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## 1.0. Introduction

This document provides release information and installation instructions for Concurrent Computer Corporation's RedHawk<sup>TM</sup> Linux<sup>®</sup> operating system Version 6.3.

## 1.1 Product Description

RedHawk Linux is a real-time version of the open source Linux operating system. Modifications are made to standard Linux version 2.6 to support the functionality and the performance required by complex real-time applications. RedHawk uses a single kernel design to support a single programming environment that directly controls all system operation. This design allows deterministic program execution and response to interrupts while simultaneously providing high I/O throughput and deterministic file, networking, and graphics I/O operations. RedHawk is the ideal Linux environment for the deterministic applications found in simulation, data acquisition, industrial control and medical imaging systems.

Included with RedHawk is the popular CentOS Community ENTerprise Operating System® version 6.3. However, note that RedHawk can also be installed on *any* CentOS-compatible version 6.3 distribution.

The RedHawk installation media provide additional real-time kernels and libraries for accessing RedHawk specific kernel features. Optionally, the NightStar<sup>TM</sup> RT development tool set is available for developing real-time applications, and the Frequency-Based Scheduler can be used to schedule cyclic applications driven from a real-time clock or other external interrupt source. The Performance Monitor module allows you to get detailed CPU utilization of each process on such a scheduler.

The RedHawk kernel integrates both open source patches and Concurrent developed features derived from the real-time UNIX® implementations that Concurrent has supported in its over 44 years experience developing real-time operating systems.

RedHawk is included with each Concurrent iHawk<sup>TM</sup> system. iHawks are symmetric multi-processor (SMP) systems available in a variety of architectures and configurations. Either 32-bit or 64-bit versions of RedHawk and its supporting software products are installed, depending upon the iHawk architecture type and the support included in RedHawk for that architecture.

Support for SMPs is highly optimized. A unique concept known as *shielded CPUs* allows a subset of processors to be dedicated to tasks that require the most deterministic performance. Individual CPUs can be shielded from interrupt processing, kernel daemons, interrupt bottom halves, and other Linux tasks. Processor shielding provides a highly deterministic execution environment that guarantees processes fast and dependable response to external events.

RedHawk Linux matches the level of POSIX® conformance of other Linux distributions based on the 2.6 series of kernels. Linux on the Intel® x86 architecture has defined a defacto binary standard of its own which allows shrink-wrapped applications that are designed to run on the Linux/Intel x86 platform to run on Concurrent's iHawk platform.

NightStar RT is Concurrent's powerful real-time tool set that provides a robust graphic interface for non-intrusive control, monitoring, analysis, and debugging of real-time multiprocessing applications. All tools can be run natively on the same system as the application or remotely. The NightStar RT tools include the following:

- NightView<sup>TM</sup> source-level debugger allows multi-language, multi-processor, multi-program and multi-thread monitoring and debugging from a single graphical interface.
- NightTrace<sup>TM</sup> run-time analyzer analyzes the dynamic behavior of a running application.

- NightSim<sup>TM</sup> periodic scheduler allows the user to easily schedule applications that require periodic execution.
- NightProbe<sup>TM</sup> data monitor used to sample, record or modify program data in multiple running programs.
- NightTune<sup>TM</sup> performance tuner used for analyzing system and application performance.

## 1.2 Product Media

The tables below list the optical media discs that are delivered with RedHawk Linux Version 6.3 for each Concurrent system.

### **WARNING**

While much of the software on the RedHawk media is licensed under the GNU GPL license, some components are not. Therefore, the media cannot be freely copied.

### 32-Bit Product Media

Processor Type:	Intel® Xeon™ i38	6 and EM64T 32-bit			
Model:	iHawk 860 Series	[ HQ685, 680, 665, 660, 645, 460, 295, 290, 285, 280, 265, 260, 195, 185, 175, 160, 075, 074, 069, 067, 065, 060, 058, 053, 049, 047 045, 036, 034, T74, T54, R54, R90, 000]			
	iHawk 880 Series	[HQHS2]			
	ImaGen	[ HQ0G1, HR0G1 ]			
Operating System Di	scs:				
CentOS 6.3 (32-b	it) (1 DVD)				
CentOS 6.3 Source (32-bit) (2 DVDs)					
CentOS 6.3 Updates (32-bit) (1 DVD) [LXUPDATE WA-IA32 Version 6.3]					
RedHawk Linux	<b>OS (32-bit)</b> (1 DVD)	[WA-IA32 Version 6.3]			
Software Updates	s for RedHawk (1 DV	D or 1 CD, if present)			
Optional Product Dis	ecs:				
RedHawk Linux	Frequency-Based Sch	neduler (32-bit) [WU1210-JL Version 6.3]			
NightStar RT for RedHawk [WU1220-LDV, WU1220-LDVF Version x.x (x.x=latest version)]					
	PCI-to-VME Bridge (WCS-SBS-620)] Version	Software Library for i386 & EM64T Systems n 6.3			
RedHawk Linux PC [WU-HS630-C224	_	oftware Library for i386 & EM64T Systems			
RedHawk Architect (32-bit) [W-RHLE-DEV] Version 6.3					

#### 64-Bit Product Media

Processor Type: AMD Opteron™ 64-bit and EM64T x86\_64 64-bit Model: iHawk 860 Series [ HQ685, 680, 285, 280, 185, 069, 067, 049, 047, T74, T54, R54, R90, 000 ] iHawk 870 Series [ HR844, 430, 221, 210, 00W, 00T ] iHawk 880 Series [HQHS2] **ImaGen** [ HQ0G1, HR0G1 ]

Operating System Discs:

**CentOS 6.3 (64-bit)** (1 DVD)

CentOS 6.3 Source (64-bit) (2 DVDs)

CentOS 6.3 Updates (64-bit) (1 DVD) [LXUPDATE WA-AMD64 Version 6.3]

RedHawk Linux OS (64-bit) (1 DVD) [WA-EM64T-AMD64 Version 6.3]

Software Updates for RedHawk (1 DVD or 1 CD, if present)

Optional Discs:

RedHawk Linux Frequency-Based Scheduler for x86 64 Systems [WU1210-JA Version 6.3]

**NightStar RT for RedHawk** [WU1220-LDVF, WU1220-LDVF Version x.x (x.x=latest version)]

RedHawk Linux PCI-to-VME Bridge Software Library for x86 64 Systems

[WU-HS630-LIB (WCS-SBS-620)] Version 6.3

RedHawk Linux PCIe-to-VME Bridge Software Library for x86\_64 Systems

[WU-HS630-C2243] Version 6.3

RedHawk Architect (64-bit) [W-RHLE-E64] Version 6.3

#### 1.3 **Version Numbers**

All RedHawk Linux version numbers take the following form:

*major.minor*[.update]

where:

major is the product's major version number minor is the product's minor version number update is the update's incremental version number

For example, 6.0 is the initial release of major version 6, and 6.3 is a subsequent release to version 6.0. Both 6.0 and 6.3 constitute complete product releases and do not require a previous release to be currently installed on the system; both are available on optical media from Software Distribution.

Individual kernel updates available via the RedHawk Updates website (see the "System Updates" section below) are not a complete product and can only be installed as an update to the matching major.minor release. For example; a 6.3.1 kernel update can only be installed on a system currently running RedHawk Linux version 6.3.

## 1.4 System Updates

As RedHawk Linux updates are issued, they are made available for downloading from Concurrent's Software Portal.

#### **NOTE**

Concurrent does not recommend downloading CentOS updates.

The RedHawk Linux kernel replaces the standard CentOS kernel and is likely to work with any version of the CentOS distribution. However, installing upgrades, especially to **gcc** and **glibc**, from sources other than Concurrent may destabilize the system and is not recommended. Security updates from outside sources may be installed if desired.

Instructions for downloading updates from the website are provided in the section "Software Updates" on page 61.

## 1.5 Syntax Notation

The following notation is used throughout this document:

italic	Books, reference cards, and items that the user must specify appear in <i>italic</i> type. Special terms may also appear in <i>italic</i> .
list bold	User input appears in listbold type and must be entered exactly as shown. Names of directories, files, commands, options and man page references also appear in listbold type.
list	Operating system and program output such as prompts, messages and listings of files and programs appears in list type.
[]	Brackets enclose command options and arguments that are optional. You do not type the brackets if you choose to specify these options or arguments.
hypertext links	When viewing this document online, clicking on chapter, section,

figure, table and page number references will display the corresponding text. Clicking on Internet URLs provided in *blue* type will launch your web browser and display the web site. Clicking on publication names and numbers in *red* type will display the corresponding manual PDF, if the file is available and accessible.

## 2.0. Documentation

## 2.1 RedHawk Linux Documentation

Table 2-1 lists the documentation provided with RedHawk Version 6.3 as PDF files. After installing RedHawk Linux documentation, the files are available for viewing:

- by clicking on the "Documents" icon on the desktop
- from Concurrent's documentation web site at http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs

Table 2-1 RedHawk Linux Documentation

RedHawk Linux Operating System Documentation	Document Number			
RedHawk Linux Version 6.3 Release Notes	0898003-6.3			
RedHawk Linux User's Guide	0898004-630			
Real-Time Clock & Interrupt Module (RCIM) User's Guide	0898007-400			
RedHawk Linux FAQ	N/A			
Optional RedHawk Product Guides				
RedHawk Linux Frequency-Based Scheduler (FBS) User's Guide	0898005-340			
Optional RedHawk Product Documentation Sets				
RedHawk Architect Release Notes	0898600-6.3			
RedHawk Architect User's Guide	0898601-6.3			
SBS PCI-to-VME Bridge Series 600 Hardware Manual	85851150			
SBS PCI-to-VME Bridge Series 800 Hardware Manual	85913163			
SBS PCI-to-VME Bridge Software Manual	85221990			

The Optional RedHawk Product Documentation Sets include Concurrent's user guides as PDF files along with additional vendor documentation PDFs that facilitate using these RedHawk products.

The latest documentation for all Concurrent software products, including updated Release Notes and User Guides, can be accessed from Concurrent's documentation web site at <a href="http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs">http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs</a>. An updated RedHawk FAQ can be accessed at <a href="http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs/root/1redhawk/FAQ/RedHawk-FAQ.pdf">http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs/root/1redhawk/FAQ/RedHawk-FAQ.pdf</a>.

Printed copies can be ordered by contacting the Concurrent Software Support Center. Refer to "Direct Software Support" on page 61 for details.

## 2.2 Vendor Documentation

CentOS operating system documentation is included as PDF files on the CentOS media delivered with RedHawk Linux.

Some RedHawk optional products include vendor documentation that facilitates using these RedHawk products.

Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) documentation applicable to your iHawk system is included with the system. Contact the vendor's sales office to purchase additional copies.

# 3.0. Prerequisites

### 3.1 Software

No previously installed software is required in order to install RedHawk Linux. The complete RedHawk Linux installation consists of the following software:

- CentOS 6.3 with updates
- RedHawk Linux operating system (with optional updates)
- NightStar RT for RedHawk tools (optional)
- RedHawk Linux Frequency-Based Scheduler (FBS) (optional)
- RedHawk Linux PCI-to-VME bridge software (optional)
- RedHawk Linux PCIe-to-VME bridge software (optional)
- RedHawk Architect (optional)

These packages operate in either a 32-bit or 64-bit environment. The operating environment on a system depends upon the processor type and the support included in the software for that processor. Refer to "Product Media" on page 2 for details.

#### **NOTE**

Real-time extensions and features are *not* available to 32-bit applications running under a 64-bit operating system (i.e. x86\_64). In order to use real-time features, migrate 32-bit applications to 64-bit (described in Appendix E of the *RedHawk Linux User's Guide*) or boot a 32-bit operating system instead.

### 3.2 Hardware

- Any Concurrent iHawk or ImaGen system
- Real-Time Clock and Interrupt Module (RCIM)

# 4.0. Changes in this Release

This section describes enhancements and other changes introduced in Version 6.3 (and any subsequent kernel updates if applicable).

### 4.1 Enhancements in Version 6.3

### 4.1.1 Based on CentOS 6.3

RedHawk 6.3 uses CentOS Community ENTerprise Operating System 6.3 as its base. CentOS 6.3 is the world-wide standard enterprise-class Linux distribution that provides a rock-solid foundation.

## 4.1.2 Based on kernel.org 3.5

RedHawk 6.3 uses the kernel.org Linux 3.5 kernel as the basis for its core kernel. This version includes many exciting enhancements. For more information examine the kernel change summaries at the <a href="http://kernelnewbies.org">http://kernelnewbies.org</a> website.

### 4.1.3 Updated NVIDIA Driver

RedHawk 6.3 includes the NVIDIA Linux Display Driver version 304.37. Legacy driver support is no longer included but is available for download from the NVIDIA website. Refer to "NVIDIA Graphics Configuration" on page 36 for details.

