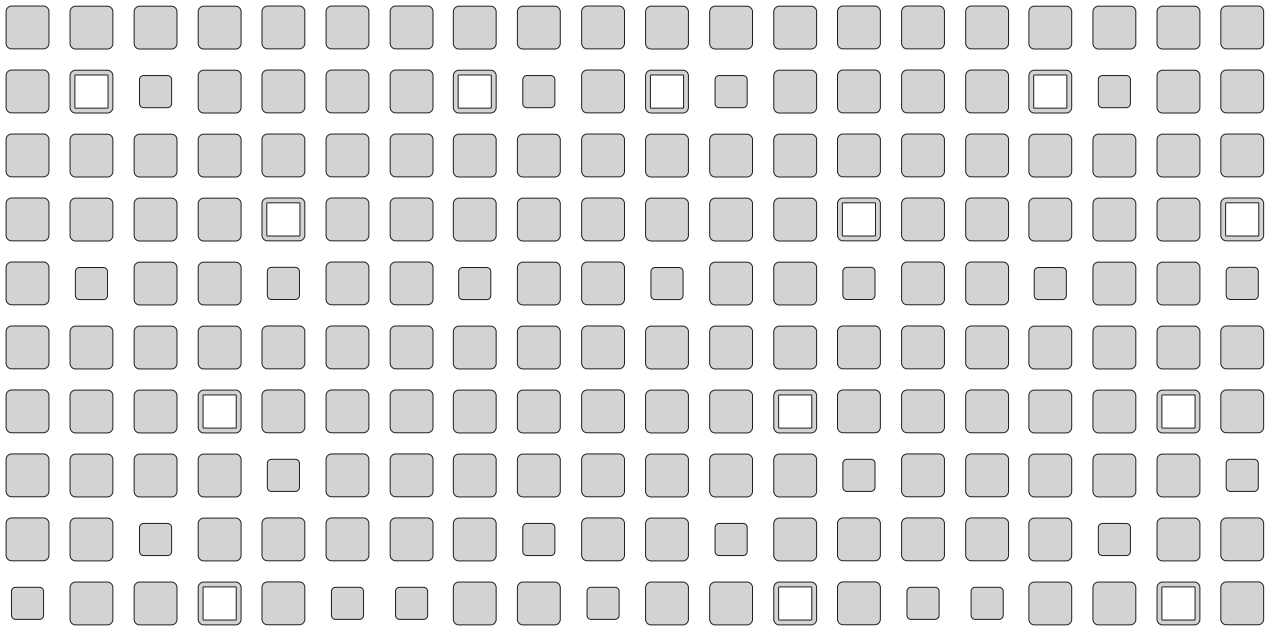


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CHAPTER

Introducing VMware P2V Assistant

This chapter provides an introduction to the concepts and processes of the P2V Assistant. This includes the following sections:

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- [Clones for ESX Server on page 14](#)
- [Using the Cloned Disk in a Virtual Machine on page 19](#)
- [Application Compatibility on page 21](#)
- [About This Manual on page 22](#)

This manual describes how to install and use the VMware™ P2V Assistant to migrate disk data from a physical source machine to a target virtual machine, without making any changes to the source machine. The method is similar to backing up a physical machine and restoring it on another machine with different hardware — virtual hardware.

The conversion of the physical machine into a virtual machine includes all the identifying elements of the physical machine. That means the virtual machine has the same name, identification, and network connectivity as the physical machine.

P2V provides a smooth migration path for existing systems:

- Avoid reinstalling operating systems and applications
- Scale legacy migration barrier — certain legacy systems may be impossible to recreate through reinstallation

P2V enables:

- Expedient server consolidation
- Migration of legacy servers
- Testing of existing systems in a virtual machine environment
- Potential disaster recovery solution

The basic P2V Assistant processes are:

Cloning — The process of creating a cloned disk, where the cloned disk is a virtual disk that is an exact copy of the source physical disk. This involves copying the data on a physical source machine's hard disk and transferring that data to a target virtual disk (the new cloned disk). This process can be performed using the P2V Assistant installed on a helper machine (physical or virtual) or using a third-party disk imaging or backup/restore tool running in a helper virtual machine. The helper machine is an intermediary machine that allows the P2V Assistant to interact with the target machine's virtual disks.

The following table lists the differences between using the P2V Assistant or a third party tool for cloning.

P2V Assistant Cloning	Third-Party Imaging
Limited dynamic disk support	Typically can read dynamic disks
Cloned Disk images synchronously	Typically images asynchronously
Preserved driver letter mapping	May not preserve drive letter mapping
Relatively fast imaging	Imaging may not be fast if the tool is DOS-based
Not licensed per cloned disk	Typically licensed per image created
Simplest approach; try this first, if convenient	Fallback method

System Reconfiguration — The process of adjusting the migrated operating system to enable it to function on virtual hardware. This adjustment is performed on the target virtual disk after the cloning and enables the target virtual disk to function as a bootable system disk in a virtual machine. System reconfiguration is not required if the target virtual disk will not be used as a bootable system disk. This process is performed using the P2V Assistant installed on a helper machine (physical or virtual). A system reconfiguration does not change the identity of the new virtual machine.

Creating the Virtual Machine — Using the new virtual disks in a new virtual machine. If the new virtual machine disk had an operating system and you performed a system reconfiguration on it, the new virtual machine retains the identity and settings of the original physical machine. These include: machine name, SID, hard disks (partitions), data files, application and user settings. This process does not require the P2V Assistant or a helper machine (physical or virtual). It does require that the cloned disk be detached from the helper virtual machine, if that was used.

If you plan to run the new virtual machine on the same network as the original source machine, you need to modify the identity (name, IP address, and networking) of the virtual machine so the machines can co-exist on the same network.

Note: While the P2V Assistant simplifies the physical-to-virtual migration process by automating several steps, it is not intended to serve as an unattended migration tool for casual use. Migration is complex — and whether using the P2V Assistant or not, only technical system administrators with a good understanding of and familiarity with operating systems, drivers, imaging tools, and VMware products should attempt the physical-to-virtual migration process.

Note: We strongly recommend attending VMware server training and P2V training before employing this tool on a large-scale or mission-critical basis.

Cloning for GSX Server and Workstation

The VMware P2V Assistant is a migration tool. It creates virtual disk files that can function as bootable disk devices or data disk devices in VMware Workstation and GSX Server virtual machines. The following sections describe the process for:

- [Creating a Cloned Disk Using a Third-Party Image](#)
- [Creating a Cloned Disk Using the P2V Assistant](#)
- [Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk](#)

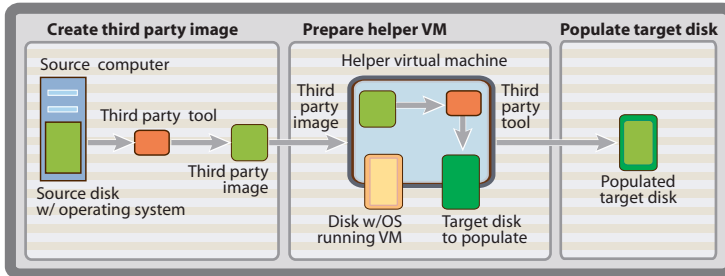
Creating a Cloned Disk Using a Third-Party Image

Running a third-party disk imaging or backup/restore tool from within a helper virtual machine, you can create a virtual disk that is compatible with VMware virtual machines. This process does not use the P2V Assistant, but does create a virtual disk that then can be reconfigured by the P2V Assistant.

The process requires a helper virtual machine with a target virtual disk attached to it, and the third-party tool with its associated third-party image. The target virtual disk must be an additional disk attached to the helper virtual machine before the helper virtual machine is started. Cloning is done by accessing a virtual disk directly as a secondary disk in a virtual machine that is running the third-party tool inside a virtual machine, or through a network share if accessing the `.vmdk` files. The target virtual disk cannot be the virtual machine system disk.

Use the third-party tool to create an image of the physical disk you want to use as a virtual disk. If the tool requires it, copy that image to the helper virtual machine. From the helper virtual machine, run the third-party tool and direct the tool to use the image it created to populate the target virtual disk. Depending upon the tool, this process could be called expand, deploy, restore, and so on. As required by the third-party tool, you might also be asked to boot up the helper virtual machine with a DOS or Windows boot CD or floppy, or a third-party CD. When the tool runs from within a helper virtual machine, it behaves as it would in a physical environment, except that it

populates a virtual disk rather than a physical disk. If any data exists on the target virtual disk, it is overwritten.



Creating a Cloned Disk from a Third Party Image

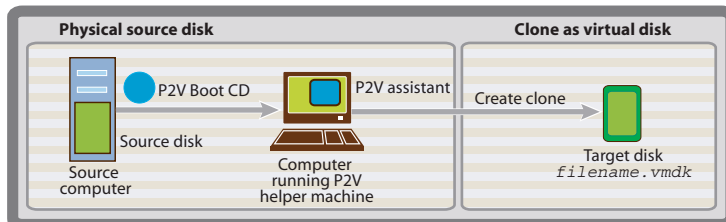
After the cloned disk is created through the third party tool, if appropriate, perform a system reconfiguration using the **direct to disk** P2V Assistant option to convert the virtual disk into a bootable disk. Refer to [Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk on page 13](#). When the cloned disk is complete, detach it from the helper virtual machine, then create the new virtual machine and attach the cloned disk. If you performed a system reconfiguration, the cloned disk can be the bootable system disk for the virtual machine. Refer to [Creating a New Virtual Machine on page 79](#).

Creating a Cloned Disk Using the P2V Assistant

The VMware P2V Assistant copies all files that are resident on a physical source disk attached to a source computer and stores them to a virtual disk file, also known as a target disk. If an operating system is present in the source disk, that is also copied onto the target disk. This target disk is the new cloned disk.

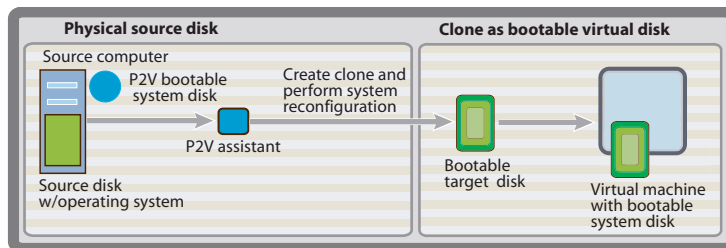
The cloning process requires a P2V Assistant Boot CD or equivalent that is used to boot the source machine and retrieve identification information about the source machine. In addition, the P2V Assistant must be running on a helper machine (physical or virtual) that is not the source machine. For a description of creating a cloned disk without the P2V Assistant, refer to [Creating a Cloned Disk Using a Third-Party Image on page 10](#).

The resulting cloned disk is contained in a set of files, in `.vmdk` format. This type of cloned disk can be used in VMware GSX Server and VMware Workstation virtual machines.



Basic P2V Assistant Cloning Process

Even if a cloned disk contains an operating system, the cloned disk is not a bootable disk until a P2V Assistant performs a system reconfiguration. The system reconfiguration process configures selected drivers so that the operating system can boot in a virtual machine. To simplify the process, if the P2V Assistant detects a supported operating system on the source disk, you are given the option to perform a system reconfiguration on the new virtual disk (cloned disk) after it is created and populated with files copied from the source disk.



Basic Cloning with System Reconfiguration

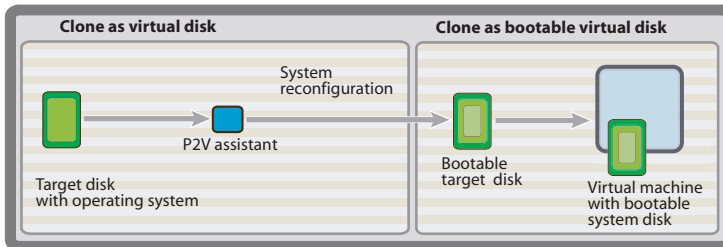
If you do not opt to convert the virtual cloned disk into a bootable disk at this time, you can convert it later using the P2V Assistant. Refer to [Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk on page 13](#).

Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk

The P2V Assistant provides the option to perform a system reconfiguration on an existing cloned disk. The existing cloned disk can have been created either by the P2V Assistant or a third party disk imaging or backup/restore tool.

When you start the P2V Assistant, you are asked to identify the existing cloned disk, then the P2V Assistant performs the system reconfiguration. For this activity, since the cloned disk is already created, you do not need the P2V Assistant boot CD, source computer, or source disk device. System reconfiguration is performed directly on the target disk (the existing cloned disk).

The P2V Assistant needs to have access to the cloned disk files. Typically, P2V Assistant can access the virtual disk directly as a secondary disk in a virtual machine when you run the P2V Assistant inside a virtual machine, or through a network share that maps to the `.vmdk` files.



Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk

After the cloned disk is created, detach the cloned disk from the helper virtual machine, if used, then create the new virtual machine and attach the cloned disk to the new virtual machine. If you performed a system reconfiguration, the cloned disk can be the bootable system disk for the virtual machine. Refer to [Creating a New Virtual Machine on page 79](#).

Clones for ESX Server

The process for creating clones compatible with ESX Server virtual machines differs in various aspects from the process for creating clones compatible with GSX Server or Workstation virtual machines. The primary difference is that for ESX Server machines, the P2V Assistant must be run inside a helper machine that is a virtual machine in order to properly work with virtual disks. This process can be used with GSX Server and Workstation virtual machines, but must be used with ESX Server virtual machines. This section introduces some of the options available for creating clones for ESX Server virtual machines. Some of these options use the P2V Assistant, and other options use a third-party disk imaging or backup/restore tool running in an ESX Server virtual machine. These options are described in the following sections:

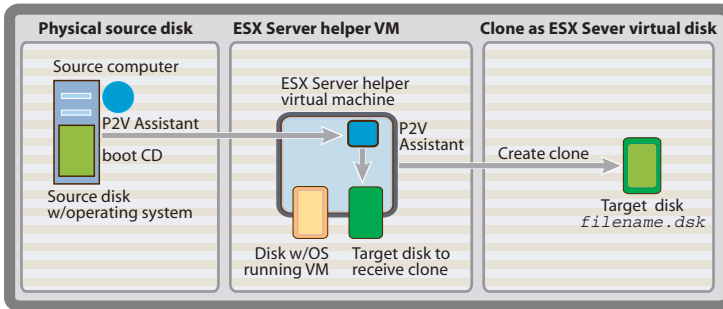
- [Create an ESX Server Cloned Disk Using the Direct to Disk Device Mode](#)
- [Reconfigure an Existing ESX Server Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk](#)
- [Convert a Third-Party Image to an ESX Server Formatted Cloned Disk](#)
- [Convert a .vmdk Disk File to VMware ESX Server Format](#)

Create an ESX Server Cloned Disk Using the Direct to Disk Device Mode

When you create a cloned disk directly to a disk device, the P2V Assistant populates an existing target disk with the source disk data. This is a useful mechanism for creating an ESX Server-compatible, `.disk` formatted target disk from a physical source disk using the P2V Assistant.

