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vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Installation and Configuration Guide

The VMware vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Installation and Configuration Guide provides information about installing and configuring VMware® vCenter™ Infrastructure Navigator™.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is an application awareness plug-in to the vCenter Server that provides continuous dependency mapping of applications.

Intended Audience

This information is intended for virtual infrastructure administrators who are familiar with virtual machine technology and data center operations.
vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

Overview

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is an application awareness plug-in to the vCenter Server that provides continuous dependency mapping of applications.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator offers application context to the virtual infrastructure administrators to monitor and manage the virtual infrastructure inventory objects and actions. Administrators can use vCenter Infrastructure Navigator to understand the impact of the change on the virtual environment in their application infrastructure.

**NOTE** Plug-ins (also referred to as Extensions) expand the capabilities of vCenter Server by adding features and functionality to the base product.

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**vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Functionality**

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator provides a centralized view of your application environment.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator performs the following high-level functions:

- Maps virtual infrastructure resources such as virtual machines, Web servers, mail servers, database servers, application servers, cache servers, messaging servers, application management servers, and virtualization management servers.
- Displays relationships between virtual machines and external machines through services.
- Allows you to detect inconsistencies from the norm.
- Allows you to take advantage of integration with other VMware products such as vCenter Server, VMware vCenter Site Recovery Manager (SRM), and vCenter Operations Manager.
- Allows you to define multi-tier application pattern and then discovers all of this pattern instances in the vCenter Server. You can then view these application instance maps.
- Allows you to create or define manual applications that in turn allow you to track a group of virtual machines.
- Allows you to create or define roles that you can use to find instances of the applications in your environment.
- Allows you to customize vCenter Hyperic agent profiles that you can then select when deploying the agent on multiple virtual machines, so that the selected profile is applied to all those machines.

**vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Target Users and Benefits**

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator creates a detailed model of the application environment and offers application context to its users.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator helps virtual infrastructure administrators to accurately answer the following questions:

- Which application services are running on my virtual machines?
- What are the dependencies among application services running on different virtual machines?
- Where are the hidden optimization opportunities and how can I capitalize on them?
- How do certain application changes impact my environment?
- What are the risks involved in making changes in the virtual environment?
- How do certain virtual machine's issues impact application operation and how can I prevent or solve these issues?
- How the integration with SRM and vCenter Operations Manager benefits the users?

**vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Architecture**

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is a virtual appliance that you can deploy on the vCenter Server. A virtual appliance is a virtual machine image that contains software designed to run in a virtual machine.

With the components of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator, you can map services running in your virtual environment, examine the application discovery status, view and analyze the dependency map, and have a centralized view of the entire application environment.

The architecture illustrates various components of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator and their dependencies.

*Figure 1-1. vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Architecture Diagram*
Components of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

A component is a software or software design with a well-defined interface. A component represents specific behavior of the system.

The following table lists and describes principal components of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.

Table 1-1. vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Components

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Server in vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine</td>
<td>The Server component reconciles the data from Active Discovery and transfers the data to the Database component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Database in vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine</td>
<td>The Database component stores the data received from the Server component. The Database component also stores vCenter Infrastructure Navigator configurations. <strong>NOTE</strong>: vCenter Infrastructure Navigator does not support storing of data in an external database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-In in the vSphere Web Client</td>
<td>The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-In in the vSphere Web Client provides a graphical user interface that you use to view and analyze dependencies.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inventory Service</td>
<td>Inventory service is a vSphere component to which vCenter Infrastructure Navigator exports its data.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Installing vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is a virtual appliance that runs in a VMware virtual infrastructure. You must ensure that your environment meets requirements so that you can deploy and use the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

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- “Virtual Machine Requirements,” on page 12
- “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Port Requirements,” on page 12
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ESX/ESXi Requirements for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator supports all builds of ESXi version 5.x U1. Earlier versions are also supported, as described in the release notes for this release.

To verify the latest ESX/ESXi versions that are supported, use the VMware Interoperability Matrix at http://partnerweb.vmware.com/comp_guide2/sim/interop_matrix.php.

