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Automating with VMware Aria Automation Orchestrator

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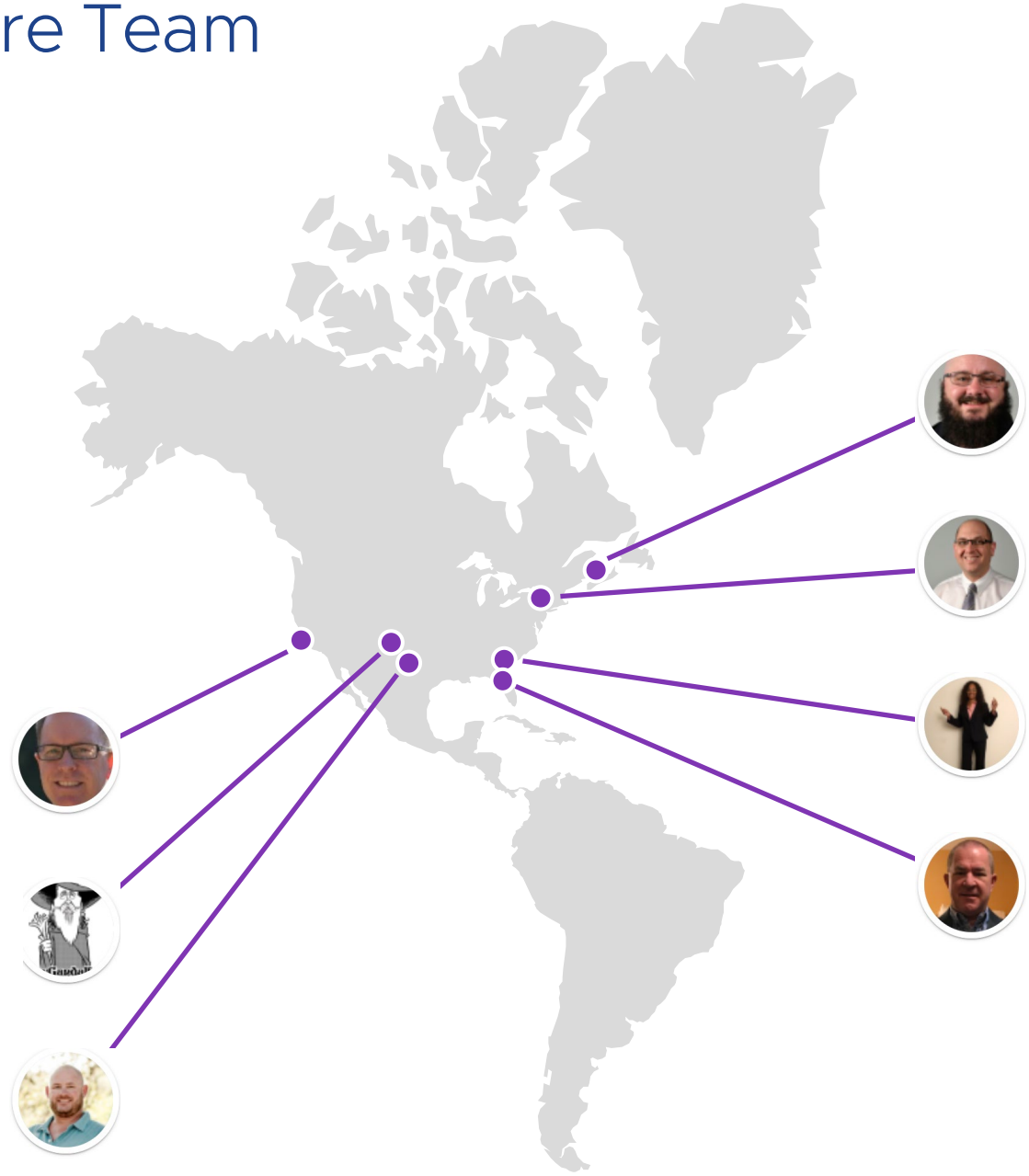

Agenda

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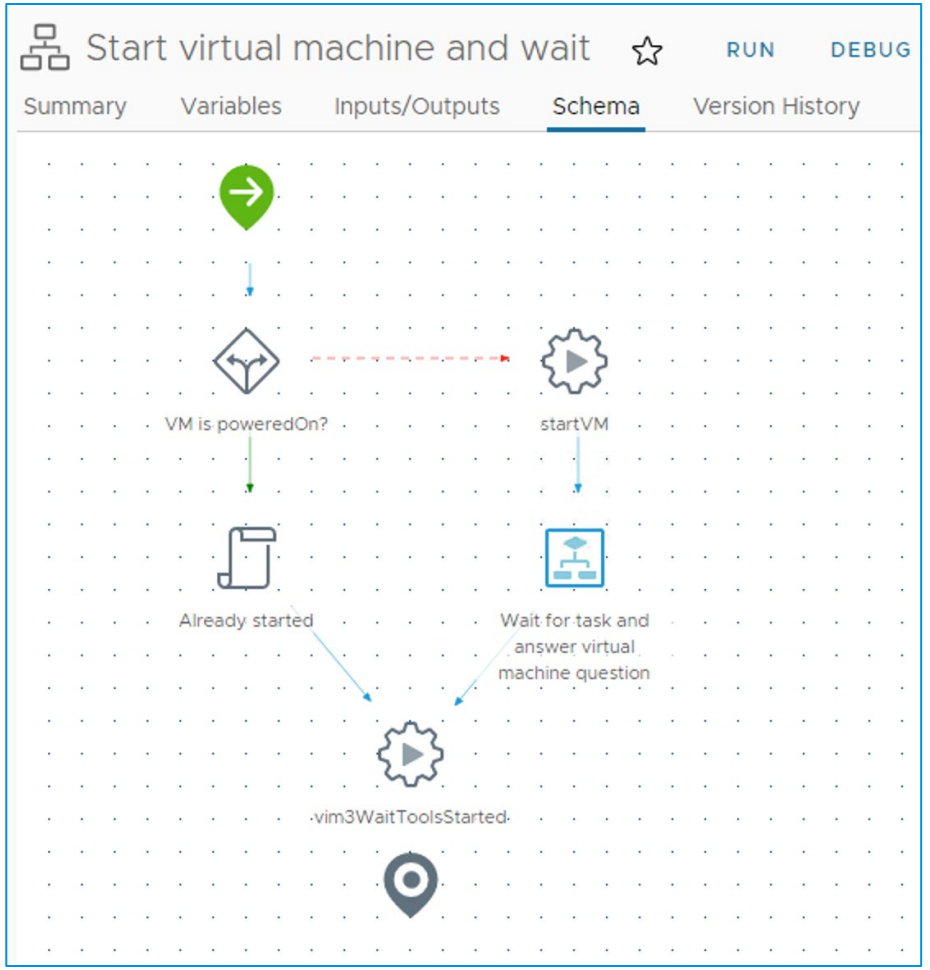
- How to download and license Orchestrator?
- Orchestrator Plug-ins
- Workflow schemas and schema elements
- Inputs, Outputs, and Variables
- Binding
- Q & A

What is Orchestrator?

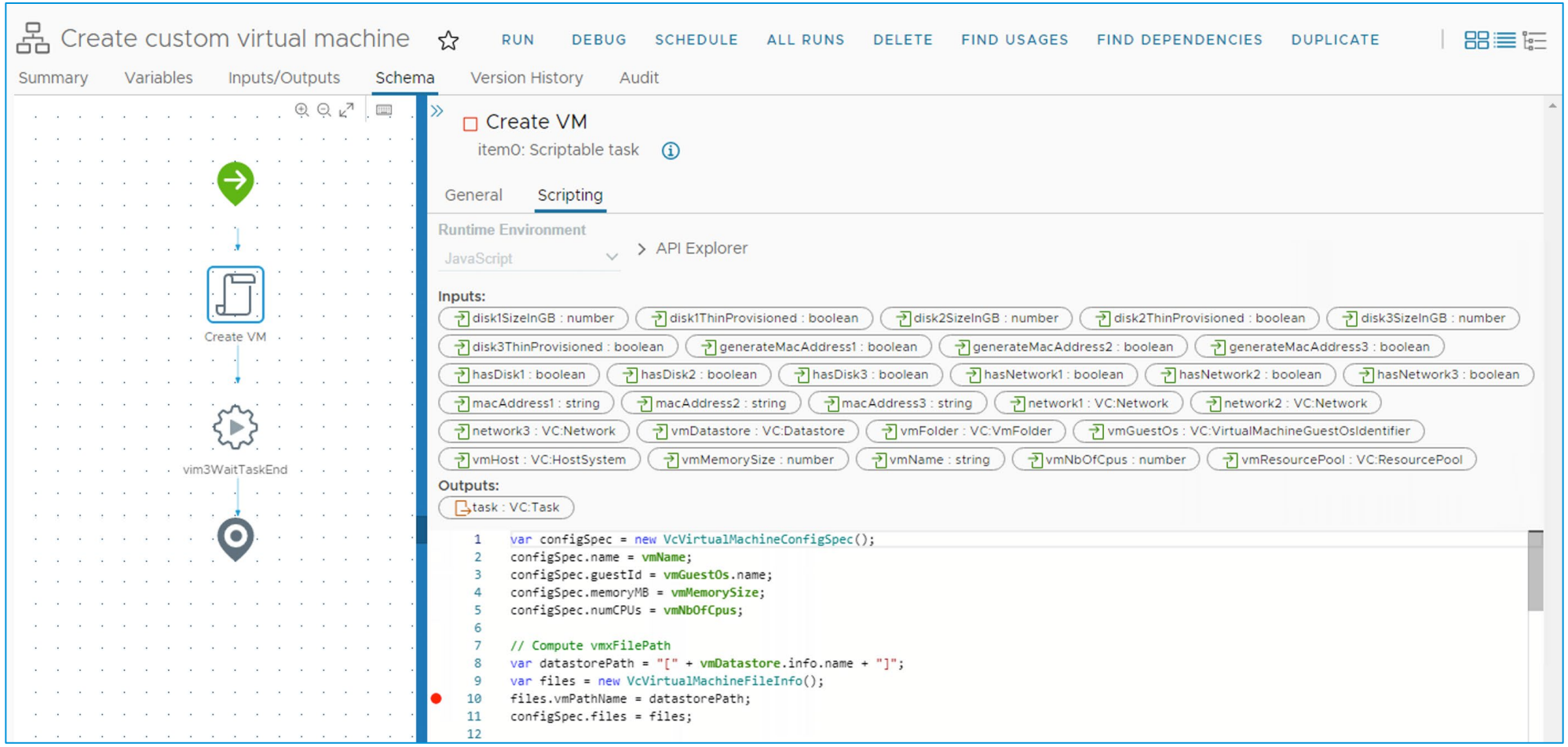
What is VMware Aria AutomationOrchestrator?

