

vSphere ICM 7 - VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage

COURSE OVERVIEW:

This five-day course features intensive hands-on training that focuses on installing, configuring, and managing VMware vSphere 7, which includes VMware ESXi 7 and VMware vCenter Server 7. This course prepares you to administer a vSphere infrastructure for an organization of any size. This course is the foundation for most of the other VMware technologies in the software-defined data center.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS COURSE?

- System Administrators
- System Engineers

PREREQUISITES:

System administration experience on Microsoft Windows or Linux operating systems.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the course, you should be able to meet the following objectives:

- Describe the software-defined data center
- Explain the vSphere components and their function in the infrastructure
- Add ESXi hosts to a VMware vCenter Server Appliance instance
- Manage vCenter Server Appliance
- Use a local content library as an ISO store, and deploy a virtual machine
- Describe vCenter Server architecture
- Use vCenter Server to manage an ESXi host
- Configure and manage vSphere infrastructure with VMware Host Client and VMware vSphere Client
- Describe virtual networks with vSphere standard switches
- Configure standard switch policies
- Use vCenter Server to manage various types of host storage: VMware vSphere VMFS, NFS, iSCSI, and RDM
- Examine the features and functions of Fibre Channel and VMware vSAN
- Manage virtual machines, templates, clones, and snapshots
- Migrate virtual machines with VMware vSphere vMotion
- Migrate virtual machine storage with VMware vSphere Storage vMotion
- Monitor resource usage, and manage resource pools
- Discuss the VMware vSphere High Availability (vSphere HA) cluster architecture
- Configure vSphere HA
- Manage vSphere HA and VMware vSphere Fault Tolerance
- Use VMware vSphere Replication and VMware vSphere Data Protection to replicate virtual machines and perform data recovery
- Use VMware vSphere Distributed Resource Scheduler clusters to improve host scalability
- Use VMware vSphere Update Manager to apply patches and perform basic troubleshooting of ESXi hosts, virtual machines, and vCenter Server operations
- Identify troubleshooting methodology to logically diagnose faults and improve troubleshooting efficiency

COURSE OUTLINE:

Course Introduction

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives

Introduction to vSphere and the Software-Defined Data Center

- Explain basic virtualization concepts
- Describe how vSphere fits into the software-defined data center and the cloud infrastructure
- Explain how vSphere interacts with CPUs, memory, networks, and storage
- Recognize the user interfaces for accessing the vCenter Server system and ESXi hosts
- Use VMware Host Client™ to access and manage ESXi host

Virtual Machines

- Create and remove a virtual machine
- Provision a virtual machine with virtual devices
- Identify the files that make up a virtual machine
- Explain the importance of VMware Tools™

vCenter Server

- Describe the vCenter Server architecture
- Discuss how ESXi hosts communicate with vCenter Server
- Deploy and configure vCenter Server Appliance
- Use the vSphere Client to manage the vCenter Server inventory
- Add data center, organizational objects, and hosts to vCenter Server
- Use roles and permissions to enable users to access objects in the vCenter Server inventory
- Back up vCenter Server Appliance
- Monitor vCenter Server tasks, events, and appliance health
- Use vCenter Server High Availability to protect a vCenter Server Appliance

Configuring and Managing Virtual Networks

- Create and manage standard switches
- Describe the virtual switch connection types
- Configure virtual switch security, traffic-shaping and load-balancing policies
- Compare vSphere distributed switches and standard switches

Configuring and Managing Virtual Storage

- Identify storage protocols and storage device types
- Discuss ESXi hosts using iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel storage
- Create and manage VMFS and NFS datastores
- Explain how multipathing works with iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel storage
- Deploy virtual machines on a VMware vSAN™ datastore

Virtual Machine Management

- Use templates and cloning to deploy new virtual machines
- Modify and manage virtual machines
- Create a content library and deploy virtual machines from templates in the library
- Dynamically increase the size of a virtual disk

- Use customization specification files to customize a new virtual machine
- Perform vSphere vMotion and vSphere Storage vMotion migrations
- Create and manage virtual machine snapshots
- Examine the features and functions of VMware vSphere® Replication™

Resource Management and Monitoring

- Discuss CPU and memory concepts in a virtualized environment
- Describe what overcommitment of a resource means
- Describe methods for optimizing CPU and memory usage
- Use various tools to monitor resource use
- Create and use alarms to report certain conditions or events

vSphere Cluster

- Describe options for making a vSphere environment highly available
- Explain the vSphere HA architecture
- Configure and manage a vSphere HA cluster
- Examine the features and functions of VMware vSphere® Fault Tolerance
- Configure a vSphere cluster using ESXi Cluster Quickstart
- Describe the functions of a vSphere DRS cluster
- Create a vSphere DRS cluster

vSphere Lifecycle

- Describe how VMware vSphere® Lifecycle Manager™ works
- Use vSphere Lifecycle Manager to update ESXi hosts in a cluster

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