

CX Cloud Agent Overview

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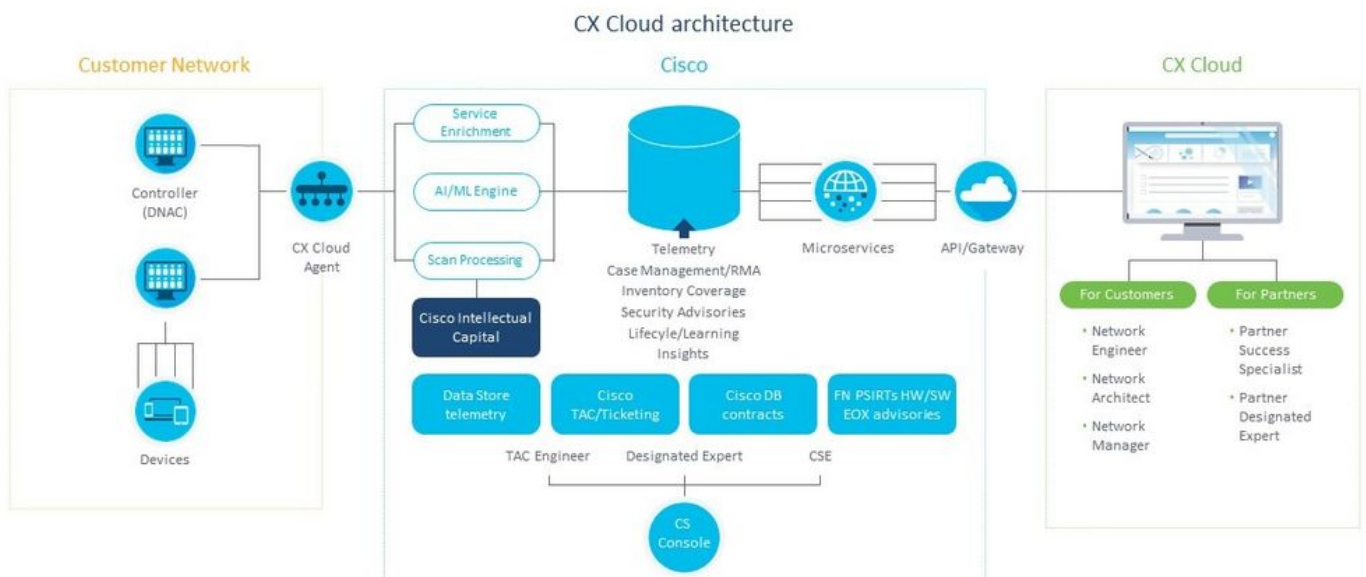
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Overview

Cisco's Customer Experience (CX) Cloud Agent is a modernized modular on-prem software platform that unifies all existing on-prem applications into lightweight containerized microservice capabilities. These capabilities can be installed, configured, and managed on customer premise from the cloud. CX Cloud Agent is a major advancement in how we create, deploy, and manage on-prem software capabilities that are tied to business offers. It expedites the monetization of new offers, scales existing capabilities, and helps to develop next-generation services driven by big data, analytics, automation, Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence (ML/AI), and streaming.



CX Cloud Agent Architecture

Prerequisites

CX Cloud Agent runs as a virtual machine (VM) and is available for download as an Open Virtual Appliance (OVA) or a Virtual Hard Disk (VHD).

Requirements to deploy are:

- Any of the following hypervisors: VMWare ESXi version 5.5 or above Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 Hypervisor version 2012
- The hypervisor should be able to host a VM which requires: 8 Core CPU 16 GB Memory/RAM 200GB Disk Space

- For customers storing CX Cloud data in Amazon Web Services (AWS) US data centers:
The CX Cloud Agent must be able to connect to the following servers, using both the FQDN and the IP address, and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
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FQDN: concsoweb-prd.cisco.com/**IP address:** 72.163.7.113
FQDN: concsoweb3-prd.cisco.com/**IP address:** 173.38.212.48
- For customers using the AWS European region, connectivity to FQDN: concsoweb-prd.cisco.com IP address: 72.163.7.113 is required only for registering the CX Cloud Agent with CX Cloud during initial setup. Once the CX Cloud Agent is registered with CX Cloud, this connection is no longer required.
- For local management of the CX Cloud Agent, port 22 should be accessible.