Orchestrator:

- Is an automation platform
- Is used to automate complex tasks and processes
- Accelerates development by providing a library of built-in workflows



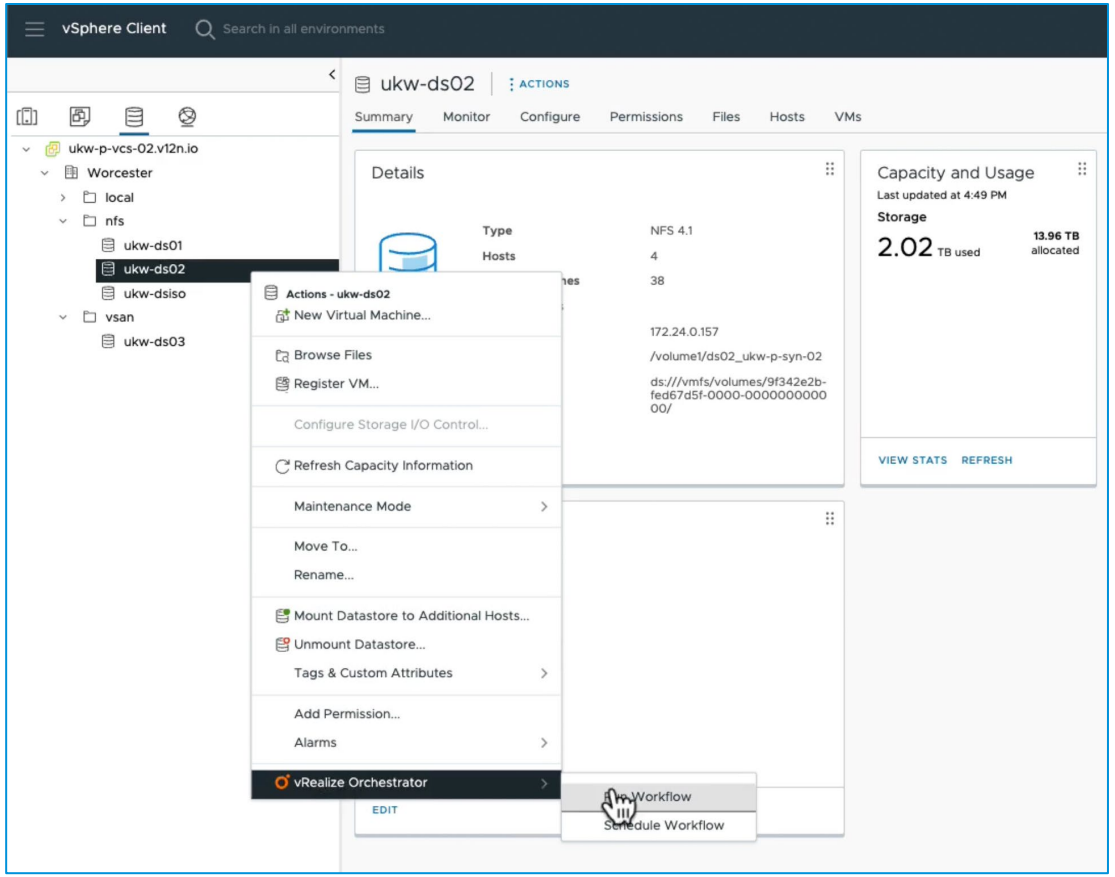
Components of a Workflow



Invoking Orchestrator Workflows

Orchestrator workflows can be invoked from:

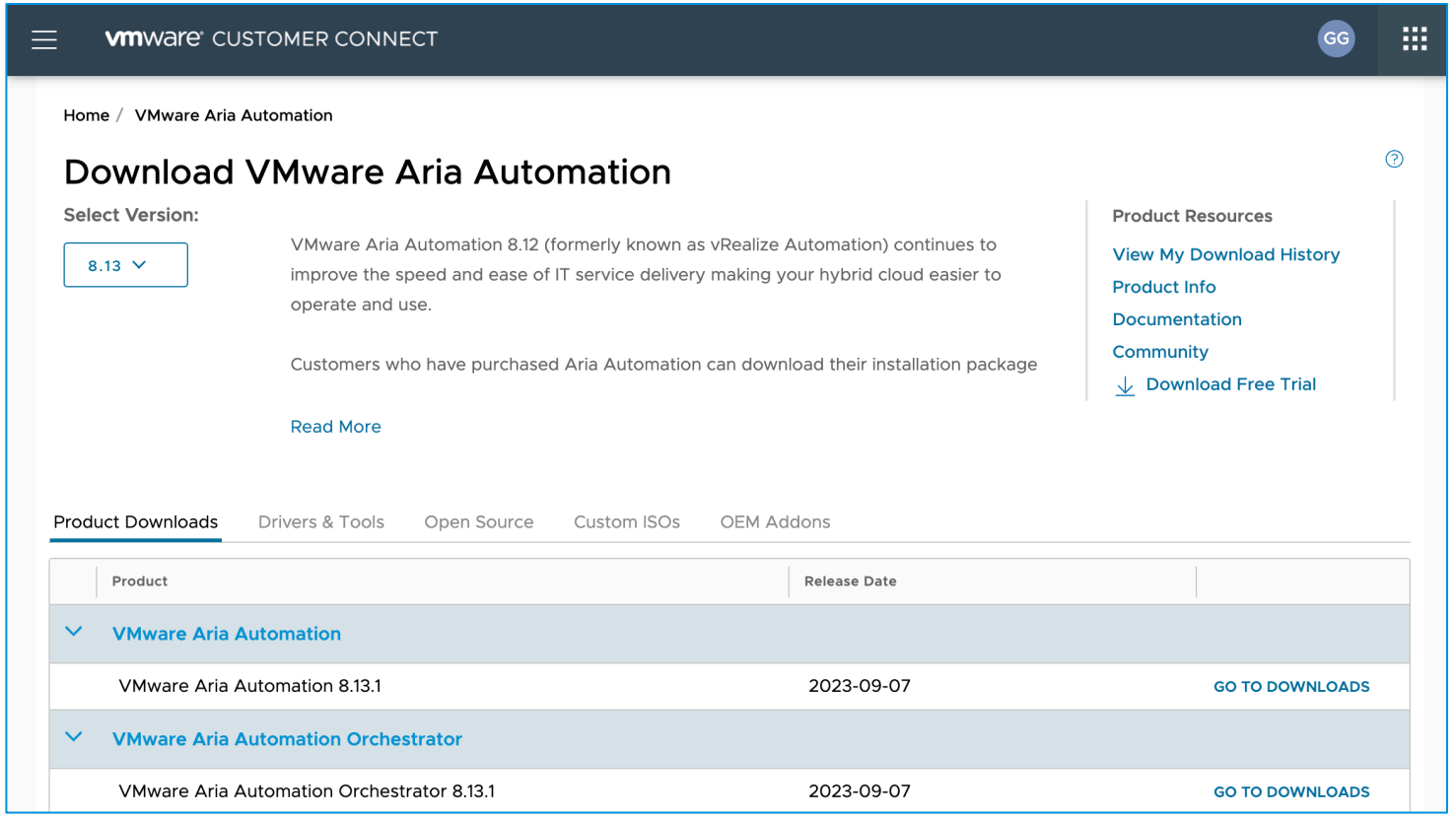
- vSphere Client
- VMware Aria Automation
  - Service Broker self-service catalog
  - Event Broker Service subscriptions
- Third-party applications
- REST clients



How to download and license Orchestrator

Downloading Orchestrator

Log into your account at customerconnect.vmware.com



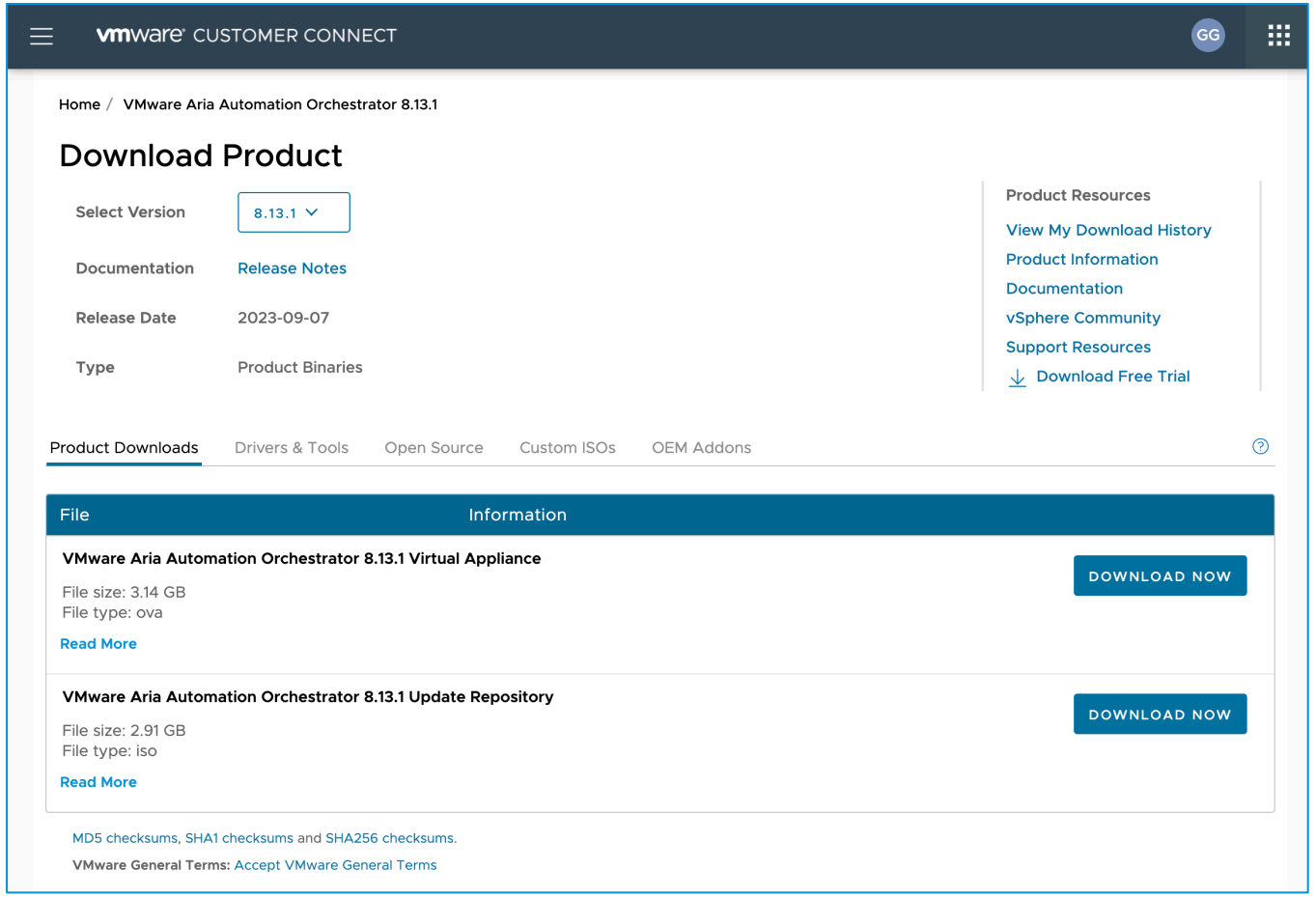
Licensing Orchestrator

You license Orchestrator using either:

