A 3D geometric pattern of white and grey blocks with blue and green chevrons. A green horizontal bar is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Introduction to Virtualization

What is virtualization

Allows you to deploy datacenter resources using software that usually associated with hardware

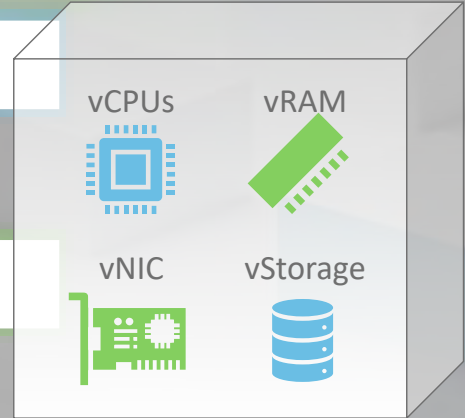
Virtualized compute

vCPU vRAM
vNIC vStorage

Virtualized networking

vSwitch NSX
DVS

Virtual Machine



Why Virtualize the Datacenter

Cost savings

Hardware utilization

vSphere clustering services

DRS
HA

Software Defined Datacenter vs Cloud Infrastructure

Software defined datacenter

Your hardware
You are responsible for infrastructure patching and upgrades
You will need to plan for growth when purchasing

Cloud infrastructure

Cloud vendor provides that hardware
Cloud vendor will patch and upgrade the infrastructure
You pay for the resources you need/use

Tour vSphere and a software defined datacenter



VDI Deployment On-Premises vs Cloud

On-premises

More configurable / customizable
You have greater control of security
Data on premise

Cloud

Cost per desktop may be high
Vendor will be responsible for patching
Can deploy new desktops as needed, even if sudden growth was not planned
Data will be in the cloud

Conclusions

Introduction to virtualization

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Why virtualize the datacenter
Software defined datacenter vs cloud infrastructure
VDI deployment on-premises vs cloud



Introduction to VMware Horizon

Introduction to VMware Horizon

Features and Benefits

Horizon 8 Architecture

Use Cases

vSphere in VMware Horizon

Features and Benefits

Flexible Deployments

- On-premises deployment
- Cloud-hosted deployment
- Hybrid deployment

Connecting Horizon 8 Deployments to Horizon Control Plane

- Requires SaaS subscription license
- Allows connecting Horizon 8 pods to the control plane for Horizon Cloud Service - next gen with Horizon Edge for Horizon 8
- Allows for the managing of on-premise and multi-cloud from a single pane of glass
- Provides a single workflow to enable VMware JMP technologies

Features and Benefits

Just-in-Time Management Platform (JMP)

- Instant clones
- VMware App Volumes
- VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Reliability and Security

- Data Access
 - Sensitive data can be prevented from being copied onto a remote systems
- RADIUS support
- Integration with VMware Workspace ONE
- Unified access gateway
- Active Directory (AD) integration
- Datacenter up time

Features and Benefits

Integration with the VMware Ecosystem

VMware vSphere
vSAN
NSX

Rich User Experience

Familiar and personalized desktop environment
Able to access USB and other devices connected to their local computer
Real-time audio/video features
Unified access gateway
Multiple monitor support
3D graphics support

RESTful APIs Support

Horizon 8 Architecture

Core Infrastructure

vSphere, SQL, ADDS

Connection Server

Unified Access Gateway

VMware Horizon Agent

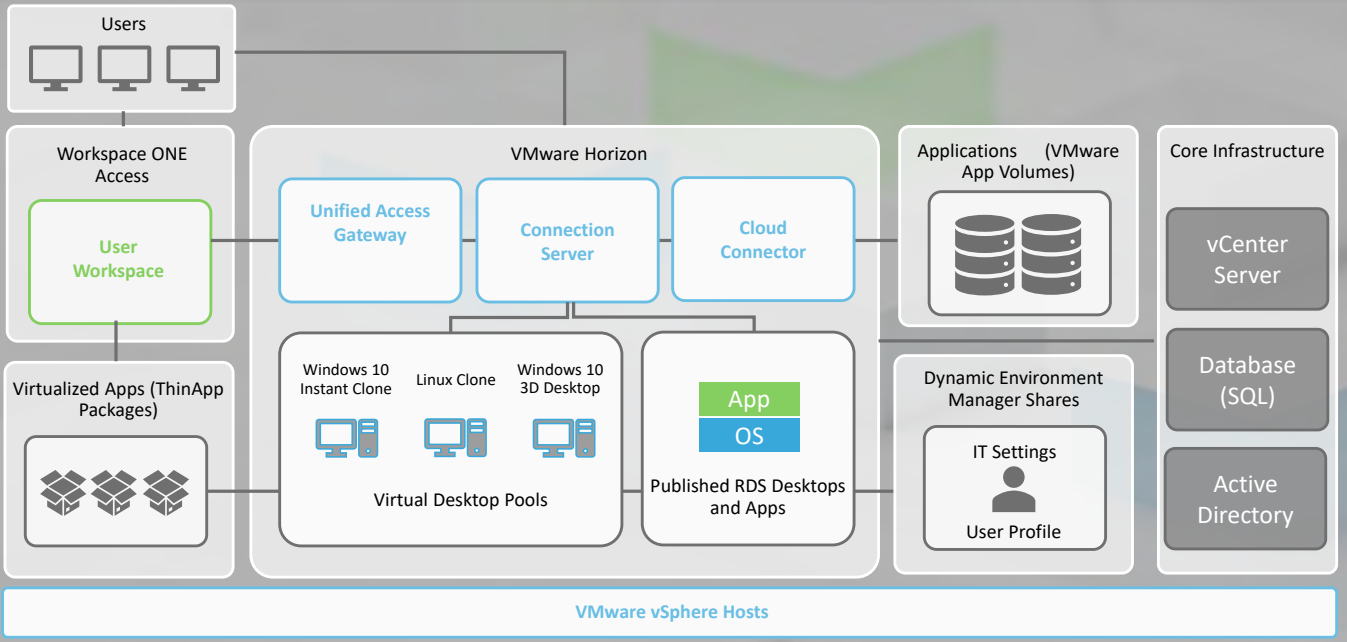
Dynamic Environment Manager

Thin App Packages

Demo

Tour Horizon 8 Management

Horizon 8 Architecture



Conclusions

Introduction to VMware Horizon

Features and Benefits

Architecture



Use Cases

Use Cases

In office desktops

Remote user's desktops

IT users jump boxes

Special applications (graphic intensive applications)

Kiosks

Healthcare workers

Education (Student Systems)

Working from multiple locations/stations



Customer requirements

Security of data

Security of user environment

User mobility

Special application or hardware needed

Customized desktop needed in secure or limited access environment

Regulations or governance



Matching customer requirements to use cases

Use Cases

In Office Desktops
IT Users jump boxes
Kiosks
Education (Student Systems)
Remote Users Desktops
Special Applications (Graphic Intensive Applications)
Healthcare workers
Working from multiple locations/stations

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Horizon

Horizon Cloud Service

Horizon with Workspace ONE



User authentication

Device management

BYOD

Application management/deployment



VMware Horizon can be a part of your DR plan

Can provide users remote desktops in case of a disaster

VMware Horizon makes your user's desktops part of the datacenter

VDI environment can be protected as part of your datacenter DR plan

VDI environments can take advantage of vSphere HA features

Users profiles and data are not detached from a desktop and able to be portable to other VDI sessions insuring a consistent experience

Conclusions



Use Cases

Use cases

Customer requirements

Matching customer requirements to use cases

Workspace ONE

VDI DR and HA



vSphere in VMware Horizon

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vSphere Introduction



Using vSphere Client, vCenter Server, and ESXi



Creating, provisioning, and deleting virtual machines

vSphere Introduction

vSphere is the foundation of VMware's virtualized datacenter

Provides datacenter virtualization services

ESXi clustering

DRS

HA

vMotion

Virtual machine templates

Many other VMware solutions build off vSphere

NSX

Horizon

SRM

Using vSphere Client, vCenter Server, and ESXi

vSphere Client

HTML based client for managing vSphere environment

Central place to manage your vSphere environment such as storage, virtual networking, vm provisioning, services configuration and more.

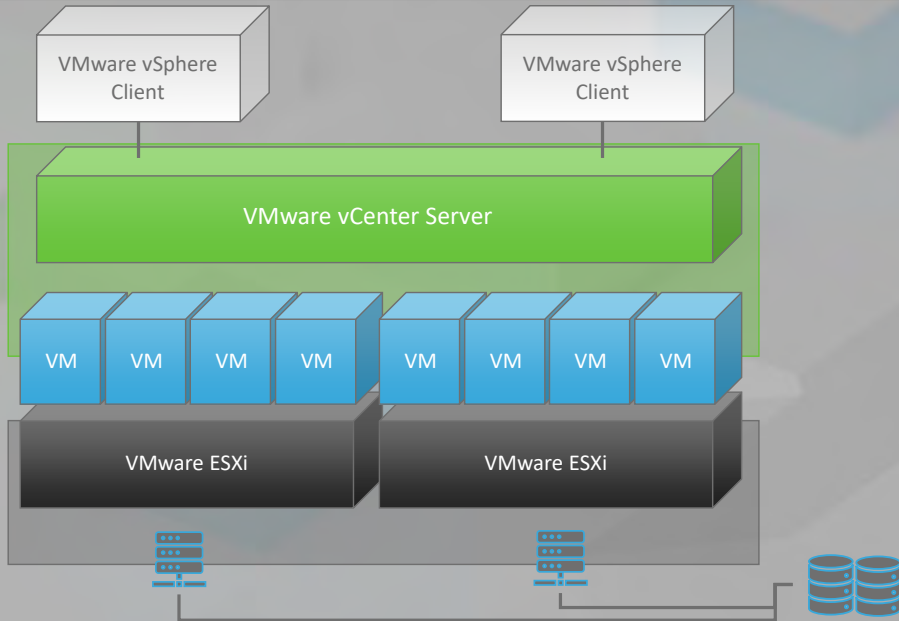
vCenter Server

Virtual appliance that is the central management location for a vSphere environment

ESXi

VMware's enterprise type 1 hypervisor for vSphere

vSphere Client, vCenter Server, and ESXi



Creating, Provisioning, and Deleting Virtual Machines

Creating a virtual machine

If there is no VM or template in your environment that has the base configuration you need, a VM can be created from scratch

Provisioning a virtual machines

A VM can also be provisioned by coping another VM or template and adding customizations if required

Deleting virtual machines

A VM can be removed from inventory only

A VM can also be removed from inventory and deleted from disk/storage

Creating, provisioning, and deleting virtual machines



Conclusions



vSphere Introduction



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Creating, provisioning, and deleting virtual machines



Installing the Horizon Environment

Connection Server

Installation Types (Windows Server)

Standard
Replica
Enrollment

Three node cluster

Best Practice for stability and availability

Hardware

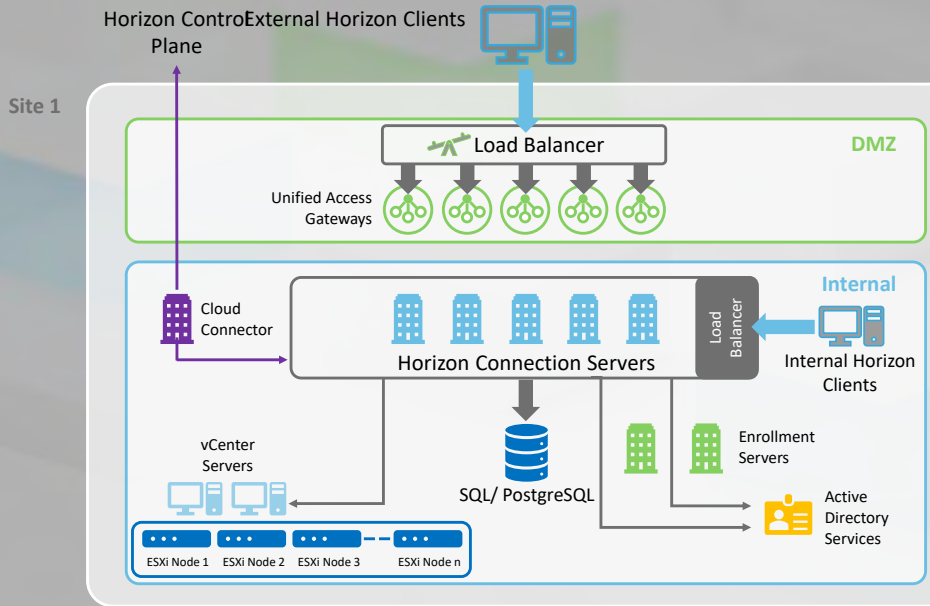
4 CPU
1 Gbps NIC
10 GB RAM

Connection Server cont.

Horizon agent

Must be installed on all virtual machines, physical systems, and RDS hosts

Horizon Installation



Installing Connection Server

Run Connection Server installed on Windows Server

Click “Yes” when prompted to allow the app to make changes

On the Installation Options page select

Horizon Standard Server

IPv4

Enter the password for recovering data backups

On the Firewall Configuration page accept default

Configure Windows Firewall automatically

Installing Connection Server

Initial Horizon Administrators page chose either...