Software Requirements for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

You must meet certain software requirements to deploy a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>vCenter Server</th>
<th>vSphere Web Client</th>
<th>vCenter Infrastructure Navigator</th>
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<tr>
<td>vCenter Server 5.1 U1</td>
<td>vSphere Web Client 5.1 U1</td>
<td>vCenter Infrastructure Navigator 5.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>vCenter Server 5.5</td>
<td>vSphere Web Client 5.1, 5.5</td>
<td>vCenter Infrastructure Navigator 5.8</td>
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Table 2-2. Software Requirements

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| Virtual Infrastructure 5.1U1 and 5.5 | vCenter Server 5.1U1 and vCenter Server 5.5. The user interface of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator 5.7 virtual appliance that is deployed on vCenter Server 5.1U1 can only be viewed from vSphere Web Client 5.5.  
  **Note** In you are using the vCenter Server 5.1U1 version, then, in addition to the vSphere 5.5 Web Client, you must deploy vCenter Single Sign-On (SSO). See “Using vCenter Single Sign-On with vSphere,” on page 14. |
| vSphere Web Client                 | vSphere Web Client 5.5 and 5.1.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Virtual Center                    | Virtual Center IP address and administrator credentials.                                                                                                                                              |
| Web browser                       | Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, 8, and 9, Google Chrome 14 or later, or Firefox 3.6 or later version.  
  **Note** vSphere Web Client 5.1 requires Adobe Flash Player 11.1.0 or later to be installed in your browser.                                               |

Virtual Machine Requirements

You must meet certain requirements before you deploy the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance on the vSphere Client and vSphere Web Client.

Table 2-3. Virtual Machine Requirements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
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<tr>
<td>CPU</td>
<td>2 vCPU</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory</td>
<td>4 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk size</td>
<td>24 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network</td>
<td>1 Gbps</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additionally, you also need vCenter Infrastructure Navigator OVA to be deployed on the vCenter Server and predefined static IP pool on desired port groups.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Port Requirements

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator requires certain TCP ports to be open for access.

Table 2-4. Port Requirements

<table>
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<th>Port number</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>5480</td>
<td>For appliance Web console</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>To enable SSH access to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2868</td>
<td>For plug-in download. This download happens as part of the registration process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6969</td>
<td>For connectivity from vSphere Web Client to vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>443</td>
<td>To access vSphere Web service API.</td>
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<td>80</td>
<td>To access vSphere Web service API.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10109</td>
<td>To access vSphere Inventory Service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vCenter Infrastructure Navigator to target hosts and virtual machines</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>443</td>
<td>For VIX protocol on target hosts to perform discovery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>902</td>
<td>For VIX protocol on target hosts to perform discovery.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Deploy a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Virtual Appliance

You deploy the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance using vSphere Web Client. VMware provides the appliance in OVA format. In your environment, if multiple vCenter Servers are registered by Single Sign On (SSO) to the same vSphere Web Client, you must deploy a separate instance of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator for each vCenter Server.

**Prerequisites**

- Log in to the vSphere Web Client as a user with administrator privileges.
- Ensure that the virtual machine meets all requirements described in “ESX/ESXi Requirements for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 11 and “Software Requirements for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 11.
- Configure vCenter Managed IP address so that the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance can access the vCenter Server.
- Download the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance files from the VMware Web site.
- Install the relevant Client Integration plug-in for the vSphere Web Client on the system on which you are deploying the OVF template.

**Procedure**

1. In the vSphere Web Client, click **Host and Clusters**.
2. Right-click the vCenter Server on which you are deploying vCenter Infrastructure Navigator and select **Deploy OVF template**.
3. Browse to the OVA file and select it, or enter the URL from where you want to deploy the OVA template, and click **Next**.
4. In the Review details screen, click **Next**.
5. Select the **Accept extra configuration options** check box.
6. Accept the End User License Agreement and click **Next**.
7. On the Select name and folder screen, type a unique virtual appliance name according to the IT naming convention of your organization.
8. Select the folder or data center where you want to deploy the OVF, and click **Next**.
   
   If more than one data center is present, select the data center on which you want to deploy the virtual appliance.
9. On the Select a resource screen, select the location to run the deployed OVF template, and click **Next**.
   
   The Select storage screen appears where you can select the location to store the files of the deployed OVF template.
10 From the **Select virtual disk format** drop-down menu, select **Thin Provision** as the disk format, and click **Next**.

11 Configure the networks for the deployed template to use, and click **Next**.

12 Type and confirm the administrative password for the root account.

13 Leave the **Default Gateway**, **DNS**, **Network 1 IP Address**, and **Network 1 Netmask** parameters blank if you want to acquire these values from a DHCP server, and click **Next**.

   The vService Bindings screen appears.

14 If you have configured the vCenter Managed IP address, proceed with deployment, and click **Next**.

   A Ready to Complete screen displays a summary of the deployment settings.

15 Select **Power on after deployment**, and then click **Finish**.

   The process of deploying the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance starts.

   The process of deploying the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance might take several minutes. After the process is complete, the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator OVA is deployed on your vSphere Web Client. Log out of the vSphere Web Client and log in again.

   **Note** When you deploy vCenter Infrastructure Navigator the first time, you only need to log out out of the vSphere Web Client and log in again.

