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Using the vSphere Replication Plug-In

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Using vSphere Replication Plug-In provides information and instructions about configuring and using the VMware® vRealize Orchestrator plug-in for VMware vSphere Replication.

Intended Audience

The information in *Using vSphere Replication Plug-In* is intended for experienced administrators who want to automate replication and configuration tasks on a vSphere environment using the vSphere Replication plug-in. The information is written for experienced users who are familiar with virtual machine technology, with vRealize Orchestrator workflow development, and with VMware vSphere Replication.

For more information about vRealize Orchestrator, see http://www.vmware.com/support/pubs/orchestrator_pubs.html.

For more information about vSphere Replication, see <https://www.vmware.com/support/pubs/vsphere-replication-pubs.html>.

Automated Operations that vRealize Orchestrator Plug-In for vSphere Replication Provides

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The vRealize Orchestrator plug-in for vSphere Replication extends automation capabilities for certain vSphere Replication operations.

The vSphere Replication plug-in includes vRealize Orchestrator actions, workflows, policy templates to trigger actions when certain events occur, and scripting objects to expose selected elements of the vSphere Replication API to workflows. With the plug-in you can automate the configuration of replication for virtual machines, run migrations and real recoveries, manage local and remote site, and synchronize virtual machine data.

The plug-in provides actions and workflows to configure and manage replications:

- Configure outgoing replication for virtual machines to target vCenter Server or cloud site
- Configure incoming replication for virtual machines from target vCenter Server or cloud site
- Pause, resume or stop outgoing replication for virtual machines to target vCenter Server or cloud site
- Pause, resume or stop incoming replication for virtual machines from target vCenter Server or cloud site

The plug-in provides actions and workflows to run recovery:

- Run planned migration to or from target cloud site
- Run real recovery to or from target cloud site
- Run test clean to and from target cloud site
- Run test recovery to and from target cloud site

The plug-in provides actions and workflows to manage remote sites:

- Pair local site with target vCenter Server or cloud site
- Register standalone organization, cloud or vCenter Server site
- Unregister standalone organization, cloud or vCenter Server site

The plug-in provides actions and workflows to synchronize virtual machine data:

- Full synchronization to target vCenter Server or cloud site
- Offline synchronization to or from target cloud site
- Offline synchronization to target vCenter Server site
- Synchronize replication to or from target cloud site
- Synchronize replication to target vCenter Server site

Installing the vSphere Replication Plug-In

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To create and run workflows on the local vSphere Replication site, you must install and configure the vSphere Replication plug-in in vRealize Orchestrator.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Functional Prerequisites,”](#) on page 9
- [“Installing, Upgrading, and Uninstalling the vSphere Replication Plug-In,”](#) on page 10

Functional Prerequisites

To install and use the vSphere Replication plug-in, your system must meet certain functional prerequisites.

vSphere Replication

Verify that the version of your vSphere Replication plug-in is compatible with your vSphere Replication.

For information about the compatibility between the vSphere Replication plug-in and vSphere Replication, see *VMware vRealize Orchestrator Plug-In for vSphere Replication 6.5 Release Notes*.

For information about setting up vSphere Replication, see the *vSphere Replication Installation and Configuration* documentation.

vRealize Orchestrator

Verify that you have a running instance of vRealize Orchestrator and its version is compatible with the versions of your vSphere Replication and vSphere Replication plug-in.

For information about the compatibility between vSphere Replication and Orchestrator, see the *vSphere Replication 6.5 Release Notes* and *Compatibility matrices for vSphere Replication* documentation.

For information about setting up vRealize Orchestrator, logging in the Orchestrator client, and available authentication methods, see the *Installing and Configuring VMware vRealize Orchestrator* documentation.

Other Prerequisites

Verify that you have installed the vCenter Server plug-in for vRealize Orchestrator. See the *Using the vCenter Server Plug-In* topic in the vRealize Orchestrator documentation.

Installing, Upgrading, and Uninstalling the vSphere Replication Plug-In

You can use the vSphere Replication plug-in after you install it in an Orchestrator instance. The version of vSphere Replication plug-in must be compatible with your vSphere Replication and Orchestrator.

Installing the vSphere Replication Plug-In

You can install the vSphere Replication plug-in if your Orchestrator instance is configured to work with your vSphere environment.

