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## About this guide

The IBM® System Storage® Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) and Virtual Disk Service (VDS) 4.7.0 User Guide contains configuration and user information.

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## Who should use this guide

The IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) and Virtual Disk Service (VDS) 4.7.0 User Guide is intended for system administrators and others who install and use VSS and VDS.

Before installing and using the IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft VSS and VDS 4.7.0, you should have an understanding of the Microsoft Windows Server environment, the VSS framework, the IBM SAN Volume Controller and DS8000® Storage Systems, the VMware environment, and Windows Hyper-V environment (if used).

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## Chapter 1. Introduction

The Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) can provide a point-in-time (shadow) copy of a Windows host volume while the volume is mounted and files are in use. The Microsoft Virtual Disk Service (VDS) provides a single vendor and technology-neutral interface for managing block storage virtualization, whether done by operating system software, RAID storage hardware, or other storage virtualization engines.

The IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service for DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller is a software module that runs as a service on Microsoft Windows Server and automatically creates snapshots of Windows-based applications. The module uses the Windows Server VSS framework for its management interface, and the DS8000 and SAN Volume Controller as the storage system on which snapshot data is stored and maintained.

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**Note:** VSS providers must be installed and run as Administrator.

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## Chapter 2. Installation

Complete the following steps to install the IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Services and Virtual Disk Service:

### Procedure

1. Run the installation package.
2. The Welcome panel is brought up. Click **Next**.

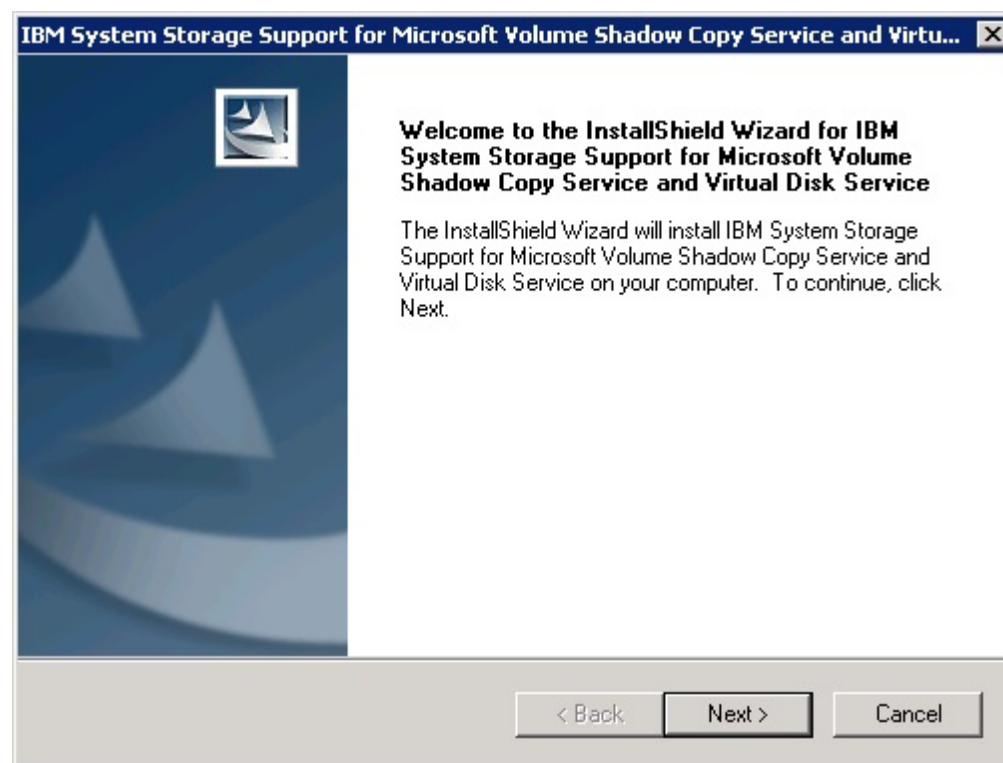


Figure 1. The installation welcome page.

3. After clicking **Next**, you are brought to the End User License Agreement panel. To go forward you must accept the end user license agreement and click **Next**.
4. On the Location panel, select a location and click **Next**. The location is where you want the program installed on your system.
5. Click **Install** on the next panel.
6. On the **Enter CIM Server Details** panel, complete the following steps:
  - a. Specify the CIM Server address.  
For the SVC family, the default port is 5989.  
For the DS8000 family, the default port is 6989.
  - b. Specify the CIM username.
  - c. Specify the CIM password.
  - d. Click **Next**.

IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtu...

**Enter CIM Server Details**

Enter the CIM Server details below.

Enter the CIM Server address, user name, and password.

CIM Server Address:

CIM User:

CIM Password:

InstallShield

< Back   Next >   Cancel

Figure 2. The IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service provider – Enter CIM Server Details

7. Click **Finish**.

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## Chapter 3. Configuring in a physical environment

You can configure the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service in a physical environment using either Fibre Channel or iSCSI.

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### Configuring VSS in a physical environment using Fibre Channel

You can use Fibre Channel (FC) when configuring the VSS provider in a physical environment.

#### Procedure

1. Connect to the storage machine using Common Information Model Object Manager (CIMOM).
2. Create the free pool and reserved pool for VSS. Define the virtual hosts VSS\_FREE\_POOL and VSS\_RESERVED\_POOL on the storage system with the following example world wide port name (WWPN): 5000000000000000 and 5000000000000001.

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**Note:** In a multiple host environment where hosts are connecting to the same storage, a common reserved pool and a common free pool must be created on the storage. Every host uses the common free pool and the common reserved pool.

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3. Issue the following commands to set the example WWPN of the free pool and the reserved pool:
  - **ibmvcfg set vssFreeInitiator**
  - **ibmvcfg set vssReservedInitiator**
4. Map source volumes to the physical machine by FC.
5. Map the target volumes to the free pool.

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**Note:** Enable multiple path input/output (MPIO) with the appropriate vendor DSM if you configure multiple paths from the host to the storage array.

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### Configuring VSS in a physical environment using iSCSI

Install the VSS provider in a physical environment using iSCSI.

#### Procedure

1. Connect to the storage machine using CIMOM.
2. Create the free pool and reserved pool for VSS. Define the virtual hosts VSS\_FREE\_POOL and VSS\_RESERVED\_POOL on the storage system with the following example WWPN: 5000000000000000 and 5000000000000001.
3. Issue the following commands to set the example WWPN of the free pool and the reserved pool:
  - **ibmvcfg set vssFreeInitiator**
  - **ibmvcfg set vssReservedInitiator**
4. Map source volumes to the physical machine by iSCSI.
5. Map the target volumes to the free pool.





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## Chapter 4. Configuring in a VMware environment

This section describes configuring the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service in a VMware environment.

This includes:

- “User Privileges”
- “Provider settings for VMware” on page 8
- “VMware advanced configuration” on page 12
- “Snapshots with various Storage Protocols” on page 15

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**Note:** If the VMware virtual machine is not recognized as a virtual machine, ensure that the **systeminfo** in the virtual machine is correct. See “VMware virtual machine not recognized as virtual machine” on page 32 for more information.

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### User Privileges

The following user privileges are required for the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service VMware parameter:

- **Host > Configuration > Storage partition configuration**
- **Virtual machine > Configuration > Raw device**
- **Virtual machine > Configuration > Change resource**
- **Virtual machine > Configuration > Add or remove device**

If the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service communicate with the vCenter, the Read-Only role must be assigned to the datacenter to which the ESX(i) Server belongs. Create a role with the user privileges as described in this section. You can view the user privileges by accessing the vSphere client and selecting the Permissions tab. Role settings in the vCenter lists the roles and permissions for the vCenter. In Table 1, the vCenter client is **ARCX3455GBXV3**. Figure 3 on page 8 displays an example vSphere client - user privileges panel.

