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# About VMware Validated Design Planning and Preparation

The *VMware Validated Design Planning and Preparation for Software-Defined Data Center* documentation provides detailed information about the software, tools, and external services that are required to implement a Standard Software-Defined Data Center (SDDC). In a Standard SDDC, management and tenant workloads run in different workload domains.

Before you start deploying the components of this VMware Validated Design, you must set up an environment that has a specific compute, storage and network configuration, and that provides services to the components of the SDDC. Carefully review the *VMware Validated Design Planning and Preparation for Software-Defined Data Center* documentation at least 2 weeks ahead of deployment to avoid costly rework and delays.

## Intended Audience

The *VMware Validated Design Planning and Preparation for Software-Defined Data Center* documentation is intended for cloud architects, infrastructure administrators and cloud administrators who are familiar with and want to use VMware software to deploy in a short time and manage an SDDC that meets the requirements for capacity, scalability, backup and restore, and extensibility for disaster recovery support.

## Required VMware Software

The *VMware Validated Design Planning and Preparation for Software-Defined Data Center* documentation is compliant and validated with certain product versions. See *VMware Validated Design for Software-Defined Data Center Release Notes* for more information about supported product versions.

# Hardware Requirements

To implement the SDDC from this VMware Validated Design, your hardware must meet certain requirements.

## Management Workload Domain

When implementing a dual-region or single-region SDDC, the management workload domain in each region contains a management cluster which must meet the following hardware requirements.

**Table 1-1. Hardware Requirements for the Management Cluster per Region**

Component	Requirement per Region
Servers	Four vSAN ReadyNodes with hybrid (HY) profile. For information about vSAN ReadyNodes, see the <a href="#">VMware Compatibility Guide</a> .
CPU per server	Dual-socket, 8 cores per socket
Memory per server	192 GB
Storage per server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 16 GB SSD for booting</li> <li>■ One 200 GB SSD for the caching tier               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Class D Endurance</li> <li>■ Class E Performance</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Two 1 TB HDD for the capacity tier               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10K RPM</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">Designing and Sizing a vSAN Cluster</a> from the VMware vSAN documentation for guidelines about cache sizing.</p>
NICs per server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Two 10 GbE NICs</li> <li>■ One 1 GbE BMC NIC</li> </ul>

## Virtual Infrastructure Workload Domain

When implementing a dual-region or single-region SDDC, the virtual infrastructure workload domain contains a shared edge and compute cluster which must meet the following requirements.

**Table 1-2. Hardware Requirements for the Shared Edge and Compute Cluster per Region**

Component	Requirement per Region
Servers	Four supported servers
CPU, memory, and storage per server	Supported configurations
NICs per server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Two 10 GbE NICs</li> <li>■ One 1 GbE BMC NIC</li> </ul>

For information about supported servers, CPU, storage, IO devices, and so on, see vSAN ReadyNodes in the [VMware Compatibility Guide](#).

**Note** If you scale out the environment with compute-only clusters, each server must meet the same requirements as a server in the shared edge and compute cluster. You can use as many compute servers as required.

## Primary Storage Options

This design uses and is validated against vSAN as primary storage. However, in a workload domain you can use a supported storage solution that matches the requirements of your organization. Verify that the storage design supports the capacity and performance capabilities of the vSAN configuration in this design. Appropriately adjust the deployment and operational guidance.

# Software Requirements

To implement the SDDC from this VMware Validated Design, you must download and license the following VMware and third-party software.

Download the software for building the SDDC to a Windows host system that has connectivity to the ESXi management network in the management pod.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [VMware Scripts and Tools](#)
- [Third-Party Software](#)

## VMware Scripts and Tools

Download the following scripts and tools that this VMware Validated Design uses for the SDDC implementation.

**Table 2-1. VMware Scripts and Tools Required for the VMware Validated Design**

SDDC Layer	Product Group	Script/Tool	Download Location	Description
SDDC	All	CertGenVVD	<a href="#">VMware Knowledge Base article 2146215</a>	Use this tool to generate Certificate Signing Request (CSR), OpenSSL CA-signed certificates, and Microsoft CA-signed certificates for all VMware products that are included in the VMware Validated Design.  In the context of VMware Validated Design, use the CertGenVVD tool to save time in creating signed certificates.

## Third-Party Software

Download and license the following third-party software products.

**Table 2-2. Third-Party Software Required for the VMware Validated Design for Software-Defined Data Center**

SDDC Layer	Required by VMware Component	Vendor	Product Item	Product Version
Virtual Infrastructure	Windows host machine in the data center that has access to the ESXi management network.	Any Supported	Operating system that is supported for deploying VMware vSphere. See <a href="#">System Requirements for the vCenter Server Appliance Installer</a> .	Operating system for vSphere deployment.
Operations Management	Update Manager Download Service (UMDS)	Ubuntu	Ubuntu Server 14.04	Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS
		PostgreSQL	PostgreSQL	9.3
		Nginx	Nginx	1.4
	vRealize Operations Manager and vRealize Log Insight	Postman	Postman App	<a href="https://www.getpostman.com">https://www.getpostman.com</a>
Cloud Management	vRealize Automation	Microsoft	Windows 2012 R2 Standard	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)
		Microsoft	SQL Server 2012	SQL Server 2012 Standard or higher edition (64-bit)
		Redhat	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 (64-bit)
Business Continuity	Site Recovery Manager	Microsoft	Windows 2012 R2 Standard	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)



# My VMware Account Requirements

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You register vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager with My VMware to access product licenses and download product binaries to the local repository used during deployment and upgrade operations. The My VMware account is used to download content from the VMware Marketplace API service through the vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager integration.

You use the *My VMware* integration to simplify, automate, organize, and update the repository. If your organization restricts outbound traffic from the management components of the SDDC, you can download the product binaries from *My VMware* and discover them in the vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager user interface for inclusion in the repository.

To register vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager with *My VMware*, invite a designated user to the entitlement account and limit the folder level permissions for the user.

- Refer to [KB 2070555](#) for details on inviting a user to a *My VMware* account.
- Refer to [KB 2006977](#) for details on assigning user permissions in a *My VMware* account.

You can structure the folders, user, and permissions in a *My VMware* entitlement account in any way that best serves the asset management and operations support needs of your business. The minimum requirements and permissions for the My VMware account used by vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager include:

- A folder with the vRealize Suite product entitlements
- View License Keys & User Permissions
- Download Products

**Table 3-1. My VMware Account for vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager**

First Name	Last Name	User Email	Minimum Folder Permissions	Folder	Product Entitlement in Folder
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager User	at Rainpole	vvd-vrslcm@rainpole.local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ View License Keys &amp; User Permissions</li><li>■ Download Products</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Home folder</li><li>■ Child folder</li></ul>	vRealize Suite

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## External Services

You must provide a set of external services before you deploy the components of this VMware Validated Design.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [External Services Overview](#)
- [Physical Network Requirements](#)
- [VLANs, IP Subnets, and Application Virtual Networks](#)
- [Host Names and IP Addresses](#)
- [Time Synchronization](#)
- [Active Directory Users and Groups](#)
- [Certificate Replacement](#)
- [Datastore Requirements](#)

### External Services Overview

External services include Active Directory (AD), Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP), Domain Name Services (DNS), Network Time Protocol (NTP), Simple Mail Transport Protocol (SMTP) Mail Relay, File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and Certificate Authority (CA).

### Active Directory

This VMware Validated Design uses Active Directory (AD) for authentication and authorization to resources in the rainpole.local domain.

For a multi-region deployment, you use a domain and forest structure to store and manage Active Directory objects per region.

**Table 4-1. Active Directory Requirements**

Requirement	Domain Instance	DNS Zone	Description
Active Directory configuration	Parent Active Directory	rainpole.local	Contains Domain Name System (DNS) server, time server, and universal groups that contain global groups from the child domains and are members of local groups in the child domains.
	Region-A child Active Directory	sfo01.rainpole.local	Contains DNS records that replicate to all DNS servers in the forest. This child domain contains all SDDC users, and global and local groups.
	Region-B child Active Directory	lax01.rainpole.local	Contains DNS records that replicate to all DNS servers in the forest. This child domain contains all SDDC users, and global and local groups.
Active Directory users and groups	-		All user accounts and groups from the <a href="#">Active Directory Users and Groups</a> documentation must exist in the Active Directory before installing and configuring the SDDC.
Active Directory connectivity	-		All Active Directory domain controllers must be accessible by all management components within the SDDC.

## DHCP

This Validated Design requires Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) support for the configuration of each VMkernel port of an ESXi host with an IPv4 address. The configuration includes the VMkernel ports for the VXLAN (VTEP).

**Table 4-2. DHCP Requirements**

Requirement	Description
DHCP server	The subnets and associated VLANs that provide IPv4 transport for VXLAN (VTEP) VMkernel ports must be configured for IPv4 address auto-assignment by using DHCP.