   **What to do next**

   Specify a valid license and turn on virtual machine access. See “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Licensing,” on page 17.

**Using vCenter Single Sign-On with vSphere**

You use VMware® vCenter™ Single Sign-On authenticate and manage vCenter Server users.

In vCenter Server versions earlier than vCenter Server 5.1, when a user connects to vCenter Server, vCenter Server authenticates the user by validating the user against an Active Directory domain or the list of local operating system users. In vCenter Server 5.1 and later, users authenticate through vCenter Single Sign-On.

The vCenter Single Sign-On administrative interface is part of the vSphere Web Client. To configure vCenter Single Sign-On and manage vCenter Single Sign-On users and groups, you log in to the vSphere Web Client as a user with vCenter Single Sign-On administrator privileges. This might not be the same user as the vCenter Server administrator. Enter the credentials on the vSphere Web Client login page and upon authentication, you can access the Single Sign-On administration tool to create users and assign administrative permissions to other users.

vSphere 5.1 and later users have the option of logging in to vCenter Server with the vSphere Client or with the vSphere Web Client.

- Using the vSphere Client, you log in to each vCenter Server system separately. All linked vCenter Server instances are visible on the left pane of the vSphere Client. The vSphere Client does not show vCenter Server systems that are not linked to the vCenter Server that the user logged in to unless the user connects to those vCenter Server systems explicitly. This behavior is unchanged from vCenter Server versions earlier than version 5.1.

- Using the vSphere Web Client, you authenticate to vCenter Single Sign-On by entering your credentials on the vSphere Web Client login page. You can then view all of the vCenter Server instances for which you have permissions. After you connect to vCenter Server, no further authentication is required. The actions that you can perform on objects depend on the user’s vCenter Server permissions on those objects.
For versions earlier than vCenter Server 5.1, you must explicitly register each vCenter Server system with the vSphere Web Client. For vCenter Server 5.1 and later, vCenter Server systems are automatically detected and are displayed in the vSphere Web Client inventory. For more information about configuring vCenter Single Sign-On, see http://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-55/index.jsp.
Setting Up vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

After you deploy a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance you must enter a valid license for the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator. After you enter a valid license, you can start the application discovery process, set the vCenter Server credentials, and integrate vCenter Site Recovery Manager. You can also obtain the system information and product logs information.

This chapter includes the following topics:
- “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Licensing,” on page 17
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- “Select vCenter Server,” on page 20
- “View System Information,” on page 20
- “Managing Virtual Machine Access,” on page 21
- “Update vCenter Credentials,” on page 21
- “Integrating vCenter Site Recovery Manager with vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 22
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- “Creating Product Support Package,” on page 23
- “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Log Files,” on page 23

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Licensing

When you deploy the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance on the vCenter Server, the virtual appliance is deployed without a license key. As a result, application discovery is disabled. You must enter a valid license key to start the application discovery process.

After you enter a valid license key, the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator monitors the number of virtual machines discovered by vCenter Infrastructure Navigator with regards to the number of virtual machines allowed. You can acquire a license depending on the number of virtual machines and applications running in your environment.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator supports suite licenses for vCenter Server 5.5, 5.5U1, and 5.1. Table 3-1 lists the vCenter Server versions and its supported licenses for the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.

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<th>Table 3-1. Supported Licenses</th>
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<td><strong>vCenter Server Version</strong></td>
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<td>vCenter Server 5.5, 5.5U1, and 5.1U1</td>
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</table>
If you don't have a valid license, you can apply an evaluation license by using the vSphere Client as described in “Apply a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator License,” on page 18. After you apply an evaluation license, the Turn on VM access button in vSphere Web Client is enabled, but the virtual machine is not accessible, and a message that asks you to apply a license no longer appears. If an evaluation license expires and you have not disabled or uninstalled vCenter Infrastructure Navigator, an alert warning that the license has expired is displayed. However, even after the license expires, the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in is not disabled. The discovery process is not affected by expiration of the license and you can still view and manage the information presented by vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.

**Licensing in Single Sign On Mode**

To enable virtual machine access, you must enter a license key for each instance of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator under the licensing section of vSphere Web Client.

**NOTE** For each vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance installed on vCenter Server 5.0 that is registered to the vSphere 5.1 Web Client, you need to follow the same process.

**Apply a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator License**

The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance is deployed without a license key. You can apply the license key by using vSphere Web Client to start the application discovery process.