You must configure Orchestrator to use the vSphere environment. For information about how to configure your Orchestrator to work with a vSphere environment, see the *Configuring vRealize Orchestrator* section in the *Installing and Configuring VMware Realize Orchestrator* documentation.

You can download the vSphere Replication plug-in installation .vmoapp file from the download page of vSphere Replication.

You can install the vSphere Replication plug-in by using the https://your_orchestrator_server:8283/vco-controlcenter configuration interface. For information about how to install the .vmoapp file on your Orchestrator instance, see the *Manage the Orchestrator Plug-Ins* topic in the *Installing and Configuring VMware Realize Orchestrator* documentation.

Upgrading the vSphere Replication Plug-In

You can upgrade your vSphere Replication plug-in by installing the new version.

Using the vSphere Replication Plug-In Workflows

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The vSphere Replication plug-in workflow library contains workflows that you can use to automate vSphere Replication tasks. With the predefined workflows you configure and control replication for virtual machines, add, pair or remove remote sites, run test, recovery, and cleanup to and from cloud sites. You can use the predefined workflows and the scripting API of the plug-in to create custom workflows.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Available Workflows in vSphere Replication Plug-In,”](#) on page 11
- [“Prerequisites for Using the vSphere Replication Plug-In,”](#) on page 13
- [“Configure Replication Workflows,”](#) on page 14
- [“Pause Workflows,”](#) on page 17
- [“Recover from Cloud Workflows,”](#) on page 18
- [“Recover to Cloud Workflows,”](#) on page 20
- [“Remote Site Management Workflows,”](#) on page 23
- [“Resume Workflows,”](#) on page 25
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- [“Sync Workflows,”](#) on page 27

Available Workflows in vSphere Replication Plug-In

vSphere Replication plug-in provides Configure, Pause, Resume, Stop Replication workflows, Recover from and to Cloud workflows, Remote Site Management and Synchronization workflows.

Table 4-1. Configure Replication Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Configure Replication	Configure replication for a virtual machine from local site to a target vCenter Server site
Configure Replication from Cloud	Configure replication for a virtual machine from target cloud site to local site
Configure Replication to Cloud	Configure replication for a virtual machine from local site to a target cloud site
Protect Multiple VMs	Configure replication for multiple virtual machines to target cloud or vCenter Server site
Reverse a Cloud Replication	Reverse replication for a recovered virtual machine on target cloud site

Table 4-2. Pause Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Pause Replication from Cloud	Pause replication for a virtual machine from cloud to local site
Pause Replication to Cloud	Pause replication for a virtual machine from local to target cloud site
Pause Replication to VC	Pause replication for a virtual machine from local site to remote vCenter Server site

Table 4-3. Recover from Cloud Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Run Planned Migration from Cloud	Migrate a virtual machine from target cloud site to local site
Run Real Recovery from Cloud	Recover a virtual machine replicated from remote cloud site to local site
Run Test Cleanup from Cloud	Clean up test recovery results for a replicated virtual machine from remote cloud site to local site
Run Test Recovery from Cloud	Run a test recovery for a replicated virtual machine from remote cloud site to local site

Table 4-4. Recover to Cloud Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Run Planned Migration to Cloud	Migrate a virtual machine from local site to target cloud site
Run Real Recovery to Cloud	Recover a virtual machine replicated from local site to target cloud site
Run Test Cleanup at the Cloud Site	Clean up test recovery results for a replicated virtual machine at the target cloud site
Run Test Cleanup to Cloud	Clean up test recovery result for a virtual machine replicated to target cloud site
Run Test Recovery at the Cloud Site	Run a test recovery at the target cloud site for a virtual machine replicated to the target cloud site
Run Test Recovery to Cloud	Run a test recovery at the local site for a virtual machine replicated to the target cloud site

Table 4-5. Pair Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Pair with a VC Site	Connect and pair local site to a remote vCenter Server site
Pair with Cloud Site	Connect and pair local site to a remote cloud site
Register Cloud Site	Register login credentials for a paired cloud site
Register Standalone Org	Register login credentials for a paired standalone organization
Register VC site	Register login credentials for a paired vCenter Server site
Unregister Cloud Site	Delete stored login credentials for a paired cloud site
Unregister Standalone Org	Delete stored login credentials for a paired cloud site
Unregister VC Site	Delete stored login credentials for a paired vCenter Server site