- VMware Aria Automation license
- VMware vSphere license

A Few Miscellaneous Notes

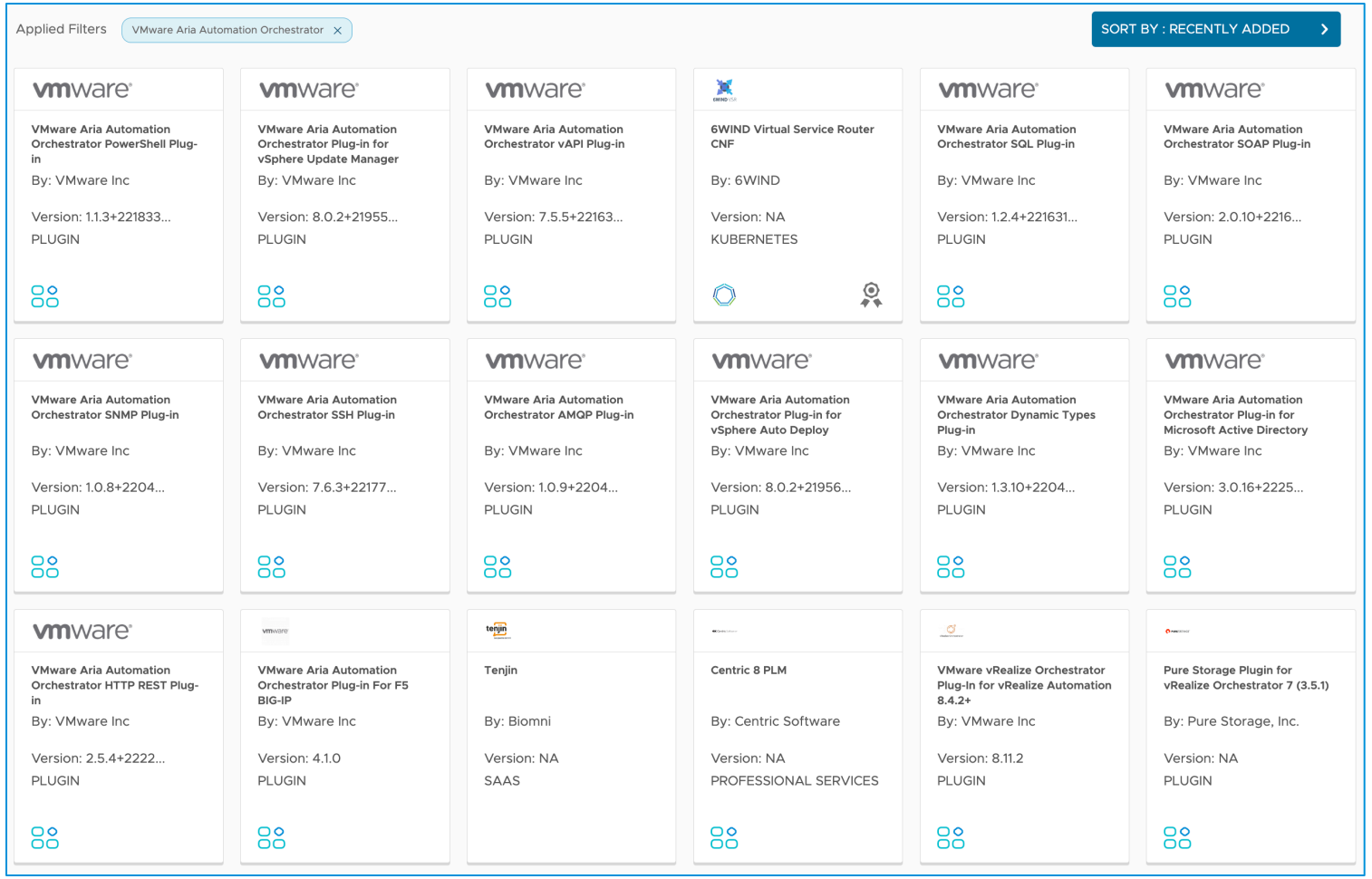
- VMware Aria Suite Easy Installer makes installation even easier.
- There is an embedded Orchestrator server.
- There is a standalone Orchestrator server.



Orchestrator Plug-ins

Orchestrator Plug-ins

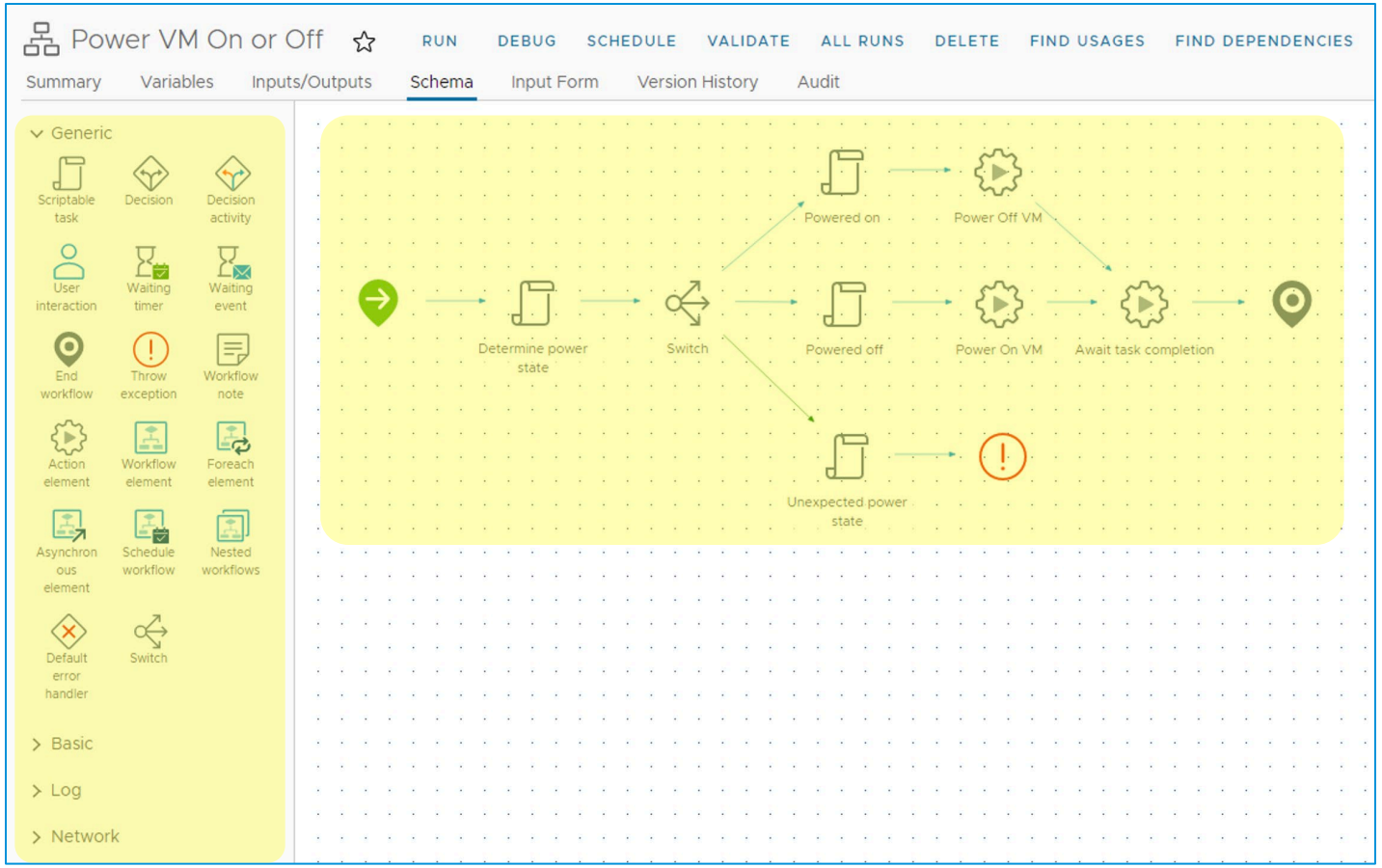
- Built into Orchestrator
- Downloadable from the VMware Marketplace
- Enhance Orchestrator's capabilities:
  - More system integrations
  - More workflows
  - More actions
  - More objects



