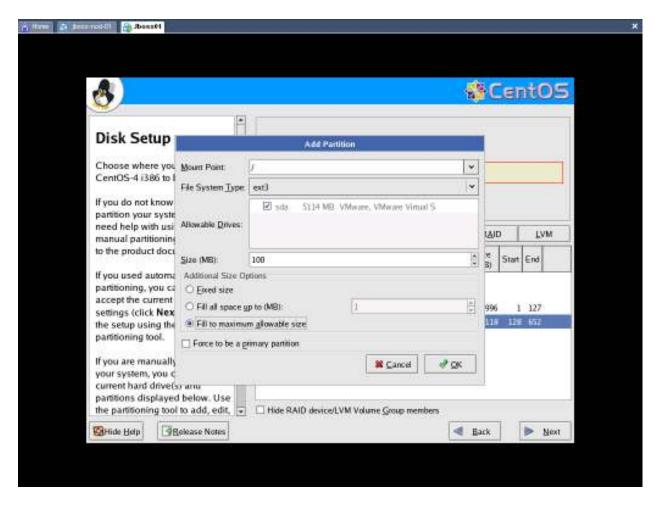
Click on New.



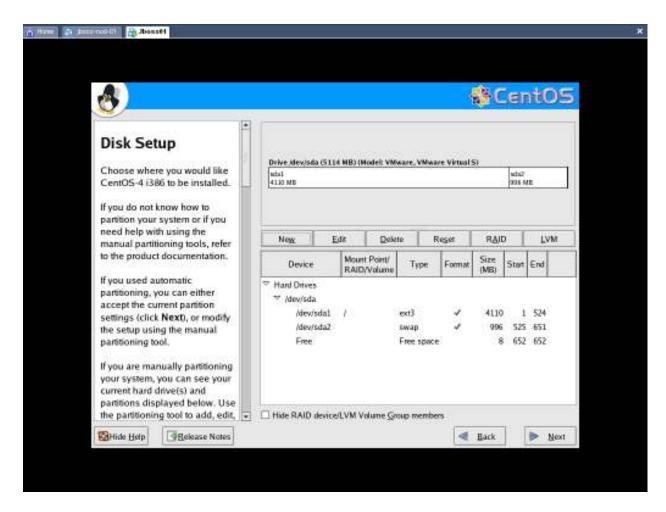
Make 1 GB Swap partition.



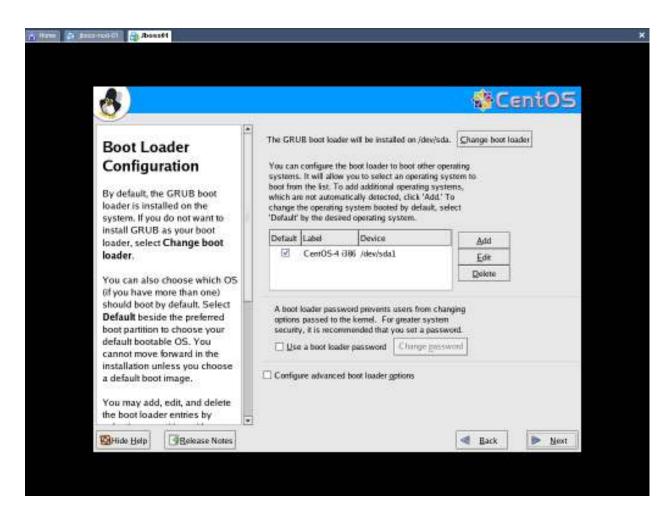
Click again on New.



Allocate maximum allowable size to "/" partition.



Click Next.



Click Next.



Click on Edit,



Give a static IP Address, click Next.





Write Jboss01 in hostname; leave Gateway and DNS fields blank.



Select No firewall, Disable SELinux, click Next.



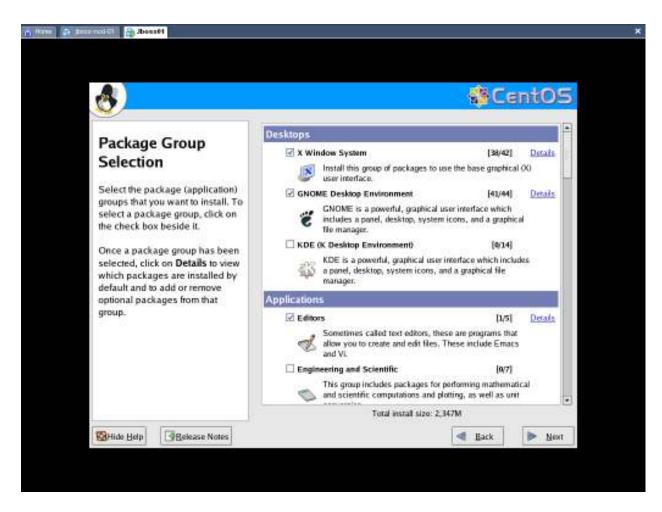
Click Next



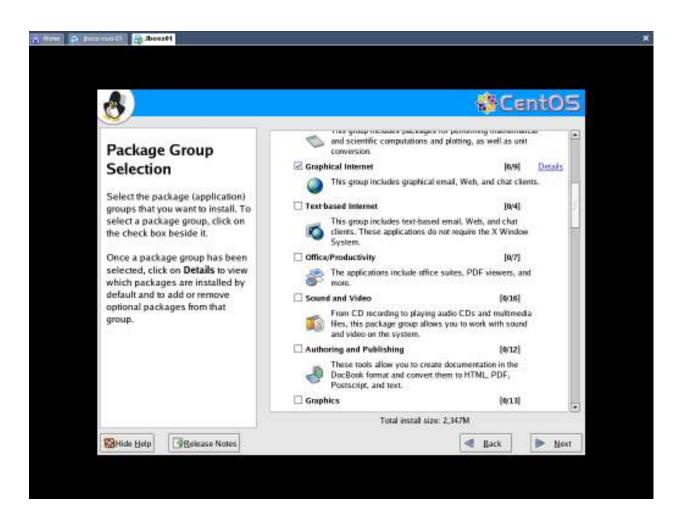
Select your time zone, click Next.



Set root user password, click Next.



Select the Packages, as shown in this and coming screenshots.









Click Next



Click Next



Click Continue.







Insert second Disk and press OK.



Insert Disk 3 and press Ok

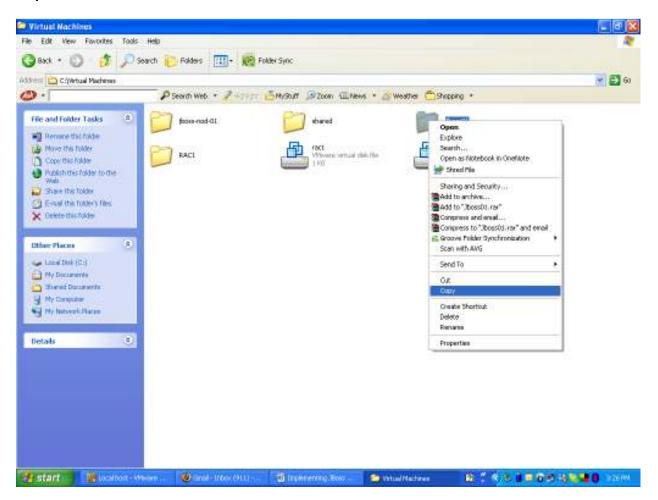


Click Reboot.

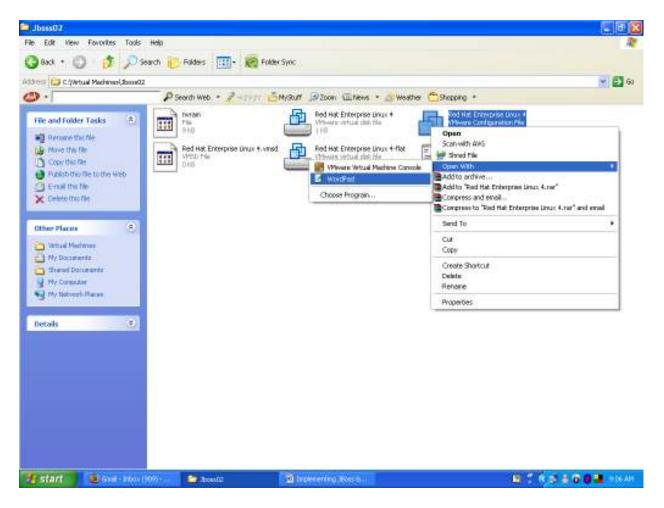


Jboss01 Virtual Machine is ready to use, now this is the time to clone Jboss01 Virtual Machine to Jboss02, for the reason first shutdown Jboss01, and do the following steps.