Note that when using the NVIDIA Linux Display Driver on a 32-bit system it may be necessary to add **vmalloc=192M** to the kernel's grub command line in the system's /etc/grub.conf file in order for graphics to start properly.

### 4.1.4 Updated to CUDA 5.0 SDK

On 64-bit systems RedHawk 6.3 includes pre-installed NVIDIA CUDA 5.0 libraries and header files. CUDA 5.0 has significant improvements over previous versions, including support for the new Nsight® CUDA development IDE, dynamic parallelism, a new object linker and RDMA support that can be used with GPU Direct. See the many resources at <a href="http://www.nvidia.com">http://www.nvidia.com</a> fore more information.

Example CUDA code is also provided with RedHawk. See the files in the /usr/share/doc/nvidia/cuda/samples directory for more information.

## 4.1.5 Kernel Text Page Replication

RedHawk 6.3 provides a NUMA optimization that can replicate kernel text pages into each NUMA node that exists in the system. This replication occurs for both the static kernel text pages and the dynamic kernel text pages created upon kernel module loading. This feature is unique to RedHawk and can provide typical performance improvements of 2-7%.

The new **ktrinfo** utility can be used to display kernel text replication information and statistics. See the **ktrinfo** (1) man page for more information.

## 4.1.6 Integrated OpenOnload® Network Stack

RedHawk 6.3 integrates the July 2012 release of the OpenOnload network stack. OpenOnload is a high performance network stack that dramatically reduces latency and CPU utilization, and increases message rate and bandwidth.

OpenOnload works with networking cards that are available from Solarflare Communications, Inc. and also SMC Corporation. See <a href="http://www.openonload.org">http://www.openonload.org</a> for more information about OpenOnload software and supported cards.

By default OpenOnload is disabled and is not loaded at system startup, however on systems that have a compatible network card (e.g. Solarflare cards and various SMC cards)

OpenOnload can easily be enabed and started by issuing these commands as the root user:

- # chkconfig openonload on
- # service openonload start

## 4.1.7 Updated QEMU Virtualization

RedHawk 6.3 includes the version 1.1.1 of QEMU. This version provides virtualization support for multiple CPU architectures, including: i386, x86\_64, ARM, PPC, and MIPS.

## 4.1.8 New KGDB KDB Kernel Debugger

The KGDB KDB kernel debugger is now the default kernel debugger in RedHawk 6.3. This replaces the SGI KDB kernel debugger as the default, however SGI KDB can still be configured and enabled in a custom kernel if desired.

KGDB KDB is very similar to the SGI KDB, however it adds support for USB keyboards which makes it usable on the VGA console of most modern systems.

## 4.1.9 Updated PTP Daemon

RedHawk 6.3 includes version 2.2.2 Precision Time Protocol (PTP) daemon. The PTP daemon now implements both PTP Version 1 and the newer PTP Version 2, which features improved accuracy, precision and robustness. See the <a href="http://ptpd.sourceforge.net">http://ptpd.sourceforge.net</a> for more information.

### 4.2 Modifications in Version 6.3

### 4.2.1 RTC Emulation

The Real-Time Clock support has been extend so that it can multiplex multiple applications event needs onto a single RTC device. This is done by utilizing the "timerqueue" infrastructure to manage a list of events, which causes the RTC hardware to be programmed to fire an interrupt for the next event in the list.

While this approach provides shared use of RTC hardware, testing has shown that the backend of the RTC timer expirations maybe result in up to 40 usecs of additional overhead on the CPU where the timer fired, thus preventing other activity on that CPU during the time period.

## 4.2.2 Changed DVD Device Node Symbolic Links

Previous versions of RedHawk created/dev/cdrom, /dev/dvd, etc. symbolic links that all pointed to the system's installed optical media device (usually /dev/sr0). In recent Linux kernels the convention has changed such that the symbolic links for the first optical media device in the system are now named /dev/cdrom1, /dev/dvd1, etc. even if there is only one optical media device in the system.

### 4.2.3 Office Suite now LibreOffice

The office suite installed has switched from OpenOffice to LibreOffice. This change should mostly be transparent to users, though in general LibreOffice should load and run faster.

## 4.2.4 Upgrade to 6.3 from 6.0

Existing RedHawk 6.0 systems can be upgraded to RedHawk 6.3 without requiring a complete regen of the system. See "Upgrade Procedures" on page 34 for details on upgrading from RedHawk 6.0 to RedHawk 6.3.

## 4.2.5 PAM Capability Change

The most recent version of PAM now requires pam\_capability.so to be referenced in /etc/pam.d/password-auth in order for any defined capabilities to be inherited upon ssh login. This can be achieved by adding the following line to the end of /etc/pam.d/password-auth:

session required pam capability.so

## 5.0. Installation Procedures

Use the installation procedures provided here to generate or regenerate a system.

NOTE: Upgrades from RedHawk 6.0 to RedHawk 6.3 are supported; see "Upgrade Procedures" on page 34 for more information.

### Review the following points before installing the software:

- Concurrent recommends these procedures be followed as documented here; however, advanced users may decide to make other choices based on onsite requirements.
- The installation media in use is accessed at various times and must be kept in the drive during the installation until you are instructed to install different media.
- Prior to installation, remove any floppy media that may have been left in the machine.

### Before you start:

- Main Memory Size You need to know the system's main memory size in order to properly set up the file system swap size. If you are not sure of the main memory size, access the system's BIOS to ascertain this information.
- **Network Addresses** If you do not plan to configure networking via DHCP, you will need to have the following information for your system before beginning the installation:
  - IP address gateway address
  - netmask address
     primary and secondary DNS addresses
- **BIOS Settings** BIOS settings should be reviewed before installation and whenever problems involving non-working devices are encountered. Exercise caution before changing default settings. Concurrent makes the following recommendations:
  - "Linux" should be specified for the "Installed OS" setting (or its equivalent) if it is an available option. If not, use the default "other."
  - Only the default settings for memory functions and PCI timing functions are supported.
  - ACPI support should be enabled, but care should be taken before changing other ACPI options
    from their defaults. ACPI sleep states should *not* be enabled in the BIOS or in any custom
    kernel build.
  - Ensure that the drive to be used for installations and updates is bootable and that the boot order is correctly set in the BIOS so that you will boot to the installer from a disc.

# 5.1 Installing CentOS Software

The version of CentOS Community ENTerprise Operating System (CentOS) that is appropriate to your system's architecture must be installed on the system first by *specifically completing the steps below*.

Installation of CentOS is accomplished in two parts:

Installing CentOS

Installing CentOS Updates

If you already have a CentOS system at the proper version level you can skip directly to "Installing CentOS Updates" on page 19.

## 5.1.1 Installing CentOS

This section typically takes between 40-70 minutes to complete.

- 1. Power on the system, if needed, to open the DVD drawer.
- 2. Insert CentOS Installation Disc in the drive and power down the system.
- 3. Power on the system with the installation disc installed to boot from the disc. After a short delay, the following screen should appear.



4. Press Enter (or allow this screen to timeout) to start the installation program using the GUI installation interface.

#### **NOTES**

#### If the installation GUI does not launch:

If you wish to use GUI mode but it does not launch, refer to section **8.1.6** on page 56 for some boot options that may cause the GUI to launch. Some NVIDIA cards require specifying the display resolution before the install GUI will start. If successful, continue to follow the installation directions below.

In addition to GUI mode, CentOS can be installed in text mode or by using VNC.

In text mode, aids at the bottom of the screen describe how to navigate through the text mode screens and make selections. The instructions given in the steps below can be applied to both GUI and text mode installation; however, the number and order of the configuration screens differ slightly between the two modes.

If you wish to use VNC for the installation instead of the GUI or text modes, refer to section **8.1.5** on page 54 for full instructions.

If your system contains disk drives or devices that are not supported by the CentOS installation program, you will need to obtain the necessary driver(s) in order to install CentOS Community ENTerprise Operating System. A diskette containing the driver may be included with your system or it may be available on the CentOS installation media. If not available, contact the driver manufacturer for an updated driver or call Concurrent Support (see "Direct Software Support" on page 61).

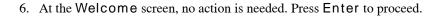
For this type of installation, type linux dd at the boot: prompt. Insert the diskette in the drive when instructed to do so.

If your hard drive is not recognized and no driver diskette is supplied, a screen appears stating that no hard drives are found, would you like to select drivers. The installation disc contains a number of device drivers. Select Yes, then Add Device to display a list of drivers. Select the desired driver and proceed through the screens, completing this action by selecting Done.

5. If you wish to check the CentOS media, press Enter, otherwise, navigate to the Skip selection using the Tab key and press Enter to immediately start the installation.

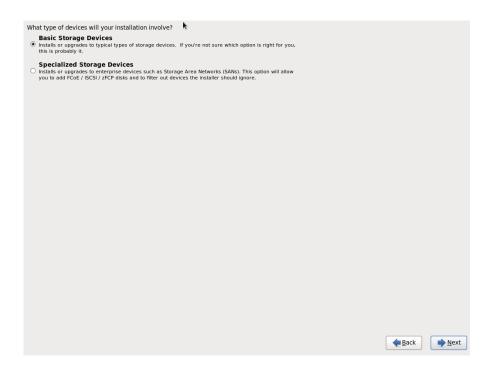
**NOTE:** The Source DVD media cannot be checked using this procedure because CentOS does not include the required checksum in the DVD content.







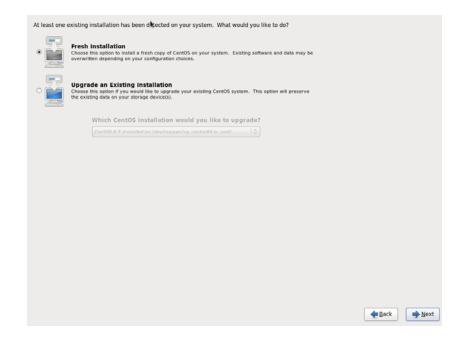
- 7. Select your desired language and keyboard layout on the next two screens, pressing Next at each to proceed.
- 8. At the next screen you are prompted to choose what type of storage devices your installation will be using. For almost all cases, select Basic Storage Devices and click Next to continue. Configuration of Specialized Storage Devices is beyond the scope of these instructions.



 If you have previously installed CentOS or RedHawk on the system, the dialog as shown below will appear. Choose the Fresh Installation option and click Next.

#### **NOTE**

If you are upgrading from RedHawk 6.0 to RedHawk 6.3 you do *not* need to boot the CentOS Installation DVD to perform the upgrade. See "Upgrade Procedures" on page 34 for more information on upgrading from 6.0 to 6.3.



If you have not previously installed CentOS 6.3 you will not see this dialog and you can skip to the next step.

Note that if you are using a new disk you will be asked to confirm initialization of the disk before you can continue with the next steps.

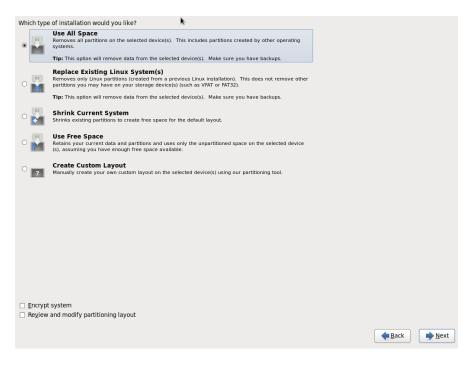
10. In the next screens you are prompted to enter a hostname, optionally configure networking, choose a time zone, and enter a root password.

Note that by default CentOS 6.3 does not configure networking to start at boot time; to change this configure networking and enable selected interfaces to Connect automatically at boot time.

Enter the desired information on each screen and click Next.

11. The next screen requires you to choose the type of installation you wish to perform. It is recommended that you choose Use All Space unless your system administrator requires a custom layout. Custom layouts are beyond the scope of this document.

#### Click Next to continue.



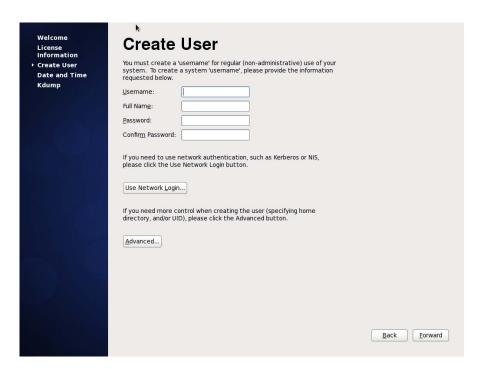
- 12. A confirmation dialog will now appear to convey that any data currently on the hard drive will be lost. If you wish to continue with the installation click Write changes to disk to continue. Disk partitions will now be created and formatted to prepare for the installation.
- 13. Next you must select the software package set to install. Choose Software Development Workstation and then click Next to start package installation. Note that more CentOS packages will be updated and installed during a separate future installation step.
- 14. After all packages have been installed you will see the following screen. Remove the DVD install media and press Reboot to continue with the installation.