Other notes on CX Cloud Agent:

- An IP will automatically be detected if DHCP is enabled in the VM environment otherwise a free IPv4 address must be assigned to the CX Cloud Agent, know about the Subnet mask for the network, the IP of the Default Gateway and optionally the IP of the DNS server
- Only IPv4 is supported, not IPv6
- The certified single node and HA Cluster Cisco Digital Network Architecture (DNA) Center versions from 1.2.8 to 1.3.3.9 and 2.1.2.0 to 2.2.3.0 are required.
- System events (AFM): The CCO ID given at the time of registration should have device contracts associated with it to raise automated TAC cases.

Critical Domains Access

To start the CX Cloud journey, users require access to the following domains.

Major Domains:

- cisco.com
- cisco.cloud
- split.io

Other Domains:

- mixpanel.com
- cloudfront.net
- eum-appdynamics.com
- apdynamics.com
- tiqcdn.com
- jquery.com

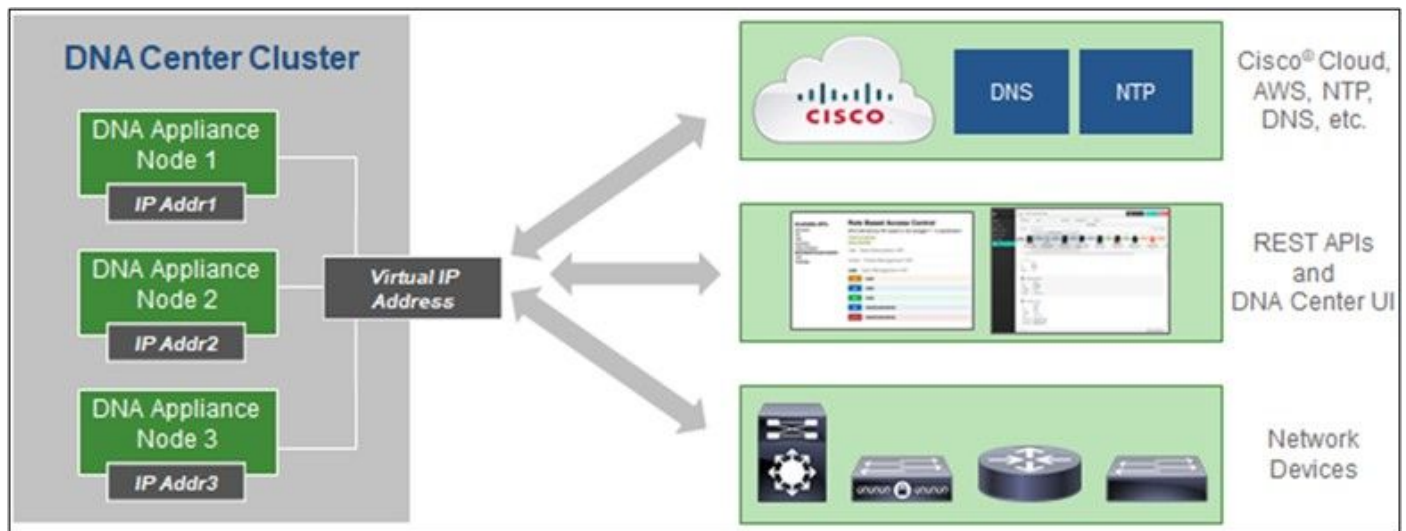
Acronyms

The list of acronyms used in this document are:

- API – Application Program Interface
- BDB – Big Data Broker
- CX – Customer Experience
- DHCP – Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- Cisco DNA Center – Cisco Digital Network Architecture Center
- OVA – Open Virtual Appliance
- SSH – Secure Socket Shell
- TLS – Transport Layer Security
- VHD – Virtual Hard Disk

Cisco DNA Center Certified Versions

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Multi-Node HA Cluster Cisco DNA Center

