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Using VMware vCenter Orchestrator Plug-Ins

Using VMware vCenter Orchestrator Plug-Ins provides information and instructions about configuring and using the standard set of plug-ins installed with VMware vCenter[®] Orchestrator.

Intended Audience

This information is intended for advanced vSphere administrators and experienced system administrators who are familiar with virtual machine technology and datacenter operations.

Introduction to Orchestrator Plug-Ins



With the Orchestrator plug-ins, you can access and control external technologies and applications. Exposing an external technology in an Orchestrator plug-in lets you incorporate objects and functions in workflows and run workflows on the objects of that external technology.

The external technologies that you access by using plug-ins include virtualization management tools, email systems, databases, directory services, and remote control interfaces.

Orchestrator provides a standard set of preinstalled plug-ins, which expose the VMware vCenter Server API, email and authentication capabilities, and other technologies. In addition, the Orchestrator open plug-in architecture lets you to develop plug-ins to access other applications. Orchestrator implements open standards to simplify integration with external systems. For information about developing custom content, see *Developing with VMware vCenter Orchestrator*.

The standard set of plug-ins is automatically installed with the Orchestrator server. You might need to configure some of the plug-ins, for example the vCenter Server plug-in, before start using them.

Plug-ins extend the Orchestrator scripting engine with new object types and methods, and plug-ins publish notification events from the external system that triggers events in Orchestrator and in the plugged-in technology. Plug-ins provide an inventory of JavaScript objects that you can access on the **Inventory** tab of the Orchestrator client. Each plug-in contains packages of workflows and actions that you can run on the objects in the inventory to automate the typical use cases of the integrated product.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Orchestrator Architecture](#)
- [Plug-Ins Installed with the Orchestrator Server](#)
- [Access the Orchestrator API Explorer](#)

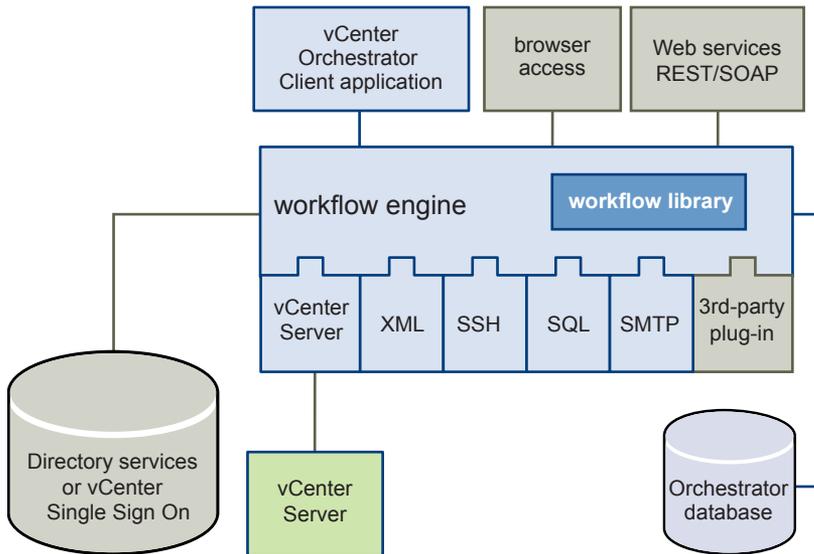
Orchestrator Architecture

Orchestrator contains a workflow library and a workflow engine to allow you to create and run workflows that automate orchestration processes. You run workflows on the objects of different technologies that Orchestrator accesses through a series of plug-ins.

Orchestrator provides a standard set of plug-ins, including a plug-in for vCenter Server, to allow you to orchestrate tasks in the different environments that the plug-ins expose.

Orchestrator also presents an open architecture to allow you to plug in external third-party applications to the orchestration platform. You can run workflows on the objects of the plugged-in technologies that you define yourself. Orchestrator connects to a directory services server to manage user accounts, and to a database to store information from the workflows that it runs. You can access Orchestrator, the Orchestrator workflows, and the objects it exposes through the Orchestrator client interface, through a Web browser, or through Web services.

Figure 1-1. VMware vCenter Orchestrator Architecture



Plug-Ins Installed with the Orchestrator Server

Orchestrator includes a collection of standard plug-ins. Each plug-in exposes an external product API to the Orchestrator platform. Plug-ins provide inventory classes, extend the scripting engine with new object types, and publish notification events from the external system. Each plug-in also provides a library of workflows for automating the typical use cases of the integrated product.

You can see the list of the installed plug-ins on the **Plug-ins** tab in the Orchestrator configuration interface. For the plug-ins that require configuration, there are separate tabs in the interface.

Table 1-1. Plug-Ins Installed with Orchestrator

Plug-In	Purpose	Configuration
vCenter Server	Provides access to the vCenter Server API so that you can incorporate all of the vCenter Server objects and functions into the management processes that you automate by using Orchestrator.	See Configure the vCenter Server Plug-In .
Configuration	Provides workflows for configuring the Orchestrator authentication, database connection, SSL certificates, and so on.	None

Table 1-1. Plug-Ins Installed with Orchestrator (Continued)

Plug-In	Purpose	Configuration
vCO Library	Provides workflows that act as basic building blocks for customization and automation of client processes. The workflow library includes templates for lifecycle management, provisioning, disaster recovery, hot backup, and other standard processes. You can copy and edit the templates to modify them according to your needs.	None
SQL	Provides the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) API, which is the industry standard for database-independent connectivity between the Java programming language and a wide range of databases. The databases include SQL databases and other tabular data sources, such as spreadsheets or flat files. The JDBC API provides a call-level API for SQL-based database access from workflows.	None
SSH	Provides an implementation of the Secure Shell v2 (SSH-2) protocol. Allows remote command and file transfer sessions with password and public key-based authentication in workflows. Supports keyboard-interactive authentication. Optionally, the SSH plug-in can provide remote file system browsing directly in the Orchestrator client inventory.	See Configure the SSH Plug-In .
XML	A complete Document Object Model (DOM) XML parser that you can implement in workflows. Alternatively, you can use the ECMAScript for XML (E4X) implementation in the Orchestrator JavaScript API.	None
Mail	Uses Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) to send email from workflows.	Set the default values for the <code>EmailMessage</code> object to use. See Define the Default SMTP Connection .
Net	Wraps the Jakarta Apache Commons Net Library. Provides implementations of Telnet, FTP, POP3, and IMAP. The POP3 and IMAP part is used for reading email. In combination with the Mail plug-in, the Net plug-in provides complete email sending and receiving capabilities in workflows.	None
Workflow documentation	Provides workflows that let you generate information in PDF format about a workflow or a workflow category.	None
Enumeration	Provides common enumerated types that can be used in workflows by other plug-ins.	None
HTTP-REST	Lets you manage REST Web services by providing interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and REST hosts.	See Configuring the HTTP-REST Plug-In .
SOAP	Lets you manage SOAP Web services by providing interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and SOAP hosts.	See Configuring the SOAP Plug-In .
AMQP	Lets you interact with Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) servers also known as brokers.	See Configuring the AMQP Plug-In .
SNMP	Enables vCenter Orchestrator to connect and receive information from SNMP-enabled systems and devices.	None

Table 1-1. Plug-Ins Installed with Orchestrator (Continued)

Plug-In	Purpose	Configuration
Active Directory	Provides interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and Microsoft Active Directory.	See Configuring the Active Directory Plug-In .
vCO WebOperator	A Web view that lets you to access the workflows in the Orchestrator library and interact with them across a network by using a Web browser.	None
Dynamic Types	Lets you define dynamic types and create and use objects of these dynamic types.	See Chapter 18 Using the Dynamic Types Plug-In .
Multi-Node	Contains workflows for hierarchical orchestration, management of Orchestrator instances, and scale-out of Orchestrator activities.	See Chapter 19 Configuring and Using the Multi-Node Plug-In .
PowerShell	Lets you manage PowerShell hosts and run custom PowerShell operations.	See Chapter 20 Using the PowerShell Plug-In .

Plug-In Components

Each plug-in is a DAR file package. The DAR files are stored in `Orchestrator_installation_path\app-server\plugins` on the Orchestrator server system. The components of each plug-in, such as workflow categories and API modules, use different naming conventions.

Table 1-2. Names of Plug-In Components

Plug-In Name in the Configuration UI	DAR File	Workflow Categories	API Module
vCenter Server	o11nplugin-vsphere.dar	vCenter	VC
vCO Configuration	o11nplugin-configurator.dar	Configuration	Configurator
vCO Library	o11nplugin-library.dar	Locking Orchestrator Troubleshooting	Not applicable.
SQL	o11nplugin-database.dar	JDBC SQL	SQL
SSH	o11nplugin-ssh.dar	SSH	SSH
XML	o11nplugin-xml.dar	XML	XML
Mail	o11nplugin-mail.dar	Mail	Mail
Net	o11nplugin-jakartacommonsnet.dar	None	Net
Workflow documentation	o11nplugin-wfdocs.dar	Workflow documentation	Workflow documentation
Common enumerated types	o11nplugin-enums.dar	None	Enums
Dynamic Types	o11n-plugin-dynamictypes.dar	Configuration	DynamicTypes
HTTP-REST		Configuration	REST

Table 1-2. Names of Plug-In Components (Continued)

Plug-In Name in the Configuration UI	DAR File	Workflow Categories	API Module
SOAP	o11n-plugin-soap.dar	Configuration	SOAP
AMQP	o11n-plugin-amqp.dar	Configuration	AMQP
SNMP	o11n-plugin-snmp.dar	Device Management Query Management Trap Host Management	SNMP
Active Directory		Computer Configuration Organizational Unit User User Group	AD
vCO WebOperator	o11nplugin-weboperator.dar	None	N/A
Orchestrator		Servers Configuration Remote Execution Remote Management Tasks Workflows	VCO
PowerShell	o11nplugin-powershell.dar	Configuration Generate Templates	PowerShell

Access the Orchestrator API Explorer

Orchestrator provides an API Explorer that you can use to search the Orchestrator API and see the documentation for JavaScript objects that you can use in scripted elements.

You can consult an online version of the Scripting API for the vCenter Server plug-in on the Orchestrator documentation home page.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client.
- 2 Select **Tools > API Explorer**.

The API Explorer appears. You can use it to search all the objects and functions of the Orchestrator API.

What to do next

Use the API Explorer to write scripts for scriptable elements.

Configure the Orchestrator Plug-Ins

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To deploy the standard set of plug-ins when the Orchestrator server starts, the Orchestrator system must authenticate against an LDAP or vCenter Single Sign-On server. You first specify the administrative credentials that Orchestrator uses with the plug-ins, and enable or disable plug-ins.

If you change the Orchestrator database after configuring and installing the plug-ins, you must click the **Reset current version** link on the **Troubleshooting** tab. This operation deletes the *install_directory\app-server\conf\plugins_VSOPluginInstallationVersion.xml* file, which contains information about the version of the plug-ins already installed, and forces plug-in reinstallation.

Prerequisites

Set up an LDAP or vCenter Single Sign-On server and configure the Orchestrator authentication settings.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator configuration interface as **vmware**.
- 2 Click **Plug-ins**.
- 3 Type the credentials for a user who is a member of the Orchestrator administrators group that you specified on the **Authentication** tab.

When the Orchestrator server starts, the system uses these credentials to set up the plug-ins. The system checks the enabled plug-ins and performs any necessary internal installations such as package import, policy run, script launch, and so on.

- 4 (Optional) To disable a plug-in, deselect the check box next to it.

This action does not remove the plug-in file.

- 5 Click **Apply changes**.

The first time the server starts, it installs the selected plug-ins.

What to do next

You can configure the settings for Mail, SSH, and vCenter Server plug-ins.

Using the vCenter Server Plug-In

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You can use the vCenter Server plug-in to manage multiple vCenter Server instances. You can create workflows that use the vCenter Server plug-in API to automate tasks in your vCenter Server environment.

The vCenter Server plug-in maps the vCenter Server API to the JavaScript that you can use in workflows. The plug-in also provides actions that perform individual vCenter Server tasks that you can include in workflows.

The vCenter Server plug-in provides a library of standard workflows that automate vCenter Server operations. For example, you can run workflows that create, clone, migrate, or delete virtual machines.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the vCenter Server Plug-In](#)
- [vCenter Server Plug-In Scripting API](#)
- [Using the vCenter Server Plug-In Inventory](#)
- [Access the vCenter Server Plug-In Workflow Library](#)
- [vCenter Server Plug-In Workflow Library](#)

Configuring the vCenter Server Plug-In

Before managing the objects in your vSphere inventory by using Orchestrator and to run workflows on the objects, you must configure the vCenter Server plug-in and define the connection parameters between Orchestrator and the vCenter Server instances you want to orchestrate.

You can configure the vCenter Server plug-in by running the vCenter Server configuration workflows from the Orchestrator client.

To manage the objects in your vSphere inventory by using the vSphere Web Client, make sure that you configure the Orchestrator server to work with the same vCenter Single Sign-On instance to which both vCenter Server and vSphere Web Client are pointing. You must also ensure that Orchestrator is registered as a vCenter Server extension. You register Orchestrator as a vCenter Server extension when you specify a user (by providing the user name and password), who has the privileges to manage vCenter Server extensions.

Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category of the vCenter Server plug-in contains workflows that let you manage the connections to vCenter Server instances.

You can access these workflows from **Library > vCenter > Configuration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a vCenter Server instance	Configures Orchestrator to connect to a new vCenter Server instance so that you can run workflows over the objects in the vSphere infrastructure.
Remove a vCenter Server instance	Removes a vCenter Server instance from the Orchestrator inventory. You will no longer be able to orchestrate this vCenter Server instance.
Update a vCenter Server instance	Updates the connection to a vCenter Server instance. For example, if the IP address of your vCenter Server system changes, you must update the connection parameters to the vCenter Server instance so that you can manage your vSphere inventory with Orchestrator.

Configure the Connection to a vCenter Server Instance

In addition to configuring the vCenter Server plug-in by using the Orchestrator configuration interface, you can configure the connections to vCenter Server instances by running the vCenter Server configuration workflows in the Orchestrator client.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > vCenter > Configuration** and navigate to the **Add a vCenter Server instance** workflow.
- 4 Right-click the **Add a vCenter Server instance** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 Type the IP address or the DNS name of the machine on which the vCenter Server instance you want to add is installed.
- 6 Retain the default port value, **443**.
- 7 Keep the default location of the SDK to use to connect to your vCenter Server instance.
- 8 Select whether you want to orchestrate the vCenter Server instance, and click **Next**.
- 9 Select whether you want to ignore certificates warnings for the vCenter Server instances you want to add.

If you select Yes, the vCenter Server instance certificate is accepted silently and the certificate is added to the trusted store.

10 Select the method you want to use to manage user access on the vCenter Server system.

Option	Description
Share a unique session	<p>Allows Orchestrator to create only one connection to vCenter Server.</p> <p>In the User name and Password text boxes, type the credentials for Orchestrator to use to establish the connection to the vCenter Server host.</p> <p>The user that you select must be a valid user with privileges to manage vCenter Server extensions and a set of custom defined privileges. Orchestrator uses these credentials to monitor the vCenter Web service, typically to operate Orchestrator system workflows.</p>
Session per user	<p>Creates a new session to vCenter Server. This might rapidly use CPU, memory, and bandwidth.</p> <p>Select this option only if your vCenter Server is in an Active Directory domain or if vCenter Server Single Sign-On is enabled.</p> <p>The user that you select must be a valid user with privileges to manage vCenter Server extensions.</p>

The user account that you select is also used by the policy engine to collect statistical and other data. If the user that you select does not have enough privileges, the policy engine cannot access the necessary parts of the vCenter Server inventory and thus cannot collect the necessary data.

11 (Optional) Type the user domain.

You must specify the user domain name only when you select to use a shared session.

12 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the vCenter Server instance and all vSphere objects that belong to it appear in the **Inventory** view.

vCenter Server Plug-In Scripting API

The vCenter Server scripting API contains classes, with their respective attributes, methods, and constructors that allow interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and vCenter Server. You can use the API to develop custom workflows.

For a list of available API objects, see

http://www.vmware.com/support/orchestrator/doc/vco_vsphere55_api/index.html.

Using the vCenter Server Plug-In Inventory

The vCenter Server plug-in exposes all objects of the connected vCenter Server hosts in the Inventory view. You can use the **Inventory** tab to add authorization elements or to run workflows on vCenter Server objects.

If you enable the **Use contextual menu in inventory** option from the **Inventory** tab of the User preferences tool, all of the workflows that you can run on the selected inventory object appear in a pop-up menu.

Access the vCenter Server Plug-In Workflow Library

You must use the Orchestrator client or the vSphere Web Client to access the elements from the vCenter Server plug-in workflow library.

Prerequisites

- Configure the vCenter Server plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run vCenter Server workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client and select **Design** or **Run** from the drop-down menu in the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client left pane.
- 3 Expand the hierarchical list to **Library > vCenter**.

What to do next

Review the workflow library.

vCenter Server Plug-In Workflow Library

The vCenter Server plug-in workflow library contains workflows that you can use to run automated processes related to the management of vCenter Server.

- [Batch Workflows](#)
Batch workflows populate configuration elements or run workflows on a selected vCenter Server object.
- [Cluster and Compute Resource Workflows](#)
With cluster and compute resource workflows, you can create, rename or delete a cluster, and enable or disable high availability, Distributed Resource Scheduler, and vCloud Distributed Storage on a cluster.
- [Custom Attributes Workflows](#)
With custom attributes workflows, you can add custom attributes to virtual machines or get a custom attribute for a virtual machine.
- [Datacenter Workflows](#)
With datacenter workflows, you can create, delete, reload, rename, or rescan a datacenter.
- [Datastore and Files Workflows](#)
With datastore and files workflows, you can delete a list of files, find unused files in a datastore, and so on.

- [Datacenter Folder Management Workflows](#)

With datacenter folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a datacenter folder.

- [Host Folder Management Workflows](#)

With host folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a host folder.

- [Virtual Machine Folder Management Workflows](#)

With virtual machine folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a virtual machine folder.

