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IaaS Integration for HP Server Automation

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IaaS Integration for HP Server Automation

*IaaS Integration for HP Server Automation* provides information about integrating HP Server Automation with VMware vCloud Automation Center™.

This documentation provides information on how you can use an HP Server Automation boot image or an HP Server Automation template to provision virtual machines by cloning.

**Intended Audience**

This information is intended for system administrators, tenant administrators, fabric administrators, and business group managers of vCloud Automation Center. This content is written for experienced Windows or Linux system administrators who are familiar with virtualization technology and the basic concepts described in *Foundations and Concepts*.

**VMware Technical Publications Glossary**

VMware Technical Publications provides a glossary of terms that might be unfamiliar to you. For definitions of terms as they are used in VMware technical documentation, go to [http://www.vmware.com/support/pubs](http://www.vmware.com/support/pubs).
You can you can provision virtual machines by using an HP Server Automation boot image or by provisioning by cloning and using an HP Server Automation template when you integrate HP Server Automation with vCloud Automation Center.

You can optionally identify the HP Server Automation policies to make available in vCloud Automation Center. Machine requestors can select from among these policies to install software on the requested machine, or you can specify HP Server Automation policies in the blueprint to be applied to every machine that is provisioned from that blueprint.

Integration Requirements Overview

The following is a high-level overview of the requirements for integrating HP Server Automation with vCloud Automation Center:

- A system administrator installs Microsoft PowerShell on the installation host prior to installing the agent.
  
  The required version of Microsoft PowerShell depends on the operating system of the installation host and might have been installed with that operating system. See Microsoft Help and Support.


- A system administrator installs at least one EPI agent. See Chapter 3, “Install an EPI Agent for HP Server Automation,” on page 11.


- A tenant administrator or a business group manager creates a blueprint that enables the deployment of software jobs. See Chapter 7, “Creating Blueprints for HP Server Automation,” on page 21.

- A tenant administrator or a business group manager publishes the blueprint. See Chapter 9, “Publish a Blueprint,” on page 29.
The HP Server Automation snap-in must be installed on at least one host for vCloud Automation Center external provisioning integration (EPI) installation prior to installing the EPI agent.

**Prerequisites**
- Obtain the HP Server Automation Snap-in software from the HP Server Automation installation media.
- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a *system administrator*.

**Procedure**
1. Click **Start**, right-click **Command Prompt**, and click **Run as administrator**.
2. Change to the directory that contains the PowerShell snap-in.
3. Type `msiexec /i OPSWpowershell-37.0.0.5-0.msi`.
4. Complete the installation by accepting all defaults.
5. Select **Start** > **All Programs** > **Windows PowerShell 1.0** > **Windows PowerShell**.
6. Type `Add-PSSnapin 'OpswareSasPs'`.
7. Type `Exit`.

**Set the PowerShell Execution Policy to RemoteSigned**
You must set the PowerShell Execution Policy from Restricted to RemoteSigned or Unrestricted to allow local PowerShell scripts to run.

- For more information about PowerShell Execution Policy, type `help about_signing` or `help Set-ExecutionPolicy` at the PowerShell command prompt.

**Prerequisites**
- Log in as a Windows administrator.

**Procedure**
1. Select **Start** > **All Programs** > **Windows PowerShell version** > **Windows PowerShell**.
2. Type `Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned` to set the policy to RemoteSigned.
3. Type `Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted` to set the policy to Unrestricted.
4. Type `Get-ExecutionPolicy` to verify the current settings for the execution policy.
5. Type `Exit`. 
Install an EPI Agent for HP Server Automation

A system administrator must install at least one vCloud Automation Center EPI agent to manage interaction with HP Server Automation. The agent can be installed anywhere, including the vCloud Automation Center server or the HP Server Automation server, as long as the agent can communicate with both servers.