Supported Browsers

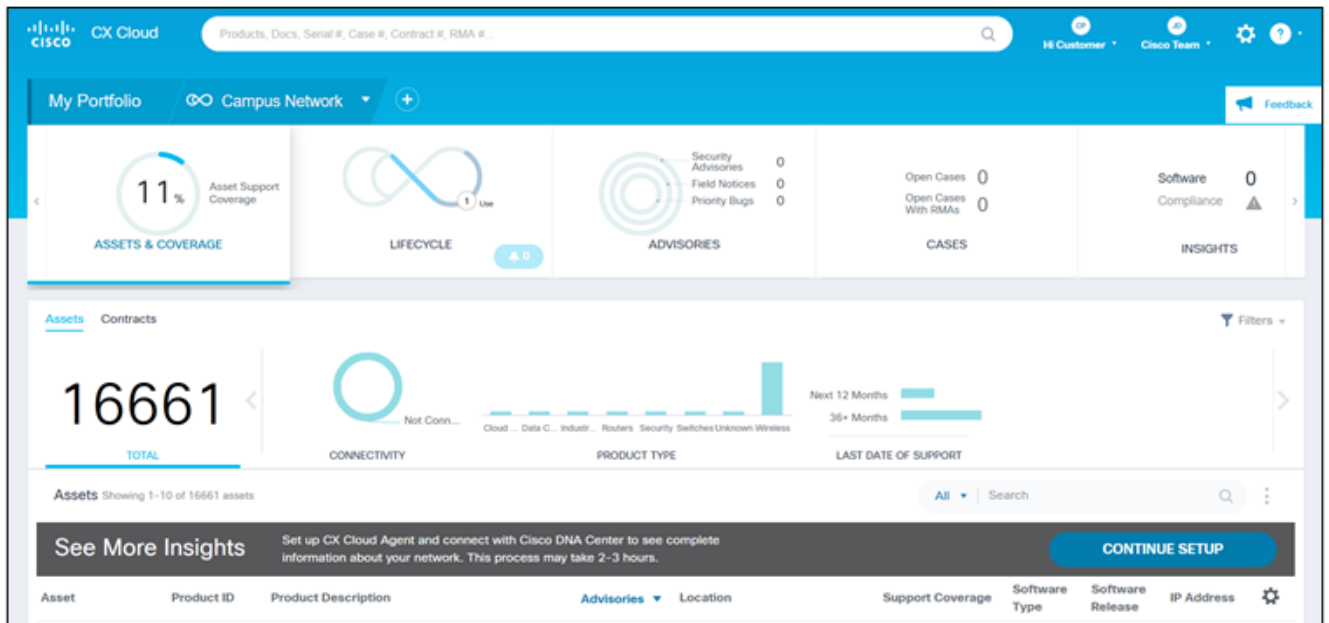
For the best experience on Cisco.com, we recommend the following browsers:

- Google Chrome (latest official release)
- Microsoft Edge (latest official release)
- Mozilla Firefox (latest official release)

Deploying CX Cloud Agent

To deploy CX Cloud Agent:

1. Click cx.cisco.com to log in to CX Cloud.
2. Select **Campus Network** and navigate to **Assets & Coverage** tile.
3. Click **Continue Setup** to start the deployment.



Home Page

4. Read through the prerequisites and click **Continue**.


Prepare to Set Up
CX Cloud


Install CX Cloud Agent
on VM


Connect VM
to Browser


Configure
CX Cloud Agent


Cisco DNA Center &
CX Cloud Agent



Prepare to Set Up CX Cloud



Behind your firewall



You'll need a hypervisor to host CX Cloud Agent

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- An IP address will automatically be detected if DHCP is enabled in the VM environment. If not, you will need to have a free IPv4 address, Subnet mask, Default Gateway IP address, and DNS server IP address (optional).
- Only IPv4 is supported, not IPv6
- If your network has SSL interception, please whitelist CX Cloud Agent's IP address.

[Review the deployment and troubleshooting guide](#)

Ensure Cisco DNA Center is set up

CX Cloud requires Cisco DNA Center to collect device inventory. If you haven't set up Cisco DNA Center yet, the CX Cloud Lifecycle section has relevant guides and training sessions to help you.



CX Cloud takes security seriously

The connection between CX Cloud and CX Cloud Agent is encrypted, and Cisco DNA Center credentials are stored securely in CX Cloud Agent.