- [Guest Operation Files Workflows](#)

With guest operation files workflows, you can manage files in a guest operating system.

- [Guest Operation Processes Workflows](#)

With guest operation processes workflows, you can get information and control the running processes in a guest operating system.

- [Power Host Management Workflows](#)

With power host management workflows you can reboot or shut down a host.

- [Basic Host Management Workflows](#)

With basic host management workflows, you can put a host into maintenance mode, make a host exit maintenance mode, move a host to a folder or a cluster, and reload data from a host.

- [Host Registration Management Workflows](#)

With host registration management workflows, you can add a host to a cluster, disconnect or reconnect a host from a cluster, and so on.

- [Networking Workflows](#)

With networking workflows you can add a port group to distributed virtual switch, create a distributed virtual switch with a port group, and so on.

- [Distributed Virtual Port Group Workflows](#)

With distributed virtual port group workflows you can update or delete a port group, and reconfigure the port group.

- [Distributed Virtual Switch Workflows](#)

With distributed virtual switch workflows, you can create, update or delete a distributed virtual switch, and create, delete, or update a private VLAN.

- [Standard Virtual Switch Workflows](#)

With standard virtual switch workflows you can create, update, or delete a standard virtual switch, and create, delete, or update port groups in standard virtual switches.

- [Resource Pool Workflows](#)

With resource pool workflows you can create, rename, reconfigure or delete a resource pool, and get resource pool information.

- [Storage Workflows](#)

With storage workflows you can perform storage-related operations.

- [Storage DRS Workflows](#)

With storage DRS workflows you perform storage-related operations, such as creating and configuring a datastore cluster, removing a datastore from cluster, adding storage to a cluster, and so on.

- [Basic Virtual Machine Management Workflows](#)

With basic virtual machine management workflows you can perform basic operations on virtual machines, for example, create, rename or delete a virtual machine, upgrade virtual hardware, and so on.

- [Clone Workflows](#)

With clone workflows you can clone virtual machines with or without customizing the virtual machine properties.

- [Linked Clone Workflows](#)

With linked clone workflows, you can perform linked clone operations such as restoring a virtual machine from a linked clone, creating a linked clone, and so on.

- [Linux Customization Clone Workflows](#)

With Linux customization workflows you can clone a Linux virtual machine and customize the guest operating system.

- [Tools Clone Workflows](#)

With tools clone workflows you can obtain customization information about the operating system of the virtual machine, information needed to update a virtual device, and so on.

- [Windows Customization Clone Workflows](#)

With Windows customization clone workflows you can clone Windows virtual machines and customize the guest operating system.

- [Device Management Workflows](#)

With device management workflows you can manage the devices that are connected to a virtual machine or to a host datastore.

- [Move and Migrate Workflows](#)

With move and migrate workflows, you can migrate virtual machines.

- [Other Workflows](#)

With other workflows, you can enable and disable Fault Tolerance (FT), extract virtual machine information, and find orphaned virtual machines.

- [Power Management Workflows](#)

With power management workflows, you can power on and off virtual machines, reboot the guest operating system of a virtual machine, suspend a virtual machine, and so on.

- [Snapshot Workflows](#)

With snapshot workflows, you can perform snapshot-related operations.

- [VMware Tools Workflows](#)

With VMware Tools workflows, you can perform VMware Tools-related tasks on virtual machines.

Batch Workflows

Batch workflows populate configuration elements or run workflows on a selected vCenter Server object.

You can access the batch workflows from **Library > vCenter > Batch** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Fill batch configuration elements

Populates the configuration elements that the Run a workflow on a selection of objects workflow uses. Performs the following tasks:

- Resets the BatchObject and BatchAction configuration elements.
- Fills the BatchObject configuration element with all of the workflows that have only one input parameter.
- Fills the BatchAction configuration element with all of the actions that have no input parameters or one input parameter and that have an array as the returnType.

Run a workflow on a selection of objects

Runs a workflow on a selection of vCenter Server objects, taking one action as input. This is the action that retrieves the list of objects on which to run the workflow. To return the objects without running the selected workflow, run the workflow in simulation mode.

Cluster and Compute Resource Workflows

With cluster and compute resource workflows, you can create, rename or delete a cluster, and enable or disable high availability, Distributed Resource Scheduler, and vCloud Distributed Storage on a cluster.

You can access the cluster and compute resource workflows from **Library > vCenter > Cluster and Compute Resource** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add DRS virtual machine group to cluster

Adds a DRS virtual machine group to a cluster.

Add virtual machines to DRS group

Adds a virtual machine list to an existing DRS virtual machine group.

Create cluster

Creates a new cluster in a host folder.

Delete cluster

Deletes a cluster.

Disable DRS on cluster

Disables DRS on a cluster.

Disable HA on cluster	Disables high availability on a cluster.
Disable vCloud Distributed Storage on cluster	Disables vCloud Distributed Storage on a cluster.
Enable DRS on cluster	Enables DRS on a cluster.
Enable HA on cluster	Enables high availability on a cluster.
Enable vCloud Distributed Storage on cluster	Enables vCloud Distributed Storage on a cluster.
Remove virtual machine DRS group from cluster	Removes a DRS virtual machine group from a cluster.
Remove virtual machines from DRS group	Removes virtual machines from a cluster DRS group.
Rename cluster	Renames a cluster.

Custom Attributes Workflows

With custom attributes workflows, you can add custom attributes to virtual machines or get a custom attribute for a virtual machine.

You can access the custom attributes workflows from **Library > vCenter > Custom Attributes** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add custom attribute to a virtual machine	Adds a custom attribute to a virtual machine.
Add custom attribute to multiple virtual machines	Adds a custom attribute to a selection of virtual machines.
Get custom attribute	Gets a custom attribute for a virtual machine in vCenter Server.

Datacenter Workflows

With datacenter workflows, you can create, delete, reload, rename, or rescan a datacenter.

You can access the datacenter workflows from **Library > vCenter > Datacenter** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create datacenter	Creates a new data center in a data center folder.
Delete datacenter	Deletes a data center.

Reload datacenter	Forces vCenter Server to reload data from a data center.
Rename datacenter	Renames a data center and waits for the task to complete.
Rescan datacenter HBAs	Scans the hosts in a data center and initiates a rescan on the host bus adapters to discover new storage.

Datastore and Files Workflows

With datastore and files workflows, you can delete a list of files, find unused files in a datastore, and so on.

You can access the datastore and files workflows from **Library > vCenter > Datastore and Files** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Delete all files	Deletes a list of files.
Delete all unused datastore files	Searches all datastores in the vCenter Server environment and deletes all unused files.
Export unused datastore files	Searches all datastores and creates an XML descriptor file that lists all unused files.
Find unused files in datastores	Searches the vCenter Server environment for all unused disks (*.vmdk), virtual machines (*.vmtx), and template (*.vmtx) files that are not associated with any vCenter Server instances registered with Orchestrator.
Get all configuration, template, and disk files from virtual machines	Creates a list of all virtual machine descriptor files and a list of all virtual machine disk files, for all datastores.
Log all datastore files	Creates a log for every virtual machine configuration file and every virtual machine file found in all datastores.
Log unused datastore files	Searches the vCenter Server environment for unused files that are registered on virtual machines and exports a log of the files in a text file.

Datacenter Folder Management Workflows

With datacenter folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a datacenter folder.

You can access the datacenter folder management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Folder management > Datacenter folder** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create datacenter folder	Creates a data center folder.
Delete datacenter folder	Deletes a data center folder and waits for the task to complete.
Rename datacenter folder	Renames a data center folder and waits for the task to complete.

Host Folder Management Workflows

With host folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a host folder.

You can access the host folder management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Folder management > Host folder** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create host folder	Creates a host folder.
Delete host folder	Deletes a host folder and waits for the task to complete.
Rename host folder	Renames a host folder and waits for the task to complete.

Virtual Machine Folder Management Workflows

With virtual machine folder management workflows, you can create, delete, or rename a virtual machine folder.

You can access the virtual machine folder management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Folder management > VM folder** in the **Workflow** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create virtual machine folder	Creates a virtual machine folder.
Delete virtual machine folder	Deletes a virtual machine folder and waits for the task to complete.
Rename virtual machine folder	Renames a virtual machine folder and waits for the task to complete.

Guest Operation Files Workflows

With guest operation files workflows, you can manage files in a guest operating system.

You can access the guest operation files workflows from **Library > vCenter > Guest operations > Files** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Check for directory in guest	Verifies that a directory exists in a guest virtual machine.
Check for file in guest	Verifies that a file exists in a guest virtual machine.
Copy file from guest to Orchestrator	Copies a specified file from a guest file system to an Orchestrator server.
Copy file from Orchestrator to guest	Copies a specified file from an Orchestrator server to a guest file system.
Create directory in guest	Creates a directory in a guest virtual machine.

Create temporary directory in guest	Creates a temporary directory in a guest virtual machine.
Create temporary file in guest	Creates a temporary file in a guest virtual machine.
Delete directory in guest	Deletes a directory from a guest virtual machine.
Delete file in guest	Deletes a file from a guest virtual machine.
List path in guest	Shows a path in a guest virtual machine.
Move directory in guest	Moves a directory in a guest virtual machine.
Move file in guest	Moves a file in a guest virtual machine.

Guest Operation Processes Workflows

With guest operation processes workflows, you can get information and control the running processes in a guest operating system.

You can access the guest operation files workflows from **Library > vCenter > Guest operations > Processes** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Get environment variables from guest	Returns a list with environmental variables from a guest. An interactive session returns the variables of the user who is currently logged in.
Get processes from guest	Returns a list with the processes running in the guest operating system and the recently completed processes started by the API.
Run program in guest	Starts a program in a guest operating system.
Stop process in guest	Stops a process in a guest operating system.

Power Host Management Workflows

With power host management workflows you can reboot or shut down a host.

You can access the power host management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Host management > Power** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Reboot host	Reboots a host. If the Orchestrator client is connected directly to the host, it does not receive an indication of success in the returned task, but rather loses the connection to the host if the operation succeeds.
Shut down host	Shuts down a host. If the Orchestrator client is connected directly to the host, it does not receive an indication of success in the returned task, but rather loses the connection to the host if the operation succeeds.

Basic Host Management Workflows

With basic host management workflows, you can put a host into maintenance mode, make a host exit maintenance mode, move a host to a folder or a cluster, and reload data from a host.

You can access the basic host management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Host management > Basic** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Enter maintenance mode	Puts the host into maintenance mode. You can cancel the task.
Exit maintenance mode	Exits maintenance mode. You can cancel the task.
Move host to cluster	Moves an existing host into a cluster. The host must be part of the same data center, and if the host is part of a cluster, the host must be in maintenance mode.
Move host to folder	Moves a host into a folder as a standalone host. The host must be part of a ClusterComputeResource in the same data center and the host must be in maintenance mode.
Reload host	Forces vCenter Server to reload data from a host.

Host Registration Management Workflows

With host registration management workflows, you can add a host to a cluster, disconnect or reconnect a host from a cluster, and so on.

You can access the host management registration workflows from **Library > vCenter > Host management > Registration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add host to cluster	Adds a host to the cluster. This workflow fails if it cannot authenticate the SSL certificate of the host.
Add standalone host	Registers a host as a standalone host.
Disconnect host	Disconnects a host from vCenter Server.
Reconnect host	Reconnects a disconnected host by providing only the host information.
Reconnect host with all information	Reconnects a disconnected host by providing all information about the host.
Remove host	Removes a host and unregisters it from vCenter Server. If the host is part of a cluster, you must put it in maintenance mode before attempting to remove it.

Networking Workflows

With networking workflows you can add a port group to distributed virtual switch, create a distributed virtual switch with a port group, and so on.

You can access the networking workflows from **Library > vCenter > Networking** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add port group to distributed virtual switch	Adds a new distributed virtual port group to a specified distributed virtual switch.
Attach host system to distributed virtual switch	Adds a host to a distributed virtual switch.
Create distributed virtual switch with port group	Creates a new distributed virtual switch with a distributed virtual port group.

Distributed Virtual Port Group Workflows

With distributed virtual port group workflows you can update or delete a port group, and reconfigure the port group.

You can access the distributed virtual port group workflows from **Library > vCenter > Networking > Distributed virtual port group** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Connect virtual machine NIC number to distributed virtual port group	Reconfigures the network connection of the specified virtual machine NIC number to connect to the specified distributed virtual port group. If no NIC number is specified, the number zero is used.
Delete distributed virtual port group	Deletes a specified distributed virtual port group.
Set teaming options	Provides an interface to manage the teaming options for a distributed virtual port group.
Update distributed virtual port group	Updates the configuration of a specified distributed virtual port group.

Distributed Virtual Switch Workflows

With distributed virtual switch workflows, you can create, update or delete a distributed virtual switch, and create, delete, or update a private VLAN.

You can access the distributed virtual switch workflows from **Library > vCenter > Networking > Distributed virtual switch** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create distributed virtual switch	Creates a distributed virtual switch in the specified network folder with a name and uplink port names that you specify. You must specify at least one uplink port name.
Create private VLAN	Creates a VLAN on the specified distributed virtual switch.
Delete distributed virtual switch	Deletes a distributed virtual switch and all associated elements.
Delete private VLAN	Deletes a VLAN from a specified distributed virtual switch. If a secondary VLAN exists, you should first delete the secondary VLAN.
Update distributed virtual switch	Updates the properties of a distributed virtual switch.
Update private VLAN	Updates a VLAN on the specified distributed virtual switch.

Standard Virtual Switch Workflows

With standard virtual switch workflows you can create, update, or delete a standard virtual switch, and create, delete, or update port groups in standard virtual switches.

You can access the standard virtual switch workflows from **Library > vCenter > Networking > Standard virtual switch** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add port group in standard virtual switch	Adds a port group in a standard virtual switch.
Create standard virtual switch	Creates a standard virtual switch.
Delete port group from standard virtual switch	Deletes a port group from a standard virtual switch.
Delete standard virtual switch	Deletes a standard virtual switch from a host's network configuration.
Retrieve all standard virtual switches	Retrieves all standard virtual switches from a host.
Update port group in standard virtual switch	Updates the properties of a port group in a standard virtual switch.

Update standard virtual switch Updates the properties of a standard virtual switch.

Update vNIC for port group in standard virtual switch Updates a vNIC associated with a port group in a standard virtual switch.

Resource Pool Workflows

With resource pool workflows you can create, rename, reconfigure or delete a resource pool, and get resource pool information.

You can access the resource pool workflows from **Library > vCenter > Resource Pool** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create resource pool Creates a resource pool with the default CPU and memory allocation values. To create a resource pool in a cluster, the cluster must have VMware DRS enabled.

Create resource pool with specified values Creates a resource pool with CPU and memory allocation values that you specify. To create a resource pool in a cluster, the cluster must have VMware DRS enabled.

Delete resource pool Deletes a resource pool and waits for the task to complete.

Get resource pool information Returns CPU and memory information about a given resource pool.

Reconfigure resource pool Reconfigures CPU and memory allocation configuration for a given resource pool.

Rename resource pool Renames a resource pool and waits for the task to complete.

Storage Workflows

With storage workflows you can perform storage-related operations.

You can access the storage workflows from **Library > vCenter > Storage** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add datastore on iSCSI/FC/local SCSI Creates a datastore on a Fibre Channel, iSCSI or local SCSI disk. Only disks that are not currently in use by an existing VMFS are applicable to new datastore creation. The new datastore allocates the maximum available space of the specified disk.

Add datastore on NFS Adds a datastore on an NFS server.

Add iSCSI target Adds iSCSI targets to a vCenter Server host. The targets can be of the type `Send` or `Static`.

Create VMFS for all available disks	Creates a VMFS volume for all available disks of a specified host.
Delete datastore	Deletes datastores from a vCenter Server host.
Delete iSCSI target	Deletes already configured iSCSI targets. The targets can be of type Send or Static.
Disable iSCSI adapter	Disables the software iSCSI adapter of a specified host.
Display all datastores and disks	Displays the existing datastores and available disks on a specified host.
Enable iSCSI adapter	Enables an iSCSI adapter.
List all storage adapters	Lists all storage adapters of a specified host.

Storage DRS Workflows

With storage DRS workflows you perform storage-related operations, such as creating and configuring a datastore cluster, removing a datastore from cluster, adding storage to a cluster, and so on.

You can access the storage DRS workflows from **Library > vCenter > Storage > Storage DRS** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add datastore to cluster	Adds datastores to a datastore cluster. Datastores must be able to connect to all hosts to be included in the datastore cluster. Datastores must have the same connection type to reside within a datastore cluster.
Change Storage DRS per virtual machine configuration	Sets Storage DRS settings for each virtual machine.
Configure datastore cluster	Configures datastore cluster setting values for automation and runtime rules.
Create simple datastore cluster	Creates a simple datastore cluster with default configuration. The new datastore cluster contains no datastores.
Create Storage DRS scheduled task	Creates a scheduled task for reconfiguring a datastore cluster. Only automation and runtime rules can be set.
Create virtual machine anti-affinity rule	Creates an anti-affinity rule to indicate that all virtual disks of certain virtual machines must be kept on different datastores.
Create VMDK anti-affinity rule	Creates a VMDK anti-affinity rule for a virtual machine that indicates which of its virtual disks must be kept on different datastores. The rule applies to the virtual disks of the selected virtual machine.

Remove datastore cluster	Removes a datastore cluster. Removing a datastore cluster also removes all of the settings and the alarms for the cluster from the vCenter Server system.
Remove datastore from cluster	Removes a datastore from a datastore cluster and puts the datastore in a datastore folder.
Remove Storage DRS scheduled task	Removes a scheduled Storage DRS task.
Remove virtual machine anti-affinity rule	Removes a virtual machine anti-affinity rule for a given datastore cluster.
Remove VMDK anti-affinity rule	Removes a VMDK anti-affinity rule for a given datastore cluster.

Basic Virtual Machine Management Workflows

With basic virtual machine management workflows you can perform basic operations on virtual machines, for example, create, rename or delete a virtual machine, upgrade virtual hardware, and so on.