Workflow schemas and schema elements

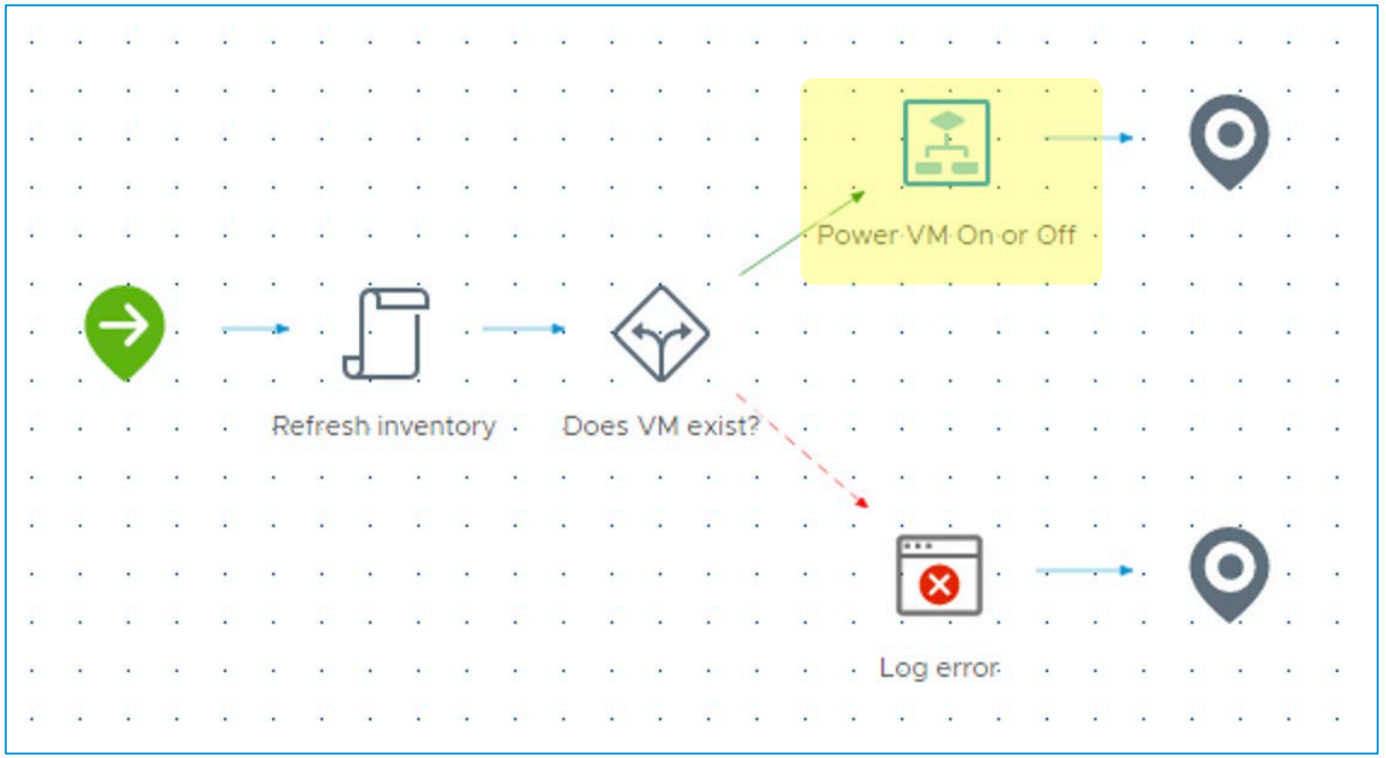
Workflow Schemas and Schema Elements

- The workflow schema defines what the workflow does.
- The workflow schema is built out of schema elements.
- Frequently used schema elements include:
  - Scriptable tasks
  - Actions
  - Decisions & Switches
  - Workflow elements



Encapsulation

- A workflow can call other workflows.
- This enables rapid workflow development.
- You don't have to re-implement functionality*.

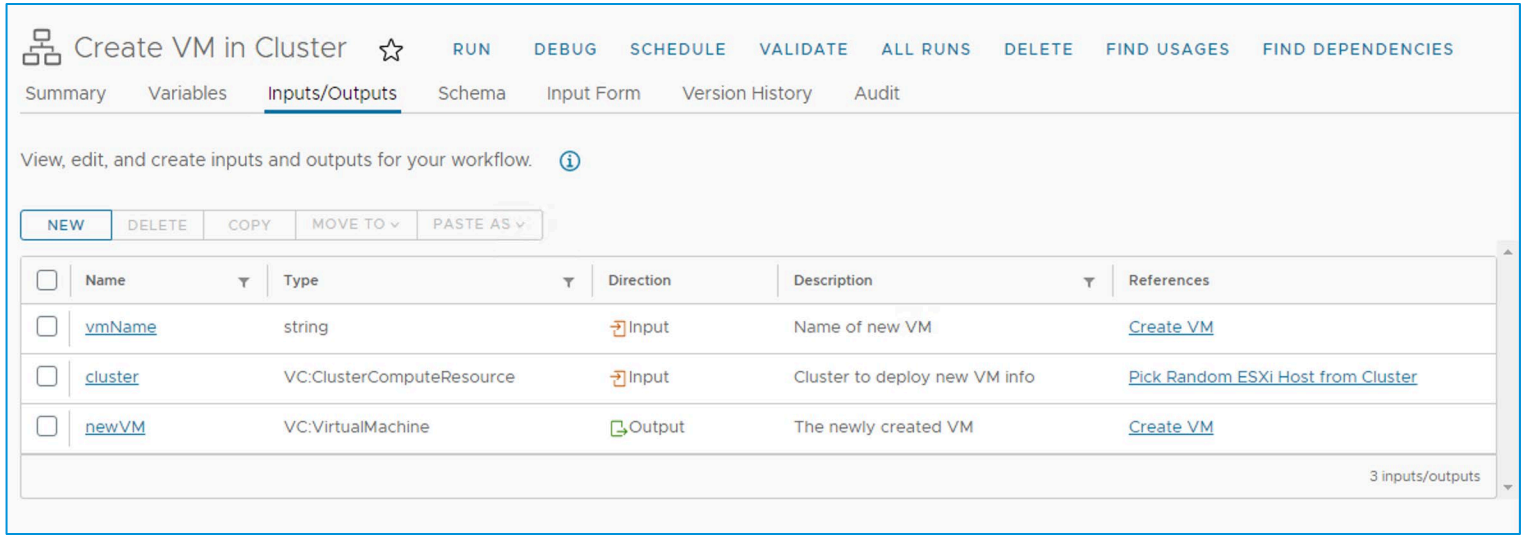


* But you do need to learn "binding".

Inputs, Outputs, and Variables

Inputs and Outputs

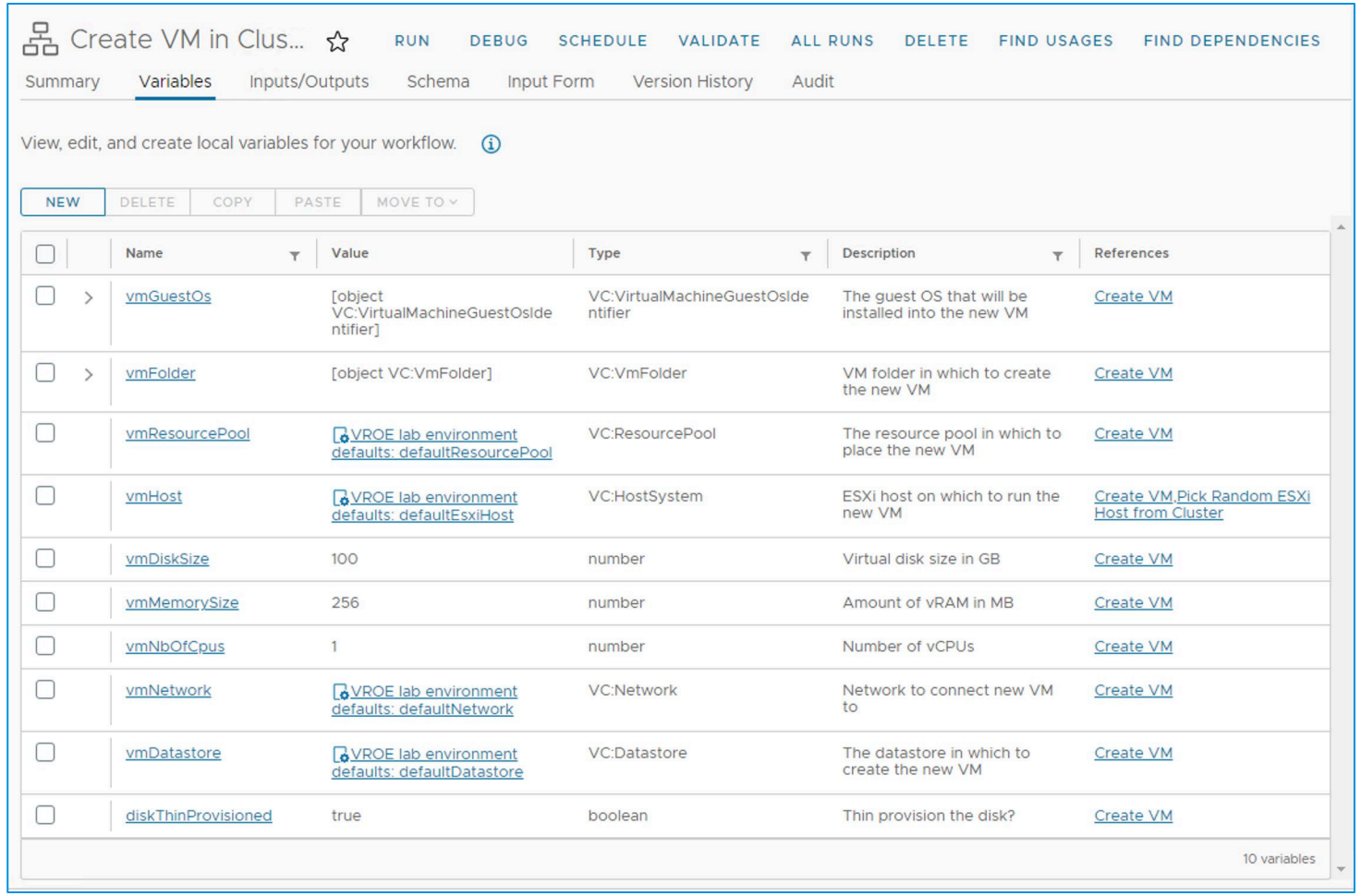
- You define your workflows inputs and outputs.
- Inputs feed info into your workflow.
- Outputs define what your workflow returns.



Variables

Inputs and outputs are used to pass information into and out of your workflow.

Variables* are used to pass information between schema elements within your workflow.



* Variables were formerly called “attributes”.

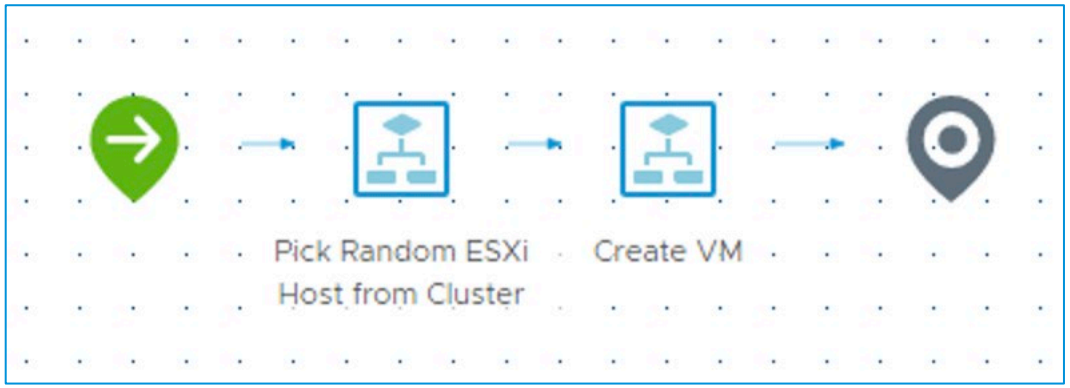
Binding

Binding controls where data is allowed to flow within a workflow.

Inputs, outputs, and variables have the potential to be seen by every schema element.

By default, no schema elements see any inputs, outputs, or variables.