**Prerequisites**

Deploy the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance on the vCenter Server.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the vSphere Web Client as an administrator.
2. Navigate to Administration > Licensing > Licenses.
3. From the vCenter Server drop-down menu, select the vCenter Server instance where vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is deployed.
4. Click the Solutions tab and select the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance for which you want to assign the license.
5. Click the Assign License Key icon 📞.
6. From the licensing method drop-down menu, select Assign a new license key.
7. Type the license key, and type an optional label for the key.
8. Click OK.

The license key is applied for the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance. You can now start the discovery process.

**Privileges Required for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator**

To perform administration tasks in vCenter Infrastructure Navigator, such as turning access to virtual machines on or off, you must log in to vSphere Web Client as an administrator.

An administrator is a user who is assigned the administrator role on the vCenter Server or a user in a group that is assigned the administrators role on the vCenter Server. A user or group must be assigned the administrator role on the root folder and all the child objects that propagate from the root folder. See vCenter Infrastructure Navigator User's Guide.
Assign Administrator Privileges

To view services offered by vCenter Infrastructure Navigator when you log in to vSphere Web Client, you must assign administrative privileges to the user or group on the root folder and all the child objects that are propagating from the root folder in vSphere Web Client.

Procedure

1. Log in to the vSphere Web Client.
2. On the vCenter entity root level, right-click and select Add Permission.
3. In the Assign Permissions window, select Administrator from the Assigned Role drop-down menu. The privileges contained in the role are listed in the section below the role title.
4. Select Propagate to Child Objects.
5. Click Add.
6. In the Select Users and Groups window, select the domain where the user or group is located from the Domain drop-down menu.
7. Type a name in the Search box or select a name from the Name list.
8. Click Add. The name is added to the Users or Groups list.
9. Repeat steps Step 6 through Step 8 to add additional users or groups.
10. Click OK. To finish the task, click OK.

The server adds administrator privileges to the user.

Minimal Privileges for Virtual Machine Access

To accommodate security needs vCenter Infrastructure Navigator supports some minimally-privileged users. These users cannot log in into the vSphere Web Client, but their credentials can be used to access virtual machines.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator requires that users have administrative privileges. For more information, see “Privileges Required for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 18. However, to accommodate security needs, vCenter Infrastructure Navigator also supports some minimally-privileged users for access to virtual machines. See “Create a Role with Minimal Privileges to Enable Virtual Machine Access,” on page 19.

Create a Role with Minimal Privileges to Enable Virtual Machine Access

You can create a role with Guest operating system management by VIX API and Console interaction privileges. After you create a role, you must assign a user to this role on the entire data center by assigning the user to the root folder and all the child objects that are propagate from the root folder in the vSphere Web Client.

Procedure

1. Log in to the vSphere Web Client as an administrator.
2. From the Inventory menu, navigate to Administration > Roles.

The Roles screen appears.
3 Click Create role action icon.
4 Navigate to Virtual machine > Interaction.
5 Select the Console interaction and Guest operating system management by VIX API check boxes.
6 Type a name in the Role name text box.
7 Click OK.

A role is created with Guest operating system management with Console interaction and VIX API privileges. You can assign a user to this role by selecting this role as a role in the “Assign Administrator Privileges,” on page 19 procedure. After the completion of the procedure, the user has required privileges to enable the discovery process.

Select vCenter Server

If you have multiple vCenter Server instances, you can select the vCenter Server to work with. vCenter Infrastructure Navigator updates the information pertaining to the selected vCenter Server.

Procedure
1 Log in to the vSphere Web Client as an administrator.
2 On the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3 Click the Settings tab.
4 From the vCenter Server drop-down menu, select the vCenter Server to work with.

The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance information for the selected vCenter Server is updated.

If vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is not installed on the selected vCenter Server, this message is displayed. If you are working with multiple vCenter servers, select the vCenter Server where Infrastructure Navigator is installed.

If you want to uninstall Infrastructure Navigator, you must restart the vSphere Web Client service to complete the uninstall process. You can then delete the virtual appliance.

View System Information

The Settings tab displays the product version and knowledge base version of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance. This page also displays the build number of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance that you are currently using.

Procedure
1 Log in to the vSphere Web Client as an administrator.
2 From the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3 In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the Settings tab.

The system information page appears.
Managing Virtual Machine Access

In the vSphere Web Client, the Settings tab provides the functionality to turn off and turn on access to virtual machines. Virtual machine access enables you to retrieve information about the applications running in your environment, and to control agent management.

Turn On Virtual Machine Access

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator utilizes VMware tools to access virtual machines. Turn on virtual machine access to retrieve information about the applications running in your vCenter Server environment.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you have entered the license for the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance. For more information, see “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Licensing,” on page 17.
- Verify that you have a user with the required privileges to turn on virtual machine access. For more information, see “Privileges Required for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 18.