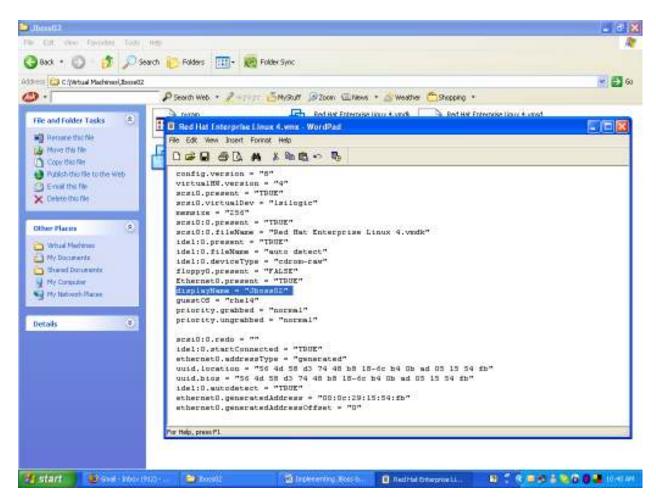
Step No. 3:



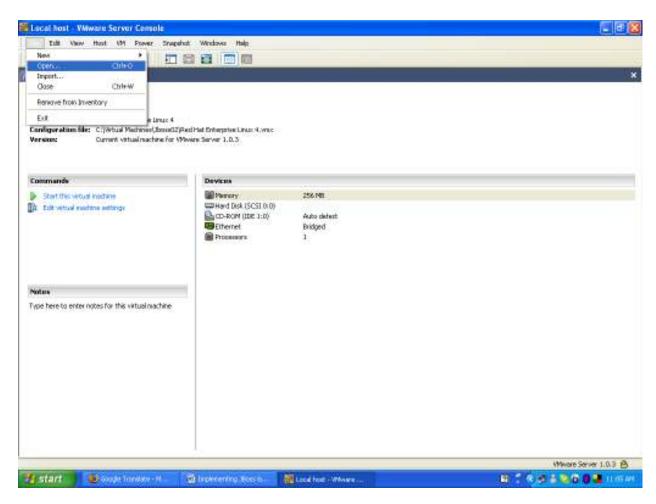
Copy Jboss01 folder to same "c:\virtual machine" location with Jboss02 name, for those using Linux just do the same with "\$cp /path-to-virtual-machine/jboss01 /path-to-virtual-machine/jb0ss02".



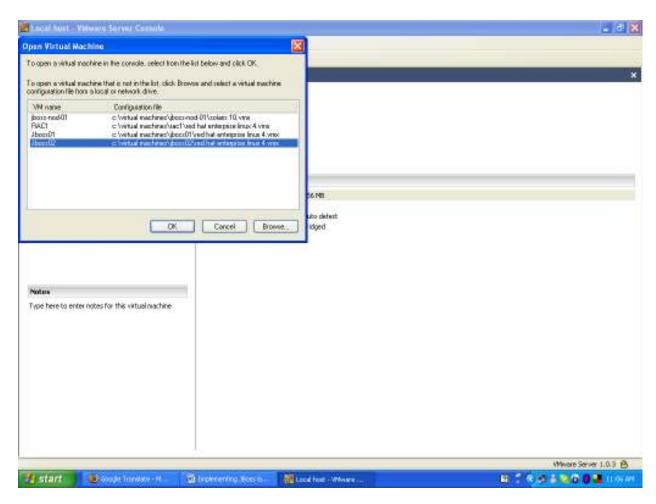
Edit Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.vmx and change displayName = "Jboss01" to displayName = "Jboss02" as following, Linux users can open in vi editor.



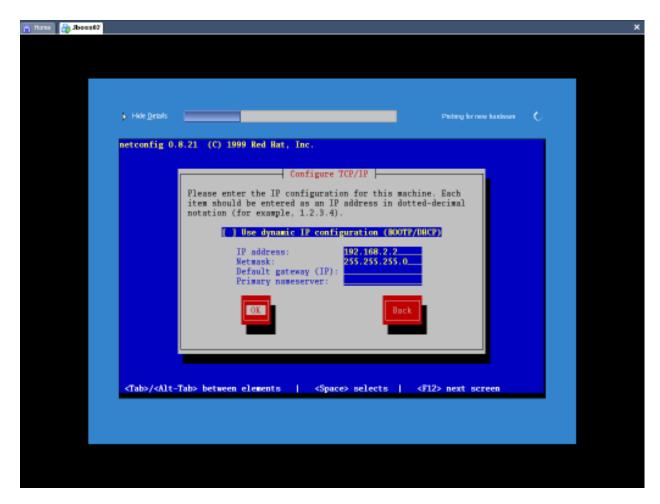
Now open VMware console and open Jboss02 Virtual machine.



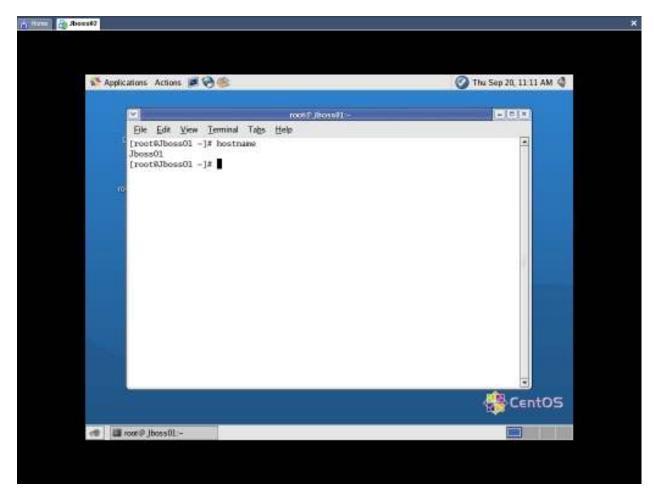
Select Jboss02 in the list



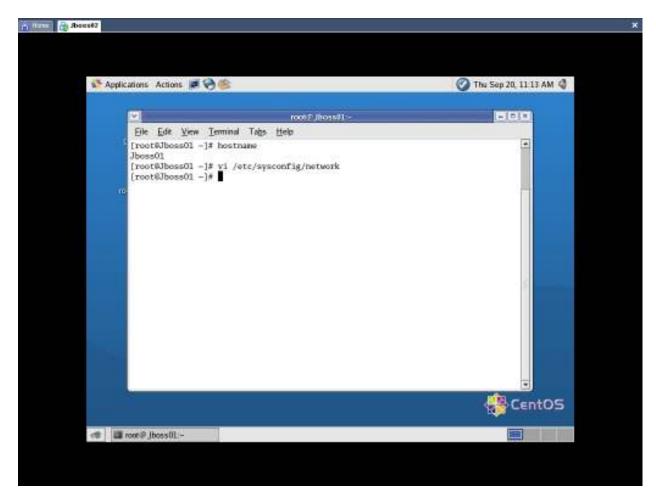
Now start the virtual machine Jboss02,



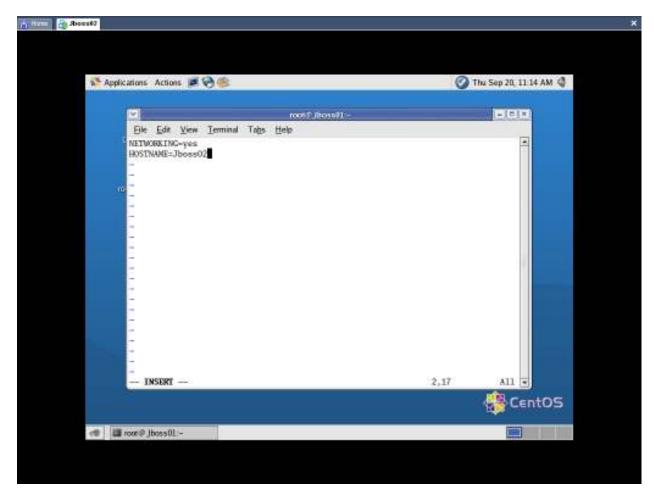
Setup the IP Address for Jboss02 Machine. i.e. 192.168.2.2/255.255.255.0



Now we have to change the hostname, from Jboss01 to Jboss02.



