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Command descriptions use the following conventions:

Convention	Description
<b>bold</b>	Bold text indicates the commands and keywords that you enter literally as shown.
<i>Italic</i>	Italic text indicates arguments for which the user supplies the values.
[x]	Square brackets enclose an optional element (keyword or argument).
[x   y]	Square brackets enclosing keywords or arguments separated by a vertical bar indicate an optional choice.
{x   y}	Braces enclosing keywords or arguments separated by a vertical bar indicate a required choice.

Convention	Description
[x {y   z}]	Nested set of square brackets or braces indicate optional or required choices within optional or required elements. Braces and a vertical bar within square brackets indicate a required choice within an optional element.
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string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.

Examples use the following conventions:

Convention	Description
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## Overview

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## Information About Installing the Cisco VNMC and the Cisco VSG

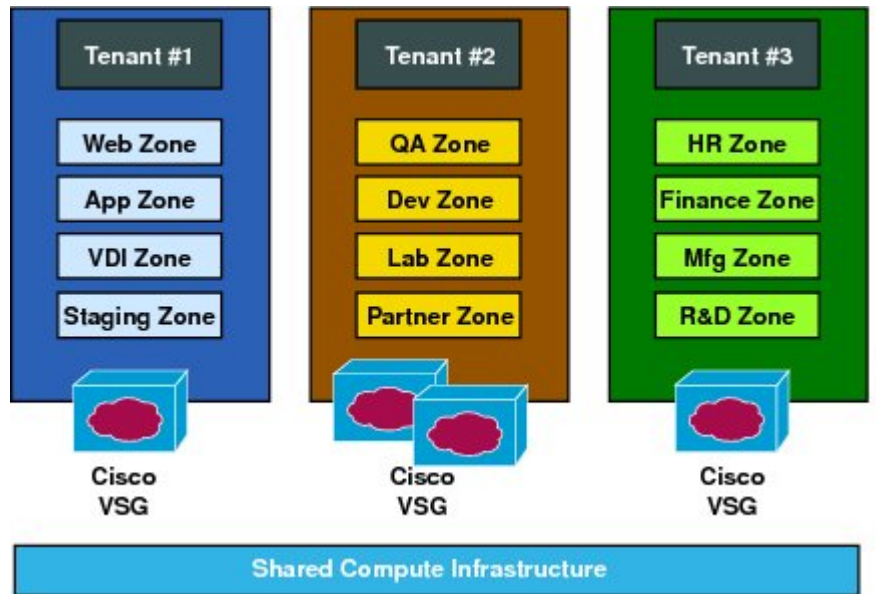
You must install the Cisco VNMC and the Cisco VSG in a particular sequence on the Cisco Nexus 1000V switch in order to have a functioning virtual system. For the critical sequence information that you need for a successful installation on the Cisco Nexus 1000V switch, see Chapter 2, *Installing the Cisco VSG and the Cisco VNM-Quick Start*. For installing the Cisco VSG on the Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance, see Chapter 6, *Installing the Cisco VSG on a Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance*.

## Information About Cisco VSG

The Cisco VSG is a virtual firewall appliance that provides trusted access to virtual data center and cloud environments with dynamic policy-driven operation, mobility-transparent enforcement, and scale-out deployment for dense multitenancy. By associating one or more virtual machines (VMs) into distinct trust zones, the Cisco VSG ensures that access to trust zones is controlled and monitored through established

security policies. The following figure shows the trusted zone-based access control that is used in per-tenant enforcement with the Cisco VSG.

**Figure 1: Trusted Zone-Based Access Control Using Per-Tenant Enforcement with the Cisco VSG**

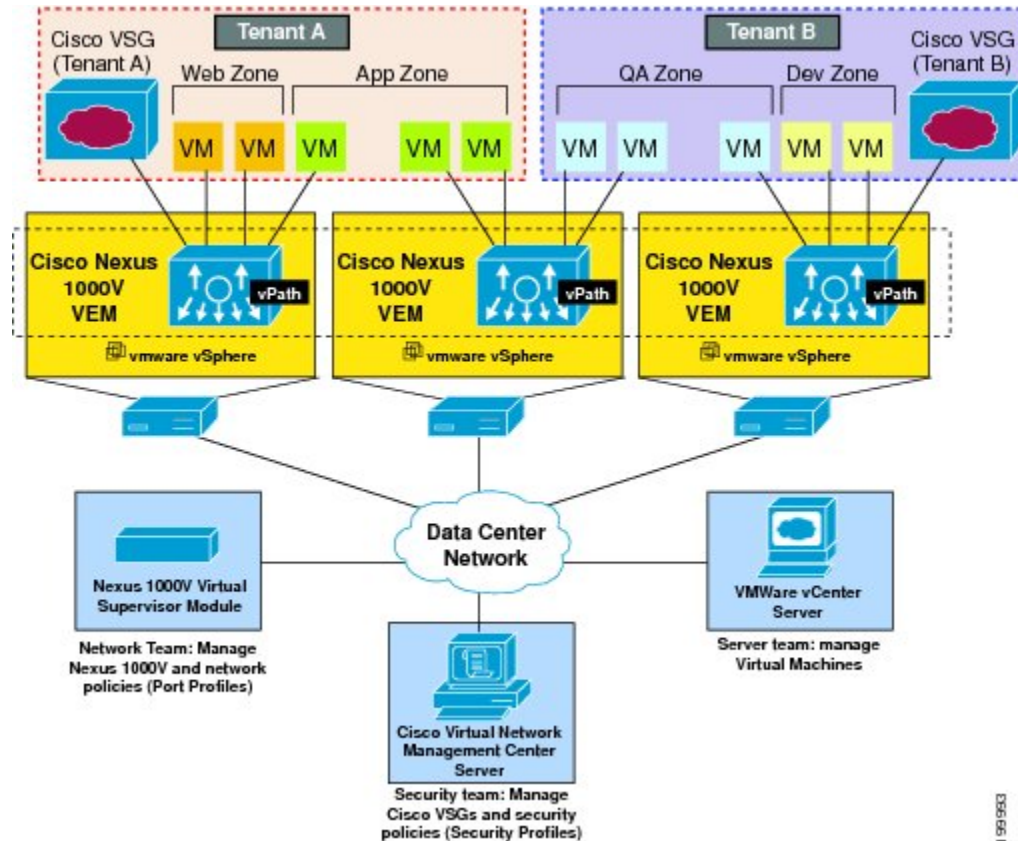


## Cisco VNMC and VSG Architecture

The Cisco VSG operates with the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch in the VMWare vSphere Hypervisor or the Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance, and the Cisco VSG leverages the virtual network service data path (vPath). vPath steers traffic, whether external-to-VM or VM-to-VM, to the Cisco VSG of a tenant. Initial packet processing occurs in the Cisco VSG for policy evaluation and enforcement.

After the policy decision is made, the Cisco VSG offloads policy enforcement of the remaining packets to vPath.

**Figure 2: Cisco Virtual Security Gateway Deployment Topology**



vPath supports the following features:

- Tenant-aware flow classification and subsequent redirection to a designated Cisco VSG tenant
- Per-tenant policy enforcement of flows offloaded by the Cisco VSG to vPath

The Cisco VSG and the VEM provide the following benefits:

- Each Cisco VSG can provide protection across multiple physical servers, which eliminates the need for you to deploy a virtual appliance per physical server.
- By offloading the fast-path to one or more vPath Virtual Ethernet Modules (VEMs), the Cisco VSG enhances security performance through distributed vPath-based enforcement.
- You can use the Cisco VSG without creating multiple switches or temporarily migrating VMs to different switches or servers. Zone scaling, which is based on security profiles, simplifies physical server upgrades without compromising security or incurring application outages.
- For each tenant, you can deploy the Cisco VSG in an active-standby mode to ensure that vPath redirects packets to the standby Cisco VSG when the primary Cisco VSG is unavailable.

- You can place the Cisco VSG on a dedicated server so that you can allocate the maximum compute capacity to application workloads. This feature enables capacity planning to occur independently and allows for operational segregation across security, network, and server groups.

## Trusted Multitenant Access

You can transparently insert a Cisco VSG into the VMware vSphere environment where the Cisco Nexus 1000V is deployed. One or more instances of the Cisco VSG is deployed on a per-tenant basis, which allows a highly scale-out deployment across many tenants. Tenants are isolated from each other, so no traffic can cross tenant boundaries. You can deploy a Cisco VSG at the tenant level, at the virtual data center (vDC) level, or at the vApp level.

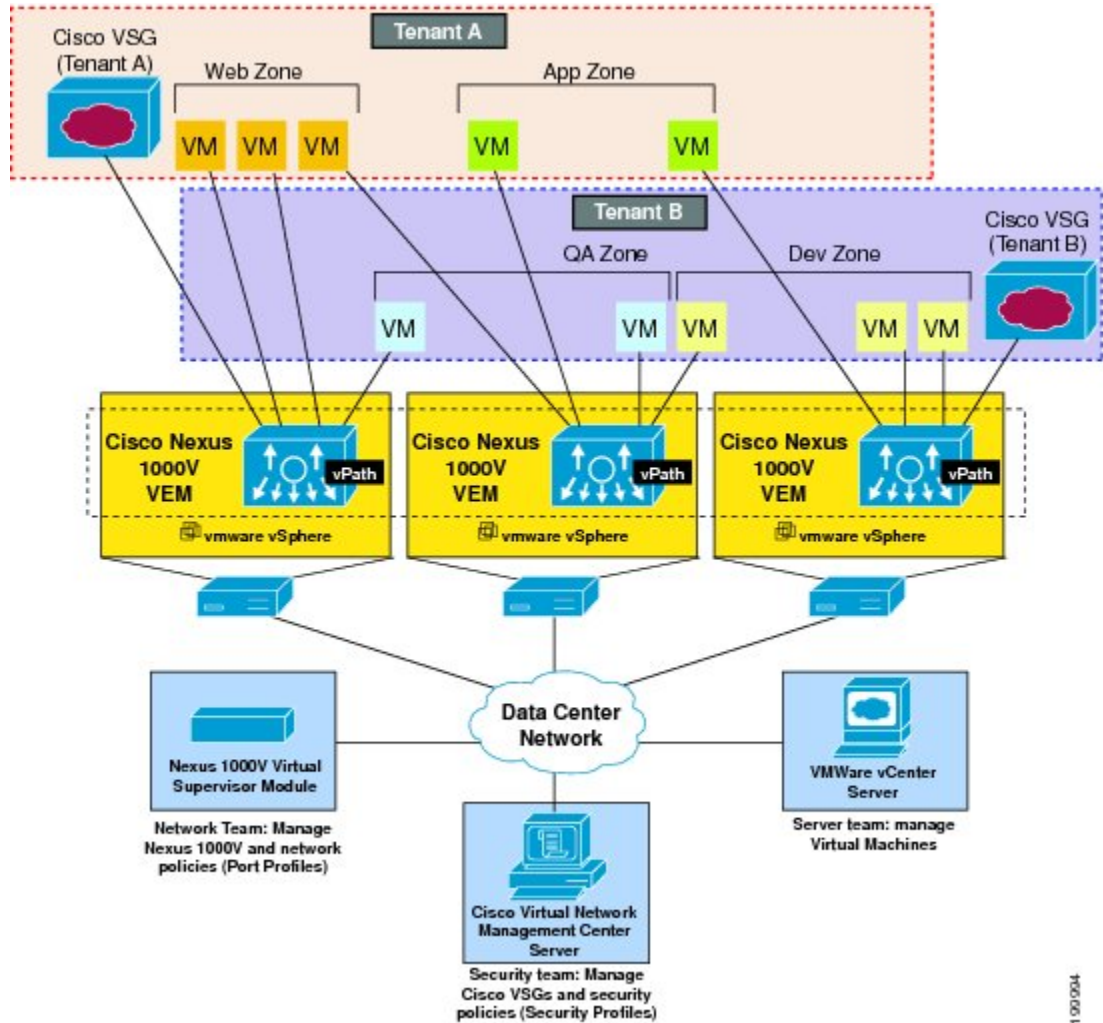
As you instantiate VMs for a given tenant, their association to security profiles (or zone membership) occurs immediately through binding with the Cisco Nexus 1000V port profile. Each VM is placed upon instantiation into a logical trust zone. Security profiles contain context-aware rule sets that specify access policies for traffic that enters and exits each zone. In addition to VM and network contexts, security administrators can also leverage custom attributes that define zones directly through security profiles. You can apply controls to zone-to-zone traffic and to external-to-zone (and zone-to-external) traffic. Zone-based enforcement occurs within a VLAN because a VLAN often identifies a tenant boundary. The Cisco VSG evaluates access control rules and then offloads enforcement to the Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM vPath module. Upon enforcement, the Cisco VSG can permit or deny access and can generate optional access logs. The Cisco VSG also provides policy-based traffic monitoring capability with access logs.



## Dynamic Virtualization-Aware Operation

A virtualization environment is dynamic, where frequent additions, deletions, and changes occur across tenants and across VMs. Live migration of VMs can occur due to manual or programmatic VMotion events. The following figure shows how the structured environment can change over time due to dynamic VMs.

**Figure 3: Cisco VSG Security in a Dynamic VM Environment, Including VM Live Migration**



The Cisco VSG operating with the Cisco Nexus 1000V (and vPath) supports a dynamic VM environment. When you create a tenant with the Cisco VSG (standalone or active-standby pair) on the Cisco VNM, associated security profiles are defined that include trust zone definitions and access control rules. Each security profile is bound to a Cisco Nexus 1000V port profile (authored on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM) and published to the VMware vCenter.

When a new VM is instantiated, the server administrator assigns appropriate port profiles to the virtual Ethernet port of the VM. Because the port profile uniquely refers to a security profile and VM zone membership, the Cisco VSG immediately applies the security controls. You can repurpose a VM by assigning it to a different port profile or security profile.

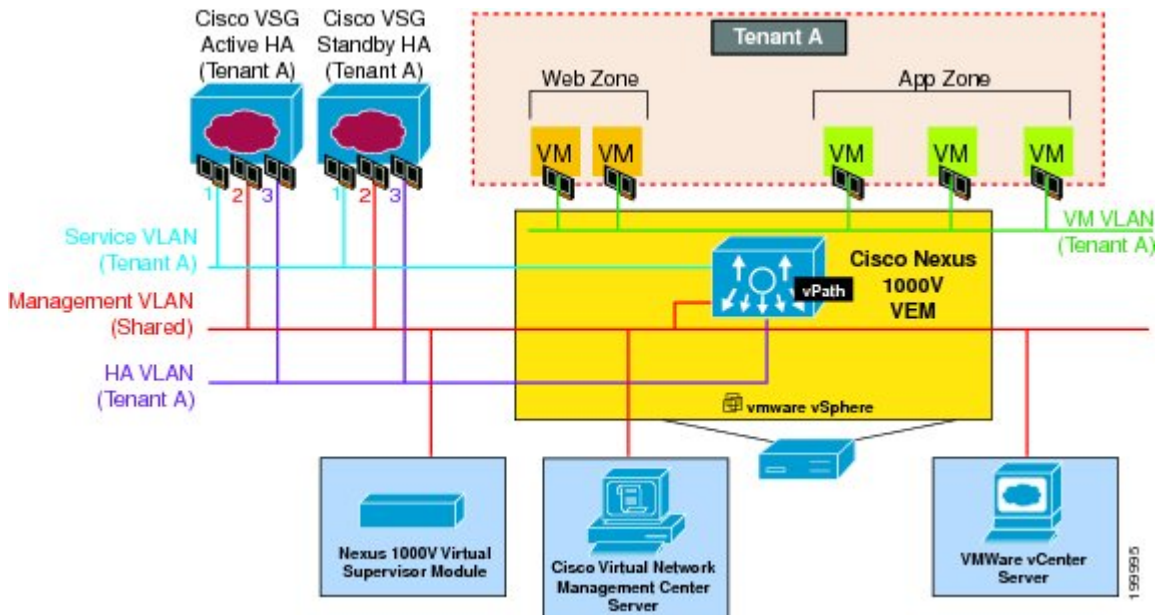
As VMotion events are triggered, VMs move across physical servers. Because the Cisco Nexus 1000V ensures that port profile policies follow the VMs, associated security profiles also follow these moving VMs, and security enforcement and monitoring remain transparent to VMotion events.

## Setting Up the Cisco VSG and VLAN

You can set up a Cisco VSG in an overlay fashion so that VMs can reach a Cisco VSG irrespective of its location. The vPath component in the Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM intercepts the packets from the VM and sends them to the Cisco VSG for further processing.

In the following figure, the Cisco VSG connects to three different VLANs (service VLAN, management VLAN, and HA VLAN). A Cisco VSG is configured with three vNICs—data vNIC (1), management vNIC (2), and HA vNIC (3)—with each of the vNICs connected to one of the VLANs through a port profile.

**Figure 4: Cisco Virtual Security Gateway VLAN Usages**



The VLAN functions are as follows:

- The service VLAN provides communications between the Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM and Cisco VSG. All the Cisco VSG data interfaces are part of the service VLAN and the VEM uses this VLAN for its interaction with Cisco VSG.
- The management VLAN connects the management platforms such as the VMware vCenter, the Cisco VNMC, the Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM, and the managed Cisco VSGs. The Cisco VSG management vNIC is part of the management VLAN.
- The HA VLAN provides the heartbeat mechanism and identifies the active and standby relationship between the Cisco VSGs. The Cisco VSG vNICs are part of the HA VLAN.

You can allocate one or more VM data VLANs for VM-to-VM communications. In a typical multitenant environment, the management VLAN is shared among all the tenants and the service VLAN, HA VLAN, and

the VM data. VLANs are allocated on a per-tenant basis. However, when VLAN resources become scarce, you might decide to use a single VLAN for service and HA functions.

## Information About the Cisco VNMC

The Cisco VNMC virtual appliance is based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), which provides centralized device and security policy management of the Cisco VSG for the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch. Designed for multitenant operation, the Cisco VNMC provides seamless, scalable, and automation-centric management for virtual data center and cloud environments. With a web-based GUI, CLI, and XML APIs, the Cisco VNMC enables you to manage Cisco VSGs that are deployed throughout the data center from a centralized location.



### Note

Multitenancy is when a single instance of the software runs on a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) server, serving multiple client organizations or tenants. In contrast, multi-instance architecture has separate software instances set up for different client organizations. With a multitenant architecture, a software application can virtually partition data and configurations so that each tenant works with a customized virtual application instance.

The Cisco VNMC is built on an information model-driven architecture, where each managed device is represented by its subcomponents.

## Cisco VNMC Key Benefits

The Cisco VNMC provides the following key benefits:

- Rapid and scalable deployment with dynamic, template-driven policy management based on security profiles.
- Seamless operational management through XML APIs that enable integration with third-party management tools.
- Greater collaboration across security and server administrators, while maintaining administrative separation and reducing administrative errors.

## Cisco VNMC Components

The Cisco VNMC architecture includes the following components:

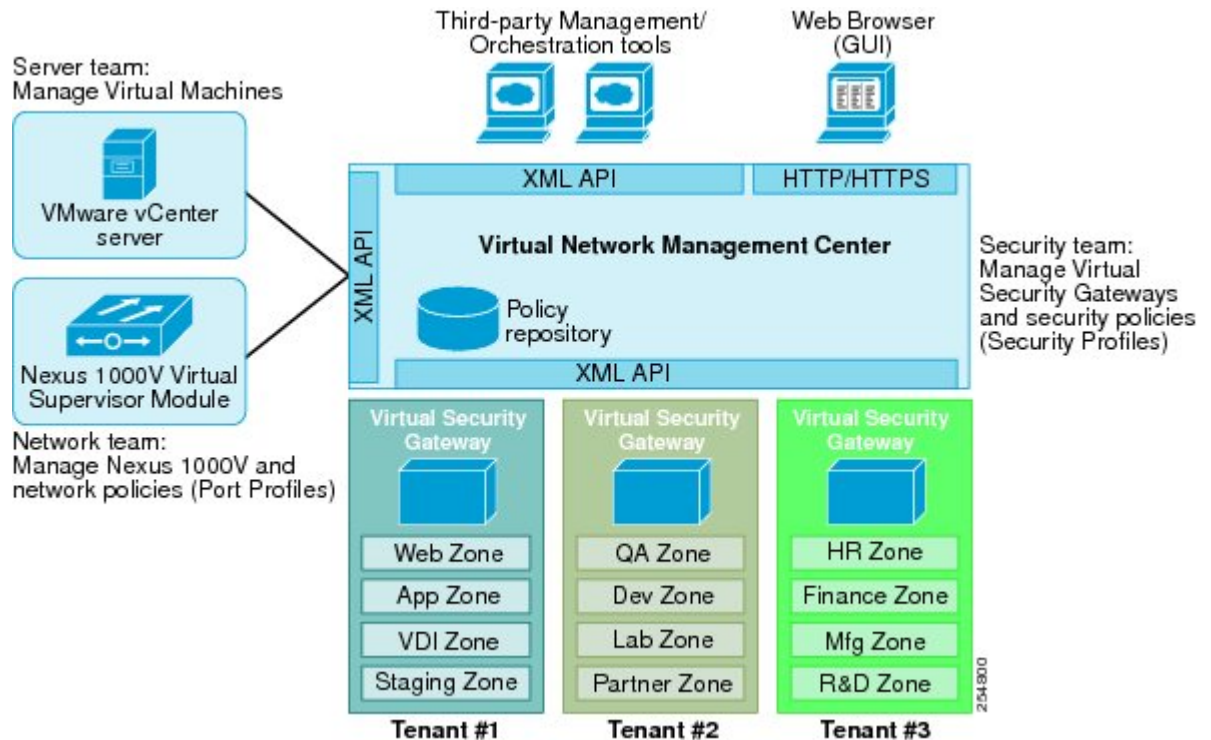
- A centralized repository for managing security policies (security templates) and object configurations that allow managed devices to be stateless.
- A centralized resource management function that manages pools of devices that are commissioned and pools of devices that are available for commissioning. This function simplifies large scale deployments as follows:
  - Devices can be preinstantiated and then configured on demand
  - Devices can be allocated and deallocated dynamically across commissioned and noncommissioned pools

- A distributed management-plane function that uses an embedded management agent on each device that allows for a scalable management framework.

## Cisco VNM Architecture

The Cisco VNM architecture includes the components in the following figure:

**Figure 5: Cisco VNM Components**



## Cisco VNM Security

The Cisco VNM uses security profiles for tenant-centric template-based configuration of security policies. A security profile is a collection of security policies that are predefined and applied on an on-demand basis at the time of Virtual Machine (VM) instantiation. These profiles simplify authoring, deployment, and management of security policies in a dense multitenant environment, reduce administrative errors, and simplify audits.

## Cisco VNM API

The Cisco VNM API allows you to coordinate with third-party provisioning tools for programmatic provisioning and management of Cisco VSGs. This feature allows you to simplify data center operational processes and reduce the cost of infrastructure management.

## Cisco VNMC and VSG

The Cisco VNMC operates with the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series VSM to achieve the following scenarios:

- Security administrators who author and manage security profiles as well as manage Cisco VSG instances. Security profiles are referenced in Cisco Nexus 1000V Series port profiles through the Cisco VNMC interface.
- Network administrators who author and manage port profiles as well as manage Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switches. Port profiles are referenced in the vCenter through the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series VSM interface.
- Server administrators who select the appropriate port profiles in the vCenter when instantiating a virtual machine.

## System Requirements

System requirements for a Cisco VNMC are as follows:

- x86 Intel or AMD server with a 64-bit processor listed in the VMware compatibility matrix.
- Intel VT that is enabled in the BIOS.
- VMware ESX 4.0 (non-VM), 4.1, 5.0, or 5.1.
- VMware vSphere Hypervisor.
- VMware vCenter 5.1 (5.0 vCenter supports host version upto 5.0).
- 3 GB is required for VNMC ISO installation.
- Datastore with at least 25-GB disk space available on shared Network File System/Storage Area Network (NFS/SAN) storage when the Cisco VNMC is deployed in an HA cluster.
- Flash 10.0 or 10.1
- Internet Explorer 8.0, 9.0 or Mozilla Firefox 8.x on Windows.

Access to Cisco VNMC application using a web browser and the following ports (if the deployment uses a firewall, make sure to permit the following ports):

- 443 (HTTPS)
- 80 (HTTP/TCP)
- 843 (TCP)

**Note**

If you are running Firefox or IE and do not have Flash, or you have a version of Flash that is older than 10.1, a message displays asking you to install Flash and provides a link to the Adobe website.

**Note**

You can find VMware compatibility guides at <http://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.php>

## Information About High Availability

VMware high availability (HA) provides a base level of protection for a Cisco VSG VM by restarting it on another host in the HA cluster. With VMware HA, data is protected through a shared storage. The Cisco VNMC services can be restored in a few minutes. Transient data such as user sessions is not preserved in the service transfer. Existing users or service requests must be reauthenticated.

Requirements for supporting VMware HA in Cisco VNMC are as follows:

- At least two hosts per HA cluster
- VM and configuration files located on the shared storage and hosts are configured to access that shared storage

For additional details, see the VMware guides for HA and fault tolerance.



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### Information About Installing the Cisco VNMC and the Cisco VSG

This chapter describes how to install and set up a basic working configuration of the Cisco VNMC and Cisco VSG. The example in this chapter uses the OVF template method to install the OVA files of the software. The steps assume that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch is operational, and endpoint VMs are already installed.



## Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC Installation Planning Checklists

Planning the arrangement and architecture of your network and equipment is essential for a successful operation of the Cisco VNMC and Cisco VSG.

### Basic Hardware and Software Requirements

The following table lists the basic hardware and software requirements for Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC installation.

- x86 Intel or AMD server with 64-bit processor listed in the VMware compatibility matrix
- Intel VT enabled in the BIOS
- VMware ESX 4.1, 5.0, or 5.1
- ESX or ESXi platform that runs VMware software release 4.1. or 5.0 with a minimum of 4-GB physical RAM for the Cisco VSG and similar for the Cisco VNMC or 6 GB for both.
- VMware vSphere Hypervisor
- VMware vCenter 5.0 (4.1 VMware supports only 4.1 host)
- 1 processor
- CPU speed of 1.5 Ghz
- Datastore with at least 25-GB disk space available on shared NFS/SAN storage when the Cisco VNMC is deployed in an HA cluster
- Internet Explorer 8.0 or Mozilla Firefox 3.6.x on Windows
- Flash 10.0 or 10.1
- Cisco VSG software available for download at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11208/index.html>
- Cisco VNMC software available for download at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11213/index.html>

### VLAN Configuration Requirements

Follow these VLAN requirements to prepare the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch for further installation processes:

- You must have two VLANs that are configured on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch uplink ports: the service VLAN and an HA VLAN (the VLAN does not need to be the system VLAN).
- You must have two port profiles that are configured on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch: one port profile for the service VLAN and one port profile for the HA VLAN (you will be configuring the Cisco VSG IP address on the Cisco VSG so that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch can communicate with it)



## Required Cisco VNMC and Cisco VSG Information

The following information can be used later during the Cisco VNMC and Cisco VSG installation.

Type	Your Information
Cisco VSG name—Unique within the inventory folder and up to 80 characters	
Hostname—Where the Cisco VSG will be installed in the inventory folder	
Datastore name—Where the VM files will be stored	
Cisco VSG management IP address	
VSM management IP address	
Cisco VNMC instance IP address	
Mode for installing the Cisco VSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standalone</li> <li>• HA primary</li> <li>• HA secondary</li> <li>• Manual installation</li> </ul>
Cisco VSG VLAN number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service (1)</li> <li>• Management (2)</li> <li>• High availability (HA) (3)</li> </ul>	
Cisco VSG port profile name <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data (1)</li> <li>• Management (2)</li> <li>• High availability (HA) (3)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The numbers indicate the VSG port profile that must be associated with the VSG VLAN number.</p>	
HA pair ID (HA domain ID)	
Cisco VSG admin password	
Cisco VNMC admin password	

Type	Your Information
Cisco VSM admin password	
Shared secret password (Cisco VNMC, Cisco VSG policy agent, Cisco VSM policy agent)	

## Tasks and Prerequisites Checklist

Tasks	Prerequisites
<a href="#">Task 1: Installing the Cisco VNMC from an OVA Template, on page 17</a>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cisco VNMC OVA image is available in the vCenter.</li> <li>• Know the IP/subnet mask/gateway information for the Cisco VNMC.</li> <li>• Know the admin password, shared_secret, hostname that you want to use.</li> <li>• Know the DNS server and domain name information.</li> <li>• Know the management port-profile name for the Virtual Machine (VM) (management).</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The management port profile is the same port profile that is used for the Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM). The port profile is configured in the VSM and is used for the Cisco VNMC management interface.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The host has 2-GB RAM and 25-GB available hard-disk space.</li> <li>• A shared secret password is available (this password enables communication between the Cisco VNMC, VSM, and Cisco VSG).</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Task 2: On the Cisco VNMC, Setting Up VM-Mgr for vCenter Connectivity, on page 26</a>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install Adobe Flash Player (Version 10.1.102.64)</li> <li>• IP address of the Cisco VNMC</li> <li>• Admin user password</li> </ul>

Tasks	Prerequisites
<p><a href="#">Task 3: On the VSM, Configuring the Cisco VNMC Policy Agent, on page 31</a></p>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cisco VNMC policy-agent image is available on the VSM (for example, vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> The string <b>vsmpa</b> must appear in the image name as highlighted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IP address of the Cisco VNMC</li> <li>• The shared secret password you defined during the Cisco VNMC installation</li> <li>• That IP connectivity between the VSM and the Cisco VNMC is working</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> If you upgrade your VSM, you must also copy the latest Cisco VSM policy agent image. This image is available in the Cisco VNMC image bundle to boot from a flash drive and to complete registration with the Cisco VNMC.</p>
<p><a href="#">Task 4: On the VSM, Preparing Cisco VSG Port Profiles, on page 32</a></p>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The uplink port-profile name.</li> <li>• The VLAN ID for the Cisco VSG data interface (for example,100).</li> <li>• The VLAN ID for the Cisco VSG-ha interface (for example, 200).</li> <li>• The management VLAN (management).</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> None of these VLANs need to be system VLANs.</p>

Tasks	Prerequisites
<p><a href="#">Task 5: Installing the Cisco VSG from an OVA Template, on page 34</a></p>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cisco VSG OVA image is available in the vCenter.</li> <li>• Cisco VSG-Data and Cisco VSG-ha port profiles are created on the VSM.</li> <li>• The management port profile (management) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> The management port profile is the same port profile that is used for the VSM. The port profile is configured in the VSM and is used for the Cisco VNMC management interface.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Cisco VSG-Data port profile: VSG-Data</li> <li>• The Cisco VSG-ha port profile: VSG-ha</li> <li>• The HA ID</li> <li>• The IP/subnet mask/gateway information for the Cisco VSG</li> <li>• The admin password</li> <li>• 2-GB RAM and 3-GB hard disk space are available</li> <li>• The Cisco VNMC IP address</li> <li>• The shared secret password</li> <li>• The IP connectivity between Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC is okay.</li> <li>• The Cisco VSG VNM-PA image name (vnmc-vsipa.2.1.1b.bin) is available.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Task 6: On the Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC, Verifying the VNM Policy-Agent Status, on page 41</a></p>	<p>—</p>
<p><a href="#">Task 7: On the Cisco VNMC, Configuring a Tenant, Security Profile, and Compute Firewall, on page 42</a></p>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adobe Flash Player (Version 10.1 or later) has been installed</li> <li>• The IP address of the Cisco VNMC</li> <li>• The admin user password</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Task 8: On the Cisco VNMC, Assigning the Cisco VSG to the Compute Firewall, on page 48</a></p>	<p>—</p>
<p><a href="#">Task 9: On the Cisco VNMC, Configuring a Permit-All Rule, on page 50</a></p>	<p>—</p>

Tasks	Prerequisites
<a href="#">Task 10: On the Cisco VSG, Verifying the Permit-All Rule, on page 53</a>	—
<a href="#">Task 11: Enabling Logging, on page 53</a>	—
<a href="#">Task12: Enabling the Traffic VM Port-Profile for Firewall Protection and Verifying the Communication Between the VSM, VEM, and VSG, on page 57</a>	<p>Make sure that you know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The server virtual machine that runs with an access port profile (for example, web server)</li> <li>• The Cisco VSG data IP address (10.10.10.200) and VLAN ID (100)</li> <li>• The security profile name (for example, sp-web)</li> <li>• The organization (Org) name (for example, root/Tenant-A)</li> <li>• The port profile that you would like to edit to enable firewall protection</li> <li>• That one active port in the port-profile with vPath configuration has been set up</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Task13: Sending Traffic Flow and on the Cisco VSG Verifying Statistics and Logs, on page 59</a>	—

## Host Requirements

- ESX or ESXi platform that runs VMware software release 4.1, 5.0, 5.1 with a minimum of 4 GB physical RAM for the Cisco VSG and similar requirements for the Cisco VNMC, or 6 GB for both.
- 1 processor
- CPU speed of 1.5 GHz

## Obtaining the Cisco VNMC and the Cisco VSG Software

The Cisco VSG software is available for download at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11208/index.html>

The Cisco VNMC software is available for download at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11213/index.html>

# Task 1: Installing the Cisco VNMC from an OVA Template

## Before You Begin

Know the following:

- The Cisco VNMC OVA image is available in the vCenter.
- Know the IP/subnet mask/gateway information for the Cisco VNMC.
- Know the admin password, shared\_secret, hostname that you want to use.
- Know the DNS server and domain name information.
- Know the management port-profile name for the Virtual Machine (VM) (management).




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**Note** The management port profile is the same port profile that is used for the Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM). The port profile is configured in the VSM and is used for the Cisco VNMC management interface.

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- The host has 2-GB RAM and 25-GB available hard-disk space.
- A shared secret password is available (this password enables communication between the Cisco VNMC, VSM, and Cisco VSG).