Procedure

1. Log in to vSphere Web Client.
2. From the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3. In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the Settings tab.
4. Click Turn On VM Access.
5. Type the user name and password and click OK.
   
   If you are turning on virtual machine access for the first time, you must provide the vCenter Server administrator credentials or the privileges described in “Minimal Privileges for Virtual Machine Access,” on page 19.

Turn Off Virtual Machine Access

You can stop virtual machine access to ensure all the actions performed by vCenter Infrastructure Navigator are discontinued.

Procedure

1. Log in to the vSphere Web Client.
2. From the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3. In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the Settings tab.
4. Click Turn Off VM Access.

   vCenter Infrastructure Navigator stops the application discovery process and the message Access to the VMs is Off appears.

Update vCenter Credentials

If you have changed or modified credentials of the administrator or minimally privileged user, you must update the credentials in the Settings tab of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator in the vSphere Web Client.

Procedure

1. Log in to vSphere Web Client.
2. From the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3 In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the **Settings** tab.

4 Click the [user: <user name>] link.

5 In the Enter vCenter administrator credentials window, type the user name and password and click **OK**.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator updates the credentials successfully.

**Integrating vCenter Site Recovery Manager with vCenter Infrastructure Navigator**

The vCenter Site Recovery Manager integration with vCenter Infrastructure Navigator displays the vCenter Site Recovery Manager Protection Groups and vCenter Site Recovery Manager Recovery Plans of the selected virtual machine.

**Start vCenter Site Recovery Manager Integration**

Start the vCenter Site Recovery Manager integration to display the vCenter Site Recovery Manager information in the inventory table and dependency map.

**Procedure**

1 Log in to vSphere Web Client.

2 From the inventory menu, click **Infrastructure Navigator**.
   The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page appears.

3 Click the **Settings** tab.

4 Click **Turn On Integration**.

5 In the Enter vCenter Site Recovery Manager administrator credentials window type the user name and password and click **OK**.

   You must provide the vCenter Site Recovery Manager administrator credentials to start the integration for the first time.

   integration of vCenter Site Recovery Manager starts and the message **Integration is on** is displayed.

**Stop vCenter Site Recovery Manager Server Integration**

Stop SRM integration to remove all columns and indicators of SRM from the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator screen.

**Procedure**

1 Log in to vSphere Web Client.

2 From the inventory menu, click **Infrastructure Navigator**.
   The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page appears.

3 Click the **Settings** tab.

4 Click **Turn Off Integration**.

   vCenter Infrastructure Navigator stops SRM integration and the message **Integration is off** is displayed.
Update vCenter Site Recovery Manager Administrator Credentials

If you change vCenter Site Recovery Manager credentials, you must update the credentials on the Settings tab of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance in the vSphere Web Client.

Procedure
1. Log in to vSphere Web Client.
2. From the inventory menu, click Infrastructure Navigator.
3. In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the Settings tab.
4. Click the [user: <user name>] link.
5. In the Enter Site Recovery Manager administrator credentials window, type the user name and password and click OK.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator updates the credentials successfully.

Creating Product Support Package

You can use the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator product support package to get system information and product logs information.

Procedure
1. Connect to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine using SSH.
2. Navigate to /opt/vadm-engine/bin/ by running the cd /opt/vadm-engine/bin/ command.
3. Create the product support package by running the ./support_package.sh command.

A vadm_server_support_package_* .tgz file is created and is stored in /opt/vadm-engine/bin/ folder.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Log Files

All vCenter Infrastructure Navigator log files are located in /var/log/vadm/. The following table lists all the generic log files that are available in vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Filename</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>activecollector.log</td>
<td>The active collector log file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dbconfig.log</td>
<td>The database operations log file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>engine.log</td>
<td>The engine log file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>engine.catalina.log</td>
<td>Internal tc Server log file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db/postgresql.log</td>
<td>PostgreSQL log file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kb-update.log</td>
<td>Logs knowledge base update</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>update.log</td>
<td>Logs the virtual appliance updates</td>
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The following table lists the service log files available in vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.
### Table 3.3. Services Log Files

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<th>Services Log</th>
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<tr>
<td>activecollector.stdout</td>
<td>For the active collector services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>listener.stdout</td>
<td>For the listener services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>engine.catalina-out.log</td>
<td>For the engine services</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The vSphere Web Client log file for Windows systems is located on the vSphere Web Client server at C:\ProgramData\VMware\vSphere Web Client\serviceability\logs\vsphere_client_virgo.txt.