## DNS

For a multi-region deployment, you must provide a root and child domains that contain separate DNS records.

**Table 4-3. DNS Server Requirements**

Requirement	Domain Instance	Description
DNS host entries	rainpole.local	Resides in the rainpole.local domain.
	sfo01.rainpole.local and lax01.rainpole.local	Reside in the sfo01.rainpole.local and lax01.rainpole.local domains. Configure both DNS servers with the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dynamic updates for the domain set to <b>Nonsecure and secure</b>.</li> <li>■ Zone replication scope for the domain set to <b>All DNS server in this forest</b>.</li> <li>■ Create all hosts listed in the <a href="#">Host Names and IP Addresses in Region A</a> documentation.</li> </ul>

If you configure the DNS servers properly, all nodes from the Validated Design are resolvable by FQDN as well as IP address.

## NTP

All components in the SDDC must be synchronized against a common time by using the Network Time Protocol (NTP) on all nodes. Important components of the SDDC, such as vCenter Single Sign-On, are sensitive to a time drift between distributed components. See [Time Synchronization](#).

**Table 4-4. NTP Server Requirements**

Requirement	Description
NTP	An NTP source, for example, on a Layer 3 switch or router, must be available and accessible from all nodes of the SDDC.  Use the ToR switches in the Management Workload Domain as the NTP servers or the upstream physical router. These switches should synchronize with different upstream NTP servers and provide time synchronization capabilities in the SDDC. As a best practice, make the NTP servers available under a friendly FQDN, for example, ntp.sfo01.rainpole.local.

## SMTP Mail Relay

Certain components of the SDDC send status messages to operators and end users by email.

**Table 4-5. SMTP Server Requirements**

Requirement	Description
SMTP mail relay	An open mail relay instance, which does not require user name-password authentication, must be reachable from each SDDC component over plain SMTP (no SSL/TLS encryption). As a best practice, limit the relay function to the IP range of the SDDC deployment.

## Certificate Authority

The majority of the components of the SDDC require SSL certificates for secure operation. The certificates must be signed by an internal enterprise CA or by a third-party commercial CA. In either case, the CA must be able to sign a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) and return the signed certificate. All endpoints within the enterprise must also trust the root CA of the CA.

**Table 4-6. Certificate Authority Requirements**

Requirement	Description
Certificate Authority	CA must be able to ingest a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) from the SDDC components and issue a signed certificate.  For this VMware Validated Design, use the Microsoft Windows Enterprise CA that is available in the Windows Server 2012 R2 operating system of a root domain controller. The domain controller must be configured with the Certificate Authority Service and the Certificate Authority Web Enrollment roles.

## SFTP Server

Dedicate space on a remote SFTP server to save data backups for the NSX Manager instances in the SDDC.

**Table 4-7. SFTP Server Requirements**

Requirement	Description
SFTP server	An SFTP server must host NSX Manager backups. The server must support SFTP and FTP. NSX Manager instances must have connection to the remote SFTP server.

## Windows Host Machine

Provide a Microsoft Windows virtual machine or physical server that works as an entry point to the data center.

**Table 4-8. Windows Host Machine Requirements**

Requirement	Description
Windows host machine	Microsoft Windows virtual machine or physical server must be available to provide connection to the data center and store software downloads. The host must be connected to the external network and to the ESXi management network.

## Physical Network Requirements

Before you start deploying the SDDC, provide certain physical network configuration.

**Table 4-9. Requirements for the SDDC Physical Network**

Requirement	Feature
IGMP snooping querier	Required for the following traffic types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ VXLAN</li> </ul>
Jumbo frames	Required for the following traffic types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ vSAN</li> <li>■ vSphere vMotion</li> <li>■ VXLAN</li> <li>■ vSphere Replication</li> <li>■ NFS</li> </ul>
BGP adjacency and BGP autonomous system (AS) numbers	Dynamic routing in the SDDC

## VLANs, IP Subnets, and Application Virtual Networks

Before you start deploying the SDDC, you must allocate VLANs and IP subnets to the different types of traffic in the SDDC, such as ESXi management, vSphere vMotion, and others. For application virtual networks, you must plan separate IP subnets for these networks.

### VLAN IDs and IP Subnets

This VMware Validated Design requires that you allocate certain VLAN IDs and IP subnets for the traffic types in the SDDC.

#### VLANs and IP Subnets in Region A

To meet the requirements of this VMware Validated Design, you must have the following VLANs and IP subnets in Region A:

**Table 4-10. VLAN and IP Subnet Configuration in Region A**

Cluster in Region A	VLAN Function	VLAN ID	Subnet	Gateway
Management Cluster	ESXi Management	1611	172.16.11.0/24	172.16.11.253
	vSphere vMotion	1612	172.16.12.0/24	172.16.12.253
	vSAN	1613	172.16.13.0/24	172.16.13.253
	VXLAN (NSX VTEP)	1614	172.16.14.0/24	172.16.14.253
	NFS	1615	172.16.15.0/24	172.16.15.253
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ vSphere Replication</li> <li>■ vSphere Replication NFC</li> </ul>	1616	172.16.16.0/24	172.16.16.253
	Uplink01	2711	172.27.11.0/24	172.27.11.253
	Uplink02	2712	172.27.12.0/24	172.27.12.253
	Shared Edge and Compute Cluster	ESXi Management	1631	172.16.31.0/24
vSphere vMotion		1632	172.16.32.0/24	172.16.32.253
vSAN		1633	172.16.33.0/24	172.16.33.253
VXLAN (NSX VTEP)		1634	172.16.34.0/24	172.16.34.253
NFS		1625	172.16.25.0/24	172.16.25.253
Uplink01		1635	172.16.35.0/24	172.16.35.253
Uplink02		2713	172.27.13.0/24	172.27.13.253

#### VLAN IDs and IP Subnets in Region B

If you expand your design to two regions later, you must have the following VLANs and IP subnets in Region B:

**Table 4-11. VLAN and IP Subnet Configuration in Region B**

Clusters in Region B	VLAN Function	VLAN ID	Subnet	Gateway
Management Cluster	ESXi Management	1711	172.17.11.0/24	172.17.11.253
	vSphere vMotion	1712	172.17.12.0/24	172.17.12.253
	vSAN	1713	172.17.13.0/24	172.17.13.253
	VXLAN (NSX VTEP)	1714	172.17.14.0/24	172.17.14.253
	NFS	1715	172.17.15.0/24	172.17.15.253
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ vSphere Replication</li> <li>■ vSphere Replication NFC</li> </ul>	1716	172.17.16.0/24	172.17.16.253
	Uplink01	2714	172.27.14.0/24	172.27.14.253
	Uplink02	2715	172.27.15.0/24	172.27.15.253
Shared Edge and Compute Cluster	ESXi Management	1731	172.17.31.0/24	172.17.31.253
	vSphere vMotion	1732	172.17.32.0/24	172.17.32.253
	vSAN	1733	172.17.33.0/24	172.17.33.253
	VXLAN (NSX VTEP)	1734	172.17.34.0/24	172.17.34.253
	NFS	1725	172.17.25.0/24	172.17.25.253
	Uplink01	1735	172.17.35.0/24	172.17.35.253
	Uplink02	2721	172.27.21.0/24	172.27.21.253

**Note** Use these VLAN IDs and IP subnets as examples. Configure the actual VLAN IDs and IP subnets according to your environment.

## Names and IP Subnets of Application Virtual Networks

You must allocate an IP subnet to each application virtual network and the management applications that are in this network.

**Table 4-12. IP Subnets for the Application Virtual Networks**

Application Virtual Network	Subnet in Region A	Subnet in Region B
Mgmt-xRegion01-VXLAN	192.168.11.0/24	192.168.11.0/24
Mgmt-RegionA01-VXLAN	192.168.31.0/24	-
Mgmt-RegionB01-VXLAN	-	192.168.32.0/24

**Note** Use these IP subnets as samples. Configure the actual IP subnets according to your environment.

## Host Names and IP Addresses

Before you deploy the SDDC following this VMware Validated Design, you must define the host names and IP addresses for each of the management components deployed. Some of these host names must also be configured in DNS with a fully qualified domain name (FQDN) that maps the hostname to the IP address.

In a multi-region deployment with domain and forest structure, you must assign own IP subnets and DNS configuration to each sub-domain, sfo01.rainpole.local and lax01.rainpole.local. The only DNS entries that reside in the rainpole.local domain are the records for the virtual machines within the network containers that support disaster recovery failover between regions such as vRealize Automation and vRealize Operations Manager.

### Host Names and IP Addresses in Region A

In Region A of the SDDC, you must define the host names and IP addresses of the management components before the SDDC deployment. For some components, you must configure fully qualified domain names (FQDN) that map to their IP addresses on the DNS servers.