Consider this Workflow



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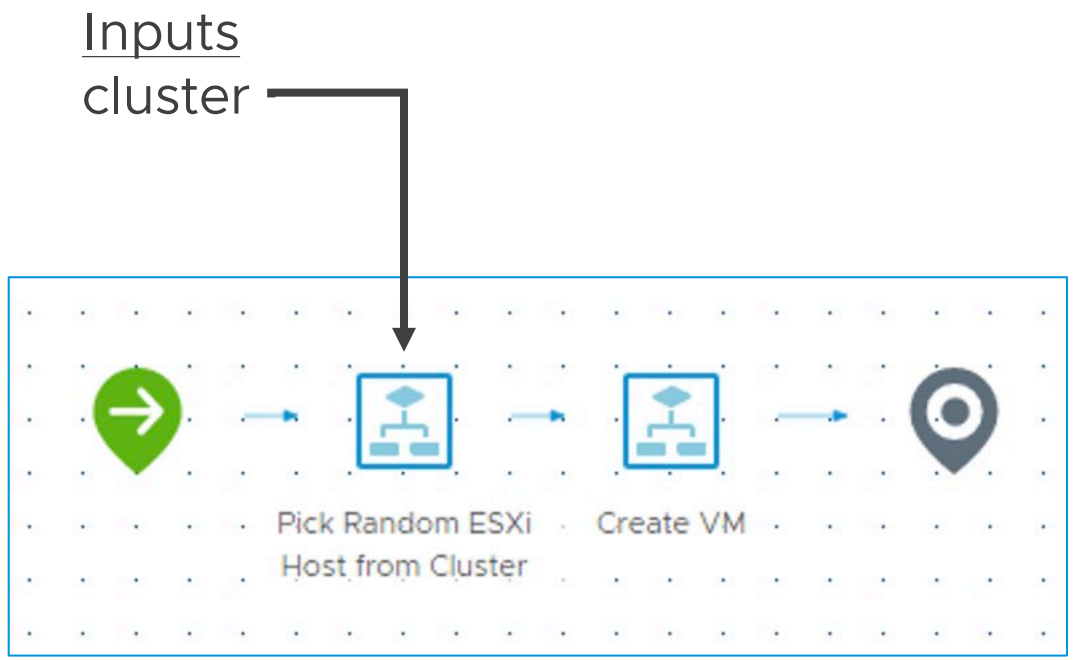

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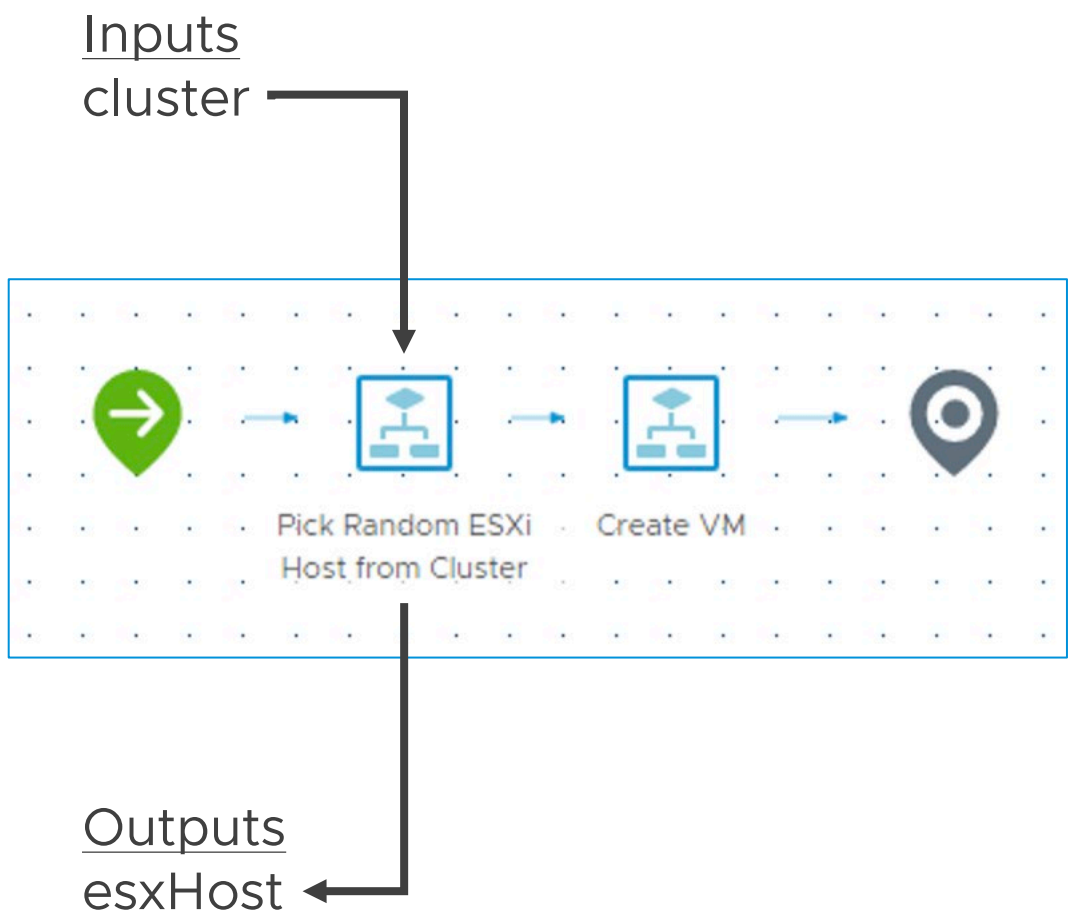

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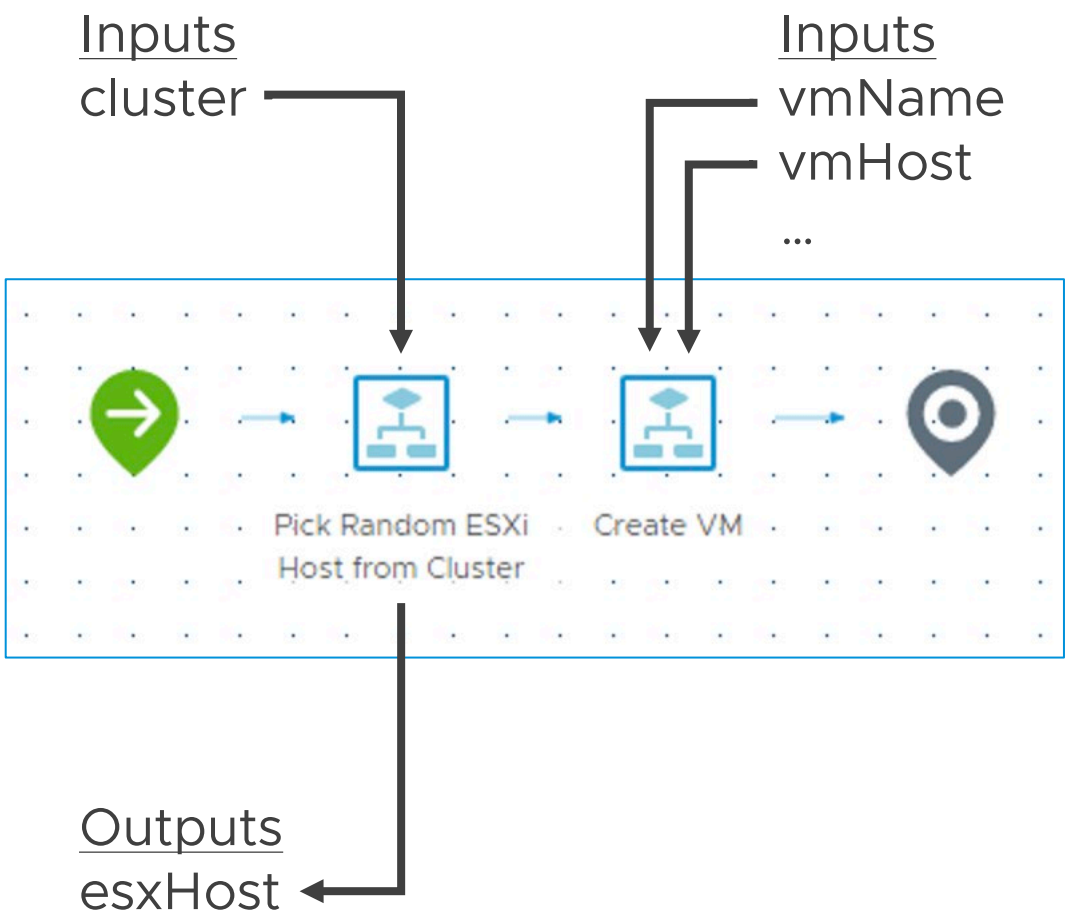