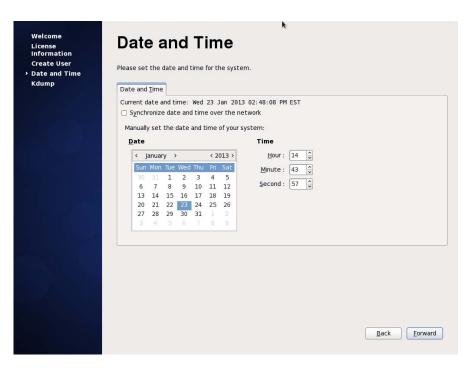
15. After the system reboots you are presented with the Welcome screen. Click Forward to proceed.



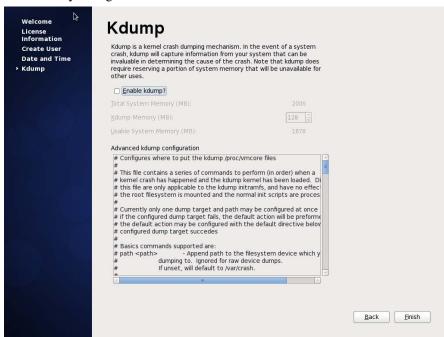
- 16. The License Agreement screen appears. Click Yes, I agree to the License Agreement, and then click Forward.
- 17. The next screen requires you to create a non-root user. Fill in the name and password fields as appropriate. Click Forward to continue.



18. On the next screen set the date and time and select time synchronization via the Network Time Protocol if desired. Click Forward to continue.



19. The next screen controls the configuration of Kdump. Ensure that the Enable Kdump checkbox is *not* set. The installation of RedHawk in a subsequent step installs an improved system dump utility which will be



automatically configured.

Note that instead of a checkbox you may simply be presented with a dialog stating there is insufficient memory in the system to configure kdump. This warning can be safely ignored.

Click Finish and the login screen will appear.

Note that you may also be presented with a dialog asking you to reboot the system in order to "reallocate system memory" for kdump. This dialog can be skipped as there is no need to reboot the system at this time.

After the login screen appears, preliminary installation of CentOS is complete. Proceed to the next section to complete the CentOS installation and update.

## 5.1.2 Installing CentOS Updates

Install the disc labeled CentOS 6.3 Updates. This contains the latest updates released by CentOS which have been validated by Concurrent on RedHawk Linux. These updates are important to the proper operation of RedHawk Linux.

Execute the following instructions on the console or in a terminal window running as root.

- 1. Log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode:
  - a. If in GUI mode, right click on the desktop and select Open Terminal.
  - b. At the system prompt, type **init 1**.
- 2. If the optical media did not mount automatically, execute the **mount** command appropriate for mounting your optical device.

#### **NOTES**

NOTE 1: A specific mount point may not have been created under /mnt or /media.

If not, you can often identify the device file associated with your optical media device by looking for files matching the following patterns:

```
ls /dev/cd* /dev/dvd*
```

If these files are not present, you should examine the boot messages in /var/log/messages and look for your optical media device and find the associated /dev file.

Once located, you can mount the device with commands similar to the following:

```
[ -d /media/dvd ] || mkdir -p /media/dvd mount device-name /media/dvd -o ro
```

where device-name is the /dev/ file you located.

- NOTE 2: Do *not* mount the device on the /mnt or /media directories; you must use a subdirectory of one of these directories. Failure to follow this advice may cause the installation to abort.
- NOTE 3: On systems with multiple optical media drives, you may need to manually create separate mount points for each drive under /media and include explicit mount instructions in /etc/fstab for each device. For example, on a system with a reader and a writer, you may need to manually create these mount points:

```
/media/dvd
/media/dvdrw
```

and include the following in /etc/fstab:

```
/dev/hda /media/dvd auto pamconsole,exec,noauto,managed 0 0 /dev/hdc /media/dvdrw auto pamconsole,exec,noauto,managed 0 0
```

3. Execute the following commands to install the update software, substituting the actual mount point used for your optical media disc device for /media/dvd, if necessary:

```
cd /media/dvd
./install-updates
```

#### **NOTE**

If you cannot execute the **install-updates** script (it fails with Permission Denied), or if you attempt to execute it by launching it from a file browser and it immediately returns, the optical media may have been mounted with the **noexec** option.

Run the **mount** command (without arguments) and check the options. If **noexec** is present, remount the optical media using:

```
mount -o remount, exec mount-point
```

where *mount-point* is the directory name in the output of the previous mount command for that optical media. For example:

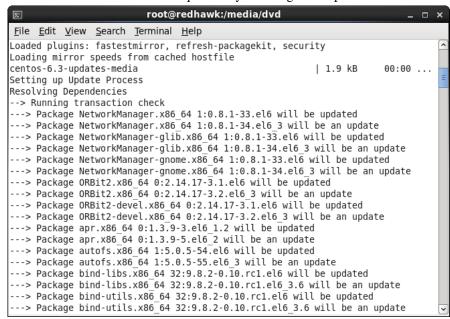
```
> mount | fgrep noexec
/dev/scd0 on /media/CentOS6.3-Updates type iso9660 (ro,noexec)
> mount -o remount,exec /media/CentOS6.3-Updates
```

4. The installation script will now ask if you wish to install the full set of updated CentOS 6.3 packages. Type Y and press ENTER to continue.

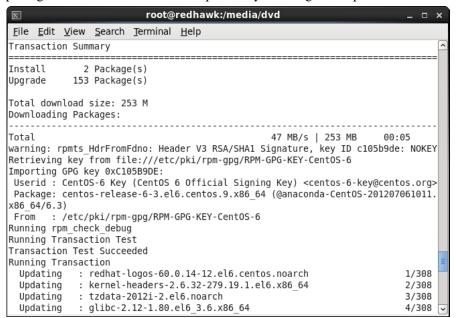
The installation script will then ask if you wish to install the complete set of updates for the CentOS 6.3 distribution. Concurrent recommends that you simply press ENTER to install the full set of package updates.

Package installation and update now begins. No additional action is required of you during this step.

5. The next stage involves reading in package header information from each package on the Updates DVD and performing a package dependency transaction check. No action is required of you during this step.



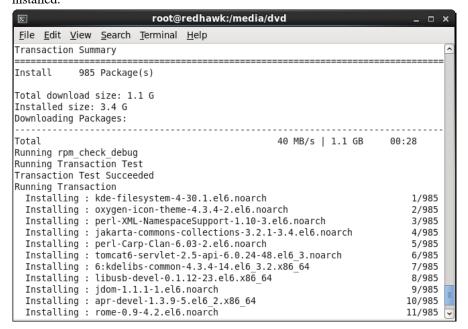
Once the package dependency transaction check has completed, updating of packages is executed. No action is required of you during this step.

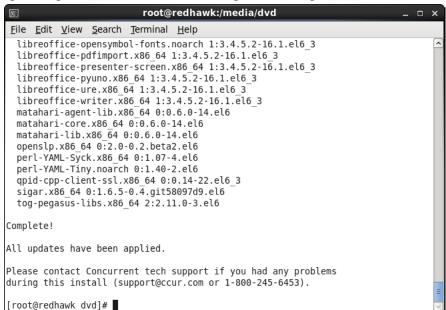


#### NOTE

While the messages displayed during package updates appear to indicate that package *downloading* is occurring, no actual network access is performed when using the Updates DVD.

6. Once all package updating has completed, many new packages are then installed.





7. Upon completion of installation the entire update has completed.

8. When the update completes, execute the following commands:

cd .. eject

**NOTE**: If there is more than one media device, you must specify the device to be ejected; e.g., eject/dev/hda.

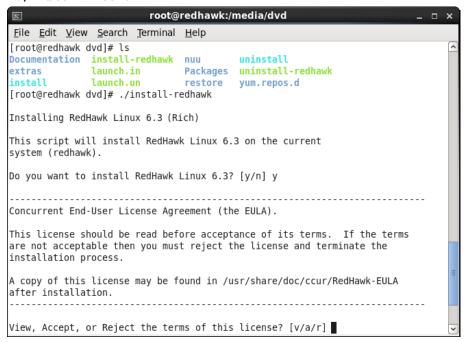
- 9. Remove the disc from the optical media drive and store.
- 10. Type "reboot" at the system prompt and verify that the new CentOS kernel
- 11. Continue with the steps in the next section to install RedHawk Linux.

## 5.2 Installing RedHawk Linux

After completing the installation of CentOS in the previous section, perform the following steps to install RedHawk Linux:

- 1. Log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode:
  - a. If in GUI mode, right click on the desktop and select Open Terminal.
  - b. At the system prompt, type init 1.
- 2. Locate the disc labeled "RedHawk Linux OS" appropriate to your system's architecture and insert it into the optical media drive.
- 3. If the device does not mount automatically, execute the **mount** command appropriate for your optical media device.

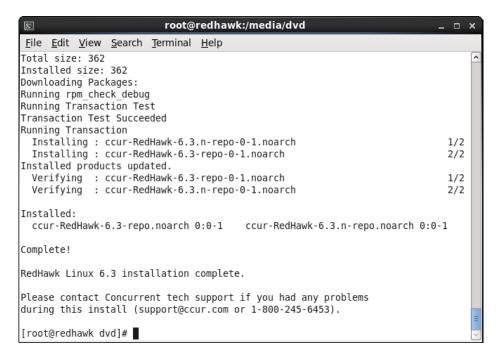
- 4. Execute the following commands to install RedHawk Linux, substituting the actual mount point used for your optical media device for /media/dvd if necessary:
  - cd /media/dvd
    ./install-redhawk



### **NOTES**

- NOTE 1: Special instructions are displayed during the installation that may require appropriate action, such as video card installation and configuration. Follow the on-screen instructions until the installation script completes.
- NOTE 2: If you choose to install an optional graphics package on a 32-bit system, it may be necessary to add **vmalloc=192M** to the kernel's grub command line in the system's /etc/grub.conf file in order for graphics to start properly.
- NOTE 3: The installation script will prompt you to accept or reject the End User License Agreement. You can view the agreement by entering "v" at the prompt.
- NOTE 4: While the messages displayed during RedHawk installation appear to indicate that package *downloading* is occurring, no actual network access is performed when using the RedHawk DVD.
- NOTE 5: It is normal for the installation script to appear to be stalled near the end of installation. It is performing several background operations that are required and the script must not be interrupted.
- NOTE 6: Near the end of installation you may be presented with dialogs indicating that the system cannot get an exclusive lock on the packaging backend. These dialogs are erroneous and may be closed and ignored.

5. The following messages will be displayed once all RedHawk package installation has completed successfully.



6. When the installation completes, execute the following commands:

cd .. eject

- 7. Remove the disc from the drive and store.
- If you installed in text mode, edit /etc/inittab and change the first line:

```
from: id:3:initdefault: to: id:5:initdefault: to re-establish X11 mode.
```

- 9. Reboot the system choosing a new RedHawk kernel and verify that the system boots properly.
- Continue with the next section if an RCIM is to be installed. Otherwise, proceed to the following section to install Frequency-Based Scheduler (FBS).

## 5.3 Installing the RCIM

The following serves as an installation checklist for installing an RCIM board in an iHawk system. If an RCIM is not installed in your iHawk system, it should be installed now. See the *Real-Time Clock and Interrupt Module (RCIM) User's Guide* for complete details. The PDF file for this manual is available for viewing by clicking on the "Documents" icon on the desktop.

### 5.3.1 Quick Hardware Installation Checklist

- 1. Before installing the RCIM, determine if you will be using the RCIM to accept or deliver external interrupts and the mode in which the RCIM will run (see "RCIM Connection Modes" on page 52).
- 2. Verify that the ccur-rcim RPM has been installed by executing the command rpm -q ccur-rcim. The system will inform you if it is not installed. It is a standard package in the RedHawk installation.
- 3. Power down the system and remove <u>all</u> power cords.

#### NOTE

Concurrent Computer Corporation strongly recommends that you use an antistatic wrist strap and a conductive foam pad when installing and removing printed circuit boards.