## SUMMARY STEPS

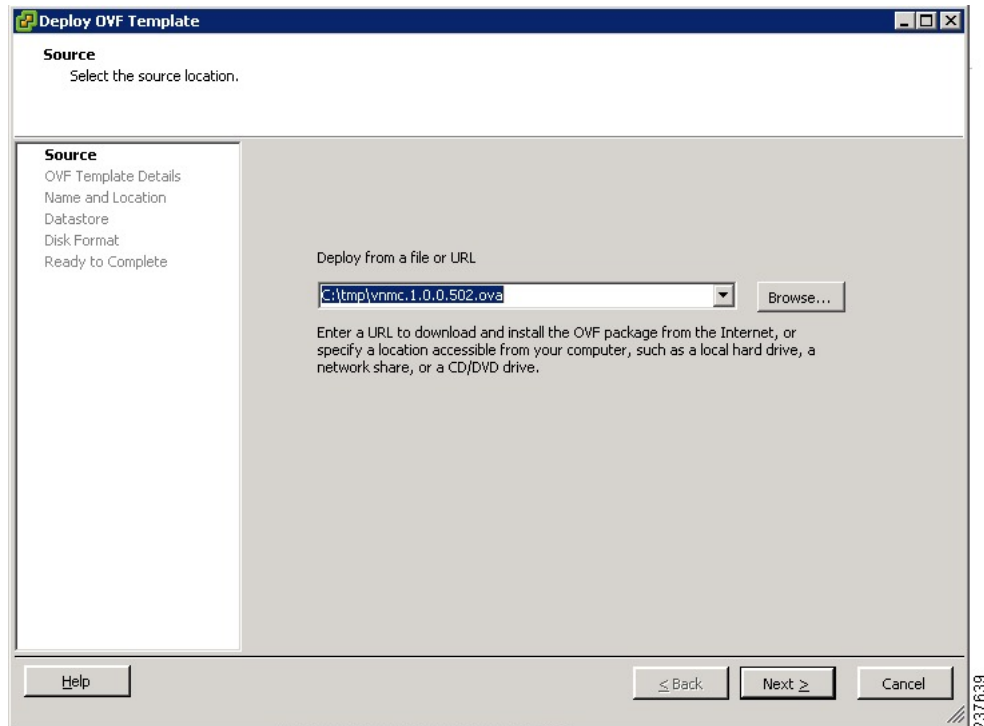
1. Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VNMC VM.
2. Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
3. In the **Source** window, do the following:
4. In the **OVF Template Details** window, review the details of the Cisco VNMC template and click **Next**.
5. In the **End User License Agreement** window, do the following:
6. In the **Name and Location** window, do the following:
7. In the **Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:
8. In the **Datastore** window, choose the **datastore** for the VM and click **Next**.
9. In the **Disk Format** window, do the following:
10. In the **Network Mapping** window, do the following:
11. In the **Properties** window, do the following:
12. Click **Next**.
13. In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information and click **Finish**.
14. Click **Close**.
15. Power on the Cisco VSG VM.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VNMC VM.

**Step 2** Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.

**Figure 6: Deploy OVF Template—Source Window**



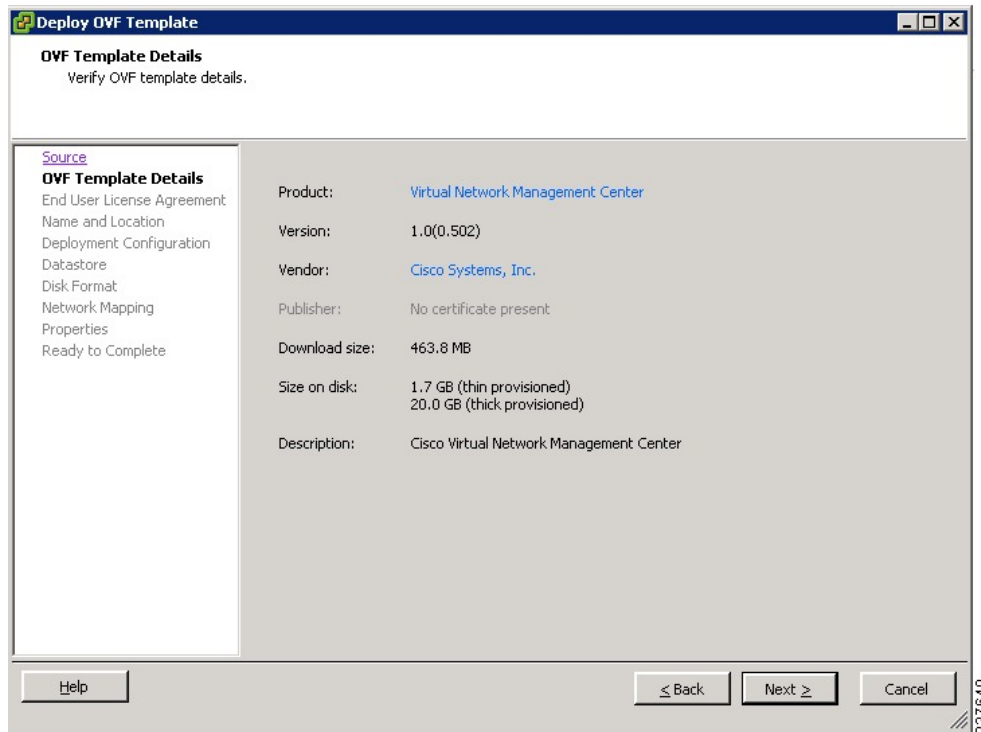
The **Source** window opens.

**Step 3** In the **Source** window, do the following:

- a) Enter the path to the Cisco VNMC OVA file in the **Deploy from a file or URL** field.

- b) Click **Next**.

**Figure 7: Deploy OVF Template–OVF Template Details Window**



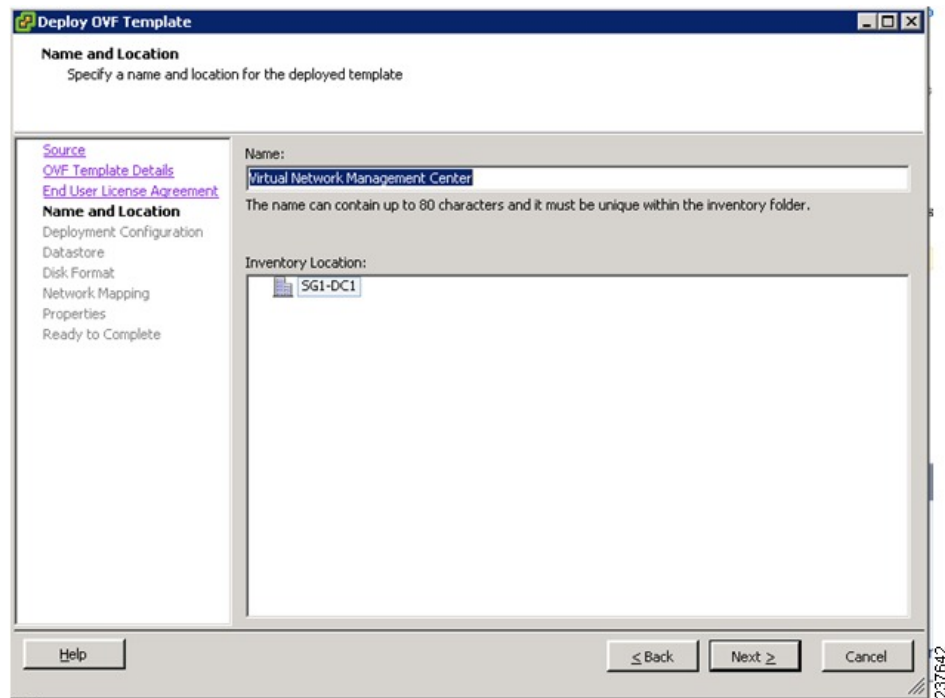
The **OVF Template Details** window opens.

- Step 4** In the **OVF Template Details** window, review the details of the Cisco VNMC template and click **Next**. The **End User License Agreement** window opens.
- Step 5** In the **End User License Agreement** window, do the following:
- Review the End User License Agreement and click **Accept**.



- b) Click **Next**.

**Figure 8: Deploy OVF Template–Name and Location**

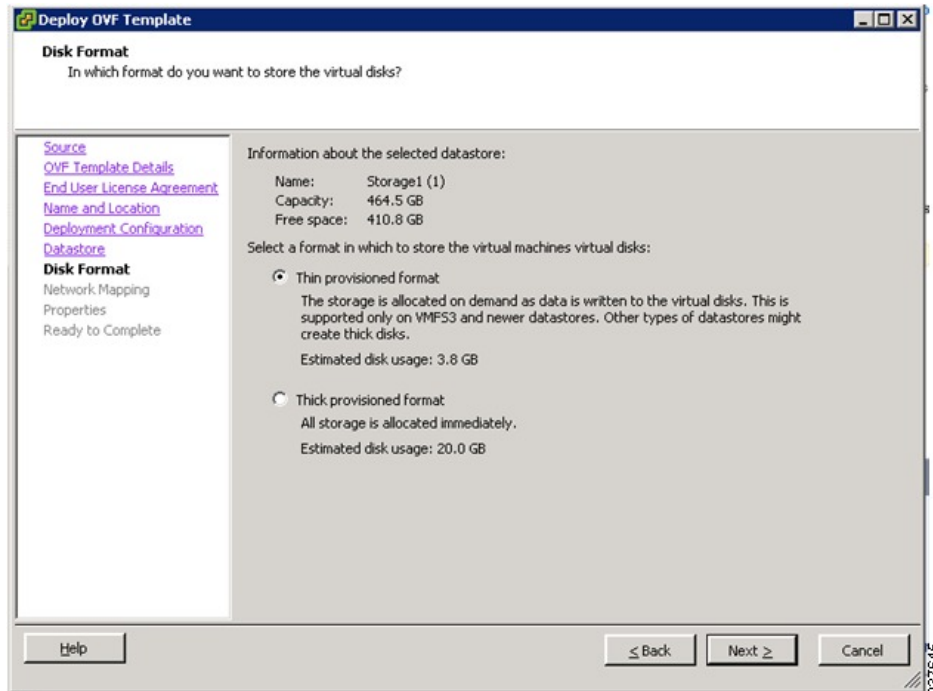


The **Name and Location** window opens.

- Step 6** In the **Name and Location** window, do the following:
- In the **Name** field, enter the name of the Cisco Virtual Network Management Center.  
The name can contain up to 80 characters and must be unique within the inventory folder.
  - In the Work pane, choose the **Inventory location** that you would like to use.
  - Click **Next**.
- Step 7** In the **Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:
- From the **Configuration** drop-down list, choose **VNMC Installer**.
  - Click **Next**.
- Step 8** In the **Datastore** window, choose the **datastore** for the VM and click **Next**.  
The **Disk Format** window opens.

**Note** The storage can be local or shared remote such as the network file storage (NFS) or the storage area network (SAN). If only one storage location is available for an ESX host, this window does not display and you are assigned to the one that is available.

**Figure 9: Deployment OVF Template–Disk Format**

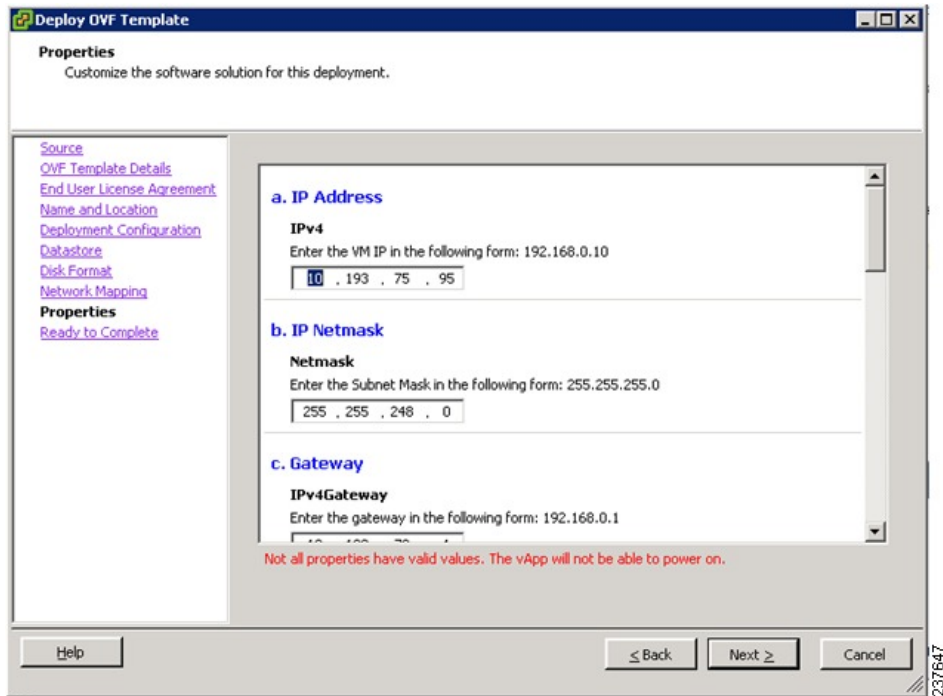


**Step 9** In the **Disk Format** window, do the following:

- a) Choose either **Thin provisioned format** or **Thick provisioned format** to store the VM vdisks.
- b) Click **Next**.  
The **Network Management** window opens.

The default is thick provisioned. If you do not want to allocate the storage immediately, use thin provisioned. Ignore the red text in the window.

**Figure 10: Deploy OVF Template–Network Mapping Window**



### Step 10

In the **Network Mapping** window, do the following:

- a) Choose the management network port profile for the VM in the **Network Mapping** pane.

- b) Click Next.

**Figure 11: Deploy OVF Template–Properties Window**

The **Properties** window opens.

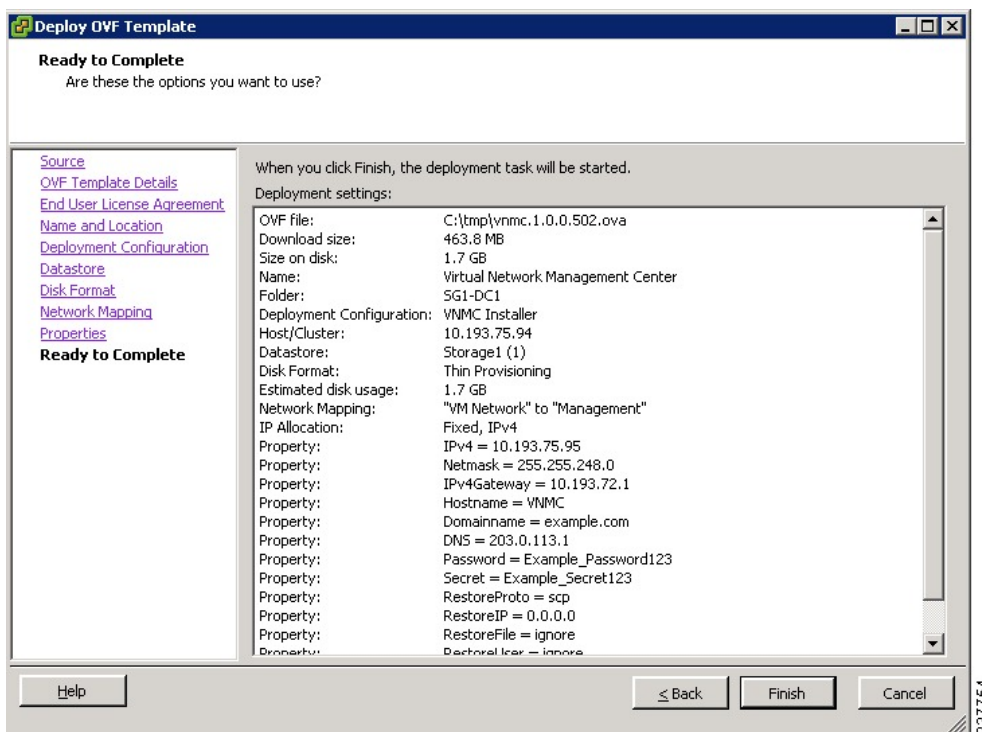
- Step 11** In the **Properties** window, do the following:
- In the **IPv4** field, enter the IP address
  - In the **Netmas** field, enter the subnet mask
  - In the **IPv4Gateway** field, enter the gateway.
  - In the **DomainName** field, enter the domain name.
  - In the **DNS** field, enter the domain name server name.
  - In the **Password** field, enter the admin password.
  - In the **Secret** field, enter the shared secret password.

**Note** Follow these parameters for choosing the shared secret password:

- The password must be more than eight characters.
- Characters not supported for shared secret password: \$ & ' ' ` (<>| \ characters and all other characters supported on the keyboard.
- The password should contain lowercase letters, uppercase letters, digits, and special characters.
- The password should not contain characters repeated three or more times consecutively.
- The new shared secret passwords should not repeat or reverse the username.
- The password should not be cisco, ocsic, or any variant obtained by changing the capitalization of letters.
- The password should not be formed by easy permutations of characters present in the username or Cisco.

**Step 12** Click Next.

**Figure 12: Deploy OVF Template—Ready to Complete Window**



**Note** Make sure that red text messages do not appear before you click **Next**. If you do not want to enter valid information in the red-indicated fields, use null values to fill those fields. If those fields are left empty or filled with invalid null values, the application does not power on.

Ignore the VNMC Restore fields.

The **Ready to Complete** window opens.

- Step 13** In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information and click **Finish**. The progress bar in the **Deploying Virtual Network Management Center** window shows how much of the deployment task is completed before the Cisco VNMC is deployed.
- Wait for the **Deployment completed Successfully** window.
- Step 14** Click **Close**.
- Step 15** Power on the Cisco VSG VM.
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## Task 2: On the Cisco VNMC, Setting Up VM-Mgr for vCenter Connectivity

Perform the following tasks in the same order as listed below to set up the VM-manager for vCenter connectivity:

- [Downloading the vCenter Extension File from the Cisco VNMC, on page 26](#)
- [Registering the vCenter Extension Plugin in the vCenter, on page 28](#)
- [Configuring the vCenter in VM-Manager in the Cisco VNMC, on page 30](#)

### Downloading the vCenter Extension File from the Cisco VNMC

#### Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- Install Adobe Flash Player (Version 10.1.102.64)
- IP address of the Cisco VNMC
- Admin user password

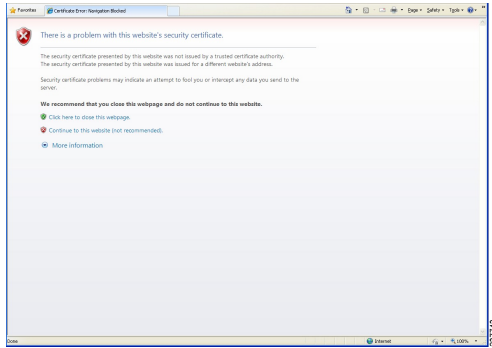
#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. To access the Cisco VNMC from your client machine, open Internet Explorer and access <https://vnmc-ip/> (<https://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx>).
2. In the **Website Security Certificate** window, choose **Continue to this website**.
3. In the **Cisco VNMC Access** window, do the following:
4. In the **VNMC Main** window, choose **Administration > VM Managers**.
5. In the **Cisco Virtual Network Management Center VM Managers** window, do the following:

## DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** To access the Cisco VNMC from your client machine, open Internet Explorer and access <https://vnmc-ip/> (<https://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx>).  
The **Website Security Certificate** window opens.

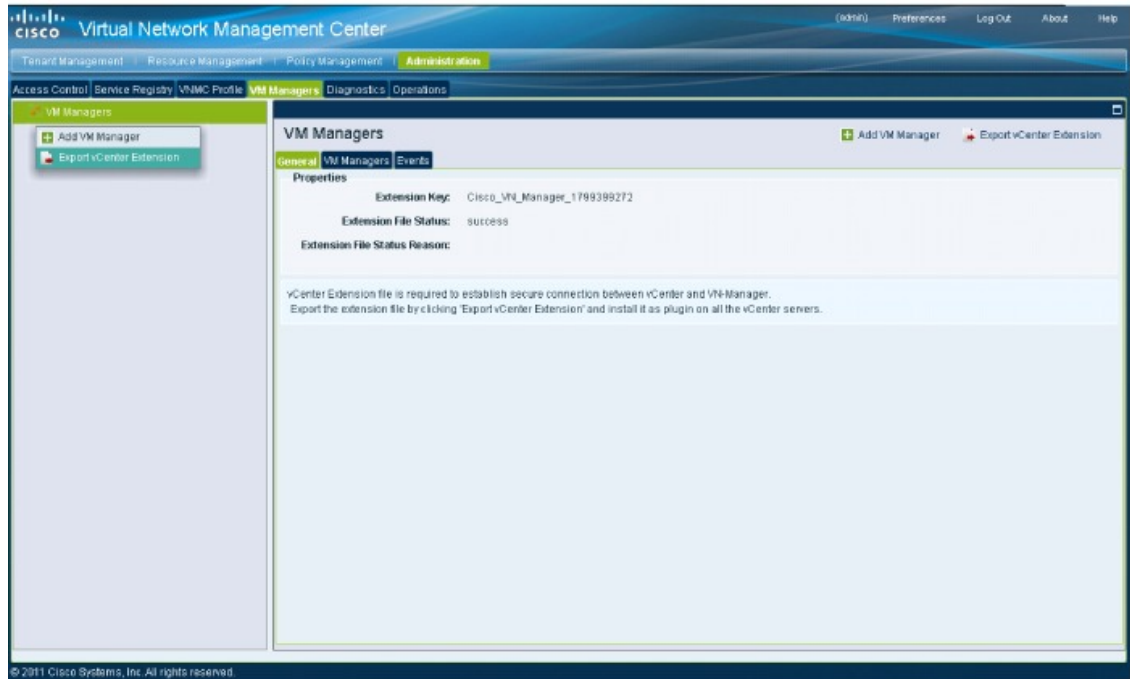
**Figure 13: Website Security Certification Window**



- Step 2** In the **Website Security Certificate** window, choose **Continue to this website**.
- Step 3** In the **Cisco VNMC Access** window, do the following:
- Enter the login name admin.

- b) Enter the password that you set when installing the application.

**Figure 14: Cisco VNMC Window**



The VNMC main window opens.

**Step 4** In the VNMC Main window, choose **Administration > VM Managers**.  
The **VM Managers** window opens.

**Step 5** In the **Cisco Virtual Network Management Center VM Managers** window, do the following:

- Right-click and choose **Export vCenter Extension** from the **VM Managers** pane.
- Save the file on your vCenter desktop.

### What to Do Next

Go to [Registering the vCenter Extension Plugin in the vCenter](#), on page 28.

## Registering the vCenter Extension Plugin in the vCenter

This task is completed within your client desktop vSphere client directory

### Before You Begin

See [Downloading the vCenter Extension File from the Cisco VNMC](#), on page 26.



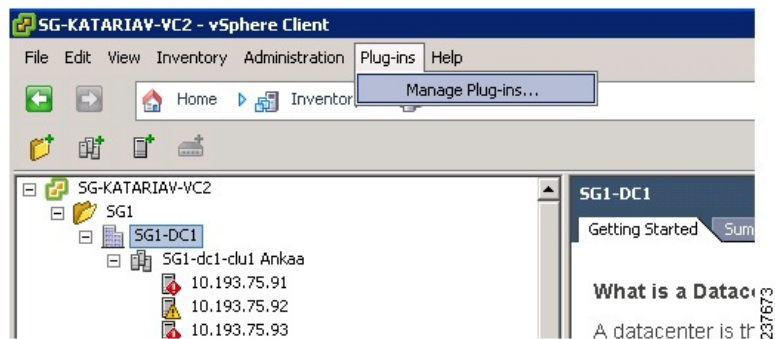
## SUMMARY STEPS

1. From vSphere client, log in to vCenter.
2. In the **Vsphere Client** window, choose **Plug-ins > Manage Plug-ins**.
3. Right-click in an empty space, and choose **New Plug-in** from the drop-down list.
4. In the **Register Plug-in** window, do the following:
5. On the **Register Plug-in** progress indicator, click **OK** after the successful registration message appears.
6. Click **Close**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** From vSphere client, log in to vCenter.

*Figure 15: vSphere Client Directory Window*



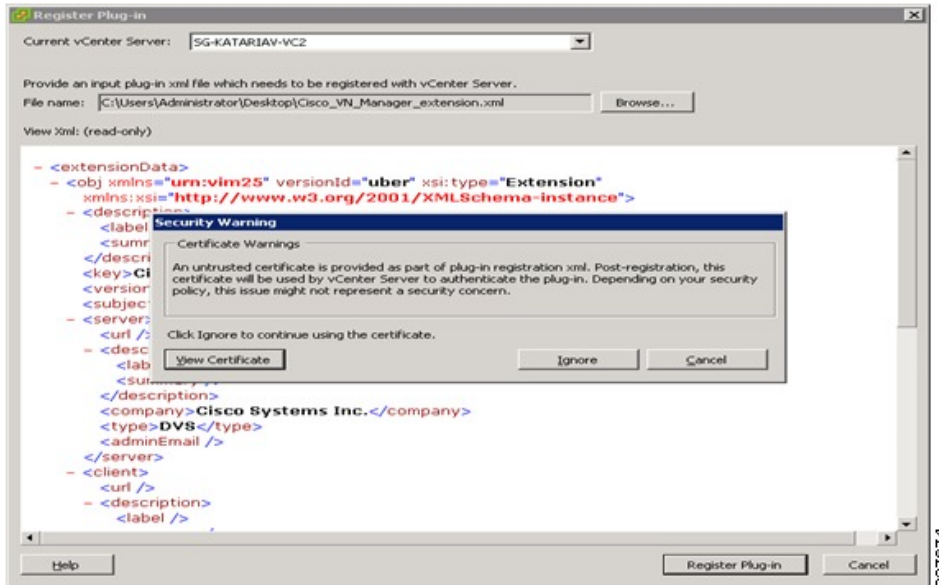
The **vSphere Client Directory** window opens.

**Step 2** In the **Vsphere Client** window, choose **Plug-ins > Manage Plug-ins**.

**Step 3** Right-click in an empty space, and choose **New Plug-in** from the drop-down list.

The **Register Plug-in** window that contains the vSphere client and vCenter directory for managing plug-ins opens.

**Figure 16: vSphere Client and vCenter Directory for Managing Plug-ins with Security Warning**



- Step 4** In the **Register Plug-in** window, do the following:
- Browse to the Cisco VNMC vCenter extension file and click **Register Plug-in**.
  - On the **Security Warning** dialog box, click **Ignore**.
- Step 5** On the **Register Plug-in** progress indicator, click **OK** after the successful registration message appears.
- Step 6** Click **Close**.

### What to Do Next

Go to [Configuring the vCenter in VM-Manager in the Cisco VNMC](#), on page 30.

## Configuring the vCenter in VM-Manager in the Cisco VNMC

### Before You Begin

See [Task 2: On the Cisco VNMC, Setting Up VM-Mgr for vCenter Connectivity](#), on page 26.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Go to the Cisco VNMC and click **Administration > VM Managers**.
2. In the **Cisco Virtual Network Management Center** window, click the **VM Manager** tab.
3. In the left pane, choose **Vm Manager > Add VM Manager**.
4. In the Add VM Manager dialog box do the following:
5. Click **OK**.

## DETAILED STEPS

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- Step 1** Go to the Cisco VNMC and click **Administration > VM Managers**.
- Step 2** In the **Cisco Virtual Network Management Center** window, click the **VM Manager** tab.
- Step 3** In the left pane, choose **Vm Manager > Add VM Manager**.
- Step 4** In the Add VM Manager dialog box do the following:
- a) In the **Name** field, enter the vCenter name (no spaces allowed).
  - b) In the **Description** field, enter a brief description of the vCenter.
  - c) In the **Hostname/IP Address** field, enter the vCenter IP address.
- Step 5** Click **OK**.
- Note** The successful addition should display the Admin State as enable and the Operational State as up with the version information.
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# Task 3: On the VSM, Configuring the Cisco VNMC Policy Agent

Once the Cisco VNMC is installed, you must register the VSM with the Cisco VNMC policy.

### Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- The Cisco VNMC policy-agent image is available on the VSM (for example, vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin)



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**Note** The string **vsmpa** must appear in the image name as highlighted.

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- The IP address of the Cisco VNMC
- The shared secret password you defined during the Cisco VNMC installation
- That IP connectivity between the VSM and the Cisco VNMC is working

**Note**

If you upgrade your VSM, you must also copy the latest Cisco VSM policy agent image. This image is available in the Cisco VNMC image bundle to boot from a flash drive and to complete registration with the Cisco VNMC.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. On the VSM, enter the following commands:
2. Check the status of the VNM policy agent configuration to verify that you have installed the Cisco VNMC correctly and it is reachable by entering the **show vnm-pa status** command. This example shows that the Cisco VNMC is reachable and the installation is correct:

**DETAILED STEPS**

**Step 1** On the VSM, enter the following commands:

```
vsm# configure terminal
vsm(config)# vnm-policy-agent
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# registration-ip 10.193.75.95
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# shared-secret Example_Secret123
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# policy-agent-image vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# exit
vsm(config)# copy running-config startup-config
vsm(config)# exit
```

**Step 2** Check the status of the VNM policy agent configuration to verify that you have installed the Cisco VNMC correctly and it is reachable by entering the **show vnm-pa status** command. This example shows that the Cisco VNMC is reachable and the installation is correct:

```
vsm# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.1(1b)-vsm
vsm
The VSM is now registered with the Cisco VNMC.
```

This example shows that the Cisco VNMC is unreachable or an incorrect IP is configured:

```
vsm# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installation Failure
VNMC not reachable.
vsm#
```

This example shows that the VNM policy-agent is not configured or installed:

```
vsm# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Not Installed
```

## Task 4: On the VSM, Preparing Cisco VSG Port Profiles

To prepare Cisco VSG port profiles, you must create the VLANs and use the VLANs in the Cisco VSG data port profile and the Cisco VSG-ha port profile.

## Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- The uplink port-profile name.
- The VLAN ID for the Cisco VSG data interface (for example,100).
- The VLAN ID for the Cisco VSG-ha interface (for example, 200).
- The management VLAN (management).



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**Note** None of these VLANs need to be system VLANs.

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## SUMMARY STEPS

1. On the VSM, create the VLANs by first entering global configuration mode using the following command:
2. Enter the following configuration commands:
3. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.
4. Create a Cisco VSG data port profile and a Cisco VSG-ha port profile by first enabling the Cisco VSG data port-profile configuration mode. Use the **configure** command to enter global configuration mode.
5. Enter the following configuration commands:
6. Press Ctrl-Z to end the session.
7. Enable the Cisco VSG-ha port profile configuration mode.
8. Enter the following configuration commands:
9. Add the VLANs created for the Cisco VSG data and Cisco VSG-ha interfaces as part of the allowed VLANs into the uplink port profile. Use the **configure** command to enter global configuration mode.
10. Enter the following configuration commands:
11. Press Ctrl-Z to end the session.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** On the VSM, create the VLANs by first entering global configuration mode using the following command:

```
vsm# configure
```

**Step 2** Enter the following configuration commands:

```
vsm(config)# vlan 100  
vsm(config-vlan)# no shutdown  
vsm(config-vlan)# exit  
vsm(config)# vlan 200  
vsm(config-vlan)# no shutdown  
vsm(config-vlan)# exit  
vsm(config)# exit  
vsm# configure  
vsm(config)# copy running-config startup-config  
vsm(config)# exit
```

- Step 3** Press Ctrl-Z to exit.
- Step 4** Create a Cisco VSG data port profile and a Cisco VSG-ha port profile by first enabling the Cisco VSG data port-profile configuration mode. Use the **configure** command to enter global configuration mode.
- ```
vsm# configure
```
- Step 5** Enter the following configuration commands:
- ```
vsm(config)# port-profile VSG-Data
vsm(config-port-prof)# vmware port-group
vsm(config-port-prof)# switchport mode access
vsm(config-port-prof)# switchport access vlan 100
vsm(config-port-prof)# no shutdown
vsm(config-port-prof)# state enabled
vsm(config-port-prof)# exit
vsm(config)#
vsm(config)# copy running-config startup-config
vsm(config)# exit
```
- Step 6** Press Ctrl-Z to end the session.
- Step 7** Enable the Cisco VSG-ha port profile configuration mode.
- ```
vsm# configure
```
- Step 8** Enter the following configuration commands:
- ```
vsm(config)# port-profile VSG-HA
vsm(config-port-prof)# vmware port-group
vsm(config-port-prof)# switchport mode access
vsm(config-port-prof)# switchport access vlan 200
vsm(config-port-prof)# no shutdown
vsm(config-port-prof)# state enabled
vsm(config-port-prof)# exit
vsm(config)# copy running-config startup-config
vsm(config)# exit
```
- Step 9** Add the VLANs created for the Cisco VSG data and Cisco VSG-ha interfaces as part of the allowed VLANs into the uplink port profile. Use the **configure** command to enter global configuration mode.
- ```
vsm# configure
```
- Step 10** Enter the following configuration commands:
- ```
vsm(config)# port-profile type ethernet uplink
vsm(config-port-prof)# switchport trunk allowed vlan add 100, 200
vsm(config-port-prof)# exit
vsm(config)#
```
- Step 11** Press Ctrl-Z to end the session.
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## Task 5: Installing the Cisco VSG from an OVA Template

### Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- The Cisco VSG OVA image is available in the vCenter.
- Cisco VSG-Data and Cisco VSG-ha port profiles are created on the VSM.

- The management port profile (management)




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**Note** The management port profile is the same port profile that is used for the VSM. The port profile is configured in the VSM and is used for the Cisco VNMC management interface.

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- The Cisco VSG-Data port profile: VSG-Data
- The Cisco VSG-ha port profile: VSG-ha
- The HA ID
- The IP/subnet mask/gateway information for the Cisco VSG
- The admin password
- 2-GB RAM and 3-GB hard disk space are available
- The Cisco VNMC IP address
- The shared secret password
- The IP connectivity between Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC is okay.
- The Cisco VSG VNM-PA image name (vnmc-vsgpa.2.1.1b.bin) is available.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VSG VM.
2. Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
3. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window, do the following:
4. In the **Deploy OVF Template—OVF Template Details** window, review the product information including the size of the file and the VM disk.
5. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Deploy OVF Template—End User License Agreement** window, do the following:
7. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Name and Location** window, do the following:
8. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:
9. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Datastore** window, choose the data store for the VM and click **Next**. The **Disk Format** window opens.
10. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Disk Format** window, do the following:
11. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Network Mapping** window, do the following:
12. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window, do the following:
13. Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** window opens.
14. In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information.
15. Click **Finish**. The **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box opens.
16. Wait and click **Close** after the progress indicator shows that the deployment is completed successfully.
17. From your virtual machines, do one of the following:
18. In the **Virtual Machine Properties** window, do the following:
19. Power on the Cisco VSG VM.

