

# VMware vSphere: Fast Track V6.5

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## Course Details

### Course Outline

#### 1. Course Introduction

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives
- Describe the content of this course
- Gain a complete picture of the VMware certification system
- Familiarize yourself with the benefits of the VMware Education Learning Zone
- Identify additional resources

#### 2. Introduction to vSphere and the Software-Defined Data Center

- Describe the topology of a physical data center
- Explain the vSphere virtual infrastructure
- Define the files and components of virtual machines
- Describe the benefits of using virtual machines
- Explain the similarities and differences between physical architectures and virtual architectures
- Define the purpose of ESXi
- Define the purpose of vCenter Server
- Explain the software-defined data center
- Describe private, public, and hybrid clouds

#### 3. Creating Virtual Machines

- Introduce virtual machines, virtual machine hardware, and virtual machine files
- Identify the files that make up a virtual machine
- Discuss the latest virtual machine hardware and its features
- Describe virtual machine CPU, memory, disk, and network resource usage
- Explain the importance of VMware Tools
- Discuss PCI pass-through, Direct I/O, remote direct memory access, and NVMe
- Deploy and configure virtual machines and templates

- Identify the virtual machine disk format

#### **4. vCenter Server**

- Introduce the vCenter Server architecture
- Deploy and configure vCenter Server Appliance
- Use vSphere Web Client
- Backup and restore vCenter Server
- Examine vCenter Server permissions and roles
- Explain the vSphere HA architectures and features
- Examine the new vSphere authentication proxy
- Manage vCenter Server inventory objects and licenses
- Access and navigate the new vSphere clients

#### **5. Troubleshooting vSphere**

- Use command-line commands with vSphere
- Use vSphere Management Assistant
- Describe the troubleshooting methodology for vSphere
- Identify the location of vSphere log files

#### **6. Configuring and Managing Virtual Networks**

- Describe, create, and manage standard switches
- Configure virtual switch security and load-balancing policies
- Compare and contrast vSphere distributed switches and standard switches
- Describe the virtual switch connection types
- Describe the new TCP/IP stack architecture
- Use VLANs with standard switches
- Troubleshoot networks

#### **7. Configuring and Managing Virtual Storage**

- Identify storage protocols and storage device types
- Discuss ESXi hosts using iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel storage
- Create and manage VMFS and NFS datastores
- Describe the new features of VMFS6.5
- Describe guest file encryption
- Describe storage connectivity and configuration
- Describe storage multipathing
- Discuss the use of vSAN and VMware vSphere® Virtual Volumes

## 8. Virtual Machine Management

- Use templates and cloning to deploy new virtual machines
- Modify and manage virtual machines
- Clone a virtual machine
- Upgrade virtual machine hardware to version 13
- Remove virtual machines from the vCenter Server inventory and datastore
- Customize a new virtual machine using customization specification files
- Perform vSphere vMotion and vSphere Storage vMotion migrations
- Create and manage virtual machine snapshots
- Create, clone, and export vApps
- Identify the types of content libraries and how to deploy and use them

## 9. Resource Management and Monitoring

- Explain virtual CPU and memory concepts
- Explain virtual memory reclamation techniques
- Describe virtual machine overcommitment and resource competition
- Configure and manage resource pools
- Describe methods for optimizing CPU and memory usage
- Use various tools to monitor resource usage
- Create and use alarms to report certain conditions or events
- Describe and deploy resource pools
- Set reservations, limits, and shares
- Describe expandable reservations
- Schedule changes to resource settings
- Create, clone, and export vApps
- Use vCenter Server performance charts and esxtop to analyze vSphere performance
- Troubleshoot vCenter Server and ESXi hosts

## 10. vSphere HA, vSphere Fault Tolerance, and Protecting Data

- Explain the vSphere HA architecture
- Configure and manage a vSphere HA cluster
- Use vSphere HA advanced parameters
- Define clusterwide restart ordering capabilities
- Enforce infrastructural or intra-app dependencies during failover
- Describe vSphere HA heartbeat networks and datastore heartbeats

- Introduce vSphere Fault Tolerance
- Enable vSphere Fault Tolerance on virtual machines
- Support vSphere Fault Tolerance interoperability with vSAN
- Examine enhanced consolidation of vSphere Fault Tolerance virtual machines
- Introduce vSphere Replication
- Use vSphere Data Protection to back up and restore data
- Troubleshoot vSphere HA

### **11. vSphere DRS**

- Describe the functions and benefits of a vSphere DRS cluster
- Configure and manage a vSphere DRS cluster
- Work with affinity and anti-affinity rules
- Describe the new capabilities for what-if analysis and Predictive DRS
- Describe the evolution of vSphere DRS using predictive data from VMware vRealize Operations Manager
- Perform preemptive actions to prepare for CPU or memory changes
- Describe the vCenter Server embedded vSphere Update Manager, VMware vSphere ESXi Image Builder CLI, and VMware vSphere® Auto Deploy capabilities
- Use vSphere HA and vSphere DRS together for business continuity
- Troubleshoot vSphere DRS

### **12. vSphere Update Manager**

- Describe the new vSphere Update Manager architecture, components, and capabilities
- Use vSphere Update Manager to manage the patching of ESXi, virtual machines, and vApps
- Install vSphere Update Manager and the vSphere Update Manager plug-in
- Create patch baselines
- Use host profiles to manage host configuration compliance
- Scan and remediate hosts