The vSphere Web Client log file for Linux systems is located on the vSphere Web Client server at /var/log/vmware/vsphere-client/logs/vsphere_client_virgo.log.
Security Overview

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator offers strong network security to protect sensitive corporate data. The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in leverages the vCenter Server for authentication and eliminates the user management requirement.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator uses PostgreSQL as the database and other individual process that are limited to a single virtual appliance. This limit reduces the vulnerability of the system by allowing the components to perform inter-process communication on the local protected channels.

- **Firewall for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator** on page 25
  vCenter Infrastructure Navigator uses the SLES, SuSEfirewall2 firewall. vCenter Infrastructure Navigator requires certain TCP ports to be open for proper operation of the product.

- **Protecting Sensitive Files** on page 26
  vCenter Infrastructure Navigator has some sensitive files that must be protected from unauthorised access as that might compromise vCenter Infrastructure Navigator security.

- **Securing vCenter Infrastructure Navigator** on page 26
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Firewall for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator uses the SLES, SuSEfirewall2 firewall. vCenter Infrastructure Navigator requires certain TCP ports to be open for proper operation of the product.

The firewall is configured so that vCenter Infrastructure Navigator can use the following ports.

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<th>Port Number</th>
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<td>5480</td>
<td>For appliance Web console.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>To enable SSH access to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80</td>
<td>To access vSphere Web service API.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2868</td>
<td>For plug-in download. This download happens as part of the registration process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6969</td>
<td>For connectivity from vSphere Web Client to vCenter Infrastructure Navigator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The firewall is started during the first boot of the operating system. To stop the firewall, monitor its status, or start the firewall, use the following commands.
### Table 4.2. Commands for Firewall

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Command</th>
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<tr>
<td>stop</td>
<td><code>/etc/init.d/SuSEfirewall2_setup stop</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>status</td>
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### Protecting Sensitive Files

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator has some sensitive files that must be protected from unauthorised access as that might compromise vCenter Infrastructure Navigator security.

#### Critical Files

The `vadm.keystore` file, found under `/opt/vadm-engine/conf/` is a critical file that contains private key and certificate of the application. Unauthorized access to this file might give an attacker access to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator database.

The `vadm.keystore` file is protected by access controls. Do not change the permissions on the file or folder as it might either give too much access, reduce security, or restrict access, thereby preventing vCenter Infrastructure Navigator from working.

#### Limiting Access to Virtual Machines

For the access controls to work correctly, access to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance must be strictly limited to those with a need to log in, with the minimal levels of access required. This involves limiting the use of the root account. Any backups of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance must be strictly protected and encrypted with the keys managed separately from the backups.

It is possible for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator to access all machines in the vCenter Server environment using the Super User privilege. To avoid such access, under VIN Home > Settings, verify that the Access to VMs indicator shows that the access is off. The default is Off.

### Securing vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

It is important that measures are taken to ensure that installation files are valid and that communication between the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance and the vSphere Web Client are secure.

#### Validating Installation Files

Before performing an installation or upgrade, it is good practice to validate the installation files to avoid middleman attacks.

Use SSH hashes to verify the files.

#### Verifying the Authenticity of the Server

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator uses digital certificates to enable secure communication between the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance and the vSphere Web Client, based on Transport Layer Security (TLS).
TLS is based on the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) specifications developed by Netscape Communications and has been standardized by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). TLS provides privacy of communication by using encryption and also allows you to verify the authenticity of the server with which you are communicating.

During the first boot of the appliance, a self-signed certificate is generated. This certificate is used for encrypted TLS communication.
You can upgrade a vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance without the need to redeploy the virtual appliance. Such an upgrade applies to vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Red Hat Package Manager (RPM) and third-party RPMs such as RabbitMQ.

This chapter includes the following topics:
- “Upgrading vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 29
- “Upgrade Limitations for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator,” on page 30
- “Upgrade vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Using the Web Console,” on page 30

Upgrading vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator 2.0 and later can be upgraded to the latest supported version using the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Web console. You can use the Update tab in the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Web console to upgrade the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

To upgrade from vCenter Infrastructure Navigator 1.2, you must upgrade to version 2.0 before upgrading to the latest version.

**Note**: vCenter Infrastructure Navigator does not support upgrade through VMware Update Manager.

The Settings tab shows the policies that you can set to periodically check and install vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance updates.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Update Policy</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>No automatic updates</strong></td>
<td>This check box is selected by default. The virtual appliance does not check and install updates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Automatic check for updates</strong></td>
<td>The virtual appliance checks for updates at the scheduled time. If an update is available, it appears on the Update Status page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Automatic check and install updates</strong></td>
<td>The virtual appliance checks for updates at the scheduled time, and if updates are available, installs them.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you select either **Automatic check for updates** or **Automatic check and install updates**, you can configure the scheduling. By default, the check occurs daily at 3:00 a.m. local time, as determined by your time zone setting.
Upgrade Limitations for vCenter Infrastructure Navigator

Some limitations are associated with the upgrade of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance. Consider these limitations before upgrading the virtual appliance.