You can access the basic virtual machine management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Basic** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create custom virtual machine	Creates a virtual machine with the specified configuration options and additional devices.
Create simple dvPortGroup virtual machine	Creates a simple virtual machine. The network used is a Distributed Virtual Port Group.
Create simple virtual machine	Creates a virtual machine with the most common devices and configuration options.
Delete virtual machine	Removes a virtual machine from the inventory and datastore.
Get virtual machines by name	Returns a list of virtual machines from all registered vCenter Server hosts that match the provided expression.
Mark as template	Converts an existing virtual machine to a template, not allowing it to start. You can use templates to create virtual machines.
Mark as virtual machine	Converts an existing template to a virtual machine, allowing it to start.
Move virtual machine to folder	Moves a virtual machine to a specified virtual machine folder.
Move virtual machine to resource pool	Moves a virtual machine to a resource pool. If the target resource pool is not in the same cluster, you must use the migrate or relocate workflows.

Move virtual machines to folder	Moves several virtual machines to a specified virtual machine folder.
Move virtual machines to resource pool	Moves several virtual machines to a resource pool.
Register virtual machine	Registers a virtual machine. The virtual machine files must be placed in an existing datastore and must not be already registered.
Reload virtual machine	Forces vCenter Server to reload a virtual machine.
Rename virtual machine	Renames an existing virtual machine on the vCenter Server system or host and not on the datastore.
Set virtual machine performance	Changes performance settings such as shares, minimum and maximum values, shaping for network, and disk access of a virtual machine.
Unregister virtual machine	Removes an existing virtual machine from the inventory.
Upgrade virtual machine hardware (force if required)	Upgrades the virtual machine hardware to the latest revision that the host supports. This workflow forces the upgrade to continue, even if VMware Tools is out of date. If the VMware Tools is out of date, forcing the upgrade to continue reverts the guest network settings to the default settings. To avoid this situation, upgrade VMware Tools before running the workflow.
Upgrade virtual machine	Upgrades the virtual hardware to the latest revision that the host supports. An input parameter allows a forced upgrade even if VMware Tools is out of date.
Wait for task and answer virtual machine question	Waits for a vCenter Server task to complete or for the virtual machine to ask a question. If the virtual machine requires an answer, accepts user input and answers the question.

Clone Workflows

With clone workflows you can clone virtual machines with or without customizing the virtual machine properties.

You can access the clone workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Clone** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Clone virtual machine from properties	Clones virtual machines by using properties as input parameters.
Clone virtual machine, no customization	Clones a virtual machine without changing anything except the virtual machine UUID.
Customize virtual machine from properties	Customizes a virtual machine by using properties as input parameters.

Linked Clone Workflows

With linked clone workflows, you can perform linked clone operations such as restoring a virtual machine from a linked clone, creating a linked clone, and so on.

You can access the linked clone workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Clone > Linked Clone** folder and its subfolders in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Restore virtual machine from linked clone	Removes a virtual machine from a linked clone setup.
Set up virtual machine for linked clone	Prepares a virtual machine to be link cloned.
Create a linked clone of a Linux machine with multiple NICs	Creates a linked clone of a Linux virtual machine, performs the guest operating system customization, and configures up to four virtual network cards.
Create a linked clone of a Linux machine with a single NIC	Creates a linked clone of a Linux virtual machine, performs the guest operating system customization, and configures one virtual network card.
Create a linked clone of a Windows machine with multiple NICs and credential	Creates a linked clone of a Windows virtual machine and performs the guest operating system customization. Configures up to four virtual network cards and a local administrator user account.
Create a linked clone of a Windows machine with a single NIC and credential	Creates a linked clone of a Windows virtual machine and performs the guest operating system customization. Configures one virtual network card and a local administrator user account.
Create a linked clone with no customization	Creates the specified number of linked clones of a virtual machine.

Linux Customization Clone Workflows

With Linux customization workflows you can clone a Linux virtual machine and customize the guest operating system.

You can access the Linux customization clone workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Clone > Linux Customization** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Clone a Linux machine with multiple NICs	Clones a Linux virtual machine, performs the guest operating system customization, and configures up to four virtual network cards.
Clone a Linux machine with a single NIC	Clones a Linux virtual machine, performs the guest operating system customization, and configures one virtual network card.

Tools Clone Workflows

With tools clone workflows you can obtain customization information about the operating system of the virtual machine, information needed to update a virtual device, and so on.

You can access the tools clone workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Clone > Tools** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Get a virtual Ethernet card to change the network Returns a new ethernet card to update a virtual device. Contains only the device key of the given virtual device and the new network.

Get Linux customization Returns the Linux customization preparation.

Get multiple virtual Ethernet card device changes Returns an array of VirtualDeviceConfigSpec objects for add and remove operations on VirtualEthernetCard objects.

Get NIC setting map Returns the setting map for a virtual network card by using VimAdapterMapping.

Get Windows customization for Sysprep with credentials Returns customization information about the Microsoft Sysprep process, with credentials. Workflows for cloning Windows virtual machines use this workflow.

Get Windows customization for Sysprep with Unattended.txt Returns customization information about the Microsoft Sysprep process by using an Unattended.txt file. Workflows for cloning Windows virtual machines use this workflow.

Get Windows customization for Sysprep Returns customization information about the Microsoft Sysprep process. Workflows for cloning Windows virtual machines use this workflow.

Windows Customization Clone Workflows

With Windows customization clone workflows you can clone Windows virtual machines and customize the guest operating system.

You can access the Windows customization clone workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Clone > Windows Customization** folder and its subfolder in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Customize a Windows machine with single NIC and credential	Performs guest operating system customization, configures one virtual network card and a local administrator user account on a Windows virtual machine.
Clone a thin provisioned Windows machine with single NIC and credential	Clones a Windows virtual machine performing the guest operating system customization. Specifies virtual disk thin provisioning policy and configures one virtual network card and a local administrator user account. Sysprep tools must be available on the vCenter Server system.
Clone a Windows machine Sysprep with single NIC and credential	Clones a Windows virtual machine performing the guest operating system customization. Configures one virtual network card and a local administrator user account. Sysprep tools must be available on vCenter Server.
Clone a Windows machine with multiple NICs and credential	Clones a Windows virtual machine performing the guest operating system customization. Configures the local administrator user account and up to four virtual network cards. Sysprep tools must be available on the vCenter Server system.
Clone a Windows machine with single NIC	Clones a Windows virtual machine performing the guest operating system customization and configures one virtual network card. Sysprep tools must be available on the vCenter Server system.
Clone a Windows machine with single NIC and credential	Clones a Windows virtual machine performing the guest operating system customization. Configures one virtual network card and a local administrator user account. Sysprep tools must be available on the vCenter Server system.

Device Management Workflows

With device management workflows you can manage the devices that are connected to a virtual machine or to a host datastore.

You can access the device management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Device Management** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add CD-ROM	Adds a virtual CD-ROM to a virtual machine. If the virtual machine has no IDE controller, the workflow creates one.
Add disk	Adds a virtual disk to a virtual machine.

Change RAM	Changes the amount of RAM of a virtual machine.
Convert disks to thin provisioning	Converts thick-provisioned disks of virtual machines to thin-provisioned disks.
Convert independent disks	Converts all independent virtual machine disks to normal disks by removing the independent flag from the disks.
Disconnect all detachable devices from a running virtual machine	Disconnects floppy disks, CD-ROM drives, parallel ports, and serial ports from a running virtual machine.
Mount floppy disk drive	Mounts a floppy disk drive FLP file from the ESX datastore.

Move and Migrate Workflows

With move and migrate workflows, you can migrate virtual machines.

You can access the move and migrate workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Move and Migrate** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Mass migrate virtual machines with storage vMotion	Uses Storage vMotion to migrate a single virtual machine, a selection of virtual machines, or all available virtual machines.
Mass migrate virtual machines with vMotion	Uses vMotion, Storage vMotion, or both vMotion and Storage vMotion to migrate a single virtual machine, a selection of virtual machines, or all available virtual machines.
Migrate virtual machine with vMotion	Migrates a virtual machine from one host to another by using the <code>MigrateVM_Task</code> operation from the vSphere API.
Move virtual machine to another vCenter Server system	Moves a list of virtual machines to another vCenter Server system.
Quick migrate multiple virtual machines	Suspends the virtual machines if they are powered on and migrates them to another host using the same storage.
Quick migrate virtual machine	Suspends the virtual machine if it is powered on and migrates it to another host using the same storage.
Relocate virtual machine disks	Relocates virtual machine disks to another host or datastore while the virtual machine is powered off by using the <code>RelocateVM_Task</code> operation from the vSphere API.

Other Workflows

With other workflows, you can enable and disable Fault Tolerance (FT), extract virtual machine information, and find orphaned virtual machines.

You can access these workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Others** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Disable FT	Disables Fault Tolerance for a specified virtual machine.
Enable FT	Enables Fault Tolerance for a specified virtual machine.
Extract virtual machine information	Returns the virtual machine folder, host system, resource pool, compute resource, datastore, hard drive sizes, CPU and memory, network, and IP address for a given virtual machine. Might require VMware Tools.
Find orphaned virtual machines	Lists all virtual machines in an orphaned state in the Orchestrator inventory. Lists the VMDK and VMTX files for all datastores in the Orchestrator inventory that have no association with any virtual machines in the Orchestrator inventory. Sends the lists by email (optional).

Power Management Workflows

With power management workflows, you can power on and off virtual machines, reboot the guest operating system of a virtual machine, suspend a virtual machine, and so on.

You can access the power management workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Power Management** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Power off virtual machine and wait	Powers off a virtual machine and waits for the process to complete.
Reboot guest OS	Reboots the virtual machine's guest operating system. Does not reset nonpersistent virtual machines. VMware Tools must be running.
Reset virtual machine and wait	Resets a virtual machine and waits for the process to complete.
Resume virtual machine and wait	Resumes a suspended virtual machine and waits for the process to complete.
Set guest OS to standby mode	Sets the guest operating system to standby mode. VMware Tools must be running.
Shut down and delete virtual machine	Shuts down a virtual machine and deletes it from the inventory and disk.
Shut down guest OS and wait	Shuts down a guest operating system and waits for the process to complete.

Start virtual machine and wait	Starts a virtual machine and waits for VMware Tools to start.
Suspend virtual machine and wait	Suspends a virtual machine and waits for the process to complete.

Snapshot Workflows

With snapshot workflows, you can perform snapshot-related operations.

You can access the snapshot workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > Snapshot** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create a snapshot	Creates a snapshot.
Create snapshots of all virtual machines in a resource pool	Creates a snapshot of each virtual machine in a resource pool.
Remove all snapshots	Removes all existing snapshots without reverting to a previous snapshot.
Remove excess snapshots	Finds virtual machines with more than a given number of snapshots and optionally deletes the oldest snapshots. Sends the results by email.
Remove old snapshots	Gets all snapshots that are older than a given number of days and prompts the user to select which ones to delete.
Remove snapshots of a given size	Gets all snapshots that are larger than a given size and prompts the user to confirm deletion.
Revert to current snapshot	Reverts to the current snapshot.
Revert to snapshot and wait	Reverts to a specific snapshot. Does not delete the snapshot.

VMware Tools Workflows

With VMware Tools workflows, you can perform VMware Tools-related tasks on virtual machines.

You can access the VMware Tools workflows from **Library > vCenter > Virtual Machine management > VMware Tools** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Mount VMware tools installer	Mounts the VMware Tools installer on the virtual CD-ROM.
Set console screen resolution	Sets the console window's resolution. The virtual machine must be powered on.
Turn on time synchronization	Turns on time synchronization between the virtual machine and the ESX server in VMware Tools.

Unmount VMware tools installer	Unmounts the VMware Tools CD-ROM.
Upgrade VMware tools	Upgrades VMware Tools on a virtual machine.
Upgrade VMware tools at next reboot	Upgrades VMware Tools on a virtual machine without performing an automatic reboot.

Using the Configuration Plug-In

In addition to configuring Orchestrator by using the Orchestrator Web Configuration interface, you can modify the Orchestrator server configuration settings by running workflows from the Configuration plug-in.

With the Configuration plug-in you can configure the Orchestrator server networking, authentication settings, database, and so on.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Access the Configuration Plug-In Workflow Library](#)
- [Configuration Plug-In Workflow Library](#)

Access the Configuration Plug-In Workflow Library

You must use the Orchestrator client to access the elements from the Configuration plug-in workflow library.

Procedure

- 1 From the drop-down menu in the Orchestrator client, select **Run** or **Design**.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Expand the hierarchical list to **Library > Configuration**.

What to do next

Review the workflow library.

Configuration Plug-In Workflow Library

The Configuration plug-in workflow library contains workflows that you can use to run automated processes related to the configuration of vCenter Orchestrator.

Authentication Workflows

The Authentication category contains workflows related to the LDAP and vCenter Single Sign-On authentication modes.

You access the workflows related to LDAP configuration from **Library > Configuration > Authentication > LDAP** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Configure Active Directory Changes the server authentication mode to LDAP and configures a connection to an Active Directory LDAP server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Configure eDirectory Changes the server authentication mode to LDAP and configures a connection to an eDirectory LDAP server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Configure Embedded LDAP Changes the server authentication mode to LDAP and configures a connection to an embedded LDAP server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Configure OpenLDAP Changes the server authentication mode to LDAP and configures a connection to an OpenLDAP LDAP server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Configure Sun One Directory Changes the server authentication mode to LDAP and configures a connection to a Sun ONE Directory LDAP server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

You access the workflows related to the vCenter Single Sign-On configuration from **Library > Configuration > Authentication > SSO** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Configure SSO Changes the server authentication mode to SSO and configures a connection to a VMware vCenter Single Sign-On server. If you try to change the authentication settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Availability Workflows

The Availability category contains a workflow that configures the Orchestrator server availability mode.

You access this workflow from **Library > Configuration > Availability** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Configure server availability Configures the server availability mode of the Orchestrator server. Orchestrator can run as a standalone instance or in cluster mode.

Database Workflows

The Database category contains workflows for configuring the Orchestrator database connection.

You access these workflows from **Library > Configuration > Database** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Embedded database	Changes the database provider to embedded database and configures the connection to it. If you try to change the database settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.
Microsoft SQL Server	Changes the database provider to Microsoft SQL Server and configures the connection to it. If you try to change the database settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.
Oracle	Changes the database provider to Oracle Database and configures the connection to it. If you try to change the database settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.
PostgreSQL	Changes the database provider to PostgreSQL and configures the connection to it. If you try to change the database settings and the new configuration is not successful, it does not override the existing one.

Package Signing Certificate Workflows

The Package Signing Certificate category contains a workflow that you can use for creating a certificate database and inserting a self-signed certificate into it.

You access this workflow from **Library > Configuration > Package Signing Certificate** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create a certificate database and a self-signed server certificate	Creates a certificate database and inserts a self-signed certificate into it. The certificate is used to sign the packages created with this server.
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SSL Trust Manager Workflows

The SSL Trust Manager category contains workflows that you can use for deleting and importing SSL certificates.

You access these workflows from **Library > Configuration > SSL Trust Manager workflows** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Delete trusted certificate	Deletes an SSL certificate from the server trust store.
Import trusted certificate from a file	Imports an SSL certificate from a file into the server trust store.
Import trusted certificate from URL	Imports an SSL certificate from a URL into the server trust store.

Troubleshooting Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Configuration > Troubleshooting** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Delete all workflow runs	Deletes all workflow runs.
Reinstall the plug-ins when the server starts	Reinstalls the installed plug-ins when the Orchestrator server is restarted.

Network Workflows

You access the Network configuration workflows from **Library > Configuration > Network** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Configure the network settings	Configures the network settings of the Orchestrator server.
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License Workflows

You access the License configuration workflows from **Library > Configuration > License** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Enter license key	Adds a manually provided license key.
Use vCenter Server license	Adds a license key by connecting to a running vCenter Server instance and using its license.

Using the vCO Library Plug-In

You can use the vCO Library plug-in workflows as templates for customization and automation of client processes, and to troubleshoot Orchestrator.

vCO Library Plug-In Workflows

The vCO Library plug-in provides workflows in the **Locking**, **Orchestrator**, and **Troubleshooting** workflow categories.

Locking Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Locking** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Display all locks	Shows all locks.
Locking test	A test workflow that creates a lock.
Locking test (x5)	A test workflow that creates five locks.
Release all locks	Releases all locks.

Orchestrator Task Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Tasks** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Create recurrent task	Creates a recurrent task and returns the newly created task.
Create task	Schedules a workflow to run at a later time and date, as a task.

Orchestrator Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Workflows** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Start workflows in a series Runs a workflow multiple times in a series, one instance after the other. You provide workflow parameters in an array. You also provide a property list, with one property per workflow input, for each instance of the workflow that starts. The number of properties in the array define the number of workflow runs.

Start workflows in parallel Runs a workflow multiple times, with different parameters. You provide workflow parameters in an array. You also provide a property list, with one property per workflow input, for each instance of the workflow that starts. The number of properties in the array define the number of workflow runs.

Troubleshooting Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Troubleshooting** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Export logs and application settings Generates a ZIP archive of troubleshooting information that contains configuration files and server, configuration, wrapper, and installation log files. The output directory must exist and Orchestrator must have writing permissions.

Tagging Workflows

You access these workflows from **Library > Tagging** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Find objects by tag Finds objects by the tags assigned to them. You provide the names and values of the tags and the workflow returns a list of the objects to which these tags apply.

List workflow tags Lists the tags assigned to the workflow you specified as an input parameter.

Tagging example Demonstrates workflow tagging.

Tag workflow Assigns a tag to a workflow. You must specify the workflow you want to tag and the tag name and value.

Untag workflow Removes a tag from a workflow. You must specify the workflow you want to untag and the tag you want to remove from the specified workflow.

Using the SQL Plug-In

You can use the API that the SQL plug-in provides to implement connectivity to SQL databases and other tabular data sources, such as spreadsheets or flat files.