*Table 1. Role settings in the vCenter*

Directory	Role Description	User Group	Role Value
ARCX3455GBXV3	Role for vCenter	vssuser	No access
ARCX3455GBXV3/test	Role for datacenter	vssuser	Read-only
ARCX3455GBXV3/test/<IP address>	Role for ESX(i) Server	vssuser	vssrole
ARCX3455GBXV3/test/<IP address>/NewVirtual Machine	Role for virtual machine	vssuser	vssrole
<b>Note:</b> In Role for datacenter, ensure the check-box <b>Propagate</b> is selected.			

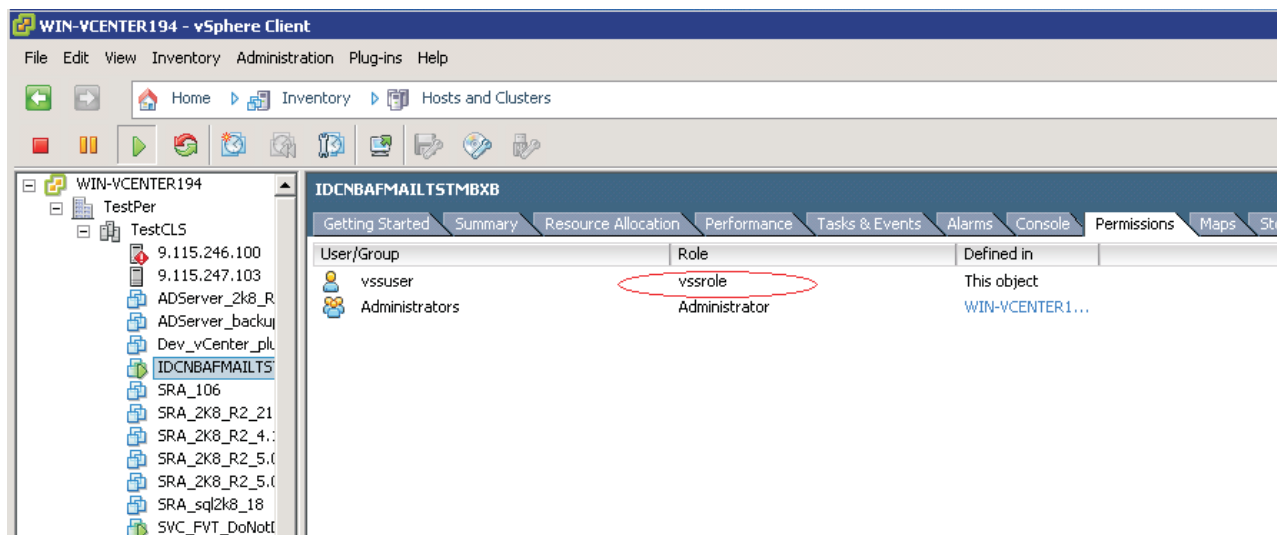


Figure 3. vSphere client - user privileges

## vSphere web Services

vSphere web Services must be operational for the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service to work properly in the guest Windows Server. By default, vSphere web Services are on when you load the ESX/ESXi operating system.

To check if vSphere web Services are online, use a web browser to access an ESX(i) server or a vCenter Server IP address. For example <https://189.0.0.222/mob>

A prompt appears for the user credentials to log in the hosted web services. The “189.0.0.222” is an example of an ESX(i) server or a vCenter Server IP address.

## Provider settings for VMware

Provider settings include Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service parameters and a generated Java™ credentials keystore.

- “Provider parameters for VMware” on page 9
- “Generating the Java credential keystore” on page 10

If you use Real Data Management (RDM), during configuration you must select **Physical** from the Select Compatibility Mode. See Figure 4 on page 9 for an example of the Select Compatibility Mode dialog box.

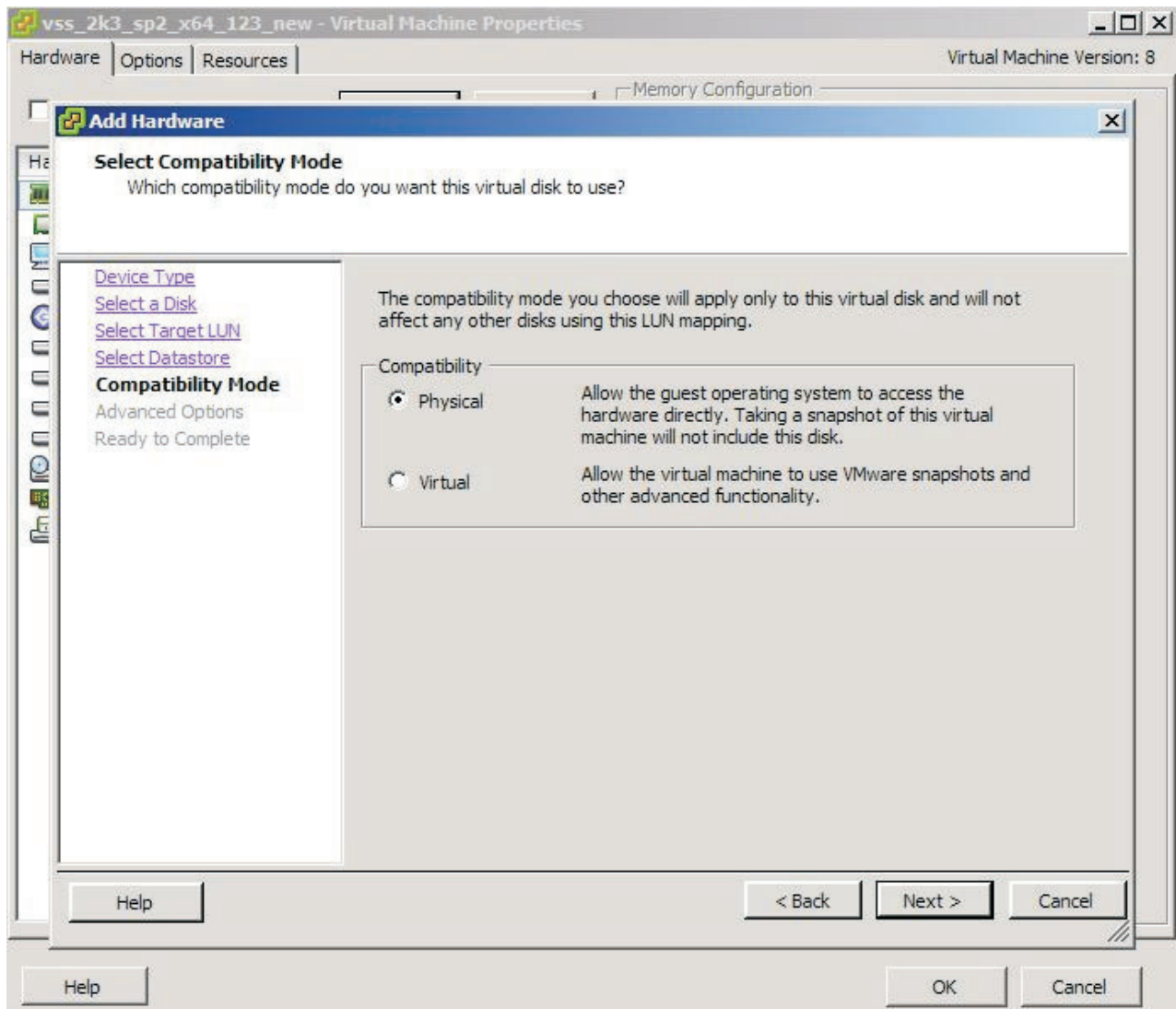


Figure 4. Select Compatibility Mode

## Installing VMware tools

You must install VMware tools to facilitate communication between the ESX(i) Server web services and VM. VMware tools collects guest-related information such as the IP address and host name.

