

VMware vSphere Essentials

Overview

VMware vSphere™ Essentials is a fast-paced, one-day service that is designed to help you get a good start with VMware vSphere. This service provides you with a proof-of-concept, on-site installation and configuration of a VMware ESX™ or ESXi host and VMware vCenter™ Server, along with an overview and guided tour of VMware vSphere and best practices. This service is especially well-suited for small- and medium-sized businesses.

VMware vSphere Essentials is delivered only by VMware Solution Providers. Use the [VMware Partner Locator](#) to find a solution provider in your area.

Benefits

- On-site installation and configuration of a proof-of-concept VMware ESX or ESXi host and VMware vCenter Server demonstrates VMware vSphere capabilities
- Overview and guided tour provide knowledge transfer about VMware vSphere and best practices

Deliverables

- An on-site proof of concept installation and basic configuration of one ESX or ESXi host, and one VMware vCenter Server
- Guided tour of VMware vSphere
- Review of best practices

Target Audience

- Customers interested in exploring or implementing VMware vSphere
- Small- and medium-sized business customers

Existing VMware Infrastructure 3 customers may also be interested in the [VMware vSphere Upgrade Service](#).

Roles and Responsibilities

- VMware Certified Professional (VCP) Consultant: Installs and configures servers, and conducts knowledge transfer
- Customer Project Manager: Coordinates site logistics and customer staff
- Customer System Administrators: Responsible for operating systems, server hardware and networking

Key Activities

Action	Responsibility
Kickoff call	All
VMware vSphere and Architecture Overview	Consultant
Install and configure ESX/ESXi host and vCenter Server	Consultant
VMware vSphere Getting Started	Consultant
Create new VM; install guest OS	Consultant
Create, clone and provision virtual machines and templates	Consultant
Gather open questions/issues	All
Wrap-up session and Next Steps	All

Scope and Pricing

- Up to one (1) day on-site
- On-site interviews with development, quality assurance, production, and IT staff
- Assessment report created and delivered on-site.
- VMware vCenter Lab Manager Assessment delivered by a VMware Certified Professional (VCP) consultant from VMware or from a VMware Solution Provider
- Contact your local VMware representative for pricing information
- Credits are redeemable for this engagement

Requirements

- VMware ESX and VMware vCenter Server supported hardware and operating system environment
- Conference room with projector, whiteboard, and Internet access
- Network and storage administrative rights

For More Information

More information about VMware software and services is available from www.vmware.com and from your local VMware representative.

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