

VMware vSphere 6, Part 2 of 5: Networks and Storage

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students are familiar with the basic use of Windows and common use of the mouse and keyboard. No prior experience with Office 365 is assumed.

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Course description: Welcome to VMware 6 Bootcamp. In this course we cover networking and storage as foundational topics from the host perspective.

Course outline:

Creating and Modifying Virtual Networks Part 1

- Introduction
- Networking Terms
- vSphere 6.0 Virtual Switch Types
- Network Connection in ESXi
- Add and Edit Networking
- Standard Virtual Switches
- Add Physical NICs
- Virtual Switch & Connection Type Identification
- VMware Assigned MAC Addresses
- Custom MAC Addresses
- Summary

Creating and Modifying Virtual Networks Part 2

- Introduction
- Physical NIC Configuration Options
- Cisco Discovery Protocols on vSS
- Modifying vSS Properties
- Ports: 5.5 and Higher
- Modifying vSwitch Properties
- VLAN Overview
- VLAN Implementations
- Set VLAN Configuration
- Standard vSwitch Protection and VLANs
- Standard Policy Settings: Security
- Standard Policy Exceptions: Traffic Shaping
- Standard Policy Exceptions: NIC Teaming
- Network Failing and NIC Teaming Options
- Load Balancing Methods

- IP Hash Load Balancing Requirements
- Port Group: Override vSwitch Failover Order
- Multiple Policies Applied to a Single Team
- Physical Switch Configuration
- Summary

vSphere Distributed Switches

- Introduction
- vSphere Distributed Switch Overview
- New Features in vSphere 5.0
- New Features in vSphere 5.1
- New Features in vSphere 5.5
- New Features in vSphere 6.0
- Creating a vSphere Distributed Switch
- Edit vDS Settings
- Edit vDS Uplink Settings
- Edit vDS Port Group Settings
- Private VLAN Tagging
- Private VLANs
- Migrating VMkernel Port to vDS
- Network I/O Control
- NIOC Best Practices
- Create NetFlow
- Using Port Mirroring
- vDS Health Check
- Traffic Filtering and Monitoring
- Configure LACP on vDS 5.5
- Per VM NIOC 3 Settings
- Summary

Third Party Distributed Switches

- Introduction

- Cisco Nexus 1000v Virtual Switch
- Nexus 1000v Architecture
- IBM Distributed Virtual Switch 5000V
- Networking Review
- Summary

Storage Concepts

- Introduction
- Storage Terms
- SAN vs. NAS in vSphere
- Device and Path Naming
- VAAI
- Storage APIs: Array Integration
- Multipathing
- Storage APIs: Multipathing
- Path Selection Considerations
- Viewing Multipath from VIC
- Viewing Multipathing: Web Client
- Third Party NMP using VIC
- All Paths Down
- APD Updates in 5.1 and 5.5
- Storage I/O Control
- SIOC Enhancements in 5.1
- SIOC Setup in Web Client
- SIOC Monitoring
- Summary

iSCSI Storage

- Introduction
- iSCSI Overview and Terms for ESX/ESXi
- ESX/ESXi and iSCSI SAN Environment and Addressing

- Hardware vs. Software Initiators
- Multipathing with iSCSI
- Multipathing with Software-Based iSCSI
- iSCSI Software Initiator Networking and Config
- Jumbo Frames
- CHAP Authentication
- Troubleshoot Software iSCSI Initiator
- iSCSI Vendors and Products
- Summary

Fibre Channel Storage

- Introduction
- What is Fibre Channel?
- Fibre Channel Terms for ESXi
- SAN Environment and Addressing
- Multipathing with Fibre Channel
- Fibre Channel Vendors and Products
- Network/Storage Architecture Review
- Summary

VMFS Datastores

- Introduction
- Virtual Machine File System
- VMFS Updates in 5.5
- Upgrade VMFS-3 to VMFS-5
- Viewing and Creating a VMFS-5 Datastore
- Extending a VMFS Datastore Using Extents
- Add an Extent to an Existing VMFS
- Expand an ESXi 6.0 VMFS Volume
- Defragmentation
- VMFS Operations

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NAS Storage and NFS

Datastores

- Introduction
- Network Attached Storage
- NFS v4.1
- NFS on Linux
- NFS on Windows 2003 R2 and Higher
- Mount NFS Datastore to Host
- Summary

Raw Device Mapping

- Introduction
- Raw Device Mapping
- RDM Compatibility Modes
- Raw Device Mapping Benefits
- Raw Device Mapping
- Summary

Solid State Disks

- Introduction
- Solid State Disks
- Failure to Identify SSDs and Using SMART
- Host Cache Configuration
- Virtual Flash
- Configure a Virtual Flash Resource and Host Swap
- Virtual Flash Read Cache
- Summary

Storage and VSAN

- Introduction
- vFoglight and vOptimizer Pro
- VSAN
- Datastores and VSAN
- VSAN Architecture
- VSAN 6.0: What's New
- Summary

vSphere Virtual Volumes

- Introduction
- vSphere Virtual Volumes: Concepts
- vSphere Virtual Volumes: Architecture
- vSphere Virtual Volumes: Characteristics
- Considerations, Limitations, and Guidelines
- VVols Certified Storage Vendors
- Summary