- 4. Open the case of your system and identify the PCIe slot (RCIM III) or PCI slot (RCIM II or RCIM I) where you want the RCIM to reside. In general, it is best for the RCIM to be configured in a slot where minimal or no contention with other devices occurs and at the highest IRQ priority possible. For more information, refer to the *iHawk Optimization Guide*, publication number 0898011. The PDF file for this manual is available for viewing by clicking on the "Documents" icon on the desktop.
- 5. Insert the RCIM into the selected PCI slot and lock it down.
- 6. If this is to be part of an RCIM chain, attach the synchronization cable as required (see the *Real-Time Clock and Interrupt Module (RCIM) User's Guide* manual for complete details).
- 7. If you have the optional GPS module, attach the antenna lead and mount the antenna. The antenna should be mounted on the rooftop or in an open area.
- 8. Close the case and reconnect all power cords.
- 9. Power up the system and verify the system boots up properly. Refer to the RCIM guide for configuration options.

### 5.3.2 Verifying RCIM Operation

1. To check that the RCIM is operating correctly, perform the following:

### cat /proc/driver/rcim/status

You should see an output similar to that shown below:

```
RCIM-III board 0 is at revision 1 eeprom 2.0. This is a standalone (isolated) rcim. Has IRQ 108 and major number 253 GPS present, RCIM firmware version 10
```

#### NOTE

The RCIM board may be either RCIM-I, RCIM-II or RCIM-III and the revision, eeprom, and IRQ numbers may differ.

2. To view the current RCIM configuration, issue the following command:

### cat /proc/driver/rcim/config

You should see output similar to the following:

h/Not\_Configured, sync, pig0 | out0, pig1 | out1, pig2 | out2, pig3 | out3, none | di0, none | di1, none | di2, none | di3, none | di4, none | di5, none | di6, none | di7, di0/f, i1/f, di2/f, di3/f, di4/f, di5/f, di6/f, di7/f, eti0/f, eti1/f, eti2/f, eti3/f

## 5.3.3 Installing NTP Updates for GPS Module

If you installed an RCIM model equipped with the optional GPS module, the **ccur-ntp** RPM is required for its use. If you do not have an RCIM board with GPS module, skip to section **5.4**.

- 1. The ccur-ntp RPM is available via Concurrent's Software Repository system and it is also included in the *extras* directory on the RedHawk product media. Execute the following steps to install this RPM:
  - c. Mount the RedHawk product media and cd to the *extras* directory or download the **ccur-ntp** RPM from Concurrent's web site as described in section **10.2.2** on page 62.
  - d. Install the RPM via the following command:

```
# rpm -Uvh ccur-ntp*.rpm
```

2. After your system is completely installed, refer to the *Real-Time Clock and Interrupt Module (RCIM) User's Guide* for instructions for configuring ntp.

## 5.4 Installing Frequency-Based Scheduler (FBS) Software

FBS is an optional package to RedHawk Linux. If you will be using FBS, install it at this time by performing the following steps:

- 1. With RedHawk Linux Version 6.3 running, log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode.
- Locate the disc labeled "RedHawk Linux Frequency-Based Scheduler Version 6.3" appropriate to your system's architecture and insert it into the optical media drive.
- 3. If the optical media disc device does not mount automatically, execute the mount command; for example:

mount /media/dvd

4. To install, execute the following commands:

```
cd /media/dvd
./install-fbs
```

Follow the on-screen instructions until the installation script completes.

5. When the installation completes, execute the following commands:

cd .. eject

- 6. Remove the disc from the optical media drive and store.
- 7. Exit single-user mode (Ctrl-D).

## 5.5 Installing the PCI-to-VME Bridge

If you are using the PCI-to-VME bridge supplied by Concurrent to connect your iHawk system with a VME system, it can be installed at this time. If you are not installing this feature, skip to to the next section.

## 5.5.1 Installing the Hardware

The hardware consists of a PCI adapter, a VME adapter and a fiber optic cable.

**NOTE**: Concurrent Computer Corporation strongly recommends that you use an antistatic wrist strap and a conductive foam pad when installing and removing printed circuit boards.

- To configure the jumpers on the VME adapter card correctly, refer to Chapter 10 of the SBS Technologies Model 618-3 Hardware Manual included with the RedHawk Linux documentation. The PDF file for this manual is available for viewing by clicking on the "Documents" icon on the desktop.
- 2. To install the PCI adapter in your iHawk system:
  - a. Power down the system.
  - Locate a vacant PCI card slot in the chassis that supports a bus master.
  - Remove the metal plate that covers the cable exit at the rear of the chassis.
  - d. Insert the PCI adapter card into the connector.
  - e. Fasten the adapter card in place with the mounting screw.
  - f. Replace the cover.
- 3. To install the VME adapter card:
  - a. Ensure that the VME chassis is powered down.
  - b. Decide whether the VME adapter card is the system controller. If so, it must be installed in slot 1. If not, locate an unoccupied 6U slot in the card cage for the adapter.
  - c. Insert the card into the connector of the selected slot.

- 4. To install the fiber optic cable:
  - a. Ensure that both systems are powered down.
  - b. Remove the rubber boots on the fiber-optic transceivers as well as the ones on the fiber-optic cables. Be sure to replace these boots when cables are not in use.
  - Plug one end of the fiber-optic cable into the PCI adapter card's transceiver.
  - d. Plug the other end of the cable into the VME adapter card's transceiver.
  - e. Power on both systems.
  - f. Ensure that the READY LEDs on both adapter cards are lit.

## 5.5.2 Installing the Software

- 1. With RedHawk Linux Version 6.3 running on the system, log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode.
- 2. Locate the disc labeled "RedHawk Linux PCI-to-VME Bridge Library Version 6.3" appropriate to your system's architecture and insert it into the optical media drive.
- 3. If the optical media device does not mount automatically, execute the **mount** command; for example:

mount /media/dvd

4. To install, execute the following commands:

```
cd /media/dvd
./install-sbsvme
```

Follow the on-screen instructions until the installation script completes.

5. When the installation completes, execute the following commands:

cd .. eject

- 6. Remove the disc from the optical media drive and store.
- 7. Exit single-user mode (Ctrl-D).

Refer to the "PCI-to-VME Support" chapter of the *RedHawk Linux User's Guide* for configuration and usage information. The PDF file for this manual is available for viewing by clicking on the "Documents" icon on the desktop.

## 5.6 Installing the PCIe-to-VME Bridge

If you are using the Concurrent PCIe-to-VME Bridge adapter to connect your iHawk system to VME cards, it can be installed at this time. If you are not installing this feature, skip to the next section.

## 5.6.1 Installing the Hardware

**NOTE:** Concurrent Computer Corporation strongly recommends that you use an antistatic wrist strap and a conductive foam pad when handling, installing and removing printed circuit boards.

The Concurrent PCIe-to-VME bridge hardware consists of:

- A PCIe host adapter card that should be installed in the iHawk host. The PCIe host adapter card contains no jumpers or switches that require configuration.
- A VME bridge card that should be installed in the VME chassis. The VME bridge card contains 3.3V/5V key posts for the two on-board PMC sites. These posts are used to select the PCI signaling voltage to be used. Both posts must be set to the same position.
- A PCIe bridge cable that is used to connect these two boards.
- 1. To install the PCIe host adapter card in your iHawk system:
  - a. Power down the system.
  - b. Locate a vacant PCIe x4 (or greater) card slot in the chassis that supports a bus master.
  - Remove the metal plate that covers the card slot at the rear of the chassis.
  - d. Insert the PCIe adapter card into the slot.
  - e. Fasten the adapter card in place with the mounting screw.
- 2. To install the VME bridge card:
  - a. Ensure that the VME chassis is powered down.
  - b. The VME bridge card should be installed in the left-most (system controller) slot in your VME chassis.
- 3. To install the cable:
  - a. Ensure that both the iHawk system and VME chassis are still powered down.
  - b. Plug one end of the cable into the PCI host adapter card's transceiver.
  - c. Plug the other end of the cable into the VME bridge card's trans-
  - d. Power on the iHawk system and VME chassis.

## 5.6.2 Installing the Software

- 1. With RedHawk Linux Version 6.3 running on the system, log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode.
- Locate the disc labeled "RedHawk Linux PCIe-to-VME Bridge Version 6.3" appropriate to your system's architecture and insert it into the optical media driver.
- 3. If the optical media device does not mount automatically, execute the mount command; for example:

mount /media/dvd

4. To install, execute the following commands:

```
cd /media/dvd
./install-pcievme
```

Follow the on-screen instructions until the installation script completes.

5. When the installation completes, execute the following commands:

```
cd .. eject
```

- 6. Remove the disc from the optical media drive and store.
- 7. Optionally configure the VME windows as described in the next section and then exit single-user mode (Ctrl-D).

## 5.6.3 Configuring the PCIe-to-VME Windows

The PCIe-to-VME support provides up to eight configurable VME windows that VME cards installed in the VME chassis may use to respond to their respective RedHawk VME driver's access requests.

The /etc/sysconfig/pcievme-vmemap configuration file controls the creation of these VME windows. This file is used by the **pcievme** init service to automatically configure the Concurrent PCIe-to-VME bridge card during system bootup, or during a service pcievme start or service pcievme restart invocation.

Note that the **pcievme-config** utility may also be used to manually reconfigure the VME windows without using the **pcievme** init service. See the **pcievme-config(1)** manual page for more details.

The pcievme-vmemap file allows you to specify the following attributes for each window:

- VME start and end addresses of the window
- VME address type: A16, A24 or A32
- supervisor or user VME AM code
- enable or disable VME posted writes

Refer to and modify the /etc/sysconfig/pcievme-vmemap file to setup the VME windows that are required for your specific VME devices and corresponding RedHawk VME drivers.

After the **pcievme** init service has successfully setup the VME windows, the /proc/driver/pcievme/tundra\_universe\_map file may be used to view the current VME window configuration. For example, the tundra\_universe\_map file may contain text similar to the following listing.

```
## Universe driver 1.2-chthv2 06Dec2010, ccur_version 3.0.1

0:BAR0: 0xF8400000 - 0xF8400FFF

0:SLAVES: 8

## Enabled PCI Target Image Registers (LSI0-LSI7)

_PCI:0:L0: CTL=0xC0801000 BS=0xF8401000 BD=0xF8411000 TO=0x07BEF000

_PCI:0:L1: CTL=0xC0820000 BS=0xF8430000 BD=0xF84C0000 TO=0xE7BD0000

_PCI:0:L2: CTL=0xC0820000 BS=0xF84C0000 BD=0xF8500000 TO=0xE8B40000

_PCI:0:L4: CTL=0xC0810000 BS=0xF8411000 BD=0xF8421000 TO=0x079EF000
```

```
## Enabled VMEbus Slave Image Registers (VSIO-VSI7)
_PCI:0:V0: CTL=0xA0F70000 BS=0x02000000 BD=0x02FF0000 TO=0x00000000

## Board:Code:Width:AddrSpace:VMEstart:VMEend:PCIstart:PCIend:Size
_VME:0:S:32:A16:0xFFFF0000:0xFFFFFFFF:0xF8401000:0xF8410FFF:64K
_VME:0:U:32:A32:0xE0000000:0xE008FFFF:0xF8430000:0xF84BFFFF:576K
_VME:0:U:32:A32:0xE1000000:0xE103FFFF:0xF84C0000:0xF84FFFFF:256K
VME:0:U:32:A24:0xFFE00000:0xFFE0FFFF:0xF8411000:0xF8420FFF:64K
```

## 5.7 Installing Additional RedHawk Products

If you will be installing any additional RedHawk products, do so now. Refer to the products' documentation for installation instructions.

## 5.8 Installing RedHawk Updates from Disc

Discs labeled "Software Updates for RedHawk" include updates to RedHawk and its products. If a RedHawk Updates disc is provided, install it now.

- 1. Ensure that the system is in multi-user mode.
- 2. Locate the disc labeled "Software Updates for RedHawk" appropriate to your system's architecture, insert it into the drive.
- 3. If the disc device does not mount automatically, execute the **mount** command; for example:

```
mount /media/dvd
```

Execute the following commands to install the RedHawk updates included on the disc:

```
cd /media/dvd
./install-updates
```

When the installation is compete, the Main window for Concurrent's Network Update Utility (NUU) displays, listing product updates that complete your installation of RedHawk. Depending on the installation state of your Concurrent products, the NUU Main window may show software modules which are out of date.

Before installing any modules, check for NUU updates separately. Apply any NUU updates and then restart NUU before applying any other updates.

With NUU up-to-date, from the NUU Main window, click on the Select Update of All Out-of-Date button, then click on the Apply Actions button to install all listed product updates.

5. When the installation completes, execute the following commands:

```
cd .. eject
```

6. Remove the disc from the optical media drive and store.

- 7. If there are more update discs, repeat these steps to install all updates.
- 8. Reboot the system choosing the updated RedHawk kernel and verify that the system boots properly.
- 9. Check for additional RedHawk updates available through the RedHawk Updates web site as outlined in the following section.