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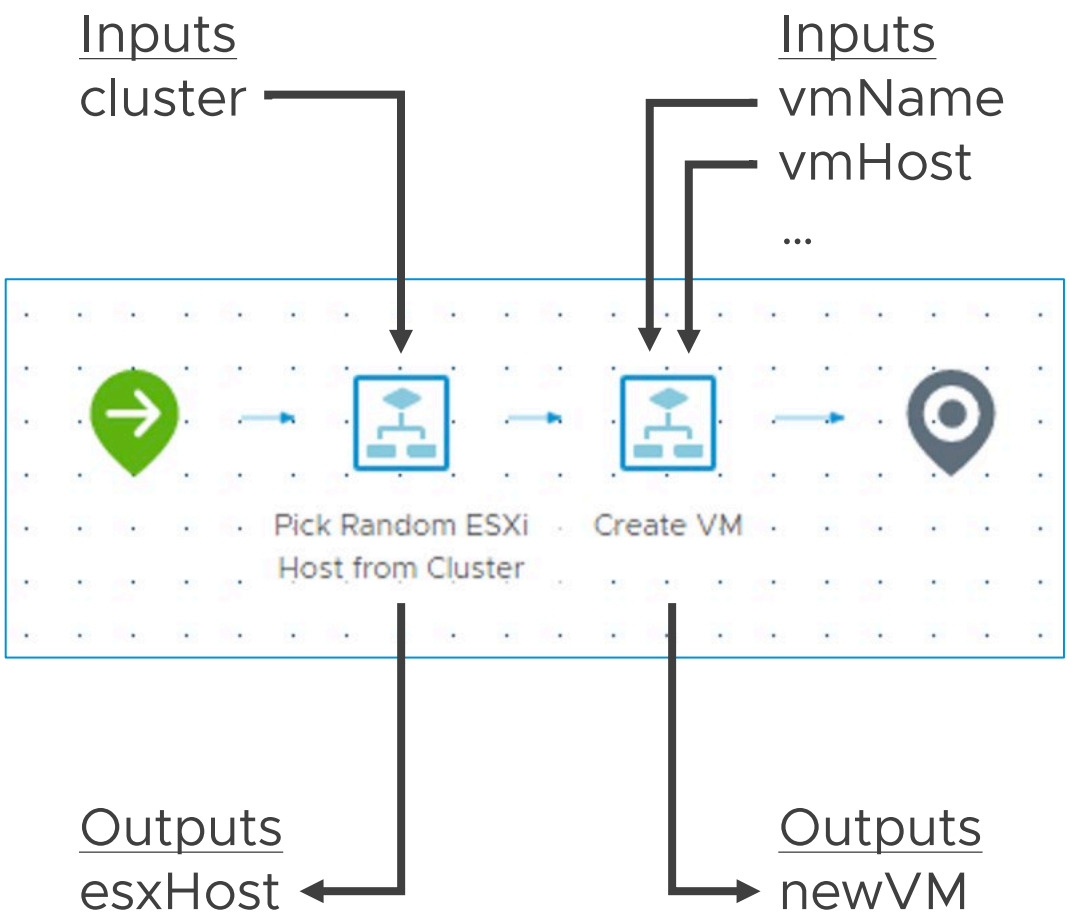
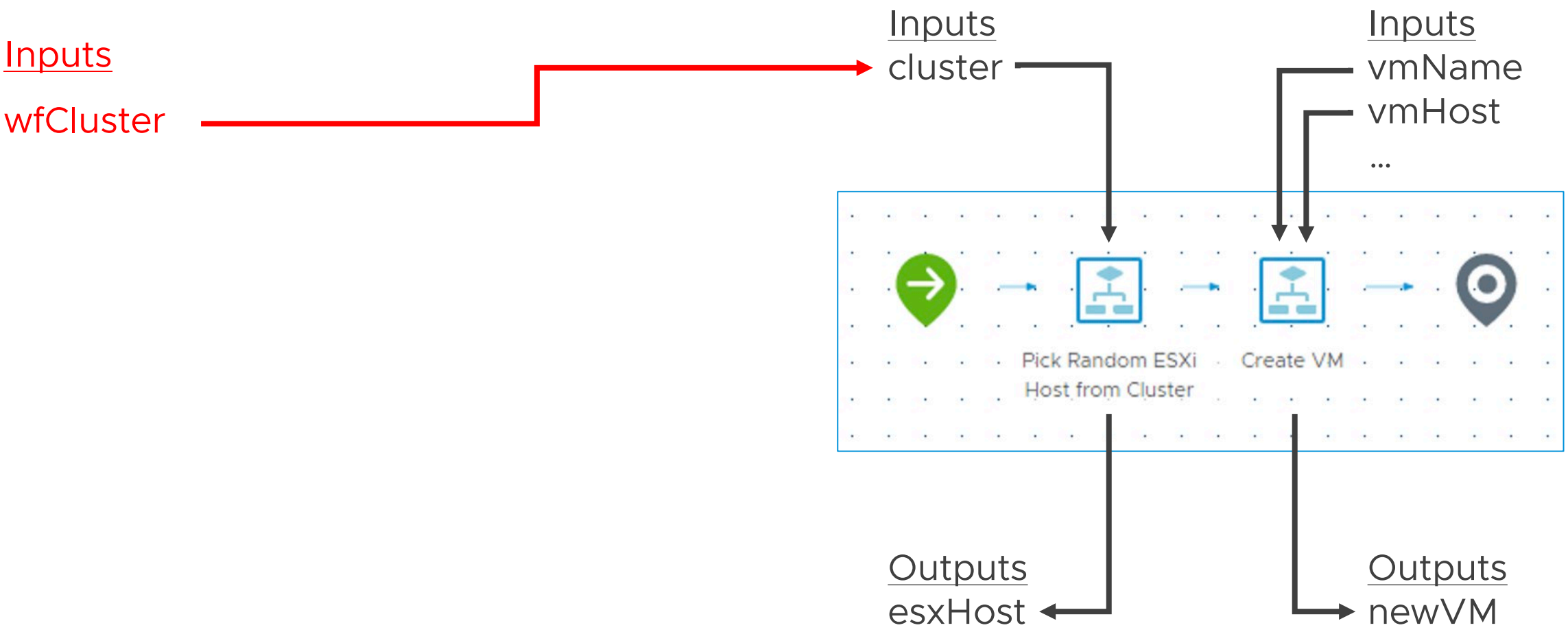


Let's Do Some Binding (1)



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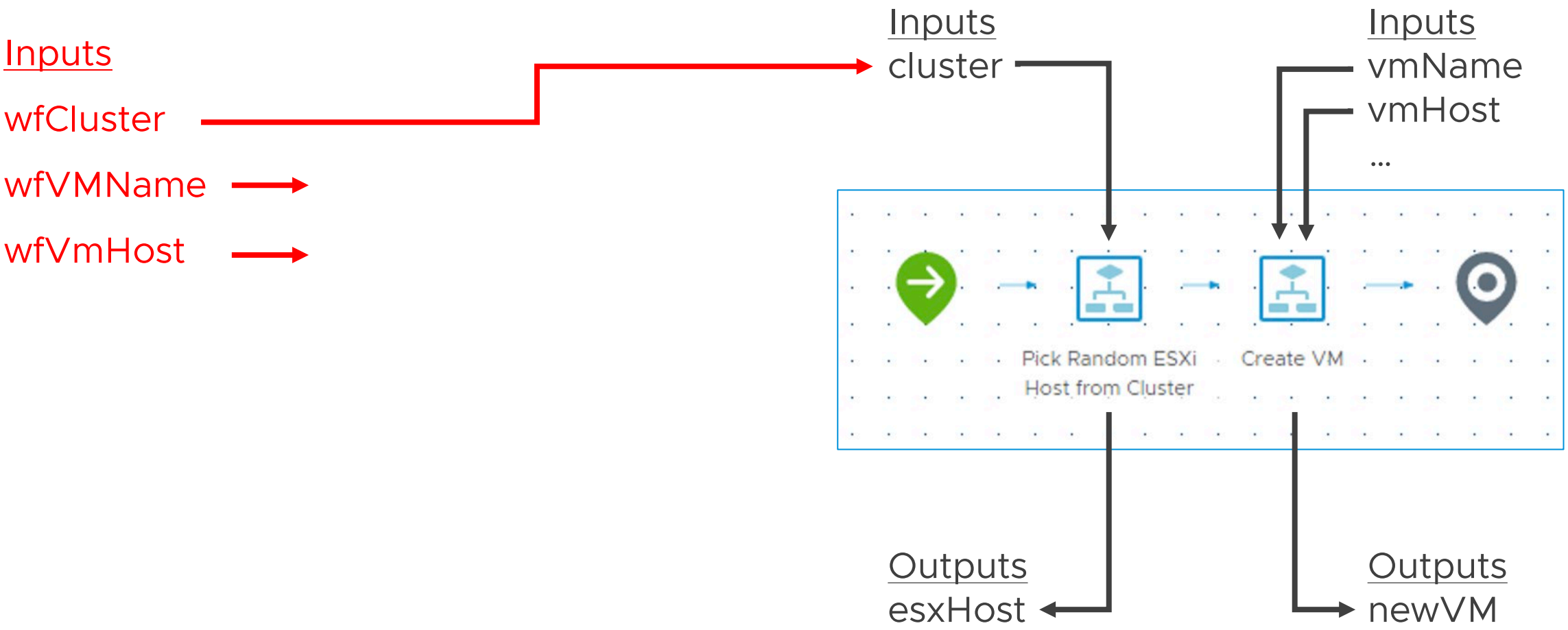

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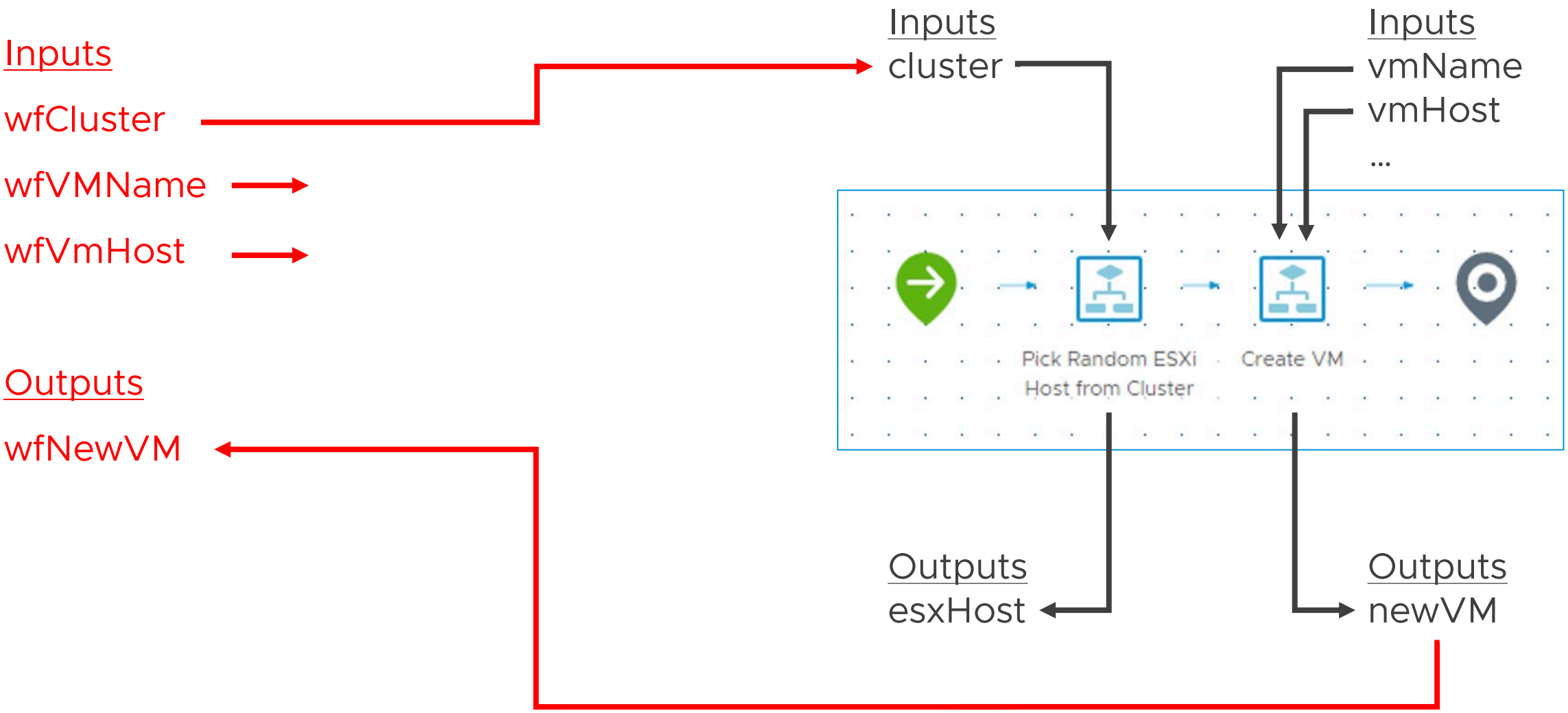