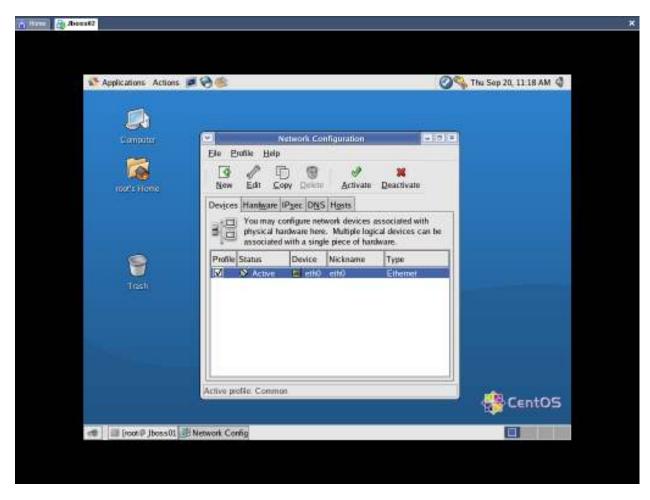
Edit **\$vi /etc/sysconfig/network** file and change **HOSTNAME=Jboss01** to **HOSTNAME=Jboss02**.



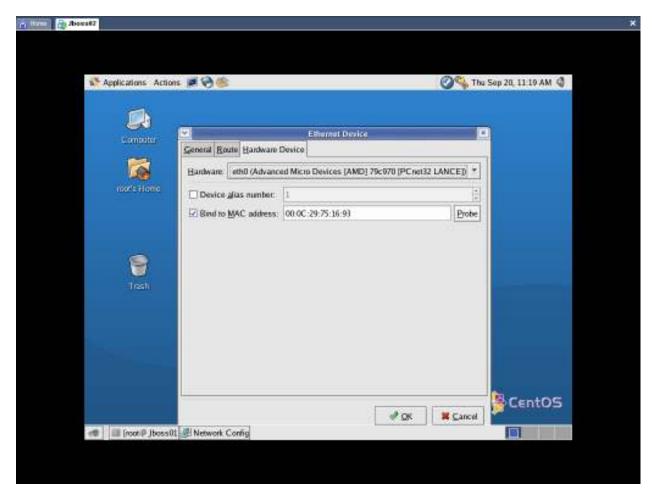
Now we have to probe for new MAC Address of Ethernet card,



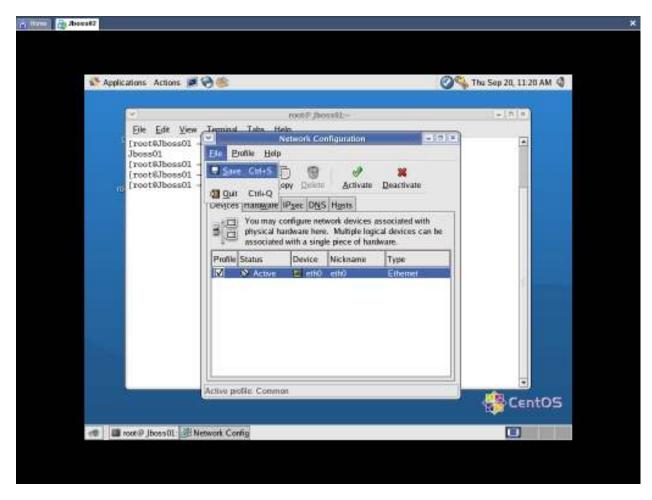
Click on Application -> System Setting -> Network



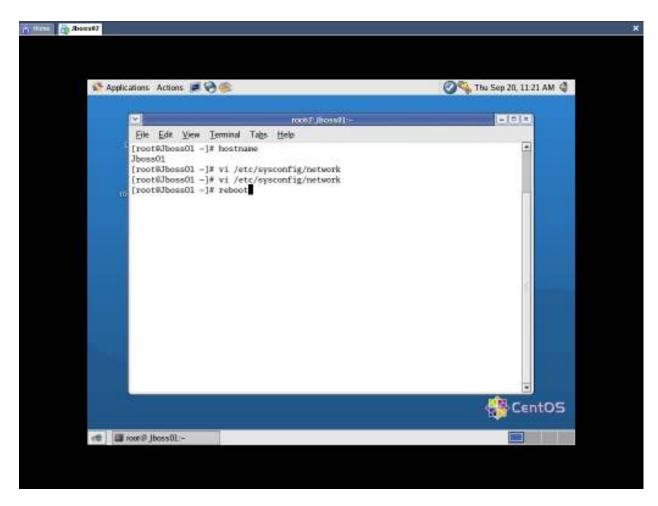
Click on Edit button and then Hardware Device,



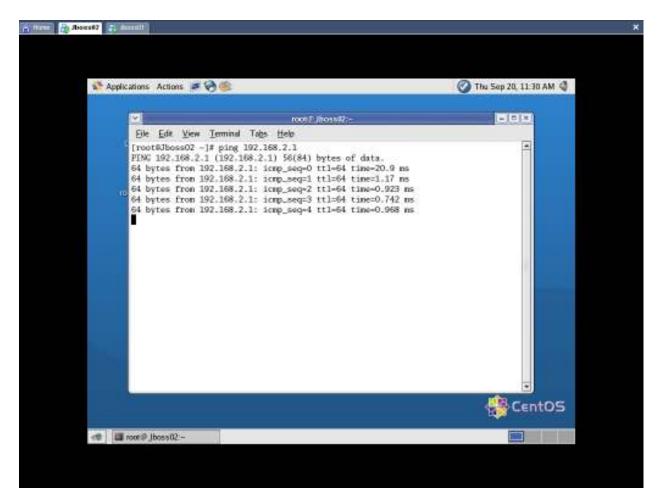
Click on **Probe** button, and press **Ok**.



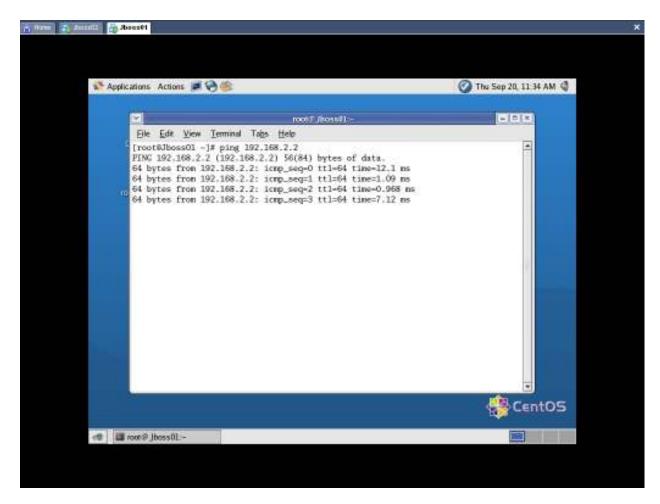
Now Save and Quit.



Reboot your machine Jboss02. After rebooting Turn On both Jboss01 and Jboss02 machine to check the connectivity.

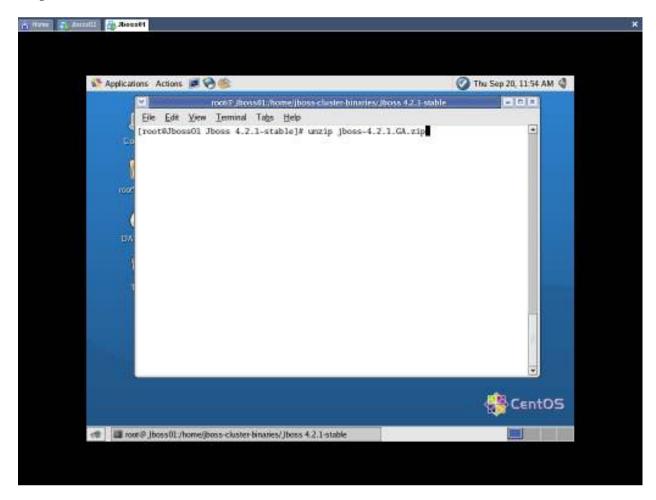


Now **\$ping** from Jboss02 to Jboss01



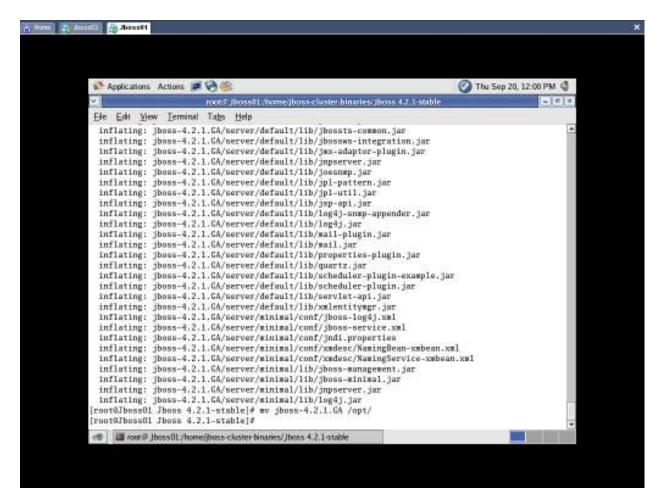
\$ping from Jboss01 to Jboss02.