## 5.9 Installing RedHawk Updates from the Updates Web Site

- Additional updates may have been issued (that are not included on any "Software Updates for RedHawk" disc you may have received). They should be downloaded and installed now. Refer to "Software Updates" on page 61 for details.
- 2. When complete, or if no updates are available, reboot the system choosing the new RedHawk kernel and verify that the system boots properly.

# 6.0. Upgrade Procedures

Use the upgrade procedures provided here only if you are upgrading from Version 6.0 to Version 6.3.

If generating or regenerating a RedHawk 6.3 system, migrating a system from Version 4.x or 5.x or earlier, or converting a system from 32-bit to 64-bit, follow the steps in "Installation Procedures" on page 11.

### Review the following points before upgrading the software:

- It is recommended that the installer first read through the entire procedure once before actually performing the upgrade.
- It is **strongly recommended** that installation and updates of software be performed in single-user mode to guard against the possibility of corrupting a running application.
- Install all available upgrades. No quality claims are made by Concurrent unless all appropriate version levels of all RedHawk Linux software are installed.
- The media in use is accessed at various times and must be kept in the drive during the installation until you are instructed to install different media.
- Prior to upgrade, remove any floppy media that may have been left in the machine.
- The CentOS kernel should be running when upgrading to RedHawk Linux Version 6.3.

## 6.1 Pre-Upgrade Procedure

- Before beginning the upgrade procedure, care should be taken to avoid overwriting and
  thereby destroying files or filesystems that you cannot restore. Identify and back up all
  important files to a safe location, preferably on a system other than the one on which you
  are performing the upgrade. For maximum safety, it is recommended that you disconnect
  all disks that you do not want the upgrade process to accidently overwrite.
- On systems with multiple CentOS installations, identify all the appropriate mount points and partitions so that you can correctly answer questions from the installer during the upgrade process.

To identify the partition that contains the root file system to be upgraded, boot the installion to be upgraded into run level 1 and issue the **mount** command. For example:

```
[root@ihawk ~]$ mount | grep 'on / type'
/dev/sda2 on / type ext3 (rw)
```

In this example, the root partition on which this CentOS 6.3 was installed is /dev/sda2.

Resolve any discrepancies before continuing with the upgrade.

- Avoid adding or removing drives to a system before or after an install or upgrade to
  prevent having difficulties with grub, the BIOS, and the operating system correctly
  identifying various drives and partitions.
- If you cannot reboot your system after the upgrade, refer to the section "How to Use Linux Rescue" on page 52.

## 6.2 RedHawk 6.0 Pre-Upgrade Steps

Upgrading a system from RedHawk 6.0 to RedHawk 6.3 is a fairly straightforward process, however some manual steps need to be performed before you can begin the upgrade.

#### NOTE

RedHawk 6.3, unlike previous versions of RedHawk, does *not* require the use of the original CentOS Enterprise Linux 6.3 installation disc to perform an upgrade.

To upgrade the system follow these steps, performing all commands as the *root* user:

1. The ccur-firmware-myri10g RPM package needs to be manually removed because it has been obsoleted in RedHawk 6.3. Issue the following command to remove this RPM:

```
# rpm -e ccur-firmware-myri10g
```

2. Relocate several CentOS 6.0 and RedHawk 6.0 yum repository files that will no longer be needed with RedHawk 6.3 as these may confuse NUU:

```
# mkdir /etc/yum.repos6.0
# cd /etc/yum.repos.d
# mv *redhawk*6.0* /etc/yum.repos6.0
# mv centos6.0-update* /etc/yum.repos6.0
```

Note that after the upgrade has completed successfully you can safely remove the /etc/yum.repos6.0 directory as these repository files can no longer be used with RedHawk 6.3.

3. If the system console is using an NVIDIA graphics card, you must rename the X Server's **xorg.conf** file so that it will not conflict with the *nouveau* driver in the CentOS kernel:

```
# /bin/mv -f /etc/X11/xorg.conf /etc/X11/xorg.conf6.0
```

Once the system has been upgraded to RedHawk 6.3 a new xorg.conf file will be generated. If you previously made manual changes to the xorg.conf file you may wish to restore it to the version saved above after the upgrade is complete.

# 6.3 Upgrade RedHawk 6.0 to RedHawk 6.3

Once the pre-upgrade steps have been completed in the previous section, the rest of the upgrade steps are identical to that of a full installation proceeding *after* the base CentOS has been installed.

Continue with a full installation instructions starting with section **Installing CentOS Updates** on page 19. Once you complete those instructions the upgrade is complete.

# 7.0. NVIDIA Graphics Configuration

The Unified NVIDIA Linux Display Driver (version 270.40) is included in the RedHawk Linux installation and built automatically for all pre-built and custom RedHawk Linux kernels. The RedHawk installer probes for the type and model of video adapters present in the system, and recommends installing the unified ccur-nvidia-glx rpm when it detects one or more NVIDIA video cards present.

See sections **7.1 Supported NVIDIA GPUs** and **7.2 Multiple NVIDIA Video Card Considerations** for more information on NVIDIA driver compatibility.

After you have installed the correct driver for your NVIDIA card, you must create a new /etc/X11/xorg.conf to ensure the proper operation of the driver under X Window System Version 7.1.1 and RedHawk Linux Version 6.3.

It is required to specify that X load the "nvidia" driver along with the appropriate modules in <code>xorg.conf</code>. These entries will not be present in the default <code>xorg.conf</code> file created by the installer. Follow the process described in section **7.4 Using nvidia-xconfig** to generate the new <code>xorg.conf</code> file.

After you have generated the new xorg.conf, follow the process described in section 7.5 Using nvidia-settings to configure your displays, whether single or multiple displays. The types of display configurations are described in 7.3 Display Configurations.

You should create all new display configurations based on these processes. Failure to do so may prevent the proper operation of your system.

Do not base any configuration on the **xorg.conf** file created by the install process or on any other previous configuration you might have been using.

After you have completed the basic process for your display configuration, you can edit the resulting /etc/X11/xorg.conf for final adjustments.

# 7.1 Supported NVIDIA GPUs

If the ccur-nvidia-glx rpm has been installed on your system, you can view the list of all NVIDIA GPUs supported by the 304.37 driver in "Appendix A" in the following file:

/usr/share/doc/ccur-nvidia-glx-270/README.txt

Alternatively, you can examine the list of supported GPUs for driver 304.37 at the NVIDIA web site which is located at:

#### http://www.nvidia.com

Note that if your NVIDIA GPU is not supported by the 304.37 driver, you will have to do one of the following:

- replace the existing older NVIDIA card in your system with a newer NVIDIA card that is supported by the 304.37 driver
- go to the NVIDIA web site mentioned above and download a legacy NVIDIA driver that supports your NVIDIA card, and follow the installation instructions described on that driver's web page

#### **NOTE**

The NVIDIA driver that is provided with RedHawk installations has been modified to reduce jitter on shielded CPUs in a real-time environment. Therefore, if you choose to download and use a legacy NVIDIA driver directly from the NVIDIA web site, you may observe interference on shielded CPUs during graphics activity.

## 7.2 Multiple NVIDIA Video Card Considerations

Note that you may not use the unified 304.37 Driver and a legacy NVIDIA Linux Display Driver together at the same time.

If you have a system with a mix of legacy-only and unified-only NVIDIA video cards, you will only be able to use one set of cards (legacy or unified) at any single point in time.

It is highly recommended that you physically remove the legacy or unified video cards that you are not using so that they do not interfere with the card(s) that you are planning to use. Failure to do so may lock up your system or X11 session.

If you have a mixed video card system as described here, it is recommended that you upgrade your legacy NVIDIA video cards to unified video cards and use the unified 304.37 driver as your display driver.

## 7.3 Display Configurations

Diplays can be configured as a single monitor with one or more controlling keyboards and mice, or together as multiple monitors with one or more controlling keyboards and mice.

Screens can be configured left, right, above, or below each other in any fashion. The differences in how the screens operate and interact are described in this section.

Use the **nvidia-settings** utility to create all multiple display configurations. See section **7.5 Using nvidia-settings**.

## 7.3.1 Single

Single mode is a single X Screen displayed as a single Desktop on a single monitor.

Use the nvidia-xconfig utility to create a single NVIDIA display. See section 7.4 Using nvidia-xconfig.

## 7.3.2 Xinerama

Xinerama mode enables multiple X Screens displayed as a single Desktop spanning multiple monitors. This mode has the following characteristics:

- A separate X Screen for each display is used.
- The mouse moves freely between displays.
- If you maximize a window, it fills a single display.
- You can drag objects from one display to another.

This mode causes a little extra overhead for X.

Xinerama requires entries in **xorg.conf** to describe the layout of the screens to the X server and the setting of the server flag, "Xinerama" "1".

Xinerama is done by the X server and does not require the use of NVIDIA, but only configurations based on NVIDIA and the **nvidia-settings** utility are covered in this document.

## 7.3.3 MultiDesktop

MultiDesktop mode enables multiple X Screens displayed as separate Desktops on each monitor. This mode has the following characteristics:

- A separate X Screen for each display is used.
- The mouse moves freely between displays.
- If you maximize a window, it fills a single display.
- You can *not* drag objects from one display to another.
- This causes a little extra overhead for X.

This requires entries in **xorg.conf** to describe the layout of the screens to the X server and the setting of the server flag, "Xinerama" "0", or by the omission of the Xinerama server flag.

MultiDesktop is done by the X server and does not require the use of NVIDIA, but only configurations based on NVIDIA and the **nvidia-settings** utility are covered in this document.

#### 7.3.4 Twinview

Twinview mode allows you to display a single Desktop that spans two monitors or to clone the output and display a duplicated Desktop on each monitor. This mode has the following characteristics:

- The mouse moves freely between displays.
- If you maximize a window, it expands across both displays unless you:
  - set a special flag which emulates the behavior of Xinerama
  - operate in clone mode
- In clone mode, the monitors display exactly the same image.
- You can drag objects from one display to another unless you are operating in clone mode.
- Twinview mode causes no extra overhead for X.

The NVIDIA driver conceals all information about multiple display devices from the X server; as far as X is concerned, there is only one X Screen.

All display devices share one frame buffer. Thus, all the functionality present on a single display (e.g., accelerated OpenGL) is available with Twinview.

Twinview only works on a single GPU with multiple heads. It will not work between separate cards or heads with different BusIDs (like Xinerama can).

The "Twinview" and "metamodes" options must be set in the xorg.conf Screen section.

See /usr/share/doc/ccur-nvidia-glx-270/README.txt for a detailed discussion on Twinview.

#### 7.3.5 Twinview-Xinerama

This mode enables multiple X Screens to join Twinview Screens as a single Desktop on three or more monitors.

The "Twinview" and "metamodes" options must be set in the **xorg.conf** Screen section for each supported device.

This also requires entries in **xorg.conf** to describe the layout of the Screens to the X server and the setting of the server flag, "Xinerama" "1".

The definition of the Xinerama server flag to X will override the ability of the Twinview Screen to emulate Xinerama.

If you maximize a window in the Twinview Screen, it expands across both displays in the Twinview Screen if not in clone mode.

If you maximize a window in a non-Twinview Screen, it fills that display.

## 7.3.6 Twinview-MultiDesktop

This mode enables multiple X Screens to join Twinview Screens as separate Desktops on three or more monitors.

The "Twinview" and "metamodes" options must be set in the **xorg.conf** Screen section for each supported device.

This also requires entries in **xorg.conf** to describe the layout of the Screens to the X server and the setting of the server flag, "Xinerama" "0", or by the omission of the Xinerama server flag.

The definition of the Xinerama server flag to X will override the ability of the Twinview Screen to emulate Xinerama.

If you maximize a window in the Twinview Screen, it will expand across both displays in the Twinview Screen if not in clone mode.

If you maximize a window in a non-Twinview Screen, it will fill that display.

# 7.4 Using nvidia-xconfig

You must create /etc/X11/xorg.conf using the nvidia-xconfig utility before using your system with the nvidia driver.

The **nvidia-xconfig** utility will generate some superfluous entries which you may choose to remove. See the example **xorg.conf** file in section **7.6** for reference.

Follow this procedure exactly to generate the file:

- 1. Read sections **7.0. 7.3** and complete any actions required.
- 2. Reboot to runlevel 3.
- 3. Move /etc/X11/xorg.conf to /etc/X11/xorg.conf.orig:

mv -i /etc/X11/xorg.conf /etc/X11/xorg.conf.orig

- Run the nvidia-xconfig utility (/usr/bin/nvidia-xconfig): nvidia-xconfig
- 5. Reboot to runlevel 5.

See the nvidia-xconfig(1) man page for details about using nvidia-xconfig.

## 7.5 Using nvidia-settings

The **nvidia-settings** utility should be used to configure any of the multidisplay configurations described in section **7.3**, and is the preferred method for tuning single display settings.