Prerequisites

- Verify that the HP Server Automation PowerShell Snap-in is installed on the same host as your EPI agent. If the EPI agent is installed before the snap-in, then the agent service must be restarted after the snap-in is installed. See Chapter 2, “Install the HP Server Automation PowerShell Snap-In,” on page 9.
- The agent must be installed on Windows Server 2008 SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP2 (32 or 64-bit), Windows Server 2008 R2 system, or Windows 2012 with .NET 4.5.
- The credentials of the agent must have administrative access to all HP Server Automation hosts with which the agent will interact.
- Install the IaaS components, including the Manager Service and Website.
- See Installation and Configuration for complete information about installing vCloud Automation Center agents.
- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a system administrator.

Procedure

1. Select Custom Install and Proxy Agent on the Installation Type page.
2. Accept the root install location or click Change and select an installation path.
3. Click Next.
4. Type the user name and password for the Windows services user with sysadmin privileges on the installation machine.
5. Click Next.
6. Select EPI Power Shell from the Agent type list.
7. Type a unique identifier for this agent in the Agent name text box. Maintain a record of each agent’s name, credentials, and platform instance for use when adding hosts in the future. Agent names cannot be duplicated unless the agent configurations are identical.
8. Type the fully qualified domain name and port number, if you are not using the default 443 port, of the machine where you installed the Manager Service component.

For example, hostname.domain.name:444
9 Type the fully qualified domain name and the port number, if you are not using the default 443 port, of the machine where you installed the Manager Website component.

For example, hostname.domain.name:444

10 Click Test to verify connectivity to each host.

11 Click Opsware in EPI Type.

12 Type the fully qualified domain name of the managed server in the EPI Server text box.

Optionally, you can leave this blank to let the agent interact with multiple hosts.

The HP Server Automation server with which the agent interacts when provisioning a machine by using HP Server Automation depends on the value of the required custom property, EPI.Server.Name, in the blueprint.

Therefore, if you install a dedicated EPI agent by specifying an HP Server Automation server name during installation, only machines whose EPI.Server.Name property exactly matches the server name configured for the agent can be provisioned by that server.

If you install a general EPI agent by not specifying an HP Server Automation server name during installation, a machine can be provisioned by any server specified in the blueprint EPI.Server.Name property, that is assuming the agent can contact that server.

Note: If no matching agent can be found, or there are no agents with unspecified server values, Opsware provisioning will wait until a suitable agent is found.

13 Click Add.

14 Click Next.

15 Click Install to begin the installation.

After several minutes a success message appears.

16 Click Next.

17 Click Finish.

What to do next

When you install the software for the integration product, the software might take longer to install than the default 30-minute timeout. You can increase the default timeout to a value that allows the installation to finish.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to the Manager Service installation directory. Typically, this is `%System-Drive%\Program Files x86\VMware\vCAC\Server`.
2. Create a backup of the `ManagerService.exe.config` file.
3. Open the `ManagerService.exe.config` file and locate the `workflowTimeoutConfigurationSection` element and increase the value of the `DefaultTimeout` attribute from 30 minutes to your desired limit.
4. Click Save and close the file.
5. Select **Start > Administrative Tools > Services**, and restart the vCloud Automation Center service.
The steps required to integrate HP Server Automation with vCloud Automation Center depend on which provisioning method you want to use and whether you want to enable software installation from HP Server Automation.

When provisioning virtual machines, you can select from the following integration methods:

- Provision by using a system from which HP Server Automation deploys images that is available on the network.
- Provision by cloning by using a template that is prepared for HP Server Automation.

You can optionally identify the HP Server Automation policies to make available in vCloud Automation Center. Machine requestors can select from among these policies to install software on the requested machine, or you can specify HP Server Automation policies in the blueprint to be applied to every machine that is provisioned from that blueprint.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “Enable Provisioning from HP Server Automation Boot Images,” on page 15
- “Preparing an HP Server Automation Template for Cloning,” on page 16

## Enable Provisioning from HP Server Automation Boot Images

A system administrator can use an HP Server Automation boot image to enable vCloud Automation Center to provision machines by using that instance of HP Server Automation.