- All communication is sent via SSH on port 22 and via HTTPS on port 443
- All information sent between CX Cloud Agent and CX Cloud is encrypted using SSL
- HTTPS over TLS 1.2 is used for the communication between Cisco DNA Center and CX Cloud Agent
- CX Cloud Agent's SSH supports 11 different ciphers
- SSH timeout occurs if the agent is idle for 5 minutes
- Cisco DNA Center credentials are encrypted using AES-256 and stored in the CX Cloud Agent database. The CX Cloud Agent database is protected with a secured user ID and password

CONTINUE

CANCEL

PRESS ENTER

Prerequisites

5. Verify the auto-populated information in the **First Name**, **Last Name**, **E-mail**, and **COO User Id** fields.
6. Select the **Business division's functions**.
7. Indicate whether a listed government entity is applicable.
8. Select the **Confirmation** check box to agree to the usage conditions.
9. Click **Accept** to agree to the Encryption agreement.

Prepare to Set Up CX Portal

Install CX Cloud Agent VM

Connect to VM through Browser

Configure CX Cloud Agent

Cisco DNA Center & CX Cloud Agent

Help

Accept the Encryption Agreement

Accept the License Agreement

Download the Collector Software

Deploy the Collector Software

Install CX Cloud Agent VM

To download the OVA file for the CX Cloud Agent virtual machine, please accept this agreement.

Strong Encryption Eligibility

Instructions

To apply for eligibility to download strong encryption software images:

1. Ensure the address listed in your [Cisco.com User Profile](#) is correct and complete.
2. Read each of the conditions below carefully prior to selecting your answer.
3. Type your full name in the field provided.
4. Submit this form.

Personal Information

First Name: Devikaia

Last Name: Bakthavachalam

E-mail: dbakthav@cisco.com

CCO User Id: dbakthav

Business division's function:

Commercial/Civilian entity

Government entity, a Military entity or Defense Contractor

If Government entity, a Military entity or Defense Contractor, Are you in

Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom or the United States.

