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Reconfiguration of VMware vCenter Update Manager

Reconfiguration of VMware vCenter Update Manager provides information about configuring VMware® vCenter Update Manager and VMware® vCenter Update Manager Download Service (UMDS) by using the VMware® vCenter Update Manager Utility.

This information provides instructions about changing the database password and proxy authentication, re-registering Update Manager with vCenter Server, and replacing the SSL certificates for Update Manager.

Intended Audience

This information is intended for anyone who wants to reconfigure Update Manager by using the Update Manager Utility. The information is written for experienced Windows or Linux system administrators who are familiar with virtual machine technology, datacenter operations, and Update Manager.

Introduction to the Update Manager Utility

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The Update Manager Utility is an optional tool for Update Manager that allows you to configure the Update Manager server as well as UMDS after installation.

The Update Manager Utility allows you to reconfigure the following Update Manager settings without the need to reinstall Update Manager and UMDS:

Proxy settings	When you install the Update Manager server or the UMDS, you specify the proxy settings. If these settings change after installation, you must reconfigure Update Manager or UMDS to use the newly configured proxy.
Database user name and password	If the database user name and password change after you install the Update Manager server or UMDS, you can reconfigure Update Manager and UMDS without the need to reinstall them.
vCenter Server IP address	When you install the Update Manager server, you register it with the vCenter Server system with which Update Manager will work. Every time the vCenter Server IP is requested, you must provide the IP of the vCenter Server system with which Update Manager is registered. If the IP of the vCenter Server system or Update Manager changes, you must be able to re-register the Update Manager server with the vCenter Server system.
SSL certificate	You can replace the default Update Manager SSL certificates with either self-signed certificates or certificates signed by a commercial Certificate Authority (CA). You can replace only the SSL certificates that Update Manager uses for communication between the Update Manager server and client components. You cannot replace the SSL certificates that Update Manager uses when you are importing offline bundles or upgrade release files.

Installing the Update Manager Utility

When you install Update Manager or UMDS, the Update Manager Utility is silently installed on your system.

You can install the Update Manager server only on 64-bit operating system platforms, but you can install the UMDS on both 32-bit and 64-bit platforms.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Install the Update Manager Server and the Update Manager Utility,”](#) on page 9
- [“Install the UMDS and the Update Manager Utility,”](#) on page 11

Install the Update Manager Server and the Update Manager Utility

When you install the Update Manager server, the Update Manager Utility is installed on your system as an additional component.

You can install the Update Manager server component only on a 64-bit operating system platform.

Prerequisites

- Verify that Update Manager is connected to a single vCenter Server instance. Update Manager can be installed on the same computer on which vCenter Server is installed or on a different computer.
- Verify that your system meets the installation requirements listed in the *VMware vCenter Update Manager Installation and Administration Guide*.

Procedure

- 1 Insert the installer DVD into the DVD drive of the Windows server that will run the Update Manager server, and select **vCenter Update Manager**.

Double-click the `autorun.exe` file or browse to locate the `UpdateManager` folder and run the `VMware-UpdateManager.exe` file.
- 2 Select a language for the installer and click **OK**.
- 3 Review the Welcome page and click **Next**.
- 4 Read the patent agreement and click **Next**.
- 5 Accept the terms in the license agreement and click **Next**.
- 6 Type the vCenter Server IP address or name, its HTTP port, and the administrative account that the Update Manager server will use to connect to the vCenter Server system, and click **Next**.

- 7 Select the type of database that you want to use and click **Next**.
 - To use the bundled database, select **Install a Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express instance (for small scale deployments)**.

This database is suitable for deployments of up to 5 hosts and 50 virtual machines.
 - To use an existing database, select **Use an existing supported database** and select a DSN from the drop-down menu.

If the DSN does not use Windows NT authentication, you must specify the user name and password for the DSN.

IMPORTANT The DSN must be a 32-bit DSN.

