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ANNOUNCEMENT: SUSE YES Certification Kit (SCK) 10.0 including SLES 16.0

Dear SUSE Partner,

SUSE® officially released [SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 16.0](#) (SLES 16.0) on November 4, 2025. In conjunction with this release, we are pleased to announce the availability of the latest SUSE YES Certification Kit (SCK), version 10.0.

SCK 10.0 provides full YES Certification support for SLES 16.0 and replaces the previously released SCK 9.2.

 Important Dates & Deadlines

- SCK 9.2 Submission Deadline: December 31, 2025.
 - We understand partners may be in the middle of certifying with SCK 9.2. Submissions using SCK 9.2 will be accepted until this date. After December 31, 2025, we reserve the right to reject submissions tested with SCK 9.2.
- SLES 16.0 Requirement: All SLES 16.0 certifications require SCK 10.0.
- SLES 15 SP6 End of General Support: December 31, 2025. ([SUSE Support Lifecycle](#) page)
 - Once SLES transitions from general to SUSE Long-Term Support Services (LTSS), customers will be required to purchase an LTSS contract. YES Certifying a system with a SLES version in LTSS is possible, but those certifications require certain policy changes outlined [here](#).

 SCK 10.0 Product Support

SCK 10.0 provides continued certification support for the following:

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 16.0
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP7
 - *Note: As SLES 15 SP7 is the final SLES 15 service pack, its general support window is extended to July 31, 2031.*
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP6 (See support deadline above)
 - SUSE Linux Micro 6.2, 6.1, and 6.0
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Key Certification Rules & Inheritance

SUSE Linux Micro 6.2 (SL Micro 6.2)

- All systems that successfully complete SLES 16.0 YES Certification are eligible to inherit SUSE Linux Micro 6.2 (SL Micro 6.2) as “Other Products” listed on the bulletin. Making both SUSE Linux OSes searchable on the SUSE [YES Search](#).
- This inheritance applies to both SLES 16.0 base (server, workstation or laptop) and KVM virtualization certifications.
- If you want SL Micro 6.2 as the main OS on the bulletin, the SL Micro certification project must be used during testing.
- SL Micro 6.2 is a subset of SLES 16.0, so an SL Micro 6.2 bulletin cannot inherit or list SLES 16.0 as Other Products.

Virtualization (SLES 16.0)

- SCK 10.0 provides certification for KVM virtualization on SLES 16.0.
- Note: Xen virtualization is no longer part of standard SLES 16.0 and therefore cannot be certified.

Virtualization (SLES 15)

- Virtualization with SLES 15 SP7 and SP6 remains available using KVM and/or Xen as hosts and Virtual Machines.
- Reminder: A successful Server-Full certification allows you to use the Virtualization-Reduced project to certify KVM or Xen on that same system (for 16.0, 15 SP7, or 15 SP6).

SLES 15 Extensions

- Partners can still leverage a SLES 15 SP7 or SP6 certification to add SUSE Linux Enterprise Workstation Extension or SUSE Linux Enterprise Point-of-Service (SLEPOS) as Other Products.
- Note: Workstation Extensions and SLEPOS are not part of SLES 16.0.

Supported Platforms & Architectures

SCK 10.0 supports the certification of servers, edge nodes, workstations, laptops, virtualization hosts, virtualization guests, and more across all SUSE Linux supported architectures:

- x86_64
 - Arm
 - IBM® Power®
 - IBM Z®
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! IMPORTANT: Action Required for TestConsole Update

The changes from SCK 9.2 to 10.0 are extensive. One of these changes is a move to SLES 15 SP7 as the supported SLES version on the TestConsole (TC). This requires a fresh install of SLES 15 SP7 on your TC system.

↓ Download and Installation

We encourage the immediate use of the new SCK 10.0 Gold Master (GM) release for all future certification testing.

- Action: Please review the README file (included in the download .zip and [here](#)) for a detailed list of known issues with SCK 10.0. Understanding these issues will save you time.
- Download: The new SCK 10.0 ISO and documentation .zip files are available from:
 - The public [YES System Test Tools for SUSE® Linux](#) webpage
 - The [SUSE® Bulletin System \(SBS\)](#) webpage (login required)

We strongly recommend utilizing the [SCK documentation](#) and [README](#) for the best experience.

With SUSE Linux Enterprise and the latest SCK, partners have the power to leverage the premier system certification program: SUSE YES Certification. We are confident that these tools will help increase your product sales opportunities.

Best regards,

The SUSE Partner Engineering Team