Yes No

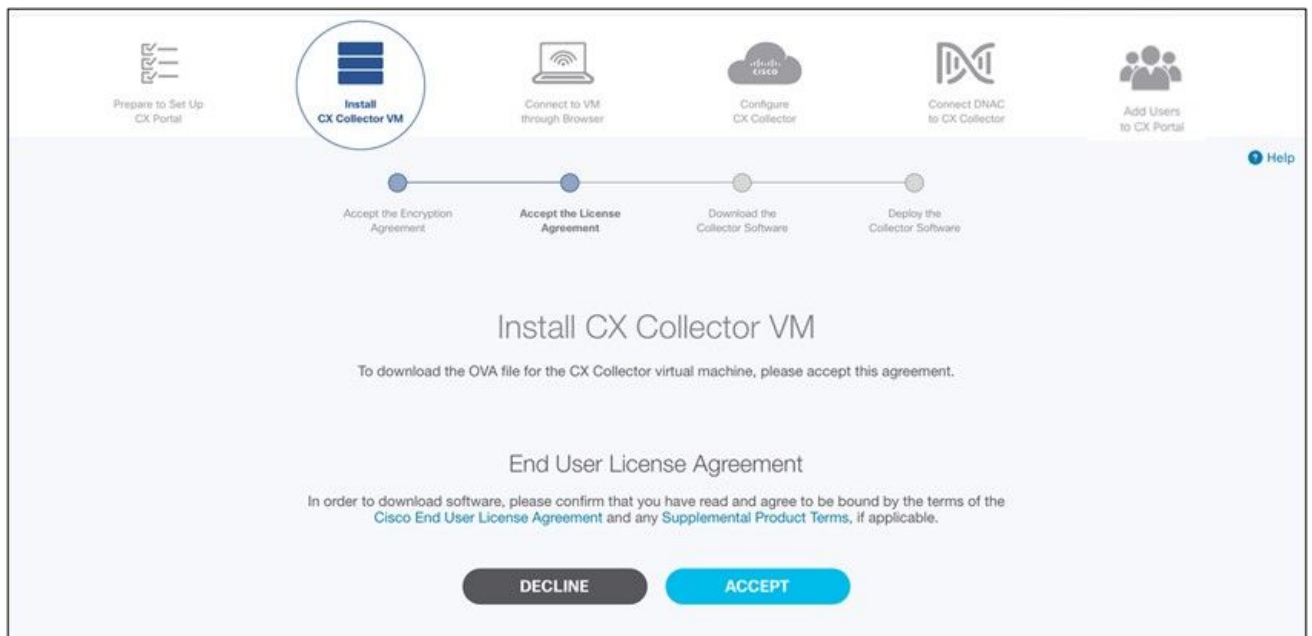
Confirmation

By checking this field, I hereby certify that I, as a duly authorized representative of the organization, understand and agree to abide by the conditions set forth above regarding the usage of Cisco Systems, Inc. hardware and/or software.