### Prerequisites

- A system from which HP Server Automation deploys images is available on the network.
- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a system administrator.

### Procedure

1. On the EPI/Opsware Agent host, select **Start > Administrative Tools > Services**, and stop the vCloud Automation Center EPI/Opsware Agent.

2. On the EPI agent installation host, which may be the same as the Manager Service host, change to the EPI agent installation directory, typically `%SystemDrive%\Program Files (x86)\VMware\vCAC Agents\agent_name`. 

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3 Edit the agent configuration file, `VRMAgent.exe.config`, in the EPI agent installation directory.
   a Locate the following line.
   ```xml
   <DynamicOps.Vrm.Agent.EpiPowerShell
    registerScript="CitrixProvisioningRegister.ps1"
    unregisterScript="CitrixProvisioningUnregister.ps1"/>
   ```
   b Change the line to match the following line.
   ```xml
   <DynamicOps.Vrm.Agent.EpiPowerShell
    registerScript="CreateMachine.ps1"
    unregisterScript="DisposeVM.ps1"/>
   ```

4 Create an HP SA password file in the `Scripts` folder.
   The credentials you provide for this file must have administrator access to all instances of HP SA with which the agent will interact.
   a Select `Start > All Programs > Windows Power-Shell 1.0 > Windows PowerShell`.
   b Change to the `Scripts` directory.
   c Type `\CreatePasswordFile.ps1 username`.
   d Type the password when prompted.
   e Type `Exit`.

5 On the vCloud Automation Center EPI/Opsware Agent host, select `Start > Administrative Tools > Services`, and then start or restart the vCloud Automation Center EPI/Opsware Agent service.

**Preparing an HP Server Automation Template for Cloning**

You can use an HP Server Automation template to integrate with vCloud Automation Center. To create the HP Server Automation template, you must create a reference machine and add customization specifications to it.

For Windows, see “Prepare a Reference Machine for Windows,” on page 17.

For Linux, see “Prepare a Reference Machine for Linux,” on page 16.

**Prepare a Reference Machine for Linux**

You must prepare a reference machine and convert it to a template for cloning to add software installation by HP Server Automation to provisioning by cloning.

**Procedure**

1 Add the HP Server Automation agent installation package to the cloning template.
2 Copy the HP Server Automation agent installer to the reference machine.
3 Create a script to run the installer and install the HP Server Automation agent.
4 Copy the script to the reference machine.
5 Add the customization required to invoke the agent after provisioning, so that the agent is installed on each cloned machine.

**Note** Do not install HP Server Automation on the reference machine. The agent must be installed by using the customization specification or postinstall script following cloning.
Prepare a Reference Machine for Windows

You must prepare a reference machine and convert it to a template for cloning before you can add software installation by HP Server Automation to provisioning by cloning.

Procedure

1. Add the HP Server Automation agent installation package to the cloning template.
2. Copy the HP Server Automation agent installer to the C:\ directory of the reference machine.
3. Add the customization required to invoke the agent after provisioning, by adding following line to the Run Once section of the customization specification.

   C:\\opswareagentinstaller --opsw_gw_addr opswareipaddress:3001 -s --force_sw_reg
   --force_full_hw_reg

   This customization also installs the agent on each cloned machine.
4. Replace \opswareagentinstaller with the name of the HP Server Automation agent installer executable.
5. Replace opswareipaddress with the IP address of the server that is hosting the HP Server Automation instance that installs the software.

   For example:

   C:\ \opsware-agent-37.0.0.2.61-win32-6.0.exe --opsw_gw_addr 10.20.100.52:3001 -s --force_sw_reg --force_full_hw_reg

What to do next


Enable vCloud Automation Center
Software Installation from HP Server Automation

A system administrator can optionally identify the HP Server Automation policies to make available in vCloud Automation Center. Machine requestors can select from among these policies to install software on the requested machine, or HP Server Automation policies can be specified in the blueprint to be applied to every machine that is provisioned from that blueprint.