## DETAILED STEPS

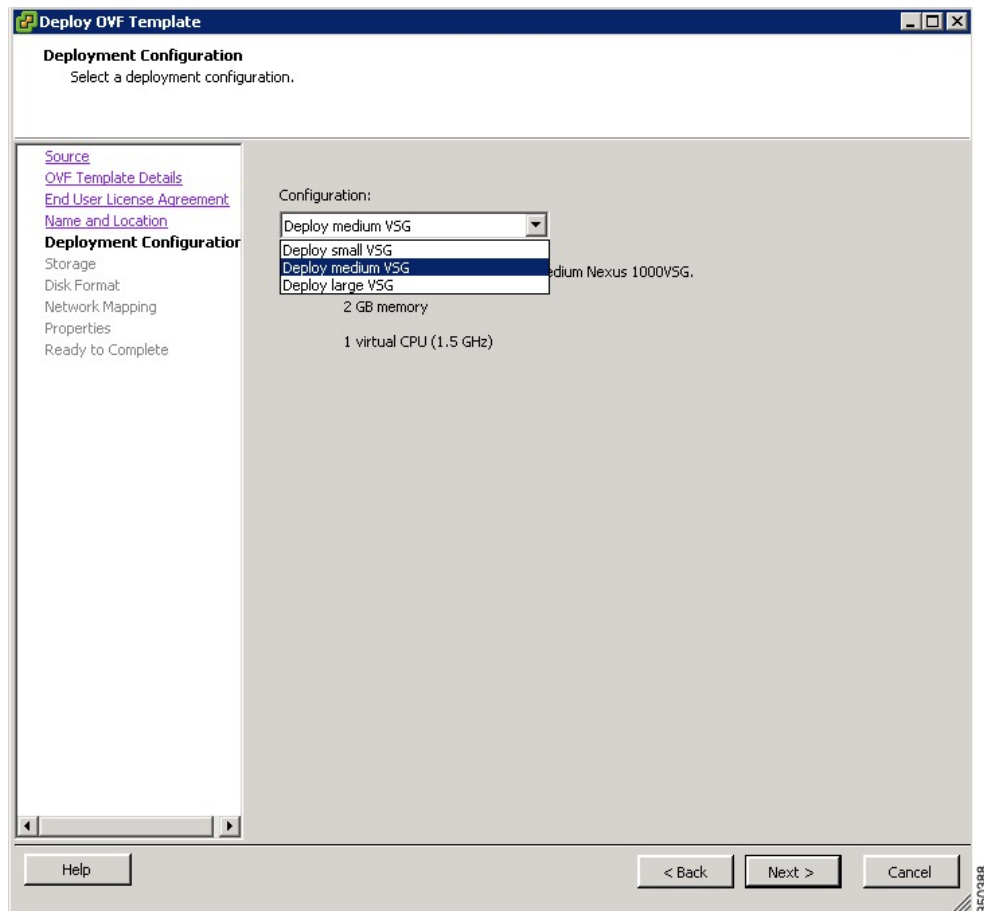
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- Step 1** Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VSG VM.
- Step 2** Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
- Step 3** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window, do the following:
- Browse to the path to the Cisco VSG OVA file in the **Deploy from a file or URL** field.
  - Click **Next**.
- Step 4** In the **Deploy OVF Template—OVF Template Details** window, review the product information including the size of the file and the VM disk.
- Step 5** Click **Next**.
- Step 6** In the **Deploy OVF Template—End User License Agreement** window, do the following:
- Review the end user license agreement and click **Accept**.
  - Click **Next**. The **Name and Location** window opens.
- Step 7** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Name and Location** window, do the following:
- In the **Name** field, enter a name for the Cisco VSG that is unique within the inventory folder and has up to 80 characters.
  - In the **Inventory Location** pane, choose the location that you would like to use for hosting the Cisco VSG.



- c) Click **Next**. The **Deployment Configuration** window opens.

**Figure 17: Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration Window**



**Step 8** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:

- From the **Configuration** drop-down list, choose **Deploy medium VSG**.
- Click **Next**. The **Datastore** window opens.

**Step 9** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Datastore** window, choose the data store for the VM and click **Next**. The **Disk Format** window opens.

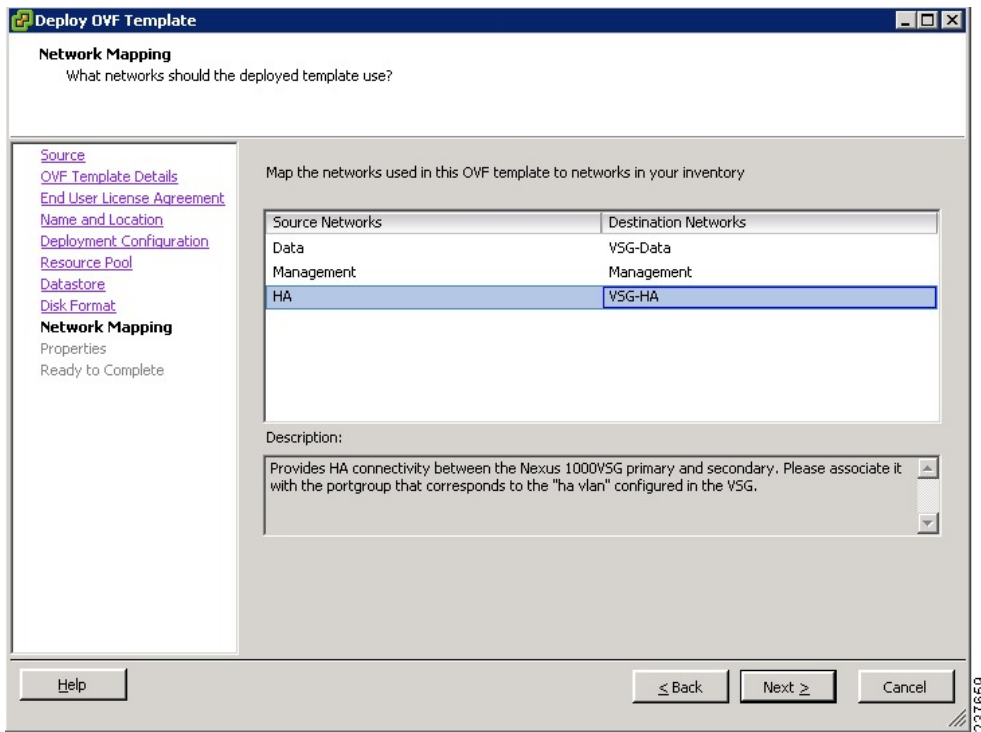
The storage can be local or shared remote such as the network file storage (NFS) or the storage area network (SAN).

**Note** If only one storage location is available for an ESX host, this window does not display and you are assigned to the one that is available.

**Step 10** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Disk Format** window, do the following:

- Click either **Thin provisioned format** or **Thick provisioned format** to store the VM vdisks.
- Click **Next**. The **Network Mapping** window opens.  
The default is thick provisioned. If you do not want to allocate the storage immediately, use thin provisioned. Ignore the red text in the window.

Figure 18: Deploy OVF Template—Network Mapping



**Step 11** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Network Mapping** window, do the following:

- Choose **VSG Data** for the data interface port profile.
- Choose **Management** for the management interface port profile.
- Choose **VSG-ha** for the HA interface port profile .
- Click **Next**. The **Properties** window opens.

**Note** In this example, for Cisco VSG-Data and Cisco VSG-ha port profiles created in the previous task, the management port profile is used for management connectivity and is the same as in the VSM and Cisco VNMC.

Figure 19: Deploy OVF Template—Properties Window

**Step 12**

In the **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window, do the following:

- a) In the **OvfDeployment** field, select **ovf** to continue the configuration. Select **ignore** for manual configuration.
- b) From the **HARole** drop-down list, choose HA role.
- c) In the **HAid** field, enter the high-availability identification number for a Cisco VSG pair (value from 1 through 4095).
- d) In the **Password** field, enter a password that contains at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number.
- e) In the **ManagementIPv4** field, enter the IP address for the Cisco VSG.
- f) In the **ManagementIPv4 Subnet** field, enter the subnet mask.
- g) In the **Gateway** field, enter the gateway name.
- h) In the **VnmcIPv4** field, enter the IP address of the Cisco VNMC.
- i) In the **SharedSecret** field, enter the shared secret password defined during the Cisco VNMC installation.

j) **Note** Follow these parameters for choosing the shared secret password:

- The password must be more than eight characters.
- Characters not supported for the shared secret password: & ' " ` ( ) < > | \ characters and all other characters supported on the keyboard.
- The password should contain lowercase letters, uppercase letters, digits, and special characters.
- The password should not contain characters, repeated three or more times consecutively.
- The new shared secret passwords should not repeat or reverse the username
- The password should not be cisco, ocsic, or any variant obtained by changing the capitalization of letters.
- The password should not be formed by easy permutations of characters present in the username or Cisco.

**Note** In the following step, make sure that red text messages do not appear before you click **Next**. If you do not want to enter valid information in the red-indicated fields, use null values to fill those fields. If those fields are left empty or filled with invalid null values, the application does not power on. Ignore the VNMC Restore fields.

**Step 13** Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** window opens.

**Step 14** In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information .

**Note** Review the IP/mask/gateway information carefully because any discrepancies might cause the VM to have bootup issues.

**Step 15** Click **Finish**. The **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box opens.

The progress bar in the **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box shows how much of the deployment task is completed before the Cisco VNMC is deployed.

**Step 16** Wait and click **Close** after the progress indicator shows that the deployment is completed successfully.

**Step 17** From your virtual machines, do one of the following:

- a) Right click and choose **Edit Settings**.
- b) Click the **Getting Started** tab from the menu bar and then click the link **Edit Virtual Machine Settings**. The **Virtual Machine Properties** window opens.

**Step 18** In the **Virtual Machine Properties** window, do the following:

- a) From the **CPUs** drop-down list, choose the appropriate vCPU number.  
For older version of ESXi hosts, you can directly select a number for the vCPUs.
- b) From the **Number of Virtual Sockets** drop down list, choose the appropriate socket with cores.  
For the latest version of ESXi hosts, you can directly select a number for the vCPUs.

Choosing 2 CPUs results in a higher performance.

**Step 19** Power on the Cisco VSG VM.

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# Task 6: On the Cisco VSG and Cisco VNMC, Verifying the VNM Policy-Agent Status

You can use the **show vnm-pa status** command to verify the VNM policy-agent status (which can indicate that you have installed the policy-agent successfully).

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Log in to the Cisco VSG.
2. Check the status of VNM-PA configuration by entering the following command:
3. Log in to the Cisco VNMC. The **VNMC Administration on Service Registry** window opens.
4. Choose **Administration > Service Registry > Clients > General**.
5. In the **Client** pane of the **VNMC Administration Service Registry** window, verify that the Cisco VSG and VSM information is listed.

## DETAILED STEPS

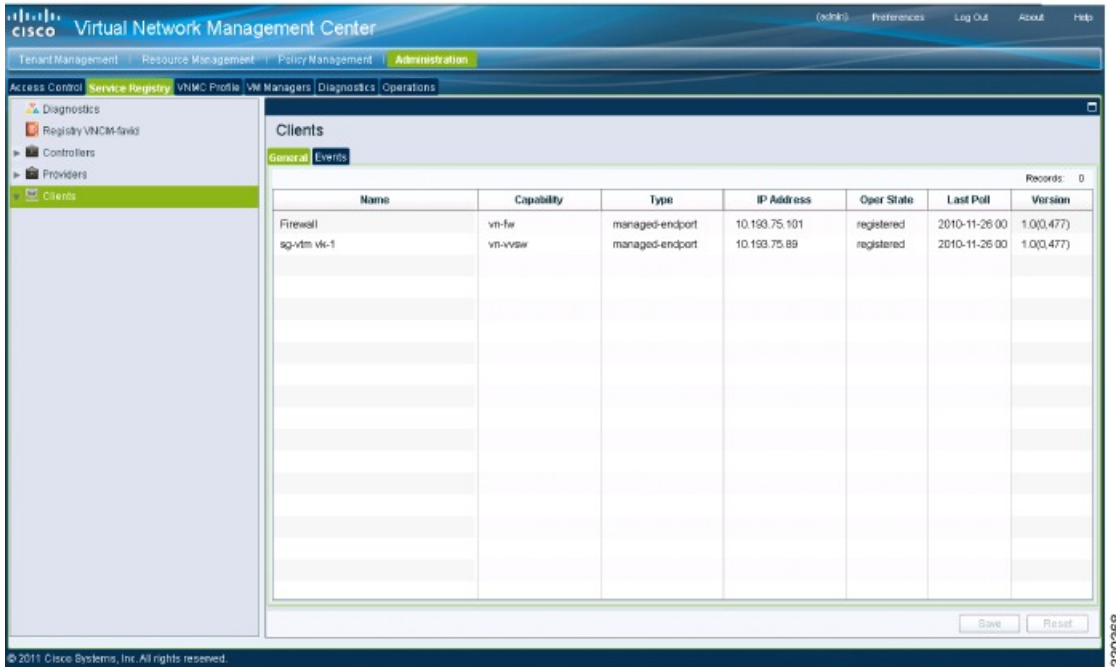
**Step 1** Log in to the Cisco VSG.

**Step 2** Check the status of VNM-PA configuration by entering the following command:

```
vsg# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.0(1a)-vsg
vsg#
```

**Step 3** Log in to the Cisco VNMC. The **VNMC Administration on Service Registry** window opens.

**Figure 20: VNMC Administration Service Registry Window**



**Step 4** Choose **Administration > Service Registry > Clients > General**.

**Step 5** In the **Client** pane of the **VNMC Administration Service Registry** window, verify that the Cisco VSG and VSM information is listed.

## Task 7: On the Cisco VNMC, Configuring a Tenant, Security Profile, and Compute Firewall

Now that you have the Cisco VNMC and the Cisco VSG successfully installed with the basic configurations (completed through the OVA File Template wizard), you should configure some of the basic security profiles and policies.

This task includes the following subtasks:

- [Configuring a Tenant on the Cisco VNMC, on page 43](#)
- [Configuring a Security Profile on the Cisco VNMC, on page 45](#)
- [Configuring a Compute Firewall on the Cisco VNMC, on page 46](#)

### Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- Adobe Flash Player (Version 10.1 or later) has been installed
- The IP address of the Cisco VNMC
- The admin user password

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. For Cisco VNMC access, from your client machine, open Internet Explorer and access <https://vnmc-ip/> (<https://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx>).
2. In the **Website Security Certification** window, click **Continue to this website**.
3. In the **Cisco VNMC Access** window, log in to the Cisco VNMC:
4. In the **Cisco VNMC** main window, choose **Administration > Service Registry > Clients** to check the Cisco VSG and VSM registration in the Cisco VNMC.

### DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** For Cisco VNMC access, from your client machine, open Internet Explorer and access <https://vnmc-ip/> (<https://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx>).
- Step 2** In the **Website Security Certification** window, click **Continue to this website**.
- Step 3** In the **Cisco VNMC Access** window, log in to the Cisco VNMC:
- a) Enter the username admin.
  - b) Enter your password.
- Step 4** In the **Cisco VNMC** main window, choose **Administration > Service Registry > Clients** to check the Cisco VSG and VSM registration in the Cisco VNMC.  
The **Clients** pane lists the Cisco VSG and VSM information.
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### What to Do Next

Go to [Configuring a Tenant on the Cisco VNMC](#), on page 43

## Configuring a Tenant on the Cisco VNMC

Tenants are entities (businesses, agencies, institutions, and so on) whose data and processes are hosted on VMs on the virtual data center. To provide firewall security for each tenant, the tenant must first be configured in the Cisco VNMC.

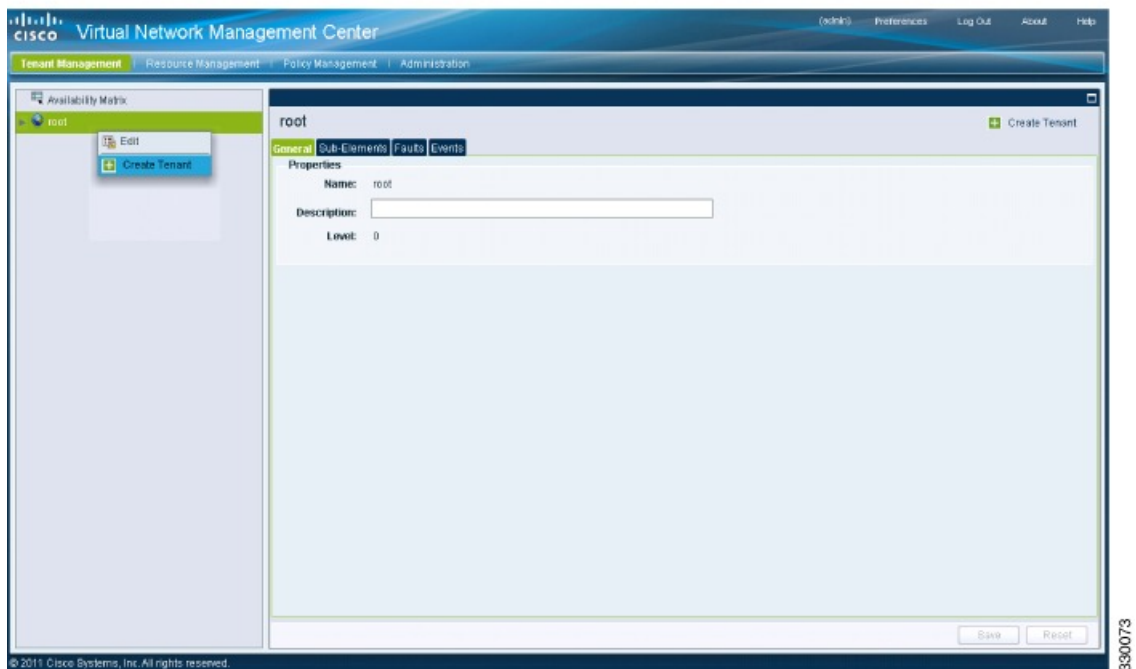
## SUMMARY STEPS

1. From the Cisco VNMC toolbar, click the **Tenant Management** tab.
2. In the Navigation pane directory tree, right-click on **root**, and from the drop-down list, choose **Create Tenant**.
3. In the **root** pane, click the **General** tab and do the following:
4. Click **OK**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** From the Cisco VNMC toolbar, click the **Tenant Management** tab.

*Figure 21: VNMC Window Tenant Management Tab root Pane*



**Step 2** In the Navigation pane directory tree, right-click on **root**, and from the drop-down list, choose **Create Tenant**.

**Step 3** In the **root** pane, click the **General** tab and do the following:

- a) In the **Name** field, enter the tenant name; for example, Tenant-A.
- b) In the **Description** field, enter a description for that tenant.

**Step 4** Click **OK**.

Notice that the tenant you just created is listed in the left-side pane under root.



### What to Do Next

Go to [Configuring a Security Profile on the Cisco VNM](#), on page 45

## Configuring a Security Profile on the Cisco VNM

You can configure a security profile on the Cisco VNM.

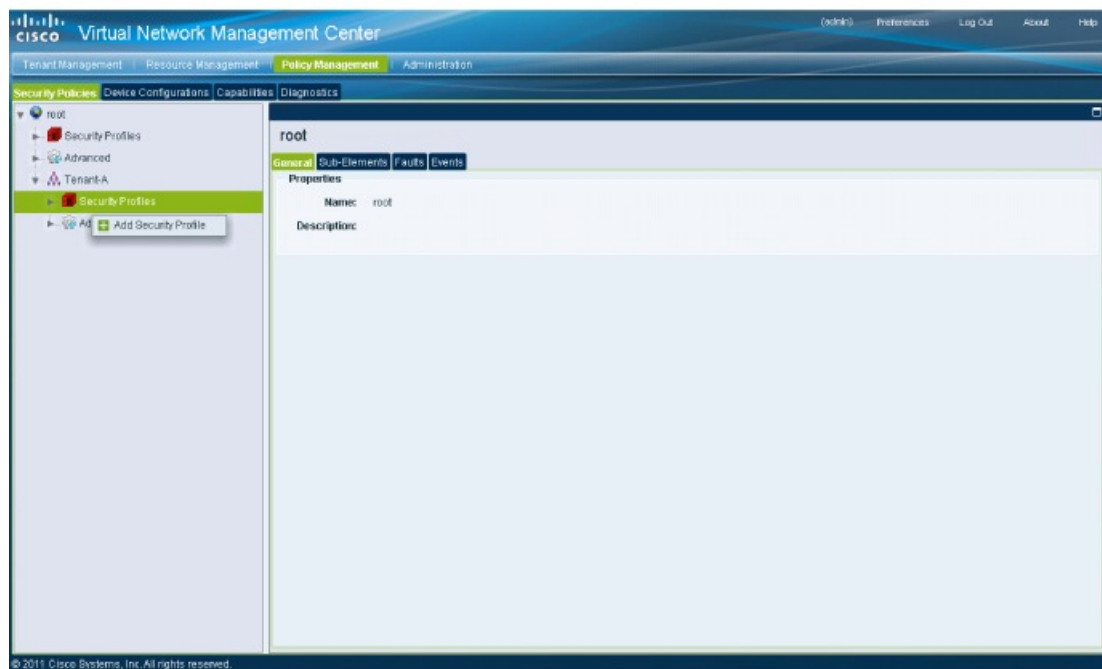
### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Click the **Policy Management** tab in the Cisco VNM toolbar. The **Policy Management** window opens.
2. In the **Policy Management Security Policies** window, from the directory path, choose **Security Policies > root > Tenant-A > Security Profiles**.
3. Right click in an empty space and choose **Add Security Profile** from the drop-down list.
4. In the Add Security Profile dialog box, do the following:
5. Click **OK**

### DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** Click the **Policy Management** tab in the Cisco VNM toolbar. The **Policy Management** window opens.

*Figure 22: Security Policies root Window*



**Step 2** In the **Policy Management Security Policies** window, from the directory path, choose **Security Policies > root > Tenant-A > Security Profiles**.

**Step 3** Right click in an empty space and choose **Add Security Profile** from the drop-down list. The **Add Security Profile** dialog box opens.

*Figure 23: Add Security Profile Dialog Box*

Name	Source Condition	Destination Condition	Protocol	Ethertype	Action	Description
default						

**Step 4** In the Add Security Profile dialog box, do the following:

- In the **Name** field, enter a name for the security profile; for example, sp-web.
- In the **Description** field, enter a brief description of this security profile.

**Step 5** Click **OK**

### What to Do Next

Go to [Configuring a Compute Firewall on the Cisco VNMC](#), on page 46

## Configuring a Compute Firewall on the Cisco VNMC

The compute firewall is a logical virtual entity that contains the device profile that you can bind (assign) to a Cisco VSG VM. The device policy in the device profile is then pushed from the Cisco VNMC to the Cisco VSG. Once this is complete, the compute firewall is in the applied configuration state on the Cisco VNMC.

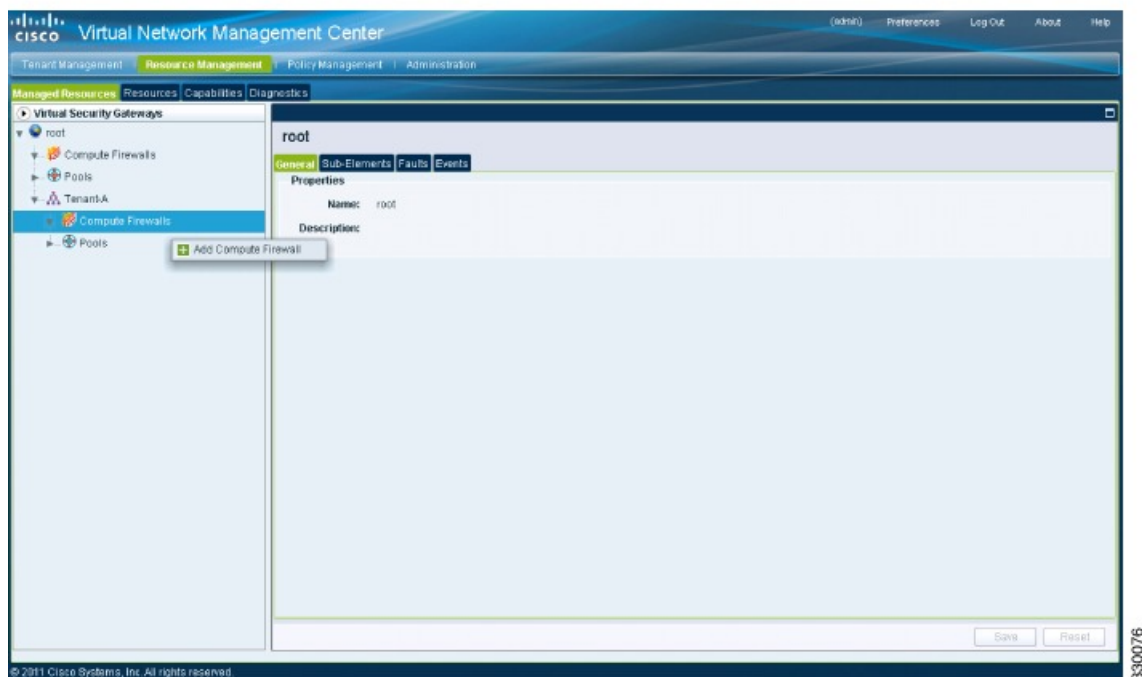
## SUMMARY STEPS

1. From the Cisco VNM, choose **Resource Management > Managed Resources**.
2. On the left-pane directory tree, choose **root > Tenant-A > Compute Firewall**.
3. From the drop-down list, choose **Add Compute Firewall**. The **Add Compute Firewall** dialog box opens.
4. In the **Add Compute Firewall** dialog box, do the following:
5. Click **OK**.

## DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** From the Cisco VNM, choose **Resource Management > Managed Resources**. The Firewall Profiles window opens.

*Figure 24: VNM Resource Management, Managed Resources, Firewall Profiles Window*



**Step 2** On the left-pane directory tree, choose **root > Tenant-A > Compute Firewall**.

**Step 3** From the drop-down list, choose **Add Compute Firewall**. The **Add Compute Firewall** dialog box opens.

*Figure 25: Add Compute Firewall Dialog Box*

**Step 4** In the **Add Compute Firewall** dialog box, do the following:

- In the **Name** field, enter a name for the compute firewall.
- In the **Description** field, enter a brief description of the compute firewall.
- In the **Management Hostname** field, enter the name for your Cisco VSG.
- In the **Data IP Address** field, enter the data IP address.

**Step 5** Click **OK**.

The new Compute Firewall pane displays with the information that you provided.

## Task 8: On the Cisco VNMC, Assigning the Cisco VSG to the Compute Firewall

The compute firewall is a logical virtual entity that contains the device profile that can be later bound to the device for communication with the Cisco VNMC and VSM.

## SUMMARY STEPS

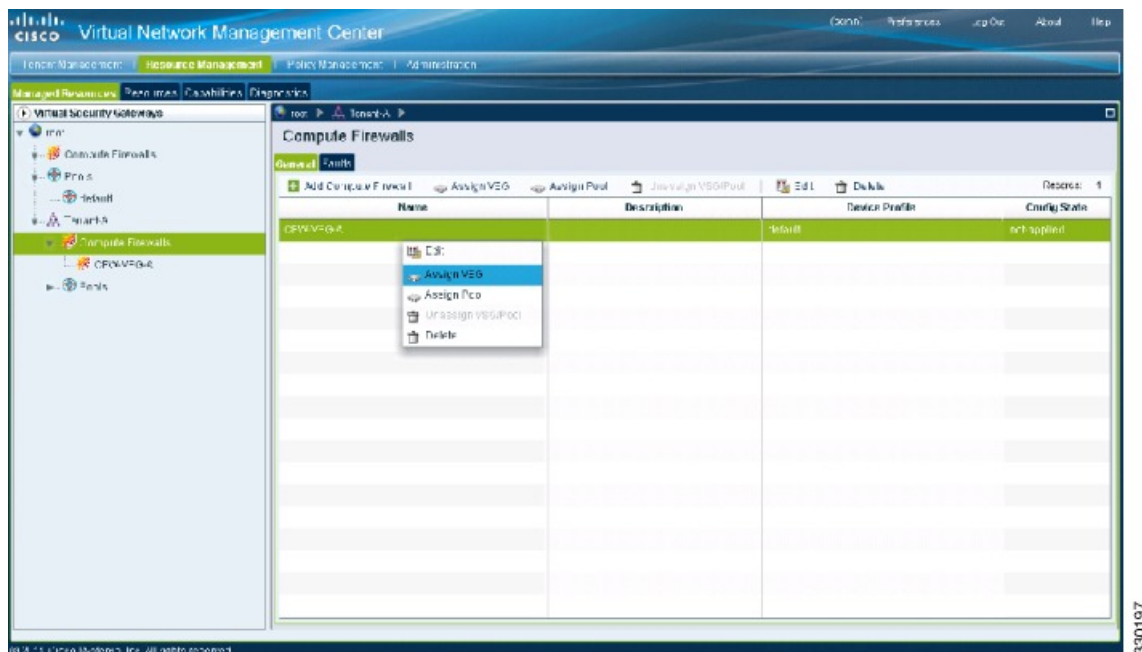
1. Choose **Resource Management > Managed Resources**. The **Deploy OVF Template** window opens.
2. In the **Deploy OVF Template** window, choose **root > Tenant-A > Compute Firewalls**.
3. Right-click in the **Compute Firewalls** pane and choose **Assign VSG** from the drop-down list.
4. From the **Name** drop-down list, choose the Cisco VSG IP address.
5. Click **OK**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** Choose **Resource Management > Managed Resources**. The **Deploy OVF Template** window opens.

**Step 2** In the **Deploy OVF Template** window, choose **root > Tenant-A > Compute Firewalls**.

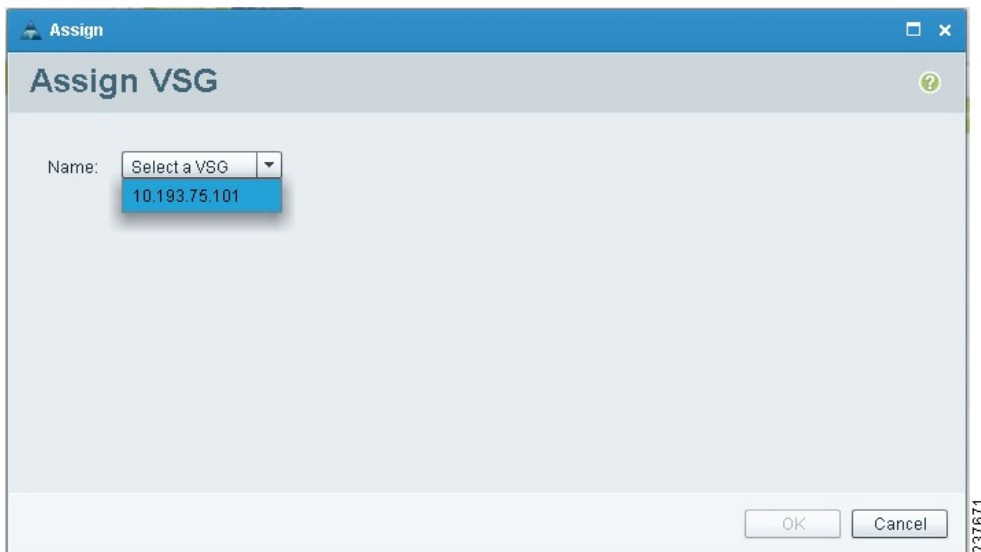
**Figure 26: VNMC Resource Management Resources Compute Firewalls Window**



**Step 3** Right-click in the **Compute Firewalls** pane and choose **Assign VSG** from the drop-down list.

The **Assign VSG** dialog box opens.

**Figure 27: Assign VSG Dialog Box**



**Step 4** From the **Name** drop-down list, choose the Cisco VSG IP address.

**Step 5** Click **OK**.

**Note** The Config State status changes from “not-applied” to “applying” and then to “applied.”

## Task 9: On the Cisco VNMC, Configuring a Permit-All Rule

You can configure a permit-all rule in the Cisco VNMC.

### SUMMARY STEPS

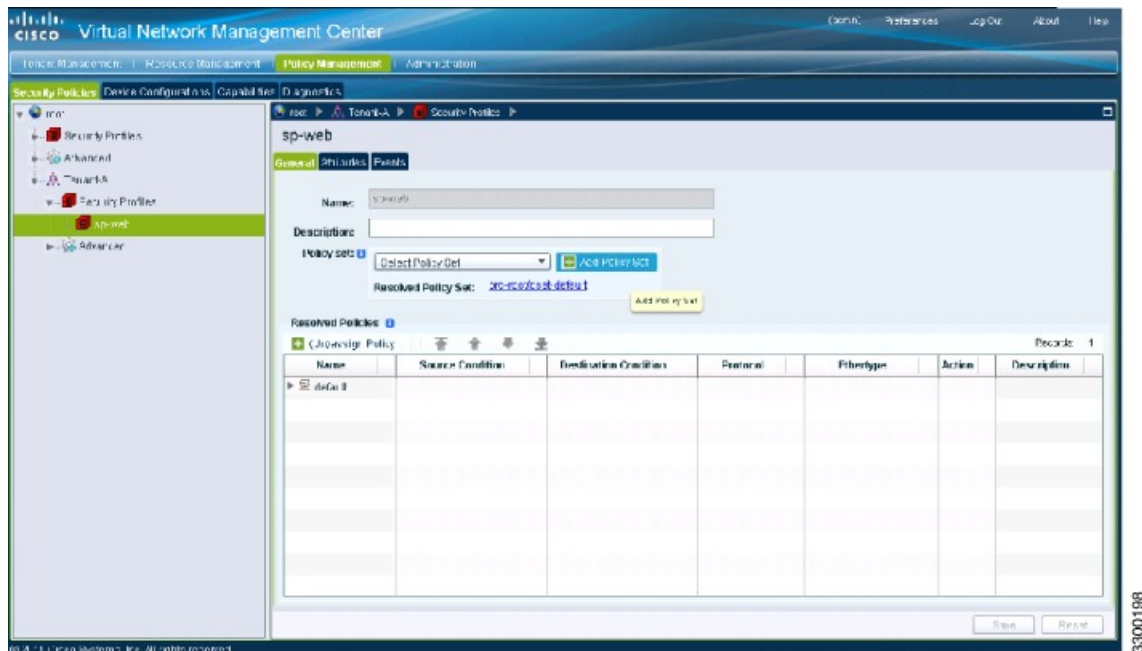
1. Log in to the Cisco VSG.
2. Choose **Policy Management** > **Service Policies**. The **Cisco VNMC Policy Management Security Policies** window opens.
3. In the **Cisco VNMC Policy Management Security Policies**, window do the following:
4. Click **Add Policy**. The **Add Policy** dialog box opens.
5. In the **Add Policy** dialog box, do the following:
6. In the **Add Rule dialog** box, do the following:
7. In the **Add Policy** dialog box, click **OK**.
8. In the **Add Policy Set** dialog box, click **OK**.
9. In the **Security Profile** window, click **Save**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** Log in to the Cisco VSG.

**Step 2** Choose **Policy Management > Service Policies**. The **Cisco VNM Policy Management Security Policies** window opens.

**Figure 28: Cisco VNM Policy Management Security Policies Window**



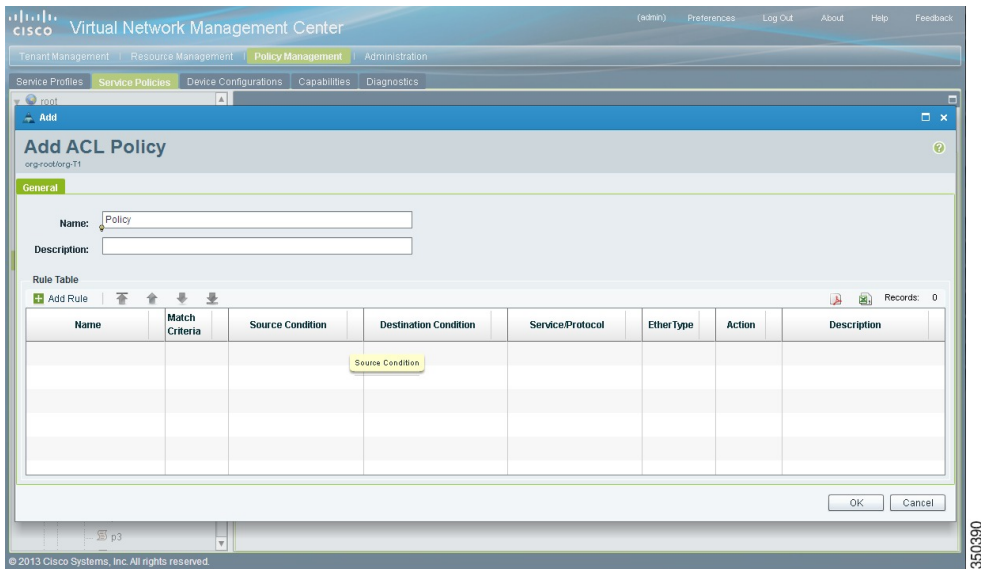
**Step 3** In the **Cisco VNM Policy Management Security Policies**, window do the following:

- a) Choose **root > Tenant-A > Security-Profile > sp-web**.

b) In the right pane, click **Add policy set**.

