

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1

Release Notes

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro is a modern operating system primarily targeted for edge computing. This document provides a high-level overview of features, capabilities, and limitations of SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1.

These release notes are updated periodically. The latest version of these release notes is always available at <https://www.suse.com/releasenotes> .

General documentation can be found at <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1> .

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1 SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1 is a modern operating system primarily targeted for edge computing.

1.1 Documentation and other information

1.1.1 Available on the product media

- Read the READMEs on the media.
- Get the detailed change log information about a particular package from the RPM (where *FILENAME.rpm* is the name of the RPM):

```
rpm --changelog -qp FILENAME.rpm
```

- Check the ChangeLog file in the top level of the installation medium for a chronological log of all changes made to the updated packages.
- Find more information in the docu directory of the installation medium of SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1. This directory includes PDF versions of the SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1 Installation Quick Start Guide.

1.1.2 Online documentation

- For the most up-to-date version of the documentation for SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1, see <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1>.
- Find a collection of White Papers in the SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro Resource Library at <https://www.suse.com/products/server#resources>.

1.2 Support and life cycle

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro is backed by award-winning support from SUSE, an established technology leader with a proven history of delivering enterprise-quality support services.

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1 has a 4-year life cycle. For more information, see <https://www.suse.com/lifecycle> and the Support Policy page at <https://www.suse.com/support/policy.html>.

2 About the release notes

These Release Notes are identical across all architectures, and the most recent version is always available online at <https://www.suse.com/releasesnotes>.

Entries are only listed once but they can be referenced in several places if they are important and belong to more than one section.

Release notes usually only list changes that happened between two subsequent releases. Certain important entries from the release notes of previous product versions are repeated. To make these entries easier to identify, they contain a note to that effect.

However, repeated entries are provided as a courtesy only. Therefore, if you are skipping one or more service packs, check the release notes of the skipped service packs as well. If you are only reading the release notes of the current release, you could miss important changes.

3 Changes affecting all architectures

Information in this section applies to all architectures supported by SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1.

4 General features and fixes

Information in this section applies to all architectures supported by SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1.

4.1 Installation media

There are two types of installation media of SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro. The installer ISO allows to install via YaST or AutoYaST, with the possibility to fully customize the installation. The pre-built images contain a system image already pre-configured. Neither of the media is intended to be used for upgrades from the previous version of SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro.

There are slight differences between these two:

- the software selection for the default installation from the ISO contains fewer packages than the pre-built image
- `firewalld` is only installed from the ISO if the firewall is enabled during installation

The images have two things in common:

- SELinux is not enabled by default
- `firewalld` is not enabled by default

To upgrade from the previous version, use the `transactional-update` command. Neither of the media is needed for that.

4.2 Cockpit web-based node management system

For web-based management of a single node, Cockpit is included. For details, refer to <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/article-administration-slemicro.html#sec-admin-cockpit>.

4.3 Managing SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro with SUSE Manager

SUSE Manager can be used to manage SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro hosts. There are certain limitations:

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro host cannot be monitored with SUSE Manager
- SUSE Manager does not provide integrated container management yet. As a workaround, you can use Salt via `cmd.run podman`.
- SUSE Manager can manage the SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro hosts only with the Salt stack; the traditional stack is not supported
- Ansible control node cannot be installed on SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro

We intend to resolve these issues in the future maintenance updates of SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro on SUSE Manager.

4.4 Enabling SELinux

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro includes SELinux with base system policies. Before enabling SELinux, make sure to install the necessary policies for your workload.

If you are running SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro as KVM virtualization host, the use of SELinux is strongly discouraged and not supported.

4.5 toolbox container

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro provides the `toolbox` container. However, it is not part of the media and needs to be downloaded from <https://registry.suse.com>. To download from the registry, the system needs network access. For details refer to <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/article-administration-slemicro.html#sec-admin-toolbox>.

The `toolbox` container does not include or inherit a software repository setup from the underlying system. If the underlying system is registered properly, `zypper` will enable a basic set of repositories (`Basesystem` and `Server Applications` modules of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP3) when you execute `zypper` inside the toolbox container. Then you can install additional software into the container.