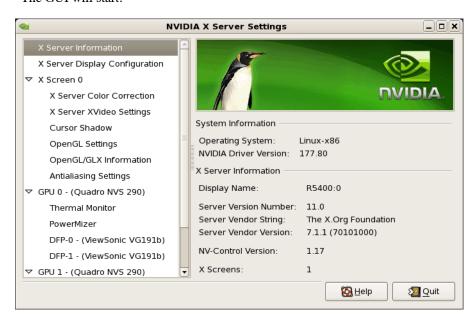
Before using **nvidia-settings**, complete the **nvidia-xconfig** procedure outlined in section **7.4**. Failure to do so may result in poor or unstable performance.

See the nvidia-settings (1) man page for details about using nvidia-settings.

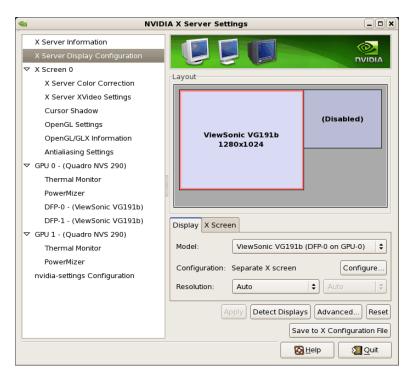
1. To start the **nvidia-settings** utility, issue following the command:

## nvidia-settings

The GUI will start:



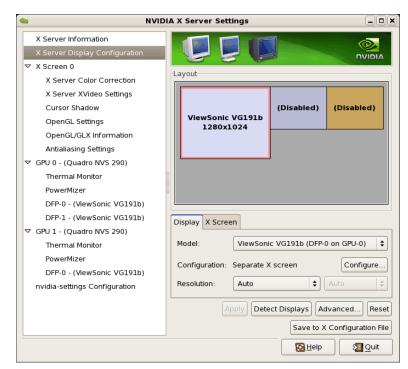
Here we see that we are viewing "X Server Information", as indicated by the list of options on the left.



2. To create a new "X Server Display Configuration" select that option from the list on the left as shown below:

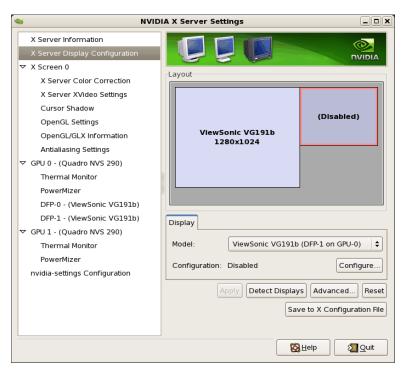
In the Layout window, we see a graphical depiction of the number of displays detected and configured. Notice that the large box is the primary monitor already configured by **nvidia-xconfig**. The smaller box to the right (Disabled) is a display that has not yet been configured.

Click on the Detect Displays button if there are other monitors connected that are not shown in the Layout window.



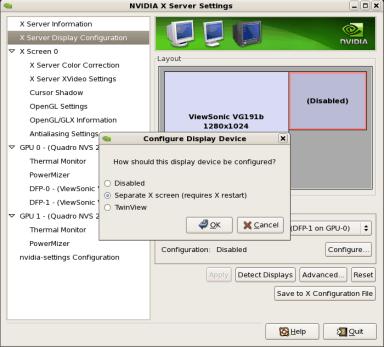
Below is what the Layout window would look like if we detected a third monitor:

3. To configure two detected displays as a MultiDesktop, we would select the second monitor in the Layout window by clicking on it. We can see the second monitor is selected for configuration by the red outline around the box:

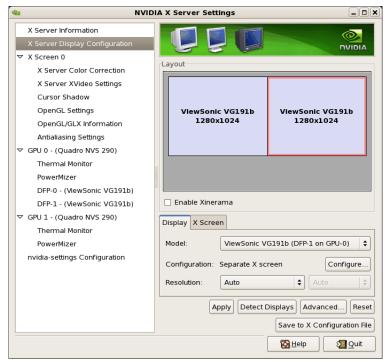


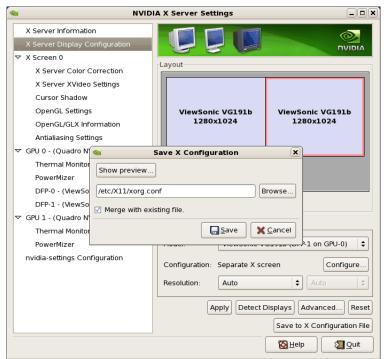
"Separate X screen" option, then click OK: NVIDIA X Server Settings X Server Information

4. Click on the Configure button below the Layout window and select the



5. If we wanted to enable Xinerama we could do so at this point by selecting the "Enable Xinerama" check box below the Layout window:

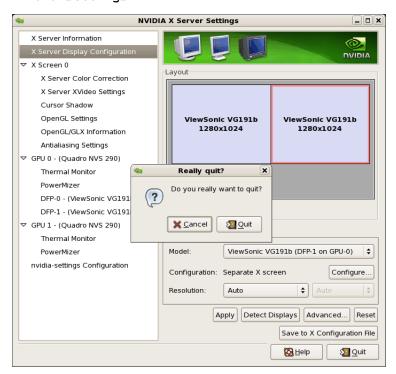




6. To save the configuration to xorg.conf, click on the Save to X Configuration File button near the bottom of the GUI:

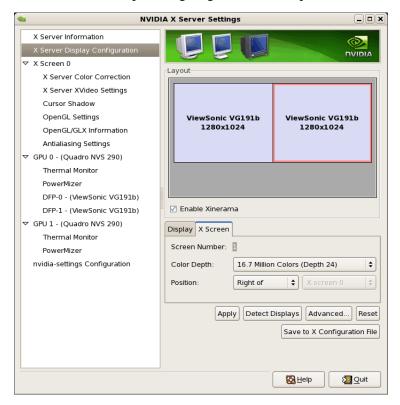
Then click Save on the Save X Configuration dialog box as shown above. (Always leave the Merge with existing file box checked).

7. After you have saved the new xorg.conf, click on Quit to exit nvidia-settings:

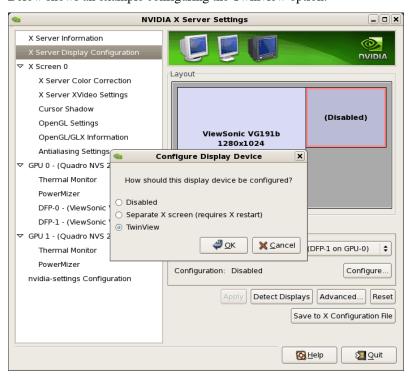


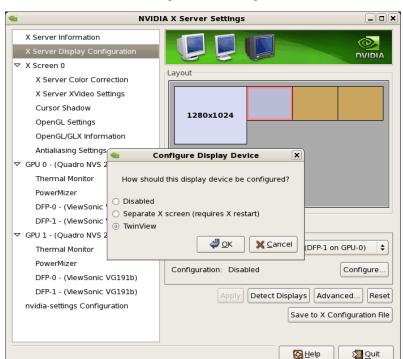
8. Reboot to runlevel 5. You should now be up on two X screens. You can restart **nvidia-settings** to further examine or modify your configuration.

Below shows an example configuring the Xinerama option:

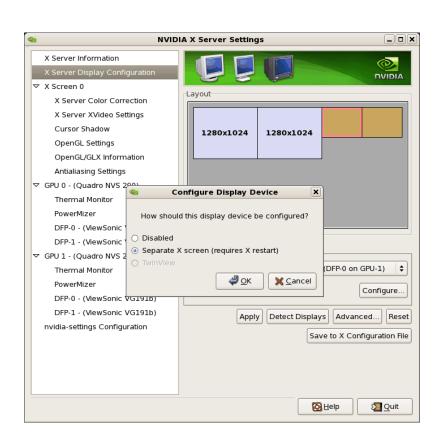


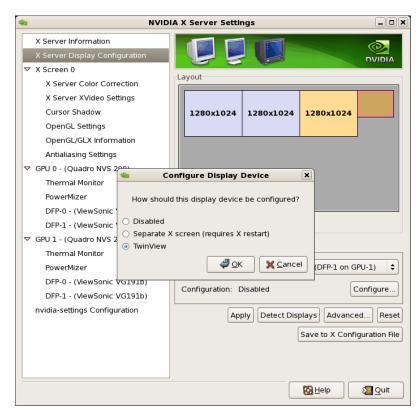
Below shows an example configuring the Twinview option:





Below shows some stages configuring Twinview-Xinerama or Twinview-MultipleDesktop (the difference would be in selecting or not selecting the Xinerama check box):





Note that nvidia-settings will allow you to do much more than covered here.

In some configurations that don't require restarting X, you can apply changes to test them before saving the config.

You should examine your /etc/X11/xorg.conf files after creating them.

It easier to hand edit for setting some options, but make sure to make incremental backups of your configurations.

# 7.6 Modified xorg.conf file generated by nvidia-xconfig

The file shown below was created by the **nvidia-xconfig** utility and then pruned down to remove machine specific entries and some superfluous defaults. Some of the entries in this example are not required, but were left in to provide structure for future hand edits.

There should be no need to modify this template if all you are running is a single display with a typical keyboard and mouse.

You may choose to model your basic xorg.conf file after this one.

You can enable SLI options by uncommenting the appropriate one in the "Device" Section.

You can run **nvidia-settings** on this template to create any of the display configurations described in this document.

```
Section "ServerLayout"

Identifier "ccur nvidia glx realtime"
Screen 0 "Screen0"
InputDevice "Keyboard0" "CoreKeyboard"
InputDevice "Mouse0" "CorePointer"
EndSection
```

```
Section "Module"
    Load
                      "dbe"
    Load
                      "extmod"
     Load
                      "type1"
     Load
                      "freetype"
                      "glx"
     Load
EndSection
Section "Extensions"
                      "Composite" "Disable"
    Option
EndSection
Section "InputDevice"
                      "Mouse0"
    Identifier
    Driver
                      "mouse"
EndSection
Section "InputDevice"
                      "Keyboard0"
     Identifier
    Driver
                      "kbd"
EndSection
Section "Monitor"
                      "Monitor0"
     Identifier
EndSection
Section "Device"
    Identifier "Device0
Driver "nvidia"
                    "Device0"
                    "SLI" "Auto"
     #Option
                    "SLI" "AFR"
     #Option
     #Option
                    "SLI" "SFR"
                    "SLI" "SLIAA"
     #Option
EndSection
Section "Screen"
    Identifier "Screen0"
Device "Device0"
                    "Monitor0"
     Monitor
    DefaultDepth
                     24
     SubSection
                    "Display"
        Depth
                      24
     EndSubSection
EndSection
```

## 7.7 Troubleshooting Problems

The X server looks for a configuration in /etc/X11/xorg.conf each time it starts up (normally in runlevel 5). You will find that newer versions of X are getting away from depending on configuration files and require only minimum information to create even the largest multidisplay configurations. In fact, X will work in default mode with NO configuration file at all.

It is not uncommon for obsolete options or incorrect settings specified in **xorg.conf** to cause the system to fail to start X correctly. Sometimes X will get so confused it won't be able to do anything but lock up, cause the system to panic or reboot, or just come up in some wacky video state

Simply stopping and restarting X does not always do the trick. It is best to issue the command(s):

init 1; init 5

or

reboot

See the X server actions logged in /var/log/Xorg.0.log and Xorg.0.log.old.

Normally, X will respond to errors at start up time by telling you there is a problem and offer to show you the log, then create a fresh configuration.

A fresh configuration looks very much like the configuration created by the installer.

If you are unable to create a working **xorg.conf** using the **nvidia-xconfig** utility, it may be because the directions were not followed precisely, or problems may have been created by hand edits after the fact. Take logical steps and verify functionality at the various steps.

Try removing /etc/X11/xorg.conf entirely, reboot to runlevel 3, and run nvidia-xconfig.

DO NOT BOOT TO RUNLEVEL 1 OR SINGLE USER MODE AND RUN nvidiaxconfig - THIS WILL CREATE A BAD xorg.conf FILE.

