



Enterprise Computing Solutions - Education Services

## TRAINING OFFERING

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CODE:	LENGTH:	PRICE:
VMW_VSFT8	40 Hours (5 days)	€3,850.00

## Description

This five-day, extended hour course takes you from introductory to advanced VMware vSphere® 8 management skills. Building on the installation and configuration content from our best-selling course, you will also develop advanced skills needed to manage and maintain a highly available and scalable virtual infrastructure. Through a mix of lecture and hands-on labs, you will install, configure, and manage vSphere 7. You will explore the features that build a foundation for a truly scalable infrastructure and discuss when and where these features have the greatest effect. This course prepares you to administer a vSphere infrastructure for an organization of any size using vSphere 8, which includes VMware ESXi™ 8 and VMware vCenter Server® 8.

## Objectives

By the end of the course, you should be able to meet the following objectives:

- Install and configure ESXi hosts
- Deploy and configure vCenter
- Use the vSphere Client to create the vCenter inventory and assign roles to vCenter users
- Configure vCenter High Availability
- Create and configure virtual networks using vSphere standard switches and distributed switches
- Create and configure datastores using storage technologies supported by vSphere
- Use the vSphere Client to create virtual machines, templates, clones, and snapshots
- Configure and manage a VMware Tools Repository
- Create content libraries for managing templates and deploying virtual machines
- Manage virtual machine resource use
- Migrate virtual machines with vSphere vMotion and vSphere Storage vMotion
- Create and configure a vSphere cluster that is enabled with vSphere High Availability and vSphere Distributed Resource Scheduler
- Manage the life cycle of vSphere to keep vCenter, ESXi hosts, and virtual machines up to date
- Configure and manage vSphere networking and storage for a large and sophisticated enterprise
- Use host profiles to manage VMware ESXi host compliance
- Monitor the vCenter, ESXi, and VMs performance in the vSphere client

## Audience

- System administrators
- System engineers

## Prerequisites

This course has the following prerequisites:

- System administration experience on Microsoft Windows or Linux operating systems

## Programme

- 1 Course Introduction
  - Introductions and course logistics
  - Course objectives
- 2 vSphere and Virtualization Overview
  - Explain basic virtualization concepts
  - Describe how vSphere fits in the software-defined data center and the cloud infrastructure
  - Recognize the user interfaces for accessing vSphere
  - Explain how vSphere interacts with CPUs, memory, networks, storage, and GPUs

- Install an ESXi host
- 3 vCenter Management
  - Recognize ESXi hosts communication with vCenter
  - Deploy vCenter Server Appliance
  - Configure vCenter settings
  - Use the vSphere Client to add and manage license keys
  - Create and organize vCenter inventory objects
  - Recognize the rules for applying vCenter permissions
  - View vSphere tasks and events
  - Create a vCenter backup schedule
  - Recognize the importance of vCenter High Availability
  - Explain how vCenter High Availability works

#### 4 Configure and Manage vSphere Networking

- Configure and view standard switch configurations
- Configure and view distributed switch configurations
- Recognize the difference between standard switches and distributed switches
- Explain how to set networking policies on standard and distributed switches

#### 5 Configure and Manage vSphere Storage

- Recognize vSphere storage technologies
- Identify types of vSphere datastores
- Describe Fibre Channel components and addressing
- Describe iSCSI components and addressing
- Configure iSCSI storage on ESXi
- Create and manage VMFS datastores
- Configure and manage NFS datastores
- Discuss vSphere support for NVMe and iSER technologies

#### 6 Deploying Virtual Machines

- Create and provision VMs
- Explain the importance of VMware Tools
- Identify the files that make up a VM
- Recognize the components of a VM
- Navigate the vSphere Client and examine VM settings and options
- Modify VMs by dynamically increasing resources
- Create VM templates and deploy VMs from them
- Clone VMs
- Create customization specifications for guest operating systems
- Create local, published, and subscribed content libraries
- Deploy VMs from content libraries
- Manage multiple versions of VM templates in content libraries