- You cannot roll back to an earlier version after you perform the upgrade procedure. Take a snapshot of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance before you run the upgrade procedure.
- When using the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Web console, you can only upgrade to the latest version available.
- No authentication or access control mechanism is available to the catalog.
- During the upgrade procedure, if you try to access the Application Dependencies tab in the vSphere Web Client, you might see a communication error message. The message appears because the engine stops working while the upgrade is in progress.
- After an upgrade, the Application Dependencies tab is available only after you restart the vSphere Web Client service on the vCenter Server.

Upgrade vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Using the Web Console

You can upgrade the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance by using the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Web console. The upgrade procedure performs all the operations required to upgrade the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

**Prerequisites**

Verify that you have a snapshot of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance before you run the upgrade procedure. If a problem occurs with the virtual appliance after the upgrade, you can revert to the snapshot.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Web console.
2. Click the **Update** tab.
   - The current status of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance is displayed.
3. Click **Check Updates**.
   - The available updates are listed.
4. Click **Install Updates**.
   - A message confirms that the update is in progress.

After the update is complete, the **Status** tab displays data about the update under Last Check and Last Update.

It might take a few minutes until the agent status information is retrieved and the entries are displayed. During that period, the agent status entries are **unknown**.

**What to do next**

- Restart the vSphere Web Client service on the vCenter Server after you perform the update procedure.
- Log out and then log in to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator web console.
Perform the uninstall process to remove the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in from the vCenter Server.

**Uninstall vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-in**

The uninstall procedure removes the plug-in from the vCenter Server.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to vSphere Web Client.
2. From the inventory menu, click **Infrastructure Navigator**.
3. In the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator home page, click the **Settings** tab.
4. Click **Uninstall**.
5. At the confirmation prompt, click **Yes**.

   The uninstall process starts, and might take anywhere between 30 minutes and one hour, depending on number of virtual machines and applications running in your environment.

   After successful completion of the uninstall procedure the message, **Infrastructure Navigator is not installed on this vCenter Server.**

   If you are working with multiple vCenter servers, select the vCenter Server where Infrastructure Navigator is installed.

   If you want to uninstall Infrastructure Navigator, you must restart the vSphere Web Client service to complete the uninstall process. You can then delete the virtual appliance.

   is displayed in the vSphere Web Client. Also, the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator is cleaning up message is displayed in the vSphere Web Client.

**What to do next**

After you uninstall the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in, power off and delete the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine from the vCenter Server. You must restart the vSphere Web Client service to enable the installation of new vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-ins in the future.
Troubleshooting vCenter Infrastructure Navigator provides information about the problems that you might encounter when using vCenter Infrastructure Navigator and provides possible solutions.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “vCenter Certificate Error,” on page 33
- “vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-In is not Visible in vSphere Web Client After an Upgrade,” on page 34
- “Error in Retrieving Information Might Occur,” on page 34
- “Incorrect Marking of a Virtual Machine as an External Machine,” on page 34
- “Deployment Failure After IP Address Change,” on page 35
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### vCenter Certificate Error

If you try to manually replace the certificate on the vCenter Server, vCenter Infrastructure Navigator cannot load the new certificate thumbprint.

**Problem**

If you delete the `/opt/vmware/etc/vami/ovfEnv.xml` file, the new file created at restart contains the old certificate's thumbprint.

**Solution**

1. Select the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine and verify that it is powered off.
2. Right-click the selected virtual machine and select **Edit Settings**.
3. Select the **vServices** tab.
4. Right-click **vCenter Extension vService Dependency** and click **Edit**.
5. Select **No Provider** from the **Provider** drop-down menu.
Click OK and click OK again.

Repeat Step 2 through Step 6, selecting vCenter Extension vService from the Provider drop-down menu in Step 5. When you power on the virtual machine next time, its OVF environment is updated with the new vCenter certificate thumbprint.

**vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-In is not Visible in vSphere Web Client After an Upgrade**

After you have upgraded to a new vCenter Infrastructure Navigator build, the plug-in does not appear in vSphere Web Client.

**Problem**
After you have upgraded to a new vCenter Infrastructure Navigator build and log in to the vSphere Web Client, the plug-in does not appear in vSphere Web Client.

**Solution**
1. Restart the vSphere Web Client service.
2. Wait for five minutes and then log in again into the vSphere Web Client.

The plug-in is now visible.

**Error in Retrieving Information Might Occur**
If you restart the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual machine or the engine services, an error message is displayed.

