

VMware Cloud Activation Standard

For Azure VMware Solution (AVS)

AT A GLANCE

VMware Cloud Activation Standard for Azure VMware Solution accelerates cloud migration to a modern VMware vSphere®-based Infrastructure in Microsoft Azure. This service includes a solutions overview, validation of your first SDDC, how to use NSX-T for application security, deployment and pairing of VMware HCX components and the successful migration of up to fifteen (15) virtual machines.

KEY BENEFITS

- Quickly start your cloud journey
- Expedite deployment of HCX
- No re-IP with L2 Stretch of networks
- Successfully migrate up to 15 virtual machines
- Learn about workload migration methodology in a guided workshop
- Get started with application security best practices

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Service overview

VMware Cloud Activation™ Standard for Azure VMware® Solution provides an expedited deployment of VMware HCX® product components, preparation of NSX-T segments in the target SDDC and get started with security policy of Applications and successful migration of up to fifteen (15) virtual machines (VMs) from your on-premises environment to Azure VMware Solution. To ensure your team is fully enabled to perform additional workload migrations, this service includes a knowledge transfer workshop, which provides an overview of the VMware application migration methodology, best practices, and Information resources.

The following activities are included in this service:

- Validation of requirements and Review of your first VMware SDDC in Azure
- Deployment of HCX on-premises components and pairing with VMware SDDC in Azure
- The migration of up to fifteen (15) low complexity virtual machine in a single event
- An NSX-T distributed firewall workshop and knowledge transfer
- A VMware Migration Methodology knowledge transfer session

This service requires the following VMware on-premises and VMware SaaS products, with vendor-supported versions as agreed to by VMware and Customer at project kickoff, but limited to those that are in general availability (GA):

- Azure VMware Solution (2.0 or later)
- Azure ExpressRoute
- VMware HCX (on-premises requires vSphere 6.0 or higher) (*)

(*) Note 1: please check the VMware Requirements and Product interoperability matrix links in the Appendix

Service Delivery Description

Service activities will be entirely delivered remotely by the VMware professional services. Due to the nature of some on-premises components and security aspects we require Customer to join virtual sessions and engage their infrastructure, network and security teams when appropriate to execute required actions (i.e., firewall port configurations or appliance deployments) under VMware Team supervision. The delivery team will also require validating the proper configurations and requirements are in place before proceeding with the remote installation.

Service Capabilities

This service contributes to the full development of the following capabilities:

- Requirements validation of your VMware SDDC in Microsoft Azure
- Enable of the application and workload mobility platform

- Preparation and review of 1 HCX Migration wave with up to 15 VMs
- Get started with NSX for application security and isolation

Project scope

The scope of the service is defined in the following tables.

VMWARE SDDC IN AZURE VMWARE SOLUTION		
SPECIFICATION	PARAMETERS	DESCRIPTION
Review Azure VMware Solution SDDC requirements and validate user accounts	Up to one (1) Cluster	Review and validation of SDDC requirements
Configure gateway firewall Rules	Up to five (5)	Configure NSX-T firewall rules for the workload to be migrated within the Azure VMware Solution SDDC

VMWARE HCX		
SPECIFICATION	PARAMETERS	DESCRIPTION
Azure VMware Solution vCenter Instances	Up to one (1)	Azure VMware Solution SDDC vCenter instance where to pair VMware HCX
On-Premises vCenter Instances	Up to one (1)	On-premises vCenter instance where to deploy VMware HCX for pairing
On-premises Layer 2 networks extended	Up to one (1)	On-premises Layer 2 networks to extend with VMware HCX
Additional VMware HCX Activities		Review of the on-premises VMware HCX vCenter plug-in and standalone interfaces

VMWARE NSX-T		
SPECIFICATION	PARAMETERS	DESCRIPTION
Number of Applications to be Secured	Up to three (3)	Target applications identified for micro-segmentation, with each application comprised of ten (5) or less virtual machines.
Number of Infrastructure Service Policies	Up to five (5)	Security rules that contain mutually agreed upon widely used core & foundation services (e.g., NTP, Active Directory, DNS, etc.).

WORKLOAD MIGRATION		
SPECIFICATION	PARAMETERS	DESCRIPTION
Virtual Machines Included in Migration	Up to fifteen (15)	This is the total number of Virtual Machines in scope for this migration effort. These will be included into one (1) migration wave.
Configure Migration Waves	Up to one (1)	Configure workload migrations in HCX with proper resource selections for the target site. This includes monitoring and management of workload replication to ensure synchronization prior to the migration wave.
Run Migration Wave	Up to one (1)	During the scheduled migration window, the VMware Consultant will operate the HCX console to ensure a secure and seamless migration process. This includes facilitating failback if necessary.
Additional Activities		Review of the exists list of workloads planned for migration to the new SDDC.

Out of scope

The following are out of scope items for this project.