- Authorize the local Administrators group

- Authorize a specific domain user or domain group

User Experience Improvement Program page you can deselect
« **Join the VMware Customer** »

On the Ready to Install page select “General” for a local (Not cloud) installation

On the Installer Completed page, click Finish

Demo

Installing Horizon Connection server



Pre Connection Server Configuration

Create the Domain Admin User

Create OUs for Instant-Clone Desktops and RDSH Servers

Delegate Control to the OU's

Add the Product License Key

Pre Connection Server Configuration



After Installation of Connection Server

SSL Server certificates

Perform initial configuration on connection server

Deploy replicated connection server instances (3 node cluster)

Before you add vCenter Server to VMware Horizon in a production, make sure that vCenter Server uses certificates signed by a CA

Configuring the PSG (PCoIP Secure Gateway) service to use a CA-signed certificate

Blast Server uses the connection server certificate

Connection Server Configuration

Add the Product License Key

Add a vCenter Server Instance

Add an Instant-Clone Domain Administrator

Create and Configure the Events Database

Prerequisites for Setting Up the Events Database

SQL Server instance

Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

Microsoft SQL Server Configuration Manager

SA credentials

Configure TCP/IP Properties for the Database Server

Configure the Events Database in the Horizon Console

Connection Server Configuration



Connection Server User Rights

Before deploying instant clones create a user or group account that has the permissions to perform certain operations in Active Directory

Apply permissions to the correct container (OU) and to all child objects

Create computer objects	Write all properties
Delete computer objects	Read permissions
Write all properties	Reset password
List contents	Create computer objects
Read all properties	Delete computer objects

Configuring User Account in vCenter Server for Horizon and Instant Clones

Create a role with the minimum privileges needed by Connection Server to perform vCenter operations and instant-clone operations

Use a more limited role than the predefined Administrator role in vCenter Server and with instant clones

In vSphere Client, click Home > Roles > Add Role

Enter a role name such as Horizon Instant Clone Administrator, and select privileges for the role

Privileges for the vSphere role for Connection Server

VMware Horizon 2103 Installation Guide page 73 abbreviate

Folder	Crate folder Delete folder
Datastore	Allocate space Browse datastore
Virtual Machine	In Configuration (all) In Interaction (Abbreviated)
Resource	Assign virtual machine to resource pool
Global	Act as vCenter Server
Cryptographic Operations	
Host	In Inventory - Modify Cluster In Configuration - Advanced settings



App Volumes

App Volumes

Application virtualization

Install and configure App Volumes

Create an App Volumes Application Packaged

Manage, assign and provision an App Volumes Application Packaged

Update an App Volumes Application Package

Create, manage, and assign a writable volume

Move, backup, restore a writable volume

Application Virtualization

Application virtualization

A user access's an application installed on a remote system as if it were installed locally.

A horizon RDS server farm has the application installed

A client running the VMWare Horizon Client connects to a VMWare Horizon Connection Server

The user is then presented with published applications that they are given entitlements to

Install and configure App Volumes

Create an App Volumes Application Packaged

Manage, assign and provision an App Volumes Application Packaged

Install and Configure App Volumes

Install and configure App Volumes

Create and set up the required user accounts and Active Directory credentials

Install App Volumes Manager

Used to administer and configure App Volumes and assignment of Application Packages and Writable Volumes

Install App Volumes Agent

Install the App Volumes agent on the packaging computer and target desktops

Verify License

Enter the App Volumes license information

Create an App Volumes Application Packaged

Manage, assign and provision an App Volumes Application Packaged

Demo

Install and Configure App Volumes



Create an App Volumes Application Package

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In App Volumes Manager

INVENTORY > Applications

Select an application and click Create Package

On the Create Package page provide package detail

Select the package Delivery mode

Default mode is Classic

Click Create

Update an App Volumes Application Package

Create, manage, and assign a writable volume

Demo

Create an App Volumes Application Package



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Writable Volumes



Per-user volumes where users can install and configure their own applications and keep the data that is specific to their profile



Is assigned to a specific user and becomes available to the user from any machine



An empty VMDK or VHD file that is assign to a specific user



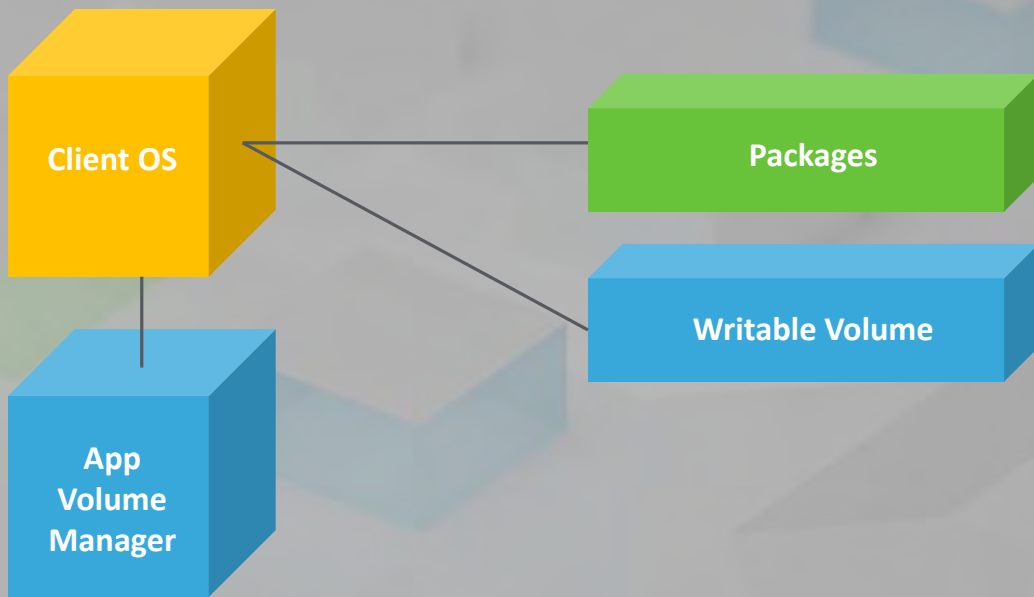
Mounts to the VM when the user authenticates to the desktop



Mounts to the VM when the user authenticates to the desktop

If a user logs into Workstation1 and Workstation2 simultaneously one volume is attached to the user on Workstation1 and a second on Workstation2

App Volumes and Writeable Volumes



Assign a Writable Volume



Can be assigned to a user, group, computer, or organizational unit

When created for a user, it is assigned to the user immediately

When assigned to a group, it is created when a user belonging to the assigned group logs in to the machine the first time



A user can have more than one Writable Volume attached at the same time

The volume is OS-specific

Created for a computer with a specific prefix



Can have only one writable volume attached to the virtual machine at a given time

Demo

Assign a Writable Volume



Backup a Writable volume



From App Volumes Manager

INVENTORY > Writables

Select the Writable Volume you want to back up

Click Backup

On the Backup Writable Volume page choose

Destination Storage

Destination Path

Select Delete writable volumes after backup (Optional)

Click Backup

On the Confirm Backup Writable Volumes window choose

Backup volume in the background

Backup volume immediately

Click Backup

To check the status of the backup



Backup a Writable Volume



Restore a Writable volume



From the App Volumes Manager

INVENTORY > Writables.

Chose which entity you want to restore

Click Restore.

On the Restore Writable page, provide the following information

Source Storage

Source Path

Click Restore

On the Confirm Restore Writable Volumes window choose

Restore volume in the background

Restore volume immediately



View Backup or Restore Logs



To see detailed information about the operation progress

ACTIVITY > Activity Log



To see any warnings or error messages

ACTIVITY > System Messages

Demo

Restore a writable volume

View Backup or Restore logs



Move a Writable volume



In App Volumes Manager

INVENTORY > Writables

A list of entities is displayed.

Select the entity whose Writable Volume you want to move

Click Move

On the Move Writable Volume page

Destination Storage

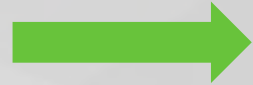
Destination Path

Click Move

Move volumes in the background

Move volumes immediately

Click Move



Demo

Move a writable volume



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VMware Horizon Desktops

Creating a Windows and Linux VM in vSphere



Configure Virtual Hardware



Choose OS



Install Guest Operating System

Demo

Creating a Windows and Linux VM
in vSphere



Optimizing VMs for Horizon desktop

Automate VM image optimization

Use Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT)

Manual VM image optimization

Follow the guide “Manually Creating Optimized Windows Images for VMware Horizon VMs”

<https://techzone.VMware.com/resource/manually-creating-optimized-windows-images-VMware-horizon-vms#introduction>



Reason to Optimizing Horizon Desktops



To reach a higher consolidation ratio, increasing the number of VMs per hosted turning off features that are not needed



One-time system actions must be configured in the base image



One-time user actions must be configured in the default user profile

Optimizing Tasks

Creating a vSphere-Based VM

Use a Volume License Key

Install VM operating system

Install VMware tools, de-selecting un-needed components

Carbon Black Helper Component

Service Discovery

Volume Shadow Copy Services Support

Install .Net Framework 3.5

Install any Windows Updates



Optimizing Tasks

Install Horizon Agent (usually)

- Desktop Mode

- Core

- VMware Horizon Instant Clone Agent

- VMware Audio

- VMware Integrated Printing

Install the Dynamic Environment Manager Agent

Run Windows OS Optimization Tool to...

- Optimize

- Generalize

- Finalize the OS



Optimizing VMs for Horizon desktop



Conclusions

VMware Horizon Desktops

Creating a Windows and Linux VM in vSphere

Optimizing VMs for Horizon desktop



VMware Horizon Agent

VMware Horizon Agent



Create a golden image for Windows Horizon desktops



Create a golden image for Linux Horizon desktops



Configuration choices when installing Horizon agent on Windows



- A local user account with administrative privileges
- Horizon Agent installer
- VM with supported Windows OS
- Choose RDS Mode or Desktop Mode
- IPv4 or IPv6
- Select the features that will be used, for most environments
 - Core
 - VMware Horizon Instant Clone Agent
 - VMware Audio
 - VMware Integrated Printing
- Enable Remote Desktop support



Demo VMware Horizon Agent

Create a golden image for Windows Horizon desktops

Installing Horizon agent on Windows VMs



Prerequisites when installing Horizon agent on Linux VM

Verify that the Linux guest operating system is prepared for desktop use

See “Prepare a Linux Machine for Remote Desktop Deployment”

Familiarize yourself with the Horizon Agent installer script for Linux.

See `install_viewagent.sh` Command-Line Options.



Configuration Procedure when installing Horizon agent on Linux VMs

Download the Horizon Agent for Linux installer file from the VMware download site

<https://my.vmware.com/web/vmware/downloads> Create a golden image for Windows and Linux Horizon desktops

VMware-horizonagent-linux-x86_64-y.y-xxxxxxx.tar.gz for 64-bit Linux

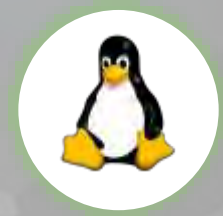
y.y is the version number

xxxxxxx is the build number.