DECLINE ACCEPT

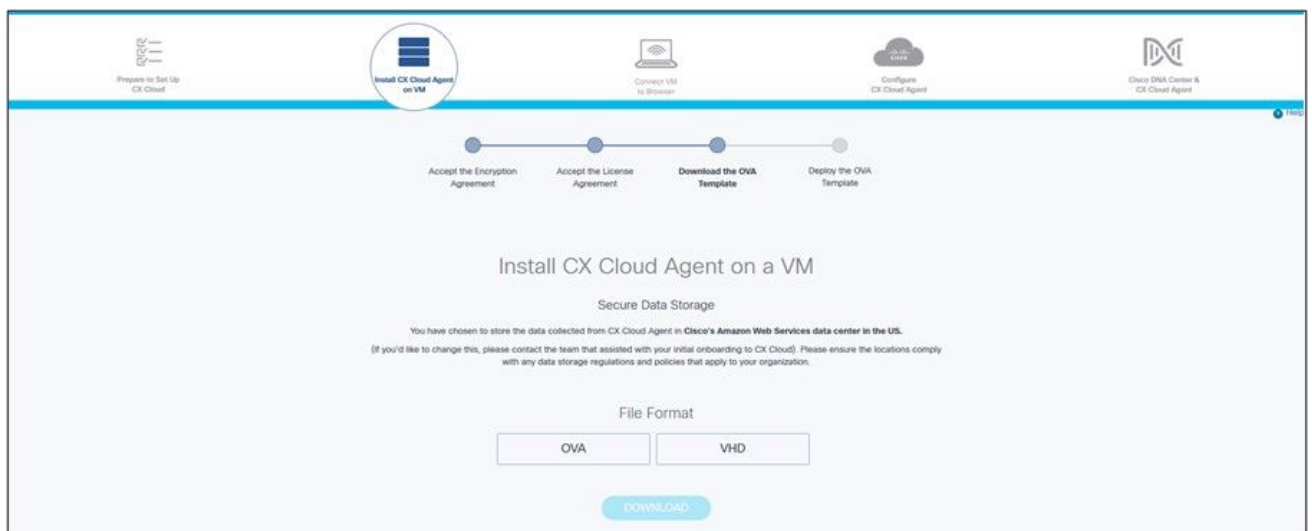
Encryption Agreement

10. Click **Accept** to accept the end-user license agreement.



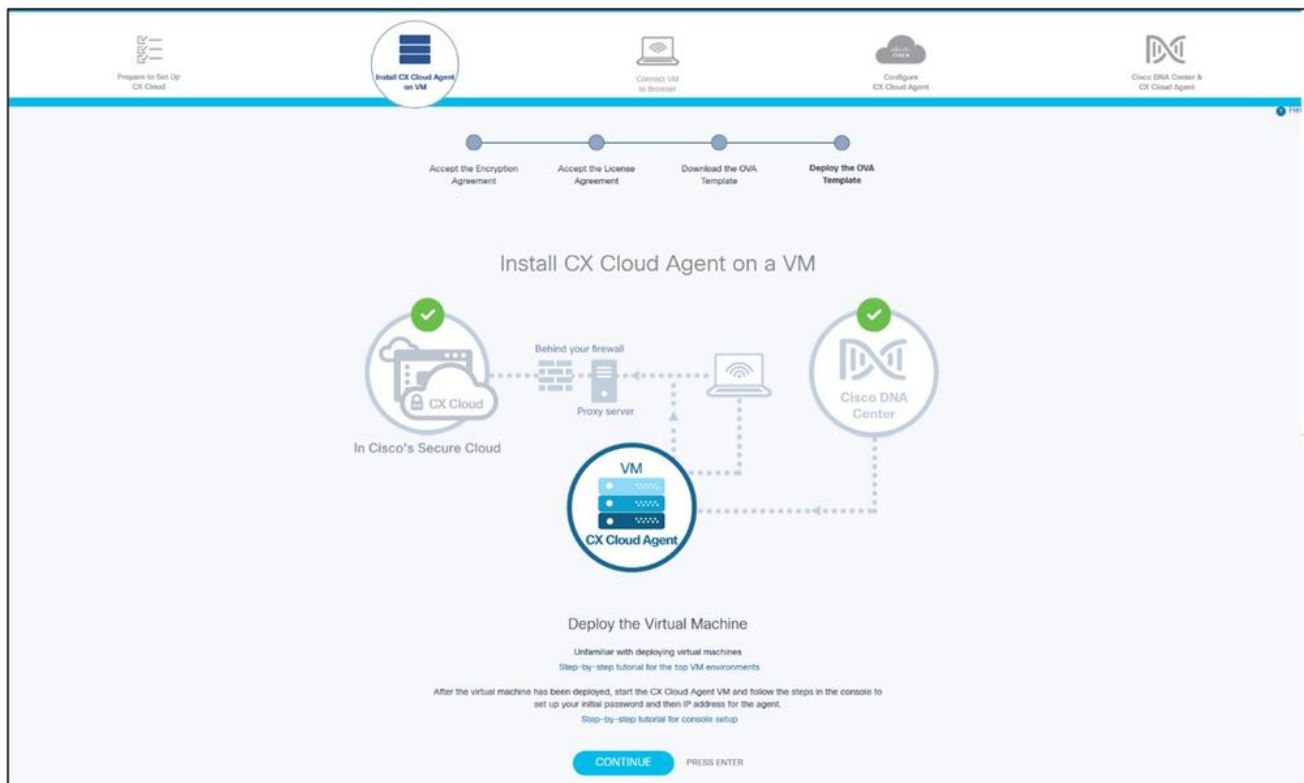
End User License Agreement

11. Select the format you require to install. Click **Download Image** to get the installation file. Your preferred data center is displayed.