General

- Installation and configuration of custom or third-party applications and operating systems on deployed virtual machines
- Operating system administration including the operating system itself or any operating system features or components
- Management of change to virtual machines, operating systems, custom or third-party applications, databases, and administration of general network changes within Customer control
- Remediation work associated with any problems resulting from the content, completeness, accuracy, and consistency of any data, materials, or information supplied by Customer
- Installation or configuration of VMware products not included in the scope of this document
- Installation and configuration of third-party software or other technical services that are not applicable to VMware components
- Installation and configuration of Customer-signed certificates
- Configuration of VMware products used for the service other than those implemented for the mutually agreed-to use cases
- Customer solution training other than the defined knowledge transfer session

Azure VMware Solution

- Creation of user roles and groups
- Creation of local accounts
- Configuration of LDAP/Active Directory sources

- Creation of Networking segments, VPNs, and additional firewall rules not included in the specific service scope
- Azure ExpressRoute configuration and troubleshooting
- Design or configuration of interconnectivity between different SDDCs or other native cloud services

VMware HCX

- Creation of additional network extensions or stretched networks
- Deployment of additional target or source endpoints
- Deployment and configuration of Enterprise features like OSAM, MON, RAV or Mobility Groups
- Bandwidth available and size of VMs will affect the time to replicate; the group of VMs that doesn't fit in an up to two (2) days of replication time will not be included.

Workload Migration

- Pre and Post Application validation
- Backup/Restore of Virtual Machines
- Multi-instances databases and/or part of database Clusters will not be migrated
- No Specific application dependency will be analyzed
- Virtual machines with Raw Device Mappings (RDM) in Physical Compatibility mode cannot be bulk migrated.
- Virtual machines with SCSI bus sharing cannot be migrated.
- NSX Security tags and configurations related to the virtual machine will not be migrated. vSphere tags will be migrated
- Virtual machine (with) Snapshots cannot be migrated. HCX bulk migration allow to remove the snapshot.

NSX for application security and isolation

- Applications hosted on physical workloads or containers.

Estimated Schedule

VMware estimates that the duration of this project will not exceed 3 weeks. VMware professional services will operate according to a schedule agreed to by both parties. Typically, professional services are performed during normal business hours and workdays (weekdays and non-holidays).

Project Activities

Phase 1: Initiate

VMware hosts a project initiation call with key Customer and VMware stakeholders.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Project business drivers, scope, and objectives
- Project deadlines, timelines, scheduling, and logistics
- Identification of key Customer team members who VMware will work with to accomplish the tasks defined in this data sheet

- Technology prerequisites necessary for a successful project, including review of the Service Checklist for the VMware solution
- Confirmation of team members and contact details will be exchanged to schedule the project kickoff meeting

Deliverables include:

- Initial pre-engagement call

Phase 2: Plan

VMware leads a project kickoff meeting with Customer to assess prerequisite completion readiness, review the VMware standard architecture, and confirm project milestone dates.

The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- Introducing the VMware team, roles, and responsibilities
- Describing the project goals, phases, and key dates
- Explaining the expected project results and deliverables
- Agreeing on communication and reporting process
- Validating the project expectations and clarifying roles and responsibilities

After Customer and VMware agree on project expectations, the VMware Project Manager and the Customer Project Manager work together on the detailed project plan.

Deliverables include:

- Project kickoff meeting minutes
- Azure VMware Solution Cloud activation kickoff presentation

Phase 3: Execute

The key activities for this phase are organized into Deploy and Knowledge Transfer subphases.

In the Deploy subphase VMware deploys, documents, and validates the technology components according to the specifics. VMware does the following:

- Installs and configures the VMware technologies according to the specifics
- Finalizes the Configuration Workbook
- Executes service and service component functional test validation

In the Knowledge Transfer subphase, VMware conducts knowledge transfer sessions covering the design, deployment procedures, and operations procedures relating to the technologies in the scope of this project. VMware does the following:

- Conducts technical knowledge transfer sessions for administrators and operators
- Conducts up to 4 hours of knowledge transfer sessions, including fundamental operational discussions

Phase 4: Close

VMware conducts a closure meeting of up to 2 hours with the Customer covering project status, reviewing completions, next steps and how to engage with VMware support.

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Appendix

The Azure VMware Solution SDDCs should have been already created and activated together with the request to Microsoft Azure Team to enable VMware HCX in the Azure VMware SDDC.

The following Customer stakeholders are required to deliver this service:

- VMware operations team leads
- Application operations leads
- Security policy team leads
- Enterprise Architect
- Infrastructure Architect
- Network Operations team leads
- Network Architecture team leads

The following are the technical prerequisites to deliver this service:

- VMware vCenter Server version 6.0 or higher for on-premises HCX Components
- Virtual machines must be running hardware version 9 or higher
- 3+ on-prem IP addresses from management network for HCX service installation
- Virtual machines must have VMware tools installed
- Virtual machines must reside in a service cluster (defined in the compute profile)
- Each virtual machine overall allocated disk size should not exceed more than 250 GB
- Distributed vSwitch for networks that has to be extended
- The availability of the NTP service is critical to system operations.
- Bulk migration potential throughput can vary depending on bandwidth available for migrations, latency, available CPU/MEM/IOPS, and disk read speed. For successful switchover phase, the bandwidth and network conditions must be sufficient to satisfy the operation considering the dataset and virtual machine data change rate. For more information about how to determine bandwidth requirements, see [Bandwidth Requirements for vSphere Replication](#)

Please verify the following requirements and VMware Products Interoperability Matrices:

- VMware Products interoperability matrix for HCX https://partnerweb.vmware.com/comp_guide2/sim/interop_matrix.php#interop&660=&2=&1=&hideUnsupported=false
- System Requirements for HCX <https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-HCX/services/user-guide/GUID-D64901F4-6AB4-4820-9303-27927648A34D.html>
- Software Version Requirements for HCX <https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-HCX/services/user-guide/GUID-54E5293B-8707-4D29-BFE8-EE63539CC49B.html>
- Azure VMware solution overview <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-vmware/introduction>