Step No. 4

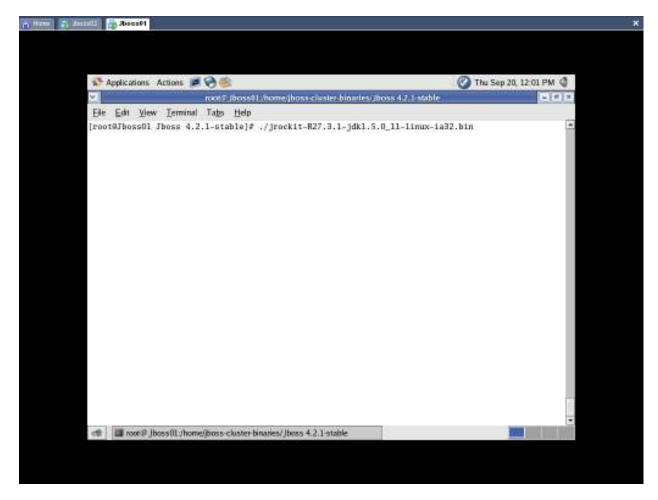


login in Jboss01 and unzip Jboss-4.2.1 zip file.

Then move unzipped folder to /opt directory.

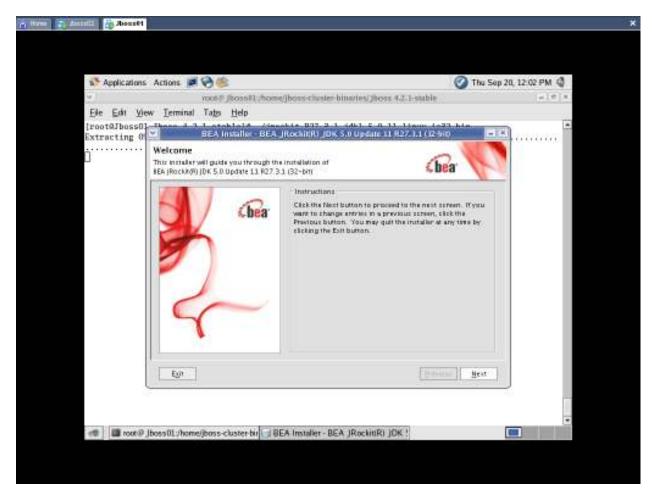


Now is the time to install JRockit JDK & JRE.

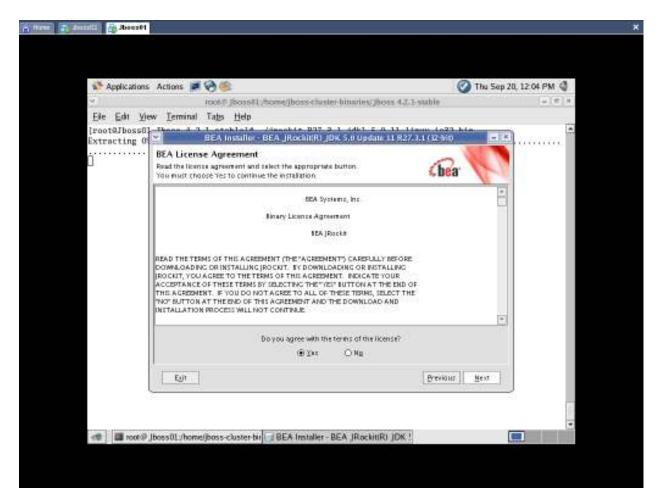


Run the ${\tt JRockit\ JDK}$ installer which is downloaded earlier from ${\tt www.bea.com}$

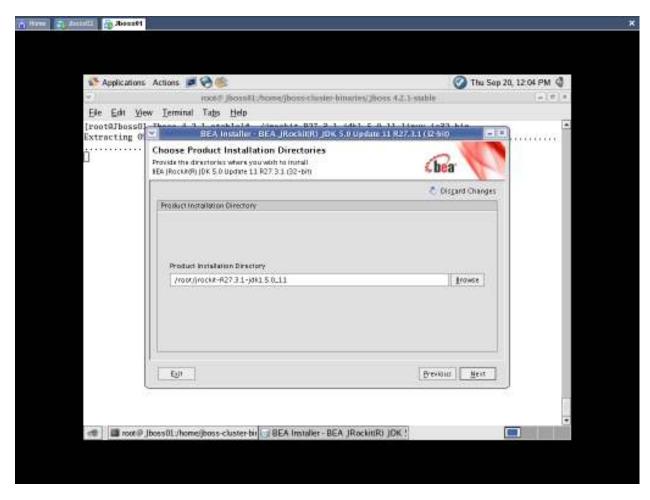




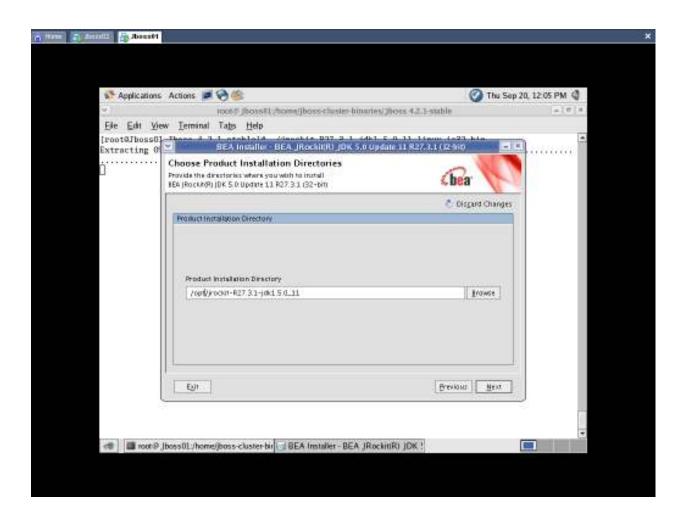
Now press Next



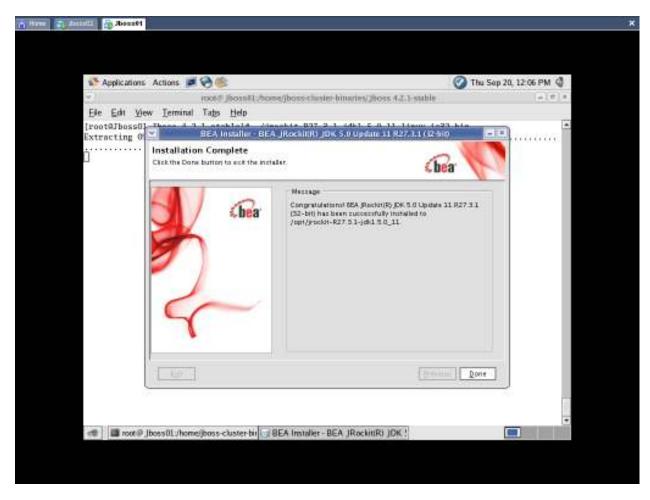
Accept the license and press Next.



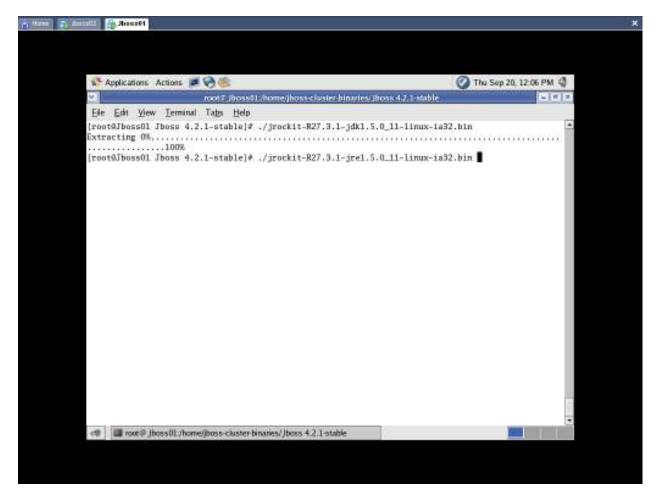
Click on **brows** and select /opt directory for installation.