4.6 Kernel Live Patching

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro now supports Kernel Live Patching. If your subscription includes the Live Patching module, you can either install it directly during the installation, or register it using the `transactional-update` command.

After enabling the Live Patching module, it is necessary to change the configuration of `libzypp` whether or not you want to apply live patches. In `/etc/zypp/zypp.conf` change the following variables:

- `multiversion = provides:multiversion(kernel)` in order to keep the running kernel while patching the system; otherwise you may get dependency conflicts during applying updates
- `multiversion.kernels = latest` in order to clean-up kernels in the new created snapshot after applying the live patch; otherwise the snapshot will keep the previous kernel during applying updates

In order to enable live patching, additionally set `LIVEPATCH_KERNEL='always'` in `/etc/sysconfig/livepatching`.

To make sure that the live patches are installed after kernel upgrade, make sure to install matching version of the `kernel-default-livepatch` package.

Note that kernel live patching is only available for the x86-64 and s390x architectures. It is also not available for the real-time kernel.

4.7 Intel Secure Device Onboard (SDO)

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro includes needed packages for Intel Secure Device Onboard. Intel Secure Device Onboard helps onboard any device to any device management system. The packages are only provided as a technology preview and do not offer full support. Using Intel Secure Device Onboard needs proper integration into your target environment and only works on supported hardware.

4.8 System V init scripts

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro does not support init script of system services, which are usually located in `/etc/init.d` directory. Even if this directory still exists, it is empty on purpose. systemd unit files should be used instead of initscripts. To start system services or to configure their status on boot, use the `systemctl` command instead.

5 Installing SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 5.1 can be installed in the following ways:

- *Section 5.1, “Manually installing with YaST”*
- *Section 5.2, “Unattended installation with AutoYaST”*
- *Section 5.3, “Unattended installation with Yomi (technology preview)”*
- *Section 5.4, “Deploying pre-built images”*

5.1 Manually installing with YaST

The installation workflow for manual installation is described in <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/part-manual-installation.html>.

5.2 Unattended installation with AutoYaST

Installing SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro with AutoYaST is described in <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/book-autoyast.html>.

5.3 Unattended installation with Yomi (technology preview)

To learn how to install a system with Yomi, see the [SUSE Manager documentation](https://documentation.suse.com/external-tree/en-us/suma/4.1/suse-manager/salt/yomi.html), section [Install using Yomi](https://documentation.suse.com/external-tree/en-us/suma/4.1/suse-manager/salt/yomi.html) (<https://documentation.suse.com/external-tree/en-us/suma/4.1/suse-manager/salt/yomi.html>). Installation with Yomi is a technology preview.

5.4 Deploying pre-built images

SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro is provided as raw images which can be deployed directly to a storage device, for example, a memory card, a USB stick, or a hard drive. SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro is also provided as images for specific hardware device with a customized software selection.

For a procedure of deploying an image refer to <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/part-raw-image.html>.

5.5 Upgrade from previous version

Upgrade from SLE Micro 5.0 is only possible via the `transactional-update` tool. For the upgrade procedure, refer to <https://documentation.suse.com/sle-micro/5.1/html/SLE-Micro-all/book-upgrade.html>.

6 Known issues

6.1 Error on console while booting with SELinux enabled

When booting the system with SELinux enabled, the console reports:

```
Failed to transition into init label 'system_u:system_r:init_t:s0'
```

This message is harmless.

6.2 Podman and firewalld

When reloading `firewalld` via `firewall-cmd --reload`, all Podman-related rules go missing. For this reason, `firewalld` is not enabled by default during installation. For more information, see <https://github.com/containers/podman/issues/5431>.

6.3 Pre-built images report two IP addresses on first boot

When booting the pre-built images the first time, two IP addresses may be reported by the `ip a` command or other tools. This issue only happens on the first boot of the image, on the following boots only a single IP address is assigned to the network interface.

6.4 VNC package cannot be installed during installation

The YaST installer offers installation via VNC. The installer also tries to make it possible to use the final system the same way that the system was initially installed. Therefore, the installer will attempt to install appropriate software and open appropriate firewall ports for later access to the system. However, the VNC server package is only available during the installation, but not for the installed system.

As the VNC server package cannot be installed, the installer will issue a warning. You can safely ignore this warning.

7 Obtaining source code

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