In order to populate this target disk, you must attach it as a secondary disk to an existing ESX Server virtual machine. The helper virtual machine must have both a functional Windows operating system and the P2V Assistant installed on its primary disk.

When directed to use the **Direct to Disk Device** option, the P2V Assistant searches for local disks. You select which disk to use, and the P2V Assistant uses the designated disk as the cloned disk. If any data is stored on this target disk, it is overwritten.

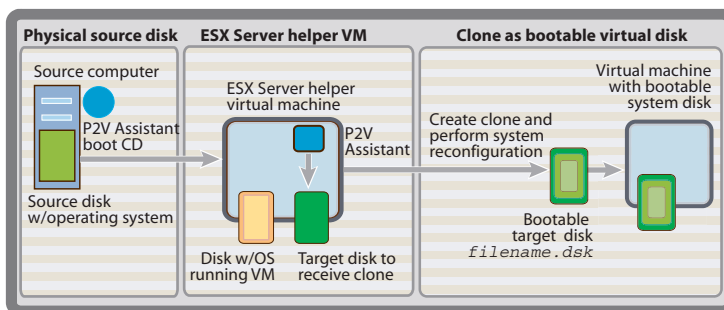


Cloning Direct to Disk in a VMware ESX Server Helper Virtual Machine

If the source disk contains a supported operating system, the P2V Assistant displays the option to perform a system reconfiguration on the new cloned disk. The cloned disk produced, with or without the system reconfiguration, is in ESX Server, `.disk`, format.

If you do not opt to convert the virtual cloned disk into a bootable disk at this time, you can convert it later using the P2V Assistant. Refer to [Reconfigure an Existing ESX Server Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk on page 16](#).

To actually use the `.disk`, power off the helper virtual machine running the P2V Assistant, then detach the `.disk` and attach it to the new virtual machine where it is to be used.



Cloning and Reconfiguring Direct to Disk in a VMware ESX Server Helper Virtual Machine

Reconfigure an Existing ESX Server Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk

The P2V Assistant provides an option to perform a system reconfiguration on an existing cloned disk. The existing cloned disk can have been created either by the P2V Assistant or a third-party disk imaging or backup/restore tool. It must be in `.disk` format to be reconfigured as a bootable disk in an ESX Server virtual machine.

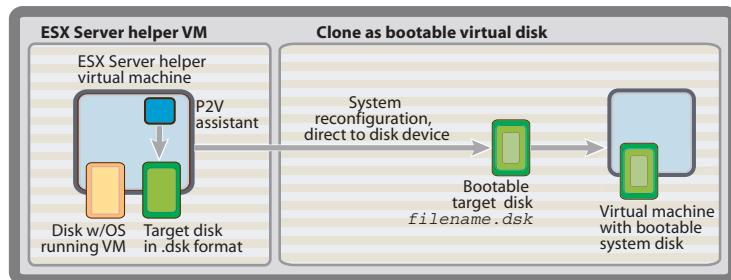
Reconfiguring an ESX Server cloned disk for use as a bootable disk involves several steps:

- Start with a helper virtual machine running a supported version of a guest operating system. The P2V Assistant must be installed in it. This helper virtual machine must be in ESX Server format.

Note: If you are cloning a Windows NT Server 4.0 disk, use a Windows NT Server 4.0 helper machine.

- Then, use the ESX Server Management Interface's configuration editor to attach the `.disk` cloned disk as an additional virtual disk to the helper virtual machine and power on the helper virtual machine.
- Finally, run the P2V Assistant from within the helper virtual machine and select both the **System Reconfiguration** and the **Direct to Disk Device** options.

For this activity, since the cloned disk is already created, you do not need the P2V Assistant boot CD, source computer, or source disk device. The target disk, which is the cloned disk, is both the source file and the target file.



Reconfiguring an Existing ESX Server Cloned Disk

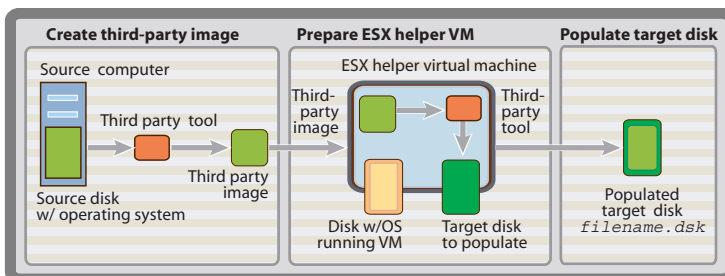
Convert a Third-Party Image to an ESX Server Formatted Cloned Disk

Running a third-party disk imaging or backup/restore tool within an ESX Server helper virtual machine, you can create a virtual disk that is compatible with VMware ESX Server virtual machines. This process does not use the P2V Assistant, but does create a virtual disk that then can be reconfigured by the P2V Assistant.

This process is the same as the process outlined in [Creating a Cloned Disk Using a Third-Party Image on page 10](#), except that the virtual machine is running on an ESX Server system. The resulting virtual disk is in ESX Server-compatible format, a `.disk` file.

The process requires a helper virtual machine with a target virtual disk attached to it, and the third-party tool with its associated third-party image. The target virtual disk must be an additional disk attached to the helper virtual machine and is not the helper virtual machine's booting system disk.

Use the third-party tool to create an image of the physical disk you want to use as a virtual disk. If the tool requires it, copy that image - the helper virtual machine. From the helper virtual machine, run the third-party tool and direct the tool to use the image it created to populate the target virtual disk. Depending upon the tool, this process could be called expand, deploy, restore, and so on. When you run the tool from within a virtual machine, the tool behaves as it would in a physical environment, except that it populates a virtual disk rather than a physical disk. If any data existed on the target virtual disk, it is overwritten.



Creating a VMware ESX Server Cloned Disk from a Third-Party Tool

After the cloned disk is created through the third-party tool, perform a system reconfiguration using the (advanced) direct to disk P2V Assistant option to convert the virtual disk into a bootable disk. Refer to [Create an ESX Server Cloned Disk Using the Direct to Disk Device Mode on page 14](#).

Convert a .vmdk Disk File to VMware ESX Server Format

If you have a cloned disk in `.vmdk` format and wish to use it in a VMware ESX Server virtual machine, convert it to `.disk` format.

VMware ESX Server provides two tools that can perform this conversion: the graphical Management Interface and a `vmkfstools` command line interface.

If the `.vmdk` disk was already converted for use as a bootable disk (had a system reconfiguration applied), then the converted `.disk` disk is also ready for use as a bootable disk.

If the `.vmdk` disk was not reconfigured, then use the P2V Assistant to perform a system reconfiguration to convert the `.disk` into a bootable disk. Refer to [Reconfiguring an Existing Cloned Disk into a Bootable Disk on page 13](#).

Using the Cloned Disk in a Virtual Machine

To function in a virtual machine, the virtual disk must be in a format that corresponds to the type of virtual machine you are going to use.

- VMware GSX Server and VMware Workstation use `.vmdk` virtual disks. These disks are automatically created through the P2V Assistant.
- VMware ESX Server uses a `.disk` virtual disk.

To function as the bootable system disk in a virtual machine, the virtual disk must also:

- Contain a supported operating system.
- Have been reconfigured, through the P2V Assistant, to meet virtual machine driver requirements.

To use a cloned disk, a virtual machine requires you to:

- Add the cloned virtual disk to a new or existing virtual machine. You do this through the virtual machine platform.

Note: You must match the virtual disk format to the virtual machine (that is, `.vmdk` disks for VMware GSX Server, or VMware Workstation virtual machines and `.disk` disks for VMware ESX Server virtual machines).

- Boot the virtual machine with the cloned disk.
- Perform any necessary virtual machine clean-up tasks. Refer to [Creating a New Virtual Machine on page 79](#).

About the New Virtual Machine

The virtual machine (target computer) that you create from a source computer contains an exact copy of the disk state from the source computer, with the exception of some hardware-dependent drivers.

Settings from the source computer that remain identical include:

- Operating system configuration (computer name, security ID, user accounts, profiles and preferences, and so forth)
- The number of disks, partition layout, and drive letters (however, if an imaging tool is used, the imaging tool must also preserve the drive lettering)
- Applications and data files
- Each disk partition's volume serial number

Since the target computer and the source computer have the same identities (name, SID, and so on), running both on the same network can result in conflicts. If you are migrating a source computer into a target computer as part of server consolidation, and are planning to retire or redeploy the source computer, be aware of this issue and do not run both the source computer and target computer with the cloned disk on the same network at the same time.

If you are using the P2V process as a way to migrate virtual machines, you can resolve the duplicate ID problem by using additional tools, such as the Windows 2000 System Preparation Tool (sysprep). For example, if you are using the P2V Assistant to test the viability of running a physical machine as a virtual machine without first decommissioning the original machine, you need to resolve the duplicate ID problem.

Application Compatibility

Most migrated applications should function correctly in the target computer because their configuration and data files are replicated and are found at the same locations (paths) as on the source computer. Applications that depend on the specific characteristics (such as the serial number or the device manufacturer) of the underlying hardware might not work.

When troubleshooting a malfunctioning application during migration of a virtual machine, keep in mind the following hardware changes:

- The CPU model and serial number (if activated) may be different. They correspond to the physical computer hosting the virtual machine.
- The network interface card (NIC) is different (AMD™ PCNet™ or VMXnet NIC) with a different MAC address. Each interface's IP address has to be individually reconfigured.
- The graphics card is different (VMware SVGA card).
- The number of disks and partitions is the same, but each disk device has a different model and manufacturer strings.
- The primary disk controller is likely to be different from the source machine's.
- Applications that depend on devices that are not available from within a virtual machine may not work.

About This Manual

This manual describes how to use the VMware P2V Assistant: how to install it, and how to use it to create virtual disks for use as archives and for use with VMware virtual machines.

Intended Audience

The P2V Assistant helps you in the physical-to-virtual disk migration process by automating several steps. However, it is not intended to serve as an unattended migration tool for casual use. The physical-to-virtual migration process is complex and should be attempted only by technical system administrators with a good understanding of, and familiarity with, operating systems, drivers, imaging tools, common operating system concepts (such as a hardware abstraction layer [HAL]), and VMware products.

You are encouraged to take P2V training, offered by VMware Professional Services, before using this application. VMware partners must pass Certification by VMware before using this application.

Additional Resources

Refer to the following for additional information.

General VMware Web site — www.vmware.com

Log case issues Web site — www.vmware.com/support

Email address for new features requests — p2v@vmware.com

Education services email — education@vmware.com

Technical support Web site — www.vmware.com/support

Consulting services email — consulting@vmware.com

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VMware P2V Assistant Requirements and Resources

This chapter lists the P2V Assistant requirements. These include the software requirements for cloning a source computer into a target computer, and the requirements for the P2V Assistant machine.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [What's New in Version 2.1? on page 24](#)
- [P2V Assistant Requirements on page 25](#)
- [VMware P2V Assistant Helper Machine Requirements on page 26](#)
- [Source Machine Operating System Requirements for Reconfiguration on page 28](#)
- [Additional Resources on page 30](#)

What's New in Version 2.1?

The following is a list of enhancements to the P2V Assistant.

- The major focus of this release is widely improved hardware support for the P2V Boot CD. In particular, this release offers expanded support for storage (IDE, SCSI, and hardware RAID) and networking (10/100 and gigabit Ethernet) devices.
- The P2V Assistant Boot CD now uses the Stable Linux 2.6 kernel.
- The P2V Assistant Boot CD now boots up into a network-enabled, full-featured graphical desktop interface.

P2V Assistant Requirements

The basic P2V Assistant related and required elements are:

P2V Assistant

- P2V boot CD
- P2V application CD (P2V Assistant)

NIC Driver Files — To install the virtual NIC on the new virtual machine

- vlance / AMD PCInet virtual NIC.

Windows 2000 normally contains i386 files on the C: drive of the source disk, which are automatically installed upon powering up the new virtual machine.

Windows NT Server 4.0 normally contains i386 files on the Windows NT Server 4.0 CD-ROM, which must be provided separately.

- vmxnet / VMware PCInet virtual NIC — use VMware Tools.

Third-Party Imaging Tool — Recommended method to create clones, if using the P2V Assistant does not work.

- Cloning software, such as Symantec Ghost or PowerQuest Image Center
- Backup software, such as Veritas Backup Exec

Source Machine — The original machine being cloned.

- Must be ACPI enabled. Can be an SMP machine.
- If the source machine operating system will be used in the virtual machine, it must be compatible with the virtualization platform the virtual machine will run on. Refer to the following website for a list of compatible operating systems:

www.vmware.com/support/guestnotes/doc/

Helper Machine — Intermediary between the source and target machines.

- Windows 2000, 2003, XP, or NT Server operating system installed on the helper machine.

Note: When cloning or performing a system reconfiguration on a Windows NT Server 4.0 disk, ensure your helper machine is running Windows NT Server 4.0 operating system.

VMware P2V Assistant Helper Machine Requirements

The VMware P2V Assistant helper machine is a physical or virtual machine that contains the P2V Assistant application. It communicates with the source physical machine using the P2V Assistant Boot CD.

The helper machine performs the cloning operation and saves the new cloned virtual disk in a location you specify. The P2V Assistant helper machine also performs the reconfiguration phase on cloned disks containing a supported operating system. If the direct to disk option is used for system reconfiguration, the target virtual disk is a virtual disk attached to a helper virtual machine.

Additionally, the helper machine provides a means to view the new virtual disk when troubleshooting. For example, you can edit the `boot.ini` on the new virtual disk.