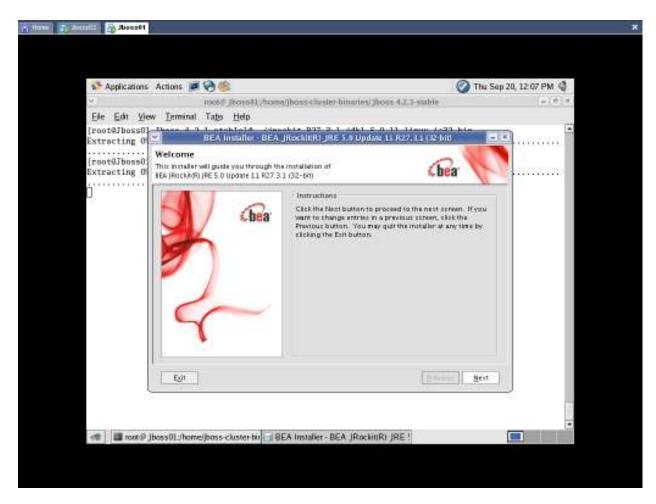


Now click on Done.

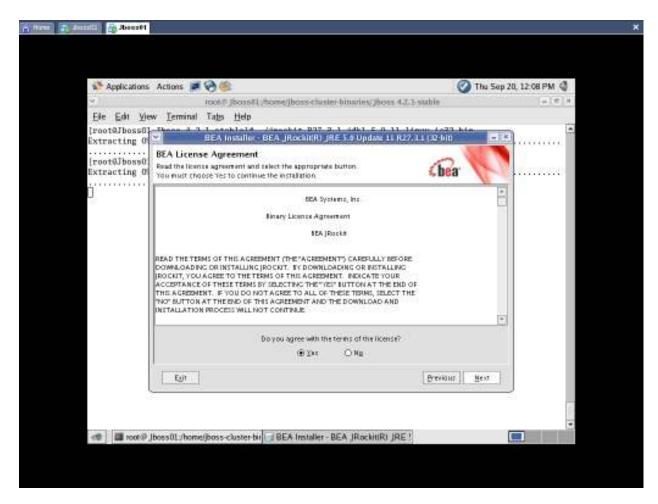


Run the JRockit JRE installer which is downloaded earlier from $\underline{www.bea.com}$

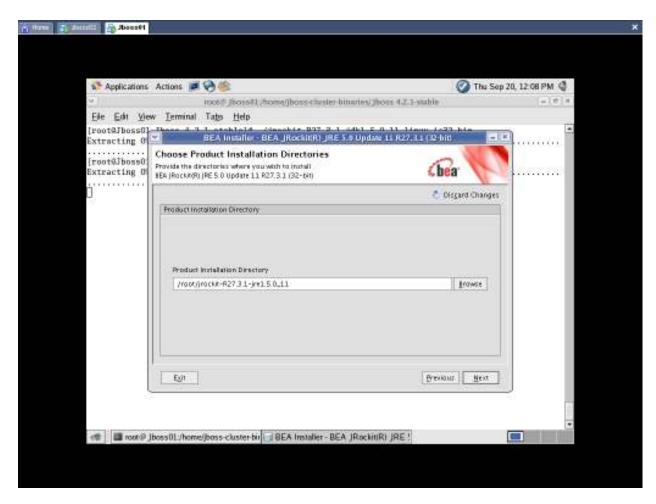




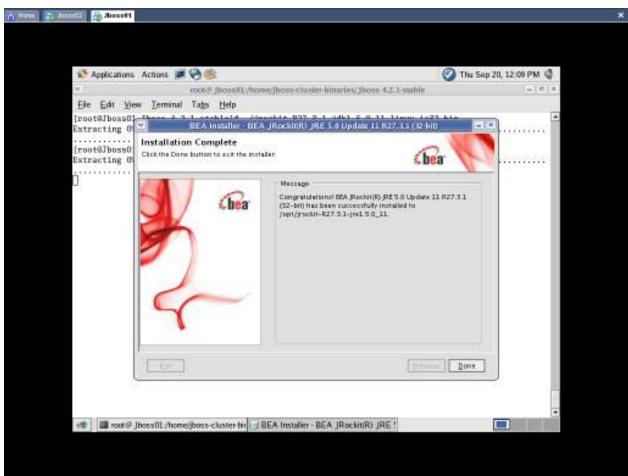
Click on Next.



Accept license and press Next.

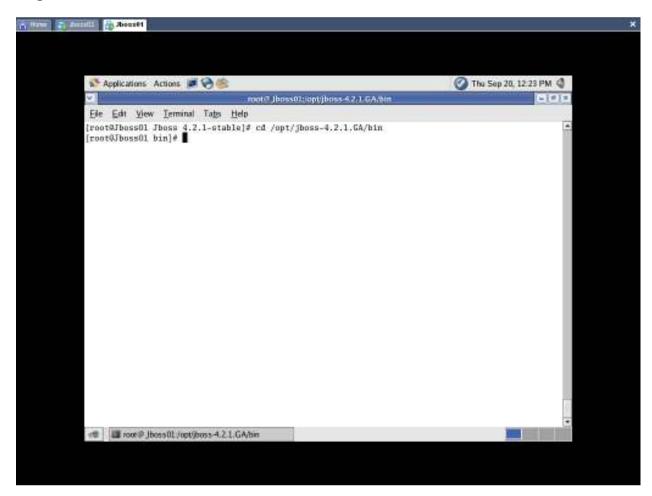


Click on Browse and change installation directory to /opt

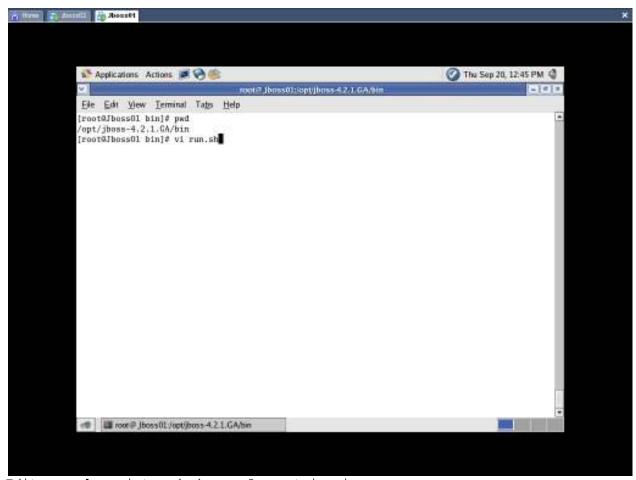


Click on Done.

Step No. 5:



Now is the time to customize JBoss according to our setup. First \$cd /opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/bin



Edit run.sh script and change few entries i.e.



Comment Setup JVM section and add following entries as in figure, i.e.

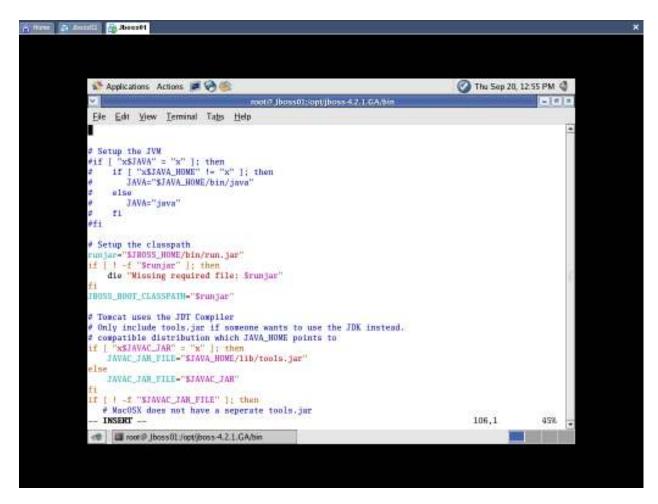
JAVA_HOME="/opt/jrockit-R27.3.1-jdk1.5.0_11/"

export JAVA_HOME

JAVA="\$JAVA_HOME/bin/java"

JBOSS_HOME="/opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/"

export JBOSS_HOME



Check that

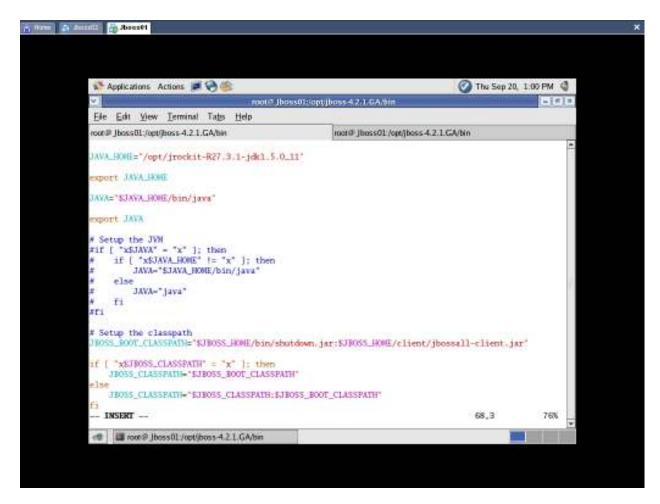
runjar="\$JBOSS HOME/bin/run.jar"

JAVAC_JAR_FILE="\$JAVA_HOME/lib/tools.jar"

These two lines should be as in figure.

