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Minimal vmx-file

A very short vmx-file only needs 3 lines - I call them the identity-lines.

This minimal vmx is enough to start a VM.

It is the equivalent of starting a legacy-real-metal box

with nothing more than the main-board with 32MB RAM and one CPU plugged in.

If you forget one of this critical parameters or misconfigure it the VM will not start and give an error-message.

```
guestOS = "dos397"
```

causes an error-message

Guest operating system `dos397' is not supported

The list shows this 3 minimal required lines for the different versions

```
config.version = "8"
```

```
virtualHW.version = "7"
```

```
guestOS = "winxppro"
```

can be used with VMplayer 2.*, Workstation 6.5, VMserver 2, ESX 4

```
config.version = "8"
```

```
virtualHW.version = "6"
```

```
guestOS = "winxppro"
```

can be used with VMplayer 2.*, Workstation 6.*

```
config.version = "8"
```

```
virtualHW.version = "4"
```

```
guestOS = "winxppro"
```

can be used with VMplayer 1.*, Workstation 5.*, VMserver 1.*, ESX 3

```
config.version = "6"
```

```
virtualHW.version = "3"
```

```
guestOS = "winxppro"
```

can be used with Workstation 4.5*, ESX 2.5

```
config.version = "6"
```

```
virtualHW.version = "2"
```

```
guestOS = "winxppro"
```

can be used with Workstation 3.*, GSX 2.5*

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