### Procedure

Complete the following steps to install the VMware tools:

1. Turn on the guest operating system. From the VIClient menu for the specific guest, select **Install/Upgrade VMware Tools**.
2. Log on to the Windows Server (guest) and install the package.

## Provider parameters for VMware

Several Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service parameters are specific to the VMware guest support feature. The parameters allow the Volume

Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service to communicate with the ESX(i) Server web Services to manipulate the RDM disks during a snapshot.

You must set up the parameters for VMWare in the following two cases:

1. The snapshot disk is discovered by the ESX(i) Server through Fibre Channel and mapped to the virtual machine as the RDM disk.
2. The snapshot disk is discovered by the ESX(i) Server through software iSCSI and mapped to the virtual machine as the RDM disk.

The following Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service parameters are available only in the VMware virtual platform:

**vmhost**

The VMware web Service that is located on the ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server.

**vmuser**

The user who has access to the ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server with the authority to perform RDM disk operations

**vmpassword**

The password for the vmuser to log on

**vmcredential**

The session credential store path for the ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server that is used by Java

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**Note:** The vmcredential path is the full path name of the Java key file.

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You can use the IBM VSS configuration tool `ibmvcfg` to set the parameters. For example, type **`ibmvcfg set vmhost https://9.11.110.115/sdk`**

```
C:\Program Files\IBM\Hardware Provider for VSS-VSD>ibmvcfg set vmhost
https://9.11.110.115/sdk
```

## Generating the Java credential keystore

To generate the Java credential keystore, obtain the ESX(i) Server certificates and then set the credential as the keystore path.

### Procedure

Complete the following steps to generate the Java credential keystore:

1. Obtain the ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server certificate by using the vSphere client, the Secure Shell client application, or a web browser. To obtain ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server certificates by using the vSphere client, create a root-level directory for the certificates. For example, `C:\VMware-Certs`
  - a. Install the vSphere client if not already installed.
  - b. Start the vSphere client and click to the ESX, ESXi, or vCenter Server web server. A message regarding the certifying authority for the certificate is displayed.
  - c. Click **View Certificate** to show the certificate properties page. See Table 2 on page 11 for an example of the certificate properties page.
  - d. Click the **Details** tab.
  - e. Click **Copy to File** to start the Certificate Export wizard.

- f. Select **DER encoded binary X.509** (the default) and click **Next**.
  - g. Click **Browse** and find the C:\VMware-Certs subdirectory.
  - h. Enter a certificate name that identifies the server to which the certificate belongs. For example, C:\VMware-Certs\<server name>.cer
2. To obtain server certificates by using the Secure Shell client application, connect to the ESX system with an SSL client.

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**Note:** Remote connections to the ESX service console as root are effectively disabled. To obtain the certificate, you must connect as another user with privileges on the server.

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*Table 2. Server certificate file names and locations of the ESX(i) and vCenter servers*

Server	Directory location for certificate	Certificate
ESX(i) 4.x, 5.0, 5.1, 5.5	/etc/vmware/ssl/	rui.crt
vCenter Server 4.x, 5.0, 5.1, 5.5	C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Applications	rui.crt

- a. Copy the certificates from the server to the certificate subdirectory. Use a unique file name for the certificate (assuming that you are copying multiple default certificates from multiple ESX systems).
3. To obtain server certificates by using a web browser, type the following URL to access the web service of the ESX(i) Server or vCenter Server:  
https://9.11.110.240/
    - a. If you receive a message about the security certificate, select **Continue to this website (not recommended)**.
    - b. On the toolbar, click **Certificate Error** and, in the Certificate Invalid window, click **View certificates**.
    - c. In the Certificate window, select the **Details** tab.
    - d. Click **Copy to File** and follow the Certificate Export Wizard with the default option to save the certificate.
    - e. Create a directory for the Java keystore. For example, C:\VMware
    - f. Use the Java keytool utility to import a certificate. The syntax is **keytool -import -file <certificate-filename> -alias <server-name> -keystore vmware.keystore** For example:

```
C:\Program Files\IBM\Hardware Provider for VSS-vDS\jre\bin\keytool.exe -import -file
C:\tools\rui.crt -keystore C:\VMware\vmware.keystore
```

- g. When prompted for a keystore password, type a password.
- h. The keystore utility shows the certificate information at the console. The following is an example certificate information:

```
Owner: OID.1.2.840.113549.1.9.2="1301079258,564d7761726520496e632e",
CN=cimxa.ibm.com, EMAILADDRESS=ssl-certificates@vmware.com, OU=VMware
ESX Server Default Certificate, O="VMware, Inc", L=Palo Alto,
ST=California, C=US
Issuer: O=VMware Installer
Serial number: 7730362f66385863
Valid from: 3/25/13 7:45 PM until 9/23/24 8:54 PM
Certificate fingerprints:
MD5: 58:A3:A3:D4:D8:E0:CE:63:6B:B7:7F:4E:3E:6B:71:9D
SHA1: 8B:60:B9:08:32:33:06:11:47:7D:6D:B6:B4:D1:D5:F9:78:D2:15:5F
```

```
SHA256: 59:1B:A2:BE:D0:BC:04:1B:CE:62:B8:95:07:52:3E:54:69:76:10:A1:
      85:A6:A8:5A:C0:DB:45:79:46:FB:72:82
Signature algorithm name: SHA1withRSA
Version 3
```

- i. At the end of the certificate information, a prompt shows a request for confirmation that the certificate is trusted.

```
Trust this certificate? [No]
```

- j. Type **yes** and press <Enter> to respond to the prompt and import the certificate into the vmware.keystore keystore. The console shows the following message:

```
Certificate was added to keystore
```

4. To set the vmcredential as the vmware.keystore path, type **ibmvcfg set vmcredential "C:\VMware\vmware.keystore"**
5. Enter **ibmvcfg showcfg** to verify that the configuration is correctly saved. The following example output is from issuing the **ibmvcfg showcfg** command:

```
cimomHost:          9.115.246.54
comomPort:          5989
username <cimom>:    superuser
usingSSL:            true
vssFreeInitiator:    5000000000000000c0
vssReservedInitiator: 5000000000000000c1
backgroundCopy:      50
targetSVC:
incrementalFC:        false
timeout:              0
rescanOnceArr:        0
rescanOnceRem:        0
rescanRemMin:         0
rescanRemMax:         45
storageProtocol:      auto
vmhost:               https://9.115.247.103/sdk
vmusername:           root
vmcredential:         C:\vmware103.keystore
```

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## VMware advanced configuration

NPIV is an extension to the FC industry standard.

In a server virtualization environment, N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) allows each virtual machine to have a unique FC World Wide Name (WWN), enabling multiple virtual machines to share a single physical host bus adapter (HBA) and switch port.

This includes:

- “NPIV implementation requirements” on page 13
- “Server Administrator tasks” on page 13
- “Storage Administrator tasks” on page 13
- “Verifying NPIV configuration” on page 14
- “Snapshots with NPIV” on page 15

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**Note:** NPIV is an optional advanced feature.

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## NPIV implementation requirements

To enable NPIV, ensure that the following hardware and software requirements are met.

- Switches: NPIV must be supported on the switch that is connected to the HBA.
- Host Bus Adapters: HBAs must support NPIV. The following HBA vendors and models are supported:
  - Brocade: Any 4 Gbit/sec or 8 Gbit/sec HBA
  - Emulex: 4Gbit/sec HBA running firmware level 2.70a5 or later. All 8 Gbit/sec HBAs running firmware 1.00a9 or later.
  - QLogic: Any 4 Gbit/sec or 8 Gbit/sec HBA
- Storage: Because NPIV is not apparent to storage arrays, no specific support is required.
- NPIV can be used only with Raw Device Mapping (RDM) disks. VMFS disks do not support NPIV. To implement NPIV, the physical HBAs port World Wide Name (WWN) on an ESX(i) Server host must have access to all LUNs that are to be accessed by virtual machines.

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**Note:** NPIV is not necessary for RDM configuration.