The SQL plug-in API which is based on JDBC, provides a call-level API for SQL-based database access. The SQL plug-in also provides sample workflows that demonstrate how to use the API in workflows.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the SQL Plug-In](#)
- [Running the SQL Sample Workflows](#)
- [Using the SQL Plug-In Standard Workflows](#)

Configuring the SQL Plug-In

You can use the workflows included in the SQL plug-in and run them from the Orchestrator client to configure the SQL plug-in and to add, update, or remove a database.

SQL Plug-In Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category of the SQL plug-in contains workflows that allow you to manage databases and database tables.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SQL > Configuration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a database	Adds a database object to the Database plug-in inventory.
Add tables to a database	Adds database tables to a database in the Database plug-in inventory.
Remove a database	Removes a database object from the Database plug-in inventory.
Remove a table from a database	Removes a database table from a database in the Database plug-in inventory.
Update a database	Updates the configuration of a database object in the Database plug-in inventory.
Validate a database	Validates a database in the Database plug-in inventory.

Add a Database

You can run a workflow to add a database to the Orchestrator server and configure the host connection parameters.

When you add a database that requires a secure connection, you must import the database SSL certificate. You can import the SSL certificate by using the options available in the **Network** tab in the Orchestrator configuration interface.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SQL > Configuration** and navigate to the **Add a database** workflow.
- 4 Right-click the **Add a database** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the database.
- 6 Select the type of the database.
- 7 In the **Connection URL** text box, type the address of the database.

Database Type	Syntax
Oracle	<code>jdbc:oracle:thin:@database_url:port_number:SID</code>
Microsoft SQL (with SQL authentication)	<code>jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://database_url:port_number/database_name</code>
Microsoft SQL (with Windows account authentication)	<code>jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://database_url:port_number/database_name;useNTLMv2=true;domain=domain_name</code>
PostgreSQL	<code>jdbc:postgresql://database_url:port_number/database_name</code>
MySQL	<code>jdbc:mysql://database_url:port_number/database_name</code>

- 8 Select the session mode that the plug-in uses to connect to the database.

Option	Description
Shared Session	The plug-in uses shared credentials to connect to the database. You must provide the database credentials for the shared session.
Session Per User	The Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in. Note To use session per user mode, you must authenticate by using a user name only. You should not use <code>domain\user</code> or <code>user@domain</code> for authentication.

- 9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the database and all tables that belong to it appear in the **Inventory** view.

Add Tables to a Database

You can run a workflow to add tables to a database that is in the Database plug-in inventory.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a database from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SQL > Configuration** and navigate to the **Add tables to a database** workflow.
- 3 Right-click the **Add tables to a database** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a database to which to add tables.
- 5 Select the tables that you want to add.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the added database tables appear in the **Inventory** view of the Orchestrator client.

Update a Database

You can run a workflow to update the configuration of a database that is in the plug-in's inventory.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the **Workflows** hierarchical list, select **Library > SQL > Configuration** and navigate to the **Update a database** workflow.
- 4 Right-click the **Update a database** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 Select a database that you want to update.
- 6 In the **Name** text box, type the new name of the database.
The database appears in the **Inventory** view with the name that you specify.
- 7 Select the type of the database.
- 8 In the **Connection URL** text box, type the new address of the database.

- 9 Select the session mode that the plug-in uses to connect to the database.

Option	Description
Shared Session	The plug-in uses shared credentials to connect to the database. You must provide the database credentials for the shared session.
Session Per User	The Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in. Note To use session per user mode, you must authenticate by using a user name only. You should not use <i>domain\user</i> or <i>user@domain</i> for authentication.

- 10 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Running the SQL Sample Workflows

You can run the SQL plug-in workflows to perform JDBC operations such as generating a JDBC URL, testing a JDBC connection, and managing rows in JDBC tables. You can also run the SQL plug-in workflows to manage databases and database tables, as well as to run SQL operations.

Generate a JDBC URL

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to generate a JDBC connection URL.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC** to navigate to the JDBC URL generator workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC URL generator workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the type of database for which to generate a URL.

Note If you use a Microsoft database, you might have to click **Next** and to provide the database instance name and database user domain name.

- 5 Provide the required information to generate a database URL.
 - a Type a database server name or IP address.
 - b Type a database name.
 - c (Optional) Type a database port number.
If you do not specify a port number, the workflow uses a default port number.
 - d Type a user name to access the database.
 - e Type a password to access the database.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Test a JDBC Connection

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to test the connection to a database.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC connection example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC connection example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information to test a database connection.
 - a Type a user name to access the database.
 - b Type the URL to test.
 - c Type a password to access the database.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Create a Table by Using JDBC

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to create a database.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC create table example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC create table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a password to access the database.
 - b Type a database connection URL.
 - c Type a user name to access the database.

- 5 Type an SQL create statement.

An example syntax is:

```
CREATE TABLE "table_name"  
("column1" "data_type_for_column1",  
"column2" "data_type_for_column2")
```

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Insert a Row into a JDBC Table

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to test the insertion of a row into a JDBC table.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC insert into table example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC insert into table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a database connection URL.
 - b Type a user name to access the database.
 - c Type a password to access the database.
- 5 Type an SQL insert statement, and click **Next**.

An example syntax is:

```
INSERT INTO "table_name" ("column1", "column2")  
VALUES ("value1", "value2")
```

- 6 Type the values to insert into the row.
- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Select Rows from a JDBC Table

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to select rows from a JDBC table.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC select from table example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC select from table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a database connection URL.
 - b Type a user name to access the database.
 - c Type a password to access the database.

- 5 Type an SQL select statement.

An example syntax is:

```
SELECT * FROM "table_name"
```

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Delete an Entry from a JDBC Table

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to test the deletion of an entry from a JDBC table.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC delete entry from table example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC delete entry from table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type the first name of the user entry to be deleted.
 - b Type a user name to access the database.
 - c Type a JDBC connection URL.
 - d Type the last name of the user entry to be deleted.
 - e Type a password to access the database.

- 5 Type an SQL delete statement.

An example syntax is:

```
DELETE FROM "table_name" where ("column1" = ?, "column2" = ?)
```

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Delete All Entries from a JDBC Table

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to delete all entries from a JDBC table.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC delete all from table example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the JDBC delete all from table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a database connection URL.
 - b Type a user name to access the database.
 - c Type a password to access the database.
- 5 Type an SQL delete statement.

An example syntax is:

```
DELETE FROM "table_name"
```

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Drop a JDBC Table

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to test the dropping of a JDBC table.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the JDBC drop table example workflow.

- 3 Right-click the JDBC drop table example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a password to access the database.
 - b Type a database connection URL.
 - c Type a user name to access the database.

- 5 Type an SQL drop statement.

An example syntax is:

```
DROP TABLE "table_name"
```

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Run a Complete JDBC Cycle

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to test all JDBC example workflows in one full cycle.

Prerequisites

Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run JDBC workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > JDBC > JDBC Examples** to navigate to the Full JDBC cycle example workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Full JDBC cycle example workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type a database connection URL.
 - b Type a user name to access the database.
 - c Type a password to access the database.
- 5 Type the values to be used as entries in the database.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Using the SQL Plug-In Standard Workflows

You can use the SQL workflows to run SQL operations.

SQL Plug-In Workflow Library

You can run the SQL plug-in workflows to manage databases and database tables as well as to run SQL operations.

You can access the database configuration workflows from **Library > SQL > Configuration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Add a database	Adds a database object to the plug-in's inventory.
Add tables to a database	Adds database tables to a database in the plug-in's inventory.
Remove a database	Removes a database object from the plug-in's inventory.
Remove a table from a database	Removes a database table from a database in the plug-in's inventory.
Update a database	Updates the configuration of a database object in the plug-in's inventory.
Validate a database	Validates a database in the plug-in's inventory.

You can access the SQL operations workflows from **Library > SQL** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Execute a custom query on a database	Executes a custom query on a specified database and returns the number of affected rows. You can run the workflow to update, delete, insert, and write queries
Generate CRUD workflows for a table	Generates Create, Read, Update and Delete workflows for a particular table.
Read a custom query from a database	Executes a custom query on a specified database and returns the result in an array of properties. You can run the workflow to select and read queries.

Generate CRUD Workflows for a Table

You can run a workflow to generate Create, Read, Update, and Delete workflows for a particular table.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a database from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SQL** and navigate to the **Generate CRUD workflows for a table** workflow.
- 3 Right-click the **Generate CRUD workflows for a table** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a table for which to generate the workflows.
- 5 Select the workflow folder in which to generate the workflows.
- 6 Select whether to overwrite any existing workflows.

Option	Description
Yes	The generated workflows overwrite existing workflows with the same name.
No	New workflows are not generated if workflows with the same name exist in the folder.

- 7 (Optional) Select columns that should not be populated.
You cannot edit the selected columns with the generated CRUD workflows.
- 8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the CRUD workflows appear in the selected workflow folder.

What to do next

You can run the generated workflows on the selected database table.

Using the SSH Plug-In

You can use the SSH plug-in workflows to run SSH commands on a remote host that supports SSH and transfer files between an Orchestrator server and a remote host through a secure connection.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configure the SSH Plug-In](#)
- [Running the SSH Plug-In Sample Workflows](#)

Configure the SSH Plug-In

You can set up the SSH plug-in to ensure encrypted connections.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator configuration interface as **vmware**.
- 2 Click **SSH**.
- 3 Click **New connection**.
- 4 In the **Host name** text box, type the host to access with SSH through Orchestrator.

Note No username and password are required because Orchestrator uses the credentials of the currently logged-in user to run SSH commands. You must reproduce the accounts you want to work on SSH on target hosts from the LDAP server.

- 5 Click **Apply changes**.

The host is added to the list of SSH connections.

- 6 (Optional) Configure an entry path on the server.
 - a Click **New root folder**.
 - b Enter the new path and click **Apply changes**.

The SSH host is available in the **Inventory** view of the Orchestrator client.

Running the SSH Plug-In Sample Workflows

You can run the SSH plug-in sample workflows from the Orchestrator client to test the connection between the Orchestrator server and the SSH host.

- [Generate a Key Pair](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to generate a key pair. You can use the key pair to connect to an SSH host without a password.

- [Change the Key Pair Passphrase](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to change the passphrase for the key pair that you generated last.

- [Register an Orchestrator Public Key on an SSH Host](#)

You can use a public key instead of a password. To register an Orchestrator public key on an SSH host, you can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client.

- [Run an SSH Command](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to run SSH commands on a remote SSH server.

- [Copy a File from an SSH Host](#)

You can run a workflow on the Orchestrator client to copy files from an SSH host to the Orchestrator server.

- [Copy a File to an SSH Host](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to copy files from the Orchestrator server to an SSH host.

Generate a Key Pair

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to generate a key pair. You can use the key pair to connect to an SSH host without a password.

A key pair consists of a public key and a private key. Orchestrator can use the private key to connect to the public key on an SSH host. You can use a passphrase to improve security.

Caution All Orchestrator users with the right set of privileges can read, use, and overwrite your private key.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the Generate key pair workflow.

- 3 Right-click the Generate key pair workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information.
 - a Select the key type.
 - b Select the key size.
 - c (Optional) Type a passphrase.

Note You can change the passphrase later.

- d (Optional) Type a comment.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

If a key pair exists, the new key pair overwrites it.

Change the Key Pair Passphrase

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to change the passphrase for the key pair that you generated last.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the Change key pair passphrase workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Change key pair passphrase workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Reset the key pair passphrase.
 - a Type the current passphrase.
 - b Type the new passphrase.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Register an Orchestrator Public Key on an SSH Host

You can use a public key instead of a password. To register an Orchestrator public key on an SSH host, you can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the Register vCO public key on host workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Register vCO public key on host workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the host and authentication information.

Note You must provide credentials that are registered on the SSH host.

- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

You can use public key authentication instead of password authentication when you connect to the SSH host as the registered user.

Run an SSH Command

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to run SSH commands on a remote SSH server.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the Run SSH command workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Run SSH command workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Type an SSH host name or IP address, and click **Next**.
- 5 Type an SSH command to run, and click **Next**.

Note The default SSH command is **uptime**. It shows how long the server has been active and the user load for that period.

- 6 Select **Yes** to use password authentication, and click **Next**.

Note The default option is to use key file authentication.

- 7 Type a user name, and click **Next**.
- 8 Type a password if the authentication method requires a password. Otherwise, type the path to the private key and type the passphrase for the private key.
- 9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Copy a File from an SSH Host

You can run a workflow on the Orchestrator client to copy files from an SSH host to the Orchestrator server.

The SSH plug-in uses the Java JCraft library, which implements SFTP. The SCP get command workflow transfers files by using SFTP.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Note Orchestrator must have explicit write permissions in order to write in folders.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the SCP get command workflow.
- 3 Right-click the SCP get command workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type an SSH host name or IP address.
 - b Type the SSH authentication information.
- 5 Type the file information.
 - a Type the path to the directory on the Orchestrator server into which to copy the file.
 - b Type the path to the file to get from the remote SSH host.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Copy a File to an SSH Host

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to copy files from the Orchestrator server to an SSH host.

The SSH plug-in uses the Java JCraft library, which implements SFTP. The SCP put command workflow transfers files by using SFTP.

Prerequisites

- Configure the SSH plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run SSH workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > SSH** to navigate to the SCP put command workflow.
- 3 Right-click the SCP put command workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information, and click **Next**.
 - a Type an SSH host name or IP address.
 - b Type the SSH authentication information.
- 5 Type the file information.
 - a Type the path to the file that you want to copy from the local Orchestrator server to the remote SSH host.
 - b Type the path to the directory on the remote SSH host into which to copy the file.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Using the XML Plug-In

You can use the XML plug-in to run workflows that create and modify XML documents.

The XML plug-in adds an implementation of a Document Object Model (DOM) XML parser to the Orchestrator JavaScript API. The XML plug-in also provides some sample workflows to demonstrate how you can create and modify XML documents from workflows.

Alternatively, you can use the ECMAScript for XML (E4X) implementation in the Orchestrator JavaScript API to process XML documents directly in JavaScript. For an E4X scripting example, see *Developing with VMware vCenter Orchestrator*.

For information about E4X, go to the Web site of the organization that maintains the ECMA-357 standard.

Running the XML Plug-In Sample Workflows

You can run the XML plug-in sample workflows from the Orchestrator client to create and modify XML documents for testing purposes.

Because the workflows can create, read, or modify files, you must have sufficient access rights to the working directory.

Orchestrator has read, write, and execute rights to a folder named `orchestrator`, at the root of the server system. Although workflows have permission to read, write, and execute in this folder, you must create the folder on the server system.

You can allow access to other folders by changing the settings for server file system access from workflows and JavaScript. See *Installing and Configuring VMware vCenter Orchestrator, Setting Server File System Access from Workflows and JavaScript*.

- [Create a Simple XML Document](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to create a simple XML document for testing purposes.

- [Find an Element in an XML Document](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to find an element in the XML created by the Create a simple XML document workflow.

- [Modify an XML Document](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to modify the XML that the Create a simple XML document workflow creates.

- [Create an Example Address Book from XML](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to create an address book for testing purposes.

Create a Simple XML Document

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to create a simple XML document for testing purposes.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run XML workflows.
- Verify that you created the `c:/orchestrator` folder at the root of the Orchestrator server system or set access rights to another folder.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > XML > Samples XML (Simple)** to navigate to the Create a simple XML document workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Create a simple XML document workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Type the filepath to the XML document to create.
For example, `c:/orchestrator/filename.xml`.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow creates an XML document that contains a list of users. The attributes for each entry are user ID and name.

Find an Element in an XML Document

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to find an element in the XML created by the Create a simple XML document workflow.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run XML workflows.
- Verify that you created the `c:/orchestrator` folder at the root of the Orchestrator server system or set access rights to another folder.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > XML > Samples XML (Simple)** to navigate to the Find element in document workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Find element in document workflow and select **Start workflow**.

- 4 Type the filepath to the XML document.

For example, `c:/orchestrator/filename.xml`.

- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow searches for an element and displays the result in the system log.

What to do next

To view the result, select the completed workflow run in the Orchestrator client and click **Logs** on the **Schema** tab.

Modify an XML Document

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to modify the XML that the Create a simple XML document workflow creates.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run XML workflows.
- Verify that you created the `c:/orchestrator` folder at the root of the Orchestrator server system or set access rights to another folder.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > XML > Samples XML (Simple)** to navigate to the Modify XML document workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Modify XML document workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the input and output filepaths.
 - a Type the filepath to the XML document to modify.
For example, `c:/orchestrator/filename.xml`.
 - b Type the filepath to the modified XML document.
For example, `c:/orchestrator/filename.xml`.

Note If you type the same filepath in both fields, the workflow overwrites the original file with the modified file. If you type an output filepath to a file that does not exist, the workflow creates a modified file.

- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow searches for an element and modifies the entry where the element is found.

Create an Example Address Book from XML

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to create an address book for testing purposes.

Prerequisites

- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run XML workflows.
- Verify that you created the `c:/orchestrator` folder at the root of the Orchestrator server system or set access rights to another folder.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > XML > Samples XML (Address Book)** to navigate to the Full address book test workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Full address book test workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Type the path to the address book folder.
For example, `c:/orchestrator/foldername`.
The workflow automatically creates the folder if it does not exist.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow creates a DTD, an XML, and a CSS file, appends the stylesheet, and stores the files in the specified folder.

Using the Mail Plug-In

You can send email messages from workflows by using the Mail plug-in, which uses the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP). For example, you can create a workflow to send an email to a given address if the workflow requires user interaction or when it completes its run.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Define the Default SMTP Connection](#)
- [Using the Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows](#)

Define the Default SMTP Connection

The Mail plug-in is installed together with the Orchestrator server and is used for email notifications. The only option available for this plug-in is to use default values for new mail messages. You can set the default email account.

Avoid load balancers when configuring mail in Orchestrator. You might receive SMTP_HOST_UNREACHABLE error.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator configuration interface as **vmware**.
- 2 Click **Mail**.
- 3 Select the **Define default values** check box and fill in the required text boxes.

Text Box	Description
SMTP host	Enter the IP address or domain name of your SMTP server.
SMTP port	Enter a port number to match your SMTP configuration. The default SMTP port is 25.
User name	Enter a valid email account. This is the email account Orchestrator uses to send emails.
Password	Enter the password associated with the user name.
From name and address	Enter the sender information to appear in all emails sent by Orchestrator.