Unpack the tarball

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tar -xvzf VMware-horizonagent-linux-x86_64-y.y-xxxxxxx.tar.gz
```

Navigate to the tarball folder



Configuration Procedure when installing Horizon agent on Linux VMs

Run the `install_viewagent.sh` script as a superuser

See [install_viewagent.sh Command-Line Options](#) for a list of the optional parameters available for this script

Accept the EULA

Restart the Linux VM



Create a golden image for Windows and Linux Horizon desktops

Create the Windows or Linux VM

Optimize the VM

Install Horizon Agent

Install the Dynamic Environment
Manager Agent or Microsoft FSLogix

Microsoft FSLogix for Office 365 Activation
on Windows Desktops

Script to optimize and shutdown Golden
Image



Conclusions

VMware Horizon Agent

Configuration choices when installing Horizon agent on Windows and Linux VMs

Create a golden image for Windows and Linux Horizon desktops



VMware Horizon Pools

VMware Horizon Pools



Steps to set up a template for Instant-Clone desktop pool deployment

Steps to add desktops to the Horizon Connection Server inventory

Dedicated vs. floating-assignment pools

User entitlement

Hierarchy of global, pool, and user-level policies

Steps to Set Up an Instant-clone Template for Desktop Pool Deployment



Create a Golden Image VM

VM snapshot the Golden Image VM

Run the Add Pool Wizard

Entitling Users

Launching Remote Desktops

Set up an Instant-Clone template for
desktop pool deployment



Steps to Add Desktops to the Horizon Connection Server Inventory



You will need the desktop (Endpoint) PC you want to connect to

Install Horizon Client

Will need user account with Administrator privileges to install

Address of the Connection Server to register the Endpoint PC to

Desktop pool

Dedicated vs. floating-assignment Pools



Dedicated Assignment

Desktops are statically assigned to a user, and that user gets the same desktop at each login.

Dedicated Desktops can be assigned automatically the first time a user logs in or manually by an administrator

Floating Assignment

Desktops are assigned from the pool at login and then returned when the user signs out again



User Entitlement



Controls which remote desktops and applications users can access

Configure restricted entitlements feature

Control desktop access based on the Horizon Connection Server instance

Restrict access to a set of users outside the network from connecting to remote desktops and published applications within the network.

Hierarchy of global, pool, and user-level policies



Global level policies

Affects all client sessions and users

Pool level policies

Affects specific desktop pools

Takes precedence over global policy settings

User level policies

Affects specific users

Takes precedence over global and desktop pool level policy settings

Lower-level policy settings can be more or less restrictive than the equivalent higher-level settings.

Can set a global policy to Deny and the equivalent desktop pool-level policy to Allow, or vice versa

Configure user entitlement



Conclusions

VMware Horizon Pools

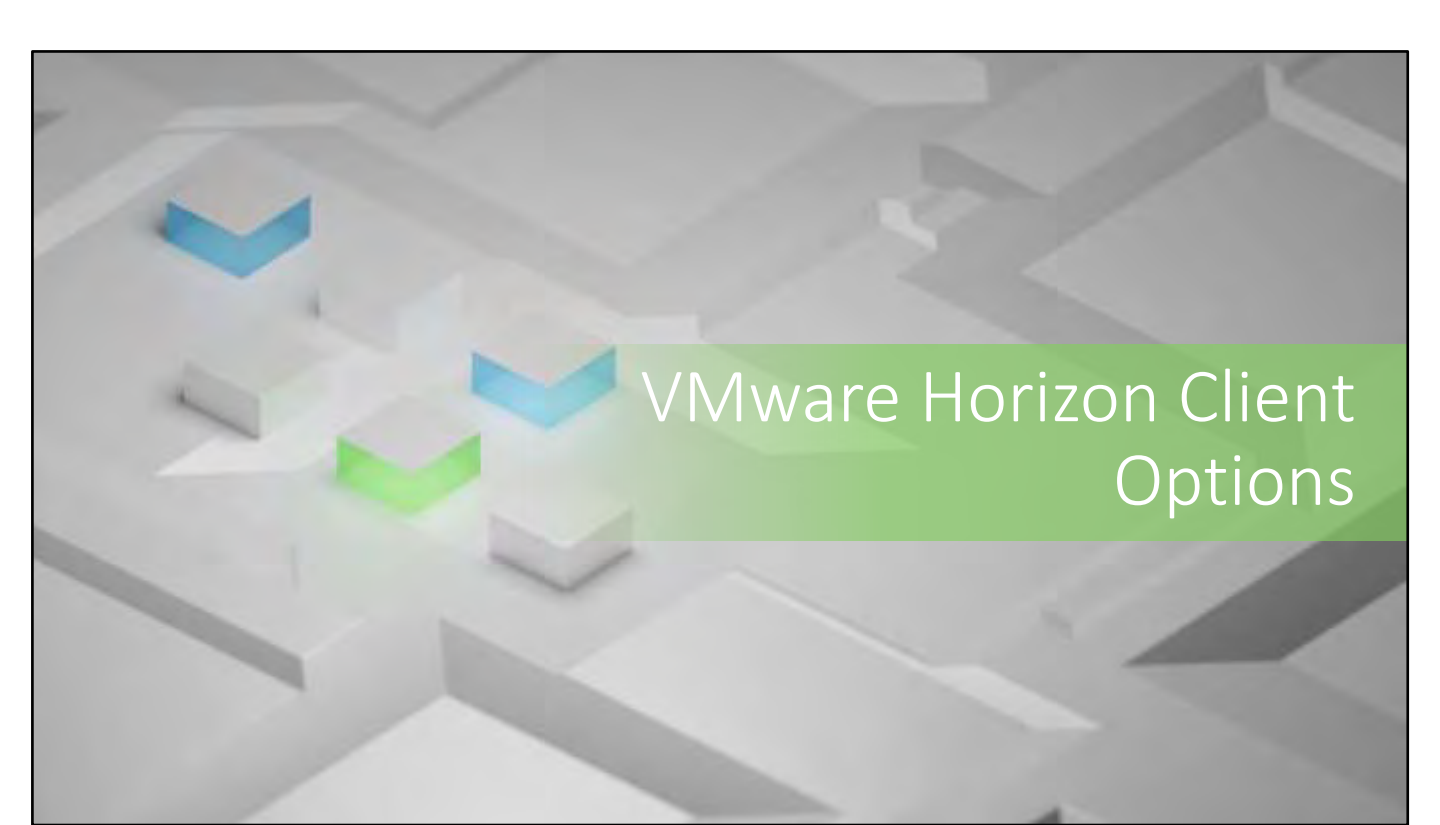
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VMware Horizon Client Options

VMware Horizon Clients



Allows connection to your VMware Horizon virtual desktop from your chosen device



Allows access from any where with internet access



VMware Horizon Clients

Windows

Linux

Mac

iOS

Chrome

Android

Thin clients

Zero clients

Comparing Different Clients



Horizon Client

Client software installed on a thick client to access VMware Horizon desktops



Thin clients

Minimal operating system



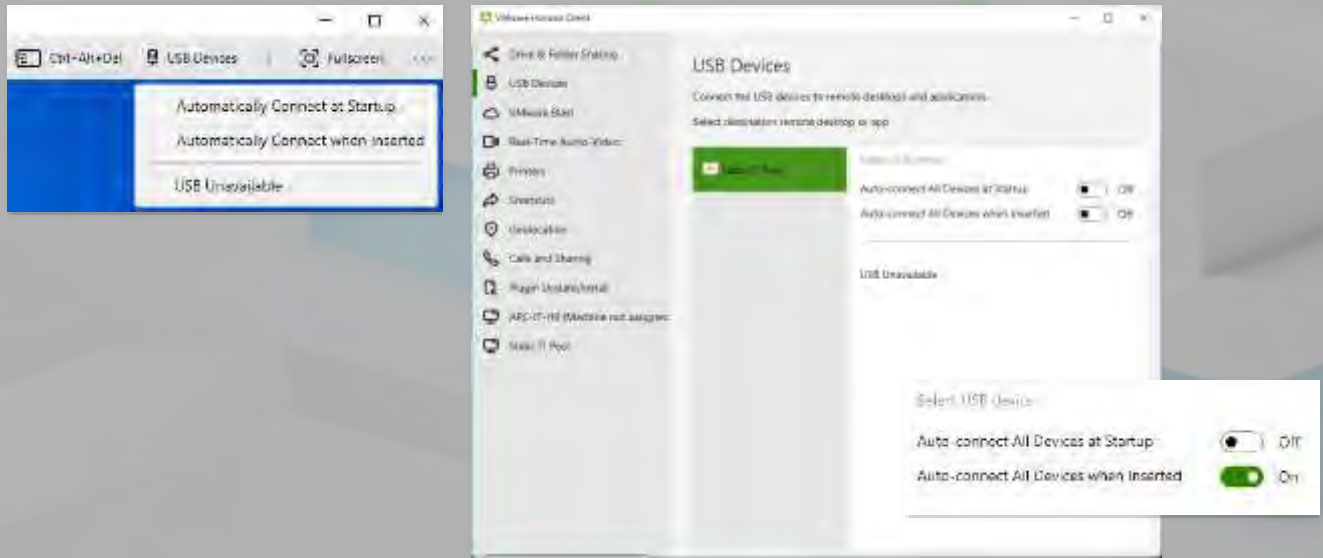
Zero clients

Configured to connect to one connection broker type.
For example, VMware horizon or Citrix.
No hard disk or operating system

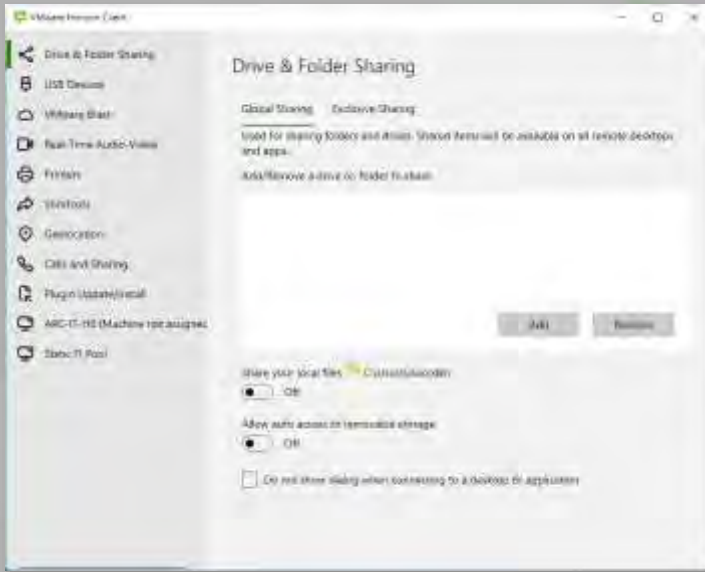
Access Horizon desktops using Horizon Clients or HTML



Setup USB Redirection



Setup Shared folders



Setup Integrated Printing



Demo

Access Horizon desktops using Horizon Clients

Setup USB Redirection

Setup Shared folders

Setup Integrated Printing



Microsoft Teams Session Optimization

Downside of making a video call from a virtual desktop

User's microphone and camera send the user's voice and image to the virtual desktop.

VMware Horizon® sends that data compressed, using our real-time audio-video (RTAV) feature

RTAV feature still sends a lot of data across the wire

The virtual desktop has to process the data and send it over the network to complete the call

The virtual desktop captures the video feed and sends it back over the network using the VMware Blast display protocol

Microsoft Teams Session Optimization cont.

VMware, with Microsoft, supports Media Optimization for Microsoft Teams

Works with Horizon 8 (2006 and later) and Horizon 7 version 7.13
When using a supported Horizon Agent and VMware Horizon Client versions

When a user starts a call inside the virtual desktop, a channel to the local physical device is opened and the call is started there

Horizon Client draws over the Microsoft Teams window in the virtual desktop VM

Gives users the impression that they are still in the VM

The media is actually traveling directly between the local endpoint and the remote peer

The load disappears from the network, and the processing moves from the data center to the endpoint

The end-user experience can improve as well because the data has one less hop to make

This process avoids using RTAV

Media Optimization for Microsoft Teams

Redirects audio calls, video calls, and viewing desktop shares

Provides a seamless experience between the client system and the remote session

Doesn't negatively affecting the virtual infrastructure or overloading the network

Takes place on the client machine instead of in the virtual desktop

Does not rely on Real-Time Audio-Video (RTAV).



Media Optimization for Microsoft Teams

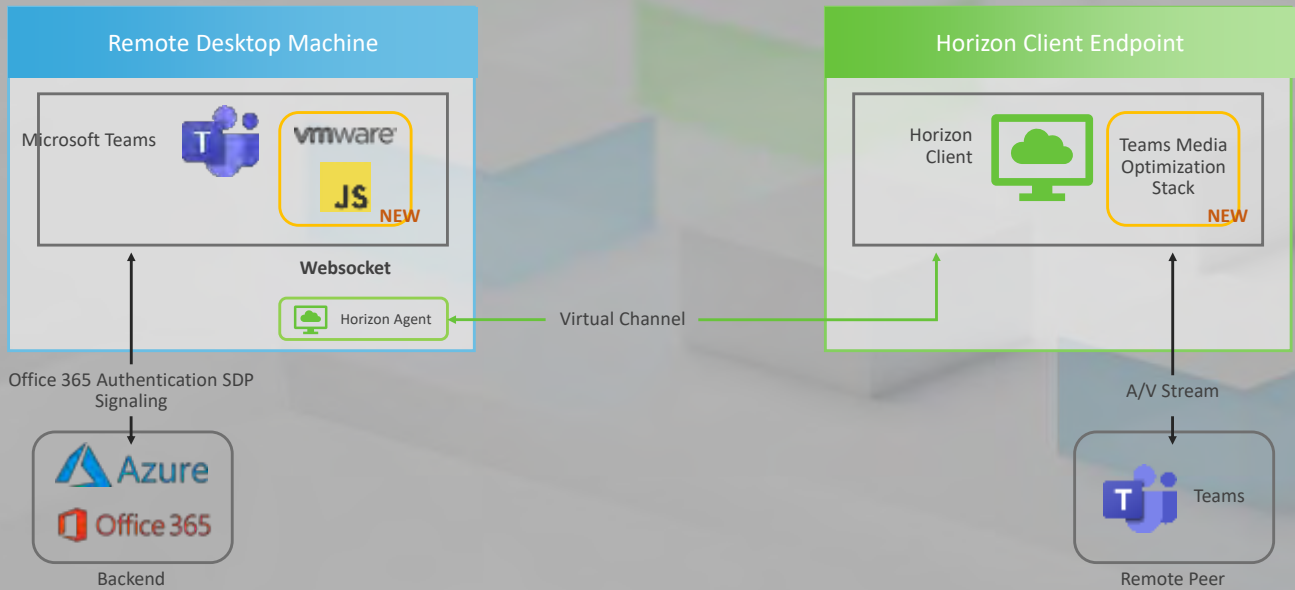
Horizon Client for Windows 2203 and earlier

Can see the setting if you select Customize installation in the installer

Horizon Client for Windows 2206 and later the feature is always installed



Media Optimization for Microsoft Teams



Conclusions

VMware Horizon Client Options

Comparing Different Clients

Access Horizon desktops using Horizon Clients or HTML

Setup USB Redirection

Setup Shared Folders

Setup Printer Redirection

Microsoft Teams Session Optimization

Media Optimization for Microsoft Teams



VMware Dynamic Environment Manager (DEM)

What Is VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Previously VMware User Environment Manager

A software solution for configuring and deploying end-user desktop settings

Provides personalization and dynamic policy configuration across any virtual, physical, or cloud-based Windows desktop environment

Simplifies end-user profile management by giving you a lightweight, yet scalable solution that leverages your existing infrastructure

Optimizes performance by replacing roaming profiles and eliminating complex difficult to maintain login scripts

Install VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Login using an account with administrator privileges

Download and extract the MSI file package for your operating system

Run the MSI for your operating system

Read and accept the End User License Agreement and click Next

Select the destination folder where you want to install the application and click Next.

Best practice, install VMware Dynamic Environment Manager in the default folder

What Is VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Select an installation option for VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Typical

Custom

Complete

Click Install

After the installation is complete, click Finish.

Install VMware Dynamic Environment Manager



Configure VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Configure FlexEngine by creating an Active Directory Group Policy Object (GPO) via VMware Dynamic Environment Manager administrative templates that are provided

Multiple FlexEngine configurations can be used by configuring multiple GPOs

Test Dev

Production

VMware Dynamic Environment Manager Flex Configuration Files

A Flex configuration file is created and managed by Management Console

Contains content specific for User Environment Manager

Each application has a separate Flex configuration file that contains the locations of the settings that are managed with User Environment Manager

VMware Dynamic Environment Manager Flex Configuration Files

Configuration templates are pre-configured Flex configuration files for popular applications

Can download the available templates directly from VMware marketplace

Custom configuration files can be

Created with Application Profiler

Use Windows Common Settings

Use an application template

Only a single application template can be selected for a Flex configuration file, unless you use a Microsoft Office template

Microsoft Office template select multiple application-specific templates simultaneously

Manage Dynamic Environment Manager Profiles in the DEM Console

Download Configuration Templates

Create a Flex Configuration File by Using an Application Template

Create a Flex Configuration File by Using Windows Common Settings

Export a Flex Configuration File to Another Location or Environment

Import a Flex Configuration File From Another Location or Environment

Create a Custom Flex Configuration File



Use the DEM Application Profiler

Install the application you want to configure on your profiling system

Log in to your profiling system as an administrator

Start Application Profiler and click Start Session

Browse to and select the application for which you want to create a Flex configuration file, Click OK

The application is opened, and the Analyzing Application dialog box appears

Change the application settings as necessary and close the application

The locations for the application settings are saved as a Flex configuration file

Conclusions

VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

What Is VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Install VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

Configure VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

VMware Dynamic Environment Manager Flex Configuration Files

Demo - Manage Dynamic Environment Manager Profiles in the DEM Console

Use the DEM Application Profiler



Microsoft FSLogix Office Container



Enables a consistent experience for Windows user profiles in VDI environments

Can be used on physical desktops as well where a more portable user experience is needed