The helper machine, on which VMware P2V Assistant is installed, requires the following:

- **Machine** — Choose an appropriate machine. Do not install the VMware P2V Assistant directly on a business-critical GSX Server host machine. The P2V Assistant can consume memory and CPU resources.
You can install it in a workstation, a laptop, or a virtual machine running on a GSX Server, ESX Server, or Workstation system.
- **Disk space** — Have at least 10MB free disk space for the application, 200MB free disk space for temporary files, and available disk space for the new virtual disks.
- **Networking** — Have at least one NTFS volume on a basic disk, be on the network, and have port 7000 (or other configurable port) open for imaging protocol.
- **Compatible VMware product** — You may run a helper virtual machine on one of the following compatible virtualization platforms:
 - VMware ESX Server 2.x
 - VMware GSX Server 3.x
 - VMware Workstation 4.x or 5.x

P2V Assistant 2.1 does not support VMware ESX Server 1.x, VMware GSX Server 2.x, or VMware Workstation 3.x.

- **Compatible operating system** — The version of the operating system where P2V Assistant is running must be at least equal to the operating system on the cloned disk. The table below lists the acceptable operating systems to use for the helper virtual machine for each source machine.

If source machine is running ...	Helper machine must be running ...			
	Windows NT Server	Windows 2000	Windows XP	Windows 2003
Windows NT Server	yes			
Windows 2000		yes	yes	yes
Windows XP			yes	yes
Windows 2003			yes	yes

Source Machine Operating System Requirements for Reconfiguration

The source machine operating system that you are reconfiguring for a target computer must be one of the following operating systems:

Microsoft® Windows NT® Server 4.0 — Must have Service Packs 4, 5, 6a or Terminal Services. Service Pack 3 is not supported. Windows NT Server Terminal Services Edition is not supported.

Both uniprocessor and multiprocessor machines running Windows NT Server 4.0 are supported in P2V Assistant 2.1. SMP machines are converted to UP machine types during system reconfiguration.

To create a cloned disk or perform a system reconfiguration of a Windows NT Server 4.0 disk, run the P2V Assistant in a Windows NT Server 4.0 helper machine.

When you perform a system reconfiguration on a Windows NT Server 4.0 disk and you use a Windows 2000 system running P2V Assistant, the disk checker might not work on the Windows NT Server 4.0 disk. If this happens, attach the Windows NT Server 4.0 disk to be checked to a Windows 2000 or greater virtual machine and run the disk checker from the Windows 2000 machine. For additional information, refer to the Knowledge Base article 1265. To view the Knowledge Base article, go to www.vmware.com/support/, then click the **Knowledge Base** button.

Microsoft Windows® 2000 Professional, Microsoft Windows 2000 Server, Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server, or later — Base Windows 2000 is not supported.

Microsoft Windows XP — Non-Volume license versions of Window XP are not supported. That is, an operating system protected by Windows Product Activation (WPA) may not function on a computer other than the computer on which it was originally installed.

Microsoft Windows Server 2003 — To create a cloned disk of a Windows Server 2003 machine, you must run the P2V Assistant in a Windows XP or later helper machine.

Non-Volume license versions of Window Server 2003 are not supported. That is, systems that had Windows Product Activation (WPA) are prevented from running on a computer other than the original activation computer.

Supported Operating System to VMware Product Matrix

The table below lists the supported and unsupported guest operating systems with which the P2V Assistant can be used to create a virtual machine.

Source/ Target Guest Operating System	Workstation 4.5, 5.0, or GSX 3.0	Workstation 5.5 and ESX 2.x - 1 VCPU	Workstation 5.5 and ESX 2.x - 2 VCPUs
NT Server 4.0 UP	Supported. Service Pack 4 or greater required.	Supported. Service Pack 4 or greater required.	Unsupported.
NT Server 4.0 SMP	Supported. Service Pack 4 or greater required. Access to applied hot fixes required. Converted to UP during system reconfiguration.	Supported. Service Pack 4 or greater required. Access to applied hot fixes required. Converted to UP during system reconfiguration.	Unsupported.
2000 UP	Supported.	Supported.	Supported. Manual downgrade of configuration using Device Manager to ACPI uniprocessor required.
2000 SMP - One CPU	Supported.	Supported.	Supported. Support for second CPU requires Device Manager to upgrade configuration to ACPI Multiprocessor.
2000 SMP - Two CPUs or more	Supported. Manual downgrade of configuration using Device Manager to ACPI uniprocessor required.	Supported.	Supported.
XP UP	Supported.	Supported.	Unsupported. No SMP upgrade path available through Device Manager.
XP SMP - One CPU	Supported.	Supported.	Supported. Operating system automatically detects second CPU and changes configuration to ACPI Multiprocessor (MSFT KB 309283).
XP SMP - Two CPUs or more	Supported. Manual downgrade of configuration using Device Manager to ACPI uniprocessor required.	Supported.	Supported.
2003 UP	Supported.	Supported.	Unsupported. No SMP upgrade path available through Device Manager.
2003 SMP - One CPU	Supported.	Supported.	Supported operating system automatically detects second CPU and changes configuration to ACPI Multiprocessor (MSFT KB 309283).
2003 SMP - Two CPUs or more	Supported. Manual downgrade of configuration using Device Manager to ACPI PC required.	Supported.	Supported.

Additional Resources

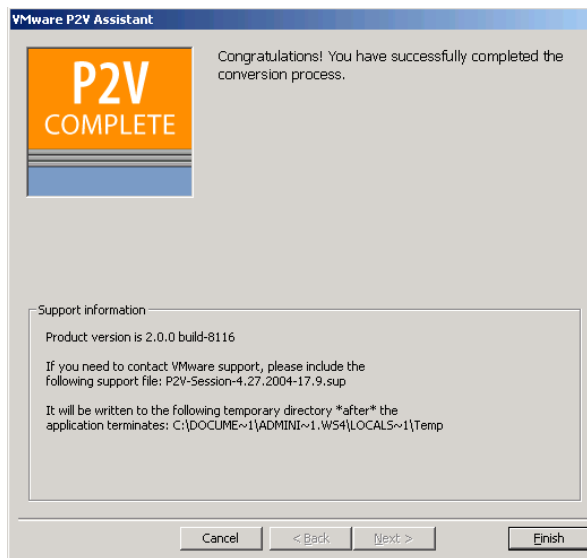
The following sections describe additional resources available for any troubleshooting or technical support issues you might have.

- [Technical Support Resources on page 30](#)
- [Troubleshooting Resources on page 31](#)

Technical Support Resources

If you have problems while running the P2V Assistant, please submit a support request. The guidelines listed below describe the information we need from you to diagnose various types of problems.

- If the P2V Assistant reaches the final Complete page, it displays the path of the support file. The file is created after the application terminates, so write down the location of the file, click **Finish** to terminate the application, then locate the support file.



- If the P2V Assistant terminates normally before the Complete page appears (for example, as the result of pressing **Cancel** at any time during the disk cloning or reconfiguration process), the application attempts to generate the support file

but does not display its location. Look for the most recent file with a name of the form:

```
P2V-Session-<Date>-<TimeOfDay>.sup
```

This file is in the directory:

```
X:\<docs_settings>\<your_username>\Local Settings\Temp\
```

In this directory name, X: is your system drive and <docs_settings> is the default Documents and Settings directory or your designated substitute.

- If you cannot find a support file, or the P2V Assistant terminates abnormally, look for the most recent folder with a name of the form `P2V-Session-<Date>-<TimeOfDay>` in the same directory described above. If the directory exists, package it into a single ZIP file using a utility such as Winzip, then send the ZIP file to VMware Support.

Be sure to register your serial number. You may then report your problems using the support request form on the VMware Web site at www.vmware.com/requestsupport.

Troubleshooting Resources

The following files can give you additional information about a problem that you are seeing. However, they are mainly intended to be used by VMware personnel for debugging.

- For P2V Assistant Boot CD support, refer to the `bootcdlog.txt` file.
Whenever a source machine is booted with the P2V Assistant Boot CD, a support file is generated and stored in `/etc/bootcdlog.txt`.
- For application or cloned virtual machine support, refer to the P2V Assistant `.sup` file for the session that corresponds with the `bootcdlog.txt` file.

The P2V Assistant Boot CD Troubleshooting Tips page lists the path to this support file and instructions on how to locate it. This file is available if you used the P2V Assistant to create a cloned disk.

The support file is in the form:

```
P2V-Session-6.19.2003-16.59.sup
```

For example:

```
P2V-Session-date-time.sup
```

The file is located in the system's temporary directory, which on most systems is similar to `C:\Documents and Settings\username\Local Settings\Temp`. You can find it by typing `%temp%` in the Explorer address bar.

CHAPTER 3

Installing VMware P2V Assistant

This chapter provides instructions on installing and uninstalling the P2V Assistant.

Note: P2V Assistant version 2.1 can be installed on the same system as P2V Assistant version 1.0. You do not need to uninstall P2V Assistant 1.0. You do not upgrade P2V Assistant from version 1.0 to version 2.1.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Installing the VMware P2V Assistant on page 34](#)
- [Uninstalling and Reinstalling the VMware P2V Assistant on page 37](#)

Installing the VMware P2V Assistant

Install the VMware P2V Assistant onto the VMware P2V Assistant helper machine. This can be a physical machine or virtual machine.

Follow these steps to install the VMware P2V Assistant:

1. Ensure the P2V Assistant requirements have been met.

Refer to [VMware P2V Assistant Helper Machine Requirements on page 26](#) for specific information.

2. Obtain the latest version of the VMware P2V Assistant.

Check with your VMware Sales representative.

Recommended: Copy the program and run the installer locally. Do not run the P2V Assistant installer through Terminal Services.

3. Log on to the P2V Assistant helper machine.

Two user types are acceptable: the Administrator user, or a user who is a member of the Administrators group.

The P2V Assistant helper machine is a physical or virtual machine on which you install the VMware P2V Assistant application. Using a virtual machine is recommended for most cases and required for cloning activities for an ESX Server platform. For more information on this helper machine, see [Source Machine Operating System Requirements for Reconfiguration on page 28](#).

Note: If you are planning to clone a Windows NT 4.0 physical machine, you may install the P2V Assistant on an additional computing device or virtual machine on which the Windows NT 4.0 operating system is installed.

4. Start the VMware P2V Assistant installer.

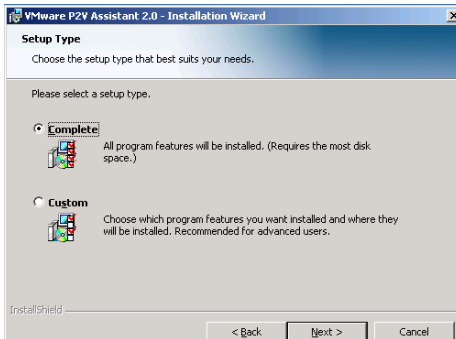
With the P2V Assistant installer software on the Application CD or downloaded to a local location, do one of the following:

- From the **Start** menu, choose **Run**. Browse to the directory where you saved the installer file. Double-click the `set up . exe` file.
- Navigate through your file manager interface, such as Windows Explorer, to the folder that contains the installer file. Double-click the `set up . exe` file.

- Proceed through the installer, answering the prompts as indicated.



- Begin the installation. Click **Next**.
- Acknowledge the license agreement.
Click the **I accept the terms in the license agreement** radio button. Click **Yes**.
- Enter user identification and user access information. Click **Next**.
Type your name and your company's name.
Select the appropriate radio button for P2V Assistant users on your system.
- Select the setup type.



The choices are:

Complete — Installs all the P2V Assistant components in the default path on the active storage disk.

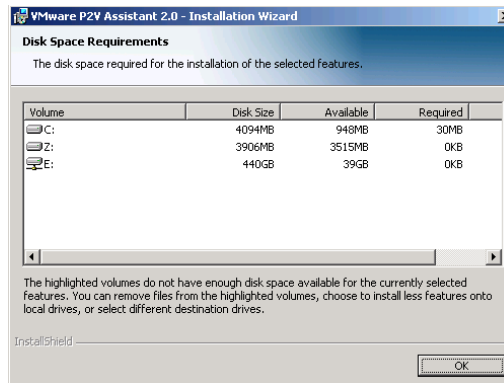
Custom — Installs the complete P2V Assistant installation, but allows you to select the installation path, and review and select from the available disk drives for sufficient storage space.

If you select **Custom setup**:

- Change the install path, as appropriate. Click **Change**.
- Accept the default folder or select a folder by clicking **Browse** button. If the selected directory does not exist, the installer creates it for you.

Note: You must install the P2V Assistant on a local drive, not a network drive.

- Review the installation information and change the installation disk if necessary. Press the space bar.



- Make changes or selections as needed and click **OK**.
 - Accept the custom changes. Click **Next**.
10. Proceed with the installation at the Ready to Install the Program page. Click **Next**. Various messages indicating the progress of the P2V Assistant installation appear. The P2V Assistant checks the machine on which it is installed for a compatible Windows Script version.
 11. Close the P2V Assistant installer. Click **Finish**.
You have completed P2V Assistant installation.

Uninstalling and Reinstalling the VMware P2V Assistant

Uninstall or reinstall the VMware P2V Assistant through the Add/Remove Programs utility in your Windows Control Panel.

1. Uninstall the previous version.
Run the installer. Select the **Add/Remove** program from your Windows Control panel and select **VMware P2V Assistant**.
2. Reboot your machine.
3. Install the P2V Assistant. See [Installing the VMware P2V Assistant on page 34](#).

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CHAPTER

Creating Cloned Disks

This chapter describes how to use the VMware P2V Assistant to create a cloned disk of a source physical disk on a target machine as a target virtual disk.

This chapter includes:

- [Cloning and Configuring Considerations on page 40](#)
- [ESX Server versus GSX Server and Workstation Compatible Clones on page 40](#)
- [Cloning a Disk Using a Third-Party Tool on page 41](#)
- [Cloning a Disk Using the P2V Assistant on page 43](#)

Cloning and Configuring Considerations

When configuring the virtual disks, match the number of virtual disks to the number of physical disks on the source computer. Regardless of the type of the source disk, the P2V Assistant migration process generally creates a SCSI virtual disk. The exception might be if you use the advanced **Direct to Disk** option with GSX Server or Workstation and set up an IDE disk as the target disk, though SCSI is recommended. ESX Server always limits the choices to a SCSI disk.

Note: If your source computer has multiple disks, you need to run the VMware P2V Assistant separately for each physical disk.