- 4 Click **Apply changes**.

Using the Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows

You can call the sample workflows of the Mail plug-in from custom workflows to implement email functionality. You can run an example workflow to test interaction with email.

- [Access the Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows](#)

You must use the Orchestrator client to access the Mail plug-in sample workflows.

- [Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows](#)

You can enhance your custom workflows by integrating the sample Mail plug-in workflows.

- [Test an Example Interaction with Email](#)

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to send an email to respond to a query, known as a user interaction.

Access the Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows

You must use the Orchestrator client to access the Mail plug-in sample workflows.

Prerequisites

- Configure the Mail plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run Mail workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 Expand the hierarchical list to **Library > Mail**.

What to do next

Review the sample workflows.

Mail Plug-In Sample Workflows

You can enhance your custom workflows by integrating the sample Mail plug-in workflows.

You can access the Mail workflows from **Library > Mail** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Retrieve messages

Retrieves the messages of a given email account by using the POP3 protocol.

Retrieve messages (via MailClient)

Retrieves the messages of a certain email account, without deleting them, by using the new scripting API provided by the MailClient class.

Send interaction

Sends an email to answer a user interaction. The email body contains both the URL to the direct answer, and an interaction URL to process this request. If optional parameters are not specified, the workflow uses the default values set in the Orchestrator configuration interface.

Send notification	Sends an email with specified content to a given email address. If optional parameters are not specified, the workflow uses the default values set in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
Send notification to mailing list	Sends an email with specified content to a given email address list, CC list, and BCC list. If optional parameters are not specified, the workflow uses the default values set in the Orchestrator configuration interface.

Test an Example Interaction with Email

You can run a workflow from the Orchestrator client to send an email to respond to a query, known as a user interaction.

The workflow uses the default mail server configuration that you set in the Orchestrator configuration interface. See [Define the Default SMTP Connection](#).

Prerequisites

- Configure the Mail plug-in in the Orchestrator configuration interface.
- Log in to the Orchestrator client as a user who can run Mail workflows.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, open **Library > Mail** to navigate to the Example interaction with email workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Example interaction with email workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the required information.
 - a Type a recipient address.
 - b Select an LDAP group of users who are authorized to answer the query.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow suspends its run and sends an email to the given address. The email body contains a link to the weboperator Web view. If weboperator is running, the user can answer the request for interaction directly in weboperator, allowing the workflow to finish its run.

Using the Net Plug-In

You can use the Net plug-in to implement the Telnet, FTP, POP3, and IMAP protocols in workflows. The POP3 and IMAP implementations allow downloading and reading email. In combination with the Mail plug-in, the Net plug-in provides full email sending and receiving capabilities in workflows.

Using the Enumeration Plug-In

You can use the Enumeration plug-in to implement common enumerated types in workflows.

Time Zone Codes

You can use the time zone codes as possible values for the Enums:MSTimeZone enumeration.

Time Zone Code	Time Zone Name	Description
000	Dateline Standard Time	(GMT-12:00) International Date Line West
001	Samoa Standard Time	(GMT-11:00) Midway Island, Samoa
002	Hawaiian Standard Time	(GMT-10:00) Hawaii
003	Alaskan Standard Time	(GMT-09:00) Alaska
004	Pacific Standard Time	(GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US and Canada); Tijuana
010	Mountain Standard Time	(GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US and Canada)
013	Mexico Standard Time 2	(GMT-07:00) Chihuahua, La Paz, Mazatlan
015	U.S. Mountain Standard Time	(GMT-07:00) Arizona
020	Central Standard Time	(GMT-06:00) Central Time (US and Canada)
025	Canada Central Standard Time	(GMT-06:00) Saskatchewan
030	Mexico Standard Time	(GMT-06:00) Guadalajara, Mexico City, Monterrey
033	Central America Standard Time	(GMT-06:00) Central America
035	Eastern Standard Time	(GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)
040	U.S. Eastern Standard Time	(GMT-05:00) Indiana (East)
045	S.A. Pacific Standard Time	(GMT-05:00) Bogota, Lima, Quito
050	Atlantic Standard Time	(GMT-04:00) Atlantic Time (Canada)
055	S.A. Western Standard Time	(GMT-04:00) Caracas, La Paz
056	Pacific S.A. Standard Time	(GMT-04:00) Santiago

Time Zone Code	Time Zone Name	Description
060	Newfoundland and Labrador Standard Time	(GMT-03:30) Newfoundland and Labrador
065	E. South America Standard Time	(GMT-03:00) Brasilia
070	S.A. Eastern Standard Time	(GMT-03:00) Buenos Aires, Georgetown
073	Greenland Standard Time	(GMT-03:00) Greenland
075	Mid-Atlantic Standard Time	(GMT-02:00) Mid-Atlantic
080	Azores Standard Time	(GMT-01:00) Azores
083	Cape Verde Standard Time	(GMT-01:00) Cape Verde Islands
085	GMT Standard Time	(GMT) Greenwich Mean Time : Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London
090	Greenwich Standard Time	(GMT) Casablanca, Monrovia
095	Central Europe Standard Time	(GMT+01:00) Belgrade, Bratislava, Budapest, Ljubljana, Prague
100	Central European Standard Time	(GMT+01:00) Sarajevo, Skopje, Warsaw, Zagreb
105	Romance Standard Time	(GMT+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris
110	W. Europe Standard Time	(GMT+01:00) Amsterdam, Berlin, Bern, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna
113	W. Central Africa Standard Time	(GMT+01:00) West Central Africa
115	E. Europe Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Bucharest
120	Egypt Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Cairo
125	FLE Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Helsinki, Kyiv, Riga, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius
130	GTB Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Athens, Istanbul, Minsk
135	Israel Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Jerusalem
140	South Africa Standard Time	(GMT+02:00) Harare, Pretoria
145	Russian Standard Time	(GMT+03:00) Moscow, St. Petersburg, Volgograd
150	Arab Standard Time	(GMT+03:00) Kuwait, Riyadh
155	E. Africa Standard Time	(GMT+03:00) Nairobi
158	Arabic Standard Time	(GMT+03:00) Baghdad
160	Iran Standard Time	(GMT+03:30) Tehran
165	Arabian Standard Time	(GMT+04:00) Abu Dhabi, Muscat
170	Caucasus Standard Time	(GMT+04:00) Baku, Tbilisi, Yerevan
175	Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan Standard Time	(GMT+04:30) Kabul
180	Ekaterinburg Standard Time	(GMT+05:00) Ekaterinburg

Time Zone Code	Time Zone Name	Description
185	West Asia Standard Time	(GMT+05:00) Islamabad, Karachi, Tashkent
190	India Standard Time	(GMT+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi
193	Nepal Standard Time	(GMT+05:45) Kathmandu
195	Central Asia Standard Time	(GMT+06:00) Astana, Dhaka
200	Sri Lanka Standard Time	(GMT+06:00) Sri Jayawardenepura
201	N. Central Asia Standard Time	(GMT+06:00) Almaty, Novosibirsk
203	Myanmar Standard Time	(GMT+06:30) Yangon (Rangoon)
205	S.E. Asia Standard Time	(GMT+07:00) Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta
207	North Asia Standard Time	(GMT+07:00) Krasnoyarsk
210	China Standard Time	(GMT+08:00) Beijing, Chongqing, Hong Kong SAR, Urumqi
215	Singapore Standard Time	(GMT+08:00) Kuala Lumpur, Singapore
220	Taipei Standard Time	(GMT+08:00) Taipei
225	W. Australia Standard Time	(GMT+08:00) Perth
227	North Asia East Standard Time	(GMT+08:00) Irkutsk, Ulaan Bataar
230	Korea Standard Time	(GMT+09:00) Seoul
235	Tokyo Standard Time	(GMT+09:00) Osaka, Sapporo, Tokyo
240	Yakutsk Standard Time	(GMT+09:00) Yakutsk
245	A.U.S. Central Standard Time	(GMT+09:30) Darwin
250	Gen. Australia Standard Time	(GMT+09:30) Adelaide
255	A.U.S. Eastern Standard Time	(GMT+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
260	E. Australia Standard Time	(GMT+10:00) Brisbane
265	Tasmania Standard Time	(GMT+10:00) Hobart
270	Vladivostok Standard Time	(GMT+10:00) Vladivostok
275	West Pacific Standard Time	(GMT+10:00) Guam, Port Moresby
280	Central Pacific Standard Time	(GMT+11:00) Magadan, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia
285	Fiji Islands Standard Time	(GMT+12:00) Fiji Islands, Kamchatka, Marshall Islands
290	New Zealand Standard Time	(GMT+12:00) Auckland, Wellington
300	Tonga Standard Time	(GMT+13:00) Nuku'alofa

Using the Workflow Documentation Plug-In

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You can use the Workflow Documentation plug-in to generate PDF documentation about a specific workflow or workflow category.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Workflow Library for the Workflow Documentation Plug-In](#)
- [Generate Workflow Documentation](#)

Workflow Library for the Workflow Documentation Plug-In

With the Workflow Documentation plug-in workflows you can generate PDF documentation about specific workflows or workflow categories.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Workflow documentation** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Get documentation for workflow Generates information about a workflow that you select.

Get documentation for workflow category Generates information about a workflow category that you select.

Generate Workflow Documentation

You can export documentation in PDF format about a workflow or a workflow folder that you select at any time.

The exported document contains detailed information about the selected workflow or the workflows in the folder. The information about each workflow includes name, version history of the workflow, attributes, parameter presentation, workflow schema, and workflow actions. In addition, the documentation also provides the source code for the used actions.

Procedure

- 1 From the drop-down menu in the Orchestrator client, select **Run** or **Design**.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.

- 3 Navigate to the workflow or workflow folder for which you want to generate documentation and right-click it.
- 4 Select **Generate documentation**.
- 5 Browse to locate the folder in which to save the PDF file, provide a file name, and click **Save**.

The PDF file containing the information about the selected workflow, or the workflows in the folder, is saved on your system.

Using the HTTP-REST Plug-In

The HTTP-REST plug-in allows you to manage REST Web services by providing interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and REST hosts. You can define REST services and their operations as inventory objects by running configuration workflows, and perform REST operations on the defined objects.

The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows related to managing REST hosts and invoking REST operations. You can also generate custom workflows to automate tasks in a REST environment.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the HTTP-REST Plug-In](#)
- [Generate a New Workflow from a REST Operation](#)
- [Invoke a REST Operation](#)

Configuring the HTTP-REST Plug-In

You must use the Orchestrator client to configure the HTTP-REST plug-in.

Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage REST hosts.

You can access these workflows from **Library > HTTP-REST > Configuration** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a REST host	Adds a REST host to the plug-in's inventory.
Add a REST operation	Adds an operation to a REST host.
Add schema to a REST host	Adds an XSD schema to a REST host.
Clone a REST host	Creates a clone of a REST host.
Clone a REST operation	Creates a clone of a REST operation.
Manage SSL certificates	Verifies a host URL, and if required, shows a user interaction message for the approval of SSL certificates.
Reload plug-in configuration	Refreshes the list of REST hosts in the plug-in's inventory.
Remove a REST host	Removes a REST host from the plug-in's inventory.

Workflow Name	Description
Remove a REST operation	Removes an operation from a REST host.
Remove schemas form a REST host	Removes all associated XSD schemas from a REST host.
Update a REST host	Updates a REST host in the plug-in's inventory.
Update a REST operation	Updates an operation on a REST host.

Configure Kerberos Authentication

You can use Kerberos authentication when you add a host.

The `krb5.conf` file contains the following information:

- Kerberos configuration information
- Locations of Key Distribution Centers (KDC) and administration servers for the Kerberos realms of interest
- Default values for the current realm and for Kerberos applications
- Mappings of host names onto Kerberos realms

Procedure

- ◆ Create a `krb5.conf` file and save it to the following location.

Operating System	Path
Windows	C:\Program Files\Common Files\VMware\VMware vCenter Server – Java Components\lib\security\
Linux	/usr/java/jre-vmware/lib/security/

A `krb5.conf` file has the following structure:

```
[libdefaults]
default_realm = YOURDOMAIN.COM
udp_preference_limit = 1
[realms]
YOURDOMAIN.COM = {
kdc = kdc.yourdomain.com
default_domain = yourdomain.com
}
[domain_realms]
.yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM
yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM
```

Note The Kerberos authentication requires a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) host address.

Important When you add or modify the `krb5.conf` file, you must restart the Orchestrator server service.

Add a REST Host

You can run a workflow to add a REST host and configure the host connection parameters.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > HTTP-REST > Configuration** and navigate to the Add a REST host workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Add a REST host workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the host.
- 6 In the **URL** text box, type the address of the host.

Note The Kerberos authentication requires a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) host address.

- 7 In the **Connection timeout** text box, type the number of seconds before a connection times out.
- 8 In the **Operation timeout** text box, type the number of seconds before an operation times out.
- 9 Select the authentication type.

Option	Description
None	No authentication is required.
OAuth 1.0	Provide the required authentication parameters.
OAuth 2.0	Provide the authentication token.
Basic	Provides basic access authentication. Select the session mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.
Digest	Provides digest access authentication that uses encryption. Select the session mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.
Kerberos	Provides Kerberos access authentication. Select the session mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.

- 10 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the REST host appears in the **Inventory** view.

What to do next

You can add operations and XSD schema to the REST host, and run workflows from the **Inventory** view.

Add a REST Operation

You can run a workflow to add an operation to a REST host from the plug-in's inventory.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a REST host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > HTTP-REST > Configuration** and navigate to the Add a REST operation workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Add a REST operation workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the host to which you want to add the operation.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the operation.
- 6 In the **Template URL** text box, type only the operation part of the URL.

You can include placeholders for parameters that are provided when you run the operation.

The following is an example URL syntax.

```
/customer/{id}/orders?date={date}
```

- 7 Select the HTTP method that the operation uses.
If you select **POST** or **PUT**, you can provide content type for the method.
- 8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

What to do next

You can run workflows on the operation from the **Inventory** view.

Add a Schema to a REST Host

You can run a workflow to add an XSD schema to a REST host from the plug-in's inventory.

The XSD schema describes the XML documents that are used as input and output content from Web services. By associating such a schema with a host, you can specify the XML element that is required as an input when you are generating a workflow from a REST operation.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.

- Verify that you have a connection to a REST host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > HTTP-REST > Configuration** to navigate to the Add a schema to a REST host workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Add a schema to a REST host workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the host to which you want to add the XSD schema.
- 5 Select whether to load the schema from URL.

Option	Action
Yes	Type the URL of the schema.
No	Provide the schema content.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Generate a New Workflow from a REST Operation

You can create a custom workflow from a REST operation.

You can integrate custom-generated workflows into high-level workflows. For more information about workflow development, see the *vCenter Orchestrator Developer's Guide*.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a REST host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > HTTP-REST** and navigate to the Generate a new workflow from a REST operation workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Generate a new workflow from a REST operation workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the REST operation from the list of available operations.

If the operation takes input and XSD schemas are added to its host, you can specify the request input type.

- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the workflow to generate.
- 6 Select the workflow folder in which to generate the new workflow.

You can select any existing folder from the workflow library.

- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Invoke a REST Operation

You can call a REST operation directly, without generating a new workflow.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a REST host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > HTTP-REST** and navigate to the Invoke a REST operation workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Invoke a REST operation workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the REST operation from the list of available operations.
- 5 Provide the input parameters and content that the operation requires.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Using the SOAP Plug-In

The SOAP plug-in allows you to manage SOAP Web services by providing interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and SOAP hosts. You can define SOAP services as inventory objects by running configuration workflows, and perform SOAP operations on the defined objects.

The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows related to managing SOAP hosts and invoking SOAP operations. You can also generate custom workflows to automate tasks in a SOAP environment.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the SOAP Plug-In](#)
- [Generate a New Workflow from a SOAP Operation](#)
- [Invoke a SOAP Operation](#)

Configuring the SOAP Plug-In

You must use the Orchestrator client to configure the SOAP plug-in.

Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage SOAP hosts.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SOAP > Configuration** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a SOAP host	Adds a SOAP host to the plug-in's inventory.
Manage SSL certificates	Verifies a host URL, and if required, shows a user interaction message for the approval of SSL certificates.
Reload plug-in configuration	Refreshes the list of SOAP hosts in the plug-in's inventory.
Remove a SOAP host	Removes a SOAP host from the plug-in's inventory. Caution When you remove a host from the inventory, all workflows generated from it will stop working.

Workflow Name	Description
Update a SOAP host	Updates a SOAP host in the plug-in's inventory.
Update a SOAP host with an endpoint URL	Updates a SOAP host with a preferred endpoint address. The new endpoint address is used for sending and receiving SOAP messages, instead of the endpoint address defined within the WSDL.

Add a SOAP Host

You can run a workflow to add a SOAP host and configure the host connection parameters.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SOAP > Configuration** and navigate to the **Add a SOAP** host workflow.
- 4 Right-click the **Add a SOAP** host workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the host.
- 6 Select whether to provide the WSDL content as text.

Option	Action
Yes	Copy the text in the WSDL content text box.
No	Type the correct path in the WSDL URI text box.

- 7 In the **Connection timeout** text box, specify the number of seconds before a connection times out.
- 8 In the **Request timeout** text box, specify the number of seconds before a request times out.
- 9 Select the authentication type.

Option	Description
None	No authentication is required.
Basic	Provides basic access authentication. Select the session mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.
Digest	Provides digest access authentication that uses encryption. Select the session mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.

Option	Description
NTLM	<p>Provides NT LAN Manager (NTLM) access authentication within the Window Security Support Provider (SSPI) framework.</p> <p>Select the session mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in. <p>Provide the NTLM settings.</p>
Kerberos	<p>Provides Kerberos access authentication.</p> <p>Select the session mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you select Shared Session, provide credentials for the shared session. ■ If you select Per User Session, the Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.

10 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the SOAP host appears in the **Inventory** view.

What to do next

You can explore the SOAP host objects and run workflows on them from the **Inventory** view.