- [Host Names and IP Addresses for External Services in Region A](#)  
Allocate host names and IP addresses to all external services required by the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region A](#)  
Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the virtual infrastructure layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Operations Management Layer in Region A](#)  
Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the operations management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region A](#)  
Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the cloud management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Business Continuity Layer in Region A](#)  
Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the business continuity layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

### Host Names and IP Addresses for External Services in Region A

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all external services required by the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region A and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:



Components	Requires DNS Configuration
NTP	X
Active Directory	X

**Table 4-13. Host Names and IP Addresses for the External Services**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
NTP	ntp	sfo01.rainpole.local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.16.11.251</li> <li>■ 172.16.11.252</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ NTP server selected using Round Robin</li> <li>■ NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod</li> </ul>
	0.ntp	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.251	NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod
	1.ntp	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.252	NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod
AD/DNS/CA	dc01rpl	rainpole.local	172.16.11.4	Windows 2012 R2 host that contains the Active Directory configuration and DNS server for the rainpole.local domain, and the Microsoft Certificate Authority for signing management SSL certificates.
	dc01sfo	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.5	Active Directory and DNS server for the sfo01 child domain.

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region A

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the virtual infrastructure layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region A and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
Platform Services Controllers	X
vCenter Servers	X
NSX Managers	X
NSX Edge Services Gateways	-

**Table 4-14. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region A**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vSphere	sfo01m01psc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.61	Platform Services Controller for the management cluster
	sfo01m01vc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.62	Management vCenter Server
	sfo01m01esx01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.101	ESXi hosts in the management pod
	sfo01m01esx02	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.102	

**Table 4-14. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region A (Continued)**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
	sfo01m01esx03	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.103	
	sfo01m01esx04	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.104	
	sfo01w01psc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.63	Platform Services Controller for the shared edge and compute cluster
	sfo01w01vc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.64	Compute vCenter Server
	sfo01w01esx01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.31.101	ESXi hosts in the shared edge and compute pod
	sfo01w01esx02	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.31.102	
	sfo01w01esx03	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.31.103	
	sfo01w01esx04	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.31.104	
NSX for vSphere	sfo01m01nsx01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.65	NSX Manager for the management cluster
	sfo01m01nsrc01	-	172.16.11.118	NSX Controller instances for the management cluster
	sfo01m01nsrc02	-	172.16.11.119	
	sfo01m01nsrc03	-	172.16.11.120	
	sfo01w01nsx01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.66	NSX Manager for the shared edge and compute cluster
	sfo01w01nsrc01	-	172.16.31.118	NSX Controller instances for the shared edge and compute cluster
	sfo01w01nsrc02	-	172.16.31.119	
	sfo01w01nsrc03	-	172.16.31.120	
	sfo01psc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.71	NSX Edge device for load balancing the Platform Services Controller instances
	sfo01m01lb01	-	192.168.11.2	NSX Edge device for load balancing management applications
	sfo01m01esg01	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.27.11.2</li> <li>■ 172.27.12.3</li> <li>■ 192.168.10.1</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South management traffic
	sfo01m01esg02	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.27.11.3</li> <li>■ 172.27.12.2</li> <li>■ 192.168.10.2</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South management traffic
	sfo01m01udlr01	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 192.168.10.3</li> <li>■ 192.168.11.1</li> <li>■ 192.168.31.1</li> </ul>	Universal Distributed Logical Router (UDLR) for East-West management traffic
	sfo01w01esg01	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.16.35.2</li> <li>■ 172.27.13.3</li> <li>■ 192.168.100.1</li> <li>■ 192.168.101.1</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South compute and edge traffic

**Table 4-14. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region A (Continued)**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
	sfo01w01esg02	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.16.35.3</li> <li>■ 172.27.13.2</li> <li>■ 192.168.100.2</li> <li>■ 192.168.101.2</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South compute and edge traffic
	sfo01w01udlr01	-	192.168.100.3	Universal Distributed Logical Router (UDLR) for East-West compute and edge traffic
	sfo01w01dlr01	-	192.168.101.3	Distributed Logical Router (DLR) for East-West compute and edge traffic

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Operations Management Layer in Region A

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the operations management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region A and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
vSphere Update Manager Download Service	X
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	X
vRealize Operations Manager	X
vRealize Log Insight	X

**Table 4-15. Host Names and IP Addresses for Operations Management Layer in Region A**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vSphere Update Manager	sfo01umds01	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.67	vSphere Update Manager Download Service (UMDS)
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	vrslcm01svr01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.20	vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager Appliance
vRealize Operations Manager	vrops01svr01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.35	VIP address of load balancer for the analytics cluster of vRealize Operations Manager
	vrops01svr01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.31	Master node of vRealize Operations Manager
	vrops01svr01b	rainpole.local	192.168.11.32	Master replica node of vRealize Operations Manager
	vrops01svr01c	rainpole.local	192.168.11.33	Data node 1 of vRealize Operations Manager

**Table 4-15. Host Names and IP Addresses for Operations Management Layer in Region A (Continued)**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
	sfo01vropsc01a	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.31	Remote Collector 1 of vRealize Operations Manager
	sfo01vropsc01b	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.32	Remote Collector 2 of vRealize Operations Manager
vRealize Log Insight	sfo01vrli01	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.10	VIP address of the integrated load balancer of vRealize Log Insight
	sfo01vrli01a	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.11	Master node of vRealize Log Insight
	sfo01vrli01b	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.12	Worker node 1 of vRealize Log Insight
	sfo01vrli01c	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.13	Worker node 2 of vRealize Log Insight

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region A

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the cloud management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region A and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
vRealize Automation	X
Microsoft SQL Server for vRealize Automation	X
vRealize Business for Cloud	X

**Table 4-16. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region A**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vRealize Automation	vra01svr01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.51	vRealize Automation Server Appliances
	vra01svr01b	rainpole.local	192.168.11.52	
	vra01svr01c	rainpole.local	192.168.11.50	
	vra01svr01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.53	
	vra01iws01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.54	vRealize Automation IaaS Web Servers
	vra01iws01b	rainpole.local	192.168.11.55	
	vra01iws01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.56	
	vra01ims01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.57	vRealize Automation IaaS Manager Service and DEM Orchestrators
	vra01ims01b	rainpole.local	192.168.11.58	
	vra01ims01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.59	
	vra01dem01a	rainpole.local	192.168.11.60	vRealize Automation DEM Workers

**Table 4-16. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region A (Continued)**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
	vra01dem01b	rainpole.local	192.168.11.61	
	sfo01ias01a	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.52	vRealize Automation Proxy Agents
	sfo01ias01b	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.53	
Microsoft SQL Server	vra01mssql01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.62	Microsoft SQL Server for vRealize Automation
vRealize Business for Cloud	vrbc01svr01	rainpole.local	192.168.11.66	vRealize Business for Cloud Server Appliance
	sfo01vrbc01	sfo01.rainpole.local	192.168.31.54	vRealize Business for Cloud Data Collector

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Business Continuity Layer in Region A

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the business continuity layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

For a dual-region SDDC, allocate host names and IP addresses to the nodes that run Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication in Region A and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
Site Recovery Manager	X
vSphere Replication	X

**Table 4-17. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Business Continuity Layer in Region A**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
Site Recovery Manager	sfo01m01srm01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.124	Site Recovery Manager connected to the Management vCenter Server
vSphere Replication	sfo01m01vrms01	sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.123	vSphere Replication connected to the Management vCenter Server

### Host Names and IP Addresses in Region B

In Region B of the SDDC, you must define the host names and IP addresses of the management components before the SDDC deployment. For some components, you must configure fully qualified domain names (FQDNs) that map to their IP addresses on the DNS servers.

- [Host Names and IP Addresses for External Services in Region B](#)

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all external services required by the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region B](#)

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the virtual infrastructure layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Operations Management Layer in Region B](#)

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the operations management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region B](#)

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the cloud management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.
- [Host Names and IP Addresses for the Business Continuity Layer in Region B](#)

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the business continuity layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

### Host Names and IP Addresses for External Services in Region B

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all external services required by the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region B and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
NTP	X
Active Directory	X

**Table 4-18. Host Names and IP Addresses for the External Services in Region B**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
NTP	ntp	lax01.rainpole.local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.17.11.251</li> <li>■ 172.17.11.252</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ NTP server selected using Round Robin</li> <li>■ NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod</li> </ul>
	0.ntp	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.251	NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod
	1.ntp	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.252	NTP server on a ToR switch in the management pod
AD/DNS/CA	dc51rpl	rainpole.local	172.17.11.4	Windows 2012 R2 host that contains the Active Directory configuration and DNS server for the rainpole.local domain and the Microsoft Certificate Authority for signing management SSL certificates.
	dc51lax	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.5	Active Directory and DNS server for the lax01 child domain.

## Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region B

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the virtual infrastructure layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region B and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
Platform Services Controllers	X
vCenter Servers	X
NSX Managers	X
NSX Edge Services Gateways	-

**Table 4-19. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region B**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vSphere	lax01m01psc01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.61	Platform Services Controller for the management cluster
	lax01m01vc01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.62	Management vCenter Server
	lax01m01esx01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.101	ESXi hosts in the management pod
	lax01m01esx02	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.102	
	lax01m01esx03	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.103	
	lax01m01esx04	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.104	
	lax01w01psc01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.63	Platform Services Controller for the shared edge and compute cluster
	lax01w01vc01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.64	Compute vCenter Server
	lax01w01esx01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.31.101	ESXi hosts in the shared edge and compute pod
	lax01w01esx02	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.31.102	
	lax01w01esx03	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.31.103	
	lax01w01esx04	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.31.104	
NSX for vSphere	lax01m01nsx01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.65	NSX Manager for the management cluster
	lax01m01nsxc01	-	172.17.11.118	NSX Controller instances for the management cluster
	lax01m01nsxc02	-	172.17.11.119	
	lax01m01nsxc03	-	172.17.11.120	
	lax01w01nsx01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.66	NSX Manager for the shared edge and compute cluster
	lax01w01nsxc01	-	172.17.31.118	NSX Controller instances for the shared edge and compute cluster
	lax01w01nsxc02	-	172.17.31.119	
lax01w01nsxc03	-	172.17.31.120		

**Table 4-19. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Virtual Infrastructure Layer in Region B (Continued)**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
	lax01psc01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.71	NSX Edge device for load balancing the Platform Services Controller instances
	lax01m01esg01	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.27.14.2</li> <li>■ 172.27.15.3</li> <li>■ 192.168.10.50</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South management traffic
	lax01m01esg02	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.27.14.3</li> <li>■ 172.27.15.2</li> <li>■ 192.168.10.51</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South management traffic
	lax01w01esg01	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.17.35.2</li> <li>■ 172.27.21.3</li> <li>■ 192.168.100.50</li> <li>■ 192.168.102.1</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South compute and edge traffic
	lax01w01esg02	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.17.35.3</li> <li>■ 172.27.21.2</li> <li>■ 192.168.100.51</li> <li>■ 192.168.102.2</li> </ul>	ECMP-enabled NSX Edge device for North-South compute and edge traffic
	lax01w01dlr01	-	192.168.102.3	Distributed Logical Router (DLR) for East-West compute and edge traffic.
	lax01m01lb01	-	192.168.11.2	NSX Edge device for load balancing management applications

## Host Names and IP Addresses for the Operations Management Layer in Region B

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the operations management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to the following components in Region B and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
vRealize Operations Manager	X
vSphere Update Manager Download Service	X
vRealize Log Insight	X



**Table 4-20. Host Names and IP Addresses for Data Protection and Operations Management Layer in Region B**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vRealize Operations Manager	lax01vropsc01a	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.31	Remote Collector 1 of vRealize Operations Manager
	lax01vropsc01b	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.32	Remote Collector 2 of vRealize Operations Manager
vSphere Update Manager	lax01umds01	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.67	vSphere Update Manager Download Service (UMDS)
vRealize Log Insight	lax01vrli01	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.10	VIP address of the integrated load balancer of vRealize Log Insight
	lax01vrli01a	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.11	Master node of vRealize Log Insight
	lax01vrli01b	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.12	Worker node 1 of vRealize Log Insight
	lax01vrli01c	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.13	Worker node 2 of vRealize Log Insight

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Layer in Region B

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the cloud management layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

Allocate host names and IP addresses to each of the following components in Region B and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
vRealize Automation	X
vRealize Business for Cloud	X

**Table 4-21. Host Names and IP Addresses for the Cloud Management Components in Region B**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
vRealize Automation	lax01ias01a	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.52	vRealize Automation Proxy Agents
	lax01ias01b	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.53	
vRealize Business for Cloud	lax01vrbc01	lax01.rainpole.local	192.168.32.54	vRealize Business for Cloud Data Collector

### Host Names and IP Addresses for the Business Continuity Layer in Region B

Allocate host names and IP addresses to all components you deploy for the business continuity layer of the SDDC according to this VMware Validated Design.

For a dual-region SDDC, allocate host names and IP addresses to the nodes that run Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication in Region B and configure DNS with an FQDN that maps to the IP address where defined:

Components	Requires DNS Configuration
Site Recovery Manager	X
vSphere Replication	X

**Table 4-22. Host Names and IP Addresses for Disaster Recovery Applications in Region B**

Component Group	Host Name	DNS Zone	IP Address	Description
Site Recovery Manager	lax01m01srm01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.124	Site Recovery Manager connected to the Management vCenter
vSphere Replication	lax01m01vrms01	lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.123	vSphere Replication connected to the Management vCenter

## Time Synchronization

Synchronized systems over NTP are essential for the validity of vCenter Single Sign-On and other certificates. Consistent system clocks are important for the proper operation of the components in the SDDC because in certain cases they rely on vCenter Single Sign-on.

Using NTP also makes it easier to correlate log files from multiple sources during troubleshooting, auditing, or inspection of log files to detect attacks.

## Requirements for Time Synchronization

All management components must be configured to use NTP for time synchronization.

### NTP Server Configuration

- Configure two time sources per region that are external to the SDDC. These sources can be physical radio or GPS time servers, or even NTP servers running on physical routers or servers.
- Ensure that the external time servers are synchronized to different time sources to ensure desirable NTP dispersion.

### DNS Configuration

Configure a DNS Canonical Name (CNAME) record that maps the two time sources to one DNS name.

**Table 4-23. NTP Server FQDN and IP Configuration in Region A**

NTP Server FQDN	Mapped IP Address
ntp.sfo01.rainpole.local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.16.11.251</li> <li>■ 172.16.11.252</li> </ul>
0.ntp.sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.251
1.ntp.sfo01.rainpole.local	172.16.11.252

**Table 4-24. NTP Server FQDN and IP Configuration in Region B**

NTP Server FQDN	Mapped IP Address
ntp.lax01.rainpole.local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 172.17.11.251</li> <li>■ 172.17.11.252</li> </ul>
0.ntp.lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.251
1.ntp.lax01.rainpole.local	172.17.11.252

## Time Synchronization on the SDDC Nodes

- Synchronize the time with the NTP servers on the following systems:
  - ESXi hosts
  - AD domain controllers
  - Virtual appliances of the management applications
- Configure each system with the two regional NTP server aliases
  - ntp.sfo01.rainpole.local
  - ntp.lax01.rainpole.local

## Time Synchronization on the Application Virtual Machines

- Verify that the default configuration on the Windows VMs is active, that is, the Windows VMs are synchronized with the NTP servers.
- As a best practice, for time synchronization on virtual machines, enable NTP-based time synchronization instead of the VMware Tools periodic time synchronization because NTP is an industry standard and ensures accurate timekeeping in the guest operating system.

## Configure NTP-Based Time Synchronization on Windows Hosts

Ensure that NTP has been configured properly in your Microsoft Windows Domain.

See <https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/nepapfe/2013/03/01/its-simple-time-configuration-in-active-directory/>.

## Active Directory Users and Groups

Before you deploy and configure the SDDC in this VMware Validated Design, you must provide specific configuration of Active Directory users and groups. You use these users and groups for application login, for assigning roles in a tenant organization and for authentication in cross-application communication.

In a multi-region or single-region environment that has parent and child domains in a single forest, store service accounts in the parent domain and user accounts in each of the child domains. By using the group scope attribute of Active Directory groups, you manage resource access across domains.

## Active Directory Administrator Account

Certain installation and configuration tasks require a domain administrator account that is referred to as `svc-domain-join` in the Active Directory domain.

## Active Directory Groups

To grant user and service accounts the access that is required to perform their task, create Active Directory groups according to certain rules.

Create Active Directory groups according to the following rules:

- 1 Add user and service accounts to universal groups in the parent domain.
- 2 Add the universal groups to global groups in each child domain.
- 3 Where applicable, assign access rights and permissions to the global groups, located in the child domains, and the universal groups, located in the parent domain (`rainpole.local`) to specific products according to their role.

### Universal Groups in the Parent Domain

In the `rainpole.local` domain, create the following universal groups:

**Table 4-25. Universal Groups in the `rainpole.local` Parent Domain**

Group Name	Group Scope	Description
ug-SDDC-Admins	Universal	Administrative group for the SDDC
ug-SDDC-Ops	Universal	SDDC operators group
ug-vCenterAdmins	Universal	Group with accounts that are assigned vCenter Server administrator privileges.
ug-vra-admins-rainpole	Universal	Tenant administrators group
ug-vra-archs-rainpole	Universal	Tenant blueprint architects group
ug-vROAdmins	Universal	Groups with vRealize Orchestrator Administrator privileges

### Global Groups in the Child Domains

In each child domain, add the role-specific universal group from the parent domain to the relevant role-specific global group in the child domain.