Download Image

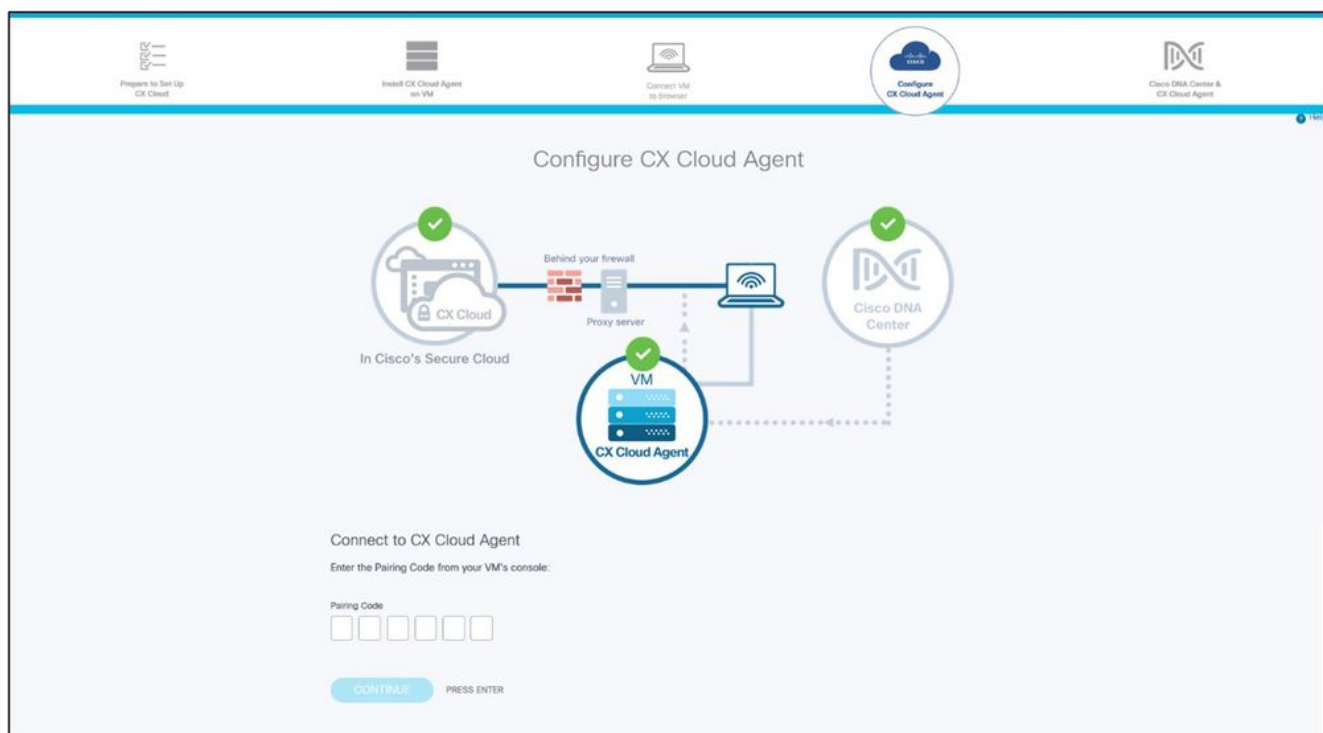
12. Click **View step-by-step tutorial** on the next screen for help deploying the set up. The step-by-step tutorial is explained in the [Deployment and Network Configuration](#) section. The download depends on the network speed.



