

VMware vSphere: Skills for Operators

Course Modules

1. Course Introduction

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives

2. Introduction to vSphere and the Software- Defined Data Center

- Describe how vSphere fits into the software- defined data center and the cloud infrastructure
- Explain how vSphere interacts with CPUs, memory, networks, and storage
- Use vSphere Client to access and manage your vCenter Server system and ESXi host
- Compare virtual machine hardware version 14 to other versions
- Identify the virtual network adapters, and describe the enhanced VMXNET3
- Compare the types of virtual disk provisioning

3. Creating Virtual Machines

- Create, provision, and remove a virtual machine
- Explain the importance of VMware Tools™
- Describe how to import a virtual appliance OVF template

4. vCenter Server

- Describe the vCenter Server architecture
- Discuss how ESXi hosts communicate with vCenter Server
- Use vSphere Client to manage the vCenter Server inventory
- Add data center and organizational objects to vCenter Server
- Add hosts to vCenter Server
- Discuss how to create custom inventory tags for inventory objects
- Monitor VMware vCenter® Server Appliance™
- Monitor vCenter Server Appliance for service and disk space usage
- Use vSphere alarms for resource exhaustion and service failures

5. Configuring and Managing Virtual Networks

- Describe the virtual switch connection types
- Configure and view standard switch configurations, such as virtual machine port group, VMkernel port, VLAN, and security features
- List the features comparison of standard and distributed switches

6. Virtual Storage

- Describe vSphere storage technologies and datastores

7. Virtual Machine Management

- Use templates and cloning to deploy new virtual machines
- Enable guest operating system customization by vCenter Server
- Upgrade a virtual machine's hardware
- Perform an instant clone of a VM
- Describe virtual machine settings and options
- Add a hot-pluggable device
- Dynamically increase the size of a virtual disk
- Add a raw device mapping (RDM) to a virtual machine
- Perform a vSphere vMotion migration
- Perform a vSphere Storage vMotion migration

8. Resource Management and Monitoring

- Use the performance-tuning methodology and resource monitoring tools
- Use performance charts to view and improve performance
- Monitor the key factors that can affect the virtual machine's performance: CPU, memory, disk, and network bandwidth use
- Create alarms with condition-based triggers
- Create alarms with event-based triggers
- View and acknowledge triggered alarms

9. vSphere HA

- Describe the options that you can configure to make your vSphere environment highly available
- Discuss the response of vSphere HA when an ESXi host, a virtual machine, or an application fails

10. vSphere DRS

- Describe the functions of a vSphere DRS cluster
- Create a vSphere DRS cluster
- View information about a vSphere DRS cluster
- Remove a host from a vSphere DRS cluster