**Table 4-26. Global Groups in the Child Domains**

Group Name	Group Scope	Description	Member of Groups
SDDC-Admins	Global	Administrative group for the SDDC	RAINPOLE\ug-SDDC-Admins
SDDC-Ops	Global	SDDC operators group	RAINPOLE\ug-SDDC-Ops
vCenterAdmins	Global	Accounts that are assigned vCenter Server administrator privileges.	RAINPOLE\ug-vCenterAdmins

## Active Directory Users

A service account provides non-interactive and non-human access to services and APIs to the components of the SDDC. You must create service accounts for accessing functionality on the SDDC nodes, and user accounts for operations and tenant administration.

### Service Accounts

A service account is a standard Active Directory account that you configure in the following way:

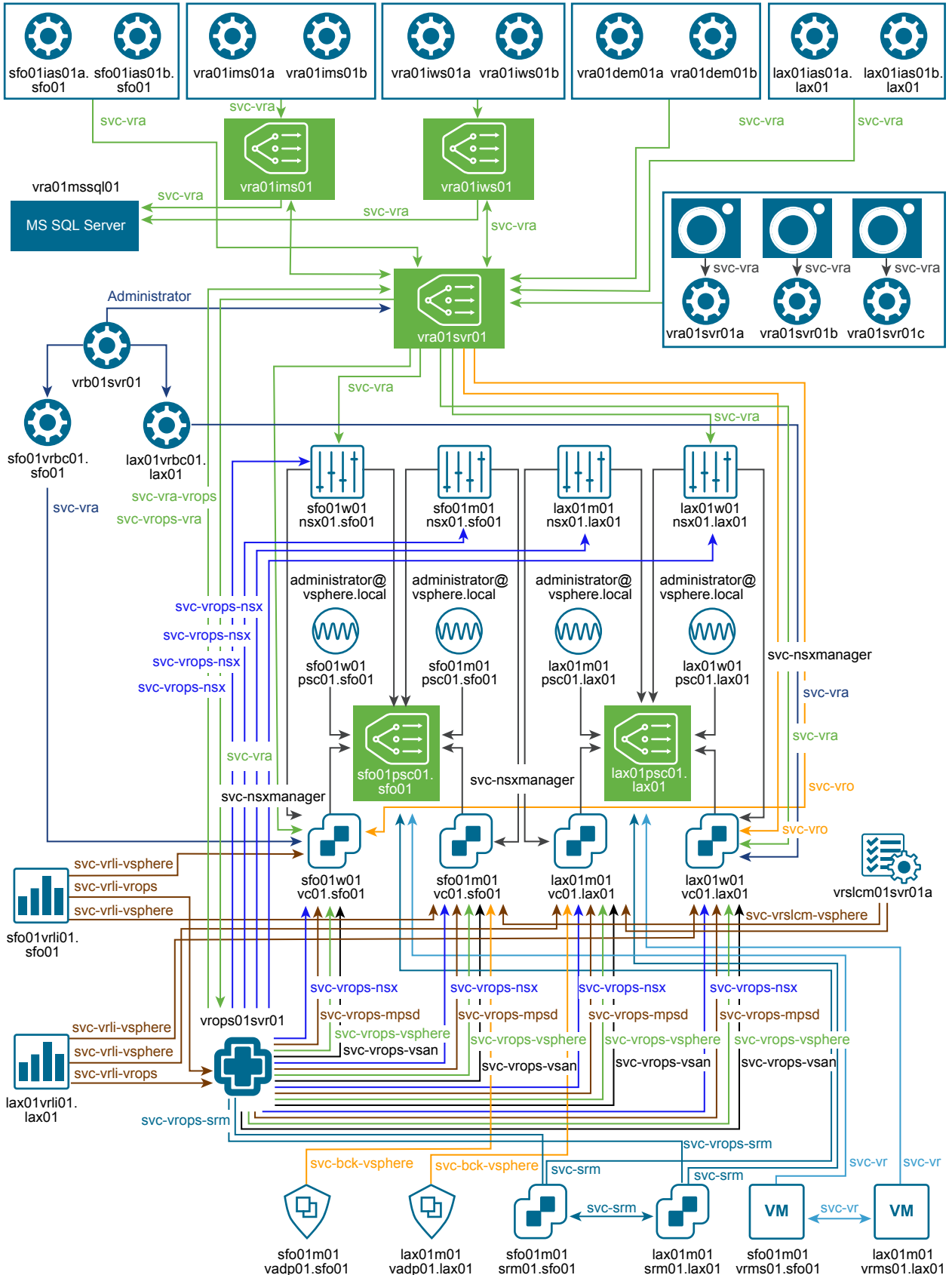
- The password never expires.
- The user cannot change the password.

In addition, a special service account is also required to perform domain join operations if a component registers itself in Active Directory as a computer object. This account must have the right to join computers to the Active Directory domain.

### Service Accounts in This VMware Validated Design

This Validated Design introduces a set of service accounts that are used in a one- or bidirectional fashion to enable secure application communication. You use custom roles to ensure that these accounts have only the least permissions that are required for authentication and data exchange.

Figure 4-1. Service Accounts in VMware Validated Design for Software-Defined Data Center



**Table 4-27. Application-to-Application or Application Service Accounts in the VMware Validated Design**

User Name	Source	Destination	Description	Required Role
svc-domain-join	Various management components (one-time domain join action)	Active Directory	Service account for performing domain-join operations from certain SDDC management components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Account Operators Group</li> <li>■ Delegation to Join Computers to Domain for both the parent and child domains</li> </ul>
svc-nsxmanager	NSX for vSphere Manager	vCenter Server	Service account for registering NSX Manager with vCenter Single Sign-On on the Platform Services Controller and vCenter Server for the management cluster and for the shared compute and edge cluster	Administrator
svc-vrli	vRealize Log Insight	Active Directory	Service account for using the Active Directory as an authentication source in vRealize Log Insight	-
svc-vrli-vsphere	vRealize Log Insight	vCenter Server	Service account for connecting vRealize Log Insight to vCenter Server and ESXi for forwarding log information	Log Insight User (vCenter Server)
svc-vrli-vrops	vRealize Log Insight	vRealize Operations Manager	Service account for connecting vRealize Log Insight to vRealize Operations Manager for log forwarding, alerts, and for Launch in Context integration	Administrator
svc-vrslcm-vsphere	vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	vCenter Server	A service account for deploying and managing the lifecycle of vRealize Suite components on the Software-Defined Data Center management cluster.	vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager User (Custom)
svc-bck-vsphere	vSphere Storage API - Data Protection	vCenter Server	Service account for performing backups using the vSphere Storage API - Data Protection with vCenter Server for the management cluster	VADP Backup Solution Requirements
svc-srm	Site Recovery Manager	vCenter Server	Service account for connecting Site Recover Manager to vCenter Server and for pairing sites in Site Recovery Manager	Single Sign-On Administrator
svc-vr	vSphere Replication	vCenter Server	Service account for connecting vSphere Replication to vCenter Server and for pairing vSphere Replication instances	Single Sign-On Administrator

**Table 4-27. Application-to-Application or Application Service Accounts in the VMware Validated Design (Continued)**

User Name	Source	Destination	Description	Required Role
svc-vra	vRealize Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ vCenter Server</li> <li>■ vRealize Automation</li> </ul>	Service account for access from vRealize Automation to vCenter Server. This account is a part of the vRealize Automation setup process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Administrator</li> <li>■ vRealize Orchestrator Administrator</li> </ul>
svc-vro	vRealize Orchestrator	vCenter Server	Service account for access from vRealize Orchestrator to vCenter Server	Administrator
svc-vrops	vRealize Operations Manager	Active Directory	Service account for Active Directory integration in vRealize Operations Manager for user authentication	-
svc-vrops-vsphere	vRealize Operations Manager	vCenter Server	Service account for monitoring and collecting general metrics about vSphere objects, including infrastructure and virtual machines, from vCenter Server in to vRealize Operations Manager. Also to perform some actions or tasks on the objects it manages in vCenter Server.	vSphere Actions User
svc-vrops-nsx	vRealize Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ vCenter Server</li> <li>■ NSX for vSphere</li> </ul>	Local service account for connecting the NSX for vSphere adapter for vRealize Operations Manager to the NSX Manager instances in the SDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Read-Only (vCenter Server)</li> <li>■ Enterprise Administrator (NSX)</li> </ul>
svc-vrops-vsan	vRealize Operations Manager	vCenter Server	Service account for monitoring and collecting metrics about vSAN components from vCenter Server in to vRealize Operations Manager	MPSD Metrics User
svc-vrops-mpsd	vRealize Operations Manager	vCenter Server	Service account for storage device monitoring of the vCenter Server instances in the SDDC from vRealize Operations Manager	MPSD Metrics User
svc-vrops-srm	vRealize Operations Manager	Site Recovery Manager	Service account for monitoring site recovery of the Management vCenter Server from vRealize Operations Manager	SRM Read-only