Let's Do Some Binding (4)

Inputs

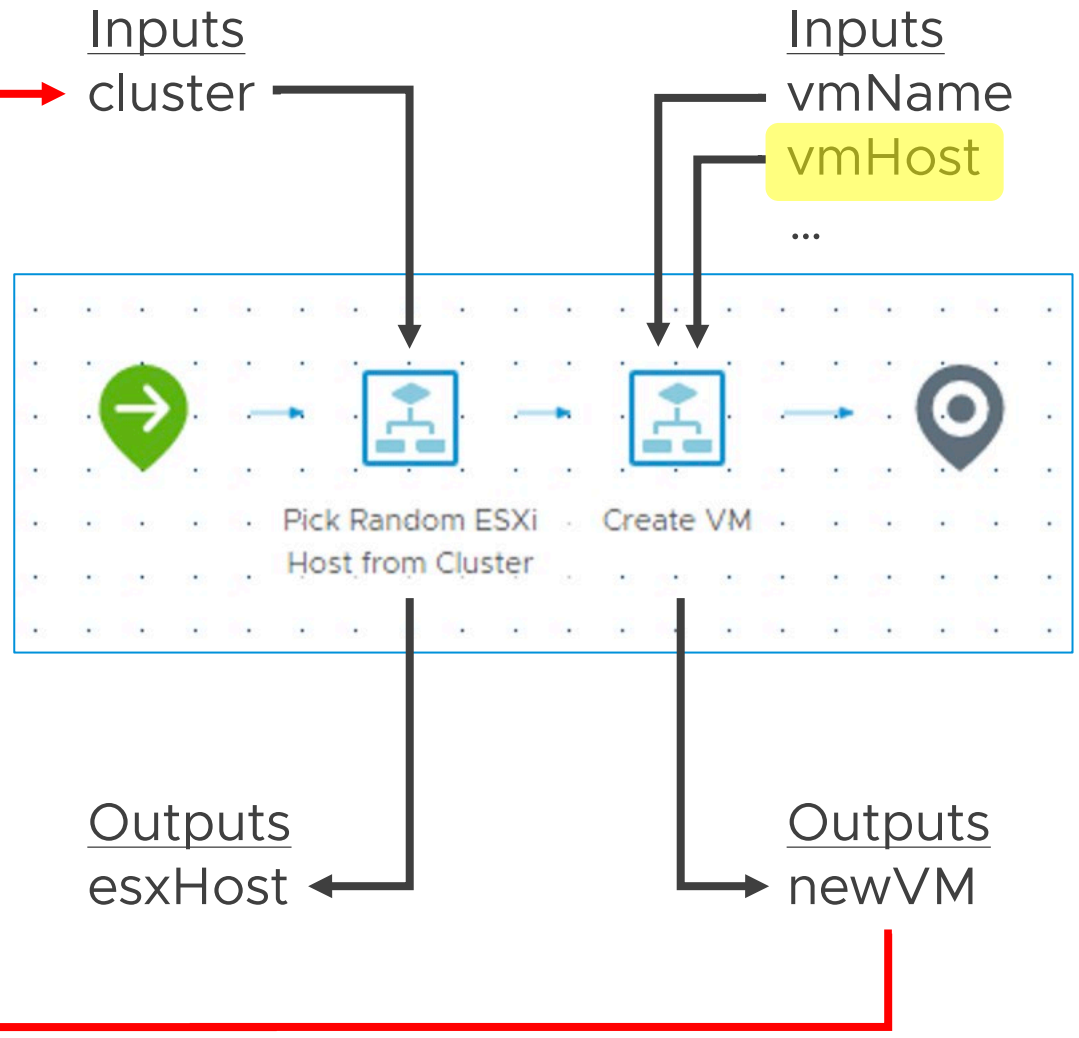
wfCluster

wfVMName

~~wfVmHost~~

Outputs

wfNewVM



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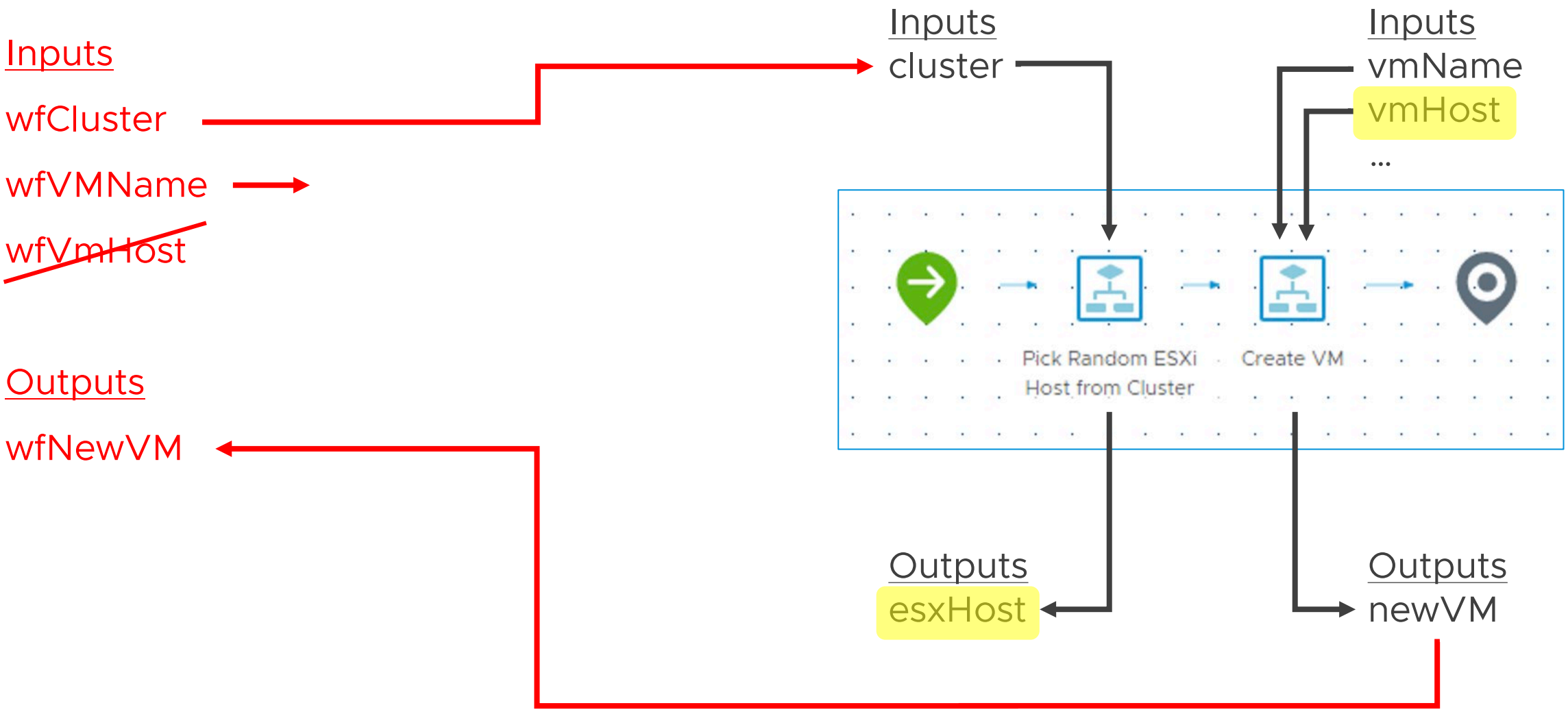

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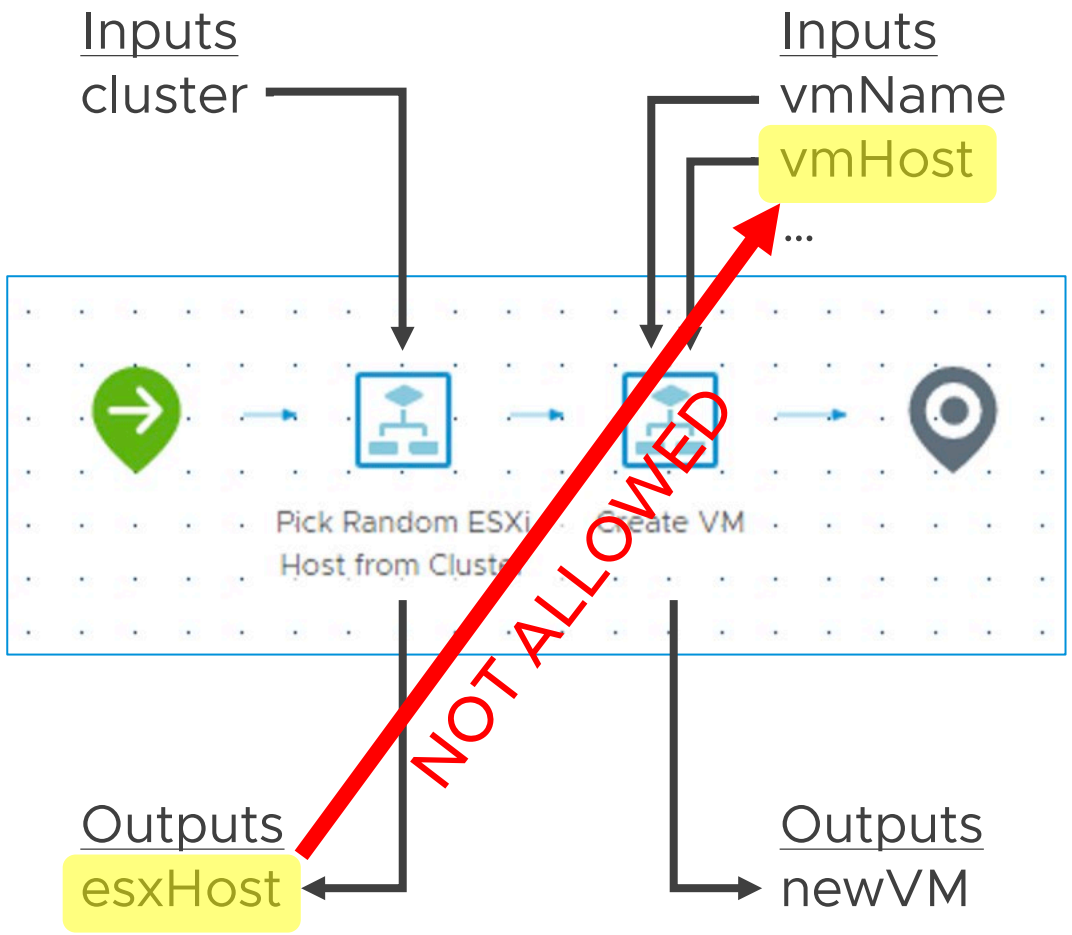