If you have the original **xorg.conf** created by the installer, but it's not working, you probably have the wrong driver defined for the primary video display defined by the BIOS. Try the following config:

```
Section "ServerLayout"
    Identifier
                       "Default Layout"
                  0 "Screen0" 0 0
    Screen
    InputDevice
                       "Keyboard0" "CoreKeyboard"
EndSection
Section "InputDevice"
    Identifier
                  "Keyboard0"
    Driver
                   "kbd"
EndSection
Section "Device"

Identifier "Videocard0"
                   "vesa"
    Driver
EndSection
Section "Screen"
    Identifier "Screen0"
                  "Videocard0"
    Device
    DefaultDepth
                      24
    SubSection "Display"
       Viewport
                       0 0
        Depth
                      24
    EndSubSection
EndSection
```

Typical drivers in iHawk systems include:

- radeon Common in many servers with embedded graphics chips
- nv The generic Linux NVIDIA driver
- nvidia Provided by NVIDIA or Concurrent. NVIDIA drivers are modified by Concurrent for real-time performance. Use the correct driver from Concurrent to ensure the best performance for your system.
- vesa The generic fall back low performance driver which should work for all VGA adapters.

NVIDIA has a number of generations of graphics cards which cannot all use the same "nvidia" driver version. Not even the generic "nv" driver in the Linux kernel works on all NVIDIA cards. The "nvidia" driver will actually disable an nvidia controller or fail to load if it is the wrong version for that card. You cannot mix cards of different generations if the driver does not support all of them.

There is no need to specify resolutions, refresh rates, and color depths for modern VGA adapters and Displays. It is best to allow the hardware and software to negotiate these settings.

If resolutions, refresh rates, and color depths were generated by one of NVIDIA's utilities (nvidia-xconfig or nvidia-settings) they can be included, but they are superfluous, as well as most options, unless you want to redefine the compiled-in defaults of the X server or device driver.

#### WARNING

USING OLD CONFIGURATION FILES IS RISKY. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR OBSOLETE OPTIONS AND ENTRIES TO CAUSE YOUR SYSTEM TO HANG, REBOOT, OR PREVENT NORMAL USAGE. YOU SHOULD START WITH THESE BASIC CONFIGS AND GRADUALLY MODIFY THEM WITH THE OPTIONS YOU THINK YOU NEED IN ORDER TO CREATE CUSTOMIZED CONFIGURATIONS.

## 8.0. Additional Information

This section contains helpful information about issues that may be applicable at your site.

## 8.1 Installation/Configuration Issues

## 8.1.1 File System Backup Recommendations

All file systems should be archived or preserved prior to commencing a reinstallation. This can be accomplished using normal backup methods. Concurrent recommends obtaining a new disk while keeping the original disk to ensure minimal data loss.

Table 7-1 contains a list of configuration files that may be useful in configuring a newly installed RedHawk system to match an existing configuration.

Table 7-1 Files Recommended for Backup

**NOTE**: This is not an all inclusive list and not all files are meant to be copied intact to a new system.

Path	Comments
/etc/hosts	To preserve hostnames on file.
/etc/fstab	To maintain existing mounts. Will not preserve
	mount points.
/etc/sysconfig/network/*	Network information.
/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-*	Network device configuration.
/etc/resolv.conf	DNS configuration info.
/etc/nsswitch.conf	NIS/DNS configuration info.
/etc/ntp.conf /etc/ntp/step-tickers	NTP configuration. See ntpd(1).
/etc/rc.local /etc/rhosts	Startup info.
/etc/X11/xorg.conf or XF86Config	X11 server/device/screen configuration data.
/etc/modules.conf	For reference and comparison.
/etc/security/capability.conf	PAM configuration.
/etc/ssh/*	To preserve host keys.
/etc/inittab	For reference and comparison.
/etc/xinetd.d/	For reference and comparison. Capture any file customizations.
/var/spool/cron/	To preserve user crontab entries.
/sbin/chkconfiglist > <save_file_name></save_file_name>	For reference to configure new system.
/etc/*.conf	Customized configuration files.
/etc/sysconf/*	Customized configuration files.
/etc/pam.d/*	Customized PAM files.
rpm files	Those installed after previous system installation
	that need to be moved forward to the new system.
	Use /bin/rpm -qallast   more to view.

## 8.1.2 File System Swap Size Guidelines

Table 7-2 supplies the recommended swap partition sizes for various sizes of main memory. The swap space allocations listed below should be adequate for all real-time systems.

**Table 7-2 Swap Partition Size Guidelines** 

Main Memory Size (GB)	Recommended Swap Partition Size (GB)
0 - 3	2
4 - 15	4
16 - 63	8
64 - 255	16
256 - 511	32
512 - 1024	64

## 8.1.3 RCIM Connection Modes

Before installing an RCIM on an iHawk system, determine the connection mode. For the RCIM I it is easier to connect the synchronization cable to the input connector before the RCIM is installed. An RCIM can be connected in one of the following four modes:

Isolated mode	There are no connections to any other RCIM.
Master mode	The RCIM is at the head of a chain of RCIMs. There is no cable connection going into this RCIM, only a cable connection going out. The RCIM master is unique in that it controls the synchronized clocks.
Pass-through Slave mode	The RCIM is connected to two other RCIMs. There is an input cable connection coming from the previous RCIM in the chain, and an output cable connection going to the next RCIM in the chain.
Final Slave mode	The RCIM is connected to one other RCIM. There is an input cable connection going into a final slave RCIM but no output cable connection coming out of it.

## 8.1.4 How to Use Linux Rescue

An installation or upgrade may not boot if the following conditions exist:

- the disk LABEL scheme is not correct
- there are mismatching LABEL or partition entries in /etc/fstab and/or /etc/grub.conf -> /boot/grub/grub.conf.

This can happen when dealing with multiple disks and can be extremely confusing.

It is possible to recover from these situations by using "linux rescue". "Linux rescue" is a boot option on the CentOS 6.3 installation media.

If you cannot boot after the installation or upgrade, perform the following steps.

- 1. Boot a CentOS 6.x installation disc.
- 2. At the prompt, type linux rescue or press F5 (F2 for more options).
- 3. Answer the questions about the keyboard and language set up, skipping the network setup (it can be configured later). When you get to the prompt that says "continue to boot", choose "continue".

You will boot into text mode with all partitions mounted.

4. Execute the following commands and use the procedures below to correct errors that prevented you from booting your installed or upgraded CentOS 6.3 installation.

```
chroot /mnt/sysimage
Export MANPATH=/usr/share/man
service gpm start
service network start
```

Use the following procedures to make corrections:

- To scroll up and down, use the Shift+Page Up and Shift+Page Down key combinations.
- To gain insight into how your files are configured and for naming the various partitions, devices, mount points and filesystem labels, you can use the following commands:

```
mount
cat /proc/partitions
cat /etc/fstab
cat /proc/swaps
cat /etc/grub.conf
```

 To find all these files on every partition, you can use the following commands:

```
find / -name fstab
find / -name grub.conf
```

• To see detailed information on all the filesystems, use tune2fs for ext2 and ext3 filesystems. See the tune2fs(8) man page for details.

To see the filesystem volume label on a device partition, issue the following command (substituting the proper device name):

```
tune2fs /dev/sda2 -1 | grep volume
```

 You may have to change LABEL names and entries in the above mentioned files so they match when booting off the actual hard disk(s). To change the filesystem volume label on a device partition, issue the following command (substituting the proper device name):

```
tune2fs /dev/sda2 -L newlabelname
```

• It is possible to configure grub menus to boot correctly off multiple disk(s).

Normally, you must ensure that the grub entries contain the correct root LABEL or root partition information along with the correct disk order. For example, note the differences in "hd0" and "hd1" and "sda2" and "sdb2" below:

In this case you would most likely be referencing sda in /etc/fstab on /dev/sda2 and sdb in /etc/fstab on /dev/sdb2.

## 8.1.5 How to Install CentOS Remotely Over VNC

Virtual Network Computing (VNC) is a graphical desktop sharing system which uses the RFB protocol to remotely control another computer. It transmits the keyboard and mouse events from one computer to another, relaying the graphical screen updates in reverse direction, over a network.

VNC by default uses TCP ports 5900 through 5906, each port corresponding to a separate screen (:0 to :6).

If you are having difficulties installing in graphical mode and do not want to use text mode, VNC is an option. You need to be able to establish a network connection between the system you are installing (the VNC server) and the system that will remotely display the installation GUI (the VNC client).

Any system with a VNC viewer application can be used as a VNC client. If you are currently running a previously installed RedHawk system, the VNC client application is accessed under the gnome desktop cascading menu selection: Applications -> Accessories -> VNC Viewer, or by using the command /usr/bin/vncviewer.

Note that VNC installs have only been tested using another RedHawk system as the VNC client.

Perform the following steps to install using VNC.

On the system you wish to install (VNC server):

1. Follow the procedure outlined in section **5.0. Installation Procedures** on page 11 until you reach **5.1.1** step 4.

Select "Install or update an existing system" from the grub menu.

2. Hit the Tab key. Add "vnc" (and other options) to the end of the line that appears:

```
> vmlinux initrd=initrd.img vnc [options]
```

Hit the Enter key.

- 3. Continue with step 5 in section **5.1.1**.
- 4. After step 5, the VNC installer *may* prompt you with a text based GUI for extra setup. Use the Tab key to jump between fields, the up/down arrows within the fields, and the space bar to select your settings.

5. At this point you should see output similar to the following:

Starting VNC ...

WARNING!!! VNC server running with NO PASSWORD You can use the vncpassword=<password> boot option if you would like to secure the server.

Please manually connect your vnc client to 129.134.30.100:1 to begin the install.

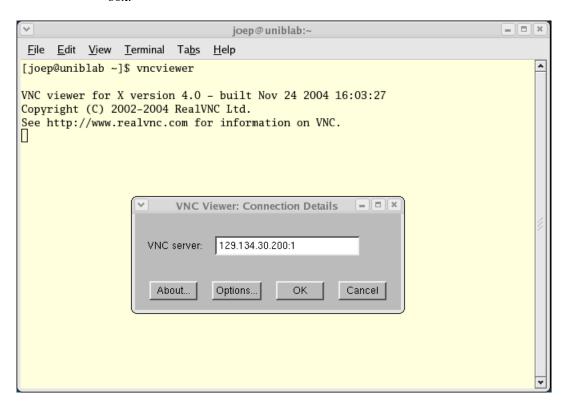
Starting graphical installation.

- 6. If you wish to verify your network connection to the VNC client, press Enter and use ifconfig and ping. If you cannot ping your intended VNC client, you will have to troubleshoot your network configuration.
- 7. On the system that you will remotely display the installation (VNC client), start the the VNC Viewer.

On the gnome menu: Applications -> Accessories -> VNC Viewer

From the command line: /usr/bin/vncviewer

8. Establish the VNC connection to your VNC server by entering the *IPaddress: screen* in the VNC Viewer: Connection Details dialog box.



9. Select OK and press Enter to continue. At this point, you are able to perform a graphical installation remotely.

- 10. Continue with the graphical installation process as described in section5.1.1 steps 6 21, beginning on page 14. After completing step 19 on page page 18, perform the steps below.
- 11. The reboot puts the system in runlevel 3 and starts the **firstboot** program that displays a text based menu called **Set Up Agent**.

Use the arrow keys to select Firewall Configuration and use the Tab key to select Run Tool, then press Enter.

#### NOTE

The Set Up Agent will time out if no action is taken within approximately one minute. If Set Up Agent times out, you will need to execute the following commands to restart it:

```
rm /var/lock/sybsys/firstboot
rm /etc/sysconfig/firstboot
service firstboot start
```

12. Use the space bar to select the following settings:

```
Set Security Level: Disabled Set SELinux: Disabled
Tab to [OK] and press Enter.
```

13. From the Set Up Agent main menu, tab to [Exit] and press Enter.

After exiting the Set Up Agent, you should see [OK] returned by the firstboot service.

14. Edit /etc/inittab and change the first line:

```
from: id:3:initdefault:
to: id:5:initdefault:
```

15. Reboot the system and continue with the installation steps.

#### 8.1.6 If the Installation GUI Fails to Start

If during installation the GUI fails to start, it may be caused by graphics driver problems with certain VGA cards and/or flat panel monitors not being probed properly.

Specifying the following parameters at the boot prompt may solve your problem.

• Failure to recognize your VGA card or incompatible driver:

Specify the option **driver**=*xxx*, where *xxx* is the name of the driver. For example:

```
NVIDIA: > vmlinux initrd=initrd.img driver=nv
ATI: > vmlinux initrd=initrd.img driver=radeon
Generic: > vmlinux initrd=initrd.img driver=vesa
```

You can also specify resolution. For example, add: resolution=1280x1024

• The flat panel monitor may not be probed properly by the VGA card. Specify the native resolution, or if not known, try the following suggestions:

```
20" - 22" Flat Panels: add: resolution=1600x1200
17" - 19" Flat Panels: add: resolution=1280x1024
15" Flat Panels: add: resolution=1024x768
24" Wide Flat Panels: add: resolution=1920x1080
22" Wide Flat Panels: add: resolution=1680x1050
```

You might have to specify more than one option. For example:

```
> vmlinux ... driver=vesa resolution=1280x1024
```

## 8.2 Considerations

## 8.2.1 Compiler Requirements

If you plan to build a kernel from source residing on your iHawk system on a <u>different</u> system, that system must be using **gcc-4.4.4** or later.