Table 4-6. Resume Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Resume Replication from Cloud	Resume replication for a virtual machine from cloud to local site
Resume Replication to Cloud	Resume replication for a virtual machine from local to cloud site
Resume Replication to VC	Resume replication for a virtual machine from local site to remote vCenter Server site

Table 4-7. Stop Replication Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Stop Replication	Stop replication for a virtual machine from local site to remote vCenter Server site
Stop Replication from Cloud	Stop replication for a virtual machine from cloud to local site
Stop Replication to Cloud	Stop replication for a virtual machine from local to cloud site

Table 4-8. Sync Workflows

Workflow	Description of operation
Full Sync Replication to Cloud	Run initial full synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to cloud site
Full Sync Replication to VC	Run initial full synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to remote vCenter Server site
Offline Sync Replication from Cloud	Run offline synchronization for a replicated virtual machine from remote cloud site
Offline Sync Replication to Cloud	Run offline synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to remote cloud site
Offline Sync Replication to VC	Run offline synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to remote vCenter Server site
Sync Replication from Cloud	Run delta synchronization for a replicated virtual machine from remote cloud site
Sync Replication to Cloud	Run delta synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to remote cloud site
Sync Replication to VC	Run delta synchronization for a replicated virtual machine to remote vCenter Server site

Prerequisites for Using the vSphere Replication Plug-In

To use vSphere Replication plug-in, your environment must meet certain requirements.

- Before managing the objects in your vSphere inventory by using Orchestrator and running workflows on the objects, you must configure the vCenter Server plug-in and define the connection parameters between Orchestrator and the vCenter Server you want to orchestrate. For information about how to configure your Orchestrator to work with a vSphere environment, see the *Configuring vRealize Orchestrator* section in the *Installing and Configuring VMware Realize Orchestrator* documentation.
- Before running workflows to or from a target site, verify that you have registered the target site with the available workflows under **vSphere Replication > Remote Site Management**.

Configure Replication Workflows

With **Configure Replication** workflows in vSphere Replication plug-in, you can configure replication for virtual machines between the local site and remote vCenter Server or cloud sites.

When you configure a virtual machine for replication, vSphere Replication starts an initial configuration task during which a replica virtual machine is created on the target site, and data synchronization occurs between the source and the target site. You can set multiple point in time (MPIT) instances in the recovery settings of the selected workflow. vSphere Replication retains a maximum of 24 of snapshot instances of the virtual machine on the target site.

You can configure replications for powered-off virtual machines, but the data synchronization begins when the virtual machine is powered on. When the source virtual machine is powered off, the replication appears in **Not active** status.

Running Configure Replication Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Configure Replication** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Configure Replication**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Configure Replication Workflow

The workflow configures replication for a virtual machine from the local site to another vCenter Server site.

If the virtual machine is not powered on, replication is configured but full initial synchronization is completed upon powering on the virtual machine. You cannot run the workflow for a virtual machine which has replication configured.

Table 4-9. Configure Replication Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Source	Site	Local vSphere site
	Source VM	Virtual machine to be replicated
Target	Site	Remote vSphere site
	Target Datastore	Remote datastore to replicate to
Replication Settings	RPO in minutes	Recovery point objective in minutes (default value is 240)
	Guest OS quiescing	Enabling OS quiescing improves data consistency, but limits RPO time
	Network compression	Enabling replication data compression reduces network bandwidth, but increases CPU utilization
	Point in time instances	Maximum supported number of snapshots per virtual machine is 24

Table 4-9. Configure Replication Workflow Inputs (Continued)

Input	Description		
	Points in time enabled	Instances per day (multiplied by number of days should not exceed 24)	Number of snapshots taken per day
		Number of days	Number of days for which snapshots are kept

Configure Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow configures replication for a virtual machine or vApp from a cloud site to the local site.

If the virtual machine is not powered on, replication is configured but full initial synchronization is completed when the virtual machine is powered on. You cannot run the workflow for a virtual machine which has replication configured.