Let's Do Some Binding (7)

Inputs

wfCluster →

wfVMName →

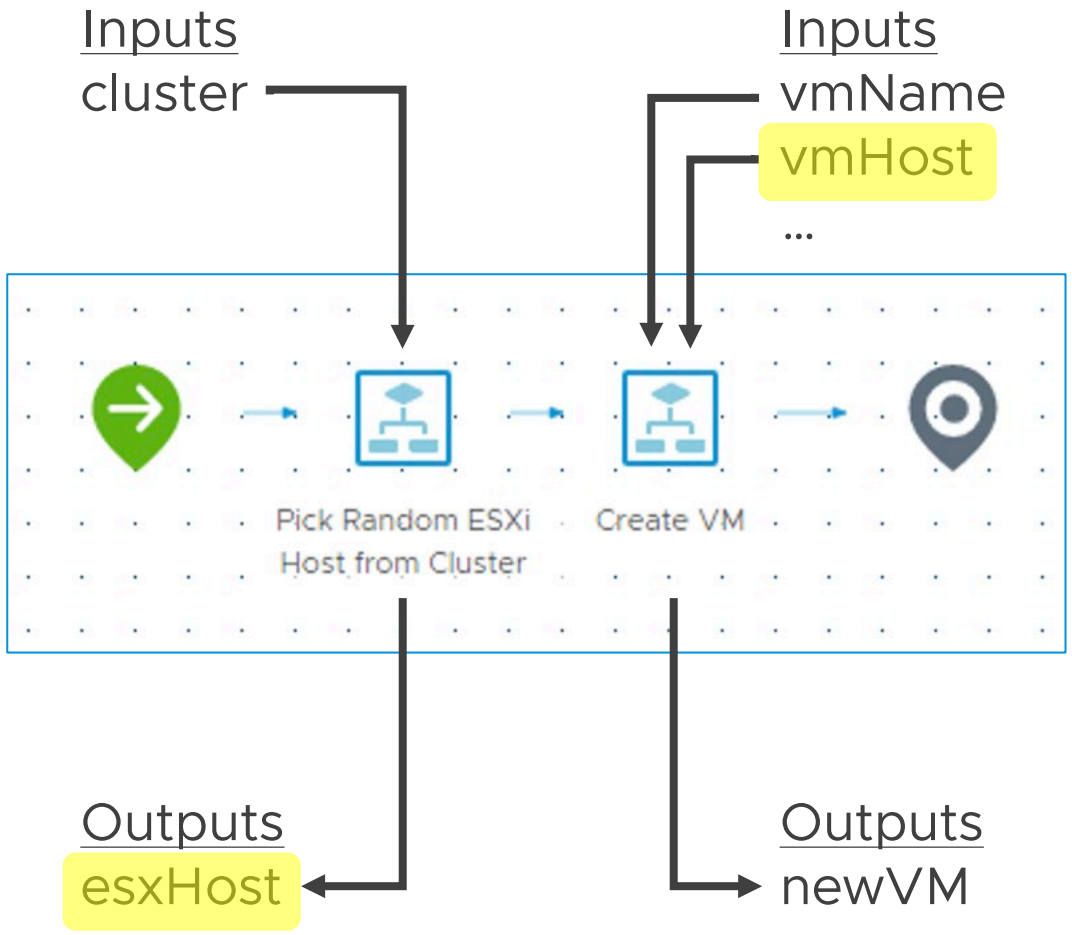
~~wfVmHost~~

Outputs

wfNewVM ←

Variables

wfHost



Let's Do Some Binding (8)

Inputs

wfCluster →

wfVMName →

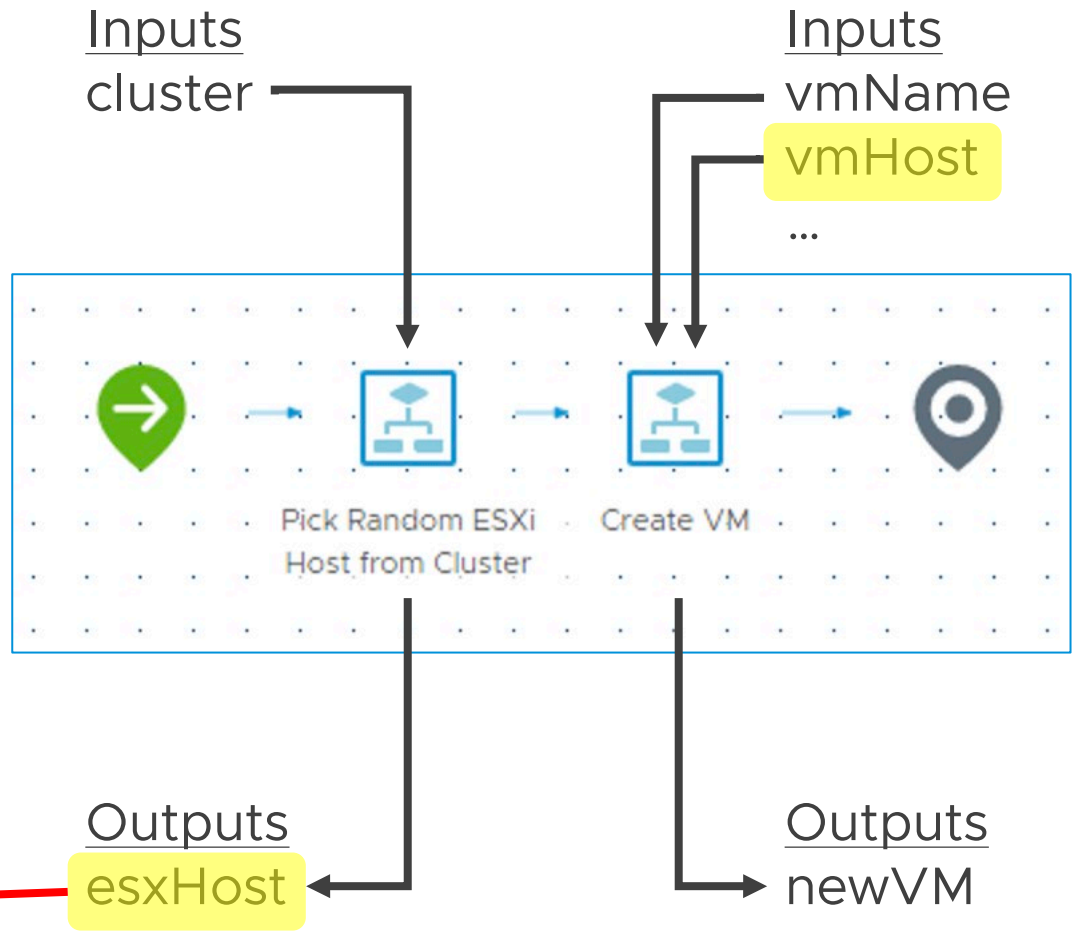
~~wfVmHost~~

Outputs

wfNewVM ←

Variables

wfHost



Let's Do Some Binding (9)

Inputs

wfCluster →

wfVMName →

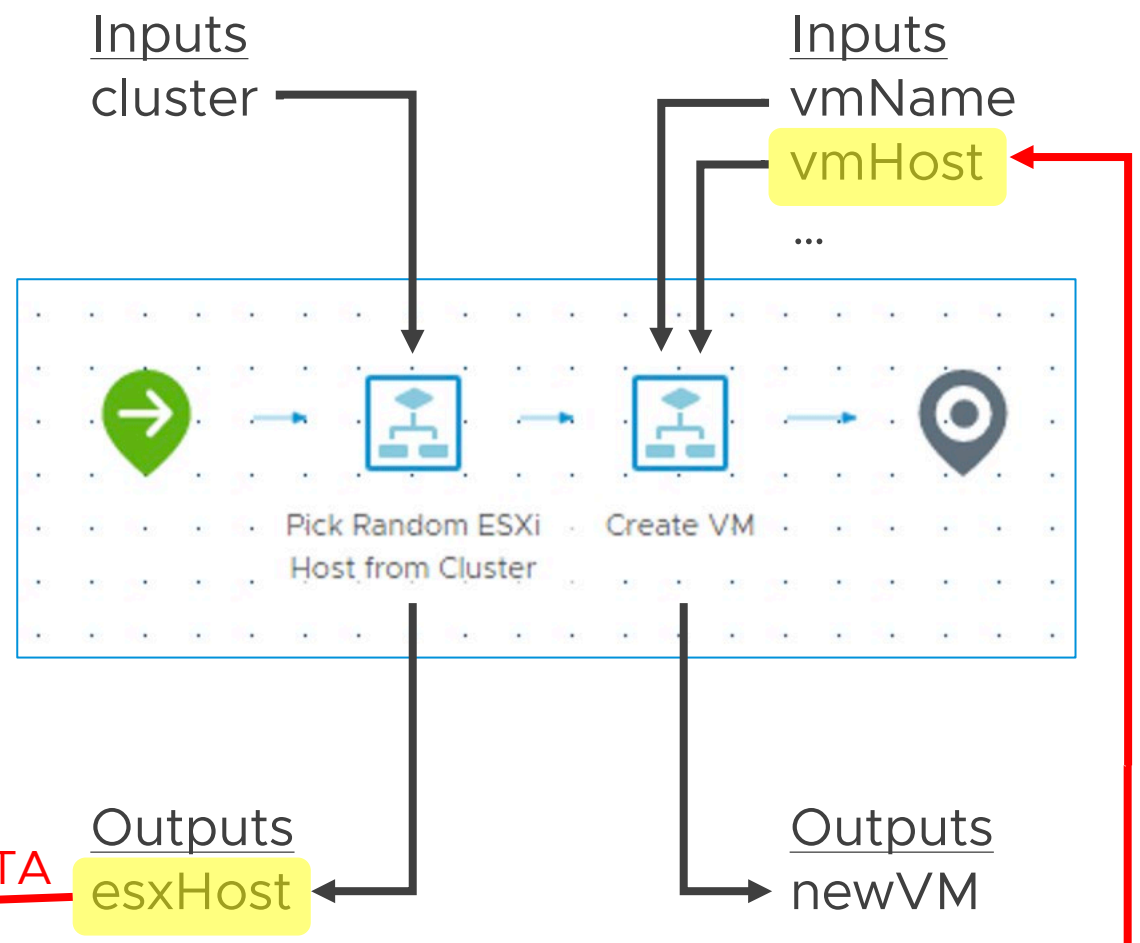
~~wfVmHost~~

Outputs

wfNewVM ←

Variables

wfHost



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