Configure Kerberos Authentication

You can use Kerberos authentication when you add a host.

The `krb5.conf` file contains the following information:

- Kerberos configuration information
- Locations of Key Distribution Centers (KDC) and administration servers for the Kerberos realms of interest
- Default values for the current realm and for Kerberos applications
- Mappings of host names onto Kerberos realms

Procedure

- ◆ Create a `krb5.conf` file and save it to the following location.

Operating System	Path
Windows	C:\Program Files\Common Files\VMware\VMware vCenter Server - Java Components\lib\security\
Linux	/usr/java/jre-vmware/lib/security/

A `krb5.conf` file has the following structure:

```
[libdefaults]
default_realm = YOURDOMAIN.COM
udp_preference_limit = 1
[realms]
YOURDOMAIN.COM = {
```

```
kdc = kdc.yourdomain.com
default_domain = yourdomain.com
}
[domain_realms]
.yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM
yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM
```

Note The Kerberos authentication requires a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) host address.

Important When you add or modify the `krb5.conf` file, you must restart the Orchestrator server service.

Generate a New Workflow from a SOAP Operation

You can create a custom workflow from a SOAP operation.

You can integrate custom-generated workflows into high-level workflows. For more information about workflow development, see the *vCenter Orchestrator Developer's Guide*.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a SOAP host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SOAP** to navigate to the Generate a new workflow from a SOAP operation workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Generate a new workflow from a SOAP operation workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the SOAP operation from the list of available operations.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the workflow to generate.
- 6 Select the workflow folder in which to generate the new workflow.
You can select any existing folder from the workflow library.
- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

What to do next

You can test the generated workflow.

Test a Custom-Generated Workflow

You can run a custom workflow generated from a SOAP operation to get the output parameters of the operation.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a SOAP host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 Navigate to the workflow location.
- 3 Right-click the custom workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Provide the input parameters that the SOAP operation requires.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.
- 6 (Optional) In the **Logs** tab, review the list of available output parameters.

Invoke a SOAP Operation

You can call a SOAP operation directly, without generating a new workflow.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a SOAP host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SOAP** and navigate to the Invoke a SOAP operation workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Invoke a SOAP operation workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the SOAP operation from the list of available operations.
- 5 Provide the input parameters that the SOAP operation requires.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.
- 7 (Optional) In the **Logs** tab, review the list of available output parameters.

Using the AMQP Plug-In

The AMQP plug-in allows you to interact with Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) servers also known as brokers. You can define AMQP brokers and queue subscriptions as inventory objects by running configuration workflows, and perform AMQP operations on defined objects.

The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows related to managing AMQP brokers and calling AMQP operations.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the AMQP Plug-In](#)
- [Using the AMQP Plug-In Standard Workflows](#)

Configuring the AMQP Plug-In

You must use the Orchestrator client to configure the AMQP plug-in.

Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage AMQP brokers.

You can access these workflows from **Library > AMQP > Configuration** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a broker	Adds an AMQP broker.
Reload plug-in configuration	Reloads the plug-in configuration. You can run the workflow when you import new resources containing new broker definitions handled by the plug-in.
Remove a broker	Removes an AMQP broker.
Remove a subscription	Removes an AMQP message subscription.
Subscribe to queues	Creates a new subscription element.
Update a broker	Updates broker properties.
Validate a broker	Validate a broker by attempting to start a connection.

Add a Broker

You can run a workflow to add an AMQP broker.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP > Configuration** and navigate to the Add a broker workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Add a broker workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 Provide the information required for the Add a broker workflow.

Option	Action
Name	Type the name of the broker.
Host	Type the address of the host.
Port	Type the port of the AMQP broker service. The default port is 5672.
Virtual host	Type the address of the virtual host. The default value provided is /.
Use SSL	Select whether to use SSL certificates.
Accept all certificates	Select whether to accept all SSL certificates without validation.
User name	Type the user name for the broker.
Password	Type the password for the broker.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the AMQP broker appears in the **Inventory** view.

What to do next

You can run a Validate a broker workflow. If an error occurs, use the Update a broker workflow to change the broker's properties before validating again.

Subscribe to Queues

You can run a workflow to create a new subscription elements.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.
- Verify that the AMQP broker has all queues included in the subscription declared.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP > Configuration** and navigate to the **Subscribe to queues** workflow.
- 3 Right-click the **Subscribe to queues** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the queue to display.
- 5 Select the broker to which you want to add the subscription.
- 6 Select all the queues for message subscription.
- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully a child of the broker appears in the **Inventory** view.

What to do next

You can create a policy.

Update a Broker

You can run a workflow to update the broker properties.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the **Update a broker** workflow.
- 3 Right-click the **Update a broker** workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the broker that you want to update.
Current properties of the broker appear.
- 5 Edit the properties that you want.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Using the AMQP Plug-In Standard Workflows

The AMQP workflow category contains workflows that allow you to run AMQP operations.

You can access these workflows from **Library > AMQP** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Bind	Creates a binding in a specified broker.
Declare a queue	Adds a queue to a specified broker.

Workflow Name	Description
Declare an exchange	Adds an exchange to a specified broker.
Delete a queue	Deletes a queue from a specified broker.
Delete an exchange	Deletes an exchange from a specified broker.
Receive a text message	Receives a text message from a specified broker.
Send a test message	Sends a text message using a specified broker.
Unbind	Unbinds binding in a specified broker.

Declare a Binding

You can run a workflow to create a binding in a specified broker.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the Bind workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Bind workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a broker in which you want create a binding.
- 5 Provide information about the binding.

Option	Action
Queue name	Type the name of the queue.
Exchange name	Type the name of the exchange.
Routing key	Type the routing key.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Declare a Queue

You can run a workflow to add a queue to a specified broker.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the Declare a queue workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Declare a queue workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a broker to which you want to add the queue.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the queue to display.
- 6 Select whether the queue is durable.

Option	Description
Yes	The queue is removed after a broker restart.
No	The queue remains after a broker restart.

- 7 Select whether an exclusive client is set for the specific queue.

Option	Description
Yes	Sets one client for this specific queue.
No	Sets more clients for this specific queue.

- 8 Select whether to automatically delete the queue with activated subscription.

Option	Description
Yes	Automatically deletes the queue when no more clients are connected to it. The queue remains until at least one client subscribes to it.
No	Does not automatically delete the queue.

- 9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Declare an Exchange

You can run a workflow to add an exchange in a specified broker.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the Declare an exchange workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Declare an exchange workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a broker to which you want to add the exchange.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type a name for the exchange.

6 Select the exchange type.

Option	Description
direct	Makes a direct match between the routing key provided in the message and the routing criteria used when a queue is bound to this exchange.
fanout	Forwards any message sent to this exchange to all queues bound to it. Queues that are bound to this exchange contain no arguments.
headers	Queues are bound to this exchange with a table of arguments that can contain headers and values. A special argument named x-match determines the matching algorithm.
topic	Performs a wildcard match between the routing key and the routing pattern specified in the binding.

7 Select whether the exchange is durable.

Option	Description
Yes	The exchange remains after a broker restart.
No	The exchange is removed after a broker restart.

8 Select whether to automatically delete the exchange with activated subscription.

Option	Description
Yes	Automatically deletes the exchange when no more queues are bound to it. The exchange remains until at least one queue is bound to it.
No	Does not automatically delete the exchange.

9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Send a Text Message

You can run a workflow to send a text message using a specified broker.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the Send a text message workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Send a text message workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a broker from which you want to send a message.
- 5 In the **Exchange name** text box, specify the name of the exchange.
- 6 In the **Routing key** text box, specify the routing key.

- 7 In the **Content** text box, type the message you want to send.
- 8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Delete a Binding

You can run a workflow to delete a binding in a specified broker.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an AMQP broker from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > AMQP** and navigate to the Unbind workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Unbind workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a broker to remove the binding from.
- 5 Provide information about the binding.

Option	Action
Queue name	Specify the name of the queue.
Exchange name	Specify the name of the exchange.
Routing key	Specify the routing key.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Using the SNMP Plug-In

The SNMP plug-in allows vCenter Orchestrator to connect and receive information from SNMP-enabled systems and devices. You can define SNMP devices as inventory objects by running workflows, and perform SNMP operations on the defined objects.

You can use the plug-in to connect to SNMP devices such as routers, switches, network printers, and UPS devices. The plug-in can also receive events from vCenter Server over the SNMP protocol.

The SNMP plug-in provides two methods of communication with the SNMP devices.

- Queries for the values of specific SNMP variables.
- Listening for events (SNMP traps) that are generated from the devices and pushed to the registered SNMP managers.

The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows related to managing SNMP devices, queries, the trap host, and performing SNMP operations. You can also create custom workflows to automate tasks in an SNMP environment.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Managing SNMP Devices](#)
- [Managing SNMP Queries](#)
- [Managing the SNMP Trap Host](#)
- [Receiving SNMP Traps](#)
- [Generic SNMP Request Workflows](#)

Managing SNMP Devices

You can run workflows to register SNMP devices with Orchestrator, edit the settings for existing devices, and unregister devices.

Device Management Workflows

The Device Management workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage SNMP devices.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SNMP > Device Management** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Edit an SNMP device	Edits the configuration of a registered SNMP device.
Register an SNMP device	Registers an SNMP-enabled device to the plug-in's inventory.
Unregister an SNMP device	Unregisters an SNMP device from the plug-in's inventory.

Register an SNMP Device

You can run a workflow to register an SNMP device and optionally configure advanced connection parameters.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SNMP > Device Management** and navigate to the Register an SNMP device workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Register an SNMP device workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Device address** text box, type the IP address or DNS name of the SNMP device.

Note To establish a more reliable connection, you should use IP address.

- 6 (Optional) In the **Name** text box, type a name for the device as you want it to appear in the **Inventory** view.

If you leave the text box blank, the device address is used to generate a name automatically.

- 7 (Optional) To configure the advanced connection parameters, select **Yes**.
 - a In the **Port** text box, specify the connection port.
The default port is 161.
 - b From the **Version** drop-down menu, select the SNMP version that you want to use and provide the credentials.

Note The support for SNMPv3 is limited to the AuthPriv security level with MD5 authentication. The DES passphrase is the same as the MD5 password.

- 8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the SNMP device appears in the **Inventory** view.

What to do next

You can add queries to the SNMP device and run workflows from the **Inventory** view.

Managing SNMP Queries

You can add queries to SNMP devices, run, copy, and edit existing queries, and remove queries from SNMP devices.

Query Management Workflows

The Query Management workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage SNMP queries.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SNMP > Query Management** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a query to an SNMP device	Adds a query to an SNMP device.
Copy an SNMP query	Copies an SNMP query from one device to another.
Edit an SNMP query	Edits an existing SNMP query.
Remove a query from an SNMP device	Removes an SNMP query from a device.
Run an SNMP query	Runs a query against an SNMP device.

Add a Query to an SNMP Device

You can run a workflow to add a query to an SNMP device from the plug-in's inventory.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an SNMP device from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SNMP > Query Management** and navigate to the Add a query to an SNMP device workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Add a query to an SNMP device workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the device to which you want to add the query.
- 5 From the **Type** drop-down menu, select the query type.
- 6 In the **OID** text box, type the object identifier of the variable that you want to query.

The following are example OID values.

- 1.3.6.1.2.1.1.5.0
- .1.3.6.1.2.1.1.5.0

- **iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.5.0**

Note The plug-in supports only OID values that are numerical or that begin with `iso` and continue with numbers.

7 (Optional) In the **Name** text box, type a name for the query.

If you leave the text box blank, the type and OID parameters are used to generate a name automatically.

8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

What to do next

You can run workflows on the query from the **Inventory** view.

Managing the SNMP Trap Host

You can start and stop the SNMP trap host, and change the port on which Orchestrator listens for SNMP traps.

The SNMP plug-in supports SNMPv1 and SNMPv2c traps.

Trap Host Management Workflows

The Trap Host Management workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage the SNMP trap host.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SNMP > Trap Host Management** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Set the SNMP trap port	Sets the port on which Orchestrator listens for SNMP traps.
Start the trap host	Orchestrator starts listening for SNMP traps.
Stop the trap host	Orchestrator stops listening for SNMP traps.

Set the SNMP Trap Port

You can run a workflow to set the port on which Orchestrator listens for SNMP traps.

The default port for SNMP traps is 162. However, on Linux systems, you can open ports below 1024 only with superuser privileges. To ensure better compatibility, the default port for listening to SNMP traps in the SNMP plug-in is set to 4000.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an SNMP device from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SNMP > Trap Host Management** and navigate to the Set the SNMP trap port workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Set the SNMP trap port workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 In the **Port** text box, type the port number on which Orchestrator should listen for SNMP traps.
- 5 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The workflow stops the trap host, sets the new port, and starts the trap host again.

Receiving SNMP Traps

The SNMP plug-in can receive SNMP traps by running a workflow, which waits for a single trap message, or with a policy, which can handle traps continuously. The plug-in supports SNMPv1 and SNMPv2c traps.

Wait for a Trap on an SNMP Device

You can run a workflow that waits to receive an SNMP trap from a specified device.

This workflow features a trigger, which stops the run of the workflow and waits for an SNMP trap before continuing. When a trap is received, the workflow run resumes. You can use the workflow as part of more complex workflows, or as a sample that you can customize or extend for a specific need.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an SNMP device from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SNMP** and navigate to the Wait for a trap on an SNMP device workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Wait for a trap on an SNMP device workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select the device on which you want to wait for an SNMP trap.
- 5 (Optional) In the **OID** text box, type the object identifier of a specific trap.

Note If you leave the text box empty, the workflow run resumes after receiving any trap from the specified SNMP device.

- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Set a Trap Policy

You can set a policy to continuously listen for traps from an SNMP device.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an SNMP device from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Policy Templates** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > SNMP** and navigate to the SNMP Trap policy template.
- 3 Right-click the SNMP Trap policy template and select **Apply Policy**.
- 4 In the **Policy name** text box, type a name for the policy that you want to create.
- 5 (Optional) In the **Policy description** text box, type a description for the policy.
- 6 Select an SNMP device for which to set the policy.
- 7 Click **Submit** to create the policy.
- 8 On the **Policies** view, right-click the policy that you created and select **Start policy**.

The trap policy starts to listen for SNMP traps.

What to do next

You can edit the trap policy.

Edit a Trap Policy

You can edit a trap policy to customize it for a specific use case. When you edit a trap policy, you can change its priority and startup settings, as well as customize the scripting and permissions associated with the policy.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to an SNMP device from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Policies** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 If the policy that you want to edit is running, right-click the policy and select **Stop policy**.
- 3 Right-click the policy and select **Edit**.
- 4 From the **General** tab, edit the startup settings, priority, and description of the policy.

- 5 (Optional) From the **Scripting** tab, you can associate a specific workflow or scripting code with the policy, for integration in a more complex scenario.

You can set the policy to trigger a custom workflow when a trap is received.

- 6 (Optional) From the **Permissions** tab, you can modify the access rights.

You can give a user or a group permissions to start the policy, without giving permissions to edit the policy.

- 7 Click **Save and close** to apply the edited settings.

- 8 On the **Policies** view, right-click the policy that you edited and select **Start policy**.

Generic SNMP Request Workflows

The SNMP workflow category contains workflows that allow you to perform basic SNMP requests without having to create a query.

You can access these workflows from **Library > SNMP** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Get bulk SNMP values	Runs a GET BULK query against an SNMP device.
Get next SNMP value	Runs a GET NEXT query against an SNMP device.
Get SNMP value	Runs a GET query against an SNMP device.
Send an SNMP trap	Sends an SNMP trap to a specified address.
Wait for a trap on an SNMP device	Waits to receive an SNMP trap from a specified device.

Using the Active Directory Plug-In

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The Active Directory plug-in (VMware vCenter Orchestrator plug-in for Microsoft Active Directory) allows interaction between vCenter Orchestrator and Microsoft Active Directory. You can use the plug-in to run Orchestrator workflows that automate Active Directory processes.

The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows. You can also create custom workflows that implement the plug-in API to automate tasks in your Active Directory environment.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring the Active Directory Plug-In](#)
- [Using the Active Directory Plug-In Workflow Library](#)

Configuring the Active Directory Plug-In

To connect to a Microsoft Active Directory instance by using the Active Directory plug-in, you must configure the connection parameters for the Microsoft Active Directory instance.

You can configure Active Directory by running the configuration workflows included in the plug-in.

Active Directory Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category of the Active Directory plug-in contains workflows that allow you to configure Active Directory servers and manage SSL certificates.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Active Directory > Configuration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Configure Active Directory server	Configures a Microsoft Active Directory server.

Using the Active Directory Plug-In Workflow Library

The Active Directory plug-in workflow library contains workflows that allow you to run automated processes related to the management of Microsoft Active Directory objects.

The workflows are grouped into categories depending on object type. You can integrate standard workflows from the workflow library in custom workflows.

Using the Active Directory Plug-In Inventory

The Active Directory plug-in exposes all objects in the connected Microsoft Active Directory instance in the **Inventory** view. You can use the **Inventory** view to add authorization elements or to run workflows on Microsoft Active Directory objects.

You can enable the **Use contextual menu in inventory** option to display the workflows that are available for an inventory object. After the option is enabled, when you right-click an object in the Orchestrator inventory, all available workflows for the object are displayed.

Access the Active Directory Plug-In Workflow Library

You must use the Orchestrator client to access the elements from the Active Directory plug-in workflow library.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.

Option	Action
Access the set of standard workflow categories	In the hierarchical list, select Library > Microsoft > Active Directory and expand the selection.
Access the set of workflows related to the management of favorite objects	In the hierarchical list, select Library > Microsoft > Favorites Management and expand the selection.

Active Directory Plug-In Workflows

The Active Directory plug-in contains a set of standard workflows that cover the most common LDAP functionality. You can use the workflows as building blocks for creating complex custom solutions. By combining standard workflows, you can automate multistep processes in the Active Directory environment.

Computer Workflows

The Computer workflow category contains workflows related to Active Directory computer management.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Active Directory > Computer**.