**Prerequisites**

- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a system administrator.

**Procedure**

1. Create a text file named `Software.txt` in the Web site directory under the vCloud Automation Center server install directory, typically `%SystemDrive%\Program Files (x86)\VMware\vCAC\Server\Website`. Each line of the `Software.txt` file must be in the following format:

   `Software_policy_description=software_policy_name`

2. Define the label and name of the software policy that a user sees when they request to install software from the HP Server Automation instance.
   a. Replace `Software_policy_description` with the label that identifies the software policy.
   b. Replace `software_policy_name` with the name of the policy.

   For example, a `Software.txt` file, where you want to provide the user the ability to select HP Server Automation Windows ISM Tool, HP Server Automation Linux ISM Tool, or both, might contain the following information:

   ```
   HP SA Windows ISM Tool=Windows_ISMtool
   HP SA Linux ISM Tool=RedHatLinux_ISMtool
   ```
The type of blueprint you create depends on how you want to enable HP Server Automation integration.

You need to create a blueprint that includes all of the information required for machine provisioning and the information required for HP Server Automation integration for either of the following integration methods:

- Provisioning by using a system from which HP Server Automation deploys images.
- Provisioning by cloning from a template that is prepared for HP Server Automation.

You can optionally identify the HP Server Automation policies to make available in vCloud Automation Center. Machine requestors can select from among these policies to install software on the requested machine, or you can specify HP Server Automation policies in the blueprint to be applied to every machine that is provisioned from that blueprint.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “Create a Virtual Blueprint for Creating from an HP Server Automation Boot Image,” on page 21
- “Create a Blueprint for Cloning from an HP Server Automation Template,” on page 23

Create a Virtual Blueprint for Creating from an HP Server Automation Boot Image

A tenant administrator or business group manager creates a blueprint for using an HP Server Automation boot image to deploy HP Server Automation software jobs on machines provisioned from it.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a tenant administrator or business group manager.
- Obtain the following information from your fabric administrator:
  - The name of the HP Server Automation server to be used as the value for the EPI.Server.Name custom property.
  - The name of the HP Server Automation image to be used as the value for the Opsware.BootImage.Name custom property.
Optionally, information on the specific custom properties and values to be applied to all machines provisioned from the blueprint. See Chapter 8, “Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration,” on page 25.

**Note** A fabric administrator can create a build profile by using the property set HPSABuildMachineProperties, which enables HP Server Automation integration in provisioning through a boot image, or HPSASoftWareProperties, which enable HP Server Automation integration in software deployment. This build profile makes it easier for tenant administrators and business group managers to correctly include this information in their blueprints.

For information on creating a virtual blueprint, see *IaaS Configuration for Virtual Platforms*.

**Procedure**

1. Select **Infrastructure > Blueprints > Blueprints**.
2. In the Actions column, click the down arrow and click **Edit**.
3. Click the **Properties** tab.
4. (Optional) Select one or more build profiles from the **Build profiles** menu.
   Build profiles contain groups of custom properties. Fabric administrators can create build profiles.
5. (Optional) Add any custom properties to your blueprint.
   a. Click **New Property**.
   b. Type the custom property in the **Name** text box.
   c. (Optional) Select the **Encrypted** check box to encrypt the custom property in the database.
   d. Type the value of the custom property in the **Value** text box.
   e. (Optional) Select the **Prompt user** check box to require the user to provide a value when they request a machine.
      
      If you choose to prompt the user for a value, any value you provide for the custom property is presented to the user as the default. If you do not provide a default, the user cannot continue with the machine request until they provide a value for the custom property.
   f. Click the **Save** icon (✓).
6. Click the **Build Information** tab.
7. Select **Create** and the **ExternalProvisioningWorkflow** workflow.
8. Click **OK**.

Your blueprint is saved.