Table 4-10. Configure Replication from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Source	Cloud Site	Remote cloud site
	Source vApp	vApp or virtual machine to be replicated
Target	Datastore	Local datastore to replicate to
Replication Settings	RPO in minutes	Recovery point objective in minutes (default value is 240)
	Guest OS quiescing	Enabling OS quiescing improves data consistency, but limits RPO time
	Network compression	Enabling replication data compression reduces network bandwidth, but increases CPU utilization
	Point in time instances	Maximum supported number of snapshots per virtual machine is 24
	Points in time enabled	Instances per day (multiplied by number of days should not exceed 24)
	Number of days	Number of days for which snapshots are kept

Configure Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow configures replication for a virtual machine from the local site to a registered cloud site.

If the virtual machine is not powered on, replication is configured but full initial synchronization is completed upon powering on the virtual machine. You cannot run the workflow for a virtual machine which has replication configured.

Table 4-11. Configure Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Source	Site	Local vSphere site
	Source VM	Virtual machine to be replicated
Target	Cloud Site	Remote cloud site
	Use replication seeds	Use virtual machine disk files for initial synchronization
	A previously imported vApp to use as a replication seed	vApp or virtual machine with imported replication seed

Table 4-11. Configure Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs (Continued)

Input		Description
Replication Settings	RPO in minutes	Recovery point objective in minutes (default value is 240)
	Guest OS quiescing	Enabling OS quiescing improves data consistency, but limits RPO time
	Network compression	Enabling replication data compression reduces network bandwidth, but increases CPU utilization
	Point in time instances	Maximum number of supported snapshots per virtual machine is 24
	Points in time enabled	Instances per day (multiplied by number of days should not exceed 24)
	Number of days	Number of days for which snapshots are kept

Protect Multiple Virtual Machines Workflow

The workflow configures replication for multiple virtual machines from the local site to remote vSphere or cloud site.

If one or all of the selected virtual machines are not powered on, replication is configured but full initial synchronization is completed upon powering on the virtual machines. You can run the workflow with a replicated virtual machine included in the VM array, however the workflow does not reconfigure replication for that virtual machine. The rest of the virtual machines included in the VM array which are not already replicated are configured for replication.

Table 4-12. Protect Multiple Virtual Machines Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Source	vCenter Server managing the VM to be protected	Local vCenter Server site
	Select the type of the target site	Type of target site - remote vCenter Server site or cloud site
	Virtual machine to be replicated	Array of virtual machines to be replicated to the remote site
Target Site	Site to be used as replication target	Choose available vCenter Server or cloud site depending on the type of target site you selected in the previous step
Credentials	username	Credentials for the selected target site
	password	
Target location	Target vCenter Server site	Datastore to replicate to if target is vCenter Server site
	Target cloud site	Use replication seeds A previously imported vApp to use as a replication seed
Replication Settings	Guest OS quiescing	Enabling OS quiescing improves data consistency but limits RPO time
	RPO in minutes	Recovery point objective in minutes (default value is 240)

Table 4-12. Protect Multiple Virtual Machines Workflow Inputs (Continued)

Input	Description	
Network compression	Enabling replication data compression reduces network bandwidth, but increases CPU utilization	
Point in time instances	Maximum supported number of snapshots per virtual machine is 24	
Points in time enabled	Instances per day (multiplied by number of days should not exceed 24)	Number of snapshots taken per day
	Number of days	Number of days for which snapshots are kept

Reverse a Cloud Replication Workflow

The workflow reverses and reconfigures the replication for a virtual machine recovered at the cloud site.

The virtual machine must be in state `Recovered` and powered off on the local vCenter Server site.

Table 4-13. Reverse a Cloud Replication Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Replication	Site	Target cloud site
	Replication	Virtual machine replicated to or from the selected cloud site

Pause Workflows

With **Pause** workflows, you can pause replications for virtual machines between the source and the target sites. When a replication is paused, all synchronization calls are blocked and no data is synchronized between the source and the target sites. The replication is not unconfigured and can be resumed.

Running Pause Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Pause** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Pause**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Pause Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow pauses the replication of a vApp or virtual machine from a remote cloud site to the local site.

Table 4-14. Pause Replication from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Common parameters	Remote VDC site	Remote cloud site
	Replication to pause	Replicated from cloud site virtual machine or vApp for which to pause replication

Pause Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow pauses the replication for a virtual machine from the local site to a remote cloud site.