**Problem**
If vCenter Infrastructure Navigator cannot map services that are running on a selected vCenter entity, instead of the total number of services installed, an Error retrieving information from Infrastructure Navigator message is displayed.

**Solution**
Wait for few minutes and if the problem persists, restart the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

**Incorrect Marking of a Virtual Machine as an External Machine**

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator might incorrectly mark a virtual machine as an external machine.

**Problem**
vCenter Infrastructure Navigator can incorrectly mark a virtual machine as an external machine under the following conditions:

- A monitored virtual machine is configured with hardware version 4.
- Multiple IPv4 addresses are configured on the virtual machine.
- vCenter displays only one IP address for the virtual machine with hardware version 4, but according to vCenter Infrastructure Navigator, the IP address might be different. This issue does not occur with newer hardware versions, for example, hardware version 7 and 8.

**Solution**
If your virtual machine is located on an ESX 4.x or higher host, right-click the powered-off virtual machine and select Upgrade Virtual Hardware.
Deployment Failure After IP Address Change
You cannot deploy the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in after you change the IP address of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

Problem
If you change the IP address of the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance, the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in fails to deploy in the vSphere Web Client.

Solution
After the IP address change, restart the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance.

Failure of the Virtual Appliance After DHCP Selection
The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance does not work if you assign the IP address using DHCP.

Problem
During the deployment of vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance, if you assign the IP address to the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance using DHCP, the virtual appliance does not work correctly

Solution
Restart the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator virtual appliance and the vSphere Web Client.

VMware Tools Compatibility Error
Virtual machine discovery might fail because of a VMware tools compatibility error.

Problem
If you attempt to discover virtual machines with a VMware Tools version that is lower than that which is compatible with ESX host version 3.5, the discovery might fail with the error message Unknown discovery error.

Solution
Update VMware tools.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Authentication Failure
The vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in does not appear in the vSphere Web Client after you restart vCenter Server.

Problem
After you restart vCenter Server, the vCenter Server fails to authenticate the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in, so the Application Dependencies tab does not appear in vSphere Web Client.

Solution
Restart vCenter Infrastructure Navigator after you restart vCenter Server.
Navigation Problem Between Objects

A problem occurs when you navigate between objects in the left pane in the vSphere Web Client or when you navigate from the dependency map of one virtual machine to the dependency map of another virtual machine.

**Problem**

When you navigate between objects in the left pane in the vSphere Web Client, or when you navigate from the dependency map of one virtual machine to the dependency map of another virtual machine, the **Loading...** message might persist for a very long time in the user interface.

**Solution**

Navigate to a different object in the left pane or reload the vSphere Web Client.

Navigation Error

The vSphere Web Client displays an error message if you navigate from the VMs and Templates view to the vCenter Server root-level view.

**Problem**

In the vSphere Web Client, if you select the VMs and Templates view and navigate first to its folder level, then the data center level, and finally to the vCenter Server root level, the Application Dependencies tab displays the **This list is empty** error message.

**Solution**

Refresh the vSphere Web Client page or navigate by using a different sequence to reach the vCenter Server root level.

Error Message in Recent Tasks List

If you log in to a non-English version of the vSphere Client, an error message might appear in the Recent Task list.

**Problem**

After you deploy vCenter Infrastructure Navigator on a non-English version of the vSphere Web Client, the Recent Task list might display a **label not found** error message. This error message also appears in the Task Console of the vSphere Web Client.

**Cause**

This issue is caused by a VPX i18nfilter limitation on the language fallback mechanism.
Solution

For vCenter Server on a Windows machine:

a. Create a dummy locale folder under the directory `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale` in the vCenter Server. For example, `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale\de`, `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale\fr`, `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale\ja`, or `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale\ko`.

b. Copy all the English resource files under `C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\VirtualCenter\Server\extensions\com.vmware.vadm\locale\en` to the locale folders that you have created.

vCenter Server loads the strings correctly by using the dummy resource files.

For vCenter Server on a Linux machine:


b. Copy all the English resource files under `/usr/lib/vmware-vpx/extensions/com.vmware.vadm/locale/en` to the locale folder that you have created.

vCenter Server loads the strings correctly by using the dummy resource files.

vCenter Infrastructure Navigator Plug-in Removal Failure

After you uninstall the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in, the plug-in is not removed from the vSphere Web Client.

Problem

If you try to uninstall the vCenter Infrastructure Navigator plug-in from the vSphere Web Client, the plug-in is not removed. If you log in after the uninstall process, the Navigator tabs and portlets are present in the vSphere Web Client.

Solution

Restart the vSphere Web Client service.
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