**Step 4** Click **Add Policy**. The **Add Policy** dialog box opens.

**Figure 29: Add Policy Dialog Box**



**Step 5** In the **Add Policy** dialog box, do the following:

- a) In the **Name** field, enter the security policy name.
- b) In the **Description** field, enter a brief description of the security policy.
- c) Above the **Name** column, click **Add Rule**.

**Step 6** In the **Add Rule dialog** box, do the following:

- a) In the **Name** field, enter the rule name.
- b) In the **Match Criteria** field, select the matching condition.
- c) In the **Source Condition** field, enter the source condition of the rule.
- d) In the **Destination Condition** field, enter the destination of the rule.
- e) In the **Service/Protocol** field, select a service or protocol for the rule.
- f) In the **EtherType** field, specify ethertype for the rule.
- g) Under the **Action** button, choose an action that you want this rule to have in this case, **permit**.
- h) Click **OK**.

**Step 7** In the **Add Policy** dialog box, click **OK**.  
The newly created policy is displayed in the **Assigned** field.

**Step 8** In the **Add Policy Set** dialog box, click **OK**.

**Step 9** In the **Security Profile** window, click **Save**.



## Task 10: On the Cisco VSG, Verifying the Permit-All Rule

You can verify the rule presence in the Cisco VSG, by using the Cisco VSG CLI and the **show** commands.

```
vsg# show running-config | begin security
security-profile SP_web@root/Tenant-A
  policy PS_web@root/Tenant-A
    custom-attribute vnsporg "root/tenant-a"
security-profile default@root
  policy default@root
    custom-attribute vnsporg "root"
rule Pol_web/permit-all@root/Tenant-A cond-match-criteria: match-all
  action permit
  action log
rule default/default-rule@root cond-match-criteria: match-all
  action drop
Policy PS_web@root/Tenant-A
  rule Pol_web/permit-all@root/Tenant-A order 101
Policy default@root
  rule default/default-rule@root order 2
```

## Task 11: Enabling Logging

To enable logging follow these procedures:

- [Enabling Logging level 6 for Policy-Engine Logging, on page 53](#)
- [Enabling Global Policy-Engine Logging, on page 55](#)

### Enabling Logging level 6 for Policy-Engine Logging

Logging enables you to see what traffic is going through your monitored virtual machine. This logging is helpful for verifying that you have a proper configuration and to help in troubleshooting. You can enable Logging Level 6 for policy-engine logging in a monitor session.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

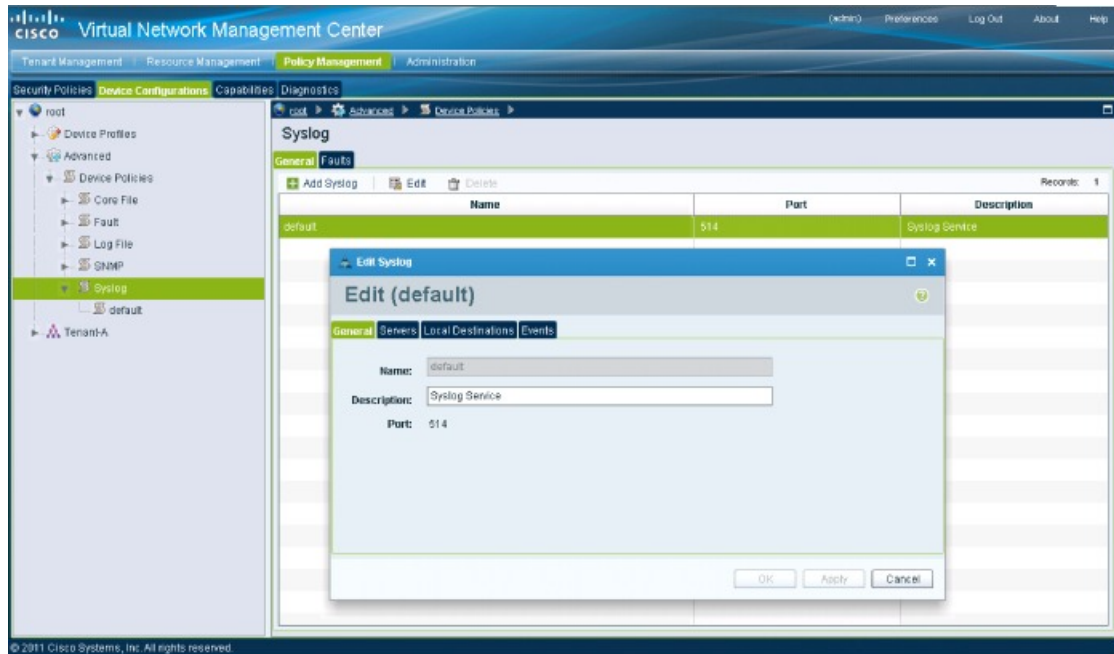
1. Log in to the Cisco VNMC.
2. Choose **Policy Management > Device Configurations**.
3. In the **Device Configuration** window, do the following:
4. In the **Edit Syslog** dialog box, do the following:
5. In the **Edit (Primary) Syslog Server** dialog box, do the following:
6. Click **OK**.

#### DETAILED STEPS

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- Step 1** Log in to the Cisco VNMC.
- Step 2** Choose **Policy Management > Device Configurations**.
- Step 3** In the **Device Configuration** window, do the following:

- a) In the **Navigation** pane, choose **root > Advanced > Device Policies > Syslog**.
- b) In the **Work** pane, choose **Default** and click **Edit**.  
The **Edit (default)** dialog box opens.

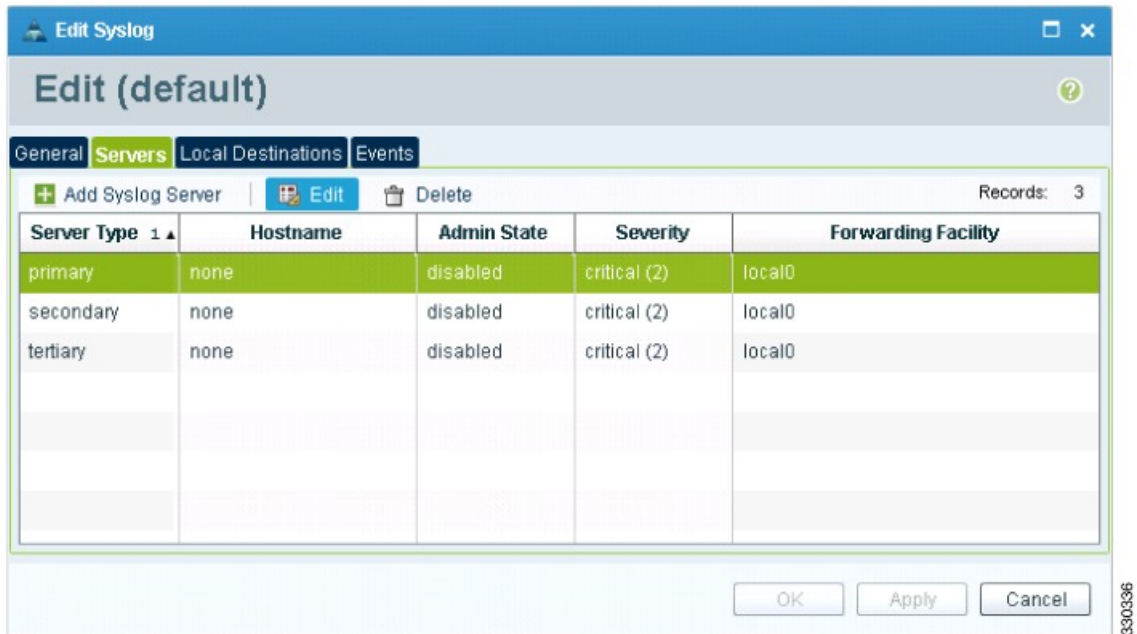
**Figure 30: Cisco Virtual Network Center Syslog Pane**



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**Step 4** In the **Edit Syslog** dialog box, do the following:

**Figure 31: Edit Syslog Dialog Box**



- Click the **Servers** tab.
- From the **Server Type** column, choose the **primary** server type from the displayed list.
- From the pane toolbar, click **Edit**.

**Step 5** In the **Edit (Primary) Syslog Server** dialog box, do the following:

- In the **Hostname/IP address** field, enter the syslog server IP address.
- From the **Severity** drop-down list, choose **Information(6)**.
- From the **Admin State** drop-down list, choose **Enabled**.
- Click **OK**.

**Step 6** Click **OK**.

### What to Do Next

Go to [Enabling Global Policy-Engine Logging](#), on page 55.

## Enabling Global Policy-Engine Logging

Logging enables you to see what traffic is going through your monitored VM. This logging is helpful for verifying that you have a proper configuration and to help in troubleshooting.

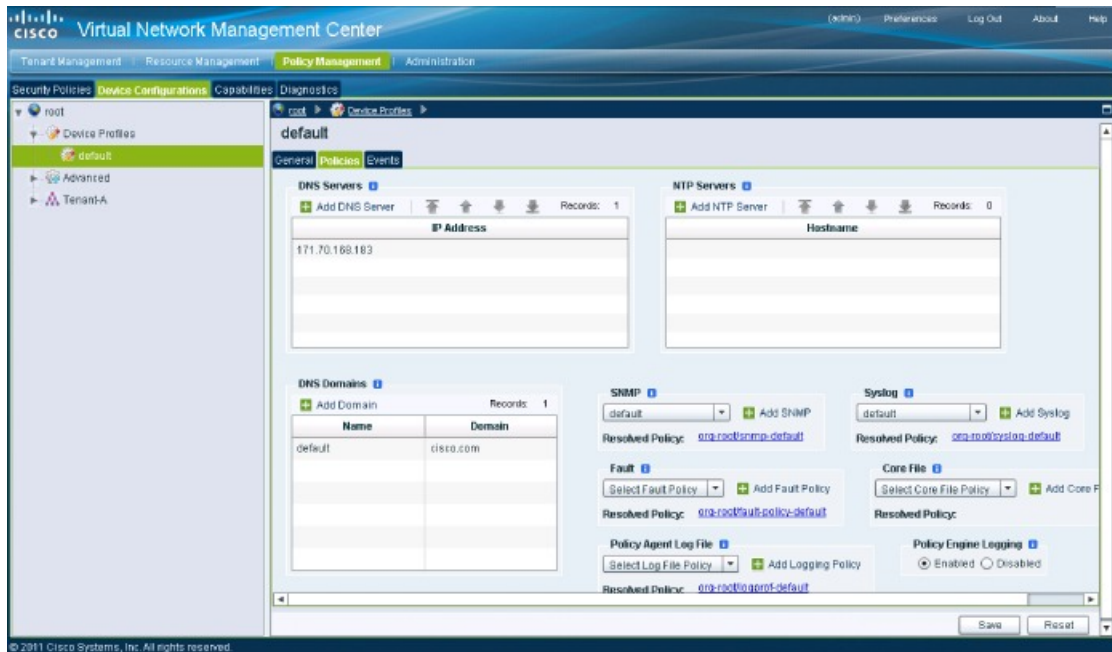
## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Log in to the Cisco VNMC.
2. In the **Virtual Network Management Control** window, choose **Policy Management > Device Configurations > Device Configurations > root > Device Profiles > default**. The **default** Device Profile window opens.
3. In the **default** window, do the following:
4. Click **Save**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** Log in to the Cisco VNMC.

*Figure 32: Cisco Virtual Management Center Policy management Device Configuration Profiles Pane*



**Step 2** In the **Virtual Network Management Control** window, choose **Policy Management > Device Configurations > Device Configurations > root > Device Profiles > default**. The **default** Device Profile window opens.

**Step 3** In the **default** window, do the following:

- a) In the **Work** pane, click the **Policies** tab.
- b) At the bottom of the **Work** pane, under the **Policy Engine Logging** field, click **Enabled**.

**Step 4** Click **Save**.

# Task12: Enabling the Traffic VM Port-Profile for Firewall Protection and Verifying the Communication Between the VSM, VEM, and VSG

This section includes the following topics:

[Enabling Traffic VM Port-Profile for Firewall Protection](#) , on page 57

[Verifying the VSM or VEM for Cisco VSG Reachability](#), on page 58

[Checking the VM Virtual Ethernet Port for Firewall Protection](#), on page 58

## Before You Begin

Make sure that you know the following:

- The server virtual machine that runs with an access port profile (for example, web server)
- The Cisco VSG data IP address (10.10.10.200) and VLAN ID (100)
- The security profile name (for example, sp-web)
- The organization (Org) name (for example, root/Tenant-A)
- The port profile that you would like to edit to enable firewall protection
- That one active port in the port-profile with vPath configuration has been set up

## Enabling Traffic VM Port-Profile for Firewall Protection

You can enable a traffic VM port profile for traffic protection.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Verify the traffic VM port profile before firewall protection.

### DETAILED STEPS

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Verify the traffic VM port profile before firewall protection.

```
vsm(config)# port-profile type vethernet pp-webserver
vmware port-group
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 756
no shutdown
state enabled
```

Enable firewall protection.

```
VSM(config)# port-profile pp-webserver
VSM(config-port-prof)# vservice node vs1 profile SP_web
VSM(config-port-prof)# org root/Tenant-A
```

Verify the traffic VM port profile after firewall protection.

```
VSM(config)# port-profile type vethernet pp-webserver
vmware port-group
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 756
org root/Tenant-A
vservice node vsg1 profile SP_web
no shutdown
state enabled
```

### What to Do Next

Go to [Verifying the VSM or VEM for Cisco VSG Reachability](#), on page 58.

## Verifying the VSM or VEM for Cisco VSG Reachability

This example shows how to verify the communication between the VEM and the VSG:

```
vsm# show vservice brief
```

```
-----
License Information
-----
Type      In-Use-Lic-Count  UnLicensed-Mod
vsg              4
asa              0
-----

Node Information
-----
ID Name      Type      IP-Address  Mode  State  Module
1 vsg1      vsg       40.40.40.40  13   Alive  4,5,
-----

Path Information
-----

Port Information
-----

PortProfile:pp-webserver
Org:root/Tenant-A
Node:vsg1(40.40.40.40)      Profile(Id):SP_web(29)  Veth Mod VM-Name      vNIC IP-Address
                          23                    4    vm1          2  14.14.14.21
```

A display showing the MAC-ADDR Listing and Up state verifies that the VEM can communicate with the Cisco VSG.



#### Note

In order to see the above status, one active port in the port profile with vPath configuration needs to be up.

## Checking the VM Virtual Ethernet Port for Firewall Protection

This example shows how to verify the VM Virtual Ethernet port for firewall protection:

```
VSM(config)# show vservice port brief vethernet 23
```

```
-----
Port Information
```

```
-----  
PortProfile:pp-webserver  
Org:root/Tenant-A  
Node:vsg1(40.40.40.40)           Profile(Id):SP_web(29)  
Veth Mod VM-Name                vNIC IP-Address  
  23  4      vm1                 2   14.14.14.21
```



**Note** Make sure that your VNISP ID value is greater than 1.

## Task13: Sending Traffic Flow and on the Cisco VSG Verifying Statistics and Logs

This section includes the following topics:

- [Sending Traffic Flow, on page 59](#)
- [Verifying Policy-Engine Statistics and Logs on the Cisco VSG, on page 61](#)

### Sending Traffic Flow

You can send traffic flow through the Cisco VSG to ensure that it is functioning properly.

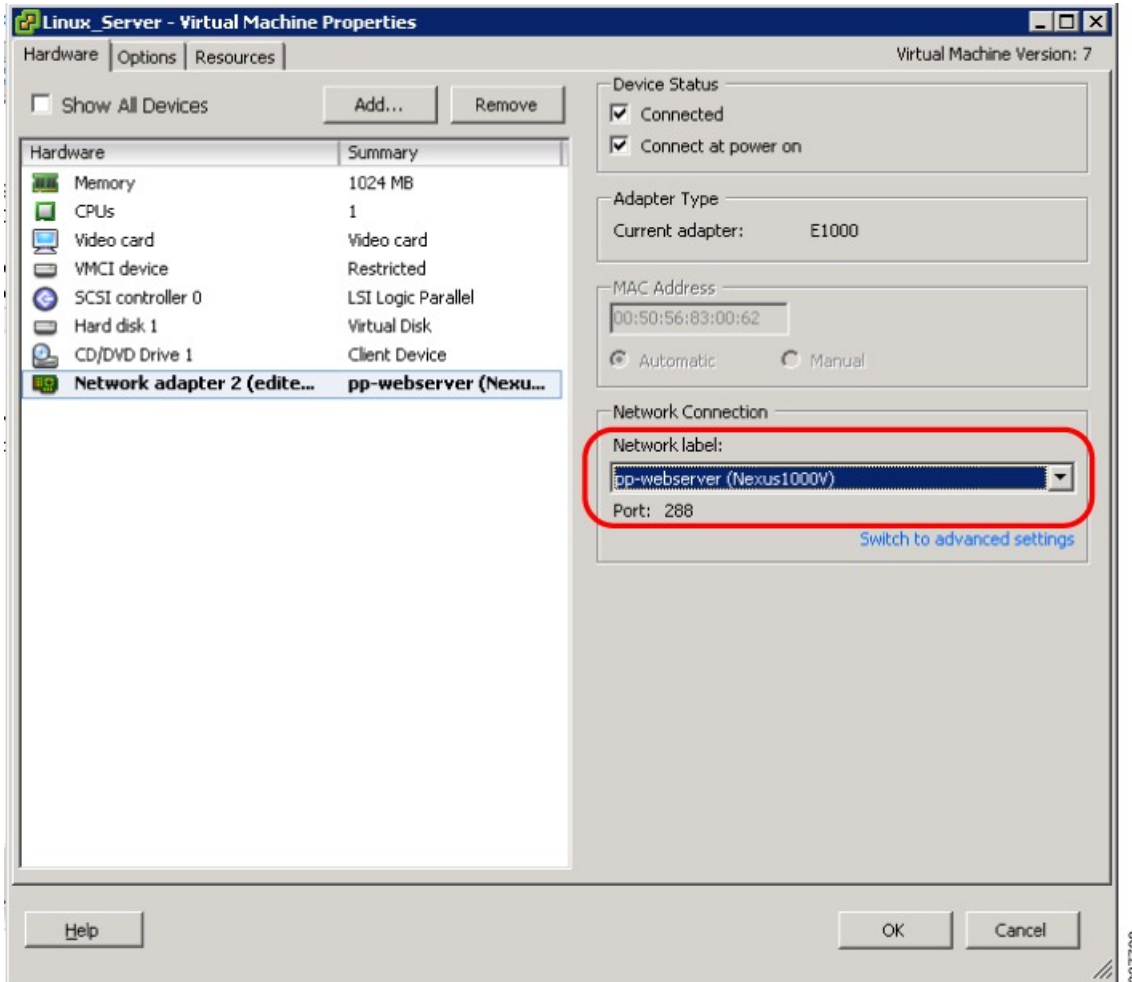
#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Ensure that you have the VM (Server-VM) that is using the port profile (pp-webserver) configured for firewall protection.
2. In the **Virtual Machine Properties** window, do the following:
3. Check the policy-engine statistics and log on the Cisco VSG.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** Ensure that you have the VM (Server-VM) that is using the port profile (pp-webserver) configured for firewall protection.

**Figure 33: Virtual Machine Properties Window**



**Step 2** In the **Virtual Machine Properties** window, do the following:

- Log in to any of your client virtual machine (Client-VM).
- Send traffic (for example, HTTP) to your Server-VM.

```
[root@]# wget http://172.31.2.92/
--2010-11-28 13:38:40-- http://172.31.2.92/
Connecting to 172.31.2.92:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 258 [text/html]
Saving to: `index.html'
```

```
100% [=====>] 258
```

```
--.-K/s
```



```
in 0s
2010-11-28 13:38:40 (16.4 MB/s) - `index.html' saved [258/258]
[root]#
```

**Step 3** Check the policy-engine statistics and log on the Cisco VSG.

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### What to Do Next

Go to [Verifying Policy-Engine Statistics and Logs on the Cisco VSG](#), on page 61.

## Verifying Policy-Engine Statistics and Logs on the Cisco VSG

Log in to the Cisco VSG and check the policy-engine statistics and logs.

This example shows how to check the policy-engine statistics and logs:

```
vsg# show policy-engine stats
Policy Match Stats:
default@root          :          0
  default/default-rule@root :      0 (Drop)
  NOT_APPLICABLE       :          0 (Drop)

PS_web@root/Tenant-A :          1
  pol_web/permit-all@root/Tenant-A :      1 (Log, Permit)
  NOT_APPLICABLE       :          0 (Drop)

vsg# terminal monitor
vsg# 2010 Nov 28 05:41:27 firewall %POLICY_ENGINE-6-POLICY_LOOKUP_EVENT:
policy=PS_web@root/Tenant-A rule=pol_web/permit-all@root/Tenant-A action=Permit
direction=egress src.net.ip-address=172.31.2.91 src.net.port=48278
dst.net.ip-address=172.31.2.92 dst.net.port=80 net.protocol=6 net.ethertype=800
```





## Installing Cisco VNMC

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Information About the Cisco VNMC](#) , page 63
- [Installation Requirements](#), page 63
- [ESXi and ESX Server Requirement](#), page 67
- [Installing Cisco VNMC](#), page 67

## Information About the Cisco VNMC

The Cisco Virtual Network Management Center (Cisco VNMC) is a virtual appliance that provides centralized device and security policy management for Cisco virtual services. Designed to support enterprise and multiple-tenant cloud deployments, the Cisco VNMC provides transparent, seamless, and scalable management for securing virtualized data center and cloud environments.

## Installation Requirements

### Cisco VNMC System Requirements

Requirement	Description
<b>Virtual Appliance</b>	
One virtual CPU	1.5 GHz
Memory	3-GB RAM
Disk space	25 GB on a shared network file storage (NFS) or a storage area network (SAN) if Cisco VNMC is deployed in a high availability (HA) cluster

Requirement	Description
Management interface	One management network interface
Processor	x86 Intel or AMD server with 64-bit processor listed in the VMware compatibility matrix
<b>VMware</b>	
VMware vSphere	Release 4.1, 5.0, or 5.1 with VMware ESX or ESXi
VMware vCenter	Release 5.0 or 5.1 (English)
<b>Interfaces and Protocols</b>	
HTTP/HTTPS	—
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)	—
<b>Intel VT</b>	
Intel Virtualization Technology (VT)	Enabled in the BIOS

## Web-Based GUI Client Requirements

Requirement	Description
Operating system	Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows</li> <li>• Apple Mac OS</li> </ul>
Browser	Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Explorer 9.0</li> <li>• Mozilla Firefox 11.0<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Chrome 18.0</li> </ul>
Flash Player	Adobe Flash Player plugin (version 11.2)

<sup>1</sup> We recommend Mozilla Firefox 11.0 with Adobe Flash Player 11.2.

## Firewall Ports Requiring Access

Requirement	Description
80	HTTP/TCP
443	HTTP
843	TCP

## Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch Requirements

Requirement	Notes
<b>General</b>	
The procedures in this guide assume that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch is up and running, and that endpoint Virtual Machines (VMs) are installed.	—
<b>VLANs</b>	
Two VLANs configured on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch uplink ports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service VLAN</li> <li>• HA VLAN</li> </ul>	Neither VLAN needs to be the system VLAN.
<b>Port Profiles</b>	
One port profile configured on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Switch for the service VLAN.	—

## Information Required for Installation and Configuration

Information Type	Your Information
<b>For Deploying the VNMC OVA</b>	
Name	
Location of files	

Information Type	Your Information
Datastore location	
Storage location, if more than one location is available	
Management port profile name for VM management <b>Note</b> The management port profile is the same port profile that is used for VSM. The port profile is configured in VSM and is used for the Cisco VNMC management interface.	
IP address	
Subnet mask	
Gateway IP address	
Domain name	
DNS server	
Admin password	
Shared secret password for communications between the Cisco VNMC, Cisco VSG, and VSM.	
<b>For Configuring vCenter in VNMC</b>	
vCenter name	
Description	
Hostname or IP address	

## Shared Secret Password Criteria

A shared secret password is a password that is known only to those using a secure communication. Passwords are designated strong if they cannot be easily guessed for unauthorized access. When you set a shared secret password for communications between the Cisco VNMC, Cisco VSG, and VSM, adhere to the following criteria for setting valid, strong passwords:

Do not include the following items in passwords:

- Characters: & ' " ` ( ) < > | \ ; \$
- Spaces

Create strong passwords based on the following characteristics:

**Table 1: Characteristics of Strong Passwords**

Strong passwords have...	Strong passwords do not have...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least eight characters.</li> <li>• Lowercase letters, uppercase letters, digits, and special characters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consecutive characters, such as <i>abcd</i>.</li> <li>• Characters repeated three or more times, such as <i>aaabbb</i>.</li> <li>• A variation of the word Cisco, such as <i>cisco</i>, <i>ocsic</i>, or one that changes the capitalization of letters in the word <i>Cisco</i>.</li> <li>• The username or the username in reverse.</li> <li>• A permutation of characters present in the username or <i>Cisco</i>.</li> </ul>

Examples of strong passwords are:

- If2CoM18
- 2004AsdfLkj30
- Cb1955S21

## ESXi and ESX Server Requirement

You must set the clock to the correct time on all ESXi and ESX servers that will run Cisco VNMC, ASA 1000V instances, Cisco VSG, or VSM. If you do not set the correct time on the server, the Cisco VNMC CA certificate that is created when the Cisco VNMC VM is deployed might have an invalid time stamp. An invalid time stamp can prevent you from successfully registering ASA 1000V instances to the Cisco VNMC.

After you set the clock to the correct time on all ESXi and ESX servers that run the Cisco VNMC, you can, as an option, set the clock on the Cisco VNMC as follows:

- If you set the clock manually, be sure to enter the correct time zone as a Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) offset.
- If you set the clock by synchronizing with the Network Time Protocol (NTP), you can select the UTC time zone.

## Installing Cisco VNMC

You can deploy the VNMC OVA, resulting in a VNMC VM.

### Before You Begin

- You must set your keyboard to United States English before installing the Cisco VNMC and using the VM console.

- Verify that the VNMC OVA image is available in the vSphere client.
- Make sure that all system requirements are met as recommended in [Cisco VNMC System Requirements](#).
- Make sure you have the information identified as in [Information Required for Installation and Configuration](#).

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Choose the host on which to deploy the VNMC VM.
2. From the File menu, choose **Deploy OVF Template**.
3. In the **Source** screen, choose the VNMC OVA, and then click **Next**.
4. In the **OVF Template Details** screen, review the details of the VNMC template, and then click **Next**.
5. In the **End User License Agreement** screen, click **Accept**, and then click **Next**.
6. In the **Name and Location** screen, provide the required information, and then click **Next**.
7. In the **Deployment Configuration** screen, choose **VNMC Installer** from the Configuration drop-down list, and then click **Next**.
8. In the **Datastore** screen, choose the data store for the VM, and then click **Next**.
9. In the **Disk Format** screen, click either **Thin provisioned** format or **Thick provisioned** format to store the VM virtual disks, then click **Next**.
10. In the **Network Mapping** screen, choose the **management network port profile** for the VM, and then click **Next**.
11. In the **Properties** screen, provide the required information, and address any errors described in the red text messages below the selection box (if needed, you can enter placeholder information as long as your entry meets the field requirements); and then click **Next**.
12. In the **Ready to Complete** Screen, review the deployment settings, and then click **Finish**.
13. After VNMC is successfully deployed, click **Close**.

## DETAILED STEPS

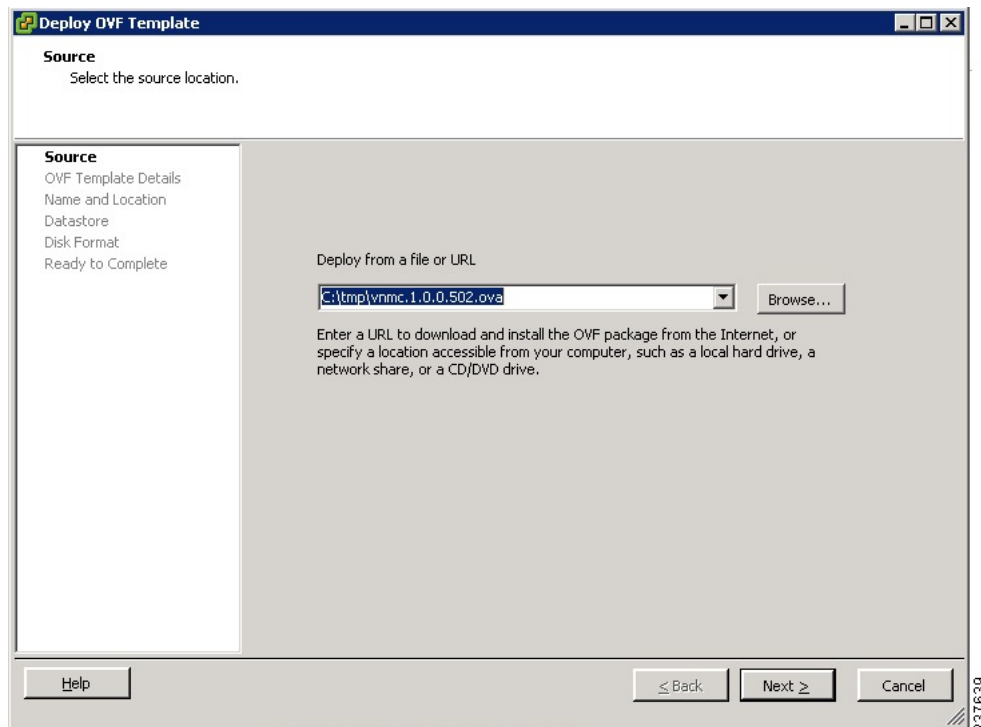
- 
- Step 1** Choose the host on which to deploy the VNMC VM.
- Step 2** From the File menu, choose **Deploy OVF Template**.



The **Deploy OVF Template** screen opens.

**Step 3** In the **Source** screen, choose the VNMC OVA, and then click **Next**.

**Figure 34: Source Screen**



The **OVF Template Details** screen opens.

**Step 4** In the **OVF Template Details** screen, review the details of the VNMC template, and then click **Next**. The **End User License Agreement** screen opens.

**Step 5** In the **End User License Agreement** screen, click **Accept**, and then click **Next**.

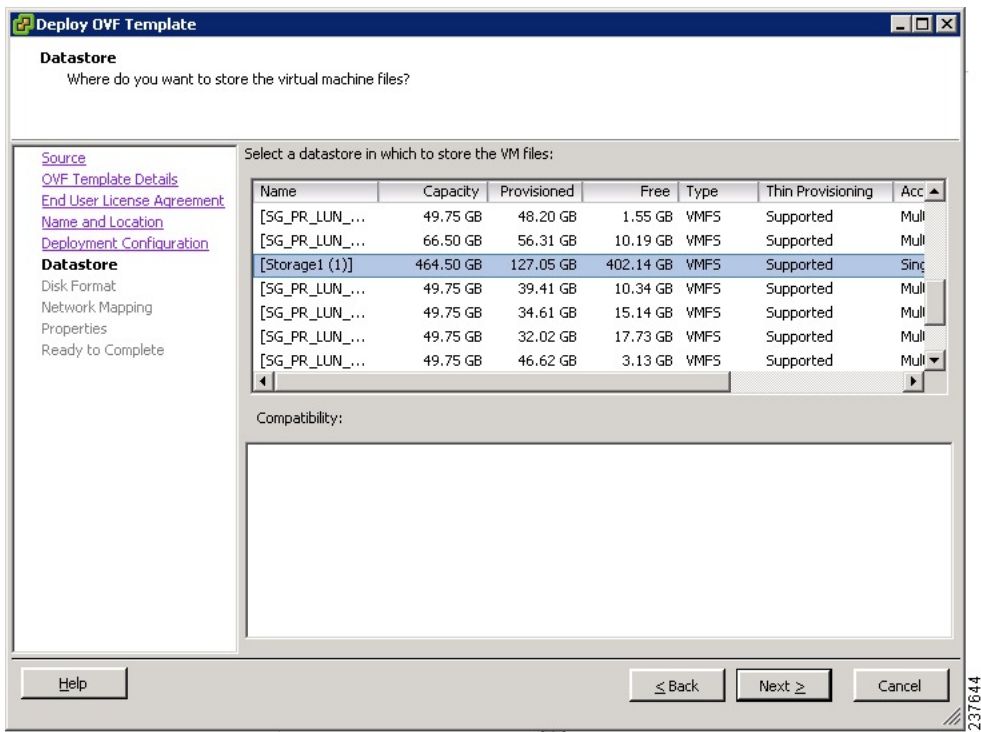
**Step 6** In the **Name and Location** screen, provide the required information, and then click **Next**. The **Deployment Configuration** screen opens.

**Step 7** In the **Deployment Configuration** screen, choose **VNMC Installer** from the Configuration drop-down list, and then click **Next**. The **Datastore** screen opens.

**Step 8** In the **Datastore** screen, choose the data store for the VM, and then click **Next**. The storage can be local or shared remote, such as NFS or SAN.

**Note** If only one storage location is available for an ESX host, this screen is not displayed and the VM is assigned to the storage location that is available.

Figure 35: Datastore Screen



The **Disk Format** screen opens.

**Step 9** In the **Disk Format** screen, click either **Thin provisioned** format or **Thick provisioned** format to store the VM virtual disks, then click **Next**.

The default is Thick provisioned format. If you do not want to allocate the storage immediately, use the Thin provisioned format.