Table 4-15. Pause Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common parameters	Replication to pause	Replicated to cloud site virtual machine for which to pause replication

Pause Replication to vCenter Server

The workflow pauses the replication for a virtual machine from the local site to a remote vCenter Server site.

Table 4-16. Pause Replication to vCenter Server Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Replication to pause	Replicated to vSphere site virtual machine for which to pause replication

Recover from Cloud Workflows

With **Recover from Cloud** workflows, you can run planned migration, test, and real recoveries from a remote cloud site to the local site. Each workflow runs for a single virtual machine at a time.

Running Recover from Cloud Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Recover from Cloud** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Recover from Cloud**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Run Planned Migration from Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a planned migration of a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from a remote cloud site to local site.

If you have run test recoveries for the virtual machine that you want to migrate, verify that you have cleaned up the results. You can check the virtual machine test status in vSphere Web Client.

You must select a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the remote cloud site to the local site.

Table 4-17. Run Planned Migration from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Cloud site	Target cloud site from which the virtual machine is migrated
	Replication	Virtual machine to be migrated to the local site

Table 4-17. Run Planned Migration from Cloud Workflow Inputs (Continued)

Input		Description
Recovery settings	VM folder	Virtual machine folder on the local vCenter Server in which to migrate VM
	Resource pool	Resource pool on the local vCenter Server in which to migrate the virtual machine
	Power on recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine after migration is complete
	Guest shutdown (requires VMware Tools)	Power state of source virtual machine after migration is complete

Run Real Recovery from Cloud

The workflow recovers a virtual machine from the target cloud site to the local site.

You must select a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site. You must select virtual machine folder and resource pool for the recovered virtual machine which are in the same data center.

Table 4-18. Run Real Recovery from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Cloud site	Target cloud site from which the virtual machine is recovered
	Replication	Virtual machine to be recovered to the local site
Recovery settings	VM folder	Virtual machine folder on the local vCenter Server in which to recover the VM
	Resource pool	Resource pool on the local vCenter Server in which to recover the virtual machine
	Power on recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine

Run Test Cleanup from Cloud Workflow

The workflow cleans up test recovery results on the local site for a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site.

The workflow does not check the virtual machine test status before running. You can run the workflow for a virtual machine which has not been tested for recovery. You must select a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the remote cloud site to the local site.

Table 4-19. Run Test Cleanup from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Site	Cloud site	Target cloud site from which the test recovery is run
Replication	Replication	Virtual machine with configured incoming replication from target cloud site to local site

Run Test Recovery from Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a test recovery on the local site for a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site.

The recovery is tested on the local site. You must select a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site. Verify that any previous test recovery results are cleaned before running the workflow. After the workflow finishes, the virtual machine test status is changed and must be cleaned up to run planned migration or real recovery.

Table 4-20. Run Test Recovery from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Cloud site	Target cloud site from which the test recovery is run
	Replication	Virtual machine with configured incoming replication for which the test recovery is run
Recovery settings	VM folder	Virtual machine folder on the local vCenter Server in which the virtual machine recovery is tested
	Resource pool	Resource pool on the local vCenter Server in which the virtual machine recovery is tested
	Synchronize recent changes	Online synchronization of changes to the virtual machine within the RPO period
	Power on the recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine

Recover to Cloud Workflows

With **Recover to Cloud** workflows, you can run planned migration, test, and real recoveries to a remote cloud site from the local site. Each workflow runs for a single virtual machine at a time.

Running Recover to Cloud Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Recover to Cloud** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Recover to Cloud**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Run Planned Migration to Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a planned migration for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site.

If you have run test recoveries for the virtual machine that you want to migrate, verify that you have cleaned up the results. You can check the virtual machine test status in vSphere Web Client.

You must select a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site.

Table 4-21. Run Planned Migration to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Cloud site	Target cloud site to which the virtual machine will be migrated
	Replication	Virtual machine migrated to the cloud site
Recovery settings	Power on recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine after migration is complete
	Guest shutdown (requires VMware Tools)	Power state of source virtual machine after migration is complete

Run Test Cleanup at Cloud Site Workflow

The workflow cleans up test recovery results on the remote cloud site for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

The workflow runs on the target cloud site. You must run a test recovery on the target cloud site for the virtual machine before running the workflow.

