

Kali in VMWare

Here are some things for installing Kali in a VMWare VM.

Adapted from here: <https://www.kali.org/docs/virtualization/install-vmware-guest-vm/>

Choose the latest Workstation Hardware version. 16.x is current as of this writing.

Kali is debian based, so use the latest version Debian HAL.

Give your VM at least two processors and two cores per processor (4 cores minimum).
Give it at least 4GB.

The tutorial recommend using NAT for the NIC. Go with this, until we need bridged, in case there's a subtlety of NAT that's beneficial.

Accept the LSI and SCSI disk defaults, and choose at least 40GB size.

Once created, open the Edit VM Settings, and find the USB controller.
Disable the Automatically Connect new USB devices, so that you will be prompted for each one, as needed.

On the Display pane, be sure to disable Accelerate 3D graphics, as this causes trouble for some people.

On the Power tab, enable the Report Battery Information to Guest, as this is helpful, so you get notifications when the host is out of juice.

And, enable time sync with the host, so you don't have to set the clock for updates to work.

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