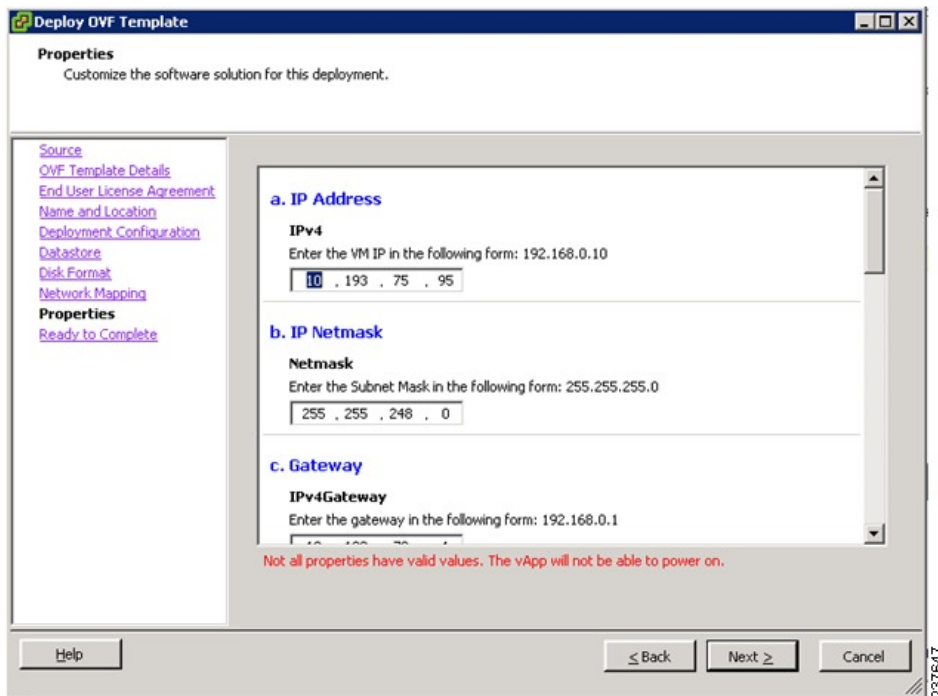
**Note** You can safely ignore the red text in the window.

The **Network Mapping** screen opens.

**Step 10** In the **Network Mapping** screen, choose the **management network port profile** for the VM, and then click **Next**. The **Properties** screen opens.

**Step 11** In the **Properties** screen, provide the required information, and address any errors described in the red text messages below the selection box (if needed, you can enter placeholder information as long as your entry meets the field requirements); and then click **Next**.

**Note** You can safely ignore the VNMC Restore fields.

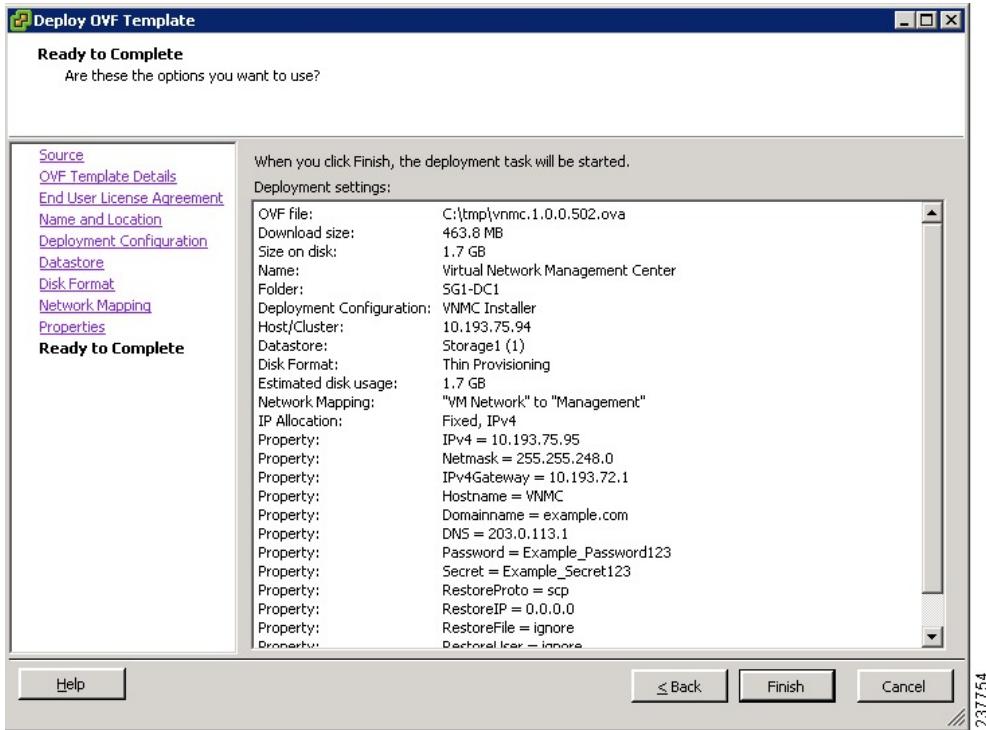
**Figure 36: Properties Screen**

The **Ready to Complete** screen opens.

- Step 12** In the **Ready to Complete** Screen, review the deployment settings, and then click **Finish**. A progress indicator shows the task progress until VNMC is deployed.

**Note** Any discrepancies can cause VM booting issues. Carefully review the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway information.

**Figure 37: Ready to Complete Screen**



**Step 13** After VNMC is successfully deployed, click **Close**.



## Installing the Cisco VSG

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Information About the Cisco VSG, page 73](#)
- [Prerequisites for Installing the Cisco VSG Software, page 75](#)
- [Obtaining the Cisco VSG Software, page 75](#)
- [Installing the Cisco VSG Software, page 75](#)
- [Configuring Initial Settings, page 82](#)
- [Verifying the Cisco VSG Configuration, page 84](#)
- [Where to Go Next, page 85](#)

## Information About the Cisco VSG

This section describes how to install and complete the basic configuration of the Cisco VSG for VMware vSphere software.

- [Host and VM Requirements, on page 73](#)
- [Cisco VSG and Supported Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Device Terminology, on page 74](#)

## Host and VM Requirements

The Cisco VSG has the following requirements:

- ESX or ESXi platform running VMware software release 4.1, 5.0, or 5.1 and requiring a minimum of 4-GB physical RAM to host a Cisco VSG VM
- Virtual Machine (VM)
  - 32-bit VM is required and “Other 2.6.x (32-bit) Linux” is a recommended VM type.
  - 2 processors (1 processor is optional.)
  - 2-GB RAM

- 3 NICs (1 of type VMXNET3 and 2 of type E1000)
- Minimum 3-GB SCSI hard disk with LSI Logic Parallel adapter (default)
- Minimum CPU speed of 1 GHz

## Cisco VSG and Supported Cisco Nexus 1000V Series Device Terminology

The following table lists the terminology is used in the Cisco VSG implementation.

Term	Description
Distributed Virtual Switch (DVS)	Logical switch that spans one or more VMware ESX servers. It is controlled by one VSM instance.
ESX/ESXi	Virtualization platform used to create the virtual machines as a set of configuration and disk files. The package that contains the following files used to describe a virtual machine and saved in a single archive using .TAR packaging;that together perform all the functions of a physical machine.
NIC	Network interface card.
Open Virtual Appliance or Application (OVA) file	Package that contains the following files used to describe a virtual machine and saved in a single archive using .TAR packaging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptor file (.OVF)</li> <li>• Manifest (.MF) and certificate files (optional)</li> </ul>
Open Virtual Machine Format (OVF)	Platform-independent method of packaging and distributing Virtual Machines (VMs).
vCenter Server	Service that acts as a central administrator for VMware ESX/ESXi hosts that are connected on a network. vCenter Server directs actions on the VMs and the VM hosts (the ESX/ESXi hosts).
Virtual Ethernet Module (VEM)	Part of the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch that switches data traffic. It runs on a VMware ESX host. Up to 64 VEMs are controlled by one VSM. All the VEMs that form a switch domain should be in the same virtual data center as defined by the VMware vCenter Server.
Virtual Machine (VM)	Virtualized x86 PC environment in which a guest operating system and associated application software can run. Multiple VMs can operate on the same host system concurrently.
VMotion	Practice of migrating virtual machines live from server to server. (The Cisco VSGs cannot be moved by VMotion.)

Term	Description
vPath	Component in the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch with a VEM that directs the appropriate traffic to the Cisco VSG for policy evaluation. It also acts as fast path and can short circuit part of the traffic without sending it to the Cisco VSG.
Virtual Security Gateway (VSG)	Cisco software that secures virtual networks and provides firewall functions in virtual environments using the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch by providing network segmentation.
Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM)	Control software for the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series distributed virtual device that runs on a virtual machine (VM) and is based on Cisco NX-OS.
vSphere Client	User interface that enables users to connect remotely to the vCenter Server or ESX/ESXi from any windows PC. The primary interface for creating, managing, and monitoring VMs, their resources, and their hosts. It also provides console access to VMs.

## Prerequisites for Installing the Cisco VSG Software

The following components must be installed and configured:

- On the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch, configure two VLANs, a service VLAN, and an HA VLAN on the switch uplink ports. (The VLAN does not need to be the system VLAN.)
- On the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch, configure two port profiles for the Cisco VSG: one for the service VLAN and the other for the HA VLAN. (You will be configuring the Cisco VSG IP address on the Cisco VSG so that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch can communicate with it.)

Details about configuring VLANs and port profiles on the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch are available in the Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch documentation.

## Obtaining the Cisco VSG Software

You can obtain the Cisco VSG software files at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11208/index.html>

## Installing the Cisco VSG Software

You can install the Cisco VSG software on a VM by using an open virtual appliance (OVA) file or an ISO image file from the CD. Depending upon the type of file that you are installing, use one of the installation methods described in the following topics

- [Installing the Cisco VSG Software from an OVA File, on page 76](#)
- [Installing the Cisco VSG Software from an ISO File, on page 79](#)

## Installing the Cisco VSG Software from an OVA File

To install the Cisco VSG software from an OVA file, obtain the OVA file and either install it directly from the URL or copy the file to the local disk from where you connect to the vCenter Server.

### Before You Begin

- Specify a name for the new Cisco VSG that is unique within the inventory folder and has up to 80 characters.
- Know the name of the host where the Cisco VSG will be installed in the inventory folder.
- Know the name of the datastore in which the VM files will be stored.
- Know the names of the network port profiles used for the VM.
- Know the Cisco VSG IP address.
- Know the mode in which you will be installing the Cisco VSG:
  - Standalone
  - HA Primary
  - HA Secondary
  - Manual Installation



## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VSG VM.
2. Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**. The **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window opens.
3. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window, do the following:
4. In the **Deploy OVF Template—OVF Template Details** window, review the product information including the size of the file and the VM disk.
5. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Deploy OVF Template—End User License Agreement** window, do the following:
7. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Name and Location** window, do the following:
8. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:
9. In the **Disk Format** dialog box, choose the radio button for the selected format and click **Next**. The **Host or Cluster** window opens.
10. In the **Host or Cluster** window, choose the host where the Cisco VSG will be installed.
11. Click **Next**. The **Datastore** dialog box opens.
12. From the **Select a datastore** field in which to store the VM files pane, choose your datastore.
13. Click **Next**. The **Network Mapping** dialog box opens.
14. Click the drop-down arrows for Data (Service), Management, and HA to associate port profiles.
15. Click **Next**. The **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window opens.
16. In the **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window, do the following:
17. Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** window opens.
18. In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information.
19. Click **Finish**. The **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box opens.
20. Wait and click **Close** after the progress indicator shows that the deployment is completed successfully.
21. Power on the Cisco VSG VM.
22. If you chose the Standalone mode for installation earlier, you now see the Cisco VSG login prompt. Log in with your Cisco VSG administration password. You may now proceed with configuring the Cisco Virtual Security Gateway. For details, see the *Cisco Virtual Security Gateway for Nexus 1000V Series Switch Configuration Guide*.
23. If you chose the manual installation in the Configuration field earlier, see [Configuring Initial Settings, on page 82](#) to configure the initial settings on the Cisco VSG.

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** Choose the host on which to deploy the Cisco VSG VM.
- Step 2** Choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**. The **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window opens.
- Step 3** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Source** window, do the following:
- a) Browse to the path to the Cisco VSG OVA file in the **Deploy from a file or URL** field.

b) Click **Next**. The **Deploy OVF Template—OVF Template Details** window opens.

**Step 4** In the **Deploy OVF Template—OVF Template Details** window, review the product information including the size of the file and the VM disk.

**Step 5** Click **Next**.

**Step 6** In the **Deploy OVF Template—End User License Agreement** window, do the following:

- a) Review the end user license agreement and click **Accept**.
- b) Click **Next**. The **Name and Location** window.

**Step 7** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Name and Location** window, do the following:

- a) In the **Name** field, enter a name for the Cisco VSG that is unique within the inventory folder and has up to 80 characters.
- b) In the **Inventory Location** pane, choose the location that you would like to use for hosting the Cisco VSG.
- c) Click **Next**. The **Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration** window opens.

**Step 8** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Deployment Configuration** window, do the following:

- a) From the **Configuration** drop-down list, choose **Standalone**.
- b) Click **Next**. The **Disk Format** dialog box opens.

**Note** The Standalone Installation for this document is an example in this publication. If you chose Manual Installation mode, you would choose the default values for the following steps. In Standalone mode, be sure to fill in all the fields indicated (they will be indicated on the GUI with red type).

**Step 9** In the **Disk Format** dialog box, choose the radio button for the selected format and click **Next**. The **Host or Cluster** window opens.

**Step 10** In the **Host or Cluster** window, choose the host where the Cisco VSG will be installed.

**Step 11** Click **Next**. The **Datastore** dialog box opens.

**Step 12** From the **Select a datastore** field in which to store the VM files pane, choose your datastore.

**Step 13** Click **Next**. The **Network Mapping** dialog box opens.

**Step 14** Click the drop-down arrows for Data (Service), Management, and HA to associate port profiles.

**Step 15** Click **Next**. The **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window opens.

**Step 16** In the **Deploy OVF Template—Properties** window, do the following:

- a) In the **HaId** field, enter the high-availability identification number for a Cisco VSG pair (value from 1 through 4095).
- b) In the **Password** field, enter a password that contains at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number.
- c) In the **ManagementIPv4** field, enter the IP address for the Cisco VSG.
- d) In the **ManagementIPv4 Subnet** field, enter the subnet mask.
- e) In the **Gateway** field, enter the gateway name.
- f) In the **VnmcIPv4** field, enter the IP address of the Cisco VNMC.
- g) In the **SharedSecret** field, enter the shared secret password defined during the Cisco VNMC installation.
- h) In the **ImageName** field, enter the VSG VNM-PA image name (vnmc-vsgpa.2.1.1b.bin).

**Note** In the following step, make sure that red text messages do not appear before you click **Next**. If you do not want to enter valid information in the red-indicated fields, use null values to fill those fields. If those fields are left empty or filled with invalid null values, the application does not power on. Ignore the VNMC Restore fields.

**Step 17** Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** window opens.

**Step 18** In the **Ready to Complete** window, review the deployment settings information.

**Note** Review the IP/mask/gateway information carefully because any discrepancies might cause the VM to have bootup issues.

- Step 19** Click **Finish**. The **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box opens. The progress bar in the **Deploying Nexus 1000VSG** dialog box shows how much of the deployment task is completed before the Cisco VNMC is deployed.
- Step 20** Wait and click **Close** after the progress indicator shows that the deployment is completed successfully.
- Step 21** Power on the Cisco VSG VM.
- Step 22** If you chose the Standalone mode for installation earlier, you now see the Cisco VSG login prompt. Log in with your Cisco VSG administration password. You may now proceed with configuring the Cisco Virtual Security Gateway. For details, see the *Cisco Virtual Security Gateway for Nexus 1000V Series Switch Configuration Guide*.
- Step 23** If you chose the manual installation in the Configuration field earlier, see [Configuring Initial Settings, on page 82](#) to configure the initial settings on the Cisco VSG.
- Note** If you are installing high availability (HA), you must configure the software on the primary Cisco VSG before installing the software on the secondary Cisco VSG.
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## Installing the Cisco VSG Software from an ISO File

You can install the Cisco VSG from an ISO file.

### Before You Begin

- Specify a name for the new Cisco VSG that is unique within the inventory folder and has up to 80 characters.
- Know the name of the host where the Cisco VSG will be installed in the inventory folder.
- Know the name of the datastore in which the VM files will be stored.
- Know the names of the network port profiles used for the VM.
- Know the Cisco VSG IP address.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Upload the Cisco Virtual Security Gateway ISO image to the vCenter datastore.
2. From the data center in the vSphere Client menu, choose your ESX host where you want to install the Cisco VSG and choose **New Virtual Machine**. The **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box opens.
3. In the **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box, do the following:
4. In the **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box, do the following:
5. In the **Datastore** dialog box, choose your datastore from the **Select a datastore**. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Virtual Machine Version** dialog box, click the **Virtual Machine Version**. The **Guest Operating System** dialog box opens.
7. In the **Guest Operating System** dialog box, do the following:
8. For CPUs, choose 1 socket with 2 cores or 2 sockets each with one core. Click **Next**.
9. In the **Memory** dialog box, choose **2 GB** memory size and click **Next**. The **Create Network Connectors** dialog box opens.
10. In the **Create Network Connectors** dialog box, do the following:
11. Click **Next**. The **SCSI Controller** dialog box opens.
12. Click **Next**. The **Select a Disk** dialog box opens.
13. Click **Next**. The **Create a Disk** dialog box opens.
14. Click **Next**. The **Advanced Options** dialog box opens.
15. Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** dialog box opens.
16. Review your settings in the **Settings for the new virtual machine** area.
17. Check the **Edit the virtual machine before completion** check box and click **Continue** to open a dialog box with the device details.
18. In the Work pane, choose your **New CD/DVD (adding)** in the **Hardware** area.
19. Click **Datastore ISO File**, and select your ISO file from the drop-down list.
20. In the work pane, check the **Connect at power on** check box and click **Finish**. The **Summary tab** window opens.
21. From the **vSphere Client** menu, choose your recently installed VM.
22. In the work pane, click **Power on the virtual machine**.
23. Click the **Console** tab to view the VM console. Wait for the Install Virtual Firewall and bring up the new image to boot.

## DETAILED STEPS

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- Step 1** Upload the Cisco Virtual Security Gateway ISO image to the vCenter datastore.
- Step 2** From the data center in the vSphere Client menu, choose your ESX host where you want to install the Cisco VSG and choose **New Virtual Machine**. The **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box opens.  
For VM requirements, see the [Host and VM Requirements, on page 73](#).  
For detailed information about how to create a VM, see the VMware documentation.
- Step 3** In the **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box, do the following:
- a) Click **Custom** to create a virtual machine.

b) Click **Next**.

**Step 4**

In the **Create New Virtual Machine** dialog box, do the following:

a) In the **Name** field, add a name for the Cisco VSG.

The Cisco VSG name must be a unique name within the inventory folder and should be up to 80 characters.

b) In the **Inventory Location** field, choose your data center and click **Next**. The **Datastore** dialog box opens.

**Step 5**

In the **Datastore** dialog box, choose your datastore from the **Select a datastore**. Click **Next**.

**Step 6**

In the **Virtual Machine Version** dialog box, click the **Virtual Machine Version**. The **Guest Operating System** dialog box opens.

**Note** Keep the selected virtual machine version.

**Step 7**

In the **Guest Operating System** dialog box, do the following:

a) Click the **Linux** radio button.

b) In the **Version** field, choose **Other 2.6x Linux (32-bit)** from the drop-down list and click **Next**. The **CPUs** dialog box opens.

**Step 8**

For CPUs, choose 1 socket with 2 cores or 2 sockets each with one core. Click **Next**.

By default, the Cisco VSG virtual machine deployed with OVA has only one vCPU. You can choose 2 vCPUs. For an older version of the ESX hosts, you can directly select the number of vCPUs. The **Memory** dialog box opens.

**Step 9**

In the **Memory** dialog box, choose **2 GB** memory size and click **Next**. The **Create Network Connectors** dialog box opens.

**Step 10**

In the **Create Network Connectors** dialog box, do the following:

a) In the **How many NICs do you want to connect?** field, choose **3** from the drop-down list.

b) In the Network area, choose **service**, **management**, and **HA** port profiles in that sequence for the NIC 1, NIC 2, and NIC 3 from the drop-down list. Choose **VMXNET3** for the adapter type for NIC 1. Choose **E1000** for the adapter type for NIC 2 and NIC 3.

**Step 11**

Click **Next**. The **SCSI Controller** dialog box opens.  
The radio button for the default SCSI controller is chosen.

**Step 12**

Click **Next**. The **Select a Disk** dialog box opens.  
The radio button for the default disk is chosen.

**Step 13**

Click **Next**. The **Create a Disk** dialog box opens.  
The default virtual disk size and policy is chosen.

**Step 14**

Click **Next**. The **Advanced Options** dialog box opens.  
The default options are chosen.

**Step 15**

Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** dialog box opens.

**Step 16**

Review your settings in the **Settings for the new virtual machine** area.

**Step 17**

Check the **Edit the virtual machine before completion** check box and click **Continue** to open a dialog box with the device details.

**Step 18**

In the Work pane, choose your **New CD/DVD (adding)** in the **Hardware** area.

**Step 19**

Click **Datastore ISO File**, and select your ISO file from the drop-down list.

**Step 20**

In the work pane, check the **Connect at power on** check box and click **Finish**. The **Summary tab** window opens.

The **Create virtual machine status** completes.

- Step 21** From the **vSphere Client** menu, choose your recently installed VM.
- Step 22** In the work pane, click **Power on the virtual machine**.
- Step 23** Click the **Console** tab to view the VM console. Wait for the Install Virtual Firewall and bring up the new image to boot. See the **Configuring Initial Settings** section to configure the initial settings on the Cisco VSG.
- Note** To allocate additional RAM, right-click the **VM** icon to power off the VM and then choose **Power > Power Off** from the dialog box. After the VM is powered down, edit the configuration settings on the VM for controlling memory resources.

## Configuring Initial Settings

This section describes how to configure the initial settings on the Cisco VSG and configure a standby Cisco VSG with its initial settings. For configuring a standby Cisco VSG, see [Configuring Initial Settings on a Standby Cisco VSG, on page 84](#) section.

When you power on the Cisco VSG for the first time, depending on which mode you used to install your Cisco VSG, you might be prompted to log in to the Cisco VSG to configure initial settings at the console on your vSphere Client. For details about installing Cisco VSG, see [Installing the Cisco VSG Software, on page 75](#) in this chapter.

### Before You Begin

The following table determines if you must configure the initial settings as described in this section.

Your Cisco Virtual Security Gateway Software Installation Method	Do You Need to Proceed with “Configuring Initial Settings”?
Installing an OVA file and choosing <b>Manually Configure Nexus 1000 VSG</b> in the configuration field during installation.	Yes. Proceed with configuring initial settings described in this section.
Installing an OVA file and choosing any of the options other than the manual method in the configuration field during installation.	No. You have already configured the initial settings during the OVA file installation.
Installing an ISO file.	Yes. Proceed with configuring initial settings described in this section.

- Step 1** Navigate to the **Console** tab in the VM.

Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch opens the **Console** window and boots the Cisco VSG software.

**Step 2** At the `Enter the password for "admin"` prompt, enter the password for the admin account and press **Enter**.

**Step 3** At the prompt, confirm the admin password and press **Enter**.

**Step 4** At the `Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]` prompt, enter the HA role you want to use and press **Enter**.

This can be one of the following:

- standalone
- primary
- secondary

**Step 5** At the `Enter the ha id(1-4095)` prompt, enter the HA ID for the pair and press **Enter**.

**Note** If you entered secondary in the earlier step, the HA ID for this system must be the same as the HA ID for the primary system.

**Step 6** If you want to perform basic system configuration, at the `Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no)` prompt, enter **yes** and press **Enter**, then complete the following steps.

a) At the `Create another login account (yes/no) [n]` prompt, do one of the following:

- To create a second login account, enter **yes** and press **Enter**.
- Press **Enter**.

b) (Optional) At the `Configure read-only SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]` prompt, do one of the following:

- To create an SNMP community string, enter **yes** and press **Enter**.
- Press **Enter**.

c) At the `Enter the Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) name` prompt, enter **VSG-demo** and press **Enter**.

**Step 7** At the `Continue with Out-of-band (mgmt0) management configuration? (yes/no) [y]` prompt, enter **yes** and press **Enter**.

**Step 8** At the `Mgmt IPv4 address:` prompt, enter **10.10.10.11** and press **Enter**.

**Step 9** At the `Mgmt IPv4 netmask` prompt, enter **255.255.255.0** and press **Enter**.

**Step 10** At the `Configure the default gateway? (yes/no) [y]` prompt, enter **yes** and press **Enter**.

**Step 11** At the `Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [y]` prompt, enter **no** and press **Enter**.

**Step 12** At the `Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [y]` prompt, enter **no**.

**Step 13** At the `Configure the ntp server? (yes/no) [n]` prompt, enter **no** and press **Enter**.

The following configuration will be applied:

```
Interface mgmt0
ip address 10.10.10.11 255.255.255.0
no shutdown
vrf context management
ip route 0.0.0.0/10.10.11.1
no telnet server enable
ssh key rsa 768 force
ssh server enable
```

```
no feature http-server
ha-pair id 25
```

- Step 14** At the `Would you like to edit the configuration? (yes/no) [n]` prompt, enter `n` and press **Enter**.
- Step 15** At the `Use this configuration and save it? (yes/no) [y]` prompt, enter `y` and press **Enter**.
- Step 16** At the `VSG login` prompt, enter the name of the admin account you want to use and press **Enter**.  
The default account name is `admin`.
- Step 17** At the `Password` prompt, enter the name of the password for the admin account and press **Enter**.  
You are now at the Cisco VSG node.
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## Configuring Initial Settings on a Standby Cisco VSG

You can add a standby Cisco VSG by logging in to the Cisco VSG you have identified as secondary and using the following procedure to configure a standby Cisco VSG with its initial settings.

- Step 1** Navigate to the **Console** tab in the VM.  
Cisco Nexus 1000V Series switch opens the **Console** window and boots the Cisco VSG software.
- Step 2** At the `Enter the password for "admin"` prompt, enter the password for the admin account and press **Enter**.
- Step 3** At the prompt, confirm the admin password and press **Enter**.
- Step 4** At the `Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]` prompt, enter the secondary HA role and press **Enter**.
- Step 5** At the `Enter the ha id(1-4095)` prompt, enter `25` for the HA pair id and press **Enter**.  
**Note** The HA ID uniquely identifies the two Cisco VSGs in an HA pair. If you are configuring Cisco VSGs in an HA pair, make sure that the ID number you provide is identical to the other Cisco VSG in the pair.
- Step 6** At the `VSG login` prompt, enter the name of the admin account you want to use and press **Enter**.  
The default account name is `admin`.
- Step 7** At the `Password` prompt, enter the name of the password for the admin account and press **Enter**.  
You are now at the Cisco VSG node.
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## Verifying the Cisco VSG Configuration

To display the Cisco VSG configuration, perform one of the tasks:

Command	Purpose
<code>show interface brief</code>	Displays brief status and interface information.



Command	Purpose
<code>show vsg</code>	Displays the Cisco VSG and system-related information.

This example shows how to verify the Cisco VSG configurations:

```
vsg# show interface brief
```

```
-----  
Port      VRF      Status IP Address      Speed  MTU  
-----  
mgmt0    --      up      10.193.77.217   1000  1500
```

```
vsg# show vsg
```

```
Model: VSG
```

```
HA ID: 3437
```

```
VSG Software Version: 4.2(1)VSG1(1) build [4.2(1)VSG1(0.399)]
```

```
VNMC IP: 10.193.75.73
```

## Where to Go Next

After installing and completing the initial configuration of the Cisco VSG, you can configure firewall policies on the Cisco VSG through the Cisco VNMC.





# Registering Devices With the Cisco VNMC

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Registering a Cisco VSG, page 87](#)
- [Registering a Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM, page 88](#)
- [Registering vCenter, page 90](#)

## Registering a Cisco VSG

You can register a Cisco VSG with the Cisco VNMC. Registration enables communication between the Cisco VSG and the Cisco VNMC.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Copy the `vnmc-vsgpa.2.1.1b.bin` file into the Cisco VSG bootflash:
2. On the command line, enter configuration mode.
3. Enter `config-vnm-policy-agent` mode.
4. Set the Cisco VNMC registration IP address.
5. Specify the shared-secret of Cisco VNMC.
6. Install the policy agent.
7. Exit all modes.
8. On the Cisco VSG command line, enter the following command:
9. On the command line, enter the following command:

### DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** Copy the `vnmc-vsgpa.2.1.1b.bin` file into the Cisco VSG bootflash:  
`vsg# copy ftp://guest@172.18.217.188/n1kv/vnmc-vsgpa.2.1.1b.bin bootflash`
- Step 2** On the command line, enter configuration mode.  
`vsg# configure`

- Step 3** Enter config-vnm-policy-agent mode.  
vsg (config)# **vnm-policy-agent**
- Step 4** Set the Cisco VNMC registration IP address.  
vsg (config-vnm-policy-agent)# **registration-ip 209.165.200.225**
- Step 5** Specify the shared-secret of Cisco VNMC.  
vsg (config-vnm-policy-agent)#  
**shared-secret \*\*\*\*\***
- Step 6** Install the policy agent.  
vsg (config-vnm-policy-agent)#  
**policy-agent-image bootflash: vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin**
- Step 7** Exit all modes.  
vsg (config-vnm-policy-agent)# **end**
- Step 8** On the Cisco VSG command line, enter the following command:  
vsg# **show vnm-pa status**  
If registration was successful, you should see the following message:  
"VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.1(1b)-vsg"  
The Cisco VSG registration is complete.
- Step 9** On the command line, enter the following command:  
vsg# **copy running-config startup-config**  
Executing this command ensures that the registration becomes part of the basic configuration
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## Registering a Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM

You can register a Cisco Nexus 1000V with the Cisco VNMC. Registration enables communication between the Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM and Cisco VNMC.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Copy the vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin file into the VSM bootflash:
2. On the command line, enter configuration mode.
3. Enter config-vnm-policy-agent mode.
4. Set the Cisco VNMC registration IP address.
5. Specify the shared-secret of Cisco VNMC.
6. Install the policy agent.
7. Exit all modes.
8. On the command line, enter the following command:
9. On the command line, enter the following command:

### DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** Copy the vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin file into the VSM bootflash:  
vsm# **copy ftp://guest@172.18.217.188/n1kv/vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin bootflash:**

- Step 2** On the command line, enter configuration mode.  
vsm# **configure**
- Step 3** Enter config-vnm-policy-agent mode.  
vsm(config)# **vnm-policy-agent**
- Step 4** Set the Cisco VNMC registration IP address.  
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# **registration-ip 209.165.200.226**
- Step 5** Specify the shared-secret of Cisco VNMC.  
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# **shared-secret \*\*\*\*\***
- Step 6** Install the policy agent.  
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# **policy-agent-image bootflash:vnmc-vsmpa.2.1.1b.bin**
- Step 7** Exit all modes.  
vsm(config-vnm-policy-agent)# **top**
- Step 8** On the command line, enter the following command:  
vsm# **show vnm-pa status**  
If registration was successful, you should see the following message:  
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.1(1b)-vsg  
The Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM registration is complete.
- Step 9** On the command line, enter the following command:  
vsm# **copy running-config startup-config**  
Executing this command ensures that the registration becomes part of the basic configuration.
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### What to Do Next

See the *Cisco Virtual Management Center CLI Configuration Guide* for detailed information about configuring the Cisco VNMC using the CLI.

# Registering vCenter

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Log into the Cisco VNMC.
2. In the Cisco VNMC, choose **Administration > VM Managers**.
3. In the **Navigation** pane, right-click **VM Managers**.
4. Choose **Export vCenter Extension**.
5. In the dialog box that appears, choose the appropriate extension, and click **Save**.
6. Log into **vSphere**.
7. In your vSphere client, log into **vCenter**.
8. Choose **Plug-ins > Manage Plug-ins**.
9. Right-click the empty space and click **New Plug-in**.
10. Browse to the VNMC vCenter extension file, and then click **Register Plug-in**.
11. Click **Ignore** for any security warning.
12. Log into the Cisco VNMC and choose **Administration > VM Managers**.
13. In the **Navigation** pane, right-click **VM Managers**.
14. Click **Add VM Manager**.
15. Enter the vCenter name and IP address information and click **OK**.

## DETAILED STEPS

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|----------------|---|
| <b>Step 1</b>  | Log into the Cisco VNMC.  |
| <b>Step 2</b>  | In the Cisco VNMC, choose <b>Administration &gt; VM Managers</b> .  |
| <b>Step 3</b>  | In the <b>Navigation</b> pane, right-click <b>VM Managers</b> .   |
| <b>Step 4</b>  | Choose <b>Export vCenter Extension</b> .  |
| <b>Step 5</b>  | In the dialog box that appears, choose the appropriate extension, and click <b>Save</b> .                         |
| <b>Step 6</b>  | Log into <b>vSphere</b> .   |
| <b>Step 7</b>  | In your vSphere client, log into <b>vCenter</b> .   |
| <b>Step 8</b>  | Choose <b>Plug-ins &gt; Manage Plug-ins</b> .   |
| <b>Step 9</b>  | Right-click the empty space and click <b>New Plug-in</b> .  |
| <b>Step 10</b> | Browse to the VNMC vCenter extension file, and then click <b>Register Plug-in</b> .                               |
| <b>Step 11</b> | Click <b>Ignore</b> for any security warning.<br>You should see a message that reports a successful registration. |
| <b>Step 12</b> | Log into the Cisco VNMC and choose <b>Administration &gt; VM Managers</b> .                                       |
| <b>Step 13</b> | In the <b>Navigation</b> pane, right-click <b>VM Managers</b> .   |
| <b>Step 14</b> | Click <b>Add VM Manager</b> .   |
| <b>Step 15</b> | Enter the vCenter name and IP address information and click <b>OK</b> .   |
- Note** The Successful Addition State field should display the word Enabled, and the Operational State field should display the version information.

vCenter is registered.

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# Installing the Cisco VSG on a Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance

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This chapter contains the following sections:

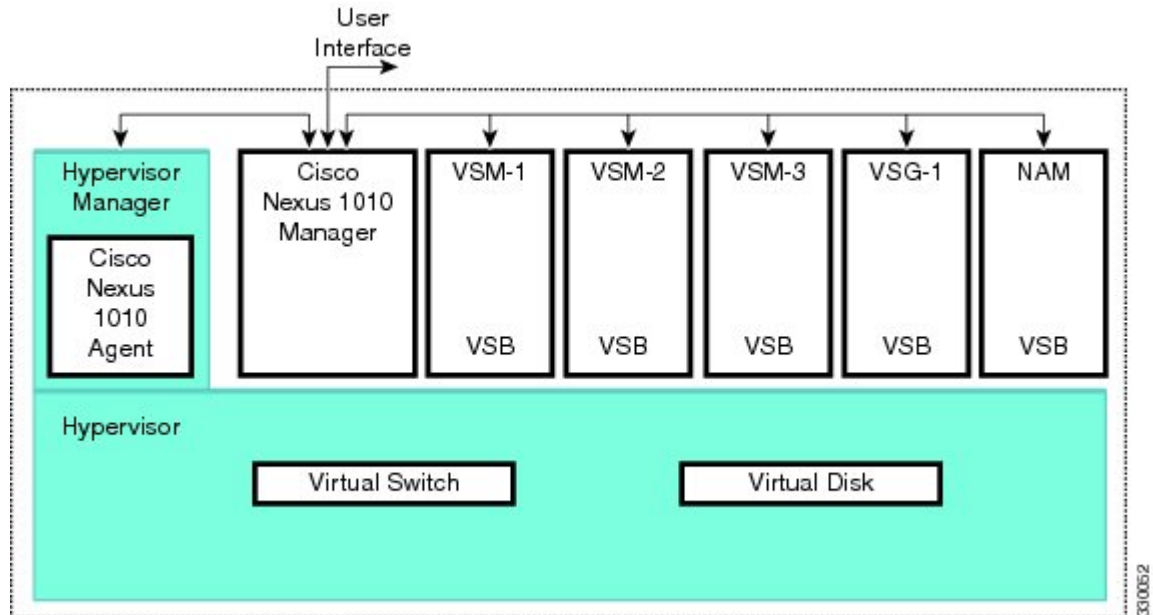
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## Information About Installing the Cisco VSG on the Cisco Cloud Services Platform

The Cisco VSG software is provided with the other virtual service blade (VSB) software in the Cisco Cloud Services Platform bootflash: repository directory. The Cisco Cloud Services Platform has up to six virtual

service blades (VSBs) on which you can choose to place a Cisco VSG, VSM, or Network Analysis Module (NAM).