**Table 4-27. Application-to-Application or Application Service Accounts in the VMware Validated Design (Continued)**

User Name	Source	Destination	Description	Required Role
svc-vrops-vra	vRealize Operations Manager	vRealize Automation	Service account for connecting the vRealize Automation adapter for vRealize Operations Manager to vRealize Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IaaS Administrator</li> <li>■ Infrastructure Architect</li> <li>■ Software Architect</li> <li>■ Tenant Administrator</li> <li>■ Fabric Administrator</li> </ul>
svc-vra-vrops	vRealize Automation	vRealize Operations Manager	Service account for integration of health statistics from vRealize Operations Manager in the vRealize Automation portal	Read-Only
svc-umds	vSphere Update Manager Download Service	--	Local service account for configuring the Update Manager Download Service on the host virtual machine	Administrator

### User Accounts in the Parent Domain

Create the following user accounts in the parent Active Directory domain rainpole.local:

**Table 4-28. User Accounts in the rainpole.local Parent Domain**

User Name	Description	Service Account	Member of Groups
vra-admin-rainpole	Tenant administrator role in the SDDC for configuring vRealize Automation according to the needs of your organization including user and group management, tenant branding and notifications, and business policies	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ RAINPOLE\ug-vra-admins-rainpole</li> <li>■ RAINPOLE\ug-vROAdmins</li> </ul>
vra-arch-rainpole	Tenant blueprint architect role in the SDDC for creating the blueprints that tenants request from the service catalog	No	RAINPOLE\ug-vra-archs-rainpole

### Users in the Child Domains

Create the following accounts for user access in each of the child Active Directory domain to provide centralized user access to the SDDC. In the Active Directory, you do not assign any special rights to these accounts other than the default ones.

**Table 4-29. User Accounts in the Child Domains**

User Name	Description	Service Account	Member of Groups
SDDC-Admin	Global administrative account across the SDDC.	No	RAINPOLE\ug-SDDC-Admins

## Certificate Replacement

Before you deploy the SDDC, you must configure a certificate authority and generate certificate files for the management products. According to this validated design, you replace the default VMCA- or self-signed certificates of the SDDC management products with certificates signed by a certificate authority (CA) during deployment.

- Use the Certificate Generation Utility CertGenVVD for automatic generation of Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) and CA-signed certificate files for all VMware management products that are deployed in this validated design.

VMware Validated Design comes with the CertGenVVD utility that you can use to save time in creating signed certificates. The utility generates CSRs, OpenSSL CA-signed certificates, and Microsoft CA-signed certificates. See VMware Knowledge Base article [2146215](#).

### 1 Create and Add a Microsoft Certificate Authority Template

The first step in certificate generation and replacement is setting up a Microsoft Certificate Authority template on the Active Directory (AD) servers for the region. The template contains the certificate authority (CA) attributes for signing certificates of VMware SDDC solutions. After you create the new template, you add it to the certificate templates of the Microsoft CA.

### 2 Use the Certificate Generation Utility to Generate CA-Signed Certificates for the SDDC Management Components

Use the VMware Validated Design Certificate Generation Utility (CertGenVVD) to generate certificates signed by the Microsoft certificate authority (MSCA) for all management product with a single operation.

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Creating a certificate authority template for this VMware Validated Design includes the following operations:

- 1 Set up a Microsoft Certificate Authority template.
- 2 Add the new template to the certificate templates of the Microsoft CA.

## Prerequisites

This VMware Validated Design sets the Certificate Authority service on the Active Directory (AD) dc01rpl.rainpole.local (root CA) server. The AD server is running on the Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 operating system.

- Verify that you installed Microsoft Server 2012 R2 VM with Active Directory Domain Services enabled.
- Verify that the Certificate Authority Service role and the Certificate Authority Web Enrollment role are installed and configured on the Active Directory Server.
- Use a hashing algorithm of SHA-256 or higher on the certificate authority.

## Procedure

- 1 Log in to the rainpole.local AD server by using a Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) client.
  - a Open an RDP connection to **dc01rpl.rainpole.local**.
  - b Use the following credentials.

Setting	Value
User name	Active directory administrator
Password	ad_admin_password

- 2 Click Windows **Start > Run**, enter **certtmpl.msc**, and click **OK**.
- 3 In the **Certificate Template Console**, under **Template Display Name**, right-click **Web Server** and click **Duplicate Template**.
- 4 In the **Duplicate Template** window, leave **Windows Server 2003 Enterprise** selected for backward compatibility and click **OK**.
- 5 In the **Properties of New Template** dialog box, click the **General** tab.
- 6 In the **Template display name** text box, enter **VMware** as the name of the new template.
- 7 Click the **Extensions** tab and specify extensions information.
  - a Select **Application Policies** and click **Edit**.
  - b Select **Server Authentication**, click **Remove**, and click **OK**.
  - c Select **Key Usage** and click **Edit**.
  - d Select the **Signature is proof of origin (nonrepudiation)** check box.
  - e Leave the default for all other options.
  - f Click **OK**.
- 8 Click the **Subject Name** tab, ensure that the **Supply in the request** option is selected, and click **OK** to save the template.
- 9 To add the new template to your CA, click Windows **Start > Run**, enter **certsrv.msc**, and click **OK**.
- 10 In the **Certification Authority** window, expand the left pane if it is collapsed.

- 11 Right-click **Certificate Templates** and select **New > Certificate Template to Issue**.
- 12 In the **Name** column of the **Enable Certificate Templates** dialog box, select the VMware certificate that you created and click **OK**.

## Use the Certificate Generation Utility to Generate CA-Signed Certificates for the SDDC Management Components

Use the VMware Validated Design Certificate Generation Utility (CertGenVVD) to generate certificates signed by the Microsoft certificate authority (MSCA) for all management product with a single operation.

For information about the VMware Validated Design Certificate Generation Utility, see VMware Knowledge Base article [2146215](#).

### Prerequisites

- Provide a Window Server 2012 host that is part of the sfo01.rainpole.local domain.
- Install a Certificate Authority server on the rainpole.local domain.

### Procedure

- 1 Log in to a Windows host that has access to your data center.
- 2 Download the CertGenVVD-*version*.zip file of the Certificate Generation Utility from VMware Knowledge Base article [2146215](#) on the Windows host where you connect to the data center and extract the ZIP file to the C: drive.
- 3 In the C:\CertGenVVD-*version* folder, open the default.txt file in a text editor.
- 4 Verify that following properties are configured.

```
ORG=Rainpole Inc.
OU=Rainpole.local
LOC=SFO
ST=CA
CC=US
CN=VMware_VVD
keysize=2048
```

- 5 Verify that the C:\CertGenVVD-*version*\ConfigFiles folder contains only the following files.

**Table 4-30. Certificate Generation Files for Region A**

Host Name or Service in Region A	Configuration Files
Virtual Infrastructure Layer	
Platform Services Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ sfo01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local</li> <li>■ sfo01m01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local</li> <li>■ sfo01w01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local</li> </ul>
vCenter Server	sfo01m01vc01.sfo01.rainpole.local
	sfo01m01vc01.txt

**Table 4-30. Certificate Generation Files for Region A (Continued)**

Host Name or Service in Region A		Configuration Files
	sfo01w01vc01.sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01w01vc01.txt
NSX Manager	sfo01m01nsx01.sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01m01nsx01.txt
	sfo01w01nsx01.sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01w01nsx01.txt
Operations Management Layer		
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	vrslcm01svr01a.rainpole.local	vrslcm.txt
vRealize Operations Manager	■ vrops01svr01.rainpole.local	vrops.txt
	■ vrops01svr01a.rainpole.local	
	■ vrops01svr01b.rainpole.local	
	■ vrops01svr01c.rainpole.local	
vRealize Log Insight	■ sfo01vrli01.sfo01.rainpole.local	vrli.sfo01.txt
	■ sfo01vrli01a.sfo01.rainpole.local	
	■ sfo01vrli01b.sfo01.rainpole.local	
	■ sfo01vrli01c.sfo01.rainpole.local	
Cloud Management Platform Layer		
vRealize Automation	■ vra01svr01.rainpole.local	vra.txt
	■ vra01svr01a.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01svr01b.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01svr01c.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01iws01.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01iws01a.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01iws01b.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01ims01.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01ims01a.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01ims01b.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01dem01a.rainpole.local	
	■ vra01dem01b.rainpole.local	
vRealize Business Server	vrbsvr01.rainpole.local	vrbs.txt
Business Continuity Layer		
Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication	sfo01m01srm01.sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01m01srm01.txt
	sfo01m01vrms01.sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01m01vrms01.txt