Workflow Name	Description
Create a computer in a group	Creates an Active Directory computer in a group.
Create a computer in an organizational unit	Creates an Active Directory computer in an organizational unit.
Destroy a computer	Deletes a computer from an Active Directory instance.
Destroy a computer and delete its subtree	Deletes a computer from an Active Directory instance and all objects within the computer subtree.
Disable a computer	Disables a computer from an Active Directory instance.
Enable a computer	Enables a computer in an Active Directory instance.

Organizational Unit Workflows

The Organizational Unit workflow category contains workflows related to Active Directory organizational unit management.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Active Directory > Organizational Unit**.

Workflow Name	Description
Create an organizational unit	Creates an organizational unit in an existing organizational unit.
Destroy an organizational unit	Deletes an organizational unit from an Active Directory instance.
Destroy an organizational unit and delete its subtree	Deletes an organizational unit from an Active Directory instance and all objects within the organizational unit subtree.

User Workflows

The User workflow category contains workflows related to Active Directory user management.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Active Directory > User**.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a user to a user group	Adds one user as a member of a user group.
Change a user password	Changes the password for a user. SSL connection is required, and the password must meet the Active Directory restrictions.
Create a user in a group	Creates a user without specifying a password. The password must be changed at the next login. Domain policies must allow users to have empty passwords.
Create a user in an organizational unit	Creates a user in an organizational unit. If SSL connection is disabled, you cannot specify a password. Domain policies must allow users to have empty passwords.
Create a user with a password in a group	Creates a user and sets a password for the user. The password can be changed at the next login.
Create a user with a password in an organizational unit	Creates a user in an organizational unit and sets a password for the user. The password can be changed at the next login. If SSL connection is disabled, you cannot specify a password.
Destroy a user	Deletes a user from an Active Directory instance.
Disable a user	Disables a user from an Active Directory instance.
Enable a user	Enables a user in an Active Directory instance.
Remove a user from a user group	Removes a user from a user group.

User Group Workflows

The User Group workflow category contains workflows related to Active Directory user group management.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Active Directory > User Group**.

Workflow Name	Description
Add computers to group members	Adds one or more computers as members of a user group.

Workflow Name	Description
Add groups to group members	Adds one or more user groups as members of a user group.
Add users to group members	Adds one or more users as members of a user group.
Create a user group in a group	Creates a new user group in an existing container (group).
Create a user group in an organizational unit	Creates a new user group in an existing container (organizational unit).
Destroy a user group	Deletes a user group from an Active Directory instance.
Remove computers from group members	Removes one or more computers from a user group.
Remove groups from group members	Removes one or more user groups from a user group.
Remove users from group members	Removes one or more users from a user group.

Favorites Management Workflows

The Favorites Management workflow category contains workflows related to the management of favorite Active Directory objects.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Microsoft > Favorites Management**.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a favorite computer	Adds a computer to the list of favorites.
Add a favorite group	Adds a group to the list of favorites.
Add a favorite organizational unit	Adds an organizational unit to the list of favorites.
Remove a favorite computer	Removes a computer from the list of favorites.
Remove a favorite group	Removes a group from the list of favorites.
Remove a favorite organizational unit	Removes an organizational unit from the list of favorites.

You can access the list of favorite objects from the **Inventory** view in the Orchestrator client.

Using the Dynamic Types Plug-In

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The Orchestrator Dynamic Types plug-in lets you define dynamic types, create objects of these types, and set relations between them.

The definition of a dynamic type contains the descriptions of its properties and a set of finder workflows and actions which can be used to find dynamic objects of this type. Runtime instances of dynamic types are called dynamic objects. You can run workflows on the dynamic objects you create and perform different operations on them.

Each dynamic type must be defined in a namespace. Namespaces are helper dynamic objects that let you group dynamic types in containers.

You can use the Dynamic Types plug-in together with the HTTP-REST plug-in to integrate third-party REST API services into the Orchestrator and expose third-party objects as Orchestrator types.

- 1 Define a new dynamic type and its properties by running the Define Namespace and Define Type workflows from the Dynamic Types plug-in. In result, you obtain a set of finder and inventory workflows for finding objects of the new dynamic type and their relations with other objects.
- 2 Modify the new finder and inventory workflows, so that they receive their input from the third-party REST API.
 - a Create REST operations by using the Add a REST Operation workflow from the HTTP-REST plug-in and map these operations to the corresponding REST API methods.
 - b Modify the finder and inventory workflows to invoke these REST operations and consume their outputs.

Dynamic Types Configuration Workflows

The workflows in the Configuration package of the Dynamic Types plug-in let you create dynamic types, export and import type definitions from an XSD file, and define relations between the dynamic types you created.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Dynamic Types > Configuration** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Define Namespace	Defines a new namespace.
Define Relation	Defines a new relation between types.

Workflow Name	Description
Define Type	Defines a new type within a given namespace.
Export Configuration As Package	Exports a configuration as a package.
Import Configuration As Package	Imports a configuration as a package.
Import Type Definitions From XSD	Imports type definitions from an XSD file.
Remove Namespace	Removes a namespace.
Remove Relation	Removes a relation.
Remove Type	Removes a type.
Update Namespace	Updates a namespace.
Update Type	Updates a type.

Configuring and Using the Multi-Node Plug-In

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The Multi-Node plug-in workflow library contains workflows for hierarchical orchestration, management of Orchestrator instances, and scale-out of Orchestrator activities.

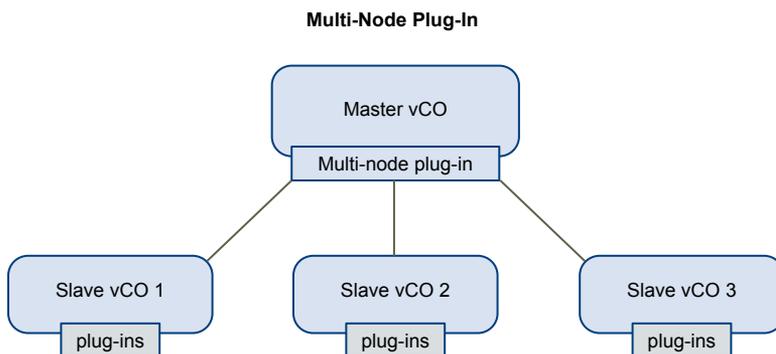
This section includes the following topics:

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Introduction to the vCenter Orchestrator Multi-Node Plug-In

The Multi-Node plug-in creates a master-slave relation between vCenter Orchestrator servers, which extends in the areas of package management and workflow execution.

Figure 19-1. Multi-Node Plug-In Schema



The plug-in contains a set of standard workflows for hierarchical orchestration, management of Orchestrator instances, and scale-out of Orchestrator activities.

Configuring the Multi-Node Plug-In

You must use the Orchestrator client to configure the Multi-Node plug-in.

Servers Configuration Workflows

The Servers Configuration workflow category contains workflows that allow you to configure the connected Orchestrator servers.

You can access these workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Servers Configuration** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a vCO server	Adds an Orchestrator server to the plug-in's inventory.
Delete a vCO server	Removes an Orchestrator server from the plug-in's inventory and deletes all created proxies for this server.
Update a vCO server	Updates an Orchestrator server from the plug-in's inventory by changing its details.

Add an Orchestrator Server

You can run a workflow to establish a connection to a new vCenter Orchestrator server.

Prerequisites

Verify that the master and slave Orchestrator servers are the same version.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > Orchestrator > Servers Configuration** and navigate to the Add a vCO server workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Add a vCO server workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 Provide the new server details.
- 6 Select whether the connection is shared.

Option	Description
No	The credentials of the logged-in user are used to connect to the remote Orchestrator server.
Yes	All users can access the remote Orchestrator server using the same credentials. Provide the credentials for the shared connection.

- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Enable Orchestrator for Remote Workflow Execution

Remote workflow execution might not start.

Problem

When you try to run a remote workflow from one Orchestrator server over another Orchestrator server, the workflow might not start.

Cause

Orchestrator does not permit the usage of the default SSL certificates. After you install or upgrade Orchestrator, a new self-signed certificate is generated. The newly generated SSL certificate is unique for each Orchestrator instance. To run remote workflows, the primary Orchestrator server must trust the SSL certificate of the remote Orchestrator server.

Solution

- 1 Verify that the remote and the primary Orchestrator servers are up and running.
- 2 Log in to the Orchestrator configuration interface of the primary Orchestrator server.
- 3 Click **Network**.
- 4 From the **IP address** drop-down menu select the IP address, which corresponds to the correct subnet (do not use multi adapter addresses such as 0.0.0.0).
- 5 Click **Apply Changes**.
- 6 In the right pane, click the **SSL Trust Manager** tab.
- 7 In the **Import from URL** text box, type the IP address and port number of the remote Orchestrator server:

`remote_orchestrator_server_IP:8250`
- 8 Click **Import**.
- 9 Click the **Startup options** tab.
- 10 Click **Restart service** to restart the Orchestrator server.

If your company policy permits the distribution of SSL keys to multiple servers, you can replicate the SSL keystore. To do that, copy the contents of the `install_directory\app-server\conf\security\jssecacerts` folder from the primary Orchestrator server machine and paste it to the same location on the remote Orchestrator server machine.

Using Proxy Workflows

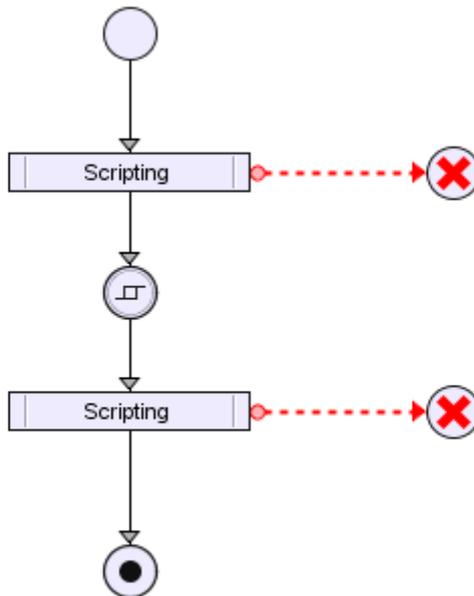
You can use proxy workflows to manage the interaction between the local Orchestrator server and workflows on a remote Orchestrator server.

You can use the Multi-Node plug-in to generate local workflows which interact with remote workflows. These local workflows are called proxy workflows. A proxy workflow takes the input parameters from the inventory of the Multi-Node plug-in. When you run the proxy workflow, it converts the parameters to the types required by the remote workflow. When the remote workflow completes its run, the output parameters are converted back to the local representation on the master Orchestrator server.

Synchronous Proxy Workflows

The synchronous type of proxy workflows preserve the API and the operation contract of the remote workflows.

The schema of all synchronous proxy workflows is the same, but contains different scripting.



The synchronous proxy workflow completes the run after the remote workflow completes and provides output parameters.

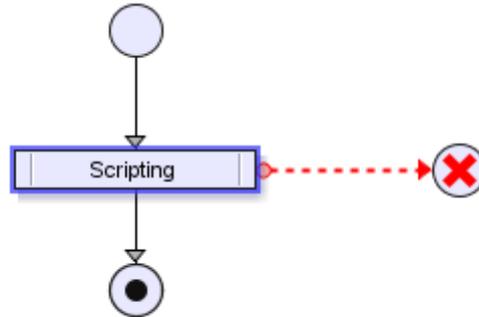
The local workflow consumes no server resources while waiting for the results of the remote workflow.

At the end of a successful run the output parameters of the proxy workflow contain a local representation of the remote workflow token. The output parameters can be used directly by other workflows on the local Orchestrator server when they are of simple type, such as, boolean, number, string, and similar.

Asynchronous Proxy Workflows

You can use asynchronous proxy workflows to optimize the run of remote workflows.

The schema of all asynchronous proxy workflows is the same, but contains different scripting.



An asynchronous proxy workflow returns immediately a result that is a local wrapper of the remote workflow token object. The proxy workflow uses this token to check the state of the run and to retrieve the output parameters when the remote workflow completes its run. The output parameters can be used directly by other workflows on the local Orchestrator server when they are of simple type, such as, boolean, number, string, and similar.

Remote Execution Workflows

The Remote Execution workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage proxy workflows.

Remote Execution Standart Workflows

You can access the workflows to create proxy workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Execution** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Create a multi proxy action	Creates a multi-proxy action to run workflows on multiple servers.
Create a proxy workflow	Creates a proxy workflow that you can use to start a workflow on a remote Orchestrator server.
Create proxy workflows from a folder	Creates proxy workflows for all workflows in a folder on the remote Orchestrator server.

Server Proxies

You can access the workflows for managing server proxies from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Execution > Server Proxies** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Create proxy workflows for a vCO server	Creates proxy workflows on the local Orchestrator server by mirroring the remote server's structure.
Delete proxy workflows for a vCO server	Removes the proxy workflows for the local Orchestrator server and deletes all generated workflows.
Refresh proxy workflows for a vCO server	Regenerates all proxy workflows for the local Orchestrator server from the remote server.

Using the Multi-Node Plug-In Inventory

The Multi-Node plug-in mirrors all inventories of the connected vCenter Orchestrator servers in the **Inventory** view. You can use the **Inventory** view to add authorization elements or to run workflows on remote Orchestrator servers.

You can enable the **Use contextual menu in inventory** option to display the workflows that are available for an inventory object. After the option is enabled, when you right-click an object in the Orchestrator inventory, all available workflows for the object are displayed.

The inventory for a single remote server consist of two major parts, system objects and plug-in objects. Both objects are wrappers of the remote objects into locally usable types:

System object	System objects are under a top-level group called System . They contain configurations, packages, workflows, actions, and related folders. Remote system objects have individual wrapper types.
Plug-in objects	Plug-in objects mirror the inventories of all plug-ins attached to the remote Orchestrator server. Remote plug-in objects are all wrapped into a single local type VCO:RemotePluginObject .

Remote Management Workflows

The Remote Management workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage packages and workflows on remote Orchestrator instances.

Packages

You can access the workflows for managing remote packages from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Management > Packages** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Delete a package	Deletes a package and its contents from a remote Orchestrator server.
Delete a package by name	Deletes a package and its contents by name on a remote Orchestrator server.
Deploy a package from a local server	Deploys a package from a local Orchestrator server to remote Orchestrator servers.
Deploy a package from a remote server	Deploys a package from one remote Orchestrator server to a list of remote Orchestrator servers.
Deploy packages from a local server	Deploys packages from a local Orchestrator server to remote Orchestrator servers.

Workflows

You can access the workflows for managing remote workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Management > Workflows** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	
Delete a remote workflow	Deletes a workflow from a remote Orchestrator server.
Delete all finished workflow runs	Deletes all finished workflow runs from a remote workflow.
Deploy a workflow from a local server	Deploys a workflow from a local Orchestrator server to a list of remote Orchestrator servers.
Deploy a workflow from a remote server	Deploys a workflow from a remote Orchestrator server to a list of other remote Orchestrator servers.

Access the Multi-Node Plug-In API

Orchestrator provides an API Explorer to allow you to search the Multi-Node plug-in API and see the documentation for JavaScript objects that you can use in scripted elements.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Access the API Explorer from either the Orchestrator client or from the **Scripting** tabs of the workflow, policy, and action editors.
 - To access the API Explorer from the Orchestrator client, click **Tools > API Explorer** in the Orchestrator client toolbar.
 - To access the API Explorer from the **Scripting** tabs of the workflow, policy, and action editors, click **Search API** on the left.
- 3 To expand the hierarchical list of Multi-Node plug-in API objects, double-click the **VCO** module in the left pane.

What to do next

You can copy code from API elements and paste it into scripting boxes. For more information about API scripting, see *Developing with VMware vCenter Orchestrator*.

Multi-Node Plug-In Use Cases

The Multi-Node plug-in use cases include user scenarios such as importing a package from the local Orchestrator server to the remote servers, using multi proxy actions, as well as information about maintenance of remote and proxy workflows.

Create a Multi-Proxy Action

You can run the Create a multi-proxy action workflow to run a workflow on several servers.

You can create an action, so that you can run a workflow on a remote Orchestrator server at a later stage.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Execution** and navigate to the Create a multi-proxy action workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Create a multi-proxy action workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Action name** text box, type the name of the action.
The action name must contain only alpha-numeric characters without spaces.
A new action is created even if another action with the same name exists.
- 6 Select a module in which to add the action.
- 7 Select whether the workflow is local or remote.
- 8 Select the workflow that you want to use for this action.
- 9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

The generated action accepts the same parameters as the source workflow but promotes the parameters to an array in case of multi selection of objects. The values in the array are indexed.

Maintenance of Remote and Proxy Workflows

If the remote and proxy workflows change, you might want to update the proxies or to delete them if you do not need them anymore. For maintenance purposes, the Multi-Node plug-in provides workflows that allow you to update or delete proxy and remote workflow information.

You can access the workflows for managing the proxy workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Execution > Server Proxies** in the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Refresh proxy workflows for a vCO server	Regenerates all proxy workflows for the local Orchestrator server from the remote server.
Delete proxy workflows for a vCO server	Removes the proxy workflows for the local Orchestrator server and deletes all generated workflows.

You can access workflows for further maintenance of the proxy workflows from **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Management > Workflows** in the **Workflows** view of the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Delete all finished workflow runs	Deletes all finished workflow runs from a remote workflow.
Delete a remote workflow	Deletes a workflow from a remote Orchestrator server.
Deploy a workflow from a local server	Deploys a workflow from a local Orchestrator server to a list of remote Orchestrator servers.

Deploy a Package from a Local Server

You can run a workflow to deploy a package from a local Orchestrator server to remote Orchestrator servers.

In this example, you can deploy a package from a local server to an array of remote servers.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the hierarchical list of workflows, select **Library > Orchestrator > Remote Management** and navigate to the Deploy a package from a local server workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Deploy a package from a local server and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 Select the package to deploy from the local storage.
- 6 Select the remote servers to deploy the package to.
- 7 Select whether you want to overwrite the remote server packages.

Option	Description
Yes	The packages on the remote server are replaced, discarding the version of the packaged elements.
No	A version check of the server and the deploying packages is performed. The packages are deployed after a successful check.