**Figure 38: Cisco Cloud Services Platform Architecture Showing Virtual service Blades Usage**



## Prerequisites for Installing Cisco VSG on Cisco Cloud Services Platform

- You must first install the Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance and connect it to the network. For procedures on installing the hardware, see the *Cisco Cloud Services Platform Virtual Services Appliance Hardware Installation Guide*.
- After you install the hardware appliance and connect it to the network, you can configure the Cisco Cloud Services Platform management software, migrate existing VSMs residing on a VM to the Cisco Cloud Services Platform as virtual service blades (VSBs), and create and configure new VSBs that might host the Cisco VSG. For procedures on configuring the software, see the *Cisco Cloud Services Platform Software Configuration Guide*.

## Guidelines and Limitations

- The Cisco Cloud Services Platform appliance and its hosted Cisco VSG VSBs must share the same management VLAN.
- Unlike the data and high availability (HA) VLANs that are set when a Cisco VSG VSB is created, a Cisco VSG VSB inherits its management VLAN from the Cisco Cloud Services Platform.

**Caution**

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Do not change the management VLAN on a VSB. Because the management VLAN is inherited from the Cisco Cloud Services Platform, any changes to the management VLAN are applied to both the Cisco Cloud Services Platform and all of its hosted VSBs.

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## Installing a Cisco VSG on a Cisco Cloud Services Platform

You can install the Cisco VSG on a Cisco Nexus 1000V as a virtual service blade (VSB).

### Before You Begin

- Log in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Know the name of the Cisco VSG VSB that you want to create.
- Whether you are using a new ISO file from the bootflash repository folder or from an existing VSB, do one of the following:
  - If you are using a new ISO file in the bootflash repository, you know the filename.  
Cisco VSG: nexus-1000v.VSG2.1.iso
  - If you are using an ISO file from an existing VSB, you must know the name of the VSB type. This procedure includes information about identifying this name.
- Know the following properties for the Cisco VSG VSB:
  - HA ID –Management IP address
  - Cisco VSG name
  - Management subnet mask length
  - Default gateway IPV4 address
  - Administrator password
  - Data and HA VLAN IDs
- This procedure shows you how to identify and assign data and HA VLANs for the Cisco VSG VSB. Do not assign a management VLAN because the management VLAN is inherited from the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. switch# **configure terminal**
2. (config)# **virtual-service-blade** *name*
3. (config-vsbs-config)# **show virtual-service-blade-type summary**
4. (config-vsbs-config)# **virtual-service-blade-type** [*name name* | **new iso file name**]
5. (config-vsbs-config)# **description** *description*
6. (config-vsbs-config)# **show virtual-service-blade name** *name*
7. (config-vsbs-config)# **interface** *name* **vlan** *vlanid*
8. Repeat Step 7 to apply additional interfaces
9. (config-vsbs-config)# **enable** [**primary** | **secondary**]
10. (config-vsbs-config)# **show virtual-service-blade name** *name*
11. (Optional) (config-vsbs-config)# **copy running-config startup-config**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	switch# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	(config)# <b>virtual-service-blade</b> <i>name</i>	Creates the named VSB and places you into configuration mode for that service. The name can be an alphanumeric string of up to 80 characters.
<b>Step 3</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>show virtual-service-blade-type summary</b>	(Optional) Displays a summary of all VSB configurations by type name, such as Cisco VSG, VSM, or NAM. You use this type name (in this case, the name for the Cisco VSG) in the next step.
<b>Step 4</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>virtual-service-blade-type</b> [ <i>name name</i>   <b>new iso file name</b> ]	Specifies the type and name of the software image file to add to this Cisco VSG VSB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the <b>new</b> keyword to specify the name of the new Cisco VSG ISO software image file in the bootflash repository folder.</li> <li>• Use the <b>name</b> keyword to specify the name of the existing Cisco VSG VSB type. Enter the name of an existing type found in the command output.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 5</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>description</b> <i>description</i>	(Optional) Adds a description to the Cisco VSG VSB. The <i>description</i> is an alphanumeric string of up to 80 characters.
<b>Step 6</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>show virtual-service-blade name</b> <i>name</i>	Displays the Cisco VSG VSB that you have just created including the interface names that you configure in the next step.
<b>Step 7</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>interface</b> <i>name</i> <b>vlan</b> <i>vlanid</i>	Applies the interface and VLAN ID to this Cisco VSG. Use the interface names from the command output. <p><b>Note</b> If you try to apply an interface that is not present, the following error is displayed:</p> <p>ERROR: Interface name not found in the associated virtual-service-blade type.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<p><b>Caution</b> Do not assign a management VLAN. Unlike data and HA VLANs, the management VLAN is inherited from the Cisco Nexus 1000V.</p> <p><b>Caution</b> To prevent loss of connectivity, you must configure the same data and HA VLANs on the hosted Cisco VSGs.</p>
<b>Step 8</b>	Repeat Step 7 to apply additional interfaces	
<b>Step 9</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>enable [primary   secondary]</b>	<p>Initiates the configuration of the VSB and then enables it.</p> <p>If you enter the <b>enable</b> command without the optional <b>primary</b> or <b>secondary</b> keywords, it enables both.</p> <p>If you are deploying a redundant pair, you do not need to specify primary or secondary.</p> <p>If you are enabling a nonredundant VSB, you can specify its HA role as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the <b>primary</b> keyword to designate the VSB in a primary role.</li> <li>• Use the <b>secondary</b> keyword to designate the VSB in a secondary role</li> </ul> <p>The Cisco Nexus 1000V prompts you for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HA ID</li> <li>• Management IP address</li> <li>• Management subnet mask length</li> <li>• Default gateway IPV4 address</li> <li>• Cisco VSG name</li> <li>• Administrator password</li> </ul>
<b>Step 10</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>show virtual-service-blade name name</b>	<p>(Optional) Displays the new VSB for verification.</p> <p>While the Cisco Nexus 1000V management software is configuring the Cisco VSG, the output for this command progresses from in progress to powered on.</p>
<b>Step 11</b>	(config-vsbs-config)# <b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	<p>(Optional)</p> <p>Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.</p>

This example shows how to configure a Cisco Nexus 1000V appliance VSB as a Cisco VSG:

```
N1010# configure
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
N1010(config)# virtual-service-blade vsg1
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# virtual-service-blade-type new nexus-1000v.VSG2.1.iso
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# interface data vlan 72
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# interface ha vlan 72
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# enable
Enter vsb image: [nexus-1000v.VSG2.1.iso]
Enter HA id[1-4095]: 1233
Management IP version [V4/V6]: [V4]
```

```

Enter Management IP address: 10.193.73.42
Enter Management subnet mask: 255.255.248.0
IPv4 address of the default gateway: 10.193.72.1
Enter HostName: vsg-1
Enter the password for 'admin': Hello_123
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# end
N1010#

```

This example show how to install the Cisco VSG on a Cisco Nexus 1000V as a VSB.

```

N1010# configure
N1010(config)# virtual-service-blade vsg-1
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# show virtual-service-blade-type summary
-----
Virtual-Service-Blade-Type      Virtual-Service-Blade
-----
VSM_SV1_3                       vsm-1 vsm-2
NAM-MV                           nam-1
VSG-1                            vsg-1
-----

N1010(config-vsbs-config)# virtual-service-blade-type new nexus-1000v.VSG2.1.iso
or
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# show virtual-service-blade name vsg-1

N1010(config-vsbs-config)# description vsg-1 for Tenant1
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# show virtual-service-blade name vsg-1
-----
virtual-service-blade vsg-1
Description:
Slot id: 2
Host Name:
Management IP:
VSB Type Name : VSG-2.1
Interface: ha vlan: 0
Interface: management vlan: 231
Interface: data vlan: 0
Interface: internal vlan: NA
Ramsize: 2048
Disksize: 3
Heartbeat: 0
HA Admin role: Primary
HA Oper role: NONE
Status: VSB NOT PRESENT
Location: PRIMARY
SW version:
HA Admin role: Secondary
HA Oper role: NONE
Status: VSB NOT PRESENT
Location: SECONDARY
SW version:
VSB Info:
-----

N1010(config-vsbs-config)# interface data vlan 1044
or
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# interface ha vlan 1045

N1010(config-vsbs-config)# enable
-----
Enter domain id[1-4095]: 1054
Enter Management IP address: 10.78.108.40
Enter Management subnet mask length 28
IPv4 address of the default gateway: 10.78.108.117
Enter Switchname:Hostname
Enter the password for 'admin': Hello_123
-----

N1010(config-vsbs-config)# show virtual-service-blade name vsg-1
-----
virtual-service-blade vsg-1
Description:
Slot id: 1
SW version: 4.0(4)SV2(1)
Host Name: vsg-1

```

```

Management IP: 10.78.108.40
VSB Type Name : VSG-1.1
Interface: ha vlan: 1044
Interface: management vlan: 1032
Interface: data vlan: 1045
Interface: internal vlan: NA
Ramsize: 2048
Disksize: 3
Heartbeat: 1156
HA Admin role: Primary
HA Oper role: STANDBY
Status: VB POWERED ON
Location: PRIMARY
HA Admin role: Secondary
HA Oper role: ACTIVE
Status: VB POWERED ON
Location: SECONDARY
VB Info:
Domain ID : 1054

```

```
-----
N1010(config-vsbs-config)# copy running-config startup-config

```

This example shows how to display a virtual service blade summary on the Cisco Nexus 1000V:

```
N1010# show virtual-service-blade summary

```

```
-----
Name      Role      State      Nexus1010-Module
-----
vsg-1     PRIMARY   VSB POWERED ON      Nexus1010-PRIMARY
vsg-1     SECONDARY VSB POWERED OFF      Nexus1010-SECONDARY
vsg9      PRIMARY   VSB NOT PRESENT     Nexus1010-PRIMARY
vsg9      SECONDARY VSB DEPLOY IN PROGRESS Nexus1010-SECONDARY
nam_1     PRIMARY   VSB POWERED OFF      Nexus1010-PRIMARY
nam_1     SECONDARY VSB NOT PRESENT     Nexus1010-SECONDARY
vsgc1     PRIMARY   VSB POWERED ON      Nexus1010-PRIMARY
vsgc1     SECONDARY VSB POWERED ON      Nexus1010-SECONDARY
nam_2     PRIMARY   VSB POWERED OFF      Nexus1010-PRIMARY
nam_2     SECONDARY VSB NOT PRESENT     Nexus1010-SECONDARY

```







# Upgrading the Cisco VSG and the Cisco VNMC

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Complete Upgrade Procedure, page 101](#)
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- [Upgrade Procedure for Cisco VSG Release 4.2\(1\)VSG1\(3.1\) to Release 4.2\(1\)VSG2\(1.1\), Cisco VNMC Release 1.3 to Release 2.1 and Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4.1\) to Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(2.1\), page 134](#)

## Complete Upgrade Procedure

**Table 2: Refer to the Section in Table Based on your Pre-upgrade Product Release**

You are Upgrading From	Follow The Sequential Steps in the Following Section:
Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC Release 2.0 to Release 2.1	Upgrade Procedures for Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC Release 2.0 to Release 2.1.  This includes upgrade procedures for Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2) to Release ????.
Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC Release 1.3 to Release 2.1	Upgrade Procedures for Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC Release 1.3 to Release 2.1.  This includes upgrade procedures for Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2) to Release ????.

To upgrade the Cisco VNMC, Cisco VSG, and Cisco Nexus 1000V, follow the steps sequentially:

- 1 Stage 1: Upgrading Cisco VNMC
- 2 Stage 2: Upgrading a Cisco VSG Pair
- 3 Stage 3: Upgrading the VSM pair and the VEMs

**Note**

We highly recommend that you upgrade the Cisco VSG and the Cisco VNMC in the sequence listed. Any deviation from the ordered steps could cause disruption of your connectivity and data communication. The Cisco VNMC must be upgraded with the corresponding policy agent (PA).

## Information About Cisco VNMC Upgrades

When you upgrade the Cisco VNMC software, all current (command-line interface) CLI and (graphical user interface) GUI sessions are interrupted, which means that you must restart any CLI or GUI sessions.

## Information About Cisco VSG Upgrades

The upgrade procedure for a standalone Cisco VSG is hitful, which means that you must manually reload the Cisco VSG for the new image to become effective. In HA mode, the upgrade is hitless, which means that the standby Cisco VSG is upgraded first and then after a switchover, the previously active Cisco VSG is upgraded.

Because license information is not stored with the Cisco VSG but is maintained between the Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM) and Virtual Ethernet Module (VEM), if packets are received at the Cisco VSG, that means that the license is valid and the packets are processed.

An upgrade affects two bin files: the kickstart file and the system file.

An upgrade does not erase any of the existing information, when the Cisco VSG comes online. Because the Cisco VSG is stateless, it gets all this information from the Cisco VNMC at bootup.

## Upgrade Guidelines and Limitations

Before upgrading the Cisco VNMC, Cisco VSG, and Cisco Nexus 1000V, read the following:

- We highly recommend that you upgrade the Cisco VSG and the Cisco VNMC in the order provided. Any deviation from the ordered steps could cause disruption of your connectivity and data communication. The Cisco VNMC must be upgraded with the corresponding policy agent (PA).
- We recommend that you take a snapshot or backup (clone) of the original Cisco VNMC and VSM prior to the upgrade process and then perform an ISSU upgrade process on both the VSM and the Cisco VSG. We do not recommend that you perform a manual upgrade.
- For a full In-service Software Upgrade (ISSU) upgrade on both the Cisco VSG and VSM, follow these rules:
  - Install the Cisco VNMC before installing the Cisco VSG and VSM. The ISSU upgrade installs a new PA.

- A new PA with an old Cisco VNMC is not supported and there should never be an interim stage in this state.
- A copy run start is not required after the VSM upgrade.
- The **vn-service** command is changed to the **vservice** command on the VSM port-profile in VSM Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2).
- Upgrade instructions include the following information:
  - Different stages of complete upgrade procedures and operations which are supported at different stages.
  - Different component versions after each stage.
  - Different operations supported after each stage.

## Upgrade Procedure for Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1), Cisco VNMC Release 2.0 to Release 2.1 and Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2) to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)

### Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC 2.0 to 2.1 Staged Upgrade



**Note**

The **vn-service** command is changed to the **vservice** command on the VSM port-profile in VSM Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2).

Virtual Appliance	Original State	Stage 1: Cisco VNMC Upgrade only (no PAs upgraded)	Stage 2: Cisco VSG Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)	Stage 3: VSM/VEM Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)
Cisco VNMC	Old 2.0	New 2.1	New 2.1	New 2.1
Cisco VSG	Old 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1)	Old 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1)	New 4.2(1)VSG2(2.1)	New 4.2(1)VSG2(2.1)
VSG PA	Old 2.0	Old 2.0	New 2.1	New 2.1
VSM	4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	4.2(1)SV2(2.1)
VEM	Old 4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(5.2b)	New 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)

Virtual Appliance	Original State	Stage 1: Cisco VNMC Upgrade only (no PAs upgraded)	Stage 2: Cisco VSG Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)	Stage 3: VSM/VEM Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)
VSM PA	Old 2.0	Old 2.0	Old 2.0	New 2.1
Supported operations after upgrading to each stage	All operations supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing data sessions (offloaded).</li> <li>New data sessions.</li> <li>Allows Cisco Nexus 1000V switch (non-vn-service) operations including non-vn-service port profiles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short disruption in new data session establishment during the Cisco VSG upgrade.</li> <li>Other operations are fully supported.</li> <li>Full Layer 3 VSG and VM VXLAN support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All operations are supported if all the upgrades including VEMs are successful.</li> <li>Restricted operations (below) apply only if all VEMs are not upgraded</li> <li>Disruption of data traffic during VEM upgrades.</li> <li>Full service chaining is supported.</li> <li>Layer 3 VSG and VM VXLAN support.</li> <li>VSG on VXLAN is supported.</li> </ul>

Virtual Appliance	Original State	Stage 1: Cisco VNMC Upgrade only (no PAs upgraded)	Stage 2: Cisco VSG Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)	Stage 3: VSM/VEM Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)
Restricted operations after upgrading to each stage	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No VNMC policy cfg change (assuming silent drops).</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, etc).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs is supported.</li> <li>• No Vmotion of vn-service firewalled VMs on N1k</li> <li>• No vn-service PP operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the PP on VSM).</li> <li>• VSG failover not supported, VSM failover (vns-agent) not supported (All VSM to VNMC to VSG control operations are restricted).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No VNMC policy cfg change (assuming silent drops).</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, etc).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs is supported.</li> <li>• No Vmotion of vn-service firewalled VMs on N1k.</li> <li>• No vn-service PP operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the PP on VSM).</li> <li>• VSG failover not supported, VSM failover (vns-agent) not supported (All VSM to VNMC to VSG control operations are restricted).</li> </ul>	<p><b>The following restricted operations apply only if all VEMs are not upgraded:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No VNMC policy cfg change (assuming silent drops).</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, etc).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs is supported.</li> <li>• No boot strap of devices (VNMC, VSM, VSG).</li> <li>• No Vmotion of vn-service VMs on N1k.</li> <li>• No vn-service PP operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the PP on VSM).</li> <li>• No N1k switch (non vn-service) operations, including non-vn-service PPs (VSM+VEM upgraded) (All VSM to VNMC to VSG control operations are restricted).</li> </ul>

**Note**

Because we support full ISSU upgrade on both VSG and VSM that involves installing a new PA, you should install the VNMC first. The new PA may not support the old VNMC.

## Upgrading VNMC from Release 2.0 to Release 2.1

### Before You Begin

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have backed up the new software files to a remote server and have verified that the backup file was created on the remote server.
- You must have the Cisco VNMC Release 2.1 downloaded.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `vnmc# connect local-mgmt`
2. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version`
3. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# copy scp://user@example-server-ip/example-dir/filename bootflash:/`
4. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# dir bootflash:/`
5. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/filename`
6. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# service restart`
7. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# service status`
8. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version`

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<code>vnmc# connect local-mgmt</code>	Places you in local management mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version</code>	(Optional) Displays the version information for the Cisco VNMC software.
<b>Step 3</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# copy scp://user@example-server-ip/example-dir/filename bootflash:/</code>	(Optional) Copies the Cisco VNMC software file to the VM.
<b>Step 4</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# dir bootflash:/</code>	Verifies that the desired file is copied in the directory.
<b>Step 5</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/filename</code>	Begins the update of the Cisco VNMC software.
<b>Step 6</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# service restart</code>	Restarts the server.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# service status</code>	(Optional) Allows you to verify that the server is operating as desired.
Step 8	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version</code>	(Optional) Allows you to verify that the Cisco VNMC software version is updated.  <b>Note</b> After you upgrade to Cisco VNMC Release 2.1, you might see the previous version of Cisco VNMC in your browser. To view the upgraded version, clear the browser cache and browsing history in the browser. This note applies to all supported browsers: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and Chrome.

### Configuration Example

The following example shows how to connect to the local-mgmt mode:

```
vnmc# connect local-mgmt
Cisco Virtual Network Management Center
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 2002-2013, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyrights to certain works contained in this software are
owned by other third parties and used and distributed under
license. Certain components of this software are licensed under
the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU
Lesser General Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each
such license is available at
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php
```

The following example shows how to display version information for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc (local-mgmt) # show version

Name                Package                Version                GUI
----                -
core                Base System            2.0(1)                2.0(1)
service-reg        Service Registry      2.0(1)                2.0(1)
policy-mgr         Policy Manager        2.0(1)                2.0(1)
resource-mgr       Resource Manager      2.0(1)                2.0(1)
vm-mgr             VM manager            2.0(1)                none
```

The following example shows how to copy the Cisco VNMC software to the VM:

```
vnmc (local-mgmt) # copy scp://<user@example-server-ip>/example1-dir/vnmc.2.1.bin bootflash:/
Enter password:
100% 143MB 11.9MB/s 00:12
```

The following example shows how to see the directory information for Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc (local-mgmt) # dir bootflash:/
14M Jul 28 2011  gui-automation.tgz

      887 May 28 2013  vnmc-dplug.2.0.1.bin
      20M May 28 2013  vnmc-vsopa.2.0.1.bin
      20M May 28 2013  vnmc-vsmpa.2.0.1.bin
      403M Jan 31 01:58 vnmc.2.0.bin
```

```
Usage for bootflash://
```

```
18187836 bytes used
    3842128 bytes free
22029964 bytes total
```

The following example shows how to start the update for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/vnmc.2.1.1a.bin
```

It is recommended that you perform a full-state backup before updating any VNMC component.  
Press enter to continue or Ctrl-c to exit.

The following example shows how to display the updated version for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt)# show version
```

Name	Package	Version	GUI
----	-----	-----	----
core	Base System	2.1	2.1
service-reg	Service Registry	2.1	2.1
policy-mgr	Policy Manager	2.1	2.1
resource-mgr	Resource Manager	2.1	2.1
vm-mgr	VM manager	2.1	none

## Upgrading Cisco VSG from Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1)

Enter the commands on all Cisco VSG nodes on your network.

### Before You Begin

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have copied the new system image, kickstart image and the Cisco VSG policy agent image into the bootflash file system using the following commands:
 

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin

switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin

switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin
bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin
```
- You have confirmed that the system is in high availability (HA) mode for an HA upgrade using the **show system redundancy status** command.

### SUMMARY STEPS

- configure terminal
- install all kickstart **bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin system bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin**
- show vnm-pa status
- copy running-config startup-config

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.



	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>install all kickstart</b> <b>bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin</b> <b>system bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin</b> <b>vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin</b>	Installs the kickstart image, system image, and policy agent (PA) image.  <b>Note</b> If you do not have a policy agent installed on the Cisco VSG before the <b>install all</b> command is executed, the PA will not be upgraded (installed) with the image. Make sure that the current version of policy agent is installed before you begin the upgrade process.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>show vnm-pa status</b>	Verifies that the new PA is installed and the upgrade was successful.  <b>Note</b> You must have an existing PA installed before upgrading the PA using the <b>install all</b> command.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

### Configuration Example

The following example shows how to upgrade Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1):

```
vsg # configure terminal
vsg (config)# install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin
vsg (config)# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.1(1b)-vsg
vsg(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

## Upgrading VSMs

### Upgrade Procedures

The following table lists the upgrade steps.

**Table 3: Upgrade Paths from Cisco Nexus 1000V Releases**

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
Release 4.0(4)SV1(1) or 4.0(4)SV1(2)	Upgrades from these releases are not supported.
Releases 4.0(4)SV1(3x) Series	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <a href="#">Upgrading from Releases 4.0(4)SV1(3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d) to Release 4.2(1)SV1(4b)</a></li> <li>2 Upgrade from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4x), 4.2(1)SV1(5x), 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) series to the current release</li> </ol>

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x) Series with a vSphere release 4.0 Update 1 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading from VMware Release 4.0 to VMware Release 4.1</li> <li>2 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>3 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x) Series with a vSphere release 4.1 GA, patches, or updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a) or 4.2(1)SV1(4b) with a vSphere release 5.0 GA, patches, or updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>

The following table lists the upgrade steps when upgrading from Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x) Series, 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) Series to the current release.

**Table 4: Upgrade Paths from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(5x) Series and 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) Series**

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
With vSphere 4.1 GA, patches, or updates.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
With vSphere 5.0 GA, patches, or updates.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="963 304 1502 399">1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li data-bbox="963 420 1502 514">2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
With ESX version upgrade.	Installing and Upgrading VMware

## Software Images

The software image install procedure is dependent on the following factors:

- Software images—The kickstart and system image files reside in directories or folders that you can access from the Cisco Nexus 1000V software prompt.
- Image version—Each image file has a version.
- Disk—The bootflash: resides on the VSM.
- ISO file—If a local ISO file is passed to the **install all** command, the kickstart and system images are extracted from the ISO file.

## In-Service Software Upgrades on Systems with Dual VSMs



### Note

Performing an In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) from Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(4) or Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a) to the current release of Cisco Nexus 1000V using ISO files is not supported. You must use kickstart and system files to perform an ISSU upgrade to the current release of Cisco Nexus 1000V.

The Cisco Nexus 1000V software supports in-service software upgrades (ISSUs) for systems with dual VSMs. An ISSU can update the software images on your switch without disrupting data traffic. Only control traffic is disrupted. If an ISSU causes a disruption of data traffic, the Cisco Nexus 1000V software warns you before proceeding so that you can stop the upgrade and reschedule it to a time that minimizes the impact on your network.



### Note

On systems with dual VSMs, you should have access to the console of both VSMs to maintain connectivity when the switchover occurs during upgrades. If you are performing the upgrade over Secure Shell (SSH) or Telnet, the connection will drop when the system switchover occurs, and you must reestablish the connection.

An ISSU updates the following images:

- Kickstart image

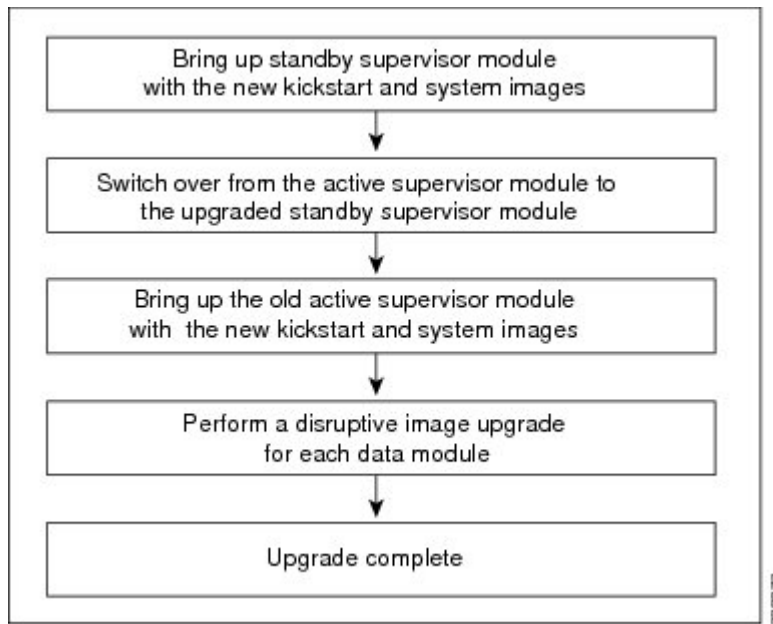
- System image
- VEM images

All of the following processes are initiated automatically by the upgrade process after the network administrator enters the **install all** command.

### ISSU Process for the Cisco Nexus 1000V

The following figure shows the ISSU process.

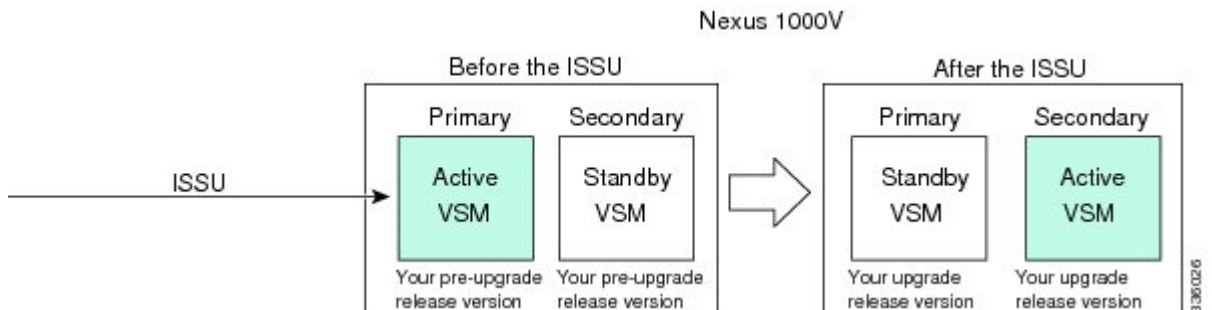
**Figure 39: ISSU Process**



### ISSU VSM Switchover

The following figure provides an example of the VSM status before and after an ISSU switchover.

**Figure 40: Example of an ISSU VSM Switchover**



## ISSU Command Attributes

### Support

The **install all** command supports an in-service software upgrade (ISSU) on dual VSMs in an HA environment and performs the following actions:

- Determines whether the upgrade is disruptive and asks if you want to continue.
- Copies the kickstart and system images to the standby VSM. Alternatively, if a local ISO file is passed to the **install all** command instead, the kickstart and system images are extracted from the file.
- Sets the kickstart and system boot variables.
- Reloads the standby VSM with the new Cisco Nexus 1000V software.
- Causes the active VSM to reload when the switchover occurs.

### Benefits

The **install all** command provides the following benefits:

- You can upgrade the VSM by using the **install all** command.
- You can receive descriptive information on the intended changes to your system before you continue with the installation.
- You have the option to cancel the command. Once the effects of the command are presented, you can continue or cancel when you see this question (the default is no):  

```
Do you want to continue (y/n) [n]: y
```
- You can upgrade the VSM using the least disruptive procedure.
- You can see the progress of this command on the console, Telnet, and SSH screens:
  - After a switchover process, you can see the progress from both the VSMs.
  - Before a switchover process, you can see the progress only from the active VSM.
- The **install all** command automatically checks the image integrity, which includes the running kickstart and system images.
- The **install all** command performs a platform validity check to verify that a wrong image is not used.
- The Ctrl-C escape sequence gracefully ends the **install all** command. The command sequence completes the update step in progress and returns to the switch prompt. (Other upgrade steps cannot be ended by using Ctrl-C.)
- After running the **install all** command, if any step in the sequence fails, the command completes the step in progress and ends.

## Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4x), 4.2(1)SV1(5x), 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.1x)

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Log in to the active VSM.
2. Log in to Cisco.com to access the links provided in this document. To log in to Cisco.com, go to the URL <http://www.cisco.com/> and click **Log In** at the top of the page. Enter your Cisco username and password.
3. Access the Software Download Center by using this URL:
4. Navigate to the download site for your system.
5. Choose and download the Cisco Nexus 1000V zip file and extract the kickstart and system software files to a server.
6. Ensure that the required space is available for the image file(s) to be copied.
7. Verify that there is space available on the standby VSM.
8. Delete any unnecessary files to make space available if you need more space on the standby VSM.
9. If you plan to install the images from the bootflash:, copy the Cisco Nexus 1000V kickstart and system images or the ISO image to the active VSM by using a transfer protocol. You can use ftp:, tftp:, scp:, or sftp:. The examples in this procedure use scp:.
10. Check on the impact of the ISSU upgrade for the kickstart and system images or the ISO image.
11. Read the release notes for the related image file. See the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Release Notes*.
12. Determine if the Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) is configured in the deployment:
13. Save the running configuration to the startup configuration.
14. Save the running configuration on the bootflash and externally.
15. Perform the upgrade on the active VSM using the ISO or kickstart and system images.
16. Continue with the installation by pressing Y.
17. After the installation operation completes, log in and verify that the switch is running the required software version.
18. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration to adjust the startup-cgf size.
19. Display the log of the last installation.

### DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** Log in to the active VSM.
- Step 2** Log in to Cisco.com to access the links provided in this document. To log in to Cisco.com, go to the URL <http://www.cisco.com/> and click **Log In** at the top of the page. Enter your Cisco username and password.  
**Note** Unregistered Cisco.com users cannot access the links provided in this document.
- Step 3** Access the Software Download Center by using this URL:  
<http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/index.shtml>
- Step 4** Navigate to the download site for your system.

You see links to the download images for your switch.

**Step 5** Choose and download the Cisco Nexus 1000V zip file and extract the kickstart and system software files to a server.

**Step 6** Ensure that the required space is available for the image file(s) to be copied.

```
switch# dir bootflash:
.
.
.
Usage for bootflash://
 485830656 bytes used
1109045248 bytes free
1594875904 bytes total
```

**Tip** We recommend that you have the kickstart and system image files for at least one previous release of the Cisco Nexus 1000V software on the system to use if the new image files do not load successfully.

**Step 7** Verify that there is space available on the standby VSM.

```
switch# dir bootflash://sup-standby/
.
.
.
Usage for bootflash://
 485830656 bytes used
1109045248 bytes free
1594875904 bytes total
```

**Step 8** Delete any unnecessary files to make space available if you need more space on the standby VSM.

**Step 9** If you plan to install the images from the bootflash:, copy the Cisco Nexus 1000V kickstart and system images or the ISO image to the active VSM by using a transfer protocol. You can use ftp:, tftp:, scp:, or sftp:. The examples in this procedure use scp:.

**Note** When you download an image file, change to your FTP environment IP address or DNS name and the path where the files are located.

- Copy the ISO image.

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
```

- Copy kickstart and system images.

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
```

**Step 10** Check on the impact of the ISSU upgrade for the kickstart and system images or the ISO image.

- ISO

```
switch# show install all impact iso bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```

Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
3	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		
4	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		

- kickstart and system

```

switch# show install all impact kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin

```

```

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```



```
Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
Compatibility	ESX Compatibility		
3	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		
4	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		

**Step 11** Read the release notes for the related image file. See the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Release Notes*.

**Step 12** Determine if the Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) is configured in the deployment:

- If the following output is displayed, the Cisco VSG is configured in the deployment. You must follow the upgrade procedure in the “Complete Upgrade Procedure” section in Chapter 7, “Upgrading the Cisco Virtual Security Gateway and Cisco Virtual Network Management Center” of the *Cisco Virtual Security Gateway and Cisco Virtual Network Management Center Installation and Upgrade Guide*.

```
switch# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 1.2(0.689)-vsm
switch#
```

- If the following output is displayed, continue to Step 13.

```
switch# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Not Installed
switch#
```

**Step 13** Save the running configuration to the startup configuration.

```
switch# copy running-config startup-config
```

**Step 14** Save the running configuration on the bootflash and externally.