Now after making these changes save and quit from run.sh

It's the time to fix shutdown.sh script i.e.



Now comment out Setup the JVM section and add following lines as per figure.

JAVA_HOME="/opt/jrockit-R27.3.1-jdk1.5.0_11"

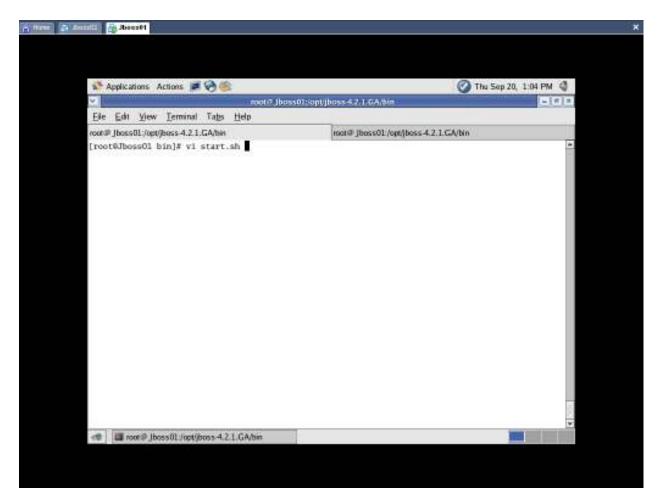
export JAVA HOME

JAVA="\$JAVA HOME/bin/java"

export JAVA

After adding these lines, save and quit from shutdown.sh script.

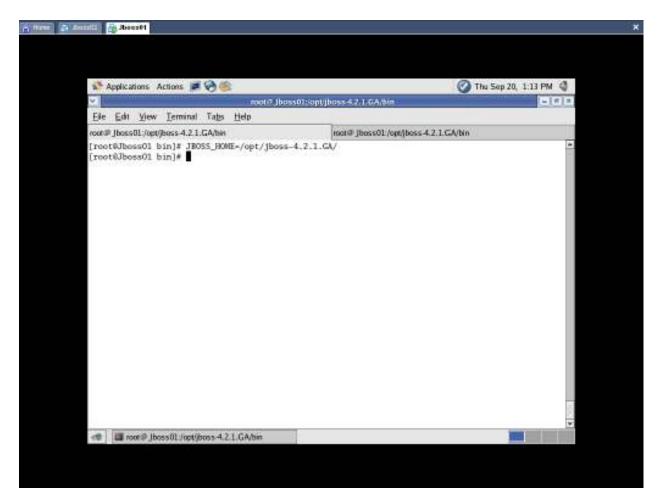
Now is the time to write a small startup script, named start.sh ©



The script should contain the following content,



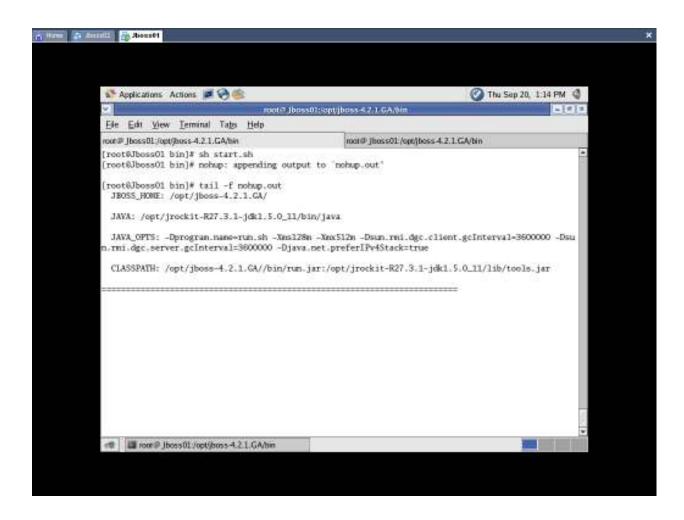
After adding these lines save and quit from start.sh script.

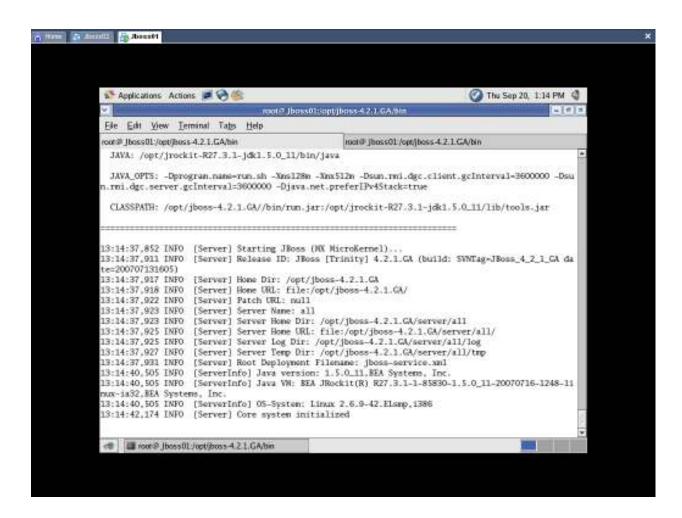


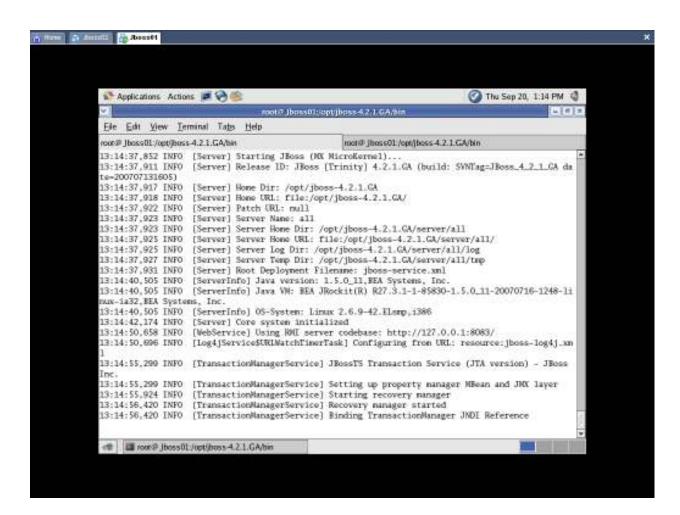
Before starting JBoss service, set the JBOSS_HOME variable.



Use **start.sh** script to start JBoss Server, and **\$tail -f nohup.out** command to see the Jboss server output on STDOUT,

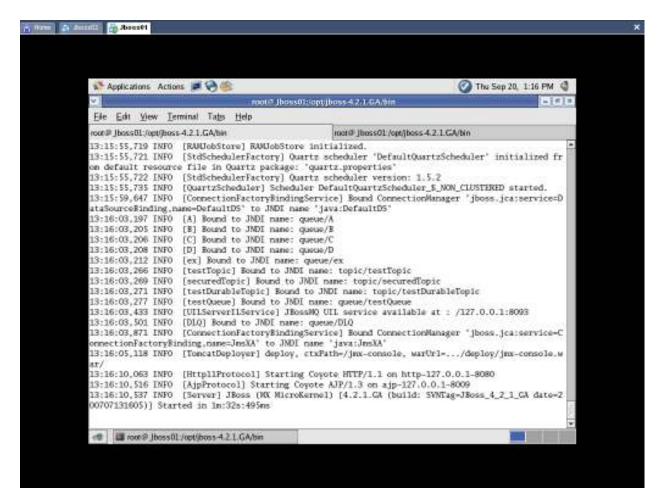








You can see the above screen for "Number of Cluster members: 1" means it is the first member in the cluster, we will see same screen in startup of Jboss02 machine.



