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Learning Style: Virtual Classroom

Technology: VMware

Difficulty: Intermediate

Course Duration: 2 Days

VMware vSphere: What's New 8.0

About this Course:

This course, spanning two days, is designed to provide an in-depth exploration of the latest features and improvements found in VMware vCenter® 8.0, VMware ESXi™ 8.0, and VMware vSphere® 8.0. Using a combination of practical use-case scenarios, live demonstrations, hands-on labs, and immersive simulations,

participants will gain the knowledge and expertise required to effectively implement and configure vSphere 8.0.

Course Objectives:

- Recognize the importance of key features and enhancements in vSphere 8.0
- Describe the purpose of VMware vSphere® Distributed Services Engine™
- Use VMware vSphere® Lifecycle Manager™ to update an ESXi host that has a data processing unit (DPU)
- Identify devices supported for system storage on ESXi 8.0
- Recognize enhancements to VM hardware compatibility settings
- Recognize changes related to vSphere Memory Monitoring and Remediation that improve VMware vSphere® Distributed Resource Scheduler™
- Describe the new virtual non-uniform memory access (vNUMA) topology settings in the VMware vSphere® Client™
- Use vSphere Lifecycle Manager and VMware vSphere® Auto Deploy™ to manage configuration specifications for hosts in a cluster
- Recognize vSphere Lifecycle Manager and Auto Deploy enhancements in vSphere 8.0
- Describe new cluster management features in Tanzu Kubernetes Grid 2.0
- Recognize the cloud benefits that VMware vSphere+ brings to on-premises workloads
- Identify discontinued or deprecated features and technology in vSphere 8.0

Audience:

System architects, system administrators, IT managers, VMware partners, and individuals responsible for implementing and managing vSphere architectures who want to deploy vSphere 8.0 into their existing vSphere environment.

Prerequisites:

This course requires completion of one of the following courses, or equivalent knowledge, plus administration experience with ESXi and vCenter Server:

- VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage
- VMware vSphere: Optimize and Scale
- VMware vSphere: Fast Track
- VMware vSphere: Troubleshooting
- Experience with working at the command line is helpful.

The course material presumes that you can perform the following tasks with no assistance or guidance before enrolling in this course

- Install and configure ESXi
- Install vCenter Server
- Create vCenter Server objects, such as data centers and folders

- Create and manage vCenter Server roles and permissions
- Create and modify a standard switch
- Create and modify a distributed switch
- Connect an ESXi host to NAS, iSCSI, or Fibre Channel storage
- Create a VMware vSphere VMFS datastore
- Use a content library template to create a virtual machine
- Modify a virtual machine's hardware
- Migrate a virtual machine with VMware vSphere vMotion and VMware vSphere Storage vMotion
- Configure and manage a VMware vSphere Distributed Resource Scheduler cluster
- Configure and manage a VMware vSphere High Availability cluster
- Use VMware vSphere Lifecycle Manager to perform upgrades to ESXi hosts and VMs

If you cannot complete these tasks, VMware recommends that you instead take the
https://www.quickstart.com/vmware-vsphere-install-configure-manage-8-0.html

Course Outline:

Module 1: Course Introduction

Learning Objectives

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives

Module 2: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Learning Objectives

- Describe how device groups support AI and ML in vSphere 8.0
- Describe how device virtualization extensions support AI and ML in vSphere 8.0

Module 3: vSphere Distributed Services Engine

Learning Objectives

- Describe the benefits of Distributed Services Engine
- Explain how Distributed Services Engine works
- Recognize use cases for Distributed Services Engine
- Install ESXi on a host equipped with a DPU
- View DPU information in the vSphere Client
- Add an ESXi host equipped with a DPU to a cluster

- Use vSphere Lifecycle Manager to update an ESXi host that contains a DPU
- Create a vSphere distributed switch for network offloads
- Add a host with a DPU to the vSphere distributed switch
- Configure a VM to use uniform passthrough mode

Module 4: vSphere and vCenter Management

Learning Objectives

- Describe improvements to the communication between vCenter and ESXi hosts
- Describe enhancements to the vCenter recovery process

Module 5: ESXi Enhancements

Learning Objectives

- Describe the function of the central configuration store in ESXi
- Explain how ConfigStore affects interaction with ESXi configuration files
- Recognize the supported system storage partition configuration on ESXi 8.0
- Identify devices supported for system storage on ESXi 8.0
- Configure an RDMA host local device on ESXi 8.0

Module 6: vSphere Storage

Learning objectives

- Describe the VMware vSAN™ Express Storage Architecture
- Recognize the benefits of using vSAN Express Storage Architecture
- Describe the benefits of using NVMe
- Recognize the support for NVMe devices in vSphere 8.0

Module 7: Guest OS and Workloads

Learning Objectives

- Review the enhancements of the latest virtual hardware versions
- Describe the features introduced with virtual hardware version 20
- Identify the snapshot modes of NVDIMM devices

Module 8: Resource Management

Learning Objectives

- View energy and carbon emission metrics in VMware vRealize® Operations Manager™
- Describe the vSphere Memory Monitoring and Remediation (vMMR) functionality
- Describe how vMMR enhances the performance of DRS

Module 9: Security and Compliance

Learning Objectives

- Describe how to manage vTPM secrets when cloning a VM
- Manage OVF templates for VMs configured with vTPM
- Deploy an OVF template with vTPM
- Describe the enhancements to trusted binary enforcement in ESXi
- Describe ESXi 8.0 enhanced security features

Module 10: vSphere Lifecycle Manager

Learning Objectives

- Describe the enhancements to life cycle management of standalone ESXi hosts
- Manage the configuration profiles of ESXi hosts in a cluster
- Use Auto Deploy to boot a host with the desired image and configuration specifications
- Upgrade multiple ESXi hosts in a cluster in parallel
- Stage an ESXi host image before remediation

Module 11: Auto Deploy

Learning Objectives

- Manage custom host certificates using Auto Deploy

Module 12: vSphere with Tanzu

Learning Objectives

- Describe the features of VMware Tanzu® Kubernetes Grid™ 2.0

Module 13: Announcing vSphere+

Learning objectives

- Describe the functionality and benefits of vSphere+