During the disk cloning process, only the actual data is copied over. For example, if you have a 18GB physical disk, but have only 4GB of actual data, the P2V Assistant copies over 4GB of data during the migration process.

- The size of each virtual disk must be large enough to hold the data from its physical counterpart. In general, both the physical and virtual disks should be the same size.
- You can create a cloned disk that is larger than the source physical disk.
- You can create a cloned disk that is smaller than the source physical disk.
- You have the option on your virtual disk to resize or not include partitions that exist on the source disk.

In addition, perform the following:

- Have local Administrator passwords available (or reset prior to cloning).
- Disable services prior to cloning, if possible.
- Ensure the source physical machine is not available for general use during the cloning process (unless using third-party backup/restore tool).
- Shut down the source computer gracefully prior to cloning.

ESX Server versus GSX Server and Workstation Compatible Clones

Depending upon the target disk you select when you cloned `""` a physical disk, the P2V Assistant either creates a `.vmdk` file or populates an existing `.disk` disk. Refer to [Introducing VMware P2V Assistant on page 7](#) for additional information.

Cloning a Disk Using a Third-Party Tool

If you are not using the P2V Assistant to create the cloned disk, you can use a third-party tool, such as Symantec Ghost or Powerquest Image Center, running in a helper virtual machine to create the cloned disk.

When you create a cloned disk using a third-party tool, there are specific requirements:

- You must run the third party tool from within a helper virtual machine.
- The helper virtual machine must have an attached virtual disk that is not the helper virtual machine's booting system disk.
- You direct the third-party tool to populate the attached virtual disk.
- If required by the third-party tool, you may need to copy the third-party tool's source file (backup, `.gho` or `.pqi`) locally to a network share, helper virtual machine, or other device accessible by your third-party tool.

Note: The P2V Assistant cloning feature supports a limited set of hardware configurations (a disk controller and NIC combination for the source computer). The P2V Assistant boot CD contains a file in Adobe PDF (`.pdf`) format that lists hardware configurations that have been successfully tested with the P2V Assistant boot CD. If the cloning functionality fails, using a third-party tool is an alternative for creating a cloned disk.

The following is a description of the general process for creating a cloned disk using a third-party tool.

1. Prepare the source machine as needed by the third-party tool. For example, create a network boot floppy with an appropriate NIC driver. Typically this is the AMD PCInet driver (the VMware virtual NIC driver). Insert the network boot floppy, power on the source machine, and map a network drive.

Note: If retaining the current drive letter assignments is important to you, write them down before you create the cloned disk.

2. Use the third-party tool to create an image file.

With Ghost, this is the `.gho` file. With PowerQuest, this is the `.pqi` file. Create the image onto a network share.

Refer to the technical note, [Converting Ghost Image Files into Virtual Machine Disks](#), for additional information.

3. From your VMware virtualization platform, add a target virtual disk to your helper virtual machine that you create on your virtualization platform.

For information on supported virtualization platforms, refer to [VMware P2V Assistant Requirements and Resources on page 23](#).

4. Create a network boot floppy with AMD PCnet driver (the VMware virtual NIC), if you plan to run the image restore tool in DOS.

Note: The helper virtual machine's guest operating system must be either Windows 2003, Windows XP, Windows 2000, or Windows NT Server 4.0, as appropriate. The guest operating system cannot be set to DOS, although per a third-party requirement, the helper virtual machine can be temporarily booted from a DOS floppy.

5. Install the third-party tool in the helper virtual machine.
6. Copy the image file created by the third-party tool to a network share, the helper virtual machine, or other device accessible by your third-party tool.

This step may or may not be required depending upon the specific third-party tool and version of the tool you are using. The tool may be able to use a network accessible image file or it may require the image file is local. If you need to, use the network boot floppy and map a network share.

7. Restore the image to the virtual disk.

If you are using a network restore and the third-party imaging tool:

- Boot the helper virtual machine using the network boot floppy.
- Map network shares as necessary to access the physical image previously taken as well as the imaging tool.
- Run the imaging tool.

Optionally, restore the image to the virtual disk, using either of the following:

- An ISO image to disk restore
- A disk to disk restore

Note: Typically, the third party tool requires that you run the restore in DOS mode on the helper virtual machine.

8. If you wish to perform a system reconfiguration run the P2V Assistant from within the helper virtual machine.
9. Prepare the restored cloned disk using either method:
 - Detach the disk and attach it to the helper virtual machine running the P2V Assistant.

- Reboot the helper virtual machine, if the helper virtual machine you used also has P2V Assistant installed.

Note: Use caution with the reboot method to ensure you do not overwrite the helper virtual machine's primary booting disk.

Refer to [Reconfiguring Clones on page 67](#) for additional information.

Cloning a Disk Using the P2V Assistant

The following sections describe how to create a virtual disk on a target machine from a physical disk on a source machine using the P2V Assistant:

- [Preparing the Source Disk](#)
- [Starting the P2V Assistant and the Cloning Process](#)
- [Identifying the Source Disk](#)
- [Choosing to Perform a System Reconfiguration](#)
- [Selecting Disk Cloning Options](#)
- [Specifying the Target Disk](#)
- [Setting the Partition Sizes](#)
- [Selecting System Reconfiguration Options](#)
- [Completing the Cloning Process](#)

Preparing the Source Disk

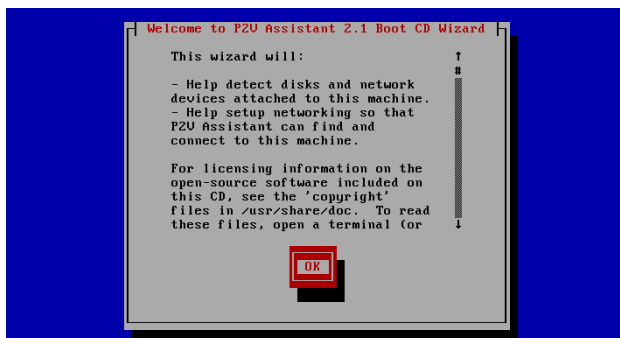
1. Assemble the pieces.
 - a. Prior to cloning, consider disabling any services on the source machine that may not be relevant on the new target virtual machine.
 - b. Have the Administrator passwords for the source machine at ready reference.
 - c. Obtain the P2V Assistant boot CD from your VMware Professional Services Organization (PSO) representative.

Note: The PDF file, [p2v_hardware.pdf](#), provides a list of tested hardware. Please review as needed.
 - d. Record the drive letter mapping of the source machine for reference later.
 - e. Shut down the source machine gracefully.
2. Boot the source machine from the VMware P2V Assistant Boot CD.

Insert the VMware P2V Assistant boot CD in the CD-ROM drive, then power on the source computer. If necessary, enter the BIOS setup screen and set the CD-ROM as the first boot device.

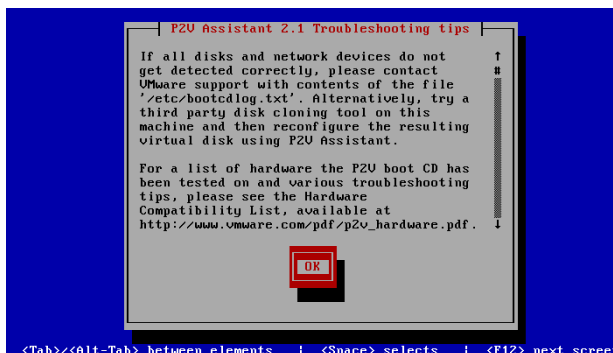
Linux loads, then the P2V Assistant boot process proceeds.

3. Accept the P2V Assistant boot CD wizard. Press **Spacebar** or **F12** to select **OK**.



Press **Spacebar** or **F12** to continue.

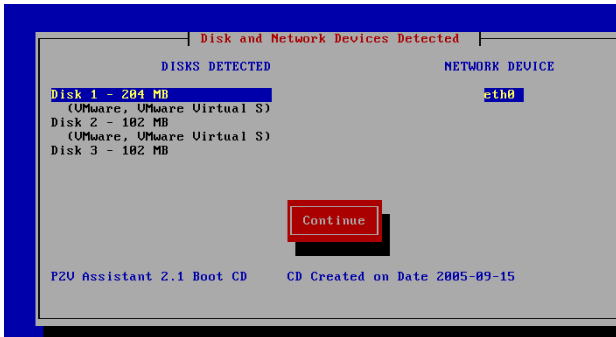
4. Note the troubleshooting tip, as needed.



Please note the support file information, including its location. In the event that you need to make a support request regarding the P2V Assistant Boot CD you need to provide a copy of this support file.

Press **Spacebar** or **F12** to continue.

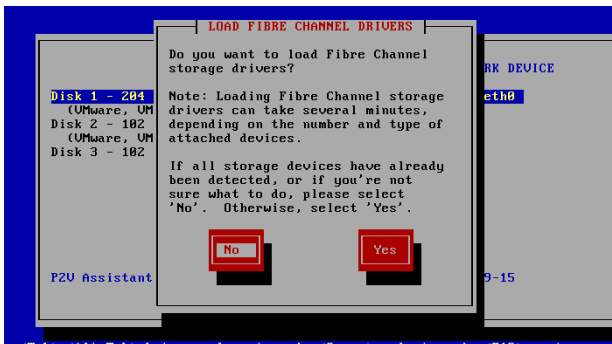
5. Select a network interface to set up networking.



If the source computer has multiple Ethernet cards, the P2V Assistant Boot CD detects all the disks and network cards it can and lists them. If the source machine has a RAID controller, the disks detected are logical disks.

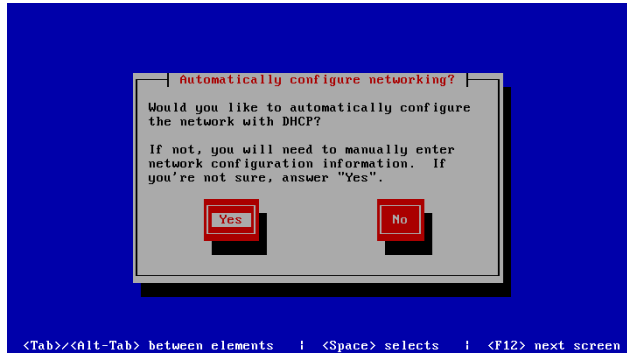
Press **Tab** to select the appropriate card, then press **Spacebar** or **F12** to continue.

6. Verify all devices have been detected. If the source computer is attached to storage devices using Fibre Channel, you may load Fibre Channel drivers.



Press **Tab** to make your selection, then press **Spacebar** or **F12** to continue.

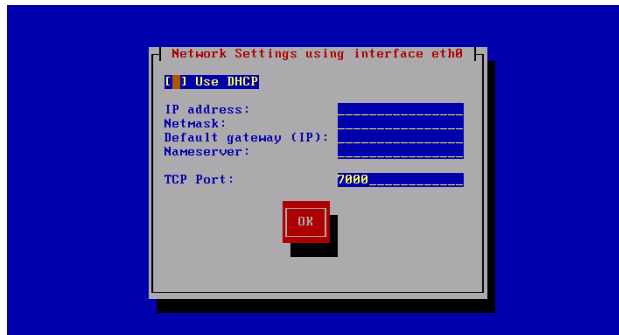
7. Automatically set up networking using DHCP.



Yes indicates the source computer is connected to a network with a DHCP server.
No indicates that you wish to configure IP address information manually.

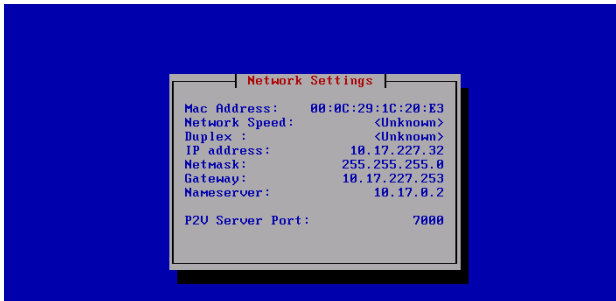
If a DHCP server could not be reached on the selected network interface, you may receive an error. Check your cabling and the selected interface and try again.

If you select *No*, define the network settings.



Press **Spacebar** to select DHCP or press **Tab** and type the appropriate information to specify specific IP address information. Press **Tab** to highlight the **OK** button. Press **F12** to accept your settings.

- Record the source computer IP address and port number.



After the source computer finishes booting, the screen displays the computer's IP address, and port number. You need this information when you use the VMware P2V Assistant.

Starting the P2V Assistant and the Cloning Process

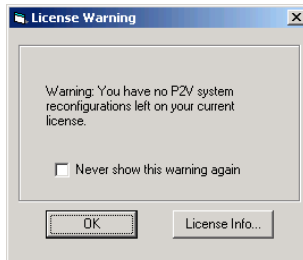
1. Assemble the pieces.
 - Install the P2V Assistant in the helper machine, if it is not installed already. The helper machine can be a physical machine or a virtual machine.
 - The helper machine must be able to reach the source machine through the network. Have the source machine booted with the P2V Assistant boot CD. Refer to the previous section, [Preparing the Source Disk](#).
 - Identify and locate the target virtual disk.

This can be a disk attached to the helper virtual machine (if running the helper as a virtual machine), or it can be an actual `.vmdk` virtual disk file accessible by the helper machine. Preferably, the target file is local to the P2V Assistant and not on the network.

2. Start the VMware P2V Assistant.

Double-click the VMware P2V Assistant icon or choose **Start > VMware > VMware P2V Assistant**. Refer to [Introducing VMware P2V Assistant](#) for information on P2V Assistant helper machine requirements.

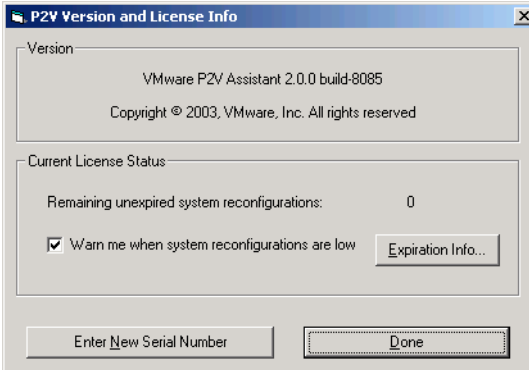
3. If it is displayed, acknowledge or view the license information. Click **OK**.



