# Installation: How should one prepare a physical host for installation ?

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{avatar_b}™ {edition_name} software is designed to be installed on physical hosts that have been configured as follows.

For ***all*** machines (other than the {avatar_c}-server) that are part of the {avatar_b}™ {edition_name} network, do the following.

1. Install an operating system on the physical host.
2. Use Ubuntu server version 12.04.1 (Precise Pangolin) available on the internet.
3. Configure the machine to use dhcp to acquire an IP address.

For machines designated as ***servers***, additionally do the following.

1. Install a virtualization platform.
2. Download VMware (version 1.0.9) packages from the internet.
3. Follow the installation instructions provided therein.

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