 - 8 (Optional) Select the database options.
 - If the system DSN you enter points to an existing Update Manager database with the same schema, choose to leave your existing database or replace it with an empty one.
 - If the system DSN you specify points to an older schema, on the Database Upgrade page, select **Yes, I want to upgrade my Update Manager database and I have taken a backup of the existing Update Manager database**, and click **Next**.
 - 9 Select an IP address or a host name from the drop-down menu for the Update Manager instance on the network.

If the computer on which you install Update Manager has one NIC, the Update Manager installer automatically detects the IP address. If the computer has multiple NICs, select the correct IP address or use a DNS name. The DNS name must be resolved from all hosts that this Update Manager will manage.
 - 10 Type the Update Manager port settings, select whether you want to configure the proxy settings, and click **Next**.
 - 11 (Optional) Provide information about the proxy server and port, specify whether the proxy should be authenticated, and click **Next**.
 - 12 Select the Update Manager installation and patch download directories and click **Next**.

If you do not want to use the default locations, click **Change** to browse to a different directory.
 - 13 Click **OK** if a warning about the disk space appears.

This message appears when you try to install Update Manager on a computer that has less than 20GB free space.
 - 14 Click **Install** to begin the installation.
 - 15 When the installation finishes, click **Finish**.
- You completed the installation of the Update Manager server and the Update Manager Utility.

Install the UMDS and the Update Manager Utility

When you install UMDS, the Update Manager Utility is silently installed on your system as an additional component.

Prerequisites

- Verify that the machine on which you install UMDS has Internet access so that UMDS can download patch metadata and patch binaries.
- Create a database instance and configure it before you install UMDS. If you install UMDS on 64-bit machine, you must configure a 32-bit DSN and test it from ODBC. The database privileges and preparation steps are the same as the ones used for Update Manager. For more information, see *VMware vCenter Update Manager Installation and Administration Guide*.
- UMDS and Update Manager must be installed on different machines.

Procedure

- 1 Insert the VMware vCenter Update Manager installation DVD into the DVD drive of the Windows server that will host UMDS.
- 2 Browse to the `umds` folder on the DVD and run the `VMware-UMDS.exe` file.
- 3 Select the language for the installation and click **OK**.
- 4 Review the Welcome page and click **Next**.
- 5 Read the patent agreement and click **Next**.
- 6 Accept the terms in the license agreement and click **Next**.
- 7 Select the database options and click **Next**.
 - If you do not have an existing database, select **Install a Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express instance (for small scale deployments)**.
 - If you want to use an existing database, select **Use an existing supported database** and select your database from the list of DSNs. If the DSN does not use Windows NT authentication, enter the user name and password for the DSN.
- 8 Type the UMDS proxy settings and click **Next**.
- 9 Select the UMDS installation and patch download directories and click **Next**.

If you do not want to use the default locations, you can click **Change** to browse to a different directory.
- 10 In the warning message about the disk free space, click **OK**.
- 11 Click **Install** to begin the installation.
- 12 Click **Finish**.

UMDS and the Update Manager Utility are installed on your system.

Using the Update Manager Utility

By using the Update Manager Utility, you can change the database connection settings and proxy authentication, re-register Update Manager with vCenter Server, and replace the SSL certificate.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Start the Update Manager Utility and Log In,”](#) on page 13
- [“Launch the Update Manager Utility with UMDS,”](#) on page 14
- [“Reconfigure the Proxy Settings,”](#) on page 14
- [“Change the Update Manager Database Connection Settings,”](#) on page 14
- [“Re-register Update Manager with vCenter Server,”](#) on page 15
- [“Change the Update Manger SSL Certificate,”](#) on page 15
- [“Restart the Update Manager Service,”](#) on page 15

Start the Update Manager Utility and Log In

To use the Update Manager Utility, you must start the utility and log in.