#### 7 Managing Virtual Machines

- Recognize the types of VM migrations that you can perform within a vCenter instance and across vCenter instances
- Migrate VMs using vSphere vMotion
- Describe the role of Enhanced vMotion Compatibility in migrations
- Migrate VMs using vSphere Storage vMotion
- Take a snapshot of a VM
- Manage, consolidate, and delete snapshots
- Describe CPU and memory concepts in relation to a virtualized environment
- Describe how VMs compete for resources
- Define CPU and memory shares, reservations, and limits
- Recognize the role of a VMware Tools Repository
- Configure a VMware Tools Repository
- Recognize the backup and restore solution for VMs

#### 8 vSphere Cluster Management

- Use Cluster Quickstart to enable vSphere cluster services and configure the cluster
- View information about a vSphere cluster
- Explain how vSphere DRS determines VM placement on hosts in the cluster
- Recognize use cases for vSphere DRS settings
- Monitor a vSphere DRS cluster
- Describe how vSphere HA responds to different types of failures
- Identify options for configuring network redundancy in a vSphere HA cluster
- Recognize the use cases for various vSphere HA settings
- Configure a cluster enabled for vSphere DRS and vSphere HA
- Recognize when to use vSphere Fault Tolerance
- Describe the function of the vCLS
- Recognize operations that might disrupt the healthy functioning of vCLS VMs

#### 9 Managing the vSphere Lifecycle

- Generate vCenter interoperability reports
- Recognize features of vSphere Lifecycle Manager

- Describe ESXi images and image depots
- Enable vSphere Lifecycle Manager in a vSphere cluster
- Validate ESXi host compliance against a cluster image and remediate ESXi hosts using vSphere Lifecycle Manager
- Describe vSphere Lifecycle Manager automatic recommendations
- Use vSphere Lifecycle Manager to upgrade VMware Tools and VM hardware

10 Network Operations

- Configure and manage vSphere distributed switches
- Describe how VMware vSphere Network I/O Control enhances performance
- Define vSphere Distributed Services Engine
- Describe the use cases and benefits of vSphere Distributed Services Engine

## 11 Storage Operations

- Describe the architecture and requirements of vSAN configuration
- Describe storage policy-based management
- Recognize components in the vSphere Virtual Volumes architecture
- Configure Storage I/O Control

## 12 ESXi Operations

- Use host profiles to manage ESXi configuration compliance
- Recognize the benefits of using configuration profiles

## 13 vSphere Monitoring

- Monitor the key factors that can affect a virtual machine's performance
- Describe the factors that influence vCenter performance
- Use vCenter tools to monitor resource use
- Create custom alarms in vCenter
- Describe the benefits and capabilities of VMware Skyline
- Recognize uses for Skyline Advisor Pro

## Test and Certification

Attending this course meets the training requirement to achieve the following certification:

- VMware Certified Professional – Data Center Virtualization (VCP-DCV)

## Further Information

### Product Alignment

- VMware ESXi 8.0
- VMware vCenter 8.0

## Session Dates

Date	Location	Time Zone	Language	Type	Guaranteed	PRICE
23 Mar 2026	Virtual Classroom (GMT / UTC)	GMT	English	Instructor Led Online		€3,850.00
08 Jun 2026	Virtual Classroom (CET / UTC +1)	CEDT	English	Instructor Led Online		€3,850.00
22 Jun 2026	Virtual Classroom (GMT / UTC)	BST	English	Instructor Led Online		€3,850.00
21 Sep 2026	Virtual Classroom (GMT / UTC)	BST	English	Instructor Led Online		€3,850.00
14 Dec 2026	Virtual Classroom (GMT / UTC)	GMT	English	Instructor Led Online		€3,850.00

## Additional Information

This training is also available as onsite training. Please contact us to find out more.