FSLogix provides:


- Roam user data between remote computing session

- Minimize sign in times for virtual desktop environments.

- Optimize file I/O between host/client and remote profile store.

- Provide a local profile experience, eliminating the need for roaming profiles.

- Simplify the management of applications and 'Gold Images'.



Redirect user profiles to a “storage provider” or network share.

Mounting and using the profile from a storage provider eliminates delays often associated with solutions that copy profiles to and from a network location.

Can redirect only the portion of the profile that contains Office1 data by using an ODFC container.

The ODFC container allows the use of an alternate profile solution, such as vmware Dynamic Environment Manager, to enable Microsoft 365 applications in multi-session desktop environments

FSLogix cont.

Many applications use the user's profile as if it were on the local disk.

FSLogix uses a filter driver to virtualize and redirect the profile at the file system level

Applications are unaware the profile is on the network

Obscuring the redirection is important because many applications wont work correctly with a profile stored remotely

Profile containers used with Cloud Cache to provide high availability and disaster recovery profile solutions.

Office application activation needs to happen only once for a user using an FSLogix ODFC container.

This is very useful in environments with dynamic Quick Clone desktop pools

FSLogix Eligibility

Users are eligible to use FSLogix if they have one of the following licenses:

- Microsoft 365 E3/E5
- Microsoft 365 A3/A5/ Student Use Benefits
- Microsoft 365 F1/F3
- Microsoft 365 Business
- Windows 10 Enterprise E3/E5
- Windows 10 Education A3/A5
- Windows 10 VDA per user
- Remote Desktop Services (RDS) Client Access License (CAL)
- Remote Desktop Services (RDS) Subscriber Access License (SAL)
- Azure Virtual Desktop per-user access license

FSLogix and Antivirus

Antivirus products are known to conflict with FSLogix containers and requires that specific files and folders are excluded from any type of scanning or heuristic

Check FSLogix documentation for the long list of directories and files to be excluded from your antivirus monitoring



Configure FSLogix Profile Containers

Install FSLogix on the golden image for the Horizon Desktop
Sign into the Horizon Desktop as a user with administrator privileges
On the Horizon Desktop open Registry Editor and navigate to
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\FSLogix\Profiles
Make the needed changes to the Registry (on the following slide)
Log out and sign back in as a standard user
Open a Windows command prompt
Change directory to C:\Program Files\FSLogix\Apps
Type "frx list-redirects"



Configure FSLogix Profile Containers cont.

Open file Explorer

In the address bar type the path from
“VHDLocations” returned from running the
command “frx list-redirect” at the command
prompt

Double click the folder “%username%-%sid%”

Locate the VHDX container



Example Registry Changes for FSLogix Profile Container

Key Name	Data Type	Value	Description
Enabled	DWORD	1	REQUIRED
DeleteLocalProfileWhenVHDShouldApply1	DWORD	1	Recommended
FlipFlopProfileDirectoryName2	DWORD	1	Recommended
LockedRetryCount3	DWORD	3	Recommended
LockedRetryInterval3	DWORD	15	Recommended
ProfileType4	DWORD	0	Default
ReAttachIntervalSeconds3	DWORD	15	Recommended
ReAttachRetryCount3	DWORD	3	Recommended
SizeInMBs	DWORD	30000	Default
VHDLocations	MULTI_SZ or REG_SZ	\\<storage-account-name>.file.core.windows.net\<share-name>	Example
VolumeType5	REG_SZ	VHDX	Recommended

Configure FSLogix ODFC Containers (For Office Activation)

Install FSLogix on the golden image for the Horizon Desktop
Sign into the Horizon Desktop as a user with administrator privileges
On the Horizon Desktop open Registry Editor and navigate to
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\FsLogix\ODFC
Make the needed changes to the Registry (on the following slide)
Log out and sign back in as a standard user
Open a Windows command prompt
Change directory to C:\Program Files\FsLogix\Apps
Type "frx list-redirects"



Configure FSLogix ODFC Containers cont.

Open file Explorer

In the address bar type the path from “VHDLocations” returned from running the command “frx list-redirect” at the command prompt

Double click the folder “%username%-%sid%”

Locate the Profile and ODFC VHDX containers



Example Registry Changes for FSLogix ODFC Container

Key Name	Data Type	Value	Description
Enabled	DWORD	1	REQUIRED
FlipFlopProfileDirectoryName	DWORD	1	Recommended
IncludeTeams	DWORD	1	Recommended
LockedRetryCount	DWORD	3	Recommended
LockedRetryInterval	DWORD	15	Recommended
ReAttachIntervalSeconds	DWORD	15	Recommended
ReAttachRetryCount	DWORD	3	Recommended
SizeInMBs	DWORD	30000	Default
VHDLocations	MULTI_SZ or REG_SZ	\\<storage-account-name>.file.core.windows.net\<share-name>	Example
VolumeType	REG_SZ	VHDX	Recommended

Install and Configure FSLogix



Conclusions



Microsoft FSLogix Office Container

What is FSLogix

FSLogix Eligibility

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Configure FSLogix Configure ODFC containers



Clones

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Full Clone

Instant-clone

Instant-clone advantages

Provisioning technology for instant-clone desktop pools

Instant-clone automated pool setup

Pushing updated images to instant-clone desktop pools



Full Clone

A complete and independent copy of the original template VM

An automated desktop pool that contains full-clone virtual machines

Create a virtual machine template

Horizon uses that template to create full clone, disk independent virtual machines

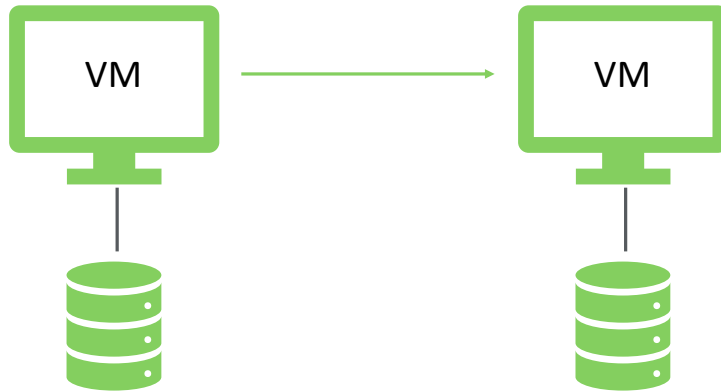
Once the clone is created it is a fully independent virtual machine.

Can be customized with additional applications and VM configuration

Uses the MOST resources such as disk and memory



Full Clones



Instant-clone

An instant copy of a running virtual machine

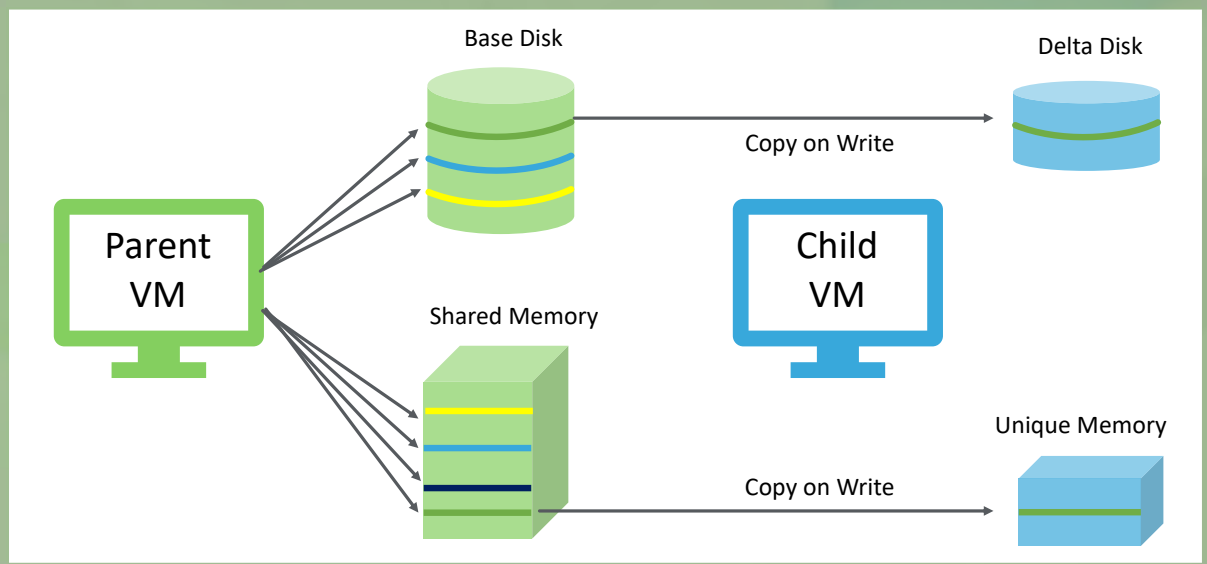
The Instant clone shares the same virtual hard disk as the parent with a delta file, or difference file, for copy on write operations.

Instant clones also use the same shared memory that the parent VM does with the same Copy-on-write technology, but for memory

More like containerized virtualization than linked clones that only share the base hard disk



Instant Clones



Instant-clone Advantages

Use fewer resources

- Memory

- Hard disk

Faster desktop deployment

Simplified management

- OS Patching

- Application updates/upgrades

Do not need to be refreshed, recomposed, or rebalanced

When users logs out of Instant-clones, the clone gets deleted and recreated from the latest patch



Provisioning technology for instant-clone desktop pools

Created from a golden image using the vmFork technology (instant clone API) in vCenter Server.

Creates several types of internal VMs to manage the instant clones in a more scalable way

- Internal Template

- Replica VM

- Parent VM

Use of a parent VM improves the provisioning speed, it also **increases** the memory requirement across the cluster

When the benefit of having more memory outweighs the increase in provisioning speed, Horizon 8 automatically chooses to provision instant clones directly from a replica VM without creating a parent VM

This is called Smart Provisioning

Smart Provisioning creates Instant Clones by either

- Instant clones with parent VM

- Instant clones without parent VM

Instant clones are created in a powered-on state

Instant-clone Advantages

Instant-clone Automated Pool Setup

Select Inventory > Desktops

Click Add

Select Automated Desktop Pool and click Next

Select Instant Clones, select the vCenter Server instance, and click Next

Follow the rest of the prompts to create the pool



Create an Instant-clone automated pool



Pushing Updated Images to Instant-clone Desktop Pools

Prepare a new golden image and snapshot with the operating system image and/or applications updates installed.

Schedule a push-image operation with the updated golden image and snapshot

When the push-image operation starts

Horizon 8 deletes unused old instant-clone desktops and creates new instant clones using on the new image

Old instant-clone desktops that are in-use are undisturbed

When the user logs out, Horizon 8 deletes the old instant clone and recreates a new instant clone using the updated image

Pushing Updated Images to Instant-clone Desktop Pools

In Horizon Console, select Inventory > Desktops

Click the pool ID

On the Summary tab, click Maintain > Schedule

The Schedule Push Image window opens

On the Image step, select the snapshot to use.

The default image for the pool is already selected

On the Schedule step, select the Schedule image push option.

You can schedule the task to start immediately or sometime in the future

For clones with user sessions, you can specify whether to force the users to log out or to wait

When the users log out, Horizon 8 recreates the clones.

On the Ready to Complete step, click Finish.

Pushing updated images to instant-clone desktop pools



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RDS Desktop and Application Pools

RDS Desktop and Application Pools

RDS desktop pool vs automated pool

RDS session host pool vs. farm vs. application pool

Create RDS desktop and application pools - Demo

Accessing RDS desktops and applications from Horizon Client - Demo

Using instant-clone to automate RDSH farm building

Setup load-balancing for RDSHs on a farm - Demo

RDS desktop pool

An RDS desktop pool is a group of RDS hosts or a RDS farm

An RDS host is a Windows server running the RDS role that can host multiple RDS desktop sessions

An RDS desktop is based on an RDP session on an RDS host.

RDS desktop pool vs automated pool

An RDS desktop is based on an RDP session on an RDS host

Multiple other users sessions could be sharing the same operating system, installed applications and server resources

A desktop in an automated desktop pool is based on a virtual machine

Each desktop in an automated desktop pool has a unique operating system, applications, and resources for that user session

A desktop in a manual desktop pool is based on a fully unique and independent virtual or physical machine

RDS session host pool vs. RDS Farm

RDS hosts are Windows servers that have Windows Remote Desktop Services role and Horizon Agent installed

RDS hosts provide users access to applications that users can access remotely

RDS Farms are collections of RDS hosts

RDS Farms facilitate the management of RDS hosts