- 8 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After running the workflow, the status information is displayed in the log view and in the inventory of the plug-in.

Using the PowerShell Plug-In

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The PowerShell plug-in workflow library contains workflows that allow you to manage PowerShell hosts and run custom PowerShell operations.

You can use the **Inventory** view in the Orchestrator client to manage the available PowerShell resources. You can use the scripting API of the plug-in to develop custom workflows.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Using the PowerShell Plug-In Inventory](#)
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- [Running PowerShell Scripts](#)
- [Generating Actions](#)
- [Passing Invocation Results Between Actions](#)
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Using the PowerShell Plug-In Inventory

The PowerShell plug-in exposes all objects in the connected PowerShell hosts in the **Inventory** view. You can use the **Inventory** view to add authorization elements or to run workflows on PowerShell objects.

Within the inventory of the plug-in, you can monitor PowerShell hosts and their snap-ins and cmdlets. Each remote host can contain snap-ins and each snap-in can contain cmdlets.

You can enable the **Use contextual menu in inventory** option to display the workflows that are available for an inventory object. After the option is enabled, when you right-click an object in the Orchestrator inventory, all available workflows for the object are displayed.

Configuring the PowerShell Plug-In

You must use the Orchestrator client to configure the PowerShell plug-in.

Configuration Workflows

The Configuration workflow category contains workflows that allow you to manage PowerShell hosts.

You can access these workflows from **Library > PowerShell > Configuration** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Add a PowerShell host	Adds a PowerShell host to the plug-in's inventory.
Remove a PowerShell host	Removes a PowerShell host from the plug-in's inventory.
Update a PowerShell host	Updates the specified PowerShell host in the plug-in's inventory.
Validate a PowerShell host	Validates the specified PowerShell host's configuration.

Configure Kerberos Authentication

You can use Kerberos authentication when you add a host.

The `krb5.conf` file contains the following information:

- Kerberos configuration information
- Locations of Key Distribution Centers (KDC) and administration servers for the Kerberos realms of interest
- Default values for the current realm and for Kerberos applications
- Mappings of host names onto Kerberos realms

Procedure

- ◆ Create a `krb5.conf` file and save it to the following location.

Operating System	Path
Windows	C:\Program Files\Common Files\VMware\VMware vCenter Server - Java Components\lib\security\
Linux	/usr/java/jre-vmware/lib/security/

A `krb5.conf` file has the following structure:

```
[libdefaults]
default_realm = YOURDOMAIN.COM
udp_preference_limit = 1
[realms]
YOURDOMAIN.COM = {
kdc = kdc.yourdomain.com
default_domain = yourdomain.com
```

```

}
[domain_realm]
.yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM
yourdomain.com=YOURDOMAIN.COM

```

Note The Kerberos authentication requires a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) host address.

Important When you add or modify the `krb5.conf` file, you must restart the Orchestrator server service.

Add a PowerShell Host

You can run a workflow to add a PowerShell host and configure the host connection parameters. You can set up a connection to a remote or a local PowerShell host.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 3 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > PowerShell > Configuration** and navigate to the Add a PowerShell host workflow.
- 4 Right-click the Add a PowerShell host workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the name of the host.
- 6 In the **Host / IP** text box, type the address of the host.

Note The Kerberos authentication requires a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) host address.

- 7 (Optional) In the **Port** text box, type the port of the host.
- 8 Select the PowerShell host type that the plug-in connects to.
 - a Select a transport protocol.

Note If you use the HTTPS transport protocol, the certificate of the remote PowerShell host is imported into the Orchestrator keystore.

- b Select the authentication type.

Important If you want to use Kerberos authentication, you must enable it on the WinRM service.

- 9 Select the type of session mode that the plug-in uses to connect to the PowerShell host.

Option	Description
Shared Session	The plug-in uses shared credentials to connect to the remote host. You must provide the PowerShell host credentials for the shared session.
Per User Session	The Orchestrator client retrieves credentials from the user who is logged in.

10 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

After the workflow runs successfully, the PowerShell host appears in the **Inventory** view.

Running PowerShell Scripts

You can run workflows to invoke an external or custom script on a PowerShell host.

Invoke a PowerShell Script

You can run an existing or custom PowerShell script on a host in the plug-in's inventory.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a PowerShell host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > PowerShell** and navigate to the Invoke a PowerShell script workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Invoke a PowerShell script workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a PowerShell host on which to run the script.
- 5 In the **Script** text box, type or paste the PowerShell script that you want to run.
- 6 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Invoke an External Script

You can run an external PowerShell script on a host in the plug-in's inventory.

External PowerShell scripts are contained in `.ps1` files. The `.ps1` file that you want to run must be located on the PowerShell host.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a PowerShell host from the **Inventory** view.
- Verify that you have access to other `.ps1` files that the script might reference.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > PowerShell** and navigate to the Invoke an external script workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Invoke an external script workflow and select **Start workflow**.

- 4 Select a PowerShell host on which to run the script.
- 5 In the **Name** text box, type the filename of the external .ps1 script that you want to run.

Note If the .ps1 file is not in the default folder, you must type the absolute filepath. You can use system environment variables to specify script paths. For example, `$env:HOME\test1.ps1`.

- 6 In the **Arguments** text box, type the script arguments.
The valid syntax is the same as that used in the PowerShell console.
- 7 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

Generating Actions

You can run workflows to generate actions based on a PowerShell script or a PowerShell cmdlet. You can use the generated actions as building blocks for custom workflows.

Generate an Action from a PowerShell Script

You can run a workflow to generate an action from a PowerShell script that you provide. You can optionally generate a sample workflow that can run the generated action.

You can customize the script of the action that you generate by using placeholders. For each placeholder, the workflow creates a corresponding action parameter of type `string` in the generated action. When you run the action, you can provide an actual value as the action parameter. The value that you provide replaces the placeholder.

Prerequisites

- Verify that you are logged in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- Verify that you have a connection to a PowerShell host from the **Inventory** view.

Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > PowerShell > Generate** and navigate to the Generate an action from a PowerShell script workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Generate an action from a PowerShell script workflow and select **Start workflow**.

- In the **Script** text box, type or paste the PowerShell script from which to generate the action.

Note You can use `{#ParamName#}` as a placeholder for user input. If the placeholder is of type string, you must use double quotes to pass the value of the placeholder to the action.

The following script is an example of how to link the generated action parameter to a script parameter.

```
param($name={#ParamName#})
echo $name;
```

- In the **Name** text box, type a name for the action that you want to generate.
- Select an existing module in which to generate the action.
- Select whether to generate a workflow.

Option	Description
Yes	Generates a sample workflow that can run the generated action. You must select a folder in which to generate the workflow. Note The name of the generated workflow consists of the predefined string Invoke Script and the name of the generated action.
No	A sample workflow is not generated.

- Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

What to do next

You can integrate the generated action in custom workflows.

Generate an Action for a PowerShell Cmdlet

You can run a workflow to generate an action for a PowerShell cmdlet and parameter set that you provide. With this action, you can use PowerShell functionality in Orchestrator. You can optionally generate a sample workflow that can run the generated action.

You can use a large set of data types with the PowerShell script engine. The data types that you can use include primitive types such as Integer, Boolean, Char, any type available from the .NET assembly, or user-defined types. When generating actions based on PowerShell cmdlet definitions, the input and output cmdlet parameters are represented by types that the Orchestrator platform supports. The PowerShell plug-in defines the type mappings. In general, primitive types are mapped to the corresponding Orchestrator types, and complex types are represented by the PowerShellRemotePSObject object.

Prerequisites

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Procedure

- 1 Click the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.
- 2 In the workflows hierarchical list, select **Library > PowerShell > Generate** and navigate to the Generate an action for a PowerShell cmdlet workflow.
- 3 Right-click the Generate an action for a PowerShell cmdlet workflow and select **Start workflow**.
- 4 Select a PowerShell cmdlet to run when using the action that you generate.
- 5 Select a parameter set for the cmdlet.

The parameter set definition values appear in the **Parameter set definition** text box.

Note You cannot modify the parameter set definition values by editing the string in the **Parameter set definition** text box. You can review the string for information about the parameters that the parameter set contains.

- 6 In the **Name** text box, type a name for the action that you want to generate.
- 7 Select an existing module in which to generate the action.
- 8 Select whether to generate a workflow.

Option	Description
Yes	Generates a sample workflow that can run the generated action. You should select a folder in which to generate the workflow. Note The name of the generated workflow consists of the predefined string <code>Execute Cmdlet</code> and the name of the generated action.
No	A sample workflow is not generated.

- 9 Click **Submit** to run the workflow.

What to do next

You can integrate the generated action in custom workflows.

Passing Invocation Results Between Actions

The PowerShell plug-in supports passing of results as parameters from one PowerShell script invocation to another. To pass results correctly, both invocations must happen in the same session.

PowerCLI Integration with the PowerShell Plug-In

You can use functionality that is available in a third-party snap-in, such as VMware vSphere PowerCLI, with the PowerShell plug-in.

To use the third-party snap-in functionality, the snap-in must be available on the PowerShell host. To load the snap-in in the current session, you must also call the `AddPsSnapin` action. When using PowerCLI, you must set the name of the snap-in to `VMware.VimAutomation.Core`.

The PowerShell plug-in does not provide pre-generated actions for third-party snap-ins. You can generate actions for third-party snap-ins by running the Generate an action for a PowerShell cmdlet workflow. See [Generate an Action for a PowerShell Cmdlet](#).

The `com.vmware.library.powershell.converter` package contains basic building blocks that allow conversion from a vCO VC: <SomeObjectType> object, to the corresponding object from PowerCLI. This feature allows workflows from the vCenter Server plug-in to interact with workflows from the PowerShell plug-in and to pass parameters between the two plug-ins.

Converter Workflows

You can use the sample workflows from the Converter workflow category to test the integration between the PowerShell plug-in and PowerCLI. To test the integration, PowerCLI must be installed on the PowerShell host.

The Converter sample workflows demonstrate the conversion functionality available in the plug-in.

Note The PowerShell plug-in does not support all types that are available in PowerCLI and the vCenter Server plug-in. Unsupported types return an exception.

You can access these workflows from **Library > PowerShell > Samples > Converter** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Convert PSObject to vCO object	Converts PowerShellRemotePSObject to VC: <SomeObjectType>.
Convert PSObject to vCO object to PSObject	Converts PowerShellRemotePSObject to VC: <SomeObjectType> and the reverse.
Convert vCO object to PSObject	Converts VC: <SomeObjectType> to PowerShellRemotePSObject.

Sample Workflows

The Samples workflow category contains workflows that allow you to test basic use cases.

You can access these workflows from **Library > PowerShell > Samples** on the **Workflows** view in the Orchestrator client.

Workflow Name	Description
Invoke a script via API	Demonstrates how to call a PowerShell script through the available scripting API.
List directory content	Lists the contents of a directory.
Pipeline execution example	Demonstrates how you can run multiple cmdlets arranged into a pipe.
Toggle virtual machine state	Toggles the power state of a virtual machine.

Access the PowerShell Plug-In API

Orchestrator provides an API Explorer to allow you to search the PowerShell plug-in API and see the documentation for JavaScript objects that you can use in scripted elements.

Procedure

- 1 Log in to the Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2 Access the API Explorer from either the Orchestrator client or from the **Scripting** tabs of the workflow, policy, and action editors.
 - To access the API Explorer from the Orchestrator client, click **Tools > API Explorer** in the Orchestrator client toolbar.
 - To access the API Explorer from the **Scripting** tabs of the workflow, policy, and action editors, click **Search API** on the left.
- 3 To expand the hierarchical list of PowerShell plug-in API objects, double-click the **PowerShell** module in the left pane.

What to do next

You can copy code from API elements and paste it into scripting boxes. For more information about API scripting, see *Developing with VMware vCenter Orchestrator*.

Working with PowerShell Results

You can use objects from the API of the PowerShell plug-in to work with results that Windows PowerShell returns.

You can use the methods from the `PowerShellInvocationResult` class to get information about a script that you run.

Method	Description
<code>getErrors()</code>	Returns a list of errors reported by the PowerShell engine during script invocation.
<code>getInvocationState()</code>	Status of the script. The possible values are <code>Completed</code> or <code>Failed</code> .
<code>getHostOutput()</code>	Output of the script as it appears on the PowerShell console.
<code>getResults()</code>	Objects returned by the PowerShell engine. The returned object is of type <code>PowerShellRemotePSObject</code> .

`PowerShellRemotePSObject` is a remote representation of objects returned by the PowerShell engine. `PowerShellRemotePSObject` contains XML serialization of the result that can be accessed by calling the `getXml()` method.

The PowerShell plug-in also provides an object model that wraps the XML result and provides easier access to particular object properties. The `getRootObject()` method provides access to the object model. In general, the `getRootObject()` method maps the PowerShell types to types available in Orchestrator, by using the following rules.

- If the returned object is of a primitive PowerShell type, the object is mapped to the corresponding Orchestrator primitive type.
- If the returned object is of type collection, the object is represented as `ArrayList`.
- If the returned object is of type dictionary, the object is represented as `Hashtable`.
- If the returned object is of type complex, the object is represented as `PSObject`.

Examples of Scripts for Common PowerShell Tasks

You can cut, paste, and edit the JavaScript examples to write scripts for common PowerShell tasks.

For more information about scripting, see the *vCenter Orchestrator Developer's Guide*.

Example: Run a PowerShell Script Through the API

You can use JavaScript to run a PowerShell script through the API of the plug-in.

This example script performs the following actions.

- Opens a session to a PowerShell host.
- Provides a script to run.
- Checks invocation results.
- Closes the session.

```
var sess;
try {
    //Open session to PowerShell host
    var sess = host.openSession()
    //Set executed script
    var result = sess.invokeScript('dir')

    //Check for errors
    if (result.invocationState == 'Failed'){
        throw "PowerShellInvocationError: Errors found while executing script \n" +
result.getErrors();
    }
    //Show result
    System.log( result.getHostOutput() );
} catch (ex){
    System.error (ex)
} finally {
    if (sess) {
```

```

//Close session
host.closeSession( sess.getSessionId() );
}
}

```

Example: Work with Result

You can use JavaScript to work with the result of a PowerShell script run.

This example script performs the following actions.

- Checks the invocation state.
- Extracts a value from the result.
- Checks the RemotePSObject type.

```

var sess = host.openSession()
sess.addCommandFromString("dir " + directory)
var invResult = sess.invokePipeline();
//Show result
System.log( invResult.getHostOutput() );

//Check for errors
if (invResult.invocationState == 'Failed'){
System.error(invResult.getErrors());
} else {
//Get PowerShellRemotePSObject
var psObject = invResult.getResults();
var directories = psObject.getRootObject();

var isList = directories instanceof Array
if ( isList ){
for (idx in directories){
var item = directories[idx];
if ( item instanceof('System.IO.FileInfo') ){//Check type of object
System.log( item.getProperty('FullName') );//Extract value from result
}
}
} else {
System.log( directories.getProperty('FullName') );//Extract value from result
}
}

host.closeSession( sess.getSessionId());

```

Example: Connect with Custom Credentials

You can use JavaScript to connect to a PowerShell host with custom credentials.

```

var sess;
try {
sess = host.openSessionAs(userName, password);

```

```

var invResult = sess.invokeScript('$env:username');

//Check for errors
if (invResult.invocationState == 'Failed'){
    System.error(invResult.getErrors());
} else {
    //Show result
    System.log( invResult.getHostOutput() );
}
} catch (ex){
    System.error (ex)
} finally {
    if (sess) {
        host.closeSession( sess.getSessionId());
    }
}
}

```

Troubleshooting

If you encounter problems when running or using PowerShell plug-in, you can use a troubleshooting topic to understand and solve the problem, if there is a workaround.

Servers Not Found in Kerberos Database

After you add servers with Kerberos authentication, the servers might not be found because they are not added correctly.

Problem

When you try to connect to a server, the server is not found in Kerberos database.

```

No valid credentials provided (Mechanism level: No valid
credentials provided (Mechanism level: Server not found in Kerberos
database (7)))

```

Cause

This error might be caused by domain or mapping problems, or because of a DNS problem where the service principal name is not built correctly. Kerberos authentication does not work when the destination is an IP address.

Solution

When you add a PowerShell host using the Kerberos authentication type a DNS or NetBIOS destination.

Unable to Obtain a Kerberos Ticket

When you provide wrong credentials, the plug-in fails to obtain a Kerberos ticket.

Problem

You are unable to add a host to the plug-in's inventory and the result is the following error message.

```
Pre-authentication information was invalid (24)
```

Cause

You have provided wrong credentials.

Solution

Provide the correct credentials.

Kerberos Authentication Fails Due to Time Differences

System time differences in the environment that uses Kerberos configuration might lead to authentication failure.

Problem

Attempts to use Kerberos for initial authentication of a host or for resource access fail and the following error message appears.

```
Clock Skew
```

Cause

If the system time on the computers in the environment differs with more than 5 minutes from the client computer or from one another, the Kerberos authentication fails.

Solution

Synchronize the system times in the environment.

Kerberos Authentication Session Mode Fails

When you use Kerberos authentication with Shared Session or Session per User, adding the PowerShell host might fail.

Problem

When you attempt to add a PowerShell host to the plug-in's inventory using Shared Session or Session per User, the workflow fails, and the following error appears.

```
Null realm name (601) - default realm not specified (Dynamic Script Module name :  
addPowerShellHost#16)
```

Cause

The default realm is not specified in the Kerberos configuration file `krb5.conf` neither provided as a part of the user name.

Solution

Provide a default realm in your Kerberos configuration file or specify the realm in your user name when authenticating Kerberos.

Unable to Reach a Key Distribution Center for a Realm

Any misspelling in the `krb5.conf` file might cause a failure when you add a host.

Problem

When you are adding a host, the Kerberos authentication is unable to reach a Key Distribution Center (KDC) for *yourrealm*.

```
Cannot get kdc for realm YOURREALM.COM
```

Cause

The `libdefaults` and `realms` sections in the `krb5.conf` file might be misspelled.

Solution

Verify that the `libdefaults` and `realms` sections in your `krb5.conf` file are spelled correctly.