```
switch# copy running-config bootflash:run-cfg-backup
switch# copy running-config scp://user@tftpsvr.cisco.com/n1kv-run-cfg-backup
```

**Note** You can also run a VSM backup. See the “Configuring VSM Backup and Recovery” chapter of the *Cisco Nexus 1000V System Management Configuration Guide*.

**Step 15** Perform the upgrade on the active VSM using the ISO or kickstart and system images.

- Upgrade using the ISO image.

```
switch# install all iso bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
```

- Upgrade using the kickstart and system images.

```
switch# install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2 (1) SV1 (5.2)	4.2 (1) SV2 (1.1a)	yes

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
Compatibility	ESX Compatibility		

```

-----
      3          4.2(1)SV1(4a)          VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
COMPATIBLE                                COMPATIBLE
      4          4.2(1)SV1(4a)          VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
COMPATIBLE                                COMPATIBLE

Do you want to continue with the installation (y/n)? [n]

```

**Step 16** Continue with the installation by pressing Y.

**Note** If you press N, the installation exits gracefully.

Install is in progress, please wait.

```

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Setting boot variables.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

```

Performing configuration copy.
[#####] 100%2011 Mar 31 03:49:42 BL1-VSM %SYSMGR-STANDBY-5-CFGWRITE_STARTED:
Configuration copy started (PID 3660).
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

**Note** As part of the upgrade process, the standby VSM is reloaded with new images. Once it becomes the HA standby again, the upgrade process initiates a switchover. The upgrade then continues from the new active VSM with the following output:

Continuing with installation, please wait

```

Module 2: Waiting for module online
-- SUCCESS

```

Install has been successful

**Step 17** After the installation operation completes, log in and verify that the switch is running the required software version.

```

switch# show version
Nexus1000v# show version
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 2002-2012, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyrights to certain works contained herein are owned by
other third parties and are used and distributed under license.
Some parts of this software are covered under the GNU Public
License. A copy of the license is available at
http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html.

Software
  loader:   version unavailable [last: loader version not available]
  kickstart: version 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a) [build 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)]
  system:   version 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a) [build 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)]
  kickstart image file is: bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
  kickstart compile time: 1/11/2012 3:00:00 [01/11/2012 12:49:49]

```

```

system image file is:   bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
system compile time:   1/11/2012 3:00:00 [01/11/2012 13:42:57]

```

## Hardware

```

cisco Nexus 1000V Chassis ("Virtual Supervisor Module")
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU          with 2075740 kB of memory.
Processor Board ID T5056B1802D

```

```

Device name: Nexus1000v
bootflash:   1557496 kB

```

```
Kernel uptime is 4 day(s), 8 hour(s), 31 minute(s), 3 second(s)
```

```

plugin
  Core Plugin, Ethernet Plugin, Virtualization Plugin
...

```

**Step 18** Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration to adjust the startup-cgf size.

```

switch# copy running-config startup-config
[#####] 100%
switch#

```

**Step 19** Display the log of the last installation.

```

switch# show install all status
This is the log of last installation.

```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image type.
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Notifying services about system upgrade.
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Compatibility check is done:
```

```
Module bootable          Impact Install-type Reason
```

```

-----
      1      yes  non-disruptive      reset
      2      yes  non-disruptive      reset

```

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
Compatibility	ESX Compatibility		
3	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		
4	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		

Install is in progress, please wait.

```

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

Setting boot variables.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

Performing configuration copy.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

Module 2: Waiting for module online.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

Notifying services about the switchover.
-- SUCCESS

```

```

"Switching over onto standby".
switch#
switch#
switch#

```

```

switch# attach module 2
Attaching to module 2 ...

```

```

To exit type 'exit', to abort type '$.'
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 2002-2011, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyrights to certain works contained in this software are
owned by other third parties and used and distributed under
license. Certain components of this software are licensed under
the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU
Lesser General Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each
such license is available at
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php
switch(standby)#
switch(standby)# show install all status
This is the log of last installation.

Continuing with installation, please wait
Trying to start the installer...

Module 2: Waiting for module online.
-- SUCCESS

Install has been successful.
switch(standby)#

```

---

## Upgrading VEMs

### VEM Upgrade Procedures

- VUM Upgrade Procedures
  - Generate an upgrade ISO. See [Creating an Upgrade ISO with a VMware ESX Image and a Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM Image](#).
  - Set up VUM baselines. See [Upgrading the ESXi Hosts to Release 5.1](#).
  - Initiate an upgrade from VUM. See [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release, on page 124](#).
  - Upgrade VEM from VSM. See [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release, on page 124](#).
- Manual upgrade procedures
  - Upgrading VIB Manually from the CLI. See [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release, on page 127](#)
- Installing or upgrading stateless ESXi. See [Installing the VEM Software on a Stateless ESXi Host](#).

VEM upgrades fall into three types:

- An upgrade of an ESX or stateful ESXi host, without a migration from ESX (with a console OS) to ESXi. This upgrade type is described further in this section.
- An upgrade of a stateless ESXi host. This involves installing a new image on the host by updating the image profile and rebooting the host. The upgrade is described in [Installing the VEM Software on a Stateless ESXi Host](#).
- An upgrade that involve a migration from ESX to ESXi (of the same or different vSphere version).

An upgrade of an ESX or stateful ESXi host without a migration from ESX (which has a console OS) to ESXi falls into two separate workflows.

- 1 Upgrade the VEM alone, while keeping the ESX/ESXi version intact. The first figure shows this flow.
- 2 Upgrade the ESX/ESXi without a change of the Cisco Nexus 1000V version. This process is addressed in the Workflow 2 figure.

The following figure shows Workflow 1 where Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(4.x) or 4.2(1)SV1(5.x) is upgraded to the current release, without a change of ESX versions.

If you are using VUM, set up a host patch baseline with the VEM's offline bundle. Then follow [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 124.

If you are upgrading from the command line, see [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 127.

The following figure shows Workflow 2 where Cisco Nexus 1000VRelease 4.2(1)SV2(1.1) is installed and VMware 4.1 is upgraded to 5.0.

- If you are using VUM version 5.0 or later, use the following method (independent of whether the VEM version is being changed as well):
  - If you are upgrading the ESX host to a new update within a release, use a host upgrade baseline. For example, vSphere 5.0 GA to 5.0 U1.
  - If you are upgrading the ESX host to a major release (for example, vSphere 4.1 U2 to 5.0 U1), generate an upgrade ISO and set up a host upgrade baseline. The upgrade ISO must have the desired final images for both ESX and VEM. The procedure to generate an upgrade ISO is in [Creating an Upgrade ISO with a VMware ESX Image and a Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM Image](#).
  - You can upgrade the ESX version and VEM version simultaneously if you are using VUM 5.0 Update 1 or later. VUM 5.0 GA does not support a combined upgrade.

**Note**

If you plan to perform Workflow 2 and manually update to vSphere 5.0 or later, you must boot the host from an upgrade ISO with both ESX and VEM images.

## VEM Upgrade Methods from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release

There are two methods for upgrading the VEMs.

- [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release, on page 124](#)
- [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release, on page 127](#)

*Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release*


**Caution**

If removable media is still connected (for example, if you have installed the VSM using ISO and forgot to remove the media), host movement to maintenance mode fails and the VUM upgrade fails.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
2. switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**
3. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
4. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
5. Initiate the VUM upgrade process with the following commands.
6. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
7. Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete with the following commands.
8. switch# **show module**

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Display the current configuration.
- Note** The minimum release of Cisco Nexus 1000V for VMware ESXi 5.0.0 hosts is Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a).
- Step 2** switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**  
Coordinate with and notify the server administrator of the VEM upgrade process.
- Step 3** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the upgrade notification was sent.
- Note** Verify that the Upgrade Status contains the highlighted text. If the text is not present, check the Upgrade Error line and consult the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Troubleshooting Guide*.
- Step 4** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the server administrator has accepted the upgrade in the vCenter. For more information about how the server administrator accepts the VEM upgrade, see [Accepting the VEM Upgrade, on page 130](#). Coordinate the notification acceptance with the server administrator. After the server administrator accepts the upgrade, proceed with the VEM upgrade.
- Note** Verify that the Upgrade Status contains the highlighted text. If the text is not present, check the Upgrade Error line and consult the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Troubleshooting Guide*.
- Step 5** Initiate the VUM upgrade process with the following commands.



**Note** Before entering the following commands, communicate with the server administrator to confirm that the VUM process is operational.

The vCenter Server locks the DVS and triggers VUM to upgrade the VEMs.

- a) switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**
- b) switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**

**Note** The DVS bundle ID is updated and is highlighted.

If the ESX/ESXi host is using ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 or a later release and your DRS settings are enabled to allow it, VUM automatically VMotions the VMs from the host to another host in the cluster and places the ESX/ESXi in maintenance mode to upgrade the VEM. This process is continued for other hosts in the DRS cluster until all the hosts are upgraded in the cluster.

**Step 6** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check for the upgrade complete status.

**Step 7** Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete with the following commands.

- a) switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**
- b) switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**

**Step 8** switch# **show module**  
Verify that the upgrade process is complete.  
The upgrade is complete.

The following example shows how to upgrade VEMs using VUM.

```
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade notify
Warning:
Please ensure the hosts are running compatible ESX versions for the upgrade. Refer to
corresponding
"Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information" guide.
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Availability Notified in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status
```

```

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Accepted by vCenter Admin
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):

```

```

Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade proceed
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

```

```

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade In Progress in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter) : Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:

```

```

Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

```

```

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Complete in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): : Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter): : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade Error:

```

```

Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade complete
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

```

```

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:

```

```

Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# show module

```

Mod	Ports	Module-Type	Model	Status
1	0	Virtual Supervisor Module	Nexus1000V	ha-standby
2	0	Virtual Supervisor Module	Nexus1000V	active *
3	248	Virtual Ethernet Module	NA	ok
4	248	Virtual Ethernet Module	NA	ok

Mod	Sw	Hw
1	4.2(1)SV2(2.1)	0.0
2	4.2(1)SV2(2.1)	0.0
3	4.2(1)SV2(2.1)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
4	4.2(1)SV2(2.1)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-623860 (3.0)

Mod	MAC-Address(es)	Serial-Num
1	00-19-07-6c-5a-a8 to 00-19-07-6c-62-a8	NA
2	00-19-07-6c-5a-a8 to 00-19-07-6c-62-a8	NA

```

3    02-00-0c-00-03-00 to 02-00-0c-00-03-80 NA
4    02-00-0c-00-04-00 to 02-00-0c-00-04-80 NA

Mod  Server-IP          Server-UUID          Server-Name
---  -
1    10.104.249.171      NA                   NA
2    10.104.249.171      NA                   NA
3    10.104.249.172      7d41e666-b58a-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc299c0 10.104.249.172
4    10.104.249.173      17d79824-b593-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc29a0e 10.104.249.173

* this terminal session
switch#

```



**Note** The lines with the bold characters in the preceding example display that all VEMs are upgraded to the current release.

### Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release

#### Before You Begin



**Note** If VUM is installed, it should be disabled.

To manually install or upgrade the Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM on an ESX/ESXi host, follow the steps in [Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI](#), on page 131.

To upgrade the VEMs manually, perform the following steps as network administrator:



**Note** This procedure is performed by the network administrator. Before proceeding with the upgrade, make sure that the VMs are powered off if you are not running the required patch level.



**Caution** If removable media is still connected, (for example, if you have installed the VSM using ISO and forgot to remove the media), host movement to maintenance mode fails and the VEM upgrade fails.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**
2. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
3. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
4. Perform one of the following tasks:
5. switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**
6. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
7. Coordinate with and wait until the server administrator upgrades all ESX host VEMs with the new VEM software release and informs you that the upgrade process is complete.
8. switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**
9. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
10. switch# **show module**

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**  
Coordinate with and notify the server administrator of the VEM upgrade process.
- Step 2** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the upgrade notification was sent.
- Step 3** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the server administrator has accepted the upgrade in vCenter Server. For details about the server administrator accepting the VEM upgrade, see [Accepting the VEM Upgrade, on page 130](#). After the server administrator accepts the upgrade, proceed with the VEM upgrade.
- Step 4** Perform one of the following tasks:
- If the ESX host is not hosting the VSM, proceed to Step 5.
  - If the ESX host is hosting the VSM, coordinate with the server administrator to migrate the VSM to a host that is not being upgraded. Proceed to Step 5.
- Step 5** switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**  
Initiate the Cisco Nexus 1000V Bundle ID upgrade process.
- Note** If VUM is enabled in the vCenter environment, disable it before entering the **vmware vem upgrade proceed** command to prevent the new VIBs from being pushed to all the hosts.
- Enter the **vmware vem upgrade proceed** command so that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Bundle ID on the vCenter Server gets updated. If VUM is enabled and you do not update the Bundle ID, an incorrect VIB version is pushed to the VEM when you next add the ESX to the VSM.
- Note** If VUM is not installed, the “The object or item referred to could not be found” error appears in the vCenter Server task bar. You can ignore this error message.
- Step 6** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check for the upgrade complete status.
- Step 7** Coordinate with and wait until the server administrator upgrades all ESX host VEMs with the new VEM software release and informs you that the upgrade process is complete.

The server administrator performs the manual upgrade by using the **vihostupdate** command or the **esxcli** command. For more information, see [Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI](#), on page 131.

**Step 8** switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**  
Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete.

**Step 9** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check the upgrade status once again.

**Step 10** switch# **show module**  
Verify that the upgrade process is complete.

**Note** The line with the bold characters in the preceding example display that all VEMs are upgraded to the current release.

The upgrade is complete.

The following example shows how to upgrade VEMs manually.

```
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade notify
Warning:
Please ensure the hosts are running compatible ESX versions for the upgrade. Refer to
corresponding
"Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information" guide.

switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Accepted by vCenter Admin
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG

switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade proceed
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade In Progress in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
```

```

DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG

switch# show vmware vem upgrade status
Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Complete in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG

switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade complete
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG

switch#
switch# show module
Mod  Ports  Module-Type                Model                Status
---  ---
1    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V          active *
2    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V          ha-standby
3    332    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA                   ok
6    248    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA                   ok

Mod  Sw
---  ---
1    4.2 (1) SV2 (2.0.229)  0.0
2    4.2 (1) SV2 (2.0.229)  0.0
3    4.2 (1) SV2 (2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
6    4.2 (1) SV2 (2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.1.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)

Mod  Server-IP          Server-UUID                Server-Name
---  ---
1    10.105.232.25     NA                          NA
2    10.105.232.25     NA                          NA
3    10.105.232.72     e6c1a563-bc9e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2baba  10.105.232.72
6    10.105.232.70     ecebd42-bc0e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2b892  10.105.232.70

* this terminal session
switch#

```

## Accepting the VEM Upgrade

### Before You Begin

- The network and server administrators must coordinate the upgrade procedure with each other.
- You have received a notification in the vCenter Server that a VEM software upgrade is available.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. In the vCenter Server, choose **Inventory > Networking**.
2. Click the **vSphere Client DVS Summary** tab to check for the availability of a software upgrade.
3. Click **Apply upgrade**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** In the vCenter Server, choose **Inventory > Networking**.

**Step 2** Click the **vSphere Client DVS Summary** tab to check for the availability of a software upgrade.

**Figure 41: vSphere Client DVS Summary Tab**



**Step 3** Click **Apply upgrade**.

The network administrator is notified that you are ready to apply the upgrade to the VEMs.

### Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI

You can upgrade the VEM software by using the vCLI.

#### Before You Begin

- If you are using vCLI, do the following:
  - You have downloaded and installed the VMware vCLI. For information about installing the vCLI, see the VMware vCLI documentation.
  - You are logged in to the remote host where the vCLI is installed.



#### Note

The vSphere command-line interface (vCLI) command set allows you to enter common system administration commands against ESX/ESXi systems from any machine with network access to those systems. You can also enter most vCLI commands against a vCenter Server system and target any ESX/ESXi system that the vCenter Server system manages. vCLI commands are especially useful for ESXi hosts because ESXi does not include a service console.

- If you are using the **esxupdate** command, you are logged in to the ESX host.
- Check *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* for compatible versions.

- You have already copied the VEM software installation file to the /tmp directory. Do not copy the files to the root (/) folder.
- You know the name of the VEM software file to be installed.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. [root@serialport -]# **cd tmp**
2. Determine the upgrade method that you want to use and enter the appropriate command.
  - **vihostupdate**  
Installs the ESX/ ESXi and VEM software simultaneously if you are using the vCLI.
  - **esxupdate**  
Installs the VEM software from the ESX host /tmp directory.
 

**Note** You must log in to each host and enter this command. This command loads the software manually on the host, loads the kernel modules, and starts the VEM agent on the running system.
3. Enter the appropriate commands as they apply to you.
  - For ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 hosts, enter the following commands:
    - /tmp # **esxupdate --bundle= VEM\_bundle**
    - /tmp # **esxupdate -b vib\_file**
  - For ESXi 5.0.0 or a later release host, enter the following commands:
    - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -d path/VEM\_bundle**
    - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -v path/vib\_file**
4. Display values with which to compare to *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* by typing the following commands.
5. switch# **show module**

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** [root@serialport -]# **cd tmp**  
Go to the directory where the new VEM software was copied.
- Step 2** Determine the upgrade method that you want to use and enter the appropriate command.
- **vihostupdate**  
Installs the ESX/ ESXi and VEM software simultaneously if you are using the vCLI.
  - **esxupdate**  
Installs the VEM software from the ESX host /tmp directory.



**Note** You must log in to each host and enter this command. This command loads the software manually on the host, loads the kernel modules, and starts the VEM agent on the running system.

**Step 3** Enter the appropriate commands as they apply to you.

- For ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 hosts, enter the following commands:
  - /tmp # **esxupdate --bundle= VEM\_bundle**
  - /tmp # **esxupdate -b vib\_file**
- For ESXi 5.0.0 or a later release host, enter the following commands:
  - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -d path/VEM\_bundle**
  - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -v path/vib\_file**

**Step 4** Display values with which to compare to *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* by typing the following commands.

- a) [root@serialport tmp]# **vmware -v**
- b) root@serialport tmp]# # **esxupdate query**
- c) [root@host212 ~]# . ~ # **vem status -v**
- d) [root@host212 ~]# **vemcmd show version**

**Step 5** switch# **show module**

Display that the VEMs were upgraded by entering the command on the VSM.

If the upgrade was successful, the installation procedure is complete.

The following example shows how to upgrade the VEM software using the vCLI.

```
[root@serialport ~]# cd tmp
[root@serialport tmp]#
esxupdate -b [VMware offline update bundle] update
~ # esxcli software vib install -d /var/log/vmware/VEM500-201304160100-BG.zip
Installation Result
  Message: Operation finished successfully.
  Reboot Required: false
  VIBs Installed: Cisco_bootbank_cisco-vem-v160-esx_4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
  VIBs Removed:
  VIBs Skipped:
~ #

~ # esxcli software vib install -v
/var/log/vmware/cross_cisco-vem-v160-4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1.vib
Installation Result
  Message: Operation finished successfully.
  Reboot Required: false
  VIBs Installed: Cisco_bootbank_cisco-vem-v160-esx_4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
  VIBs Removed:
  VIBs Skipped:
~ #
[root@serialport tmp]# vmware -v
VMware ESXi 5.0.0 build-843203
root@serialport tmp]# # esxupdate query
-----Bulletin ID----- -----Installed----- -----Summary-----
VEM500-201304160100 2013-04-21T08:18:22 Cisco Nexus 1000V 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)
```

```
[root@host212 ~]# . ~ # vem status -v
Package vssnet-esxmn-release
Version 4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
Build 1
Date Sun Apr 21 04:56:14 PDT 2013

VEM modules are loaded
Switch Name      Num Ports  Used Ports  Configured Ports  MTU  Uplinks
vSwitch0         128        4           128               1500 vmnic4
DVS Name         Num Ports  Used Ports  Configured Ports  MTU  Uplinks
p-1              256        19          256               1500
vmnic7,vmnic6,vmnic3,vmnic2,vmnic1,vmnic0
VEM Agent (vemdpa) is running
~ #

[root@host212 ~]# vemcmd show version
vemcmd show version
VEM Version: 4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
VSM Version: 4.2(1)SV2(2.1) [build 4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)]
System Version: VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203

~ #
switch# show module
Mod  Ports  Module-Type  Model  Status
---  ---
1    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V  active *
2    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V  ha-standby
3    332   Virtual Ethernet Module    NA         ok
6    248   Virtual Ethernet Module    NA         ok

Mod  Sw  Hw
---  ---
1    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
2    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
3    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
6    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.1.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)

Mod  Server-IP  Server-UUID  Server-Name
---  ---
1    10.105.232.25  NA  NA
2    10.105.232.25  NA  NA
3    10.105.232.72  e6c1a563-bc9e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2baba  10.105.232.72
6    10.105.232.70  ecebd42-bc0e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2b892  10.105.232.70

switch#
```

**Note**

The highlighted text in the previous command output confirms that the upgrade was successful.

## Upgrade Procedure for Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1), Cisco VNMC Release 1.3 to Release

# 2.1 and Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)

## Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1) to 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1) and Cisco VNMC 1.3 to 2.1 Staged Upgrade



**Note**

The `vn-service` command is changed to the `vservice` command on the VSM port-profile in VSM Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.2).

Virtual Appliance	Original State	Stage 1: Cisco VNMC Upgrade only (no PAs upgraded)	Stage 2: Cisco VSG Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)	Stage 3: VSM/VEM Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)
Cisco VNMC	Old 1.3	New 2.1	New 2.1	New 2.1
Cisco VSG	Old 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1a)	Old 4.2(1)VSG1(3.1a)	New 4.2(1)VSG2(2.1)	New 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1)
VSG PA	Old 1.3.1	Old 1.3.1	New 2.1	New 2.1
VSM	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	New 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)
VEM	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	Old 4.2(1)SV1(4b)	New 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)
VSM PA	1.2.1	Old 1.2.1	Old 1.2.1	New 2.0
Supported operations after upgrading to each stage	All operations supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing data sessions (offloaded).</li> <li>New data sessions.</li> <li>Allows Cisco Nexus 1000V switch (non-vn-service) operations including non-vn-service port profiles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing data sessions (offloaded).</li> <li>New data sessions.</li> <li>Allows Cisco Nexus 1000V switch (non-vn-service) operations including non-vn-service port profiles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once upgraded, all the operations are supported if all the VEMs are upgraded.</li> <li>Operations restrictions apply only if all the VEMs are not upgraded.</li> <li>Disruption of data traffic during VEM upgrades</li> </ul>

Virtual Appliance	Original State	Stage 1: Cisco VNMC Upgrade only (no PAs upgraded)	Stage 2: Cisco VSG Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)	Stage 3: VSM/VEM Upgrade (ISSU: PA upgrade)
Restricted operations after upgrading to each stage	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Cisco VNMC policy configuration changes.</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, and so on).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs are supported.</li> <li>• No vMotion of vn-service firewalled VMs on Cisco Nexus 1000V switch.</li> <li>• No vn-service port profile operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the port profiles on VSM).</li> <li>• Cisco VSG and VSM failover (vns-agent) not supported.</li> <li>• All VSM to Cisco VNMC to Cisco VSG control operations are restricted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Cisco VNMC policy configuration changes.</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, and so on).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs are supported.</li> <li>• No vMotion of vn-service firewalled VMs on Cisco Nexus 1000V switch.</li> <li>• No vn-service port profile operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the port profiles on VSM).</li> <li>• Cisco VSG and VSM failover (vns-agent) not supported.</li> <li>• All VSM to Cisco VNMC to Cisco VSG control operations are restricted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Cisco VNMC policy configuration changes.</li> <li>• No VSM/VEM vn-service VM operations (shutdown/bring up existing vn-service VMs, bring down net adapters, and so on).</li> <li>• No new vn-service VMs are supported.</li> <li>• No vMotion of vn-service VMs on Cisco Nexus 1000V switch.</li> <li>• No vn-service port profile operations or modifications (toggles, removal, changing the port profiles on VSM).</li> <li>• No Cisco Nexus 1000V switch (non vn-service) operations, including non-vn-service port profiles (VSM+VEM upgraded).</li> <li>• All VSM to Cisco VNMC to Cisco VSG control operations are restricted</li> </ul>

**Note**

Because we support full ISSU upgrade on both VSG and VSM that includes installing a new PA, you must install the VNMC first. The new PA may not be compatible with the old VNMC.

## Upgrading VNMC from Release 1.3 to Release 2.1

### Before You Begin

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have backed up the new software files to a remote server and have verified that the backup file was created on the remote server.
- You must have the Cisco VNMC Release 2.1 downloaded.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `vnmc# connect local-mgmt`
2. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version`
3. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# copy scp://user@example-server-ip/example-dir/filename bootflash:/`
4. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# dir bootflash:/`
5. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/filename`
6. `vnmc (local-mgmt)# service restart`
7. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# service status`
8. (Optional) `vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version`

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<code>vnmc# connect local-mgmt</code>	Places you in local management mode.
<b>Step 2</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version</code>	(Optional) Displays the version information for the Cisco VNMC software.
<b>Step 3</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# copy scp://user@example-server-ip/example-dir/filename bootflash:/</code>	(Optional) Copies the Cisco VNMC software file to the VM.
<b>Step 4</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# dir bootflash:/</code>	Verifies that the desired file is copied in the directory.
<b>Step 5</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/filename</code>	Begins the update of the Cisco VNMC software.
<b>Step 6</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# service restart</code>	Restarts the server.
<b>Step 7</b>	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# service status</code>	(Optional) Allows you to verify that the server is operating as desired.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	<code>vnmc (local-mgmt)# show version</code>	<p>(Optional) Allows you to verify that the Cisco VNMC software version is updated.</p> <p><b>Note</b> After you upgrade to Cisco VNMC Release 2.1, you might see the previous version of Cisco VNMC in your browser. To view the upgraded version, clear the browser cache and browsing history in the browser. This note applies to all supported browsers: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and Chrome.</p>

### Configuration Example

The following example shows how to connect to the local-mgmt mode:

```
vnmc# connect local-mgmt
Cisco Virtual Network Management Center
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 2002-2013, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyrights to certain works contained in this software are
owned by other third parties and used and distributed under
license. Certain components of this software are licensed under
the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU
Lesser General Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each
such license is available at
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php
```

The following example shows how to display version information for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt) # show version

Name          Package          Version          GUI
-----
core          Base System      1.3(1)           1.3(1)
service-reg   Service Registry 1.3(1)           1.3(1)
policy-mgr    Policy Manager   1.3(1)           1.3(1)
resource-mgr  Resource Manager 1.3(1)           1.3(1)
vm-mgr        VM manager       1.3(1)           none
```

The following example shows how to copy the Cisco VNMC software to the VM:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt) # copy scp://<user@example-server-ip>/example1-dir/vnmc.2.1.bin bootflash:/
Enter password:
100% 143MB 11.9MB/s 00:12
```

The following example shows how to see the directory information for Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt) # dir bootflash:/
14M May 28 2013  gui-automation.tgz

      887 May 28 2013  vnmc-dplug.1.3.1.bin
      20M May 28 2013  vnmc-vsgpa.1.3.1.bin
      20M May 28 2013  vnmc-vsmpa.1.3.1.bin
      403M Jan 31 01:58 vnmc.2.0.bin
```

Usage for bootflash://

```
18187836 bytes used
 3842128 bytes free
22029964 bytes total
```

The following example shows how to start the update for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt)# update bootflash:/vnmc.2.1.bin
It is recommended that you perform a full-state backup before updating any VNMC component.
Press enter to continue or Ctrl-c to exit.
```

The following example shows how to display the updated version for the Cisco VNMC:

```
vnmc(local-mgmt)# show version
```

Name	Package	Version	GUI
core	Base System	2.1	2.1
service-reg	Service Registry	2.1	2.1
policy-mgr	Policy Manager	2.1	2.1
resource-mgr	Resource Manager	2.1	2.1
vm-mgr	VM manager	2.1	none

## Upgrading Cisco VSG from Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1)

Enter the commands on all Cisco VSG nodes on your network.

### Before You Begin

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have copied the new system image, kickstart image and the Cisco VSG policy agent image into the bootflash file system using the following commands:
 

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin
```

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin
```

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin
```
- You have confirmed that the system is in high availability (HA) mode for an HA upgrade using the **show system redundancy status** command.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin system bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin**
3. **show vnm-pa status**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<b>install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin</b>	Installs the kickstart image, system image, and policy agent (PA) image.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<b>system bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin</b> <b>vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin</b>	<b>Note</b> If you do not have a policy agent installed on the Cisco VSG before the <b>install all</b> command is executed, the PA will not be upgraded (installed) with the image. Make sure that the current version of policy agent is installed before you begin the upgrade process.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>show vnm-pa status</b>	Verifies that the new PA is installed and the upgrade was successful.  <b>Note</b> You must have an existing PA installed before upgrading the PA using the <b>install all</b> command.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>copy running-config startup-config</b>	Saves the change persistently through reboots and restarts by copying the running configuration to the startup configuration.

### Configuration Example

The following example shows how to upgrade Cisco VSG Release 4.2(1)VSG1(4.1) to Release 4.2(1)VSG2(1.1):

```
vsg # configure terminal
vsg (config)# install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-mz.VSG2.1.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v-mz.VSG2.1.bin vnmpa bootflash:vnmc-vsgpa.2.1(1b).bin
vsg (config)# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 2.1(1b)-vsg
vsg (config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

## Upgrading VSMs

### Upgrade Procedures

The following table lists the upgrade steps.

**Table 5: Upgrade Paths from Cisco Nexus 1000V Releases**

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
Release 4.0(4)SV1(1) or 4.0(4)SV1(2)	Upgrades from these releases are not supported.
Releases 4.0(4)SV1(3x) Series	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <a href="#">Upgrading from Releases 4.0(4)SV1(3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d) to Release 4.2(1)SV1(4b)</a></li> <li>2 Upgrade from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4x), 4.2(1)SV1(5x), 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) series to the current release</li> </ol>



If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x) Series with a vSphere release 4.0 Update 1 or later	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading from VMware Release 4.0 to VMware Release 4.1</li> <li>2 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>3 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x) Series with a vSphere release 4.1 GA, patches, or updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a) or 4.2(1)SV1(4b) with a vSphere release 5.0 GA, patches, or updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>

The following table lists the upgrade steps when upgrading from Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x) Series, 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) Series to the current release.

**Table 6: Upgrade Paths from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(5x) Series and 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) Series**

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
With vSphere 4.1 GA, patches, or updates.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li>2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>

If you are running this configuration	Follow these steps
With vSphere 5.0 GA, patches, or updates.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="922 306 1477 401">1 Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> <li data-bbox="922 422 1477 516">2 Upgrading VEMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4) and Later Releases to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.x) Series</li> </ol>
With ESX version upgrade.	Installing and Upgrading VMware

## Software Images

The software image install procedure is dependent on the following factors:

- Software images—The kickstart and system image files reside in directories or folders that you can access from the Cisco Nexus 1000V software prompt.
- Image version—Each image file has a version.
- Disk—The bootflash: resides on the VSM.
- ISO file—If a local ISO file is passed to the **install all** command, the kickstart and system images are extracted from the ISO file.

## In-Service Software Upgrades on Systems with Dual VSMs



**Note** Performing an In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) from Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(4) or Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a) to the current release of Cisco Nexus 1000V using ISO files is not supported. You must use kickstart and system files to perform an ISSU upgrade to the current release of Cisco Nexus 1000V.

The Cisco Nexus 1000V software supports in-service software upgrades (ISSUs) for systems with dual VSMs. An ISSU can update the software images on your switch without disrupting data traffic. Only control traffic is disrupted. If an ISSU causes a disruption of data traffic, the Cisco Nexus 1000V software warns you before proceeding so that you can stop the upgrade and reschedule it to a time that minimizes the impact on your network.



**Note** On systems with dual VSMs, you should have access to the console of both VSMs to maintain connectivity when the switchover occurs during upgrades. If you are performing the upgrade over Secure Shell (SSH) or Telnet, the connection will drop when the system switchover occurs, and you must reestablish the connection.

An ISSU updates the following images:

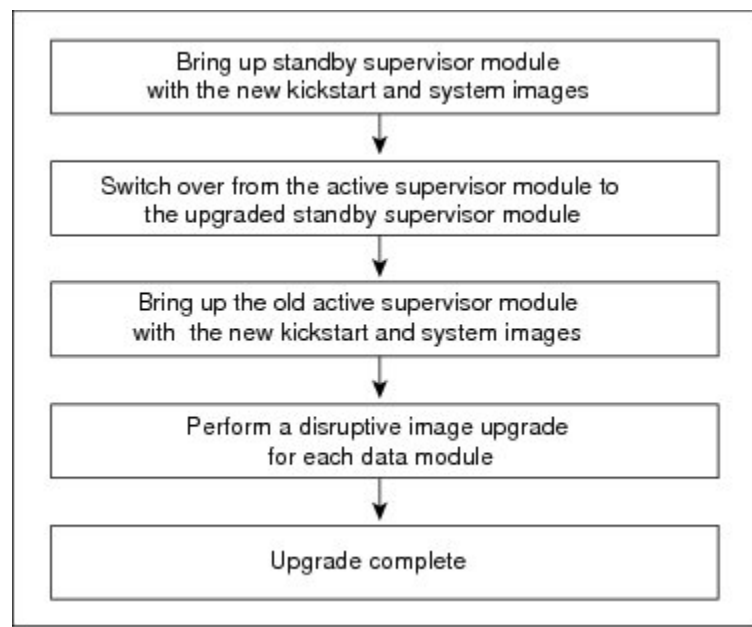
- Kickstart image
- System image
- VEM images

All of the following processes are initiated automatically by the upgrade process after the network administrator enters the **install all** command.

## ISSU Process for the Cisco Nexus 1000V

The following figure shows the ISSU process.

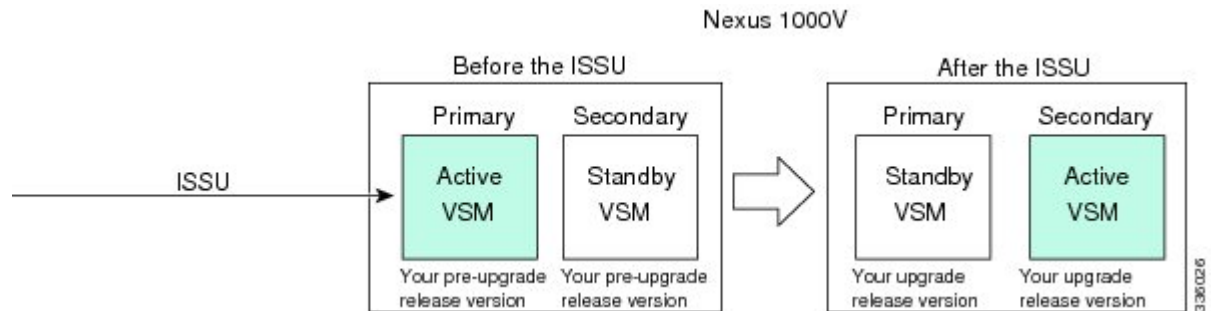
**Figure 42: ISSU Process**



## ISSU VSM Switchover

The following figure provides an example of the VSM status before and after an ISSU switchover.

**Figure 43: Example of an ISSU VSM Switchover**



## ISSU Command Attributes

### Support

The **install all** command supports an in-service software upgrade (ISSU) on dual VSMs in an HA environment and performs the following actions:

- Determines whether the upgrade is disruptive and asks if you want to continue.
- Copies the kickstart and system images to the standby VSM. Alternatively, if a local ISO file is passed to the **install all** command instead, the kickstart and system images are extracted from the file.
- Sets the kickstart and system boot variables.
- Reloads the standby VSM with the new Cisco Nexus 1000V software.
- Causes the active VSM to reload when the switchover occurs.

### Benefits

The **install all** command provides the following benefits:

- You can upgrade the VSM by using the **install all** command.
- You can receive descriptive information on the intended changes to your system before you continue with the installation.
- You have the option to cancel the command. Once the effects of the command are presented, you can continue or cancel when you see this question (the default is no):
 