## 8.2.2 Hyper-thread Activation

Hyper-threading is configured by default in each of the standard RedHawk Linux kernels. It can be disabled on a per-CPU basis using the cpu(1) command. However, hyper-threading is also defined in the system BIOS. The setting in the BIOS will supersede any configuration of this feature in the kernel. Therefore, if hyper-threading is turned off in the BIOS, it will not be available on your system even if it is configured in the kernel.

If your system is not behaving as expected in regards to hyper-threading based on the kernel configuration, check the BIOS setting and modify it as needed. Refer to your hardware documentation to determine which BIOS setting is involved.

## 9.0. Known Issues

Special consideration should be given to the following areas.

#### **BIOS "Console Redirection"**

The "Console Redirection" BIOS feature, when enabled, has been observed to interfere with the proper operation of the integrated VGA video and the Xorg X server with some iHawk platforms, such as the Dell PowerEdge TM 6650 (iHawk Model HQ665).

#### **NMI Button**

Using the NMI button on the processor enters **kdb** on the console when configured. It cannot be used, however, to step repeatedly through an error condition.

### **PAM Capabilities**

Using Kerberos telnet services with PAM is not recommended. If krb5-telnet is on and Kerberos is not properly configured, the following error will occur upon logging in via telnet:

```
login: Cannot resolve network address for KDC in requested realm while getting initial credentials
```

The krb5-telnet xinetd service should be disabled:

```
chkconfig krb5-telnet off
```

### sadc(8) Issue

When a system configuration change is made that affects the number of CPUs (for example when booting with a uniprocessor kernel or changing hyper-threading configuration), the sadc(8) (sar data collector) program cannot successfully write data in the daily data file /var/log/sa/sa?? (?? is the day of the month). This results in crond sending an email every ten minutes to root@localhost with the following message:

```
Cannot append data to that file
```

To eliminate the email, remove or move the /var/log/sa/sa?? file for the current date.

### irqbalance

The **irqbalance** feature is disabled on RedHawk Linux. This CentOS feature is meant to distribute interrupts equally across CPUs. It does not honor the IRQ affinity masks set up in /proc/irq/irq#/smp\_affinity and therefore will cause interrupts to be routed to shielded CPUs.

This feature can be enabled/disabled at boot time with:

```
chkconfig irgbalance {on|off}
```

as well as started/stopped while the system is running with:

```
service irgbalance {start|stop}
```

### Boot Problems with Monitor-embedded USB Hub and Flash Memory Reader

An iHawk system with a USB hub embedded within its attached monitor that includes a flash memory reader will fail to boot if the flash media is not installed. Once the flash media is installed, the system will boot.

### Compatibility Issues for Ada programs

RedHawk 6.3 is based on CentOS Enterprise Linux 6.3. Binary and source compatibility issues exist for MAXAda programs between CentOS 3.0 and CentOS 6.3.

Please see the Compatibility section in the *MAXAda for RedHawk Linux Version 3.5.1 Release Notes*, publication number 0898357-3.5.1, for details.

### **Inactive Virtual Terminal State After Changing Run Levels**

Note that on some systems, changing from run-level 5 to run-level 3 may place the VGA console onto an inactive virtual terminal (e.g. /dev/tty8). If this happens, switching to an active virtual terminal will allow normal system operation to continue; press Ctrl-Alt-1 to switch to virtual terminal 1.

### **Excessive ksoftirqd Runs Affecting Determinism**

In more recent kernel.org kernels the IP route cache table size was changed from a fixed size of 4K entries to a dynamic size based on the amount of available memory. With 4 GB of memory, this table is sized at 128K entries. Every 10 minutes, a flush of that table is initiated. The approximate time to flush 4K entries is 1.5ms every 10 minutes. If the table is sized at 128K entries, this time can be in the area of 10ms to 15ms every 10 minutes. This can be problematic if network determininsm is an issue, especially in a single CPU system.

If this is an issue, the IP route cache table can be set to a fixed size using the grub command  $rhash\_entries=n$ , where n is the number of table entries; e.g.,  $rhash\_entries=4096$  for 4K entries.

### Pings to Multicast Addresses Disabled by Default

In more recent kernel.org kernels the default setting for the **sysctl** flag that allows pinging to a multicast address has changed. Previously it was set to enable broadcast and multicast ICMP echo (pings) and timestamp requests. Now this functionality is disabled.

There are two methods in which to change this flag if you need to ping multicast addresses:

• The sysctl(8) utility changes the value in a running kernel and takes effect immediately; no rebuild or reboot is needed:

```
# sysctl -w net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_broadcasts=0
```

• To initialize the parameter to the desired value on every reboot, add the following command and sysctl parameter to /etc/sysctl.conf:

```
# Controls broadcast and multicast ICMP echo and timestamp requests
net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_broadcasts = 0
```

### **Grub Option Holdovers from Previous Kernel Installations**

Be aware that when kernel packages are installed, they add a grub entry with options associated with that kernel (e.g., trace and debug kernels add "crashkernel=64M@48M," other kernels add "quiet," etc.). In addition, all kernel packages also copy the default grub options into their grub entries. These default grub options are taken from the kernel entry that is currently marked as the default kernel to boot in grub.conf.

Depending upon which kernel is designated the default booting kernel and which kernels are installed subsequently, you may find that grub entries that are inherited from the default kernel and previously installed kernels are not suitable for the currently running kernel.

## **USB Ports Non-functional on Supermicro Boards**

Some Supermicro boards (Model X6DA8-G2, CCUR part number 820-2010483-913) may have non-functional USB ports accompanied by the following message:

```
USB 1-1: new high speed USB device using ehci_hsd and address 2 USB 1-1: device descriptor read/64, error -110
```

This can be corrected by changing the BIOS setting for both SATA [0/1] IDE Interface and SCSI interface controllers to "ENABLED".

## **Configure Quad Port Ethernet**

If your system has a quad port Ethernet, you may need to edit /etc/modprobe.conf and configure the ports to the appropriate driver. The example below assigns the quad port to eth0 through eth3 and uses the Intel e1000 module (Gigabit Network driver). For readability, convention has these lines inserted at the top of /etc/modprobe.conf.

```
alias eth0 e1000
alias eth1 e1000
alias eth2 e1000
alias eth3 e1000
```

## **Crash Dump Support**

On 32-bit systems with Physical Address Extension (PAE) enabled in the RedHawk kernels, the **vm** -**p** command will be unable to translate some virtual page addresses into their corresponding physical page addresses.

# 10.0. Software Updates and Support

## 10.1 Direct Software Support

Software support is available from a central source. If you need assistance or information about your system, please contact the Concurrent Software Support Center at our toll free number 1-800-245-6453. For calls outside the continental United States, the number is 1-954-283-1822. The Software Support Center operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Calling the Software Support Center gives you immediate access to a broad range of skilled personnel and guarantees you a prompt response from the person most qualified to assist you. If you have a question requiring on-site assistance or consultation, the Software Support Center staff will arrange for a field analyst to return your call and schedule a visit.

You may also submit a request for assistance at any time by using the Concurrent Computer Corporation web site at

http://www.ccur.com/support\_supportservices\_CustomerAssistance\_rt.aspx.

## 10.2 Software Updates

Updates to Concurrent RedHawk software can be obtained via Concurrent's Software Portal. There are three ways of installing product updates:

- Using the Network Update Utility (NUU) installed on your RedHawk system
- Manual installation after browsing and downloading individual RPMs from Concurrent's software repositories
- Building a customized Update disc using Concurrent's web site for immediate download

## 10.2.1 Updating via NUU

NUU supports installation and updating of software products from Concurrent software repositories over a network. NUU utilizes Yum and the RPM subsystems to install and update software.

NUU is installed automatically with RedHawk, however, you should configure it to include all of the Concurrent software products installed on your system.

Clicking on the "Updates (NUU)" icon on your desktop launches NUU to check to see if Concurrent updates are available for your system.

Instructions for configuring NUU can be found in the **QuickStart.pdf** document available at <a href="http://redhawk.ccur.com/updates/QuickStart.pdf">http://redhawk.ccur.com/updates/QuickStart.pdf</a>.

The first time you invoke NUU you will need to specify your redhawk.ccur.com Login ID and Password that were provided in the shipping documents accompanying your system. If you require assistance, refer to "Direct Software Support" on page 61.

Before using NUU to install any updated software modules, check for NUU updates separately. Apply any NUU updates and then restart NUU before applying any other updates.

## 10.2.2 Installing Manually Downloaded RPMs

You can browse Concurrent's software repositories to locate updated RPMs and download them for manual installation.

Access the RedHawk Updates web site (http://redhawk.ccur.com) by clicking on the "Concurrent Software Portal" icon on the desktop. Accessing this web site displays the following screen:



## Welcome to redhawk.ccur.com

This site provides you access to Concurrent software products and updates for the following platforms:

- RedHawk Linux
- Red Hat Linux
- Fedora
- Debian
- Ubuntu
- OpenSuSe

You can download NUU, Concurrent's Network Update and Installation utility, browse product RPM repositories to manually download software packages, or create customized Update CD images for immediate download.

#### **Download NUU**

**Browse Repositories** 

Create Update CD Images

Subscribe to the Update Notification Service

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You may also submit a request for assistance at any time by using the Concurrent Computer Corporation web site at http://www.ccur.com/isd\_support\_contact.asp or by sending an email to support@ccur.com.

**Browse Concurrent's Software Repositories** The preferred mechanism for network installation and update is to use NUU, Concurrent's Network Update and installation Utility. NUU analyzes the software installed on your system, contacts Concurrent's software repositories via the Internet, and allows you to install and update software. For customers who lack network connections to Concurrent's software repositories from their secured systems, web-based browsing is made available. You can locate software updates for your products and download them for subsequent transport to secured systems. Enter your redhawk.ccur.com Login and Password and press the browse button to proceed: Login: Password: Browse If you do not have a redhawk.ccur.com Login and Password or if you need assistance, please contact the Concurrent Software Support Center at our toll free number 1-800-245-6453. For calls outside the continental United States, the number is 1-954-283-1822. The Software Support Center operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. You may also submit a request for assistance at any time by using the Concurrent Computer Corporation web site at http://www.ccur.com/isd\_support\_contact.asp or by sending an email to support@ccur.com.

Clicking on the **Browse Repositories** link takes you to an authentication page.

Enter your redhawk.ccur.com Login ID and Password and click the Browse button.

Select the products of interest and architecture from the following pages to see the list of RPMs in the product software repository.

# Index of /home/redhawk/buffet/RedHawk/6.0

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	Description
4	Parent Directory/		-	
	<u>i386/</u>	10-May-2011 14:52	-	
	x86_64/	10-May-2011 14:52	-	

To locate the latest RPMs in the repository, click on the Last modified column header to sort by date. You may need to click twice to set the sort order to newest-to-oldest.

After locating the RPMs of interest and downloading them to your system, you can manually install them.

To install newly downloaded packages, follow these steps:

- 1. Log in as root and take the system down to single-user mode:
  - a. Right click on the desktop and select Open Terminal.
  - b. At the system prompt, type init 1.
- Change directory to the location of the updates and issue the following command:

The time it takes to install will vary depending on the number of updates being installed.

3. When complete, exit single-user mode (Ctrl-D).

#### **NOTE**

If you have installed an update containing new RedHawk kernels on a system that has post-installation loadable modules present, those modules must be recompiled for the new kernel; for example, an NVIDIA driver that is a later version than the one included with RedHawk or any third party package that uses loadable modules.

## 10.2.3 Customized Update Discs

You can use Concurrent's Software Portal to create a customized Update Disc for your system which you can then download and burn onto physical media, or simply mount as an ISO9660 image.

Update discs have customized copies of product software repositories and a simple graphical interface for selecting packages for update and installation. These discs use NUU (described above) to talk to the disc to obtain packages -- no network access is required during installation via Update Discs.

Access the RedHawk Updates web site (http://redhawk.ccur.com) by clicking on the "Concurrent Software Portal" icon on the desktop, then click on Create Update CD Images.

You will need to enter your redhawk.ccur.com Login ID and Password and then you can select the products to update. A disc image is built as part of the web session. At the end of the session, you can immediately download it for subsequent installation.

# 10.3 Documentation Updates

For the latest documents, including updated Release Notes and User Guides, go to Concurrent's documentation web site at <a href="http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs">http://redhawk.ccur.com/docs</a>.

For the latest RedHawk FAQ, go to http://www.ccur.com/isdfaq/RedHawk-FAQ.pdf.