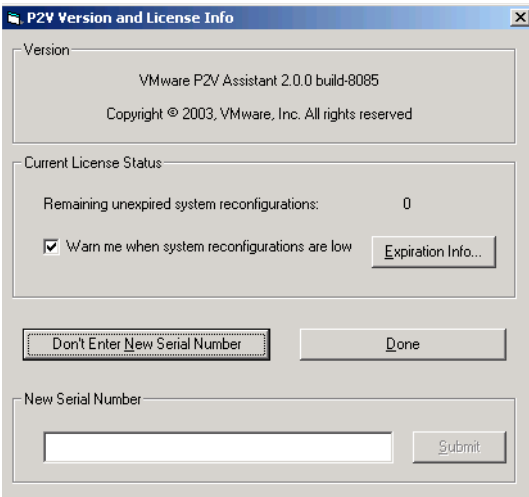
If you wish to view the license information, click the **License Info** button. Refer to step 4.

- Optionally, verify or update the license and serial number.

If your license is expiring, click the **Version and License Info** button from the **Select a task** page or click the **License Info** button from the **License Warning** page.

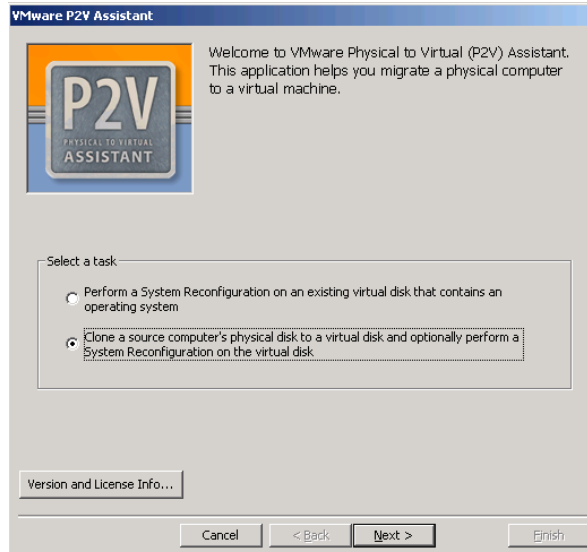


To enter a new serial number, click the **Enter New Serial Number** button.



Type the new serial number in the **New Serial Number** field. Click **Submit** to accept the new number. Click **Don't Enter New Serial Number** to cancel the entry. Click **Done** to continue.

5. Select the P2V Assistant cloning option. Click **Next**.



The choices are:

- **Perform a System Reconfiguration on an existing disk that contains an operating system**

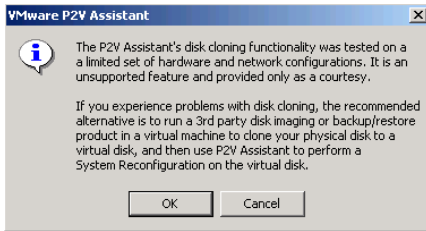
Select this option when you have an existing cloned disk and you want to alter the disk to serve as the primary bootable system disk in a new standalone virtual machine. Refer to [Reconfiguring Clones on page 67](#).

- **Clone a source computer's physical disk to a virtual disk and optionally perform a System Reconfiguration on the virtual disk**

Select this option when you want to use the P2V Assistant to clone your source disk. The process involves gathering information about the source computer's operating system and disks, followed by the creation of the target disk, then the actual copy of files from the source disk to the target disk.

This selection obtains information about the source computer's operating system and disks, then performs the virtual migration process. This process determines if the source disk contains a supported operating system. If a supported operating system is found, you are given the choice to have the P2V Assistant continue with a system reconfiguration after it has created the cloned disk.

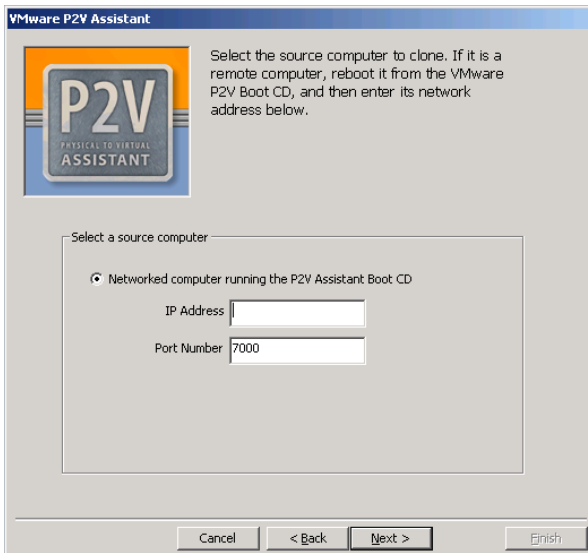
- Acknowledge the tested cloning disclaimer. Click **OK**.



Identifying the Source Disk

If you do not see the **Select a source computer** panel, you selected the system reconfiguration option. Proceed to [Reconfiguring Clones](#).

- Enter the source computer identification information, then click **Next**.



The fields indicate:

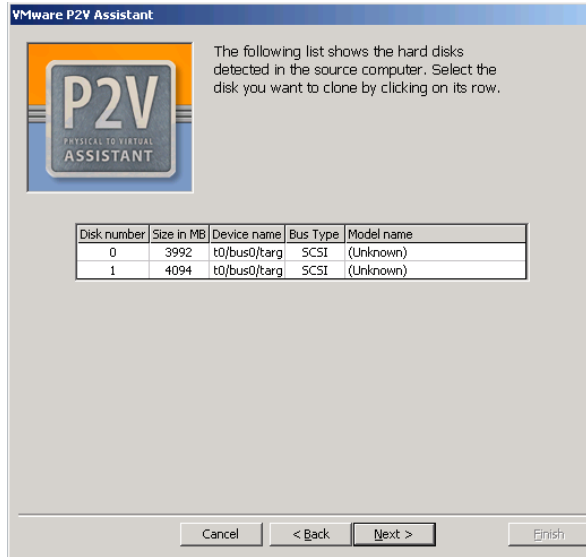
- IP address** — Enter the IP address or the hostname of the source computer.
- Port Number** — Enter the port number that P2V Assistant uses to perform the cloning operation. The port number is listed on the page on the source computer after you booted using the P2V Assistant Boot CD. The source computer port number and the port number listed in this window must

match. For example, if you used port 5000 on the source computer you must specify 5000 in this window.

P2V Assistant connects to the source computer.

A progress message appears while P2V Assistant attempts to connect to the source computer.

2. Select the source disk for the P2V Assistant migration, then click **Next**.



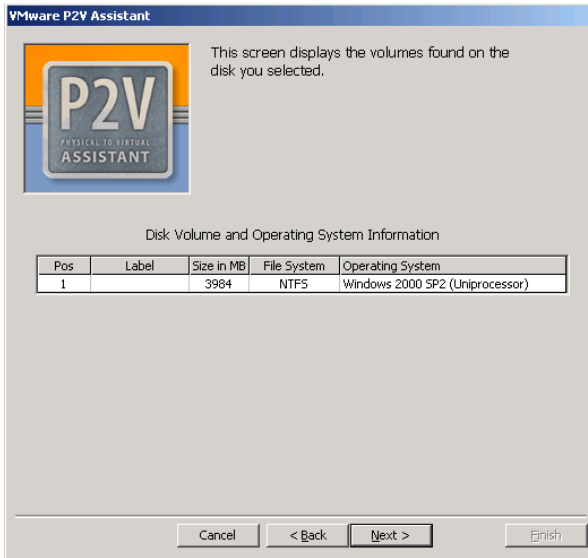
If the source disk is not already highlighted or there is more than one hard disk to choose from, select the desired hard disk by clicking your choice.

Note: You can migrate only one physical disk at a time.

This panel lists the partitions on the disk to be cloned.

The P2V Assistant displays progress messages.

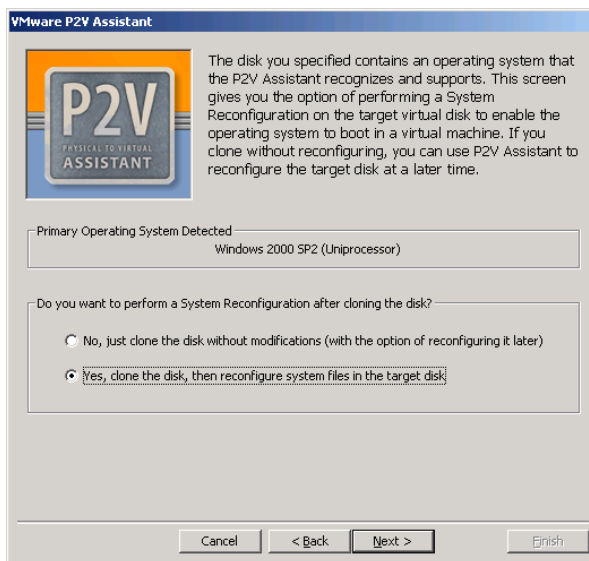
3. Verify that the disk volume and operating system information is correct. Click **Next**.



Choosing to Perform a System Reconfiguration

If the P2V Assistant does not find a supported operating system on the source disk being cloned, you do not see the System Reconfiguration page. Skip to the next section, [Selecting Disk Cloning Options on page 55](#).

Select whether or not to perform a system reconfiguration of the operating system on the cloned disk.



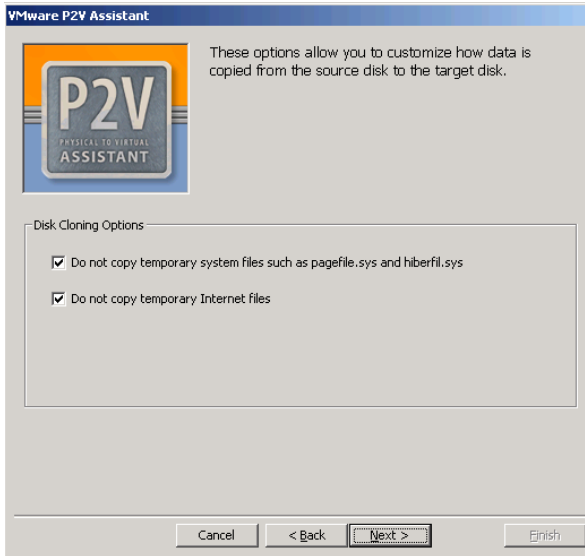
This panel appears if the P2V Assistant finds a supported operating system, which can be reconfigured.

- **No** — Copies over disk data to a target disk without any modification to system files or registry settings. Select this option to archive disk data.
If there is an operating system installed on the source disk, you still have the option, after the cloning is complete, to rerun the P2V Assistant and perform a system reconfiguration.
- **Yes** — Copies over disk data to a target disk and as applicable, reconfigures system files and registry settings in the virtual disk. This option makes the virtual disk bootable.

Click the appropriate radio button, then click **Next**.

Selecting Disk Cloning Options

Select which optional data items to copy from the source disk to the target disk. Then click **Next**.



Options that are not applicable to the current cloning are not listed.

- **Do not copy temporary system files such as pagefile.sys and hiberfil.sys**

Reduces disk cloning time since the guest operating system automatically re-creates these files once it runs in the new virtual machine.

- **Do not copy temporary Internet files**

Does not copy the contents of all user folders containing temporary Internet files. The contents of these directories typically include cached Web page files, pictures, and cookies.

On Windows 2000, these directories have the following path:

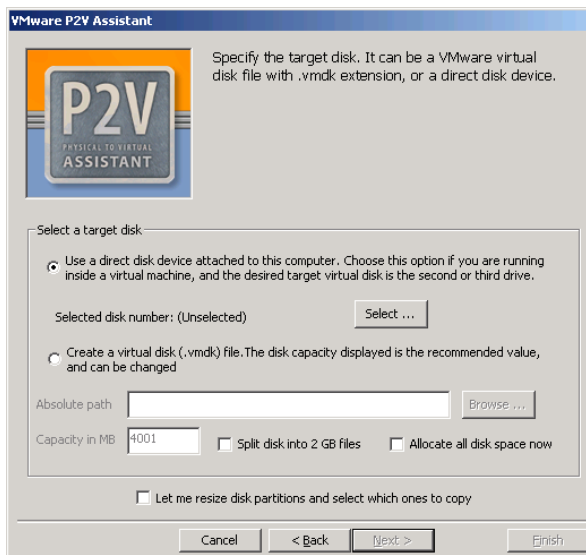
```
X:\Documents and Settings\\Local
Settings\Temporary Internet Files\
```