**Table 4-31. Certificate Generation Files for Region B**

Host Name or Service in Region B		Configuration Files
Virtual Infrastructure Layer		
Platform Services Controller	■ lax01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01psc01.txt
	■ lax01m01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local	
	■ lax01w01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local	
vCenter Server	lax01m01vc01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01m01vc01.txt

**Table 4-31. Certificate Generation Files for Region B (Continued)**

Host Name or Service in Region B		Configuration Files
	lax01w01vc01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01w01vc01.txt
NSX Manager	lax01m01nsx01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01m01nsx01.txt
	lax01w01nsx01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01w01nsx01.txt
Operations Management Layer		
vRealize Log Insight	■ lax01vrli01.lax01.rainpole.local	vrli.lax01.txt
	■ lax01vrli01a.lax01.rainpole.local	
	■ lax01vrli01b.lax01.rainpole.local	
	■ lax01vrli01c.lax01.rainpole.local	
Business Continuity Layer		
Site Recovery Manager and vSphere Replication	lax01m01srm01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01m01srm01.txt
	lax01m01vrms01.lax01.rainpole.local	lax01m01vrms01.txt

- Verify that each configuration file includes FQDNs and host names in the dedicated sections.

For example, the configuration files for the Platform Service Controller instance must contain the following properties:

sfo01psc01.txt	lax01psc01.txt
<pre>[CERT] NAME=default ORG=default OU=default LOC=SFO ST=default CC=default CN=sfo01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local keysize=default [SAN] sfo01psc01 sfo01m01psc01 sfo01w01psc01 sfo01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local sfo01m01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local sfo01w01psc01.sfo01.rainpole.local</pre>	<pre>[CERT] NAME=default ORG=default OU=default LOC=LAX ST=default CC=default CN=lax01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local keysize=default [SAN] lax01psc01 lax01m01psc01 lax01w01psc01 lax01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local lax01m01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local lax01w01psc01.lax01.rainpole.local</pre>

- Open a Windows PowerShell prompt and navigate to the CertGenVVD folder.

```
cd C:\CertGenVVD-version
```

- Grant permissions to run third-party PowerShell scripts.

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted
```

- Validate if you can run the utility using the configuration on the host and verify if VMware is included in the printed CA template policy.

```
.\CertgenVVD-version.ps1 -validate
```

- Generate MSCA-signed certificates.