RDS Farms provide a common set RDS published desktops and applications to users

Application pool

Application pools are published applications that run on a farm of RDS hosts

Let you deliver seamless applications to many users that run on servers in a data center instead of on their personal desktops

When you create an RDS application pool you specify a RDS farm

Create RDS Desktop



Create Application Pools



Demo

Accessing RDS desktops and applications from Horizon Client



Using instant-clone to automate RDSH farm Creation

Create golden image for RDSH

Horizon creates a farm of RDS hosts using the golden image

Can update all hosts in farm from a single central image

Do not store any data locally on the farm VMs

Data will be lost on image update

Data should be stored on remote file shares using DEM or FSLogix

Setup load-balancing for an RDSHs farm



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Horizon Monitoring

Horizon Monitoring



Using Horizon Administrator console dashboard



Monitoring desktop sessions with the HelpDesk tool



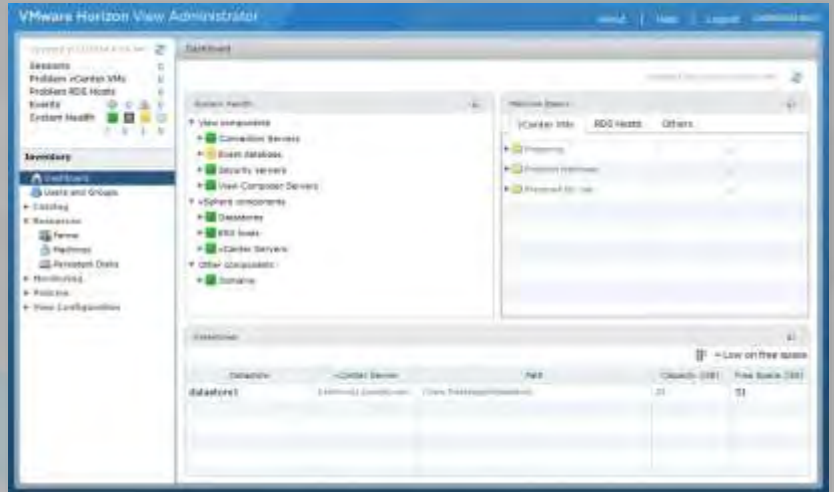
Using Horizon Performance Tracker to monitor remote desktop performance

Using Horizon Administrator console dashboard



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Horizon Administrator console dashboard



Demo



Using Horizon Administrator console dashboard



Monitoring desktop sessions with the HelpDesk tool



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Using Horizon Performance Tracker to monitor remote desktop performance

Demo



Horizon Performance Tracker



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Horizon Connection Server

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Horizon Connection Server

Horizon reference architecture

Horizon Connection Server features

Horizon Connection Server system requirements

Setup Horizon event database

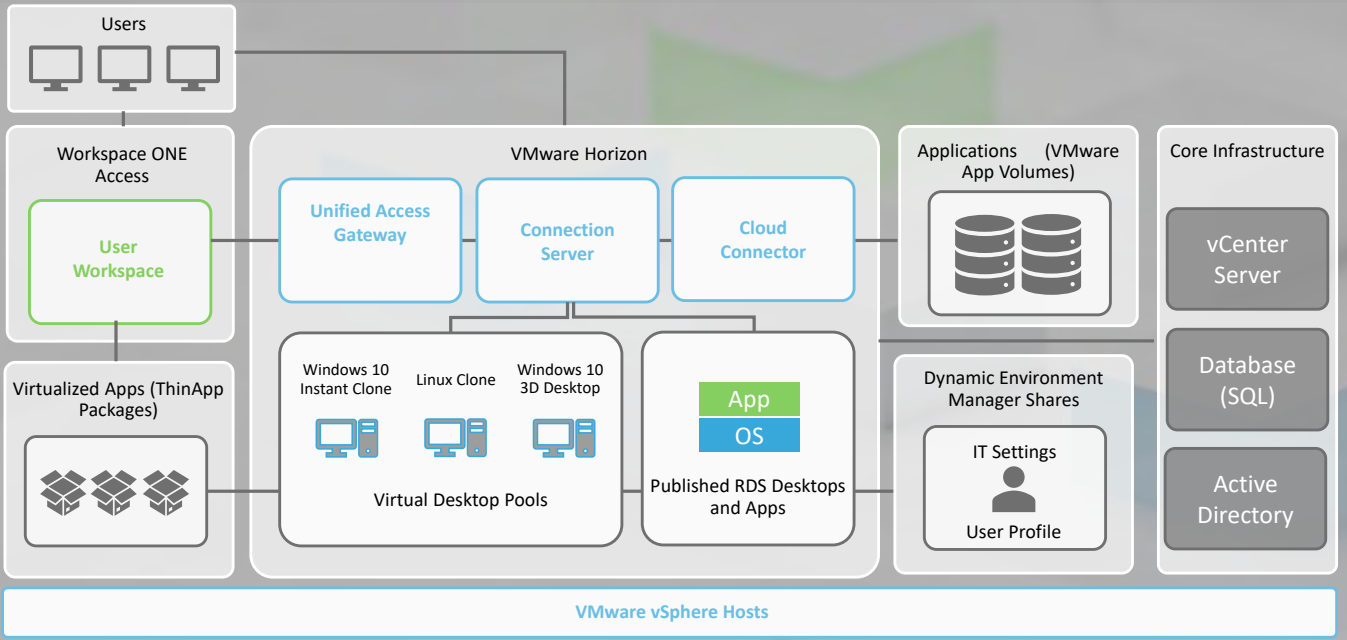
Initial Horizon Connection Server configuration

AD LDS database with Horizon Connection Server

True SSO



Horizon Reference Architecture



Horizon Connection Server Features

Acts as a broker for client connections

Authenticates users through Windows Active Directory

Directs the request to the

Virtual machine
Physical PC
Microsoft RDS host

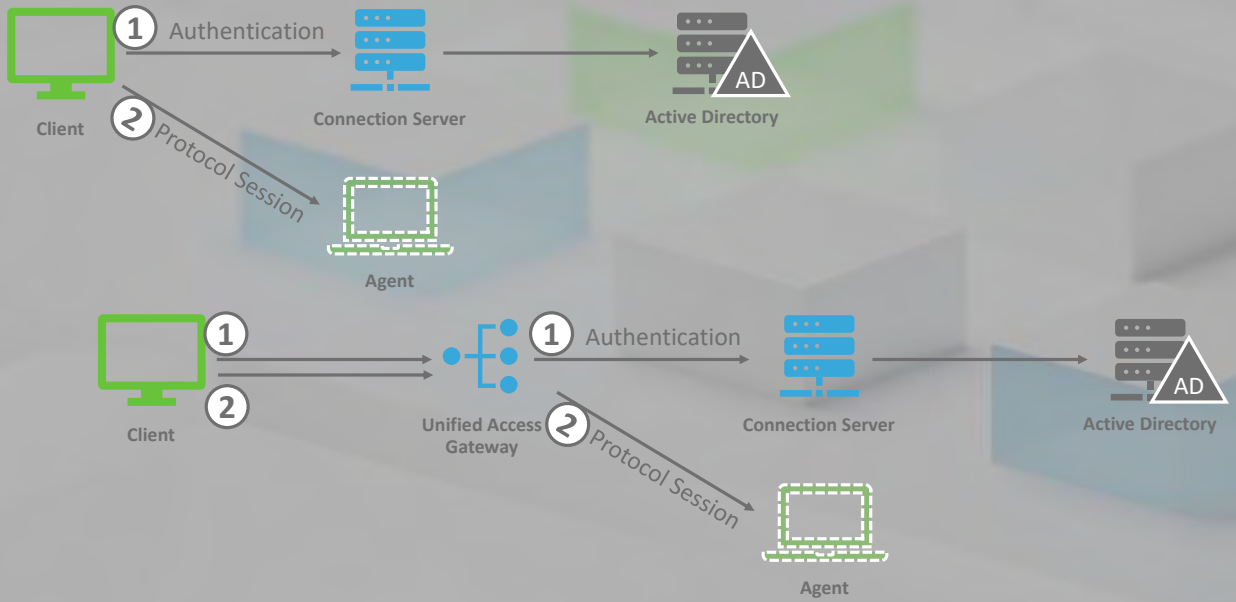
Assigning applications packaged with VMware ThinApp to specific desktops and pools

Establishing secure connections between users and remote desktops and applications

Enabling single sign-on

Setting and applying policies

Horizon Authorization



Horizon Connection Server Hardware Requirements

Hardware Component	Required	Recommended
Processor	Pentium IV 2.0GHz processor or higher	4 CPUs
Memory	4GB RAM or higher	At least 10GB RAM for deployments of 50 or more remote desktops
Network Adapter	100Mbps NIC	1Gbps NICs

Horizon Connection Server Software Requirements

Operating System	Supported Editions	Supported Horizon versions
Windows Server 2012 R2	Standard Datacenter	Horizon 8 2006 and later
Windows Server 2016	Standard Datacenter	Horizon 8 2006 and later
Windows Server 2019	Standard Datacenter	Horizon 8 2006 and later
Windows Server 2022	Standard Datacenter	Horizon 8 2111 and later

Setup Horizon Event Database

In Horizon Console,

Settings > Event Configuration.

In the Event Database section,

click Edit

enter the information in the fields provided

click OK

To clear the event database information

click Clear

In the Event Settings window (Optionally)

Click Edit

Change the length of time to show events and the number of days to classify events as new

click OK

Verify that the connection to the event database is successful

Monitoring > Events

Initial Horizon Connection Server Configuration

Start the Connection Server installation program

Accept the VMware license terms

Accept or change the destination folder

Select the Horizon Standard Server installation option

Make sure that Install HTML Access is selected if you intend to allow users to connect to their desktops by using a Web browser

IPv4 is selected by default

If IPv6 is not displayed, it is because HTML Access is not supported in an IPv6 environment

Horizon 8 components with the same IP version must be selected

Select whether to enable or disable FIPS mode

This option is available only if FIPS is enabled in Windows

Type a data recovery password and optional password reminder.

A data recovery password is required when you recover a backup of Connection Server

Choose how to configure the Windows Firewall service

Configure Windows Firewall automatically

Do not configure Windows Firewall

Initial Horizon Connection Server Configuration

Authorize a Horizon Administrators account

- Authorize the local Administrators group

- Authorize a specific domain user or domain group

Choose whether to participate in the customer experience improvement program

Select where you want to deploy Connection Server

- General

- AWS

- DELL/EMC

- Azure

- Google

- Oracle Cloud

Click Install to complete the wizard and install Connection Server

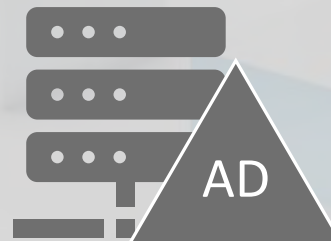
Run Windows Update as needed

Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services (AD LDS)

ADAM LDAP in previous versions

An independent mode of Active Directory, minus infrastructure features

That provides directory services for applications



AD LDS Database With Horizon Connection Server

From View Connection Server computer

Start the ADSI Edit utility

Via PowerShell

Start Menu Folder (Windows Administrative Tools)

Added as a snapin to an mmc console

In the console tree launched for ADSI Edit

select Connect to

Enter connection settings into the dialog box to connect into the Local Horizon View Database

In the Select or type a Distinguished Name or Naming Context text box

dc=vdi, dc=vmware, dc=int

If you are unable to connect try using dc=vdi;dc=vmware;dc=int

In the Select or type a domain or server text box

localhost:389

Or the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the View Connection Server computer followed by port 389

example localhost:389 or mycomputer.mydomain.com:389

Click OK

True SSO

After users log in to VMware Workspace ONE Access using

- A smart card

- RSA SecurID

- RADIUS authentication

- Third-party identity provider using a Unified Access Gateway appliance

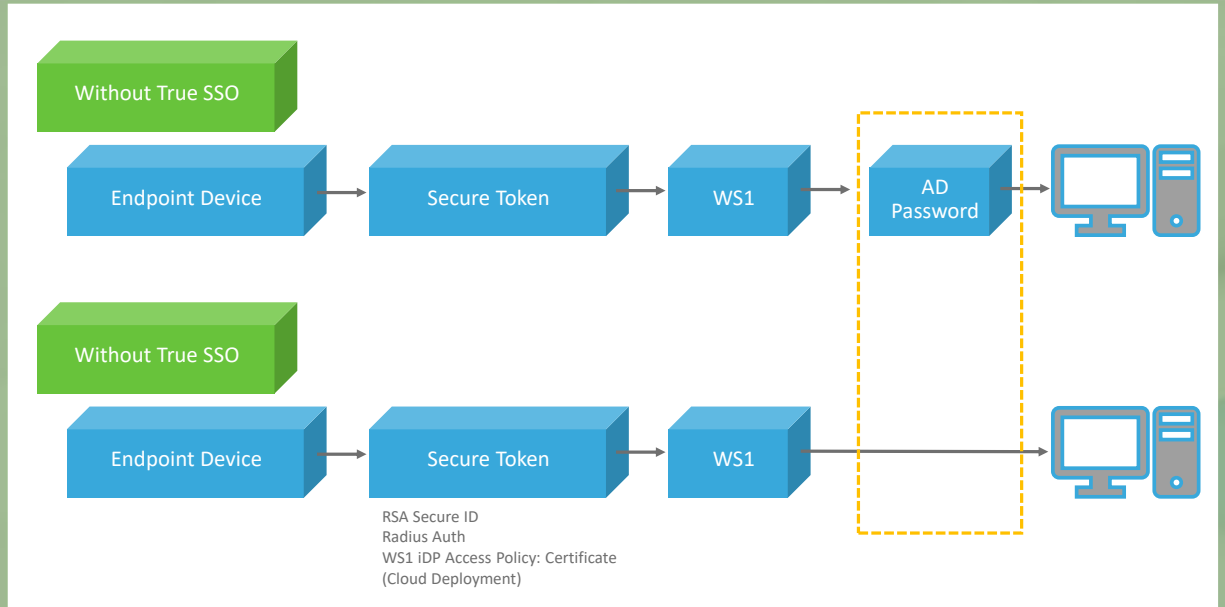
Users are not required to also enter Active Directory credentials

If a user authenticates by using Active Directory credentials the True SSO feature is not necessary

- Can configure True SSO to be used even in this case

- The AD credentials that the user provides are ignored and True SSO is used

True SSO



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Roles available in Horizon



Supported authentication options

Uses existing Active Directory infrastructure for user authentication and management

Can also integrate with two-factor authentication solutions

RSA SecurID

RADIUS

Smart card authentication solutions

Supported Smartcard authentication options

A smart card

A small plastic card embedded with a computer chip

Example Common Access Card (CAC) used by many government agencies and large enterprises

Client connections that use smart card authentication, are TLS/SSL enabled

Client machines must have smart card middleware and a smart card reader installed

Creating Horizon administrator

In Horizon Console

Settings > Administrators

On the Administrators and Groups tab

Click Add User or Group.

Click Add

Select one or more search criteria

Click Find to filter Active Directory users or groups based on your search criteria

Select the Active Directory user or group that you want to be an administrator user or group

Click OK

click Next

Press the Ctrl and Shift keys to select multiple users and groups

Select a role to assign to the administrator user or group

Demo

Creating Horizon administrator



Creating Horizon Custom Roles

In Horizon Console

Settings > Administrators.

On the Role Privileges tab

click Add Role.

Enter a name and description for the new role

Select one or more privileges
Click OK



Demo

Creating Horizon Custom Roles



Roles available in Horizon

Administrators

Global Configuration and Policy Administrators

Help Desk Administrators

Inventory Administrators

Local Administrators

Agent Registration Administrators

Administrators (Read only)

Global Configuration and Policy Administrators (Read only)

Help Desk Administrators (Read Only)

Inventory Administrators (Read only)

Local Administrators (Read Only)



Demo

View Roles available in Horizon



Importance of certificates in Horizon Connection Server

TLS server certificates are required for client connections to

Client-facing Connection Server instances

Intermediate servers that terminate TLS connections



Certificates in Horizon Connection Server Installation

Connection server installation generates a self-signed certificate

The installation uses an existing certificate if

A valid certificate with a Friendly name of vdm already exists in the Windows Certificate Store

Upgrading to VMware Horizon 8 from an earlier release and a valid keystore file is configured on the Windows Server computer

The installation extracts the keys and certificates

Imports them into the Windows Certificate Store



Installing Horizon Connection Server certificates

The Horizon Connection Server is installed on a Windows Server

Installing a certificate for a Horizon Connection Server is installing a certificate on a Windows Server

Open an MMC console

Add the Certificate Snap-In to MMC the MMC console

Import a Signed Server Certificate into a Windows Certificate Store

Modify the Certificate Friendly Name (vdm)

Import the Root Certificate and Intermediate Certificates into the Windows Certificate Store

Demo

Installing Horizon Connection Server certificates



Prerequisites to Configure Horizon Connection Server for True SSO



Login with a user account with administrator privileges

Insure you have the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) for the following servers

- Connection Server

- Enrollment server

- Enterprise certificate authority

Insure you have the Netbios name or the **FQDN** of the domain

Insure you have created a certificate template

Insure you have created a SAML authenticator to delegate authentication to VMware Workspace ONE Access

Configure Horizon Connection Server for True SSO

Installing and configuring True SSO

Add an enrollment server to the global list

On a Connection Server in the cluster, open a command prompt and enter the command to add an enrollment server