**What to do next**

The blueprint is not available as a catalog item until it is published. See Chapter 9, “Publish a Blueprint,” on page 29.
Create a Blueprint for Cloning from an HP Server Automation Template

A tenant administrator or business group manager creates a blueprint that enables the deployment of HP Server Automation software jobs on machines provisioned from it.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a tenant administrator or business group manager.
- Obtain the following information from your fabric administrator:
  - The clone blueprint that you want to integrate with HP Server Automation.
  - Optionally, information on the specific custom properties and values to be applied to all machines provisioned from the blueprint. See Chapter 8, “Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration,” on page 25.

  NOTE A fabric administrator can create a build profile by using the property set HPSABuildMachineProperties, which enables HP Server Automation integration in provisioning through a boot image, or HPSASoftWareProperties, which enable HP Server Automation integration in software deployment. This build profile makes it easier for tenant administrators and business group managers to correctly include this information in their blueprints.

- Optionally, information on how software jobs are made available to individual machine requestors, either on a per-machine basis or specified in a blueprint to be applied to all machines provisioned from that blueprint.

  If all of the policies listed in the Software.txt file are to be made available to machine requestors to select from, you must include the custom property LoadSoftware with the value set to True.

  If a policy is to be applied to all machines provisioned from the blueprint, you must include the custom property VRM.Software.IdNNNN where NNNN is a number from 1000 to 1999, and the value is set to the name of the policy, for example Windows_ISMtool.

- The name of the customization specification to be added to the blueprint. See “Preparing an HP Server Automation Template for Cloning,” on page 16.

- For information on how to create a blueprint for cloning by using the template and customization specification provided to you by your fabric administrator, see IaaS Configuration for Virtual Platforms.

Procedure

1. Select Infrastructure > Blueprints > Blueprints.
2. Locate the clone blueprint that you want to integrate with HP Server Automation.
3. In the Actions column, click the down arrow and click Edit.
4. Click the Properties tab.
5. (Optional) Select one or more build profiles from the Build profiles menu.

   Build profiles contain groups of custom properties. Fabric administrators can create build profiles.

6. (Optional) Add any custom properties to your blueprint.
   a. Click New Property.
   b. Type the custom property in the Name text box.
c  (Optional) Select the **Encrypted** check box to encrypt the custom property in the database.

d  Type the value of the custom property in the **Value** text box.

e  (Optional) Select the **Prompt user** check box to require the user to provide a value when they request a machine.

   If you choose to prompt the user for a value, any value you provide for the custom property is presented to the user as the default. If you do not provide a default, the user cannot continue with the machine request until they provide a value for the custom property.

f  Click the **Save** icon (✓).

7  Click **OK**.

Your blueprint is saved.

**What to do next**

The blueprint is not available as a catalog item until it is published. See Chapter 9, “Publish a Blueprint,” on page 29.
Some custom properties are required for HP Server Automation integrations, while others are optional and commonly used with these types of blueprints.

**Required Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration**

The Custom Properties Required for HP Server Automation Integrations table describes all of the custom properties that are required for a blueprint to work with HP Server Automation.