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- If you deploy a virtual machine from a template or a clone, the new virtual machine does not retain the WWN.

## Server Administrator tasks

This section describes server administrator tasks while you configure N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV).

### Procedure

Ensure that your virtual machine is turned off when you complete the following steps:

1. Add an RDM disk to the virtual machine.
2. Enable NPIV with the vSphere client by assigning virtual WWPNS.
3. Record the Node WWN and the Port WWNs. Give this information to the storage administrator so that the administrator can zone and LUN-mask the back-end storage.
4. After the storage administrator completes zoning and configuration of the storage, you can safely turn on the VM.

## Storage Administrator tasks

This section describes the storage administrator tasks for configuring N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV).

### Procedure

1. Log on to the switch and create separate zones for the virtual port WWNs and physical HBA port WWNs. Zone all the physical HBA port WWNs in a single zone with the storage initiator, and then individually zone the virtual HBA port WWNs of each VM to a storage array port WWN.
2. On the storage subsystem, create separate hosts (SAN Volume Controller) or host connections (DS8000) with separate volume groups for physical HBA ports and virtual HBA ports.



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- ```
node2:~ # svcinfo lsvdiskhostmap 22
```
- | id | name      | SCSI_id | host_id | host_name | vdisk_UID                 | IO_group_id | IO_group_name |
|----|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 22 | vm110npiv | 0       | 3       | ESX100    | 6005076802908168E00001D3C | 0           | io_grp0       |
| 22 | vm110npiv | 0       | 32      | Win35npiv | 6005076802908168E00001D3C | 0           | io_grp0       |



## Snapshots with NPIV

The Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service automatically detect whether the NPIV is enabled. If the NPIV is enabled and correctly functioning, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service take the appropriate actions during the various snapshot stages.

### Creating a Snapshot

During the snapshot-creation process, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service map the snapshot target LUN to both the physical HBA WWPNS and virtual WWPNS.

The LUN is then assigned to the virtual machine from the ESX(i) Server as the RDM disk.

### Deleting a Snapshot

The deletion of the snapshot is the opposite of the snapshot creation. During the deletion, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service first unassign the RDM disk from the virtual machine.

The LUN is then masked from both physical HBA WWPNS and virtual WWPNS.

### Importing a Snapshot

The import operation also uses NPIV if it is enabled and functioning.

The process is similar to the snapshot-creation process. The Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service first map the snapshot target LUN to both the physical HBA WWPNS and virtual WWPNS of the destination server. The LUN is assigned to the virtual machine from the ESX(i) Server as the RDM disk.

### Masking a Snapshot

Similar to the deletion of the snapshot, the mask operation causes the RDM disk to be removed from the virtual machine.

The LUN is then masked from both the physical HBA WWPNS and the virtual WWPNS.

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## Snapshots with various Storage Protocols

Because SAN Volume Controller version 5.1 or later also provides iSCSI protocol, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service support both the FC and iSCSI protocols for snapshots, starting from version 4.2. The VSS configuration tool provides an option for choosing the protocol to use if more than one protocol is available. You can choose auto, FC, or iSCSI.

The following example shows what the output might look like:

```
cimomHost:          9.115.246.54
comomPort:          5989
username <cimom>:    superuser
usingSSL:            true
vssFreeInitiator:    500000000000000c0
vssReservedInitiator: 500000000000000c1
backgroundCopy:      50
targetSVC:
incrementalFC:        false
timeout:              0
rescanOnceArr:        0
rescanOnceRem:        0
```

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| rescanRemMin:    | 0                         |
| rescanRemMax:    | 45                        |
| storageProtocol: | fc                        |
| vmhost:          | https://9.115.247.103/sdk |
| vmusername:      | root                      |
| vmcredential:    | C:\vmware103.keystore     |

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**Note:** If you choose auto, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service select the protocol to use.

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## Storage Protocol Priority

If several protocols coexist, define a priority that determines which protocol is used during the snapshot.

The following cases require a decision on which protocol to use:

- ESX(i) Server has FC HBA and also with the iSCSI software enabled.
- ESX(i) Server software has iSCSI enabled, and virtual machine software iSCSI installed.
- ESX(i) Server has FC HBA with software iSCSI enabled, along with virtual machine software iSCSI installed.

The protocol to be used depends on the **storageProtocol** parameter of the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service configuration and which protocols are available. The priority among the various protocols is as follows:

- ESX(i) Server FC has the highest priority. If the storageProtocol parameter is set to auto, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service first check if ESX(i) Server FC is available. The Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service try other protocols only when the FC protocol is not available.
- Virtual machine software iSCSI has a higher priority to software iSCSI. If the storageProtocol parameter is set to auto or iSCSI and FC protocol is not available (no HBA or WWPNs not defined on storage), the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service first check if iSCSI is enabled on the virtual machine. The Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service try ESX(i) Server software iSCSI only when the virtual machine software iSCSI is not available.

### Special cases and exceptions

The Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service offer the option to choose the storage protocol.

You are responsible for ensuring that changing the storage protocol and Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service settings for VMware does not affect the previously created snapshots.

#### Example of a special case that causes problems

This example illustrates a special case that can cause some problems. The procedure in this example is as follows:

1. Create a snapshot with the FC protocol.
2. Change the protocol setting to virtual machine iSCSI.
3. Incorrectly modify or clear the VMware settings.
4. Delete the previous created snapshot.