```
vdmUtil --authAs admin-role-user --authDomain domain-name --authPassword admin-user-password --truesso --environment --add --enrollmentServer enroll-server-fqdn
```

Enter the command to list the information for that enrollment server

```
vdmUtil --authAs admin-role-user --authDomain domain-name --authPassword admin-user-password --truesso --environment --list --enrollmentServer enroll-server-fqdn --domain domain-fqdn
```

Configure Horizon Connection Server for True SSO

Enter the command to create a True SSO connector, which will hold the configuration information, and enable the connector

```
vdmUtil --authAs admin-role-user --authDomain domain-name --  
authPassword admin-user-password --truesso --create --  
connector --domain domain-fqdn --template TrueSSO-template-  
name --primaryEnrollmentServer enroll-server-fqdn --  
certificateServer ca-common-name --mode enabled
```

Enter the command to discover which SAML authenticators are available

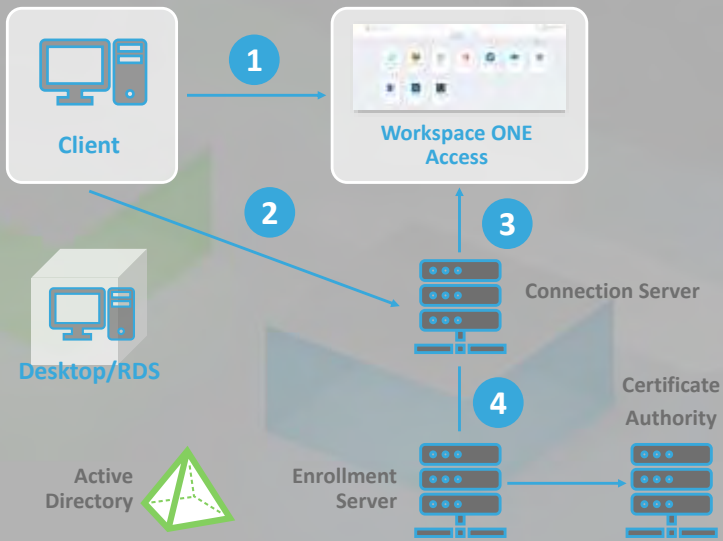
```
vdmUtil --authAs admin-role-user --authDomain domain-name --  
authPassword admin-user-password --truesso --list --  
authenticator
```

Configure Horizon Connection Server for True SSO

Enter the command to enable the authenticator to use True SSO mode.

```
vdmUtil --authAs admin-role-user --authDomain domain-name --  
authPassword admin-user-password --truesso --authenticator --  
edit --name authenticator-fqdn --truessoMode {ENABLED|ALWAYS}
```

True SSO for Horizon Connection Server



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WorkSpace ONE

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Features and benefits

Console features

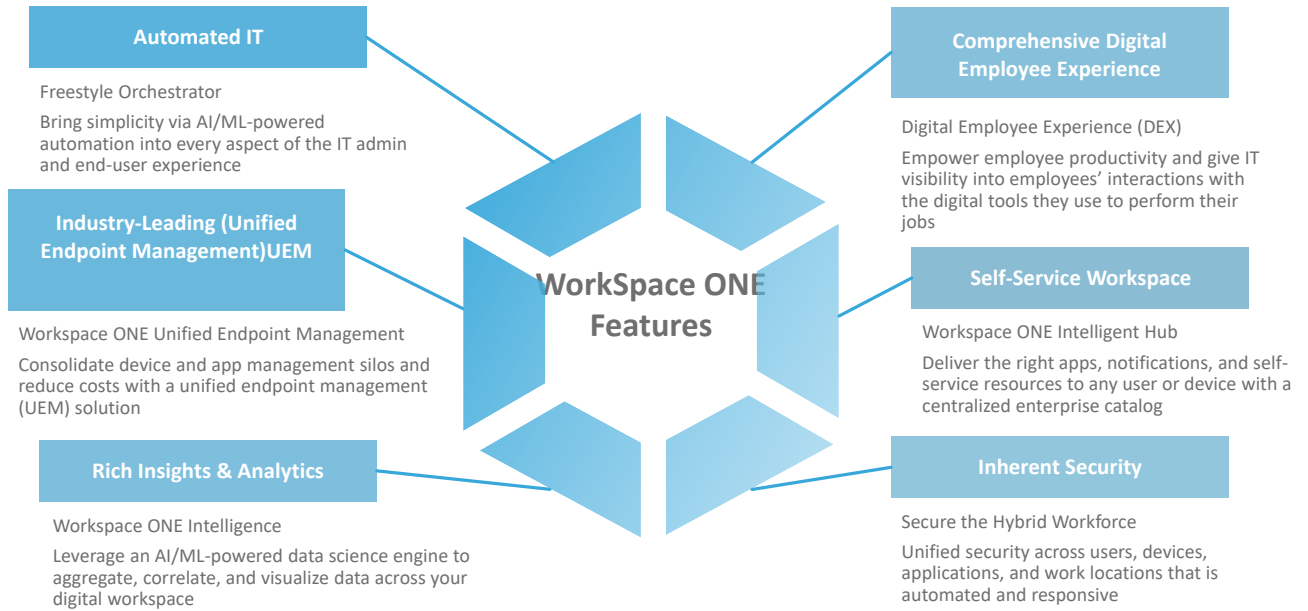
Identity management

Access management

Directory integration

Deploying virtual applications using Workspace services

WorkSpace ONE



Workspace ONE Console Features

Dashboards

Device tab

Summary of information regarding the device

Is the device in compliance

Device serial number

Profiles tab

All the policies and configurations pushed down to a device

Click a profile name for additional information on a specific profile

Apps tab

A listing of all the applications installed on the device

Different options available for the different applications

Workspace ONE Console Features

Multi-tenant Architecture

Uses organization groups to be able to customize your environment to match your organization's structure

Production / Test Dev

Execs / HR / Sales

Roles Based Access

Help Desk Users can have only certain privileges to certain organizational groups

Admins can have full access to the full organization

Demo

Workspace ONE Console



Workspace ONE Access Management

Brokering Between Identity Stores and Providers

Bridge between AD, ADFS, AAD, Okta, Ping and others to deliver a seamless user experience without rearchitecting your identity environment

Integrated Password-less Authentication and Single Sign-On

Reduce the risk of security breaches with password-less MFA integrated directly into Workspace ONE Intelligent Hub Single-Sign-on to mobile, SaaS, web and virtual apps improves security, reduces helpdesk calls and improves user experience

Risk Based Conditional Access

Establish trust between users, devices and apps for a seamless user experience

Easily enable dozens of access policy combinations that leverage Workspace ONE device enrollment, network and SSO policies, automated device remediation and 3rd party information.

Cloud Hosted

Available as a hosted solution to dramatically reduce implementation time and maintenance overhead with a VMware managed Workspace ONE Access tenant

Workspace ONE Access management



Workspace ONE Directory Integration

Can integrate enterprise directories

Sync users and groups

Integrates with

Active Directory

LDAP directories such as OpenLDAP

Syncs a limited number of user and group attributes

Specified by the administrator

User passwords and other attributes not specified by the administrator are not synced

Directory Sync service is required for directory integration

Workspace One Virtual Apps Collections

Provide end users access to resources from the Workspace ONE Intelligent Hub app or portal

Web applications

VMware Horizon applications and desktops

Applications and desktops running on

Horizon Cloud Service on Microsoft Azure with Single-Pod Broker

Horizon Cloud Service on IBM Cloud

Citrix-published applications and desktops

ThinApp packaged applications with Workspace ONE Access

Requires installing the Virtual App service

Component of the Workspace ONE Access connector

Prerequisites to Deploying Virtual Applications Using Workspace Services

Install the Virtual App service, a component of the Workspace ONE Access connector

Login with a user account with the correct administrative privilege

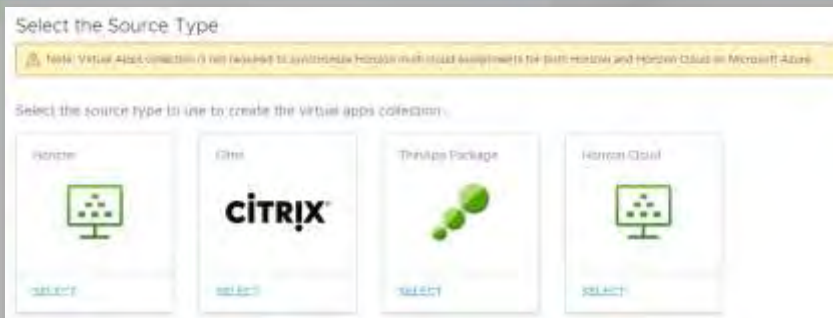


Create Virtual Applications Using Workspace Services

Select Resources > Virtual Apps Collections

If an information page appears, review the information and click Get Started, otherwise click New

Select the type of resource to integrate



Create Virtual Applications Using Workspace Services

Follow the New Collection wizard to create the collection

The steps for each type of integration is different and requires different configuration information

Horizon on premises integration

Horizon Cloud integration

ThinApp integration

Citrix integration

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Protocols

Display Protocols



Blast vs PCoIP

BLAST Display Protocol Codec

BLAST Codec option summary

BLAST Codec ideal applications

BLAST and PCoIP ADMX GPO configuration

Horizon 8 Remote display protocols Blast Extreme



Used with the HTML Access client, when using the HTML Access feature

Used with a remote Linux desktop

Optimized for mobile cloud

Lowest CPU consumption for longer battery life

Compensates for an increase in latency or a reduction in bandwidth

Can use either TCP and UDP network transports

Additional performance counters displayed using PerfMon on Windows

Connections to headless machines are supported with NVIDIA graphics cards

Horizon 8 Remote display protocols Blast Extreme and PCoIP



VPN or Unified Access Gateway supported

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) 128-bit encryption by default

Can change the encryption key cipher to AES-256

32-bit color for virtual displays

ClearType fonts support

Audio redirection and Real-Time Audio-Video on some clients

Copy and paste of text and, on some clients' images

Multiple monitors are supported for some clients

USB redirection is supported for some clients

MMR redirection

On some Windows client operating systems and some remote desktop operating systems with Horizon Agent installed

BLAST Display Protocol Codecs

JPG/PNG

Ideall for typical Windows and Linux applications
Good at reproducing intricate fonts and screen content with fine details
Such as still images and low-motion 3D modeling

Blast Codec

Similar to JPG/PNG
Used less CPU and network bandwidth
Designed to support not just typical Windows and Linux apps, but also SaaS applications, line-of-business apps like Point of Sale, and any that require low-motion, high-quality graphics support such as CATIA, Photoshop, and AutoCAD

BLAST Display Protocol Codecs

H.264

- Most common codec in the world
- Designed specifically to support entertainment content
- Use in encoding Blu-ray movies
- Requires more processing power to perform its encoding and decoding operations
- Processing can be offloaded from the CPU to graphics cards (GPU)

HEVC (High Efficiency Video Coding or H.265)

- Provides up to 50% better compression, the same quality as H.264
- Reduction in the network bandwidth required, similar to CPU
- Uses substantially more CPU to encode and decode
- Requires that the ESXi hosts have NVIDIA Tesla or newer GPUs to offload its encoding

BLAST Display Protocol Codec



Improves on Adaptive and on H.264 encoders

Delivers sharper images and fonts

Operates like a video codec

- Motion detection

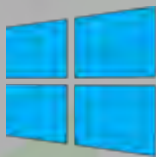
- Motion vectors

- Inter-predicted macroblocks

Supported on Windows and Linux

Disabled by default

Enable BLAST Display Protocol Codec



Windows

Set the registry key

```
HKLM\SOFTWARE\VMware, Inc.\Vmware  
Blast\Config\EncoderBlastCodecEnabled = 1
```



Linux

