



VM Management

- 1. What are the two things that make a VM easy to move and copy?
- 2. Which vSphere feature allows the migration of a powered-on VM?

VM Management Answers

1. Each VM is encapsulated into files, and is independent of physical hardware

2. vMotion

ESXi Configuration Questions

- 1. How do you set a static IP address for a freshlybuilt ESXi host?
- 2. Why would you enable lockdown mode in ESXi?
- 3. Why is it important to configure NTP on ESX/ESXi hosts?

ESXi Configuration (Continued)

- 1. Using the DCUI
- 2. To prevent direct connections to the host
- 3. Accurate performance graphs, time stamps in log messages, and so that virtual machines have a source to synchronize with

VM Questions

1. What are the main files that make up a VM?

VM Answers

1. Configuration file, virtual disk file, NVRAM settings file, log file

vCenter Questions

- 1. What is the name of the agent that vCenter Server adds to an ESXi host?
- 2. What are the different inventory views in the vSphere Client when logged into vCenter?
- 3. What is the name of the default SSO administrator when using the vcenter appliance?

vCenter Answers

- 1. vpxa
- 2. Host and clusters, VMs and templates, Datastores and Datastore Clusters, Networking
- 3. administrator@vsphere.local

Networking Questions

- 1. What are the uses of a VMkernel port?
- 2. What name would be given to a second standard virtual switch on an ESXi host?

3. How many VMkernel ports are created by default on an ESXi host?

Networking Answers

1. ESXi management network, vMotion, IP-based storage

2. vSwitch1

3. 1

Storage Questions

- 1. How is each iSCSI initiator and target identified?
- 2. What is the maximum size of a VMFS datastore?
- 3. What NAS protocol does ESXi support?
- 4. What are the 3 storage path selection policies?

Storage Answers

1. IQN or EUI

2. 32

3. NFS version 3 and 4.1

4. Fixed or Most Recently Used Round Robin

VM Questions

- 1. What are the names of the configuration files of a virtual machine and a template?
- 2. How should you configure a VM that needs to run on ESX/ESXi 4.1 and ESXi 5 hosts?
- 3. How do you make modifications to a template?
- 4. Which types of migrations allow you to migrate a VM to a new host and a new datastore as a single operation?

VM Answers

- 1. VM-name.vmx and Template-name.vmtx
- 2. With version 7 hardware
- 3. Convert it back to a VM, make the changes, convert it back to a template
- 4. Cold and Suspended VM migrations

Resource Management Questions

- 1. Which setting guarantees an amount of CPU for a VM?
- 2. Which memory management feature is able to reclaim memory from a VM?
- 3. Which CPU performance measurement is a strong indicator of contention for CPU resource?
- 4. What is the process to get an email sent by vCenter Server in the event of a triggered alarm?

Resource Management Answers

- 1. CPU reservation
- 2. vmmemctl, the memory balloon driver
- 3. CPU Ready
- 4. Set the "Send a notification email" action in an alarm, configure vCenter Server with an SMTP server

HA Questions

- 1. What are the biggest advantages of VMware Fault Tolerance over Microsoft Cluster Service?
- 2. How does VMware HA detect a possible host failure?
- 3. What action does HA VM Monitoring perform if a VMs heartbeats are no longer received?
- 4. What is the default isolation address used by hosts in a HA cluster?

HA Answers

- 1. Fault Tolerance works with any guest operating system and application, is more simple to configure, and offers zero downtime
- 2. A lack of HA agent heartbeats being received by other hosts in the cluster

- 3. The VM gets reset on the same ESXi host
- 4. Default gateway address of the VMkernel

DRS Questions

1. Can a VM running on a host with 2 physical CPUs be migrated to a host with 4 physical CPUs with VMotion?

2. When would it be advisable to use an antiaffinity rule in DRS?

DRS Answers

1. Yes

2. When multiple VMs perform the same role, eg. DNS servers