```
Do you want to continue (y/n) [n]: y
```
- You can upgrade the VSM using the least disruptive procedure.
- You can see the progress of this command on the console, Telnet, and SSH screens:
  - After a switchover process, you can see the progress from both the VSMs.

- Before a switchover process, you can see the progress only from the active VSM.
- The **install all** command automatically checks the image integrity, which includes the running kickstart and system images.
- The **install all** command performs a platform validity check to verify that a wrong image is not used.
- The Ctrl-C escape sequence gracefully ends the **install all** command. The command sequence completes the update step in progress and returns to the switch prompt. (Other upgrade steps cannot be ended by using Ctrl-C.)
- After running the **install all** command, if any step in the sequence fails, the command completes the step in progress and ends.

## Upgrading VSMs from Releases 4.2(1)SV1(4x), 4.2(1)SV1(5x), 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to Release 4.2(1)SV2(2.1x)

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. Log in to the active VSM.
2. Log in to Cisco.com to access the links provided in this document. To log in to Cisco.com, go to the URL <http://www.cisco.com/> and click **Log In** at the top of the page. Enter your Cisco username and password.
3. Access the Software Download Center by using this URL:
4. Navigate to the download site for your system.
5. Choose and download the Cisco Nexus 1000V zip file and extract the kickstart and system software files to a server.
6. Ensure that the required space is available for the image file(s) to be copied.
7. Verify that there is space available on the standby VSM.
8. Delete any unnecessary files to make space available if you need more space on the standby VSM.
9. If you plan to install the images from the bootflash:, copy the Cisco Nexus 1000V kickstart and system images or the ISO image to the active VSM by using a transfer protocol. You can use ftp:, tftp:, scp:, or sftp:. The examples in this procedure use scp:.
10. Check on the impact of the ISSU upgrade for the kickstart and system images or the ISO image.
11. Read the release notes for the related image file. See the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Release Notes*.
12. Determine if the Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) is configured in the deployment:
13. Save the running configuration to the startup configuration.
14. Save the running configuration on the bootflash and externally.
15. Perform the upgrade on the active VSM using the ISO or kickstart and system images.
16. Continue with the installation by pressing Y.
17. After the installation operation completes, log in and verify that the switch is running the required software version.
18. Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration to adjust the startup-cgf size.
19. Display the log of the last installation.

## DETAILED STEPS

- Step 1** Log in to the active VSM.
- Step 2** Log in to Cisco.com to access the links provided in this document. To log in to Cisco.com, go to the URL <http://www.cisco.com/> and click **Log In** at the top of the page. Enter your Cisco username and password.
- Note** Unregistered Cisco.com users cannot access the links provided in this document.
- Step 3** Access the Software Download Center by using this URL:  
<http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/index.shtml>
- Step 4** Navigate to the download site for your system.  
You see links to the download images for your switch.
- Step 5** Choose and download the Cisco Nexus 1000V zip file and extract the kickstart and system software files to a server.
- Step 6** Ensure that the required space is available for the image file(s) to be copied.
- ```
switch# dir bootflash:
.
.
.
Usage for bootflash://
 485830656 bytes used
1109045248 bytes free
1594875904 bytes total
```
- Tip** We recommend that you have the kickstart and system image files for at least one previous release of the Cisco Nexus 1000V software on the system to use if the new image files do not load successfully.
- Step 7** Verify that there is space available on the standby VSM.
- ```
switch# dir bootflash://sup-standby/
.
.
.
Usage for bootflash://
 485830656 bytes used
1109045248 bytes free
1594875904 bytes total
```
- Step 8** Delete any unnecessary files to make space available if you need more space on the standby VSM.
- Step 9** If you plan to install the images from the bootflash:, copy the Cisco Nexus 1000V kickstart and system images or the ISO image to the active VSM by using a transfer protocol. You can use ftp:, tftp:, scp:, or sftp:. The examples in this procedure use scp:.
- Note** When you download an image file, change to your FTP environment IP address or DNS name and the path where the files are located.
- Copy the ISO image.

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
```
  - Copy kickstart and system images.

```
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
switch# copy scp://user@scpserver.cisco.com/downloads/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
bootflash:nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
```

**Step 10** Check on the impact of the ISSU upgrade for the kickstart and system images or the ISO image.

- ISO

```
switch# show install all impact iso bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
Compatibility	ESX Compatibility		
3	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		
4	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		

- kickstart and system

```
switch# show install all impact kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
```

```

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes

Module	Running-Version	ESX Version	VSM
3	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		
4	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
COMPATIBLE	COMPATIBLE		

**Step 11** Read the release notes for the related image file. See the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Release Notes*.

**Step 12** Determine if the Virtual Security Gateway (VSG) is configured in the deployment:

- If the following output is displayed, the Cisco VSG is configured in the deployment. You must follow the upgrade procedure in the “Complete Upgrade Procedure” section in Chapter 7, “Upgrading the Cisco Virtual Security



Gateway and Cisco Virtual Network Management Center” of the *Cisco Virtual Security Gateway and Cisco Virtual Network Management Center Installation and Upgrade Guide*.

```
switch# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Installed Successfully. Version 1.2(0.689)-vsm
switch#
```

- If the following output is displayed, continue to Step 13.

```
switch# show vnm-pa status
VNM Policy-Agent status is - Not Installed
switch#
```

**Step 13** Save the running configuration to the startup configuration.

```
switch# copy running-config startup-config
```

**Step 14** Save the running configuration on the bootflash and externally.

```
switch# copy running-config bootflash:run-cfg-backup
switch# copy running-config scp://user@tftpserver.cisco.com/n1kv-run-cfg-backup
```

**Note** You can also run a VSM backup. See the “Configuring VSM Backup and Recovery” chapter of the *Cisco Nexus 1000V System Management Configuration Guide*.

**Step 15** Perform the upgrade on the active VSM using the ISO or kickstart and system images.

- Upgrade using the ISO image.

```
switch# install all iso bootflash:nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.iso
```

- Upgrade using the kickstart and system images.

```
switch# install all kickstart bootflash:nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin system
bootflash:nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image type.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Notifying services about system upgrade.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

Compatibility check is done:

Module	bootable	Impact	Install-type	Reason
1	yes	non-disruptive	reset	
2	yes	non-disruptive	reset	

Images will be upgraded according to following table:

Module	Image	Running-Version	New-Version	Upg-Required
1	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
1	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	system	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes
2	kickstart	4.2(1)SV1(5.2)	4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)	yes

Module Compatibility	Running-Version ESX Compatibility	ESX Version	VSM
3 COMPATIBLE	4.2(1)SV1(4a) COMPATIBLE	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	
4 COMPATIBLE	4.2(1)SV1(4a) COMPATIBLE	VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)	

Do you want to continue with the installation (y/n)? [n]

### Step 16 Continue with the installation by pressing Y.

**Note** If you press N, the installation exits gracefully.

Install is in progress, please wait.

```
Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Setting boot variables.
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

```
Performing configuration copy.
[#####] 100%2011 Mar 31 03:49:42 BL1-VSM %SYSMGR-STANDBY-5-CFGWRITE_STARTED:
Configuration copy started (PID 3660).
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS
```

**Note** As part of the upgrade process, the standby VSM is reloaded with new images. Once it becomes the HA standby again, the upgrade process initiates a switchover. The upgrade then continues from the new active VSM with the following output:

Continuing with installation, please wait

```
Module 2: Waiting for module online
-- SUCCESS
```

Install has been successful

### Step 17 After the installation operation completes, log in and verify that the switch is running the required software version.

```
switch# show version
Nexus1000v# show version
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
```

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## Software

```
loader:    version unavailable [last: loader version not available]
kickstart: version 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a) [build 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)]
system:    version 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a) [build 4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)]
kickstart image file is: bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
kickstart compile time:  1/11/2012 3:00:00 [01/11/2012 12:49:49]
system image file is:    bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin
system compile time:     1/11/2012 3:00:00 [01/11/2012 13:42:57]
```

## Hardware

```
cisco Nexus 1000V Chassis ("Virtual Supervisor Module")
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU          with 2075740 kB of memory.
Processor Board ID T5056B1802D
```

```
Device name: Nexus1000v
bootflash:   1557496 kB
```

Kernel uptime is 4 day(s), 8 hour(s), 31 minute(s), 3 second(s)

## plugin

```
Core Plugin, Ethernet Plugin, Virtualization Plugin
```

```
...
```

**Step 18** Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration to adjust the startup-cfg size.

```
switch# copy running-config startup-config
[#####] 100%
switch#
```

**Step 19** Display the log of the last installation.

```
switch# show install all status
This is the log of last installation.
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "kickstart".
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin for boot variable "system".
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Verifying image type.
```

```
-- SUCCESS
```

```
Extracting "system" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.
```

```

-- SUCCESS

Extracting "kickstart" version from image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin.

-- SUCCESS

Notifying services about system upgrade.

-- SUCCESS

Compatibility check is done:
Module  bootable          Impact  Install-type  Reason
-----  -
1       yes  non-disruptive      reset
2       yes  non-disruptive      reset

Images will be upgraded according to following table:
Module  Image              Running-Version      New-Version  Upg-Required
-----  -
1       system             4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)  yes
1       kickstart          4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)  yes
2       system             4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)  yes
2       kickstart          4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      4.2(1)SV2(1.1a)  yes

Images will be upgraded according to following table:
Module  Running-Version      ESX Version  VSM
Compatibility  ESX Compatibility
-----  -
3       4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
COMPATIBLE  COMPATIBLE
4       4.2(1)SV1(5.2)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
COMPATIBLE  COMPATIBLE

Install is in progress, please wait.

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-kickstart-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
-- SUCCESS

Syncing image bootflash:/nexus-1000v-4.2.1.SV2.1.1a.bin to standby.
-- SUCCESS

Setting boot variables.
-- SUCCESS

Performing configuration copy.
-- SUCCESS

```

```
Module 2: Waiting for module online.
-- SUCCESS

Notifying services about the switchover.
-- SUCCESS

"Switching over onto standby".
switch#
switch#
switch#

switch# attach module 2
Attaching to module 2 ...
To exit type 'exit', to abort type '$.'
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
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switch(standby)#
switch(standby)# show install all status
This is the log of last installation.

Continuing with installation, please wait
Trying to start the installer...

Module 2: Waiting for module online.
-- SUCCESS

Install has been successful.
switch(standby)#
```

---

## Upgrading VEMs

### VEM Upgrade Procedures

- VUM Upgrade Procedures
  - Generate an upgrade ISO. See [Creating an Upgrade ISO with a VMware ESX Image and a Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM Image](#).
  - Set up VUM baselines. See [Upgrading the ESXi Hosts to Release 5.1](#).

- Initiate an upgrade from VUM. See [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 124.
- Upgrade VEM from VSM. See [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 124.
- Manual upgrade procedures
  - Upgrading VIB Manually from the CLI. See [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 127
  - Installing or upgrading stateless ESXi. See [Installing the VEM Software on a Stateless ESXi Host](#).

VEM upgrades fall into three types:

- An upgrade of an ESX or stateful ESXi host, without a migration from ESX (with a console OS) to ESXi. This upgrade type is described further in this section.
- An upgrade of a stateless ESXi host. This involves installing a new image on the host by updating the image profile and rebooting the host. The upgrade is described in [Installing the VEM Software on a Stateless ESXi Host](#).
- An upgrade that involve a migration from ESX to ESXi (of the same or different vSphere version).

An upgrade of an ESX or stateful ESXi host without a migration from ESX (which has a console OS) to ESXi falls into two separate workflows.

- 1 Upgrade the VEM alone, while keeping the ESX/ESXi version intact. The first figure shows this flow.
- 2 Upgrade the ESX/ESXi without a change of the Cisco Nexus 1000V version. This process is addressed in the Workflow 2 figure.

The following figure shows Workflow 1 where Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV1(4.x) or 4.2(1)SV1(5.x) is upgraded to the current release, without a change of ESX versions.

If you are using VUM, set up a host patch baseline with the VEM's offline bundle. Then follow [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 124.

If you are upgrading from the command line, see [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 127.

The following figure shows Workflow 2 where Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1) is installed and VMware 4.1 is upgraded to 5.0.

- If you are using VUM version 5.0 or later, use the following method (independent of whether the VEM version is being changed as well):
  - If you are upgrading the ESX host to a new update within a release, use a host upgrade baseline. For example, vSphere 5.0 GA to 5.0 U1.
  - If you are upgrading the ESX host to a major release (for example, vSphere 4.1 U2 to 5.0 U1), generate an upgrade ISO and set up a host upgrade baseline. The upgrade ISO must have the desired

final images for both ESX and VEM. The procedure to generate an upgrade ISO is in [Creating an Upgrade ISO with a VMware ESX Image and a Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM Image](#).

- You can upgrade the ESX version and VEM version simultaneously if you are using VUM 5.0 Update 1 or later. VUM 5.0 GA does not support a combined upgrade.

**Note**

If you plan to perform Workflow 2 and manually update to vSphere 5.0 or later, you must boot the host from an upgrade ISO with both ESX and VEM images.

## VEM Upgrade Methods from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release

There are two methods for upgrading the VEMs.

- [Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 124
- [Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(4x\), Release 4.2\(1\)SV1\(5x\), or Release 4.2\(1\)SV2\(1.1x\) to the Current Release](#), on page 127

### Upgrading the VEMs Using VMware Update Manager from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release

**Caution**

If removable media is still connected (for example, if you have installed the VSM using ISO and forgot to remove the media), host movement to maintenance mode fails and the VUM upgrade fails.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
2. switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**
3. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
4. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
5. Initiate the VUM upgrade process with the following commands.
6. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
7. Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete with the following commands.
8. switch# **show module**

## DETAILED STEPS

### Step 1 switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**

Display the current configuration.

**Note** The minimum release of Cisco Nexus 1000V for VMware ESXi 5.0.0 hosts is Release 4.2(1)SV1(4a).

- Step 2** switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**  
Coordinate with and notify the server administrator of the VEM upgrade process.
- Step 3** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the upgrade notification was sent.
- Note** Verify that the Upgrade Status contains the highlighted text. If the text is not present, check the Upgrade Error line and consult the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Troubleshooting Guide*.
- Step 4** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the server administrator has accepted the upgrade in the vCenter. For more information about how the server administrator accepts the VEM upgrade, see [Accepting the VEM Upgrade](#), on page 130. Coordinate the notification acceptance with the server administrator. After the server administrator accepts the upgrade, proceed with the VEM upgrade.
- Note** Verify that the Upgrade Status contains the highlighted text. If the text is not present, check the Upgrade Error line and consult the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Troubleshooting Guide*.
- Step 5** Initiate the VUM upgrade process with the following commands.
- Note** Before entering the following commands, communicate with the server administrator to confirm that the VUM process is operational.
- The vCenter Server locks the DVS and triggers VUM to upgrade the VEMs.
- a) switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**  
b) switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
- Note** The DVS bundle ID is updated and is highlighted.
- If the ESX/ESXi host is using ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 or a later release and your DRS settings are enabled to allow it, VUM automatically VMotions the VMs from the host to another host in the cluster and places the ESX/ESXi in maintenance mode to upgrade the VEM. This process is continued for other hosts in the DRS cluster until all the hosts are upgraded in the cluster.
- Step 6** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check for the upgrade complete status.
- Step 7** Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete with the following commands.
- a) switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**  
b) switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
- Step 8** switch# **show module**  
Verify that the upgrade process is complete.
- The upgrade is complete.

---

The following example shows how to upgrade VEMs using VUM.

```
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
```



```

VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade notify
Warning:
Please ensure the hosts are running compatible ESX versions for the upgrade. Refer to
corresponding
"Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information" guide.
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Availability Notified in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Accepted by vCenter Admin
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade proceed
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade In Progress in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter) : Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Complete in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): : Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter): : Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade complete
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:

```

```

Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM410-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201304160104-BG
switch#
switch# show module
Mod  Ports  Module-Type          Model          Status
----  -
1    0       Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V    ha-standby
2    0       Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V    active *
3    248    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA            ok
4    248    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA            ok

Mod  Sw          Hw
----  -
1    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)  0.0
2    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)  0.0
3    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)  VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-469512 (3.0)
4    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)  VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-623860 (3.0)

Mod  MAC-Address(es)          Serial-Num
----  -
1    00-19-07-6c-5a-a8 to 00-19-07-6c-62-a8  NA
2    00-19-07-6c-5a-a8 to 00-19-07-6c-62-a8  NA
3    02-00-0c-00-03-00 to 02-00-0c-00-03-80  NA
4    02-00-0c-00-04-00 to 02-00-0c-00-04-80  NA

Mod  Server-IP          Server-UUID          Server-Name
----  -
1    10.104.249.171    NA                    NA
2    10.104.249.171    NA                    NA
3    10.104.249.172    7d41e666-b58a-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc299c0  10.104.249.172
4    10.104.249.173    17d79824-b593-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc29a0e  10.104.249.173

* this terminal session
switch#

```



**Note** The lines with the bold characters in the preceding example display that all VEMs are upgraded to the current release.

## Upgrading the VEMs Manually from from Release 4.2(1)SV1(4x), Release 4.2(1)SV1(5x), or Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1x) to the Current Release

### Before You Begin



**Note** If VUM is installed, it should be disabled.

To manually install or upgrade the Cisco Nexus 1000V VEM on an ESX/ESXi host, follow the steps in [Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI, on page 131](#).

To upgrade the VEMs manually, perform the following steps as network administrator:



**Note** This procedure is performed by the network administrator. Before proceeding with the upgrade, make sure that the VMs are powered off if you are not running the required patch level.

**Caution**

If removable media is still connected, (for example, if you have installed the VSM using ISO and forgot to remove the media), host movement to maintenance mode fails and the VEM upgrade fails.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**
2. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
3. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
4. Perform one of the following tasks:
5. switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**
6. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
7. Coordinate with and wait until the server administrator upgrades all ESX host VEMs with the new VEM software release and informs you that the upgrade process is complete.
8. switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**
9. switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**
10. switch# **show module**

**DETAILED STEPS**

- 
- Step 1** switch# **vmware vem upgrade notify**  
Coordinate with and notify the server administrator of the VEM upgrade process.
- Step 2** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the upgrade notification was sent.
- Step 3** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Verify that the server administrator has accepted the upgrade in vCenter Server. For details about the server administrator accepting the VEM upgrade, see [Accepting the VEM Upgrade, on page 130](#). After the server administrator accepts the upgrade, proceed with the VEM upgrade.
- Step 4** Perform one of the following tasks:
- If the ESX host is not hosting the VSM, proceed to Step 5.
  - If the ESX host is hosting the VSM, coordinate with the server administrator to migrate the VSM to a host that is not being upgraded. Proceed to Step 5.
- Step 5** switch# **vmware vem upgrade proceed**  
Initiate the Cisco Nexus 1000V Bundle ID upgrade process.
- Note** If VUM is enabled in the vCenter environment, disable it before entering the **vmware vem upgrade proceed** command to prevent the new VIBs from being pushed to all the hosts. Enter the **vmware vem upgrade proceed** command so that the Cisco Nexus 1000V Bundle ID on the vCenter Server gets updated. If VUM is enabled and you do not update the Bundle ID, an incorrect VIB version is pushed to the VEM when you next add the ESX to the VSM.
- Note** If VUM is not installed, the “The object or item referred to could not be found” error appears in the vCenter Server task bar. You can ignore this error message.

- Step 6** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check for the upgrade complete status.
- Step 7** Coordinate with and wait until the server administrator upgrades all ESX host VEMs with the new VEM software release and informs you that the upgrade process is complete.  
The server administrator performs the manual upgrade by using the **vihostupdate** command or the **esxcli** command. For more information, see [Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI](#), on page 131.
- Step 8** switch# **vmware vem upgrade complete**  
Clear the VEM upgrade status after the upgrade process is complete.
- Step 9** switch# **show vmware vem upgrade status**  
Check the upgrade status once again.
- Step 10** switch# **show module**  
Verify that the upgrade process is complete.  
**Note** The line with the bold characters in the preceding example display that all VEMs are upgraded to the current release.  
The upgrade is complete.

---

The following example shows how to upgrade VEMs manually.

```
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG
switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade notify
Warning:
Please ensure the hosts are running compatible ESX versions for the upgrade. Refer to
corresponding
"Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information" guide.

switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Accepted by vCenter Admin
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
  VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
  DVS: VEM410-201208144101-BG

switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade proceed
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade In Progress in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
```

```

Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error:
Upgrade Bundle ID:
    VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
    DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG

switch# show vmware vem upgrade status
Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status: Upgrade Complete in vCenter
Upgrade Notification Sent Time: Tue Apr 23 10:03:24 2013
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter): Tue Apr 23 02:06:53 2013
Upgrade Start Time: Tue Apr 23 10:09:08 2013
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error
Upgrade Bundle ID:
    VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
    DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG
    
```

```

switch#
switch# vmware vem upgrade complete
switch# show vmware vem upgrade status
    
```

```

Upgrade VIBs: System VEM Image
Upgrade Status:
Upgrade Notification Sent Time:
Upgrade Status Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Start Time:
Upgrade End Time(vCenter):
Upgrade Error
Upgrade Bundle ID:
    VSM: VEM500-201304160104-BG
    DVS: VEM500-201304160104-BG
    
```

```

switch#
switch# show module
Mod  Ports  Module-Type                Model                Status
---  -
1    0       Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V           active *
2    0       Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V           ha-standby
3    332    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA                    ok
6    248    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA                    ok
    
```

```

Mod  Sw                Hw
---  -
1    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
2    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
3    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
6    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.1.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
    
```

```

Mod  Server-IP          Server-UUID                Server-Name
---  -
1    10.105.232.25     NA                          NA
2    10.105.232.25     NA                          NA
3    10.105.232.72     e6c1a563-bc9e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2baba  10.105.232.72
6    10.105.232.70     ecebdf42-bc0e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2b892  10.105.232.70
    
```

```

* this terminal session
switch#
    
```

## Accepting the VEM Upgrade

### Before You Begin

- The network and server administrators must coordinate the upgrade procedure with each other.

- You have received a notification in the vCenter Server that a VEM software upgrade is available.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. In the vCenter Server, choose **Inventory > Networking**.
2. Click the **vSphere Client DVS Summary** tab to check for the availability of a software upgrade.
3. Click **Apply upgrade**.

## DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1** In the vCenter Server, choose **Inventory > Networking**.

**Step 2** Click the **vSphere Client DVS Summary** tab to check for the availability of a software upgrade.

*Figure 44: vSphere Client DVS Summary Tab*



**Step 3** Click **Apply upgrade**.

The network administrator is notified that you are ready to apply the upgrade to the VEMs.

## Upgrading the VEM Software Using the vCLI

You can upgrade the VEM software by using the vCLI.

### Before You Begin

- If you are using vCLI, do the following:
  - You have downloaded and installed the VMware vCLI. For information about installing the vCLI, see the VMware vCLI documentation.
  - You are logged in to the remote host where the vCLI is installed.



#### Note

The vSphere command-line interface (vCLI) command set allows you to enter common system administration commands against ESX/ESXi systems from any machine with network access to those systems. You can also enter most vCLI commands against a vCenter Server system and target any ESX/ESXi system that the vCenter Server system manages. vCLI commands are especially useful for ESXi hosts because ESXi does not include a service console.

- If you are using the **esxupdate** command, you are logged in to the ESX host.
- Check *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* for compatible versions.
- You have already copied the VEM software installation file to the /tmp directory. Do not copy the files to the root (/) folder.
- You know the name of the VEM software file to be installed.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. [root@serialport -]# **cd tmp**
2. Determine the upgrade method that you want to use and enter the appropriate command.
  - **vihostupdate**  
Installs the ESX/ ESXi and VEM software simultaneously if you are using the vCLI.
  - **esxupdate**  
Installs the VEM software from the ESX host /tmp directory.  
**Note** You must log in to each host and enter this command. This command loads the software manually on the host, loads the kernel modules, and starts the VEM agent on the running system.
3. Enter the appropriate commands as they apply to you.
  - For ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 hosts, enter the following commands:
    - /tmp # **esxupdate --bundle= VEM\_bundle**
    - /tmp # **esxupdate -b vib\_file**
  - For ESXi 5.0.0 or a later release host, enter the following commands:
    - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -d path/VEM\_bundle**
    - ~ # **esxcli software vib install -v path/vib\_file**
4. Display values with which to compare to *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* by typing the following commands.
5. switch# **show module**

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** [root@serialport -]# **cd tmp**  
Go to the directory where the new VEM software was copied.
- Step 2** Determine the upgrade method that you want to use and enter the appropriate command.
- **vihostupdate**  
Installs the ESX/ ESXi and VEM software simultaneously if you are using the vCLI.
  - **esxupdate**  
Installs the VEM software from the ESX host /tmp directory.

**Note** You must log in to each host and enter this command. This command loads the software manually on the host, loads the kernel modules, and starts the VEM agent on the running system.

**Step 3** Enter the appropriate commands as they apply to you.

- For ESX/ESXi 4.1.0 hosts, enter the following commands:

```
◦ /tmp # esxupdate --bundle= VEM_bundle
```

```
◦ /tmp # esxupdate -b vib_file
```

- For ESXi 5.0.0 or a later release host, enter the following commands:

```
◦ ~ # esxcli software vib install -d path/VEM_bundle
```

```
◦ ~ # esxcli software vib install -v path/vib_file
```

**Step 4** Display values with which to compare to *Cisco Nexus 1000V and VMware Compatibility Information* by typing the following commands.

- [root@serialport tmp]# **vmware -v**
- root@serialport tmp]# # **esxupdate query**
- [root@host212 ~]# . ~ # **vem status -v**
- [root@host212 ~]# **vemcmd show version**

**Step 5** switch# **show module**

Display that the VEMs were upgraded by entering the command on the VSM.

---

If the upgrade was successful, the installation procedure is complete.

The following example shows how to upgrade the VEM software using the vCLI.

```
[root@serialport ~]# cd tmp
[root@serialport tmp]#
esxupdate -b [VMware offline update bundle] update
~ # esxcli software vib install -d /var/log/vmware/VEM500-201304160100-BG.zip
Installation Result
  Message: Operation finished successfully.
  Reboot Required: false
  VIBs Installed: Cisco_bootbank_cisco-vem-v160-esx_4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
  VIBs Removed:
  VIBs Skipped:
~ #

~ # esxcli software vib install -v
/var/log/vmware/cross_cisco-vem-v160-4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1.vib
Installation Result
  Message: Operation finished successfully.
  Reboot Required: false
  VIBs Installed: Cisco_bootbank_cisco-vem-v160-esx_4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
  VIBs Removed:
  VIBs Skipped:
~ #
[root@serialport tmp]# vmware -v
VMware ESXi 5.0.0 build-843203
root@serialport tmp]# # esxupdate query
-----Bulletin ID----- Installed----- Summary-----
VEM500-201304160100 2013-04-21T08:18:22 Cisco Nexus 1000V 4.2(1)SV2(2.1)
```



```
[root@host212 ~]# . ~ # vem status -v
Package vssnet-esxmn-release
Version 4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
Build 1
Date Sun Apr 21 04:56:14 PDT 2013

VEM modules are loaded
Switch Name      Num Ports  Used Ports  Configured Ports  MTU  Uplinks
vSwitch0        128        4           128               1500 vmnic4
DVS Name        Num Ports  Used Ports  Configured Ports  MTU  Uplinks
p-1             256        19          256               1500
vmnic7,vmnic6,vmnic3,vmnic2,vmnic1,vmnic0
VEM Agent (vemdpa) is running
~ #
```

```
[root@host212 ~]# vemcmd show version
vemcmd show version
VEM Version: 4.2.1.2.2.0.229-3.0.1
VSM Version: 4.2(1)SV2(2.1) [build 4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)]
System Version: VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203
```

```
~ #
switch# show module
Mod  Ports  Module-Type          Model          Status
---  ---
1    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V    active *
2    0      Virtual Supervisor Module  Nexus1000V    ha-standby
3    332    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA            ok
6    248    Virtual Ethernet Module    NA            ok
```

```
Mod  Sw          Hw
---  ---
1    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
2    4.2(1)SV2(2.0.229)  0.0
3    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
6    4.2(1)SV2(2.1)      VMware ESXi 5.1.0 Releasebuild-843203 (3.0)
```

```
Mod  Server-IP      Server-UUID          Server-Name
---  ---
1    10.105.232.25  NA                   NA
2    10.105.232.25  NA                   NA
3    10.105.232.72  e6c1a563-bc9e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2baba  10.105.232.72
6    10.105.232.70  ecebdf42-bc0e-11e0-bd1d-30e4dbc2b892  10.105.232.70
```

```
switch#
```



**Note**

The highlighted text in the previous command output confirms that the upgrade was successful.





## Examples of Cisco VNMC OVA Template Deployment and Cisco VNMC ISO Installations

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This chapter contains the following sections:

- [OVA Installation Using vSphere 4.0 Installer, page 167](#)
- [OVA Installation Using an ISO Image, page 170](#)

### OVA Installation Using vSphere 4.0 Installer

#### Before You Begin

- Ensure that you have the Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM) IP address available
- Ensure that you have all the proper networking information available, including the IP address you will use for your Cisco VNMC instance

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Open your vSphere client.
2. Click **Hosts and Clusters** and choose a host.
3. From the toolbar, choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
4. In the **Deploy OVF Template** dialog box, choose an .ova file on your local machine, or choose a file from another location (URL).
5. Click **Deploy from File**.
6. Click **Browse**.
7. From the **Open** dialog box, choose the appropriate .ova file and click **Open**.
8. Click **Next**.
9. View your template details and click **Next**.
10. In the **User License Agreement** window, view the license and click **Accept**.
11. Click **Next**.
12. In the **Name and Location** window, do the following:
13. In the **VNMC Installer** window, from the Configuration drop-down list, choose **VNMC Installer** and click **Next**.
14. Choose the appropriate network and click **Next** to open the **Properties** window .
15. In the IP Address area, enter an IP address in the **IPv4 IP Address** field and a gateway address in the **IPv4 Gateway** field.
16. In the **VNMC DNS** area, do the following:
17. In the **VNMC Password** area, enter a password in the **Password** field or the **Secret** field.
18. Verify that a value is entered in the following fields of the **VNMC Restore** area:
19. Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete** dialog box opens.
20. View your installation settings and click **Finish**.
21. Click **Close**.

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** Open your vSphere client.
- Step 2** Click **Hosts and Clusters** and choose a host.
- Step 3** From the toolbar, choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.
- Step 4** In the **Deploy OVF Template** dialog box, choose an .ova file on your local machine, or choose a file from another location (URL).
- Step 5** Click **Deploy from File**.
- Step 6** Click **Browse**.
- Step 7** From the **Open** dialog box, choose the appropriate .ova file and click **Open**.
- Step 8** Click **Next**.  
The **OVF Template Details** dialog box appears inside the **Deploy OVF Template** dialog box. The **OVF Template Details** dialog box is the first of six pages in the **Deploy OVF Template** dialog box that you use to set parameters for the Cisco VNMC instance.

- Step 9** View your template details and click **Next**.
- Step 10** In the **User License Agreement** window, view the license and click **Accept**.
- Step 11** Click **Next**.
- Step 12** In the **Name and Location** window, do the following:
- In the **Name** field, enter a template name.
  - In the **Inventory Location** area, choose the appropriate folder and click **Next**.
- Step 13** In the **VNMCM Installer** window, from the Configuration drop-down list, choose **VNMCM Installer** and click **Next**
- Step 14** Choose the appropriate network and click **Next** to open the **Properties** window .
- Step 15** In the IP Address area, enter an IP address in the **IPv4 IP Address** field and a gateway address in the **IPv4 Gateway** field.
- Note** The netmask is defaulted to 255.255.255.0.
- Step 16** In the **VNMCM DNS** area, do the following:
- (Optional) Enter an IP address in the **DNS** field.
  - In the **VNMCM DNS** area, enter a hostname in the **Host Name** field and a domain name in the Domain Name field.
- Step 17** In the **VNMCM Password** area, enter a password in the **Password** field or the **Secret** field.
- Note** You enter the admin password in the **Password** field.
- Step 18** Verify that a value is entered in the following fields of the **VNMCM Restore** area:
- RestoreFile
  - RestoreIP
  - RestorePassword
  - RestoreProto
  - RestoreUser
- Step 19** Click **Next**. The **Ready to Complete dialog** box opens.
- Step 20** View your installation settings and click **Finish**.  
The progress dialog box appears. Once the virtual machine is installed, the **Deployment Completed Successfully** dialog box opens.
- Step 21** Click **Close**.  
The Cisco VNMCM instance is created.
-

# OVA Installation Using an ISO Image

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. Download a Cisco VNMC ISO to your client machine.
2. Open a vCenter client.
3. Create a virtual machine on the appropriate host as follows:
4. Power on your virtual machine.
5. Mount the ISO to the virtual machine CD ROM drive as follows:
6. Reboot the VM using VM, Guest, and press **Ctrl-Alt-Del**.
7. In the ISO installer, enter the appropriate values in the **ISO installer** field.
8. Once installation is completed, click **Reboot** to create the Cisco VNMC instance.

## DETAILED STEPS

- 
- Step 1** Download a Cisco VNMC ISO to your client machine.
- Step 2** Open a vCenter client.
- Step 3** Create a virtual machine on the appropriate host as follows:
- a) Ensure your virtual machine size is 20 GB.
  - b) Ensure your virtual machine has 2 GB of RAM.
  - c) Choose **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 64-bit** as your operating system.
- Step 4** Power on your virtual machine.
- Step 5** Mount the ISO to the virtual machine CD ROM drive as follows:
- a) Right-click the virtual machine and choose **Open the VM Console**.
  - b) From the virtual machine console, click Connect/Disconnect CD/DVD Devices.
  - c) Choose **CD/DVD Drive1**.
  - d) Choose **Connect to ISO Image on Local Disk**.
  - e) Choose the ISO image that you downloaded.
- Step 6** Reboot the VM using VM, Guest, and press **Ctrl-Alt-Del**.
- Step 7** In the ISO installer, enter the appropriate values in the **ISO installer** field.
- Step 8** Once installation is completed, click **Reboot** to create the Cisco VNMC instance.
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