```
\etc\vmware\config
```

```
set RemoteDisplay.allowBlastCodec=TRUE
```

BLAST Codec option summary



H.264 with High Color Accuracy

Encoder Switch

Offloading H.264 and H.264 with High Color Accuracy to an NVIDIA GPU

HEVC with High Dynamic Range (HDR) Encoding

BLAST Codec ideal applications

Codec	Ideal Applications
JPG/PNG	Typical productivity applications such as Microsoft Office, plus those requiring support for fine details and higher still image quality
Blast Codec	Typical productivity applications such as Microsoft Office, plus those requiring support for fine details and higher still image quality
PNG (Build-to-Lossless)	Applications requiring lossless reproduction of original screen content such as non-diagnostic medical imaging
H.264	Multimedia applications such as streaming video, video games, and productivity applications with rapidly changing content
H.264 with High Color Accuracy (HCA)	Applications that require higher color quality or that exhibit lack of clarity with H.264 alone
Encoder Switch: JPG/PNG and H.264	Same applications as for the JPG/PNG codec and the H.264 codec
Encoder Switch: Blast Codec and H.264	Same applications as for the Blast Codec and the H.264 codec

BLAST Codec ideal applications

Codec	Ideal Applications
Encoder Switch: JPG/PNG and H.264 with HCA	Same applications as for the JPG/PNG codec and the H.264 with HCA codec
Encoder Switch: Blast Codec and H.264 with HCA	Same applications as for the Blast Codec and the H.264 with HCA codec.
High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC)	Applications that require the same quality as H.264 with less bandwidth utilization or that require higher quality with similar bandwidth utilization as H.264
HEVC with High Dynamic Range (HDR) Encoding	Applications that require higher graphical quality with improved color range and contrast, such as digital photography
NVIDIA Encoded H.264 (H.264 Offloaded to GPU)	Same applications that are ideal for H.264 while offloading the encoding from the ESXi host CPUs to an NVIDIA GPU
NVIDIA H.264 with HCA	Same applications that are ideal for H.264 with HCA while offloading the encoding from the ESXi host CPUs to an NVIDIA GPU

BLAST and PCoIP ADMX GPO configuration

Many codec options and Blast Extreme settings are controlled by administrators in the Windows Registry

Codec Options can be configured

In the Windows Registry with Registry Editor

GPO

Windows Group Policy template provided with VMware Horizon

The Blast Extreme template is named: vdm_blast.admx

In the VMware-Horizon-Extras-Bundle-xxx.zip file (xxx indicating Horizon version)

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3D Rendering Options Full-Clone Desktop Pool



3D Rendering Options Instant-Clone Desktop Pool



vSGA vs vDGA

3D Rendering Options Full-Clone Desktop Pool

Before you attempt to create desktop pools in Horizon Console you must configure in the vSphere Client

Virtual Shared Graphics Acceleration (vSGA)

Virtual Dedicated Graphics Acceleration (vDGA)

AMD MxGPU

NVIDIA GRID vGPU

3D Rendering Options Full-Clone Desktop Pool

Six 3D Renderer Options in Horizon Console

Manage using vSphere Client

3D Renderer option is set in vSphere Web Client for a virtual machine

Horizon 8 does not control 3D rendering

Configure VRAM for 3D Guests, Max number of monitors, and Max resolution of any one monitor settings are inactive in Horizon Console

Automatic - 3D rendering is enabled

ESXi host reserves GPU hardware resources on a first-come, first-served basis at VM powered on

If no GPU hardware resources are available when a VM is powered on software renderer is used

3D Rendering Options Full-Clone Desktop Pool

Software - 3D Rendering is Enabled

Uses software 3D graphics rendering

Any GPU graphics cards installed on the ESXi host will not be used

Use this setting to configure Soft 3D

Hardware - 3D Rendering is Enabled

Reserves GPU hardware resources on a first-come, first-served basis as VM are powered on

If a user tries to connect to a Desktop when all GPU hardware is reserved the VM will not power on

If a VM is vMotion to an ESXi host that does not have GPU hardware configured, the VM will not power on.

This setting is an option when configuring vSGA

3D Rendering Options, NVIDIA GRID vGPU Full-Clone Desktop Pool



NVIDIA GRID vGPU - 3D rendering is enabled for NVIDIA GRID vGPU

Reserves GPU hardware resources on a first-come, first-served basis as VM are powered on

If a connection is attempted to a VM when all GPU hardware resources are being used by other VMs on the host,

Connection Server will attempt to move the VM to another ESXi host

Use this setting when configuring NVIDIA GRID vGPU.

The virtual machine cannot be suspended or resumed

VMs can not be powered on powered hosts with out GPU hardware in a cluster with hosts with NVIDIA GRID vGPU enabled

All ESXi hosts in the cluster must be version 6.0 or later

All VMs must be hardware version 11 or later

If an ESXi cluster contains a host that is NVIDIA GRID vGPU enabled and a host that is not, the hosts display a yellow (warning) status in the Horizon Console Dashboard

Configuring 3D Rendering Options in a Full-Clone Desktop Pool



3D Rendering Options Instant-Clone Desktop Pool

- ◆ **Horizon 8 does not directly control settings for 3D rendering of an instant-clone pool as it does with full-clone pools**
- ◆ **3D settings are configure using the vSphere Client in the ESXi hosts, and then in your golden image**
- ◆ **Instant-clone VMs will inherit those settings from the golden image**
- ◆ **Horizon Console will display some of the settings configured, but cannot edit or interact with those settings**

Configuring 3D Rendering Options in an Instant-Clone Desktop Pool



vSGA vs vDGA

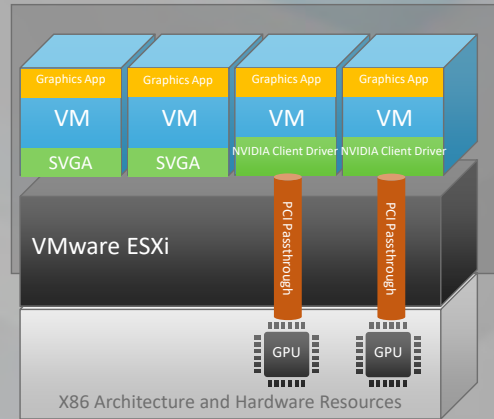
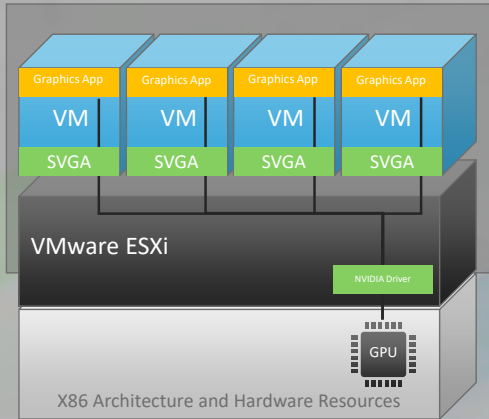
Virtual Shared Graphics Acceleration (vSGA)

Allows multiple virtual machines to share the physical GPUs
Suitable for mid-range 3D design, modeling, and multimedia applications.

Virtual Direct Graphics Acceleration (vDGA)

Assigns a dedicated Nvidia GPU to the VDI desktop reserving the entire GPU
Number of desktops per ESXi host is limited to the number of Nvidia graphics adapters in the host
Uses VMware DirectPath I/O, so vMotion, DRS, and HA are not supported
Uses the Nvidia graphics drivers instead of the VMware SVGA 3D driver
Cannot live switch between software or hardware acceleration

vSGA vs vDGA



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3D Rendering Options Instant-Clone Desktop Pool

vSGA vs vDGA

The image features a 3D geometric background of white and grey blocks. A prominent green arrow points from the center towards the right edge. The word "Scalability" is written in white text on the right side of the green arrow.

Scalability

Scalability

Multiple Horizon Connection Server Instances

Horizon 8 Pod

Unified Access Gateway

Horizon Cloud Pod Architecture

Multiple Horizon Connection Server Instances

One or more additional instances of Connection Server replicate an existing Connection Server instance

The existing and newly installed instances of Connection Server are identical

VMware Horizon 8 copies the Horizon LDAP configuration data from the existing Connection Server instance to the new replica and identical Horizon LDAP configuration data is maintained on all Connection Server instances

When a change is made, the updated information is copied to the other instances

In case of an instance failure

The other instances in the group continue to operate

When the failed instance resumes activity, its configuration is updated with the changes that took place during the outage.

Multiple Horizon Connection Server Instances

The replica server software cannot coexist with any other VMware Horizon 8 software component including

- Horizon Agent

- Horizon Client

When the current Connection Server instance is in a different domain than the replicated instance, the domain user installing the replica needs to also have Administrator privileges on the computer where the existing instance resides

When installing replicated Horizon Connection Server instances, configure the instances in the same high speed L2 network and broadcast domain

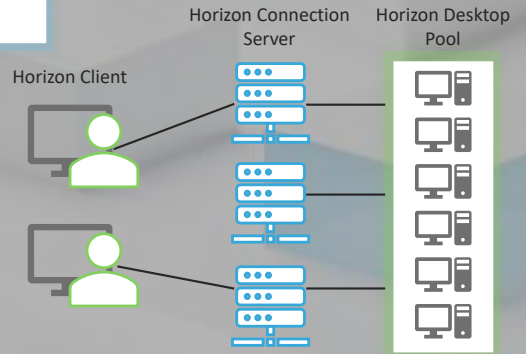
- ie IP subnet

- To use a group of replicated Connection Servers across a routed network you must use the Cloud Pod Architecture feature

Replica connection server purpose

Provide high availability

Provide load balancing



Horizon 8 Pod

A Horizon 8 pod is

Set of Connection Server instances

Shared storage

Database server

vSphere

Network infrastructures

In a traditional Horizon 8 implementation you manage each pod independently

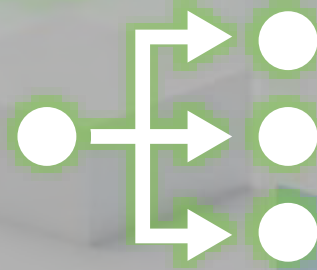
A Cloud Pod Architecture, you can join together multiple pods to form a single Horizon 8 implementation called a pod federation

Unified Access Gateway

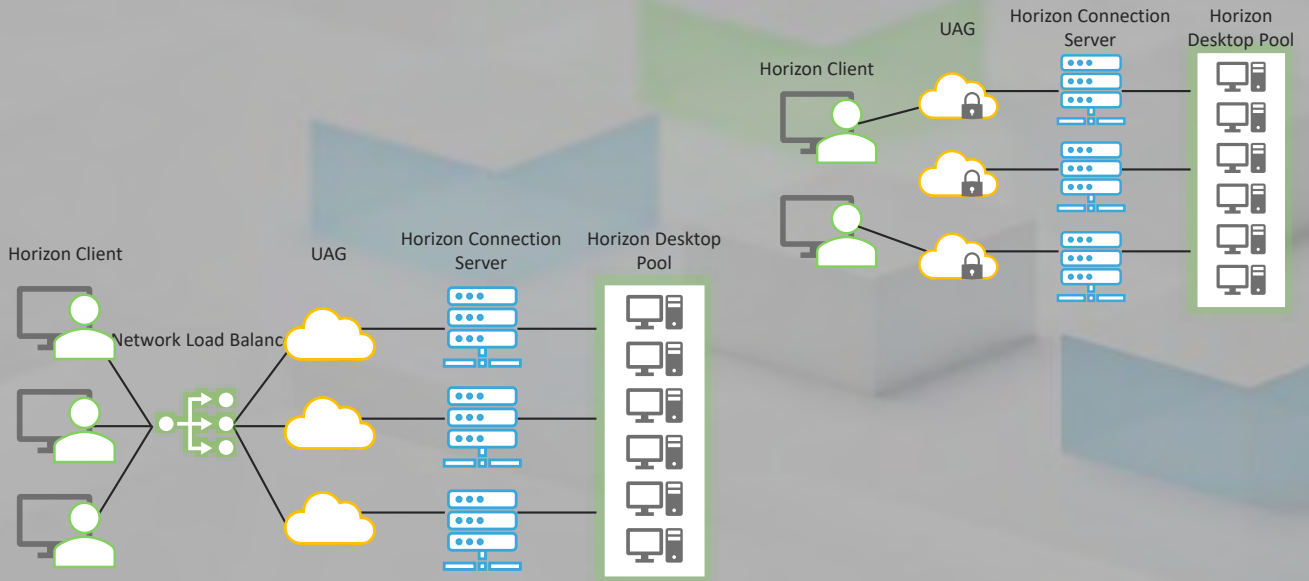
Load-balancer

Deployed in a demilitarized zone (DMZ).

Directs authentication requests to the appropriate server and discards any unauthenticated request to ensure restricted resource access



Unified Access Gateway



Horizon 8 Cloud Pod Architecture

Link together multiple pods to create a single desktop and application brokering and management environment

Multiple Pods linked together is called a Pod Federation

Can span multiple sites and data centers

Simplifies the administration of large-scale deployments

Unified Access Gateway appliances is associated with a single pod

Horizon 8 Cloud Pod Architecture

The Global Data Layer is setup on each Connection Server instance in a pod federation when you initialize the Cloud Pod Architecture feature

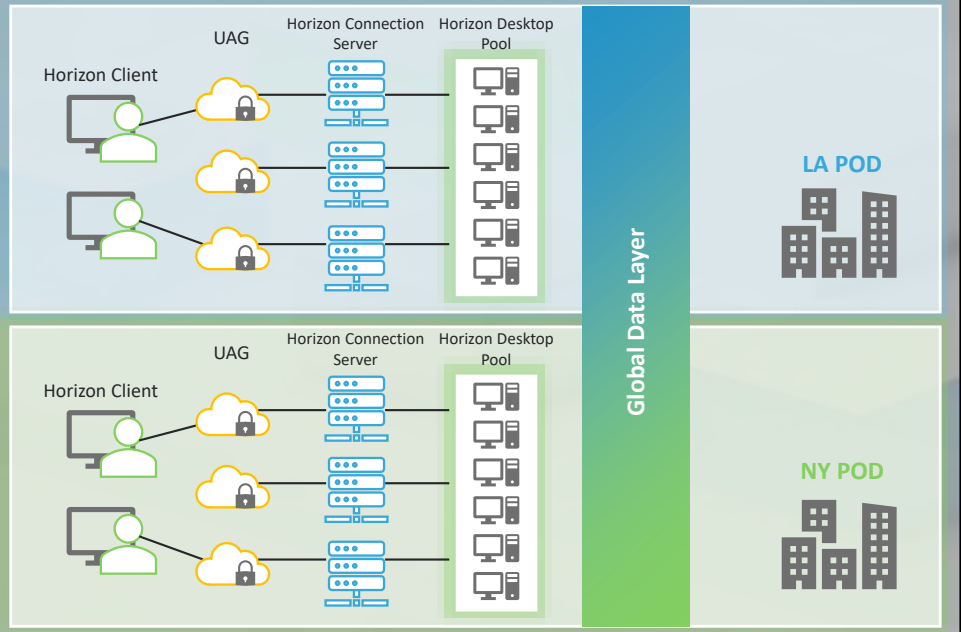
Shared Key Data in the Global Data Layer

- Information about the pod federation topology
- User and group entitlements
- Policies
- Other Cloud Pod Architecture configuration information

Sending Messages Between Pods

Communicate between Pods uses an interpod communication protocol called the View InterPod API (VIPA)

Unified Access Gateway



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VMware Horizon Accounts



Horizon Client

Configure user accounts in Active Directory for the users who have access to remote desktops and applications

User accounts must be members of the Remote Desktop Users group

Accounts do not require Horizon administrator privileges



vCenter Server

Configure a user account in Active Directory with permission to perform the operations in vCenter Server that are necessary to support VMware Horizon

For the required privileges, see the Horizon Installation document

Horizon Database Accounts



Configure VMware Horizon databases on servers that are separate from other database servers that your organization uses



Do not allow a single user account to access multiple databases



Configure a separate account for access to the event database

Horizon Files Needing Protection



LDAP settings



LDAP backup files



locked.properties

Secure gateway configuration file



* absg.properties

Blast Secure Gateway configuration file



Log files



web.xml

Tomcat configuration file

VMware Horizon Log Files



All components (installation logs)

%TEMP%\vminst.log_date_timestamp

%TEMP%\vmmsi.log_date_timestamp



Horizon Agent

<Drive Letter>:\ProgramData\VMware\VDM\logs

logs for PCoIP are named

pcoip_agent*.log

pcoip_server*.log



Published Applications

The Horizon Event Database configured on an SQL Server

Windows Application Event logs, disabled by default



Connection Server

Drive Letter>:\ProgramData\VMware\VDM\logs



Horizon Services

Horizon Event Database configured on an SQL Server, Windows System Event logs

Demo



VMware Horizon Log File Locations



Security-Related Global Settings in Horizon Console



Client sessions and connections are accessible in Horizon Console

Settings > Global Settings > Security Settings

Settings > Global Settings > General Settings



Change data recovery password



Message security mode

Default setting is Enhanced



Enhanced Security Status (Read-only)

Appears when Message security mode is changed from Enabled to Enhanced.

Change is made in phases, this field shows the progress through the phases

Message security mode default setting is Enhanced already.

Security-Related Global Settings in Horizon Console



Reauthenticate secure tunnel connections after network interruption

Determines if user credentials must be reauthenticated after a network interruption when Horizon Clients use secure tunnel connections

This setting is disabled by default.



Forcibly disconnect users

The default is 600 minutes



For clients that support applications. If the user stops using the keyboard and mouse, disconnect their applications and discard SSO credentials

The default is Never.

Other clients. Discard SSO credentials

This setting is for clients that do not support application remoting

The default is After 15 minutes



View Administrator session timeout

Determines how long an idle Horizon Console session continues before the session times out.

By default, the Horizon Console session timeout is 30 minutes

Security-Related Settings in Horizon LDAP



In Horizon Connection Server Console

Settings > Servers



Use PCoIP Secure Gateway for PCoIP connections to machine * PCoIP

This setting is disabled by default.



Use Secure Tunnel connection to machine * HTTPS

This setting is enabled by default.



Use Blast Secure Gateway for Blast connections to machine

This setting is disabled by default

Demo



Security-Related Global Settings in Horizon Console



Ports and Services (Firewalls)

Horizon Security Guide

Over 4 pages of Protocols and Ports

The UDP port number that clients use for PCoIP might change

You must configure firewalls with ANY where an asterisk (*) is listed in the table.

Microsoft Windows Server requires a dynamic range of ports to be open between all Connection Servers in the VMware Horizon environment

These ports are required by Microsoft Windows for the normal operation of Remote Procedure Call (RPC) and Active Directory replication.

Connection attempts over HTTP are silently redirected to HTTPS

To prevent redirection for all HTTP connection attempts instructions are in the Horizon Installation Guide

TrueSSO Ports Used by VMware H Ports and Services (Firewalls)

Source	Target	Port	Protocol
Horizon Client	VMware Identity Manager appliance	TCP 443	HTTPS
Horizon Client	Horizon Connection Server	TCP 443	HTTPS
Horizon Connection Server	VMware Identity Manager appliance	TCP 443	HTTPS
Horizon Connection Server	Horizon Enrollment Server	TCP 32111	
Horizon Agent	Horizon Connection Server	TCP 400	JMS over TLS
Virtual desktop or published application	AD DC		
Horizon Client	Horizon Agent (protocol session)	TCP/UDP 22443	Blast
Horizon Client	Horizon Agent (protocol session)	UDP 4172	PCoIP

Default Global Policies for Security Protocols and Cipher Suites

To change the global acceptance and proposal policies for security protocols and cipher suites

Use the ADSI edit utility to edit horizon LDAP attributes

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Default Global Acceptance and Proposal Policy TLS 1.1 and 1.2 Enabled by default

Defined in horizon LDAP attributes

We may want to disable TLS 1.1

Each policy is a single-valued attribute in the following horizon LDAP location:

`cn=common,ou=global,ou=properties,dc=vdi,dc=vmware,dc=int`

The following attribute lists security protocols. You must order the list by placing the latest protocol first:

`pae-ServerSSLSecureProtocols = \LIST:TLSv1.2,TLSv1.1,TLSv1`

Normally, the server's ordering of cipher suites is unimportant, and the client's ordering is used. To use the server's ordering of cipher suites instead, set the following attribute:

`pae-ServerSSLHonorClientOrder = 0`

You can configure acceptance policies on individual servers

Not suggested as can cause intermittent results

Older Protocols and Ciphers Disabled in VMware Horizon

Older protocols and ciphers that are no longer considered secure are disabled in VMware Horizon by default

SSLv3

TLSv1 and TLSv1.1

RC4

DHE cipher suites

`TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384`

`TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256`

If required, you can enable them manually

Should not be needed in most environments

Configuring Security Protocols and Cipher Suites for Blast Secure Gateway

The security settings for Connection Server do not apply to Blast Secure Gateway (BSG).

You must configure security for BSG separately.

You can configure the security protocols and cipher suites that BSG's client-side listener accepts

Editing the file `absg.properties`

Examine the BSG's `absg.log` file to discover the values that are in force for a specific BSG instance

Configuring Security Protocols and Cipher Suites for PCoIP Secure Gateway

Security settings for Connection Server do not apply to PCoIP Secure Gateway (PSG)

You must configure security for PSG separately

You can configure the security protocols and cipher suites that PSG's client-side listener accepts by editing the registry.

This task can also be performed on a RDS host

Deploying USB Devices in a Secure VMware Horizon Environment

By default, all USB devices are allowed to be redirected unless otherwise blocked.

Prevent USB devices from being redirected to remote desktops and applications

When you install Horizon Agent on a desktop image or RDS host, deselect the USB redirection setup option.

- Deselected by default

- Prevents access to USB devices

In Horizon Console, edit the USB access policy for a specific pool to either deny or allow access.

- Can control access to USB devices in specific desktop and application pools

- Do not have to change the desktop image

After you set the policy at the desktop or application pool level

- Override the policy for a specific user in the pool

- Selecting the User Overrides setting and selecting a user

Set the Exclude All Devices policy to true, on the Horizon Agent side or on the client side

- If you set the Exclude All Devices policy to true, Horizon Client prevents all USB devices from being redirected

Demo

Securing USB Devices in a VMware Horizon Environment



HTTP Protection Measures on Connection Servers

Transport Layer Security (TLS) – Renegotiation Indication Extension, also known as secure renegotiation default Enabled

Client-initiated renegotiation on Connection Servers default Disabled

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS), also known as transport security default Enabled

Cannot be disabled

HTTP Header Field X-Frame-Options, also known as counter clickjacking default enabled

Origin Checking, which protects against cross-site request forging default enabled

In earlier releases, this protection was disabled by default

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) constrains client-side cross-origin requests

Content Security Policy (CSP), which mitigates a broad class of content injection vulnerabilities default Enabled

Additional Protection Measures

Reducing MIME Type Security Risks

Enabled by default

Mitigating Cross-Site Scripting Attacks

Enabled by default

Content Type Checking

Accepts requests with the following declared content types only
application/x-www-form-urlencoded

application/xml

text/xml

In earlier releases, this protection was disabled by default.

Conclusions

Lesson name goes here

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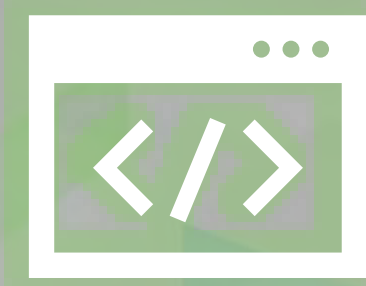
Horizon 8 Logs

Horizon 8 Component	File Path and Other Information
All components (installation logs)	%TEMP%\vminst.log_date_timestamp %TEMP%\vmmsi.log_date_timestamp
Horizon Agent	<Drive Letter>:\ProgramData\VMware\VDM\logs Must open the logs from an application with elevated administrator privileges The logs for PCoIP are named pcoip_agent*.log and pcoip_server*.log
Remote Desktop Features	Windows Client: C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Horizon View Client\DCT\support.bat Mac Client: /Applications/VMware Horizon Client.app/Contents/Library/dct/HorizonCollector.sh Linux Client: /usr/bin/vmware-view-log-collector
Published Applications	The Horizon Event Database configured on a Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle database server, or PostgreSQL database server Windows Application Event logs. Disabled by default

Horizon 8 Logs

Horizon 8 Component	File Path and Other Information
Connection Server	<p><Drive Letter>:\ProgramData\VMware\log\ConnectionServer.</p> <p>Note: This file path is a symbolic link that redirects to the actual location of the log files, which is <Drive Letter>:\ProgramData\VMware\VDM\logs.</p> <p>The log directory is configurable in the log configuration settings of the Common Configuration ADMX template file (vdm_common.admx) . PCoIP Secure Gateway logs are written to files named SecurityGateway_*.log in the PCoIP Secure Gateway subdirectory.</p> <p>Blast Secure Gateway logs are written to files named absg*.log in the Blast Secure Gateway subdirectory.</p>
Horizon Services	<p>Horizon Event Database configured on a Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle database server, or PostgreSQL database server.</p> <p>Windows System Event logs</p>

How to generate a log bundle



Horizon Connection Server

Start > Programs > VMware.

Click Generate Horizon Connection Server Log Bundle

On the desktop, the folder vdm-sdct contains zipped log files with the date of generation in the filename



To enable advanced debug logging:

Start > Programs > VMware

Select Set Horizon Connection Server Log Levels

When prompted, press 3 to enable advanced logging

Systematic troubleshooting method



Identify the problem



Plan a response



Test the solution



Resolve the problem

Troubleshooting Horizon Client



Many problems with Horizon Client can be resolved by

- Restarting or resetting remote desktops or published applications

- Reinstalling Horizon Client

- Repair Horizon Client for Windows

Problems with Keyboard Input

- Disable the keystroke logging detection feature of your antivirus or security software

Horizon Client Quits Unexpectedly

- Can occur when the connection to the server is lost

When you try to connect to a connection server using the Horizon Client, you're redirected you to the Workspace ONE portal

- A Horizon administrator enabled Workspace ONE mode on a Connection Server instance

- Going forward use Workspace ONE to connect to a Workspace ONE enabled server and access your remote desktops or published applications

Configuring Horizon Event Database



In Horizon Console

Settings > Event Configuration

In the Event Database section, click Edit

Enter the database information in the fields provided

Click OK.

To clear the event database information, click Clear.

Optionally in the Event Settings window

Click Edit

Set the length of time to show events and the number of days to classify events as new

Click OK.

To verify that the connection to the event database is successful

Monitoring > Events



Configuring Horizon Event Database



Permission in Horizon Console



In Horizon Console

Settings > Administrators.

Create the permission.

Create a permission that includes a specific administrator user or group

Create a permission that includes a specific role

Create a permission that includes a specific access group

Demo



Create Permission in Horizon Console



Troubleshoot Horizon replication



Issue

Connection server replication fails

Cannot replicate successfully from a Connection server to any other Connection servers in the replicated group

When you run this command, it results in an LDAP error:

```
repadmin.exe /showrepl localhost:389DC=vdi,DC=vmware,DC=int
```

You see an LDAP error similar to:

```
DsReplicaSync() failed with the status 8606 (0x219e)
```

Insufficient attributes where given to create an object. This object may not exist because it may have been deleted and already garbage collected

Resolution

Uninstall and reinstall the connection server on which replication is failing.

Troubleshoot Horizon Desktop trust relationships



Issue

Connecting to desktops in VMware Horizon View fails
When logging in to a linked clone, you see the error

Cause

Active Directory computer accounts are configured to change their machine password every 30 days

The pool is not recomposed within 30 days and the security policy is set to default, the computers change their password

Resolution

Recompose the computers more frequently, sooner than every 30 days

Group policies can change these settings to be longer if needed

Computer Configuration\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Local Policies\Security Option

Troubleshoot Horizon client black screen



Issue

When trying to connect using the PCoIP, a black screen is displayed temporarily, and the client disconnects. RDP is successful.

From the internal network, PCoIP connections is successful, connecting externally through UAG results in a black screen.

Connections from a PCoIP Zero Client fail, connecting using the Horizon client is successful.

Horizon dual monitor displays a black screen.

The error message below is displayed

"the connection to the remote computer timed out"

Causes

Misconfiguration of connection server settings

vRAM shortage on the Horizon Virtual Desktop

Incorrect video driver version installed on the Horizon Virtual Desktop

Required ports are not open between UAG/Connection server to VDI machine.

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