Table 4-22. Run Test Cleanup at Cloud Site Workflow Inputs

Input	Description
Replication	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local to the target cloud site

Run Test Cleanup to Cloud Workflow

The workflow cleans up test recovery results on the local site for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

The workflow checks the virtual machine test status before running. You must run the workflow for a virtual machine that has been tested for recovery. You must select a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

Table 4-23. Run Test Cleanup to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Site	Cloud Site	Target cloud site to which the test recovery is run
Replication	Replication	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site

Run Real Recovery to Cloud Workflow

The workflow recovers a virtual machine from the local site to the target cloud site.

You must select a virtual machine with configured outbound replication to the target cloud site.

Table 4-24. Run Real Recovery to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Recovery Settings	Replication	Virtual machine to be recovered to cloud site
	Power on the recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine

Run Test Recovery at Cloud Site Workflow

The workflow runs a test recovery on the remote cloud site for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

The workflow runs on the target cloud site. You must run the workflow for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local to the target cloud site.

Table 4-25. Run Test Recovery at Cloud Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Recovery settings	Replication	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to target cloud site for which to run the test recovery
	Synchronize recent changes	Online synchronization of changes to the virtual machine within the RPO period
	Power on the recovered virtual machine	Power state of the recovered virtual machine

Run Test Recovery to Cloud

The workflow runs a test recovery on the local site for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to a cloud site.

The recovery is tested on the local site. You must select a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site. Verify that any previous test recovery results are cleaned prior to running the workflow. When the workflow finishes, the virtual machine test status is changed and must be cleaned up to run planned migration or real recovery.

Table 4-26. Run Test Recovery to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Site	Target cloud site to which the test recovery is run
	Replication	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication for which the test recovery is run
Recovery Settings	Power on recovered virtual machine	Power state of recovered virtual machine
	Synchronize recent changes	Online synchronization of changes to the virtual machine within the RPO period

Remote Site Management Workflows

With **Remote Site Management** workflows, you can configure the connection between the local site and the remote site managed by a different vCenter Server or the remote cloud site. Before you configure replication tasks to the remote sites, you must pair the local and the remote sites.

Running Remote Site Management Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Remote Site Management** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Remote Site Management**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Pair with Cloud Site

The workflow configures the connection between the local site and the target cloud site.

Table 4-27. Pair with Cloud Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Local Site	Local site	Local vCenter Server site
Cloud Site	Remote cloud API endpoint address	Cloud API endpoint address
	Cloud organization name	Standalone organization name
	Username for cloud organization	Cloud user credentials
	Password	
	Ignore certificate warnings	Accept remote site certificate without prompt

Pair with a vCenter Server Site Workflow

The workflow configures the connection between the local site and a remote vCenter Server site.

Table 4-28. Pair with a vCenter Server Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Local site	Local site	Local vCenter Server site
	Local site Lookup Service address	Address of the local Lookup Service
Remote site	Remote site Lookup Service address	Address of the remote Lookup Service
	Remote username	Remote SSO user
	Password	Password for the remote SSO user
	Ignore certificate warnings	Accept remote site certificate without prompt

Register Cloud Site Workflow

The workflow registers the login credentials for a cloud site that is paired with the local site.

Table 4-29. Register Cloud Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Site	Cloud site	Paired remote cloud site
	Username	Remote cloud site user
	Password	Remote user password
	Ignore certificate warnings	Accept remote certificate without prompt

Register Standalone Organization Workflow

The workflow registers the login credentials for a standalone organization.

Table 4-30. Register Standalone Organization Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Cloud Organization Details	Cloud address	Paired remote cloud site address
	Organization name	Name of the cloud organization
	username	Remote cloud site user
	password	Remote cloud site user password
	Ignore certificate warnings	Accept remote certificate without prompt

Register vCenter Server Site Workflow

The workflow registers the login credentials for a remote vCenter Server site.

Table 4-31. Register vCenter Server Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Site	Site	Remote vCenter Server site address
	Username	Remote SSO user
	Password	Remote SSO user password

Unregister Cloud Site Workflow

The workflow removes the stored credentials for a cloud site that is paired with the local site. The workflow does not break the pairing.