**Table 8-1. Required Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VMware.VirtualCenter.OperatingSystem</td>
<td>Specifies the vCenter Server guest operating system version (VirtualMachineGuestOsIdentifier) with which vCenter Server creates the machine. This operating system version must match the operating system version to be installed on the provisioned machine. Administrators can create build profiles using one of several property sets, for example, VMware[OS_Version]Properties, that are predefined to include the correct VMware.VirtualCenter.OperatingSystem values. This property is for virtual provisioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VirtualMachine.EPI.Type</td>
<td>Specifies the type of external provisioning infrastructure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPI.Server.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the external provisioning infrastructure server, for example, the name of the server hosting BMC BladeLogic. If at least one general BMC EPI agent was installed without specifying a BMC BladeLogic Configuration Manager host, this value directs the request to the desired server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Software.Install</td>
<td>Set to True to allow HP Server Automation to install software.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Server.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified name of the server automation server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Server.Username</td>
<td>Specifies the user name provided when a password file in the agent directory was created. This user name requires administrative access to the HP Server Automation instance, for example opswareadmin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.BootImage.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the boot image value as defined in HP Server Automation, for example winpe32 for the 32-bit WinPE image. The property is not required when provisioning by cloning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Customer.Name</td>
<td>Specifies a customer name value as defined in HP Server Automation, for example MyCompanyName.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 8-1. Required Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration (Continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Facility.Name</td>
<td>Specifies a facility name value as defined in HP server automation, for example Cambridge.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Machine.Password</td>
<td>Specifies the default local administrator password for an operating system sequence WIM image such as Opsware.OSSequence.Name as defined in HP Server Automation, for example P@ssword1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.OSSequence.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the operating system sequence name value as defined in HP Server Automation, for example Windows 2003 WIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Realm.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the realm name value as defined in HP Server Automation, for example Production.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.Register.Timeout</td>
<td>Specifies the time, in seconds, to wait for creation of a provisioning job to complete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.WOL.Enabled</td>
<td>Set to False for virtual provisioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.WOL.Delay</td>
<td>Specifies the time, in seconds, to wait before running Wake-On-LAN. This setting is ignored if Opsware.WOL.Enabled is set to False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VirtualMachine.CDROM.Attach</td>
<td>Set to False to provision the machine without a CD-ROM device. The default is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linux.ExternalScript.Name</td>
<td>Specifies the name of a customization script that the Linux agent runs after the operating system is installed. This property is available for Linux machines cloned from templates on which the Linux agent is installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linux.ExternalScript.LocationType</td>
<td>Specifies the location type of the customization script named in the Linux.ExternalScript.Name property. This can be either local or nfs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linux.ExternalScript.Path</td>
<td>Specifies the local path to the Linux customization script or the export path to the Linux customization on the NFS server. The value must begin with a forward slash and not include the file name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Optional Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration

The Optional Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integrations table describes all of the custom properties that are optional for a blueprint to work with HP Server Automation.

Table 8-2. Optional Custom Properties for HP Server Automation Integration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.ProvFail.Notify</td>
<td>(Optional) Specifies the notification email address for HP Server Automation to use in the event of provisioning failure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.ProvSuccess.Notify</td>
<td>(Optional) Specifies the notification email address for HP Server Automation to use if provisioning is successful.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opsware.ProvSuccess.Owner</td>
<td>(Optional) Specifies the HP Server Automation user to which to assign ownership if provisioning is successful, for example opswareadmin.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Custom Properties That Make HP Server Automation Software Jobs Available

Depending on how your fabric administrator configures HP Server Automation jobs for vCloud Automation Center integration, you might have a choice between making all software jobs available to machine requesters to select, or you can specify specific jobs to apply to all machines provisioned from your blueprint. The Custom Properties to Make Software Jobs Available table describes these properties.

Table 8-3. Custom Properties to Make Software Jobs Available

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LoadSoftware</td>
<td>Set to True to make the software jobs listed in Website\Software.txt available to the user requesting the machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VRM.Software.Id</td>
<td>Optionally specify an HP Server Automation policy to be applied to all machines provisioned from the blueprint. NNNN is a number from 1000 to 1999.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Publish a Blueprint

Blueprints are automatically saved in the draft state and must be manually published before they appear as catalog items.

You only need to publish a blueprint once. Any changes you make to a published blueprint are automatically reflected in the catalog.

**Prerequisites**
- Log in to the vCloud Automation Center console as a tenant administrator or business group manager.
- Create a blueprint.

**Procedure**
1. Select Infrastructure > Blueprints > Blueprints.
2. Point to the blueprint you want to publish and click Publish.
3. Click OK.

Your blueprint is now a catalog item.

**What to do next**
Tenant administrators, business group managers, and service architects configure your catalog item and associate it with a service so that entitled users can request it from the catalog. For information about how to configure and manage the catalog, see Tenant Administration.
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