Prerequisites

- Make sure that you have local administrative credentials for the machine on which the Update Manager server is installed.
- Stop the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 Log in as an administrator to the machine on which the Update Manager server is installed.
- 2 Navigate to the Update Manager installation directory.
The default location is `C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\Infrastructure\Update Manager`.
- 3 Double-click the `VMwareUpdateManagerUtility.exe` file.
- 4 Type the vCenter Server machine IP address or host name and the administrative credentials to the vCenter Server system.
- 5 Click **Login**.

You successfully logged in to the Update Manager Utility.

What to do next

Use the Update Manager Utility to reconfigure the Update Manager server.

Launch the Update Manager Utility with UMDS

To use the Update Manager Utility with UMDS, you must log in to the machine on which UMDS is installed.

Procedure

- 1 Log in as an administrator to the machine where the UMDS is installed.
- 2 Navigate to the UMDS installation directory.

The default location is C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\Infrastructure\Update Manager.

- 3 Double-click the VMwareUpdateManagerUtility.exe file.

You successfully logged in to the Update Manager Utility.

What to do next

Use the Update Manager Utility to reconfigure UMDS.

Reconfigure the Proxy Settings

If your system proxy settings change after you have installed the Update Manager server or UMDS, you must reconfigure the Update Manager server and UMDS to use the new proxy settings.

Prerequisites

Stop the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 In the Options pane of the Update Manager Utility, click **Proxy Settings**.
- 2 In the Configurations pane, select the **Use Proxy** check box.
- 3 Type the proxy server settings and the credentials used for the proxy authentication.
- 4 Click **Apply**.
- 5 Restart the Update Manager service.

The Update Manager server and UMDS are reconfigured to use the new proxy settings.

Change the Update Manager Database Connection Settings

You can specify a different user name and password for the Update Manager or UMDS database connection.

IMPORTANT If you are using an Oracle database for Update Manager or UMDS, you can change only the database password.

Prerequisites

- Verify that the ODBC connection to the database works fine before you change the database connection settings.
- Stop the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 In the Options pane of the Update Manager Utility, click **Database Settings**.
- 2 In the Configurations pane, type the new user name and password for the DSN.
- 3 Type the password again in the **Confirm Password** text box.

- 4 Click **Apply**.
- 5 Restart the Update Manager service.

Re-register Update Manager with vCenter Server

You might need to re-register Update Manager with vCenter Server in certain situations, for example when the IP address of vCenter Server or Update Manager changes.

Prerequisites

Stop the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 In the Options pane of the Update Manager Utility, click **Re-register to vCenter Server**.
- 2 In the Configurations pane, provide the connection and authentication details.
 - a In the **vCenter Server IP Address or Name** text box, type the new IP address or host name of the vCenter Server system.
 - b In the **User Name** and the **Password** text boxes, type the administrator user name and password for the vCenter Server system.
- 3 Click **Apply**.
- 4 Restart the Update Manager service.

The Update Manager server is re-registered to the reconfigured vCenter Server system.

Change the Update Manger SSL Certificate

You can change the SSL certificate that Update Manager uses to authenticate against vCenter Server.

Prerequisites

Stop the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 In the Options pane of the Update Manager Utility, click **SSL Certificate**.
- 2 In the Configurations pane, follow the provided procedure.
- 3 Select the **Followed and verified the steps** check box.
- 4 Click **Apply**.
- 5 Restart the Update Manager service.

You changed the SSL certificate that Update Manager uses to authenticate against vCenter Server.

Restart the Update Manager Service

In certain cases, such as when you change the network connectivity settings, you must restart the Update Manager service.

Procedure

- 1 Log in as the administrator to the machine on which the Update Manager server component is installed.
- 2 Right-click **My Computer** and click **Manage**.

- 3 In the left pane of the Computer Management window, expand **Services and Applications** and click **Services**.
- 4 In the right pane, right-click **VMware vCenter Update Manager Service** and select **Restart**.

The service restarts on the local computer.

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