vSphere - vSphere Administration

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VM Management

Core VM management operations can be done directly from Prism without using any hypervisor management interface. Once your Nutanix nodes are added to your vCenter instance and your vCenter Server is registered with your Nutanix cluster (Settings > vCenter Registration), you can perform the following operations directly through Prism:

- · Creating, cloning, updating, and deleting VMs
- · Creating and deleting NICs
- · Attaching and deleting disks
- · VM Power operations (on/off, reset, suspend, resume, guest shutdown, guest restart)
- · Launch VM console
- · Manage VM guest tools (VMware or Nutanix Guest Tools)

Command Reference

ESXi cluster upgrade

Description: Perform an automated upgrade of ESXi hosts using the CLI and custom offline bundle

- · Upload upgrade offline bundle to a Nutanix CVM
- \cdot Log in to Nutanix CVM
- · Perform upgrade

cluster --md5sum=bundle_checksum --bundle=/path/to/offline_bundle host_upgrade

Example

cluster --md5sum=bff0b5558ad226ad395f6a4dc2b28597 --bundle=/tmp/VMware-ESXi-5.5.0-1331820-depot.zip host_upgrade

Restart ESXi host services

Description: Restart each ESXi hosts services in a incremental manner

for i in `hostips`;do ssh root@i "services.sh restart";done

Display ESXi host nics in 'Up' state

Description: Display the ESXi host's nics which are in a 'Up' state

for i in `hostips`;do echo i & sh root@i esxcfg-nics -l grep Up;done

Display ESXi host 10GbE nics and status

Description: Display the ESXi host's 10GbE nics and status

for i in `hostips`;do echo \$i && ssh root@\$i esxcfg-nics -l | grep ixgbe;done

Display ESXi host active adapters

Description: Display the ESXi host's active, standby and unused adapters

for i in `hostips`;do echo \$i && ssh root@\$i "esxcli network vswitch standard policy failover get --vswitch-name vSwitch0";done

Display ESXi host routing tables

Description: Display the ESXi host's routing tables

for i in `hostips`;do ssh root@\$i 'esxcfg-route -l';done

Check if VAAI is enabled on datastore

Description: Check whether or not VAAI is enabled/supported for a datastore

vmkfstools -Ph /vmfs/volumes/Datastore Name

Set VIB acceptance level to community supported

Description: Set the vib acceptance level to CommunitySupported allowing for 3rd party vibs to be installed

esxcli software acceptance set --level CommunitySupported

Install VIB

Description: Install a vib without checking the signature

esxcli software vib install --viburl=/VIB directory/VIB name --no-sig-check

OR

esxcli software vib install --depoturl=/VIB directory/VIB name --no-sig-check

Check ESXi ramdisk space

Description: Check free space of ESXi ramdisk

for i in `hostips`;do echo \$i; ssh root@\$i 'vdf -h';done

Clear pynfs logs

Description: Clears the pynfs logs on each ESXi host

for i in `hostips`;do echo \$i; ssh root@\$i '> /pynfs/pynfs.log';done