In this case, the FlashCopy<sup>®</sup> map is removed on storage and the target LUN is unmapped from the hosts. However, the RDM file remains on the ESX(i)(i) Server because the VMware settings (vmhost, vmuser, vmpassword, or vmcredential) were incorrectly set. This leaves the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service unable to communicate with the ESX(i) Server.

If the VMware settings are correct, the deletion process can still be successful with the RDM file removal.

If this example case occurs, a warning message displays when the user tries to change the VMware settings using **ibmvcfg**.

It is not necessary to configure the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service parameters (such as vmhost and vmuser) for VMware. If you decide to use the virtual machine software iSCSI protocol, all processes are run using Ethernet protocol.



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## Chapter 5. Configuring Hyper-V

With Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service, you can take shadow copies in the Hyper-V guest OS.

If you installed the software iSCSI initiator in the guest OS and you do not plan to use FC protocol or iSCSI protocol on the host, the configuration is the same as the physical host.

Because the guest OS does not support an FC HBA, Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service serve as a bridge to associate the FC HBA on the host to the guest OS when creating and deleting a shadow copy. IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service also supports the host iSCSI, depending on host and provider settings. Privileges to access the host WMI are required to support this feature.

IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service cannot support the hardware information of a virtual hard disk. Therefore, IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service supports shadow copies only on pass-through disks in the guest OS. The IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service automatically attaches the target LUN of the volume shadow copy to the guest OS as a pass-through disk.

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### Hyper-V basic configuration

Basic configuration enables you to create shadow copies in the Hyper-V guest OS.

Basic configuration includes:

- “Hyper-V requirements”
- “Configuring the Host (Hyper-V) Server”
- “Configuring Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service using Hyper-V” on page 20
- “Configuring source volumes using Hyper-V” on page 21
- “Taking snapshots using Hyper-V” on page 21

### Hyper-V requirements

To configure the Hyper-V guest OS you must ensure that certain requirements are met.

Obtain the following applications in order to configure the Hyper-V guest OS:

- Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service 4.7.0.
- Server Hardware: Microsoft recommended server configuration for Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Hyper-V.
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Hyper-V.
- Multipathing I/O (MPIO) software. Available from your storage array vendor.

### Configuring the Host (Hyper-V) Server

Configure the host server to create shadow copies in the Hyper-V guest OS.

## Procedure

1. Install one of the following:
  - Microsoft Windows Server 2008 x64
  - Windows Server 2008 R2
  - Microsoft Windows server 2012
  - Microsoft Windows server 2012 R2
2. Install the Hyper-V role on the Windows server using the Server Manager, and then reboot the server.
3. Disable automount for the disks on the host. Type the following commands:  
**C:\>diskpart**  
**DISKPART>automount disable**
4. To allow for remote administration on the physical host, enable the Windows firewall: **netsh firewall set service RemoteAdmin enable**.
5. Install the Multipath I/O (MPIO) driver that ships with Windows 2008.
6. Install the MPIO driver that your storage vendor supplied.
7. Install and configure the Hyper-V guest OS using the Hyper-V Manager. The guest OS should be Windows 2003 R2 or later.
8. Download and install Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package on physical host. The package can be download from the Microsoft website:
  - Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
  - Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package (x86)

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**Note:** The x86 and x64 versions must both be installed.

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## Configuring Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service using Hyper-V

Configure the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service using the Hyper-V guest OS.

### Procedure

1. Log on to the Hyper-V guest OS.
2. Install the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service.
3. Copy the `ibmrescan.exe` file from the installation directory to the physical host.
4. Set the parameters to access the host server. For this step, you need the host server IP address, domain, user name, and password. The following list provides information about settings and the relevant commands.
  - To set the IP address of the Host Server, type: **ibmvcfg set vmhost**
  - To set the Hyper-V host user name which can manage Hyper-V, type: **ibmvcfg set vmusername**
  - To set the Hyper-V host user password, type: **ibmvcfg set vmpassword**
  - To set the Hyper-V host user domain, type: **ibmvcfg set vmdomain**
  - To set the command to rescan devices on the physical host, type: **set rescandeviccmd**

For example, **set rescandeviccmd "C:\ibmrescan.exe"**

To view the configuration settings, type **ibmvcfg showcfig**

- a. Provide the following privileges for the user:
  - Access WMI on the host Server

- Query WMI objects in the following name spaces: root/cimv2, root/wmi, root/default and root/virtualization.
  - Create a process with class Win32\_Process in root/cimv2.
  - Manage the resources in the root/virtualization name space.
- b. Set the domain as the host name if the user does not belong to a Windows domain.

## Configuring source volumes using Hyper-V

Because the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service support taking shadow copies only for volumes that are based on disks from SVC or DS8000, the disks must be assigned to the guest OS by the pass-through mode.

### Procedure

1. Shut down the guest OS and add the iSCSI Controller to the guest OS.
2. Add the pass-through disk drive to the guest OS.

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**Note:** The guest OS can be in the running state, but the disks should be in the offline state on the host so that they can appear in the physical hard box combo box.

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3. Log on to the guest OS, create a volume on the newly added hard disk, and assign a drive letter or mount point to the volume.

## Taking snapshots using Hyper-V

You need to configure LUNs with the same size as the source LUNs as snapshot targets in the free pool on storage.

Before taking a snapshot for the volume on the guest OS, type the following command to see if the configuration is correct:

```
ibmvcfg testsnapshot X:
```

**Tip:** The command can support one or more drive letters or mount points. In the example command, X: is the driver letter or mount point to take the snapshot.

The procedures to take, delete, mask, resynchronize, and import snapshots are the same as the procedures for the physical host. The provider attaches the target LUNs to the physical host and then assigns it to the guest OS as a pass-through disk when taking or importing a snapshot. When deleting or masking a snapshot, the IBM VSS Hardware Provider removes the target LUN from the guest OS before detaching it from the physical host.

See “Snapshots with NPIV” on page 15 for information on these tasks.

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## Hyper-V advanced configuration

Advanced configuration includes NPIV configuration and storage protocol priority support in the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service.

- “Creating a virtual port with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA” on page 22
- “Configuring NPIV with Hyper-V” on page 23
- “Setting the storage protocol” on page 27
- “Configuring ibmvss with Hyper-V Cluster” on page 28

## Creating a virtual port with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA

Before configuring the Hyper-V guest OS, you must configure the Microsoft Windows 2012 virtual HBA.

### Before you begin

The following requirements are necessary to configure Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA with Hyper-V:

- NPIV-enabled FC adapter
- NPIV-enabled FC Switch
- Microsoft Windows server 2012
- NPIV WMI provider that is installed on the host. (Most of the FC drivers implement this provider.)

### Procedure

1. Click **Virtual SAN Manager** in the right panel of the Windows 2012 Hyper-V Manager.
2. Create a virtual SAN and select the HBA to be virtualized.
3. In the Hyper-V guest OS settings, add a Fibre Channel adapter. Specify the virtual SAN created in 2.
4. In the Open Switch Administration panel, double-check the WWPN of the virtual HBA from the name server. Typically, it should share a port with the physical HBA.
5. Modify the zone configuration to make the virtual HBA visible to the storage port.

## Creating a zone with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA

You can create a zone with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA.

### Procedure

1. Click **Virtual SAN Manager** in the right panel of the Windows 2012 Hyper-V Manager.
2. Create a zone by using NPIV.
3. Create an alias and zone with the virtual port that you created in “Creating a virtual port with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA.” However, do not add the host WWN to the zone.

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**Note:** The zone contains the new virtual port that you created and the storage. It is not necessary to reboot the host to make the NPIV port available.

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## Configuring storage with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA

This section describes configuring storage with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA.

### Procedure

1. Click **Virtual SAN Manager** in the right panel of the Windows 2012 Hyper-V Manager.
2. Add the virtual port to the LUN that will contain the guest.

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**Note:** It is not necessary to add the physical port to the LUN.

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## Taking a snapshot with Microsoft Windows 2012 Virtual HBA

The provider automatically attaches the LUN to the guest OS through a virtual port.

During the snapshot-creation process, the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service map the snapshot target LUN to both the physical HBA WWPNNs and virtual WWPNNs. The LUN is then assigned to the virtual machine from the ESX(i) Server as the RDM disk.

## Configuring NPIV with Hyper-V

Advanced configuration includes NPIV (N\_Port Virtualization) configuration and storage protocol priority support in Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service.

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**Note:** The following sections do not apply to the iSCSI protocol.

- “Requirements for configuring NPIV with Hyper-V”
  - “Creating a virtual port”
  - “Creating a zone”
  - “Configuring storage” on page 24
  - “Configuring the host disk” on page 24
  - “Deploying guests” on page 24
  - “Configuring source volumes” on page 26
  - “Verifying NPIV configuration” on page 27
  - “Preparing to take a snapshot” on page 27
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## Requirements for configuring NPIV with Hyper-V

This section describes requirements for configuring NPIV with Hyper-V.

- NPIV-enabled FC Adapter
- NPIV-enabled FC Switch
- FC HBA Manager and Agent with V-Port creation feature
- NPIV WMI provider installed on host. (Most of the FC drivers implement this provider.)

## Creating a virtual port

Create a virtual port using the FC HBA Manager GUI.

### Procedure

1. Open FC HBA Manager GUI.
2. Select a physical port and create a virtual port on it.

## Creating a zone

On the HBA manager, create a zone using NPIV.

Create an alias and zone with the virtual port that you created in “Creating a virtual port” but do not add the host WWN to the zone.

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**Note:** The zone contains only the new NPIV port that you created and the storage. You do not need to reboot the host to make the NPIV port available.

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## Configuring storage

Add the virtual port to the LUN that will contain the guest.

You do not need to add the physical port to the LUN.

## Configuring the host disk

For virtual disks, bring the new LUN online and initialize it. Assign drive letters to the volume to contain the guest OS configuration files and VHDs. A volume with a mount point is not supported by Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service NPIV.

For pass-through disks, two LUNs per guest are required. One LUN is required for the configuration files, and the other LUN is required to install the OS. The volume that contains configuration files must be assigned a drive letter. Make sure that the disk is offline when you install the OS.

## Deploying guests

You can use Hyper-V Manager or Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager to deploy guests.

### Deploying with Hyper-V Manager

1. Open Hyper-V Manager.
2. Click **New > Virtual Machine...** in the **Actions** panel.
3. When you are prompted for a location for the virtual machine, choose the volume that is on the LUN that you created in “Configuring storage.”

After memory and networking configurations, specify the name and location of the hard disk where you want to install the guest OS.

#### If you are using a virtual hard disk

Locate the hard disk on a volume that is on the LUN through the virtual port.

#### If you are using a pass-through disk

It is better that the disk be from a virtual port, be offline, and be configured as MBR disk type.

A pass-through disk does not support GPT and dynamic disk types. If the disk is previously configured as GPT or dynamic, you must bring the disk online and convert it, in which case you need to shut down the guest.

## Deploying with SCVMM

If the host is managed by the Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager (SCVMM), create a virtual machine through SCVMM. Complete the following steps to create a virtual machine:

1. Select the host that has the virtual port active when you are prompted for the host on which to place the guest.
2. Click **Browse** and select the LUN that you created when you are prompted for a location for the files.

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**Note:** Refresh the disks or check the host to make sure the disk is online and formatted if you do not see the LUN.

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To configure the disk to install the guest OS, complete the following tasks:

## Configuring the Host (Hyper-V) Server

1. Install one of the following operating systems:
  - Microsoft Windows Server 2008 x64
  - Windows Server 2008 R2
  - Microsoft Windows server 2012
  - Microsoft Windows server 2012 R2
2. Install the Hyper-V role on the Windows server using the Server Manager, and then reboot the server.
3. Disable automount for the disks on the host. Type the following commands:  
**C:\>diskpart**  
**DISKPART>automount disable**
4. To allow for remote administration on the physical host, enable the Windows firewall:
5. Install the Multipath I/O (MPIO) driver that ships with Windows 2008.
6. Install the MPIO driver that your storage vendor supplied.
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8. Download and install Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package on physical host. The package can be download from the Microsoft website:
  - Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
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**Note:** The x86 and x64 versions must both be installed.

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## Configuring Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service using Hyper-V

1. Log on to the Hyper-V guest OS.
2. Install the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service.
3. Copy the `ibmrescan.exe` file from the installation directory to the physical host.
4. Set the parameters to access the host server. For this step, you need the host server IP address, domain, user name, and password. The following list provides information about settings and the relevant commands.
  - To set the IP address of the Host Server, type: **ibmvcfg set vmhost** (hyper-V host IP address)
  - To set the user name, type: **ibmvcfg set vmusername** (hyper-V host user name which can manage hyper-V)
  - To set the password, type: **ibmvcfg set vmpassword**(hyper-V host user password)
  - To set the domain, type: **ibmvcfg set vmdomain** (hyper-V host user domain)
  - To set the command to rescan devices on the physical host, type: **set rescandeviccmd** (command on host to rescan device)  
For example, **set rescandeviccmd "C:\ibmrescan.exe"**

To view the configuration settings, type **ibmvcfg showcfg**

- a. Provide the following privileges for the user:

- Access WMI on the host Server
  - Query WMI objects in the following name spaces: root/cimv2, root/wmi, root/default and root/virtualization.
  - Create a process with class Win32\_Process in root/cimv2.
  - Manage the resources in the root/virtualization name space.
- b. Set the domain as the host name if the user does not belong to a Windows domain.

### Configuring source volumes using Hyper-V

1. Shut down the guest OS and add the iSCSI Controller to the guest OS.
2. Add the pass-through disk drive to the guest OS.

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**Note:** The guest OS can be in the running state, but the disks should be in the offline state on the host so that they can appear in the physical hard box combo box.

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3. Log on to the guest OS, create a volume on the newly added hard disk, and assign a drive letter or mount point to the volume.

### Taking snapshots using Hyper-V

Before taking a snapshot for the volume on the guest OS, type the following command to check if the configuration is correct.

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**Note:** The command supports one or more drive letters or mount points. In the example command, X: is the driver letter or mount point to take the snapshot.

**ibmvcfg testsnapshot X:**

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The procedures to take, delete, mask, resynchronize, and import snapshots are the same as the procedures for the physical host. The provider attaches the target LUNs to the physical host and then assigns it to the guest OS as a pass-through disk when taking or importing a snapshot. When deleting or masking a snapshot, the IBM VSS Hardware Provider removes the target LUN from the guest OS before detaching it from the physical host.

### Configuring source volumes

Because the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service support taking shadow copies only for volumes that are based on disks (should I substitute virtual port for disks?) from SVC or DS8000, the disks must be assigned to the guest OS by the pass-through mode.

#### Procedure

1. Shut down the guest OS and add the iSCSI Controller to the guest OS.
2. Create LUNs and map them to the host in the storage unit that is connected to the host.
3. Add the pass-through disk drive to the guest OS.

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**Note:** The guest OS can be in the running state, but the disks should be in the offline state on the host so that they can appear in the physical hard box combo box.

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4. Log on to the guest OS.
5. Create a volume on the newly added hard disk.
6. Assign a drive letter or mount point to the volume.

## Verifying NPIV configuration

You can verify the NPIV configuration by using the Fibre Channel (FC) Host Bus Adapter (HBA) Manager.

To ensure that a LUN is from a virtual port, open the FC HBA Manager and verify that the LUN is under the virtual port.

## Preparing to take a snapshot

Before taking a snapshot for the volume on the guest OS, you must check the configuration.

Issue the following command to see if the configuration is correct:

```
ibmvcfg testsnapshot X:
```

**Tip:** The command can support one or more drive letters or mount points. In the example command, X: is the driver letter or mount point to take the snapshot.

The procedure for taking a snapshot is very similar to when you take a snapshot by using Hyper-V. However after configuring NPIV with Hyper-V, when you take a snapshot, the following events happen:

- The provider automatically attaches the target LUNs to the host via a virtual port
- The provider assigns the LUN to the guest OS as a pass-through disk when taking or importing a snapshot

When deleting or masking a snapshot, the IBM VSS Hardware Provider removes the target LUN from the guest OS before detaching it from the physical host.

## Setting the storage protocol

Because the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service support the iSCSI feature for SAN Volume Controller 5.1 or later, the storage protocol setting is determined by the protocol that attached the target LUNs to the host.

The following options are available for this setting:

- Auto** Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service automatically choose the appropriate protocol. If no protocol is available on the host, the snapshot fails.
- FC** Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service choose the Fibre Channel protocol. If the FC protocol is not available, the snapshot fails.
- iSCSI** Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service choose the iSCSI protocol. If the iSCSI protocol is not available, the snapshot fails.

Use the following command to set the storage protocol: **ibmvcfg set storageprotocol <auto, fc, iSCSI>**

If more than one storage protocol is installed on the host and guest OS, Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service follow an algorithm to choose the correct protocol. The protocol is as follows:

1. Protocol setting is auto
  - If FC and iSCSI coexist, choose FC before iSCSI.
  - If iSCSI is installed on both guest and host, choose iSCSI on guest before on host.

2. Protocol setting is FC
  - If FC protocol is available, choose FC protocol on host.
3. Protocol setting is iSCSI
  - Ignore FC configuration with this setting.
  - If iSCSI is installed on both guest and host, choose iSCSI on guest before on host.

See Table 3 Priorities for storage protocol settings lists the protocol settings and their priorities.

*Table 3. Summary table of protocol selections*

| Protocol Setting | Guest OS                   | Host      | Using          |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Auto             | None                       | FC, iSCSI | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | FC        | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | iSCSI on host  |
|                  |                            | None      | ERROR          |
|                  | iSCSI (software initiator) | FC, iSCSI | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | FC        | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | iSCSI on Guest |
|                  |                            | None      | iSCSI on Guest |
| FC               | None                       | FC, iSCSI | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | FC        | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | ERROR          |
|                  |                            | None      | ERROR          |
|                  | iSCSI (software initiator) | FC, iSCSI | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | FC        | FC on Host     |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | ERROR          |
|                  |                            | None      | ERROR          |
| iSCSI            | None                       | FC, iSCSI | iSCSI on host  |
|                  |                            | FC        | ERROR          |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | iSCSI on host  |
|                  |                            | None      | ERROR          |
|                  | iSCSI (software initiator) | FC, iSCSI | iSCSI on Guest |
|                  |                            | FC        | ERROR          |
|                  |                            | iSCSI     | iSCSI on Guest |
|                  |                            | None      | ERROR          |

## Configuring ibmvss with Hyper-V Cluster

You can configure ibmvss with Hyper-V Cluster on Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows Server 2012 Cluster.

### Before you begin

Before configuring ibmvss with Hyper-V Cluster, you must create the cluster with the hosts. Complete the following requirements to configure ibmvss with Hyper-V Cluster:

- All hosts should have the same external virtual network in Hyper-V management
- All node IP addresses must be added to the VM hosts file
- The cluster node IP address should be in one subnet and have only one cluster IP
- Create a VM base on CSV (cluster shared volumes)
- Copy the `ibmrescan.exe` tool to all nodes, with a path similar to `C:\ibmrescan.exe`

## Procedure

Complete the following steps to configure `ibmvss` for Hyper-V:

1. Add cluster hosts to storage via iSCSI or Fibre Channel (FC), and add a volume to all the nodes as the source volume.
2. Create a free pool and a resolve pool, and map some volumes (the same size as the source volume) to the free pool.
3. In **Failover Cluster Manager**, click **Storage**, right-click **Add a storage** and add the source volume as available storage in the cluster.
4. In **Failover Cluster Manager**, right-click **VM** and choose **Add storage**, then add the source volume as a disk drive of the VM.
5. Set the source volume as a VM passthrough disk, from the VM online the passthrough disk.
6. To check the `ibmvss` configuration, install the `ibmvss` in the VM and open the command prompt, change directory to the `ibmvss` installed path and run the **`ibmvcfg.exe showcfg`** command.
7. Run the **`ibmvcfg.exe set vmhost clusterip`** command to set the `vmhost`. For example `ibmvcfg.exe set vmhost 9.115.27.190`. Besides **`clusterip`**, all host IP addresses can be used as the `vmhost`.
8. Run the `ibmvcfg.exe set vmusername administrator` command to set the host username.
9. Run the `ibmvcfg.exe set vmpassword` command to set the host password.
10. Run the `ibmvcfg.exe set vmdomain` command to set the domain.
11. Run the `ibmvcfg.exe set rescanDeviceCmd c:\ibmrescan.exe` command to rescan devices on the physical host.





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## Chapter 6. Best Practices

Use these best practices while configuring the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service.

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### Troubleshooting

The topics in this section provide troubleshooting information that is related to Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service support for Hyper-V.

#### **Provider cannot find FC or iSCSI initiator**

1. Verify the FC and iSCSI configurations on the host, SAN, and storage. Make sure that at least one initiator is installed on the host or the guest OS.
2. Verify the settings for Hyper-V. Ensure that the IP address, user name, password, and domain are set correctly, that the user is authorized to access WMI on the host, and that the domain is set as the host's computer name if it is not the domain user.
3. Ensure that the storage protocol setting and the existing initiator configuration are not in conflict.

#### **Volume not supported by Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service**

Verify that the volume on the disk is supported by the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service. The disk must be from SAN Volume Controller or DS8000 and must be added to the guest OS as a pass-through disk. Virtual hard disks are not supported by the Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service, although they may be supported on the LUN from SAN Volume Controller or DS8000.

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**Restriction:** Any LUNs that are mapped to a VMware virtual machine by using virtual raw device mapping (vRDM) are recognized as a VMware virtual disk, and are not supported.

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#### **Importing a shadow copy failed or locating a LUN failed while taking the shadow copy**

Either the guest OS has no iSCSI controller or the address on the iSCSI controller or the guest OS is insufficient. Shut down the guest OS and add the iSCSI controller to the guest OS.

#### **Target LUNs are not attached to the host through the virtual port**

1. Verify the virtual port configuration on the host, SAN, and storage.
2. Verify that the guest OS configuration files are on the LUN through the virtual port. The volume on the LUN must be assigned a drive letter. A mount point is not supported.
3. Ensure that the storage protocol is not set to iSCSI.

## VMware virtual machine not recognized as virtual machine

The VMware virtual machine is not recognized as a virtual machine because the **systeminfo** in the VM is incorrect.

The correct **systeminfo** is:

- System Manufacturer: VMware, Inc
- System Model: VMware Virtual Platform

If the option `SMBIOS.reflectHost = "TRUE"` in the virtual machine's configuration file (`vmx`) is added, the **systeminfo** is changed.

For example:

- System Manufacturer: IBM
- System Model: Custom\_

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**Note:** If the VM is converted by the VMware vCenter Converter, the option is added automatically.

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To correct this, complete the following steps:

1. Shut down the virtual machine.
2. From the ESXi/vCenter datastore, delete the SMBIOS option from the configuration file whose suffix is `.vmx`.
3. Turn on the virtual machine.

## Ensuring that no shadow copy exists before you change settings that are related to FC/ISCSI initiators

If you configured Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service to attach the target LUN to the guest OS through the host FC/ISCSI when creating or importing a shadow copy, delete or mask the shadow copy with the same configuration.

Ensure that no shadow copy exists before you change settings that are related to FC/ISCSI initiators.

The **ibmvss** settings are as follows:

- **storageProtocol**
- **VMHost**
- **Vmusername**
- **vmpassword**
- **vmdomain**

The hardware or OS settings are as follows:

- enable/disable host FC/ISCSI HBA
- enable/disable host software ISCSI
- enable/disable guest OS software ISCSI

## Incremental FlashCopy mapping persists

Incremental FlashCopy makes a copy of only the changes to either the source or target data since the last FlashCopy operation. It is designed to enable completion of point-in-time online backups much more quickly than using traditional FlashCopy.

In IBM VSS Hardware Provider, to enable incremental FlashCopy mapping, use the following command code:

```
ibmvcfg.exe set incrementalFC Yes
```

After setting to incremental, all FlashCopy created is incremental until you return to regular FlashCopy by issuing the following command code:

```
ibmvcfg.exe set incrementalFC No
```

Assume an Incremental FlashCopy mapping called “fcmap1” was created, where F1 is the source volume mapped to host and F2 is the target volume. Then F1 can be used as a source volume in only one FlashCopy mapping. If the FlashCopy mapping is deleted from IBM VSS Hardware Provider, the target volume F2 returns to the free pool, but the FlashCopy mapping still exists in storage. When a new incremental FlashCopy using F1 as the source volume is created later, F2 and fcmap1 are reused.

## Deleting and restoring cascaded FlashCopy mappings

SAN Volume Controller and the IBM Storwize Family can minimize the overhead required to maintain multiple snapshots of the same source volume by putting the target volumes into a cascade where each target is dependent on changes recorded in target volumes of subsequent snapshots.

For example, assume that four VSS snapshots are created of a source volume, where S is the source volume and T1 through T4 are the targets, T1 being first chronologically and T4 the last. The following cascade occurs: **S > T4 > T3 > T2 > T1**

With this type of cascade relationship, a copy-on-write process is needed only between the source volume and the latest FlashCopy target. Any block that remains unchanged on the source volume are not copied at all.

In IBM VSS Hardware Provider, to enable cascading FlashCopy mapping, type **ibmvcfg.exe set backgroundCopy 0**.

To disable cascading FlashCopy mapping, type **ibmvcfg.exe set backgroundCopy <n>** where <n> is a number in the range 1–100.

When enabling cascading, sequentially create the FlashCopy mappings: **S > T1**, **S > T2**, **S > T3**, and **S > T4**.

If you delete mapping **S > T2**, then **S > T1** is also deleted, and only **S > T3** and **S > T4** exist.

If you restore mapping **S > T2**, then **S > T2**, **S > T3** and **S > T4** are deleted, and only **S > T1** exists.

To use space efficient volume, set the backgroundCopy to zero. Mixed volume types (fully allocated and space-efficient) of VDisks in VSS\_FREE pool and mixed

copy rates in cascading/multi-target volumes are not recommended.

## Volume Shadow Copy Service supports Hyper-V cluster

When attaching the source volume to the VM, first add an available storage to the VM from the cluster, shut down the VM, and add pass-through disks to the VM.

### Prerequisites:

- The cluster node IP addresses must be in one subnet.
- Add the cluster node IP addresses and the host names to the VM hosts file.

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## Error codes

This section details error messages for the IBM System Storage Support for Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service and Virtual Disk Service software.

**Note:** For additional help, see:

- IBM Storwize V7000 Information Center
- SAN Volume Controller library and related publications

| Error Code | Description                                                                                                                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -1         | Other errors for restore.                                                                                                                    |
| 5          | The CIMOM password or user name is incorrect.                                                                                                |
| 100        | VerifyMTFC: All the FCMaps?copy rate is 0 in the dependency list of Target Volume                                                            |
| 102        | findTarget: An exception occurred while getting VSS_FREE volumes.                                                                            |
| 103        | findTarget: The number of source and target volumes are not equal.                                                                           |
| 200        | assignVol: Invalid controller WWPN.                                                                                                          |
| 201        | assignVol: Invalid volume serial number; or Internal Error. Unable to determine target storage.                                              |
| 202        | assignVol: Invalid assignment/unassignment operation, needs to be 1 or 2; or Internal Error: Unable to obtain Storage Configuration Service. |
| 205        | ERROR: The local host has defined WWPN/IQN that the configuration does not support.                                                          |
| 300        | The operation was successfully completed. And Newer plus current cascading snapshots are deleted.                                            |
| 308        | Please specify to list 'all free reserved assigned unassigned infc'.                                                                         |
| 400        | executeFlashCopy: Input Vector was null.                                                                                                     |
| 401        | executeFlashCopy: AttachReplicas returned null.                                                                                              |
| 402        | AttachReplicas returned error.                                                                                                               |
| 500        | withdrawFlashCopy: Input volume was null.                                                                                                    |
| 501        | withdrawFlashCopy: Volumes are not in a storage synchronized relationship; or Invalid parameters.                                            |

| Error Code | Description                                                                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 502        | withdrawFlashCopy: ModifySynchronization returned null                                                          |
| 503        | withdrawFlashCopy: Input volume was invalid.                                                                    |
| 504        | withdrawFlashCopy: Storage Configuration Service was null!                                                      |
| 512        | Error: Volume is offline.                                                                                       |
| 600        | cleanup: Source volumes were null.                                                                              |
| 700        | ERROR: Null value found either WWPN, boolean variable, or targetSVC.                                            |
| 701        | ERROR: The length of WWPN does not match with boolean variable.                                                 |
| 702        | ERROR: The targetSVC's ID does not match.                                                                       |
| 711        | No matching synchronization was found.                                                                          |
| 712        | Internal Error: Unable to obtain Storage Configuration Service.                                                 |
| 713        | The SAN Volume Controller does NOT support restoring FlashCopy.                                                 |
| 714        | The SAN Volume Controller does not support restoring FlashCopy with SEV.                                        |
| 715        | Cannot restore the FlashCopy because target volume is already a copying state FCMAP's target.                   |
| 716        | Reuse existing FCMAP to perform restore failed.                                                                 |
| 718        | Provider does not support restoring FlashCopy for SAN Volume Controller 5.1 or higher.                          |
| 719        | Provider does not support restoring FlashCopy with cascading on SAN Volume Controller 5.1 or higher.            |
| 720        | Prepare FlashCopy to restore failed.                                                                            |
| 730        | Execute restore FlashCopy failed.                                                                               |
| 740        | Wait related FCMAP to finish failed.                                                                            |
| 800        | There is FCMAP with copy rate 0 and others copy rate greater than 0 in the dependency list of Target Volume.    |
| 911        | Internal Error: The CIMOM may not be functioning correctly.                                                     |
| 1000       | JVM Creation failed. ERR_JVM                                                                                    |
| 1001       | Class not found: %1. ERR_CLASS_NOT_FOUND                                                                        |
| 1002       | Some required parameters are missing. ERR_MISSING_PARAMS                                                        |
| 1003       | Method not found: %1. ERR_METHOD_NOT_FOUND                                                                      |
| 1004       | A missing parameter is required.<br>Use the configuration utility to set this parameter: %1. ERR_REQUIRED_PARAM |
| 1006       | The following method failed: %1. ERR_METHOD                                                                     |

| Error Code | Description                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1007       | Provider initialization failed.<br>Refer to the logs for the error messages.<br>ERR_GLOBALINIT                 |
| 1600       | The recovery file could not be created.<br>ERR_RECOVERY_FILE_CREATION_FAILED                                   |
| 1700       | ibmGetLunInfo failed in AreLunsSupported.<br>ERR_ARELUNSSUPPORTED_IBMGETLUNINFO                                |
| 1800       | ibmGetLunInfo failed in FillLunInfo.<br>ERR_FILLLUNINFO_IBMGETLUNINFO                                          |
| 1900       | Failed to delete the following temp files:<br>%1 ERR_GET_TGT_CLEANUP                                           |
| 2500       | Error initializing log. ERR_LOG_SETUP                                                                          |
| 2501       | Unable to search for incomplete Shadow Copies.<br>Windows Error: %1. ERR_CLEANUP_LOCATE                        |
| 2502       | Unable to read incomplete Shadow Copy Set<br>information from file: %1. ERR_CLEANUP_READ                       |
| 2503       | Unable to clean up snapshot stored in file:<br>%1. ERR_CLEANUP_SNAPSHOT                                        |
| 2504       | Cleanup call failed with error:<br>%1. ERR_CLEANUP_FAILED                                                      |
| 2505       | Unable to open file:<br>%1. ERR_CLEANUP_OPEN                                                                   |
| 2506       | Unable to create file:<br>%1. ERR_CLEANUP_CREATE                                                               |
| 2507       | HBA: Error loading hba library:<br>%1. ERR_HBAAPI_LOAD                                                         |
| 3000       | An exception occurred. Check the ESSService log.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_EXCEPTION                                   |
| 3001       | Unable to initialize logging.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_LOGGING                                                        |
| 3002       | Unable to connect to the CIM agent.<br>Check your configuration.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_CONNECT                     |
| 3003       | Unable to get the Storage Configuration Service.<br>Check your configuration.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_SCS            |
| 3004       | An internal error occurred with the<br>following information: %1.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_INTERNAL                   |
| 3005       | Unable to find the VSS_FREE controller.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_FREE_CONTROLLER                                      |
| 3006       | Unable to find the VSS_RESERVED controller.<br>Check your configuration.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_RESERVED_CONTROLLER |
| 3007       | Unable to find suitable targets for all volumes.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_INSUFFICIENT_TARGETS                        |
| 3008       | The assign operation failed.<br>Check the CIM agent log for details.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_ASSIGN_FAILED           |

| Error Code | Description                                                                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3009       | The withdraw FlashCopy operation failed.<br>Check the CIM agent log for details.<br>ERR_ESSSERVICE_WITHDRAW_FAILED |
| 4000       | Failed to initialize the %1.<br>ERR_INIT                                                                           |
| 4001       | Internal Error: %1.<br>ERR_INTERNAL                                                                                |
| 4002       | %1. INFO_GENERAL                                                                                                   |
| 4096       | executeFlashCopy() - Job started                                                                                   |
| 32816      | Volume(s) are already in a FlashCopy relationship.<br>ERR_FLASHCOPY_ALREADY_IN_PROGRESS                            |
| 37883      | Volume already assigned.                                                                                           |
| 38163      | Volume already unassigned.                                                                                         |





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