Table 4-32. Unregister Cloud Site Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Site	Cloud site	Paired remote cloud site

Unregister Standalone Organization Workflow

The workflow removes the stored credentials for a registered standalone organization. The workflow does not break the pairing between the local and the cloud sites.

Table 4-33. Unregister Standalone Organization Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Site	Registered standalone organization to unregister	Standalone organization on paired cloud site

Unregister vCenter Server Site Workflow

The workflow removes the stored credentials for a vCenter Server site paired with the local site. The workflow does not break the pairing.

Table 4-34. Unregister vCenter Server Site Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Site	Site	Paired remote vCenter Server site

Resume Workflows

With **Resume** workflows, you can resume paused replications configured between the local site and remote vCenter Server or cloud sites.

Running Resume Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Resume** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Resume**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Resume Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow resumes a paused incoming replication from the target cloud site.

Table 4-35. Resume Replication from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description	
Common parameters	Remote VDC site	Remote cloud site
	Replication to resume	Replicated from cloud site virtual machine for which to resume replication

Resume Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow resumes a paused outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

Table 4-36. Resume Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common parameters	Replication to resume	Replicated to cloud site virtual machine for which to resume replication

Resume Replication to vCenter Server Workflow

The workflow resumes a paused outgoing replication to the target vCenter Server site.

Table 4-37. Resume Replication to vCenter Server Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Replication	Replication to resume	Replicated to vSphere site virtual machine for which to resume replication

Stop Replication Workflows

With **Stop Replication** workflows, you can stop replications for virtual machines configured between the local and remote vCenter Server or cloud sites. When you stop a replication, the replication is unconfigured and replicated data at the target location is removed.

Running Stop Replication Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Stop** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Stop**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Stop Replication Workflow

The workflow stops an outgoing replication for a virtual machine to a target vCenter Server site.

Table 4-38. Stop Replication Workflow Inputs

Input	Description
Site	Remote vCenter Server site
Replication	Virtual machine for which replication is stopped

Stop Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow stops an incoming replication from a target cloud site to the local site.

Table 4-39. Stop Replication from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description
Cloud site	Remote cloud site
Replication	Virtual machine for which incoming replication is stopped

Stop Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow stops an outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site.

Table 4-40. Stop Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description
Cloud site	Remote target cloud site
Replication	Virtual machine for which outgoing replication is stopped

Sync Workflows

With synchronization workflows you can replicate data for virtual machines with configured replication between the local site and a remote vCenter Server or cloud sites.

Running Sync Workflows

You can run workflows under the **Sync** directory in vSphere Replication plug-in with these steps:

Procedure

- 1 Log in to Orchestrator client as an administrator and select **Design** or **Run** from the left upper corner.
- 2 Click the **Workflows** view.
- 3 Select **Library > vSphere Replication > Sync**.
- 4 Right-click the workflow element and select **Start workflow**.

Full Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a full synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site.

The virtual machine must be powered on.

Table 4-41. Full Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input	Description
Common Parameters	Replication to sync Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to target cloud site for which to run the full synchronization

Full Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow

The workflow runs a full synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target vCenter Server site.

The virtual machine must be powered on.

Table 4-42. Full Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common Parameters	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to target vCenter Server site for which to run the full synchronization

Offline Sync Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs an offline synchronization for a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site to the local site.

Table 4-43. Offline Sync Replication from Cloud workflow inputs

Input		Description
Common Parameters	Remote VDC site	Target cloud site
	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site for which to run the offline synchronization

Offline Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs an offline synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site.

Table 4-44. Offline Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common Parameters	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication from the local site to the target cloud site

Offline Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow

The workflow runs an offline synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target vCenter Server site.

Table 4-45. Offline Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common Parameters	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target vCenter Server site

Sync Replication from Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a delta synchronization for a virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site.

Table 4-46. Sync Replication from Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common Parameters	Remote VDC site	Target cloud site
	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured incoming replication from the target cloud site for which to run the delta synchronization

Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow

The workflow runs a delta synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site.

Table 4-47. Sync Replication to Cloud Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common parameters	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target cloud site for which to run the delta synchronization

Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow

The workflow runs a delta synchronization for a virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target vCenter Server site.

Table 4-48. Sync Replication to vCenter Server Workflow Inputs

Input		Description
Common parameters	Replication to sync	Virtual machine with configured outgoing replication to the target vCenter Server for which to run the delta synchronization

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