```
.\CertGenVVD-version.ps1 -MSCASigned -attrib 'CertificateTemplate:VMware'
```

- In the C:\CertGenVVD-version folder, verify that the utility created the SignedByMSCACerts subfolder.

## Datastore Requirements

For certain features of the SDDC, such as back up and restore, log archiving, and content library, you must provide secondary storage.

This VMware Validated Design uses NFS as its secondary storage. While vRealize Automation supports any type of secondary storage, using vRealize Log Insight requires NFS storage for archive purposes.

For information about the approximate sizes of all management components, see [Chapter 6 Management Workload Footprint](#). Consider these sizes in the storage requirements for your VMware vSphere Storage APIs for Data Protection-based backup solution.

You must also provide a validated datastore to the shared edge and compute cluster for storing NSX Controller instances, NSX Edge instances, and tenant workloads.

## NFS Exports for Management Components

The management applications in the SDDC use NFS exports with the following paths:

**Table 4-32. NFS Export Configuration**

Reg ion	VLAN	Server	Export	Size	Map As	Cluster	Component
Reg ion A	1615	172.16.15.25 1	/VVD_vRLI_MgmtA_400GB	400 GB	NFS datastore for log archiving in vRealize Log Insight	Management cluster	vRealize Log Insight
	1615	172.16.15.25 1	/VVD_backup01_nfs01_MgmtA_6TB	6 TB	sfo01-m01-bkp01	Management cluster	VADP-based Backup Solution
	1625	172.16.25.25 1	/VVD_vRA_ComputeA_1TB	1 TB	sfo01-w01-lib01	Shared edge and compute cluster	vRealize Automation
Reg ion B	1715	172.17.15.25 1	/VVD_vRLI_MgmtB_400GB	400 GB	NFS mount for log archiving in vRealize Log Insight	Management cluster	vRealize Log Insight

**Table 4-32. NFS Export Configuration (Continued)**

Region	VLAN	Server	Export	Size	Map As	Cluster	Component
	1715	172.17.15.25 1	/VVD_backup01_nfs01_MgmtB_6TB	6 TB	lax01-m01-bkp01	Management cluster	VADP-based Backup Solution
	1725	172.17.25.25 1	/VVD_vRA_ComputeB_1TB	1 TB	lax01-w01-lib01	Shared edge and compute cluster	vRealize Automation

## Customer-Specific Datastore for the Shared Edge and Compute Clusters

Before you begin implementing your SDDC, to enable the deployment of virtual appliances that are a part of the NSX deployment and to provide storage for tenant workloads, you must set up datastores for the shared edge and compute cluster for each region. This Validated Design contains guidance for datastore setup only for the SDDC management components. For more information about the datastore types that are supported for the shared and edge cluster, see *Shared Storage Design* in the *VMware Validated Design Architecture and Design* documentation.



# Virtual Machine Specifications

This Validated Design uses a set of virtual machines for management components and tenant blueprints. Create these virtual machines, configure their virtual hardware, and install the required guest operating system.

## Management Virtual Machine Specifications

You must create virtual machines for Site Recovery Manager, vSphere Update Manager Download Service (UMDS), and Microsoft SQL Server before you start the deployment of these management components.

For information on the networking configuration of the virtual machines, such as host name, IPv4 address, default gateway, and so on, see [Host Names and IP Addresses in Region A](#) and [Host Names and IP Addresses in Region B](#).

**Table 5-1. Specifications of Management Virtual Machines in Region A**

Attribute	Region	Site Recovery Manager	vSphere Update Manager Download Service	Microsoft SQL Server
Number of virtual machines	-	1	1	1
Guest OS	-	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)	Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)
VM name	Region A	sfo01m01srm01	sfo01umds01	vra01mssql01
VM folder	Region A	sfo01-m01fd-bcdr	sfo01-m01fd-mgmt	sfo1-m01fd-vra
Cluster	Region A	sfo01-m01-mgmt01	sfo01-m01-mgmt01	sfo01-m01-mgmt01
Datastore	Region A	sfo01-m01-vsan01	sfo01-m01-vsan01	sfo01-m01-vsan01
Number of CPUs	-	2	2	8
Memory (GB)	-	4	2	16

**Table 5-1. Specifications of Management Virtual Machines in Region A (Continued)**

Attribute	Region	Site Recovery Manager	vSphere Update Manager Download Service	Microsoft SQL Server
Disk space (GB)	-	40	120	200
SCSI Controller	-	LSI Logic SAS	LSI Logic SAS	LSI Logic SAS
Virtual machine network adapter	-	VMXNET3	VMXNET3	VMXNET3
Virtual machine network	Region A	sfo01-m01-vds01-management	Mgmt-RegionA01-VXLAN	Mgmt-xRegion01-VXLAN
Active Directory domain	Region A	sfo01.rainpole.local	sfo01.rainpole.local	rainpole.local
Service account	-	Windows administrator	svc-umds	svc-vra
VMware Tools	Latest version	Latest version	Latest version	Latest version

**Table 5-2. Specifications of Management Virtual Machines in Region B**

Attribute	Region	Site Recovery Manager	vSphere Update Manager Download Service
Number of virtual machines	-	1	1
Guest OS	-	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)	Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS
VM name	Region B	lax01m01srm01	lax01umds01
VM folder	Region B	lax01-m01fd-bcdr	lax01-m01fd-mgmt
Cluster	Region B	lax01-m01-mgmt01	lax01-m01-mgmt01
Datastore	Region B	lax01-m01-vsan01	lax01-m01-vsan01
Number of CPUs	-	2	2
Memory (GB)	-	4	2
Disk space (GB)	-	40	120
SCSI Controller	-	LSI Logic SAS	LSI Logic SAS
Virtual machine network adapter	-	VMXNET3	VMXNET3
Virtual machine network	Region B	lax01-m01-vds01-management	Mgmt-RegionB01-VXLAN
Active Directory domain	Region B	lax01.rainpole.local	lax01.rainpole.local

**Table 5-2. Specifications of Management Virtual Machines in Region B (Continued)**

Attribute	Region	Site Recovery Manager	vSphere Update Manager Download Service
Service account	-	Windows administrator	svc-umds
VMware Tools	Latest version	Latest version	Latest version

## Specifications for vRealize Automation IaaS and Tenant Blueprints Virtual Machines

To create IaaS virtual machines and tenant blueprints in vRealize Automation, this Validated Design uses a set of virtual machines according to predefined specifications.

**Table 5-3. Specifications for the vRealize Automation IaaS and Blueprint VMs Templates**

Required by VMware Component	VM Template Name	Guest OS	CPUs	Memory (GB)	Virtual Disk (GB)	SCSI Controller	Virtual Machine Network Adapter	VMware Tools
	windows-2012r2-64	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)	1	4	60	LSI Logic SAS	VMXNET3	Latest version
	windows-2012r2-64-sql2012	Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)	1	8	100	LSI Logic SAS	VMXNET3	Latest version

# Management Workload Footprint

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Before you deploy the SDDC, you must provide sufficient compute and storage resources to meet the footprint requirements of the management workloads.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Management Workload Footprint in Region A](#)
- [Management Workload Footprint for Region B](#)

## Management Workload Footprint in Region A

Before you deploy the SDDC, you must allocate enough compute and storage resources to accommodate the footprint of the management workloads in Region A.

**Note** Storage footprint shows allocated space. Do not consider it if you use thin provisioning according to this validated design.

## Virtual Infrastructure Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of memory, and storage space for the management components of the virtual Infrastructure layer in Region A of the SDDC:

**Table 6-1. Virtual Infrastructure Layer Footprint for Region A**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	Memory (GB)	Storage (GB)
Management vCenter Server	Virtual Appliance	4	16	270
Management Platform Services Controller	Virtual Appliance	2	4	55
Management NSX Manager	Virtual Appliance	4	16	60
Management NSX Controller 01	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Management NSX Controller 02	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28

**Table 6-1. Virtual Infrastructure Layer Footprint for Region A (Continued)**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>Memory (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Management NSX Controller 03	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - OneArm Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - OneArm Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute vCenter Server	Virtual Appliance	16	32	599
Compute Platform Services Controller	Virtual Appliance	2	4	55
Compute NSX Manager	Virtual Appliance	4	16	60
Compute NSX Controller 01	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Compute NSX Controller 02	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Compute NSX Controller 03	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28

**Table 6-1. Virtual Infrastructure Layer Footprint for Region A (Continued)**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>Memory (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - DLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - DLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>84 vCPU</b>	<b>126 GB</b>	<b>1,295 GB</b>

## Operations Management Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of memory, and storage space for the management components of the operations management layer in Region A of the SDDC:

**Table 6-2. Operations Management Layer Footprint for Region A**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>Memory (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Update Manager Download Service	Linux Virtual Machine	2	2	120
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	Virtual Appliance	2	16	135
vRealize Operations Manager Analytics Node 1	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298
vRealize Operations Manager Analytics Node 2	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298
vRealize Operations Manager Analytics Node 3	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298

**Table 6-2. Operations Management Layer Footprint for Region A (Continued)**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	Memory (GB)	Storage (GB)
vRealize Operations Manager Remote Collector 1	Virtual Appliance	2	4	274
vRealize Operations Manager Remote Collector 2	Virtual Appliance	2	4	274
vRealize Log Insight Node 1	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530
vRealize Log Insight Node 2	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530
vRealize Log Insight Node 3	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530
Total		56 vCPU	170 GB	6287 GB

## Cloud Management Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of memory, and storage space for the management components of the cloud management layer in Region A of the SDDC:

**Table 6-3. Cloud Management Layer Footprint for Region A**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	Memory (GB)	Storage (GB)
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 1	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 2	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 3	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation IaaS Web Server 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Web Server 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Manager Server 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Manager Server 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS DEM Worker 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS DEM Worker 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60

**Table 6-3. Cloud Management Layer Footprint for Region A (Continued)**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	Memory (GB)	Storage (GB)
vRealize Automation Proxy Agent 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation Proxy Agent 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Business for Cloud Server	Virtual Appliance	4	8	50
vRealize Business for Cloud Data Collector	Virtual Appliance	4	2	50
Microsoft SQL Server	Windows Server Virtual Machine	8	16	200
Total		44 vCPU	144 GB	1,200 GB

## Business Continuity Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of memory, and storage space for the management components of the business continuity layer of the SDDC in Region A:

**Table 6-4. Business Continuity Layer Footprint for Region A**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	Memory (GB)	Storage (GB)
Management Site Recovery Manager	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	4	40
Management vSphere Replication	Virtual Appliance	4	4	18
Total		6 vCPU	8 GB	58 GB

## Management Workload Footprint for Region B

Before you deploy the SDDC, you must allocate enough compute and storage resources to accommodate the footprint of the management workloads in Region B.

**Note** Storage footprint shows allocated space. Do not consider it if you use thin provisioning according to this validated design.

## Virtual Infrastructure Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of RAM and storage space for the management components of the virtual infrastructure layer of the SDDC in Region B:



**Table 6-5. Virtual Infrastructure Layer Footprint for Region B**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>vRAM (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Management vCenter Server	Virtual Appliance	4	16	270
Management Platform Services Controller	Virtual Appliance	2	4	55
Management NSX Manager	Virtual Appliance	4	16	60
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - OneArm Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Management NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - OneArm Load Balancer	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute vCenter Server	Virtual Appliance	16	32	599
Compute Platform Services Controller	Virtual Appliance	2	4	55
Compute NSX Manager	Virtual Appliance	4	16	60
Compute NSX Controller 01	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28

**Table 6-5. Virtual Infrastructure Layer Footprint for Region B (Continued)**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>vRAM (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Compute NSX Controller 02	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Compute NSX Controller 03	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - ECMP	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - UDLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 1 - DLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
Compute NSX Edge Services Gateway 2 - DLR	Virtual Appliance	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>70 vCPU</b>	<b>114 GB</b>	<b>1,211 GB</b>

## Operations Management Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of RAM and storage space for the management components of the operations management layer of the SDDC in Region B:

**Table 6-6. Operations Management Layer Footprint for Region B**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>vRAM (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Update Manager Download Service	Linux Virtual Machine	2	2	120
vRealize Operations Manager Remote Collector 1	Virtual Appliance	2	4	274
vRealize Operations Manager Remote Collector 2	Virtual Appliance	2	4	274
vRealize Log Insight Node 1	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530

**Table 6-6. Operations Management Layer Footprint for Region B (Continued)**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	vRAM (GB)	Storage (GB)
vRealize Log Insight Node 2	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530
vRealize Log Insight Node 3	Virtual Appliance	8	16	530
Total		30 vCPU	58 GB	2,258 GB

## Cloud Management Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of RAM and storage space for the management components of the cloud management layer of the SDDC:

**Table 6-7. Cloud Management Layer Footprint for Region B**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	vRAM (GB)	Storage (GB)
vRealize Automation Proxy Agent 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation Proxy Agent 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Business for Cloud Data Collector	Virtual Appliance	4	2	50
Total		8 vCPU	18 GB	170 GB

## Business Continuity Layer

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of RAM and storage space for the management components of the business continuity layer of the SDDC:

**Table 6-8. Business Continuity Layer Footprint for Region B**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	vRAM (GB)	Storage (GB)
Management Site Recovery Manager	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	4	40
Management vSphere Replication	Virtual Appliance	4	4	18
Total		6 vCPU	8 GB	58 GB

## Additional Footprint for Disaster Recovery

Allocate the following number of virtual CPUs, amount of RAM and storage space for the management components of the SDDC that are replicated and failed over to Region B as part of the disaster recovery plans.

**Table 6-9. Disaster Recovery Footprint in Region B**

Management Component	Operating System	vCPUs	vRAM (GB)	Storage (GB)
Management NSX Controller 01	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Management NSX Controller 02	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
Management NSX Controller 03	Virtual Appliance	4	4	28
vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager	Virtual Appliance	2	16	135
vRealize Operations Manager Node 1	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298
vRealize Operations Manager Node 2	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298
vRealize Operations Manager Node 3	Virtual Appliance	8	32	1,298
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 1	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 2	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation Server Appliance 3	Virtual Appliance	4	18	140
vRealize Automation IaaS Web Server 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Web Server 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Manager Server 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS Manager Server 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS DEM Worker 1	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Automation IaaS DEM Worker 2	Windows Server Virtual Machine	2	8	60
vRealize Business for Cloud Server	Virtual Appliance	4	8	50

**Table 6-9. Disaster Recovery Footprint in Region B (Continued)**

<b>Management Component</b>	<b>Operating System</b>	<b>vCPUs</b>	<b>vRAM (GB)</b>	<b>Storage (GB)</b>
Microsoft SQL Server	Windows Server Virtual Machine	8	16	200
<b>Total</b>		<b>74 vCPU</b>	<b>250 GB</b>	<b>5,143 GB</b>