On Windows NT Server 4.0, the path is:

```
X:\Profiles\\Local Settings\Temporary
Internet Files\
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Specifying the Target Disk

The **Select a target disk** panel displays two types of target disk options and a check box for optionally adjusting the target disk partitions. These target disks are populated with the data from the source computer.



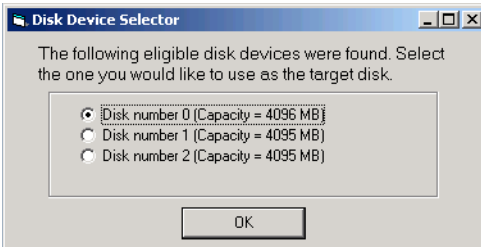
1. **To use an attached disk drive**, select the **Use a direct disk device** option.

Typically, you select this option to create a virtual disk for use with VMware ESX Server virtual machines. Refer to [Creating a New Virtual Machine with ESX Server on page 83](#) for additional information.

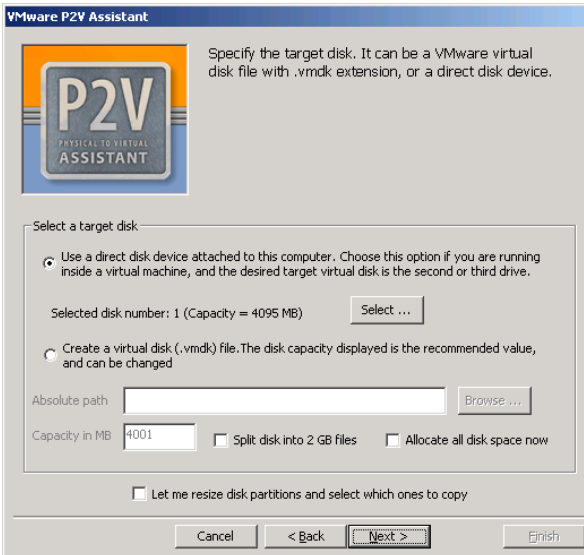
You should be running the P2V Assistant in a helper virtual machine on an ESX Server system. This helper virtual machine must have at least two virtual disk drives. The direct disk is attached as an additional drive to this helper virtual machine. If the direct disk contains data, the data is overwritten by the cloning process.

2. **To use a direct disk device:**
 - a. Select the **Use a direct disk device** option. Click **Select**.

- b. When the **Disk Device Selector** panel appears, select the disk device to use from the listed options, then click **OK**.



Select the appropriate direct disk radio button, then click **OK**. An updated Select a target disk panel displays the disk capacity. We recommend that you do not use Disk 0, as typically that is the disk of the helper virtual machine.



3. To create a new virtual disk:

- a. Select the **Create a virtual disk (.vmdk) file** option, then click **Browse**.



Specify the virtual disk path and new filename.

Typically, you select this option to create a virtual disk for use with VMware GSX Server or Workstation virtual machines.

Selecting this option creates a **.vmdk** virtual disk file for use with VMware Workstation or GSX Server. You may accept the default virtual disk size (the same as your source disk) or specify a larger or smaller disk size. If you select a disk size that is smaller than the source partitions, you are given the option to edit the size of each partition to ensure each partition has sufficient space.

The **.vmdk** is created as a SCSI, not IDE, type disk. Even if the source computer uses IDE disks, the target virtual computer disks always use SCSI disks.

- b. Select the additional conditions. Click the desired field or check box:

- **Capacity in GB**

To change this value, type in the field. Be sure that you specify a value large enough to cover the size of the source disk.

- **Split the virtual disk into 2 GB files**

Typically, the total capacity for the new virtual disk is minimum 4GB. Dividing these virtual disks into 2GB files helps handling and backward compatibility purposes.

- Allocate all the disk space now, as indicated in the **Capacity in MB** field.

By allocating the full capacity of the virtual disk, you enhance performance of your virtual machine. However, the disk takes longer to create and there must be enough space on the host's physical disk.

If you do not allocate disk space now, your virtual disk files start small, then become larger as you add applications, files, and data to your virtual machine.

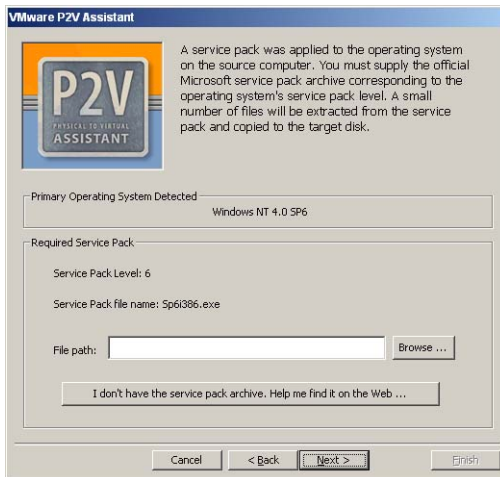
4. Complete the Select a Target Disk page. Click **Next**.

If you selected to edit the partition disk size, continue to the next section, [Setting the Partition Sizes on page 60](#).

If you did not select to edit the partition disk size, skip to the following section, [Selecting System Reconfiguration Options on page 63](#).

5. If the source machine has a Windows NT Server operating system you may need to locate current service pack or hot-fix files.

Click the **Browse** button and locate the path to the required files.



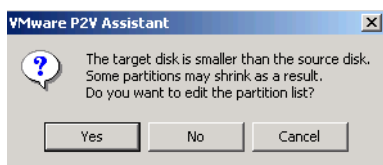
Setting the Partition Sizes

If you wish to resize your partitions or select which partitions are to be copied, click **Back** on the current page and repeat the steps in [Specifying the Target Disk on page 56](#). This time, click the **Let me resize disk partitions and/or select which partitions to copy** check box.

1. Select to edit the target partition size.

This page appears if your target partitions are not large enough to receive the data from the corresponding source partitions.

If you do not see this page, skip to step 2.



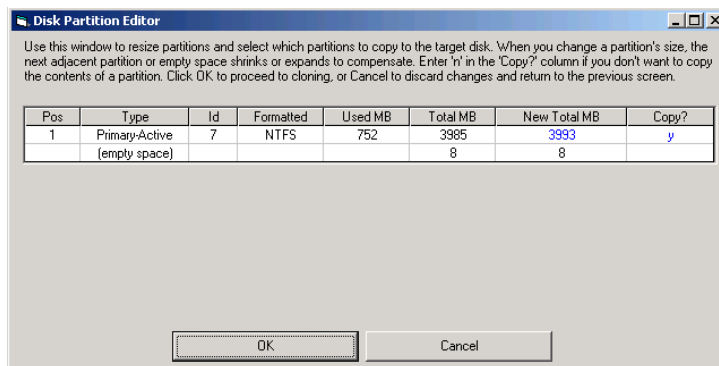
Click **Yes** to edit the partition size.

Click **No** not to edit the partition size.

Note: If you select **No**, all the data from your source partitions is not copied to the target partitions.

Click **Cancel** to return to the previous page. This allows you to select a different target disk. Return to the previous section, [Specifying the Target Disk](#).

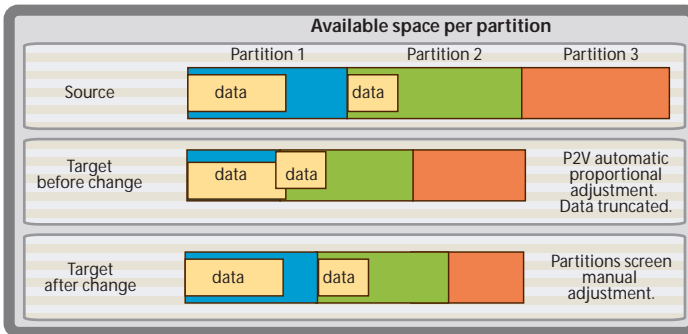
2. Edit the partition size, or select the partitions to copy.



When the source disk is identified, the P2V Assistant analyzes the volumes (or partitions) on the source disk to identify the partitions that are formatted for

Windows. Volumes that are not formatted for Windows are created as unformatted volumes on the target disk.

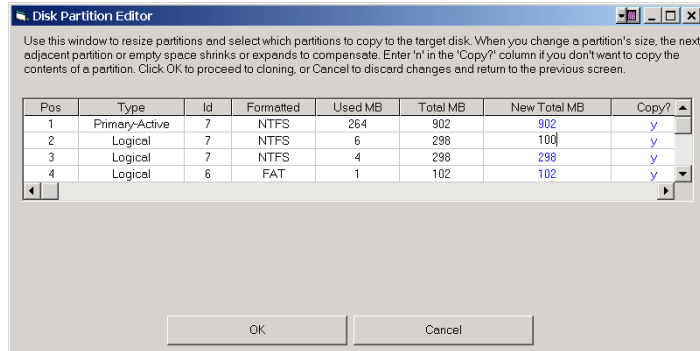
When the target disk is identified, the P2V Assistant compares the space available on the target disk with the data required per partition on the source disk. If there is not enough space on the target disk to fit all the data in each Windows-formatted partition, the P2V Assistant displays this panel.



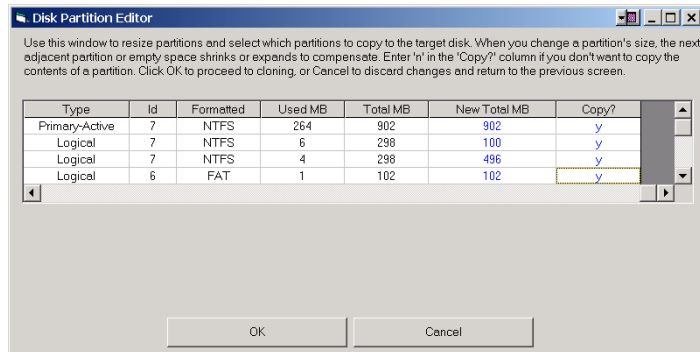
Source to Target Partition Data Allocation

Each row lists the data for a single partition. The **Used MB** column identifies the amount of space required for the data on that partition of the source disk. The **Total MB** column indicates the total amount of space available to that partition of the source disk. The **New Total MB** column indicates the space that is allocated to that partition on the target disk. The **Copy** column indicates whether the partition is created on the target disk. Red values indicate that the allocated space is insufficient for the data to be copied. Red and blue values can be edited.

a. Type directly into the fields to change the values.



If a value in a row is changed, the difference is added or removed from the row directly below it. If the row directly below it does not have sufficient MBytes available, the change is not allowed. "Borrowing" (similar to a simple subtraction carryover) is allowed only from the row immediately below. If you want to distribute available MBytes, start from the bottom row and work your way up the table.

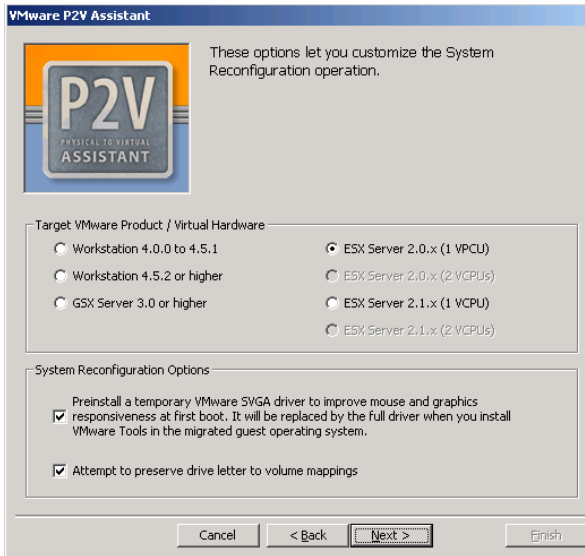


b. Type **N** not to include the partition. Type **Y** to include that partition.

c. Click **OK** when finished.

Selecting System Reconfiguration Options

1. Select the system reconfiguration options.



Options not applicable to the current system reconfiguration are not listed. Select the options, as needed. Click **Next**.

- Select the target VMware product on which the new cloned disk will be used.
- Select whether or not to pre-install a temporary VMware SVGA driver for smooth graphics and mouse operation.

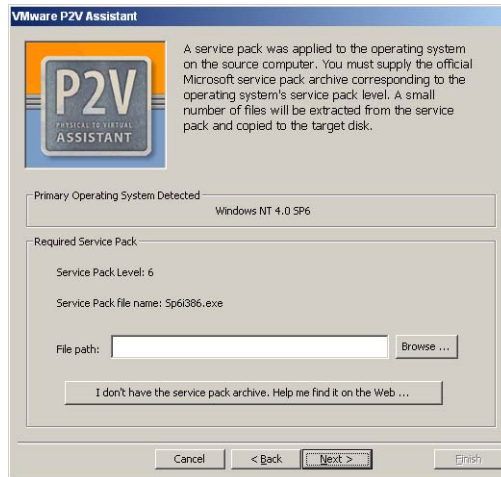
Pre-installing the SVGA driver enables full-color graphics and smooth mouse movements on the first boot. This pre-installed version is replaced when you install the guest operating system in the cloned disk.

- Attempt to preserve drive letter to volume mapping.

This option identifies the drive letters assigned to each volume on the source disk and assigns the same drive letters to the volumes on the target disk. This option does not appear if the target disk type is a direct disk device.

2. If the disk has a Windows NT Server operating system you may need to locate current service pack or hot-fix files.

Click the **Browse** button and locate the path to the required files.



These items are required under the following conditions:

- If the Windows NT source machine is installed on an SMP system, the P2V Assistant requests the appropriate service pack.
- If the Windows NT SMP source machine has hot-fixes applied, the P2V Assistant requests the appropriate hot-fix in addition to the service pack.

Completing the Cloning Process

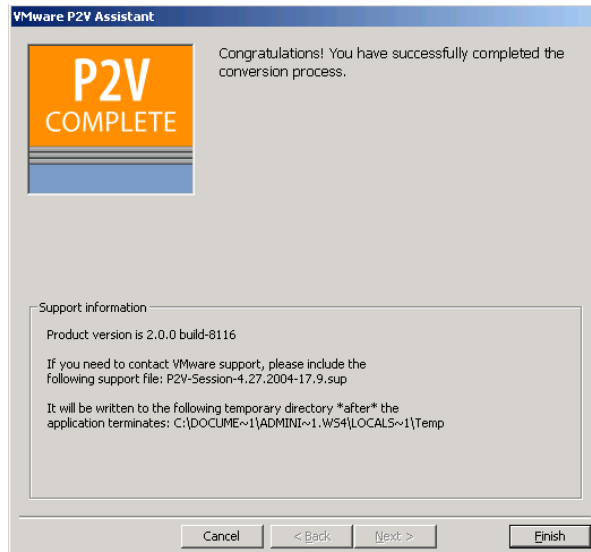
After you have made all the decisions, the P2V Assistant creates the designated cloned disk.

1. Confirm the execution of the selected task, cloned disk or system reconfiguration. Click **OK**.



Numerous progress messages appear. The specific messages you see depend upon the options you selected. Progress statistics include MBytes copied, throughput, and estimated time of completion.

2. Close the P2V Assistant.



- a. Note the location of the support files created during the P2V Assistant session.
- b. Click **Finish**.

Progress pages appear. The opening P2V Assistant page appears, ready to perform another task.

3. Remove the P2V Assistant boot CD from the source computer, and restart the computer as needed.
4. If you used the P2V Assistant direct disk device option, you must gracefully shut down the helper virtual machine running the P2V Assistant assistant.

This ensures that all the system reconfiguration changes are completely written to disk. You have completed creating a virtual disk cloned disk using VMware P2V Assistant.

CHAPTER 5

Reconfiguring Clones

This chapter describes how to use the VMware P2V Assistant to reconfigure a cloned disk so it can be used as a bootable system disk in a virtual machine.

This chapter includes:

- [Starting the P2V Assistant on page 68](#)
- [Identifying the Virtual Disk to Reconfigure on page 70](#)
- [Selecting Reconfiguration Option on page 74](#)
- [Completing the System Reconfiguration on page 75](#)

Virtual disks, in order to function with virtual machines, require some reconfiguring. This reconfiguration alters elements that are essential to working in a virtual environment; it does not alter the machine identification information. The following describes how to reconfigure an existing virtual disk to boot in a helper virtual machine using the P2V Assistant. Perform the steps in this section when you have an existing virtual disk or image that you wish to use in a virtual machine.

Starting the P2V Assistant

1. Assemble the pieces.
 - Install the P2V Assistant in the helper machine, if you have not done this already. The helper machine can be a physical machine or a virtual machine.
 - Identify and locate the cloned disk virtual disk. This can be a disk attached to the helper virtual machine or it can be a file in a network location accessible by the helper machine.
2. Start the VMware P2V Assistant.

Double-click the VMware P2V Assistant icon or choose **Start > VMware > VMware P2V Assistant**. Refer to [Introducing VMware P2V Assistant on page 7](#) for information on P2V Assistant helper machine requirements.
3. Select the system reconfiguration task, then click **Next**.



The choices are:

- **Clone a source computer's physical disk to a virtual disk**

For information on cloning a source disk, refer to [Creating Cloned Disks on page 39](#).

- **Perform a System Reconfiguration on an existing virtual disk that contains an operating system**

Select this option when you have an existing virtual disk and you want to alter the disk to serve as the primary bootable system disk in a new standalone virtual machine. The virtual disk could have been created by expanding a third party image onto a virtual disk attached to the helper virtual machine.

You might see an information message listing how many reconfiguration licenses you have left. If you do not wish to see this message, click the appropriate check box.

Identifying the Virtual Disk to Reconfigure

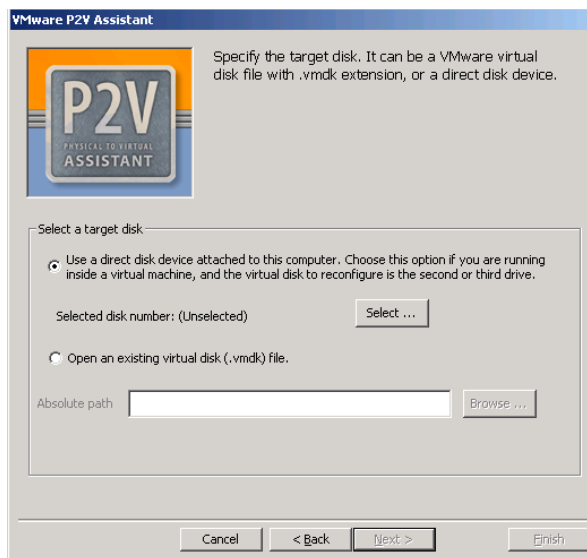
The Select a target disk page displays two target disk options.

1. Select the source disk type for the system reconfiguration.

The term target is used because the system reconfiguration is applied to the selected disk. However, the disk being reconfigured is also the source disk.

The choices are:

- Use a direct disk device attached to this computer.
 - Open an existing virtual disk file.
2. If you use a direct disk attached to the P2V Assistant machine:
 - a. Click the **Use a direct disk device** option, then click **Select**.



This option is typically used for VMware ESX Server virtual machines or when a cloned disk is being reconfigured within a helper virtual machine.

Typically, you select this option to reconfigure a virtual disk for use with VMware ESX Server virtual machines. Refer to [Creating a New Virtual Machine with ESX Server on page 83](#) for additional information.

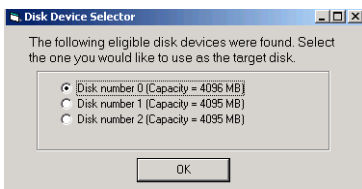
VMware GSX Server or Workstation: The virtual disk must be in `.vmdk` format.

VMware ESX Server: The virtual disk must be in `.disk` format.

The virtual disk must be attached as a second disk to the helper virtual machine running the P2V Assistant on your virtualization platform.

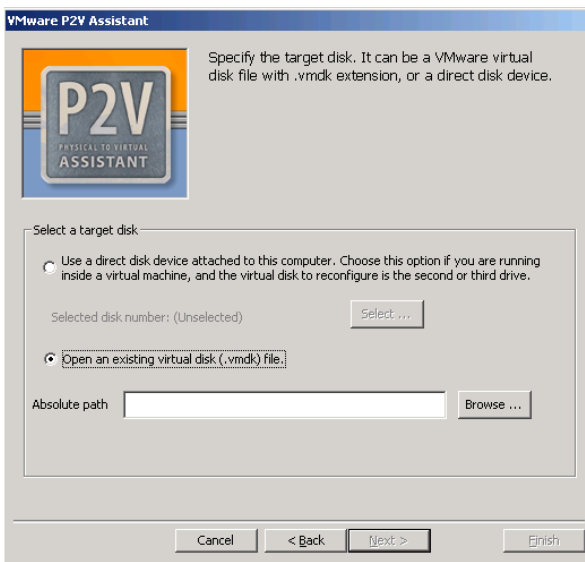
This helper virtual machine must have at least two virtual disk drives. The direct disk is attached as an additional drive to this helper virtual machine. After the system is reconfigured the helper virtual machine with the attached `.disk` must be shut down. Then the newly reconfigured `.disk` can be attached to another virtual machine and used as the bootable system disk.

b. Select the disk device to use from the listed options, then click **OK**.



3. **If you select to open an existing virtual disk:**

a. Click the **Open an existing virtual disk (.vmdk) file** option, then click **Browse**.



- b. Locate the desired disk, then click **Next**.

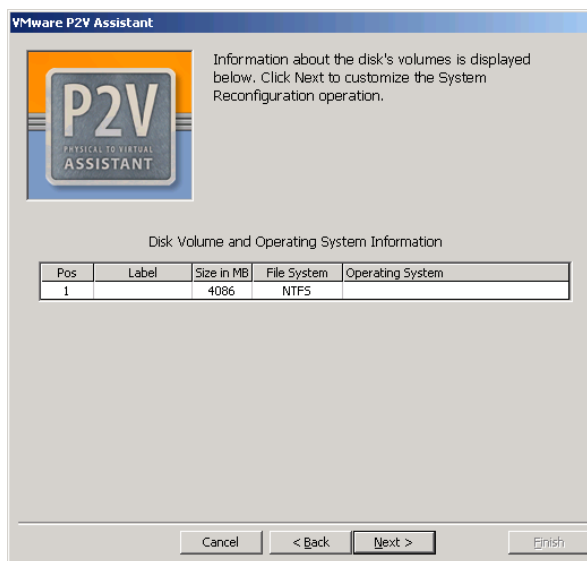
This option is typically used for VMware GSX Server and Workstation virtual machines.

Select this option to perform a system reconfiguration on a virtual disk for use with a GSX Server or Workstation virtual machine.

4. Accept or cancel the Windows NT warning message, if needed.

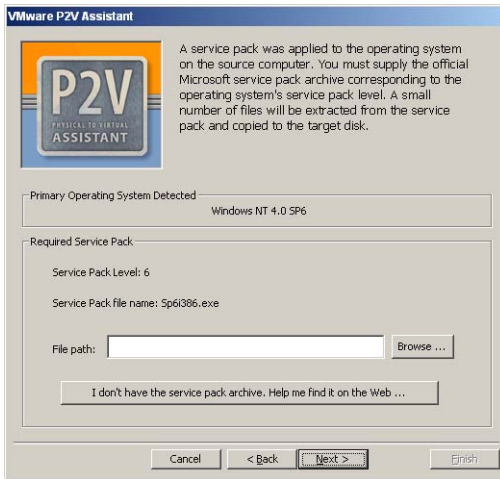
If your source operating system is a Windows NT and you are running the P2V Assistant in a non-Windows NT system, a warning message appears.

5. Verify that the disk volume information is correct. Click **Next**.



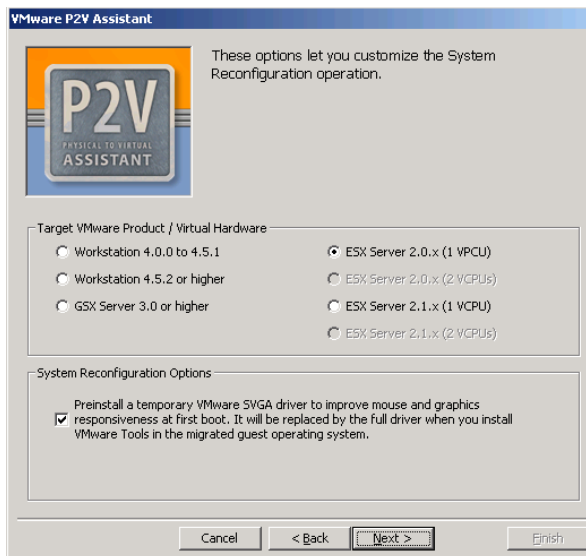
6. If the disk has a Windows NT Server operating system you may need to locate the current service pack or hot-fix files.

Click the **Browse** button and locate the path to the required files.



Selecting Reconfiguration Option

1. Select the desired reconfiguration option.



Options not applicable to the current cloning are not listed. Click the buttons for the option as needed, then click **Next**.

- **Pre-install the VMware SVGA driver to improve mouse and graphics**

Pre-installing the SVGA driver enables full color graphics and smooth mouse movements on the first boot. This pre-installed version is replaced when you install the guest operating system in the cloned disk.

Note: If you do not do this now, you need to manually install the SVGA driver when you configure the new virtual machine.

Completing the System Reconfiguration

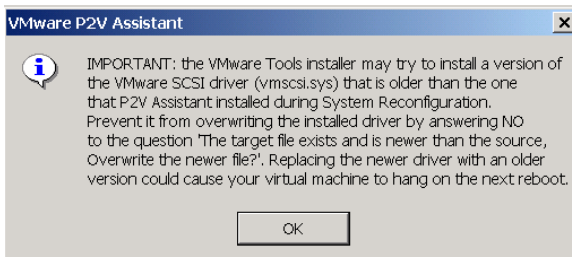
When you have made all the decisions, the P2V Assistant proceeds and reconfigures the designated cloned disk.

1. Confirm the execution of the selected task, cloned disk or system reconfiguration. Click **OK**.

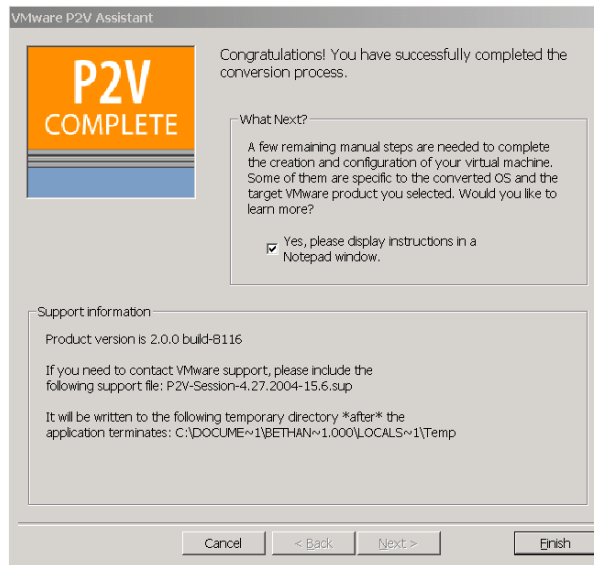


A series of progress messages appear. The specific messages you see depend upon the options you selected. Progress statistics include MBytes copied, throughput, and estimated time of completion.

2. Verify the note on installing and updating VMware Tools. Click **OK**.



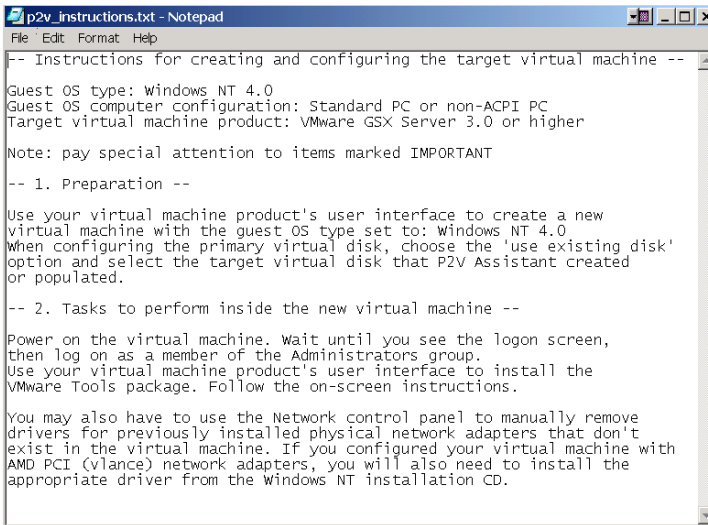
3. Optionally, check the box to view additional information about completing your system reconfiguration.



4. Close the P2V Assistant. Click **Finish**.

Progress pages appear.

If you opted to view the additional notes, they appear after the system reconfiguration is complete.