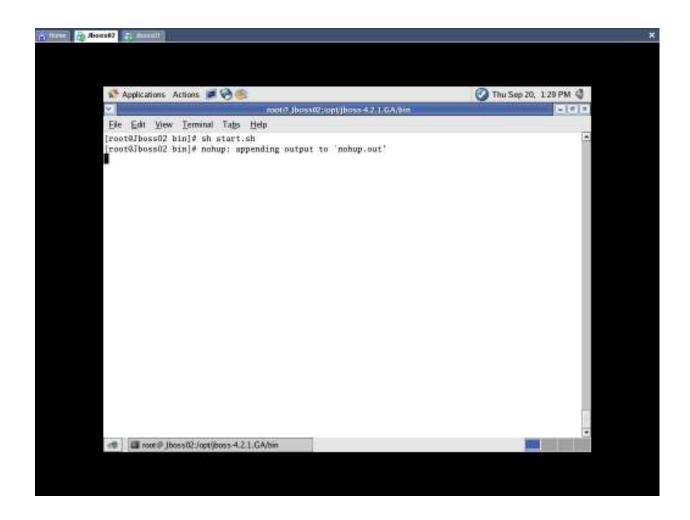
Now Jboss01 is started and ready to use ☺

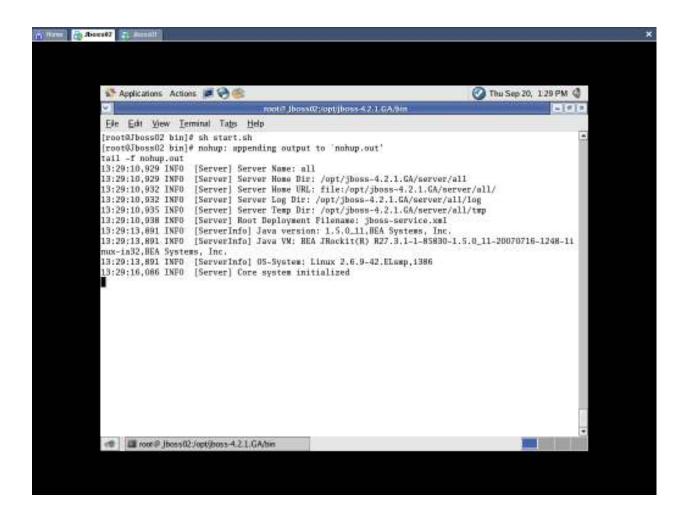
After starting the Jboss01 it's the time to setup Jboss02, for Jboss02 we need to do same configuration steps as we did in Jboss01 for following i.e.

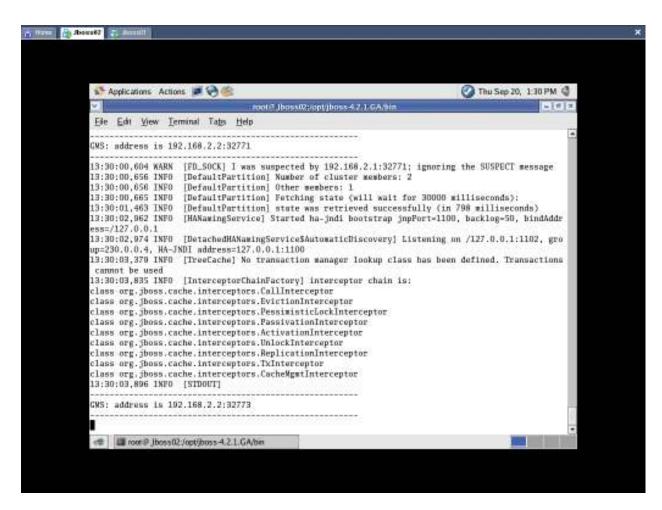
- 1. Unzip Jboss-4.2.1
- 2. Install JRockit JDK
- 3. Install JRockit JRE
- 4. Edit run.sh
- 5. Edit start.sh
- 6. Edit shutdown.sh

All the directory structure will remain same in Jboss02

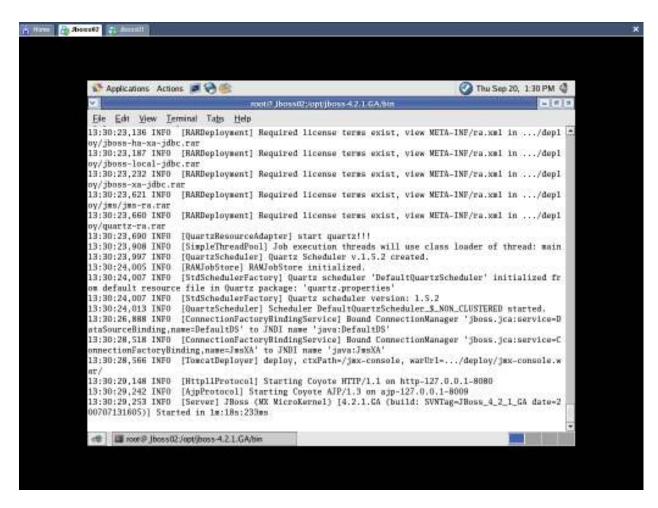
After performing above 6 step on Jboss02, you are ready to start the second node in the cluster, i.e.







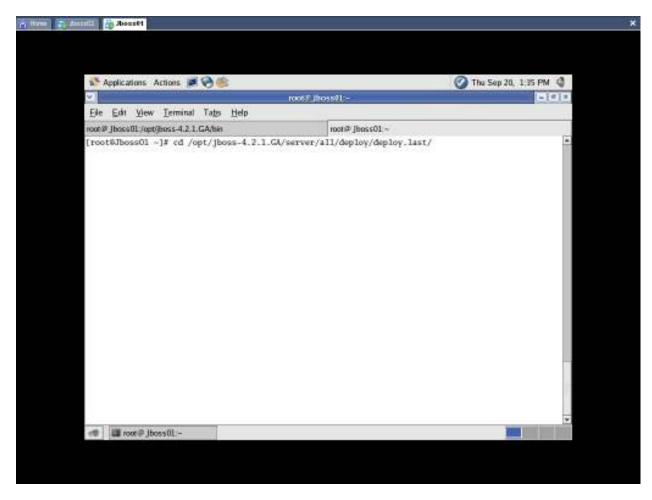
You can see the above screen where "Number of cluster member: 2" means it's the second member of the cluster.



This final screen shows that the JBoss server has been started on ${\tt Jboss02}$ machine.

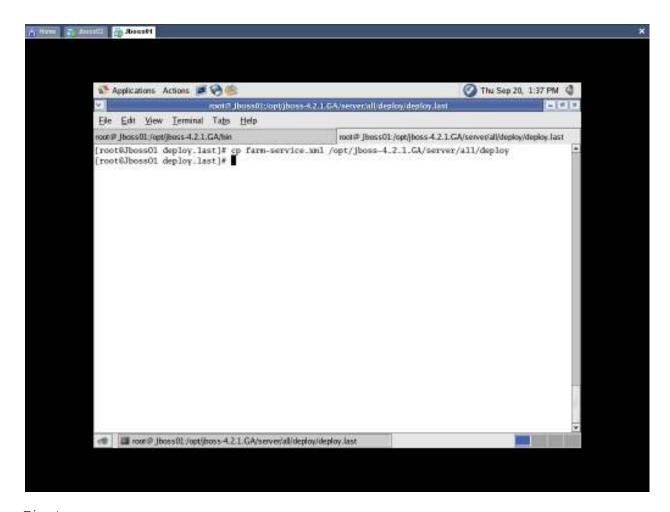
Now is the time to deploy the JBOSS FARMING

For the reason first login to Jboss01 and perform following steps.



