Fast OS deployment on baremetal

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- But needs work to support new technologies (Read: UEFI, Grub2)



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- Built-in support for UEFI/Secure boot









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- Not hooked up into main anaconda code base



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Iveing -url=http://192.168.122.1/root-x86_64.tar.gz



Considerations generating the root tarball

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- lvm/raid tools?



• Payload size of 250 MB took 1 minute and 55 seconds to install



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Anaconda improvements





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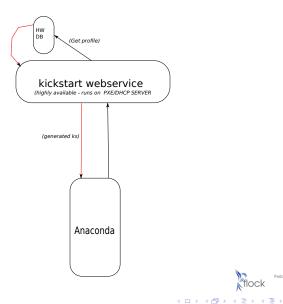
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- Reduce the payload size





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