```

p2v_instructions.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format Help
-- Instructions for creating and configuring the target virtual machine --
Guest OS type: Windows NT 4.0
Guest OS computer configuration: Standard PC or non-ACPI PC
Target virtual machine product: VMware GSX Server 3.0 or higher

Note: pay special attention to items marked IMPORTANT

-- 1. Preparation --

Use your virtual machine product's user interface to create a new
virtual machine with the guest OS type set to: Windows NT 4.0
When configuring the primary virtual disk, choose the 'use existing disk'
option and select the target virtual disk that P2V Assistant created
or populated.

-- 2. Tasks to perform inside the new virtual machine --

Power on the virtual machine. Wait until you see the logon screen,
then log on as a member of the Administrators group.
Use your virtual machine product's user interface to install the
VMware Tools package. Follow the on-screen instructions.

You may also have to use the Network control panel to manually remove
drivers for previously installed physical network adapters that don't
exist in the virtual machine. If you configured your virtual machine with
AMD PCI (Vlance) network adapters, you will also need to install the
appropriate driver from the Windows NT installation CD.
  
```

5. If you used the P2V Assistant direct disk device option, you must gracefully shut down the helper virtual machine running the P2V Assistant. This ensures that all the system reconfiguration changes are completely written to disk.

You have completed reconfiguring a system on an existing virtual disk cloned disk using VMware P2V Assistant.

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CHAPTER

Creating a New Virtual Machine

This chapter describes how to create a new virtual machine with the virtual disks you selected during the P2V Assistant migration. See [P2V Assistant Requirements on page 25](#) for a list of VMware products you can use to create the new virtual machine.

Refer to the product documentation or the in-product help for the specific steps to create a virtual machine using your VMware product. You can find the latest VMware product documentation at www.vmware.com/support.

This chapter includes:

- [New Virtual Machine Considerations on page 80](#)
- [New Virtual Machine Guidelines on page 80](#)
- [Creating a New Virtual Machine with Workstation or GSX Server on page 82](#)
- [Creating a New Virtual Machine with ESX Server on page 83](#)
- [Booting the New Virtual Machine on page 84](#)
- [Updating Devices in the New Virtual Machine on page 86](#)

New Virtual Machine Considerations

Performing a system reconfiguration ensures that the new virtual disk can boot. Unsupported adapters are not migrated. Supported adapters include AMD PCNet Ethernet adapter, Buslogic SCSI adapter, CD-ROM, and floppy drives.

Any software that is hardware-dependent requires attention. Specifically, during a migration or system reconfiguration the following identification items change:

- MAC address
- CPU model and serial number
- Disk device model and manufacturer settings

The migrated virtual machine seems to be identical to the original physical machine on the network. Use caution when powering on both the original physical machine and the newly migrated virtual machine simultaneously on the same network. Consider using a private network for the newly migrated virtual machine to avoid conflicts. Or change the machine identification information. This includes the machine name, IP address, and network information.

New Virtual Machine Guidelines

When creating a new virtual machine, follow these general guidelines. Refer to the appropriate section below for any issues specific to the VMware platform.

- The guest operating system type should be the same as the source operating system running on the source computer.

The source machine operating system must be compatible with the virtualization platform on which the virtual machine will run. Refer to the following web site for a list of compatible operating systems:

www.vmware.com/support/guestnotes/doc/index.html

- Reconfigure as many virtual AMD PCNet NICs as the number of physical NICs on the source computer.
- You may leave other configuration parameters (memory, floppy, and so forth) in their default settings. You can customize these later.

To add a cloned disk to a virtual machine:

1. If the cloned disk is going to be used as the bootable system disk in a virtual machine, ensure that it has been reconfigured to do so.
2. Run your selected VMware product: VMware ESX Server, VMware GSX Server, or VMware Workstation interface.
3. Create a new virtual machine without a virtual disk.
4. Attach the reconfigured cloned disk to the new virtual machine as the primary disk.

Note: You must match the virtual disk format to the virtual machine platform. Use `.vmdk` disks for VMware GSX Server or VMware Workstation virtual machines, and `.disk` disks for VMware ESX Server virtual machines.

5. Boot the new virtual machine.

If the disk contains a supported operating system and has been reconfigured, the machine boots from the new disk.

6. Ensure the operating system is compatible with VMware Tools.

If you are running Windows NT Server, you must be running Service Pack 6a or later. If you are running a lower Service Pack level, you must upgrade or the VMware Tools does not function.

7. Perform the cleanup tasks on the virtual machine.

Depending upon the resident operating system, make relevant device and network configuration changes. Refer to [Configuring the Guest Operating System and Testing the New Virtual Machine on page 87](#) for specific information.

Creating a New Virtual Machine with Workstation or GSX Server

When creating a new virtual machine in Workstation or GSX Server, follow these additional guidelines:

1. Use the New Virtual Machine Wizard to create the new virtual machine. Select **Custom** for the configuration.
2. You may want to choose host-only networking for your network connection during initial testing of your new virtual machine. Later, you can switch your network connection to bridged networking or network address translation (NAT).
3. Select **Use an existing virtual disk** for the disk type and use the cloned disk (containing the operating system) produced by the P2V Assistant. Add the other virtual disks as additional drives once you have created the virtual machine.
4. Return to the Workstation or GSX Server interface and modify the virtual machine identification information, if necessary.

If you have created multiple clones of an existing physical machine and you plan to run the virtual machines on the same network, each machine must have its own identity.

Update the following:

- Change the computer name
- Change the system identification (SID)
- Convert any existing network interface cards (NICs) to DHCP connectivity

Creating a New Virtual Machine with ESX Server

The P2V Assistant populates a virtual disk (`.dsk`) file that was created by the ESX Server system when you select the direct disk option in the Specify Target Disk window. If you selected this option, you can use the resultant `.dsk` file immediately with ESX Server.

If instead you selected to create a virtual disk (`.vmdk`) file, then you cannot use this virtual disk with ESX Server without first converting it to a `.dsk` file. You can do this conversion by using the `vmkfstools` program or the file manager in the VMware Management Interface.

Using `vmkfstools` to Import a Virtual Disk

As root, type the following:

```
vmkfstools -i <virtual_disk>.vmdk
<vmfs_volume>:<virtual_disk>.dsk
```

The `-i` option imports a virtual disk, `<virtual_disk>.vmdk` is the virtual disk created by the P2V Assistant, and `<virtual_disk>.dsk` is the virtual disk used by ESX Server.

Using the VMware Management Interface to Import a Virtual Disk

Follow these steps to use the VMware Management Interface file manager to import a virtual disk to VMware ESX Server. Refer to the *ESX Server Administration Manual* for complete and up-to-date instructions.

1. Using a Web browser, log on to the ESX Server machine as root and click **Manage Files**. Use the file manager in the VMware Management Interface to perform all the file copy steps described below.
2. In the file manager, navigate to the location of the source disk files. Select the main disk (`.dsk`) file for the virtual disk you are migrating, then click **Copy**.
3. Navigate to the `vmfs` folder, and open the folder for the VMFS partition where you want to store the virtual disk file. Click **Paste**.

A dialog box appears with the message `You are transferring one or more console virtual disks to a VMFS partition. In order for virtual machines to access these disks, they must be converted to the VMFS format. Although you can`

convert console disks at any time, it is recommended that you do so now.

The file you are copying is selected. Click **OK**.

The virtual disk is imported to the VMFS partition.

Note: If you do not see the message about transferring disks, there is a problem with the importation. Be sure you are pasting to the correct **vmfs** folder.

4. Select the newly imported `.disk` file, then click **Edit Properties**.
5. Change the user and group names in the right-hand column so the file's owner and group match those of the user who runs the virtual machine.
If necessary, change the filename extension to `.disk`. Click **OK**.
6. Log out, then log back on as the user who runs the new virtual machine.
7. Create a new virtual machine as described in the *ESX Server Administration Guide*.
When you set the filename for the new virtual machine's disk, be sure to use the virtual disk file you just copied to the VMFS partition.

Booting the New Virtual Machine

Once you have created the new virtual machine, power it on. Follow the typical virtual machine startup sequences. The following is a brief description of that process.

1. Power on the target virtual machine.
Windows 2000 and greater will automatically detect new hardware
2. Attach the installation media as CD-ROM or ISO.
This is required only if you are booting a Windows NT Server 4.0 and you are installing an SMD PCNet NIC.
3. Remove any stale devices.
Windows NT Server 4.0 requires manual steps.
4. Install the AMD PCNet Family adapter (Windows NT Server 4.0 only) manually if you are using vlnace.
5. Install VMware Tools.
Accept the VMware PCI adapter (if you are using vmxnet)
6. Test the new target virtual machine.
Review the Windows Event Log for errors, and reconfigure the services and devices accordingly.

7. Test the applications.

The application users or owners should verify that the behavior is correct.

8. Ensure that the keyboard and mouse are working properly.

In some instances, you may not have keyboard or mouse input at the Welcome to Windows page. If this happens, power off, then power on the virtual machine. Keyboard and mouse input should be enabled after rebooting.

9. Install the latest SVGA.

Updating Devices in the New Virtual Machine

If when you created your new virtual machine, certain physical devices might no longer apply, you can deinstall them from your virtual machine. Removing or disabling software related to specific hardware that is no longer present in the virtual machine, such as hardware monitoring agents, improves the virtual machine performance.

To identify which devices are no longer physically installed on your virtual machine, use the Microsoft environment variable `devmgr_show_nonpresent_devices`.

1. From the command prompt, type:

```
set devmgr_show_nonpresent_devices = 1
```

2. Start the search. Type:

```
start devmgmt.msc
```

3. From the Device Manager, list the devices.

Select: **View > Show hidden devices**.

4. Deinstall the listed devices:

Select the device and uninstall it from the Device Manager.

For additional information, refer to Microsoft Knowledge Base articles 241257, 325539, and 269155.

If your virtual machine is configured with an SMP-compatible HAL (ACPI multiprocessor), but it only has one virtual CPU, use the Device Manager and change to an SMP-upgradeable HAL (ACPI uniprocessor). This helps prevent possible idling errors.

Configuring the Guest Operating System and Testing the New Virtual Machine

The target computer can now boot from the updated disks on its own. Further configuration, testing, and tuning is still needed before the virtual machine can be deployed in production. Some of the specific steps depend on which operating system is in the target computer.

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Configuration Tasks for Both Windows NT Server 4.0 and Windows 2000

Some configuration steps are standard, such as:

- Attach installation media as CD-ROM or ISO. Remove stale devices.
- Install VMware Tools. If you selected the option during the P2V Assistant processes, it copied only the VMware Tools Installer to the `system root:\VMware Tools Installer\setup\setup.exe` file.
- Restore drive letter assignments to their original values, as needed.

If the cloned disk was created using a third party tool, or if the cloning was done by P2V Assistant, but the source disk was a dynamic disk, some partition drive letters may have changed.

P2V Assistant ensures that the critical system partition drive letter is unchanged. However, it is possible other partition drive letter may have changed.

Review the new virtual machine partition drive letter assignments and restore them to their original values, if needed.

Network Interface Cards

Every NIC on the source computer may be replaced by an AMD PCnet or VMXnet NIC in the target computer. When the virtual machine is created the first time, one virtual NIC is configured by default. You can add NICs using the configuration editor. If you have machines that have multiple adapters mapped to different protocols, then you must manually set up the networking on the target machine. Map each AMD PCnet or VMXnet NIC to the same protocol as on the source computer.

Note: If you get a duplicate error when you attempt to assign an IP address to an AMD NIC on a Windows 2000 machine, start the Add/Remove Hardware wizard, select **Uninstall a Device**, select the **Show Hidden Devices** check box and remove the old NIC that no longer exists in the virtual machine.

Inside the Windows 2000 or NT virtual machine, each NIC can be configured with the same IP address as the corresponding physical NIC on the source computer. If DHCP is used, the DHCP server may need to be reconfigured to assign specific addresses to the target computer's NICs.

Enable the VMXnet NIC (if applicable) by installing the VMware Tools service in the target computer.

VMware SVGA Graphics Card

The P2V Assistant creates a temporary VMware SVGA graphics card driver during the reconfiguration. Whether you allowed P2V Assistant to install a temporary VMware SVGA driver or not, you need to install the SVGA driver during the installation of VMware Tools.

Configuring Windows NT Server 4.0

Windows NT Server 4.0 is not a plug-and-play operating system; therefore, any non-critical devices that were present on the source computer but not in the target computer cause driver startup errors, usually logged as warnings in the Event Viewer. To remove or disable those drivers, remove (unregister) the hardware from the operating system.

Network Adapters

The most common devices that need to be removed are network adapters. To remove stale network adapters, complete the following steps.

1. Boot the Windows NT Server 4.0 operating system in the new virtual machine.
2. Log on locally to the virtual machine as the Administrator user or as a user who is a member of the Windows Administrators group.

There is no active virtual network card and therefore you cannot be authenticated against a domain.

3. Choose **Start > Settings > Control Panel** and double-click the **Network** icon. Click the **Adapters** tab.
4. Remove all present adapters.
5. Using the same control panel, add an AMD PCNet Family adapter to register the virtual machine's NIC.
6. When prompted for the driver disk, insert the original Windows NT Server 4.0 CD; it has the appropriate drivers and system files.
7. Enter **X:\i386** as the file path, where **X:** is the CD drive letter.
8. During the ensuing network configuration, reconfigure the IP address (static or DHCP).

Other Drivers or Services

Other drivers or services which depend on hardware that no longer exists in the target computer may still fail during system boot. If this occurs:

1. Use the Event Viewer to determine which drivers or services failed. Choose **Start > Programs > Administrative Tools (Common) > Event Viewer** to open the Event Viewer application.
2. Disable any services or devices that failed by changing the startup type to Manual or Disabled in the respective Services or Devices control panel. Choose **Start > Settings > Control Panel** and double-click the appropriate icon.

Configuring Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows 2003

As a plug-and-play operating system, Windows 2000 automatically disables drivers for devices no longer present, and installs drivers for new devices that it recognizes, such as the AMD PCnet NIC. Windows 2000 does not recognize a virtual machine's SVGA card. You must install drivers for these devices as part of a subsequent installation of VMware Tools.

Complete the following steps to reconfigure Windows 2000 in your new virtual machine.

Note: Refer to the Notepad text provided at the end of the P2V Assistant system reconfiguration for up-to-date and accurate instructions. The text varies depending upon the operating system and system reconfiguration conditions.

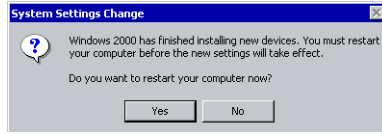
1. Boot the Windows 2000 operating system in the new virtual machine.
2. If automatic logon is not enabled, wait until disk activity subsides before attempting to log on to the virtual machine.
3. Log on locally to the virtual machine as the Administrator user or as a user who is a member of the Windows Administrators group.

There is no active virtual network card and therefore you cannot be authenticated against a domain.

Note: If the mouse or keyboard does not function properly, wait a few minutes until disk activity stops. If you still have no mouse or keyboard response, then power off and power on your virtual machine.

4. You may also see a message stating that `a duplicate name exists on the network`. You see this message because the source and target computers have the same identities (name, SID, and so on). You can resolve the duplicate ID problem by renaming the target computer and using additional tools, such as the Windows 2000 System Preparation Tool (Sysprep).
5. Windows 2000 displays a series of messages detecting new hardware. If Windows 2000 finds a hardware device for which it does not have a driver, it displays messages. Click **Cancel** or **Skip** to continue.

6. Windows 2000 asks to restart your computer. Click **Yes**.



Testing and Tuning

Applications installed in the target computer (especially in servers) should be tested. This testing is critical and ensures that there are no issues after completing the P2V Assistant process. It is recommended that you test the target computer for a few days to find subtle problems or performance issues before you deploy it in a production environment. Review the Windows event log for errors. Reconfigure services and devices as indicated by the event log.

Note: After your new virtual machine is up and running, it is recommended that you apply any patches, service packs, or hot fixes to the working virtual machine in undoable mode.

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