First change directory to

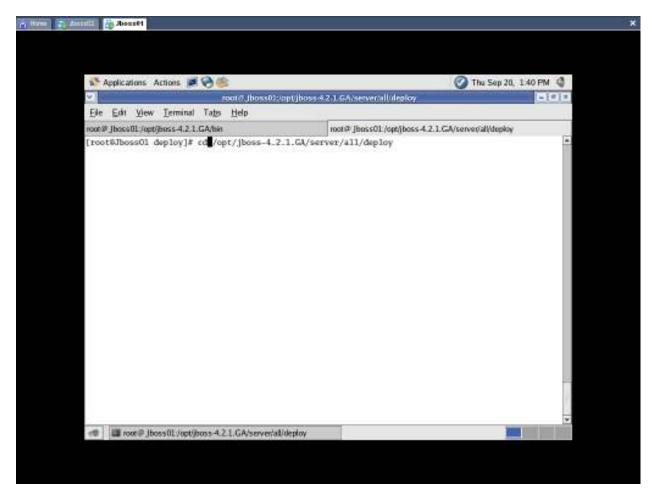
\$cd "/opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy/deploy.last"



First copy

\$cp farm-service.xml "/opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy"

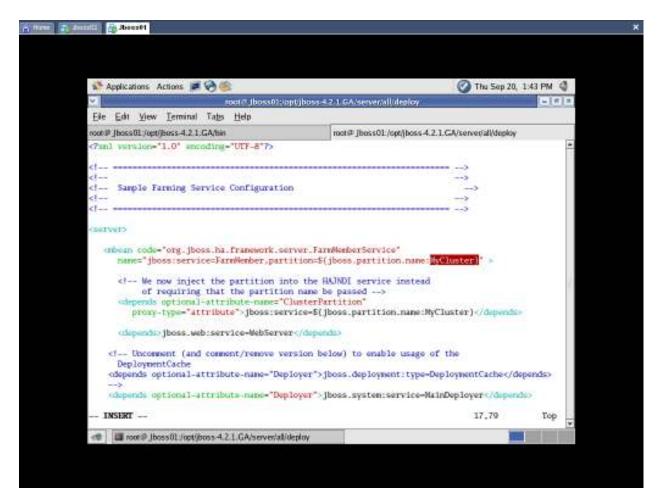
Then, edit farm-service.xml in "/opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy" directory. i.e.



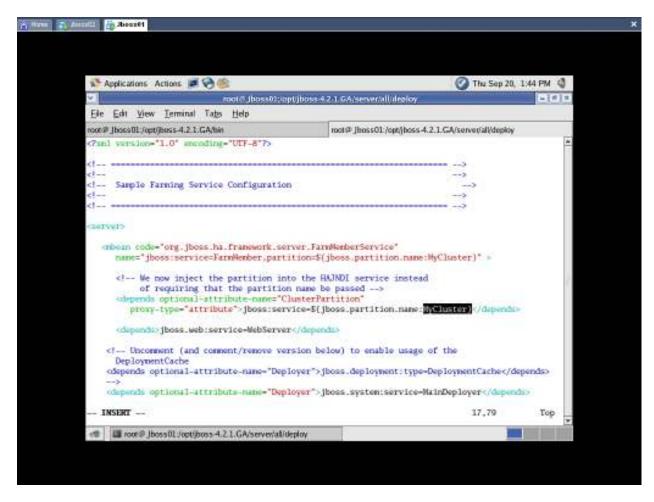
Now edit farm-service.xml



Change DefaultPartition to MyCluster i.e. the Jboss Cluster Partition Name in this manual.



And on second location in same farm-service.xml i.e.



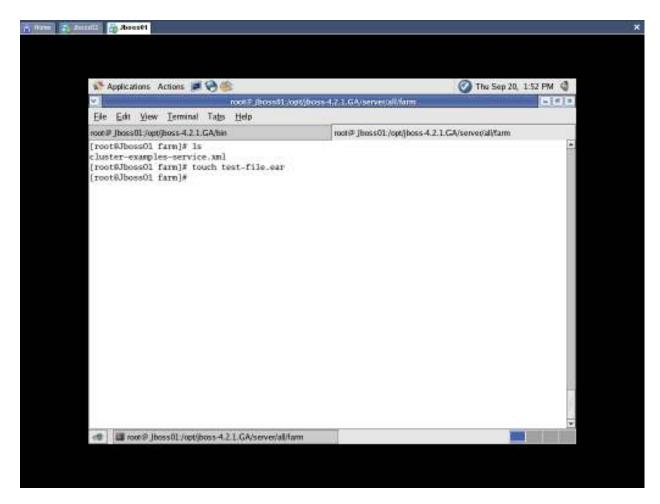
After changes Cluster Partition name on two locations in farm-service.xml, save and quit from the file.

Now it's the time to fix Jboss02 for JBOSS FARMING

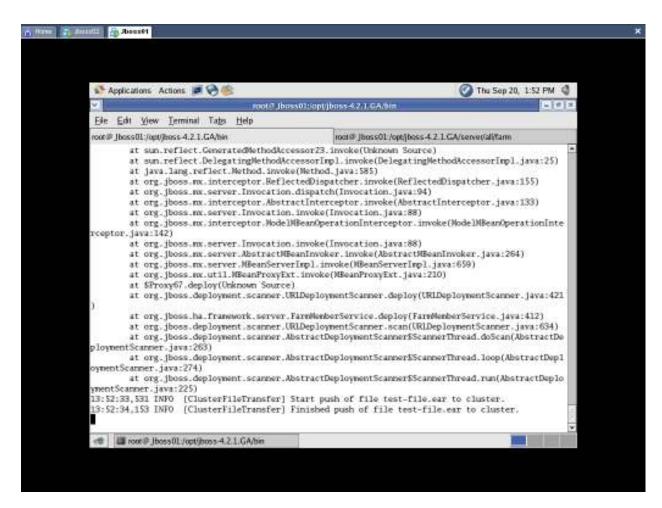
Login to Jboss02 and perform same steps as we did in Jboss01 i.e.

- 1. \$cd /opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy/deploy.last
- 2. \$cp farm-service.xml /opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy
- 3. \$vi /opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/deploy/farm-service.xml
- Change the DefaultPartition with MyPartition in farm-service.xml as we did in Jb0ss01.
- 5. Save and quit

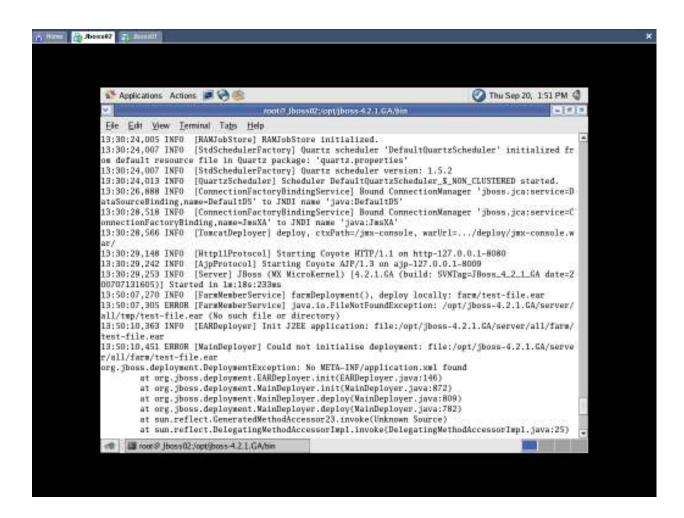
After editing farm-service.xml on both servers, we need to test the farming, for the reason, we will create a fake .ear file in /opt/jboss-4.2.1.GA/server/all/farm/ directory in Jboss01 and will see on Jboss02 that it will automatically pulled in same location. i.e.

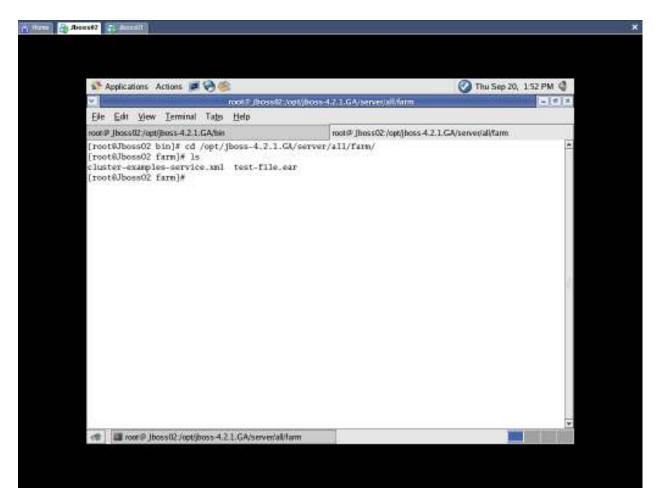


Do not be afraid of errors on JBoss Server output screen as test-file.ear is a fake and empty file, so of course it will give errors ©



At Jboss02 you can see test-file.ear is detected !





You can see the test-file.ear is automatically pulled at Jboss02.

Note:

If you get any problem during implementation of this manual please do not hesitate to contact me, (Email: nayyar.ahmad@sistafe.gov.mz) but I d'nt promise for replying all emails \odot

Cheers!