VM and Console Tutorial

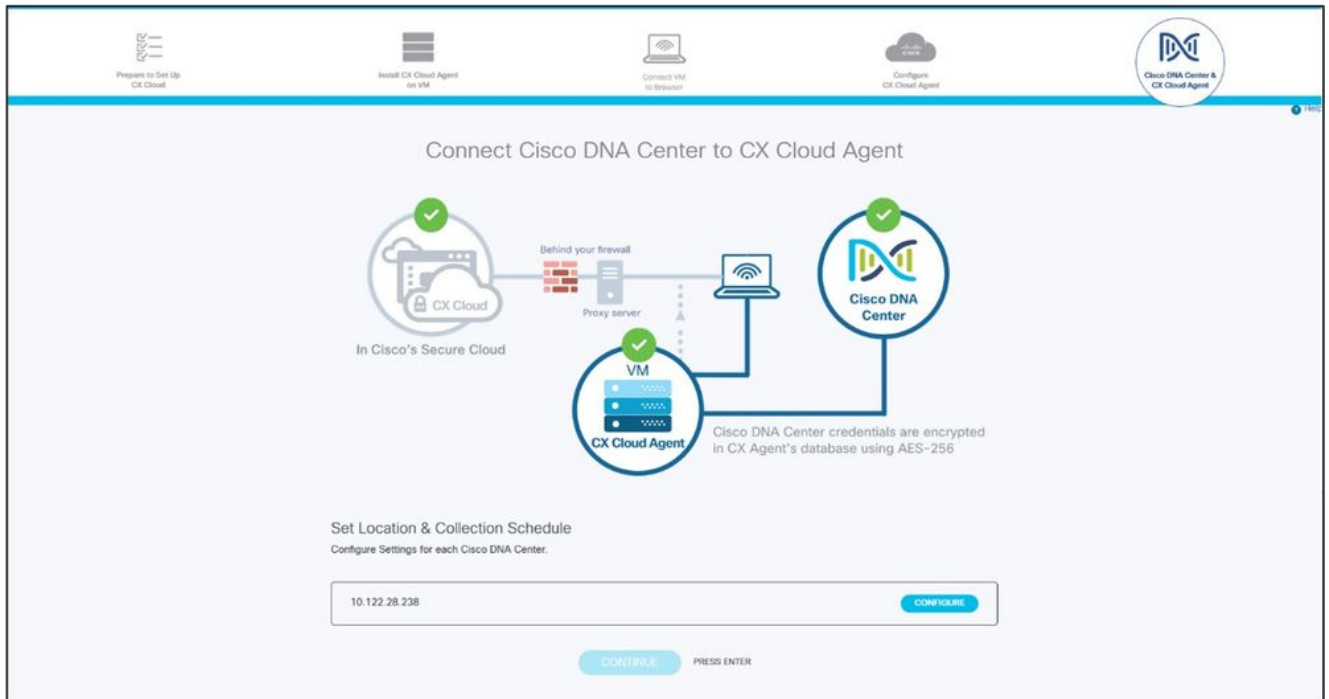
Connecting CX Cloud Agent to CX Cloud

1. Enter the Pairing Code that you got from the console dialog or CLI. For more info refer to [Network Configuration](#).



Pairing Code

2. Click **Configure** to add the configurations for Cisco DNA Center(s) details that you have added using Console dialog or CLI. Refer [Network Configuration](#).

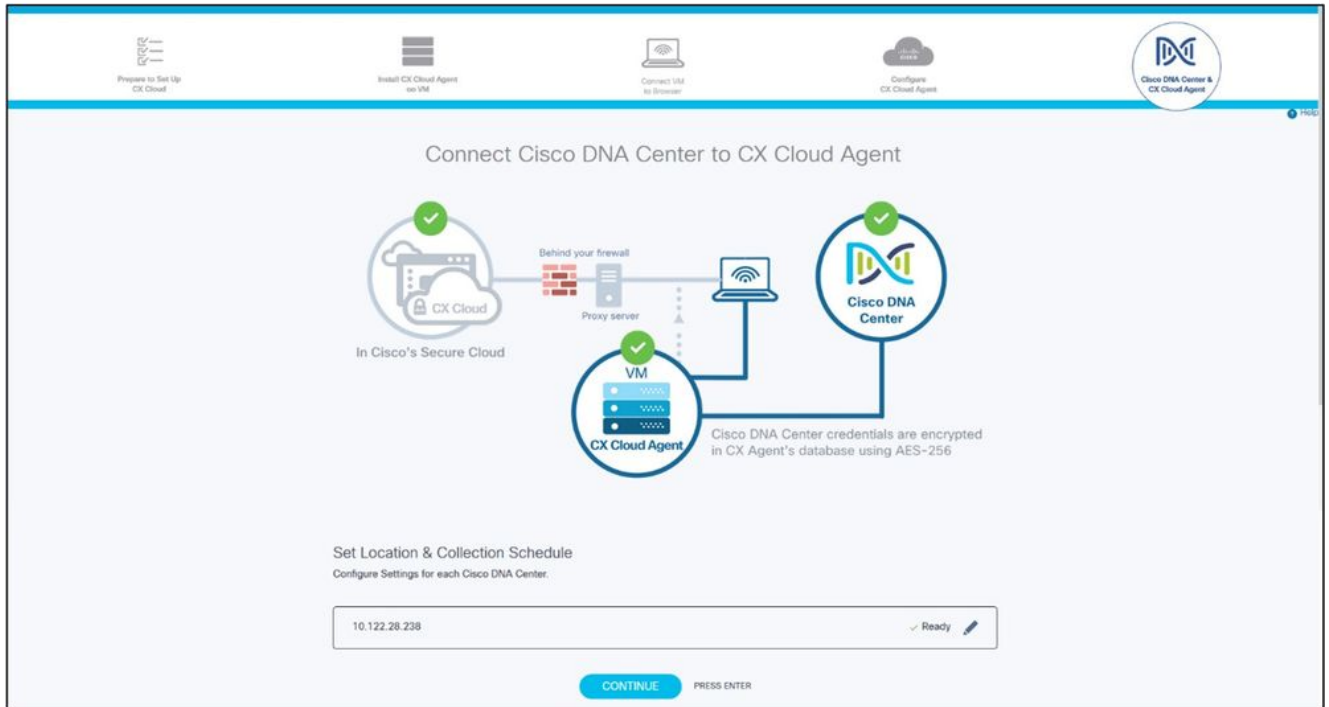


Configure Cisco DNA Center

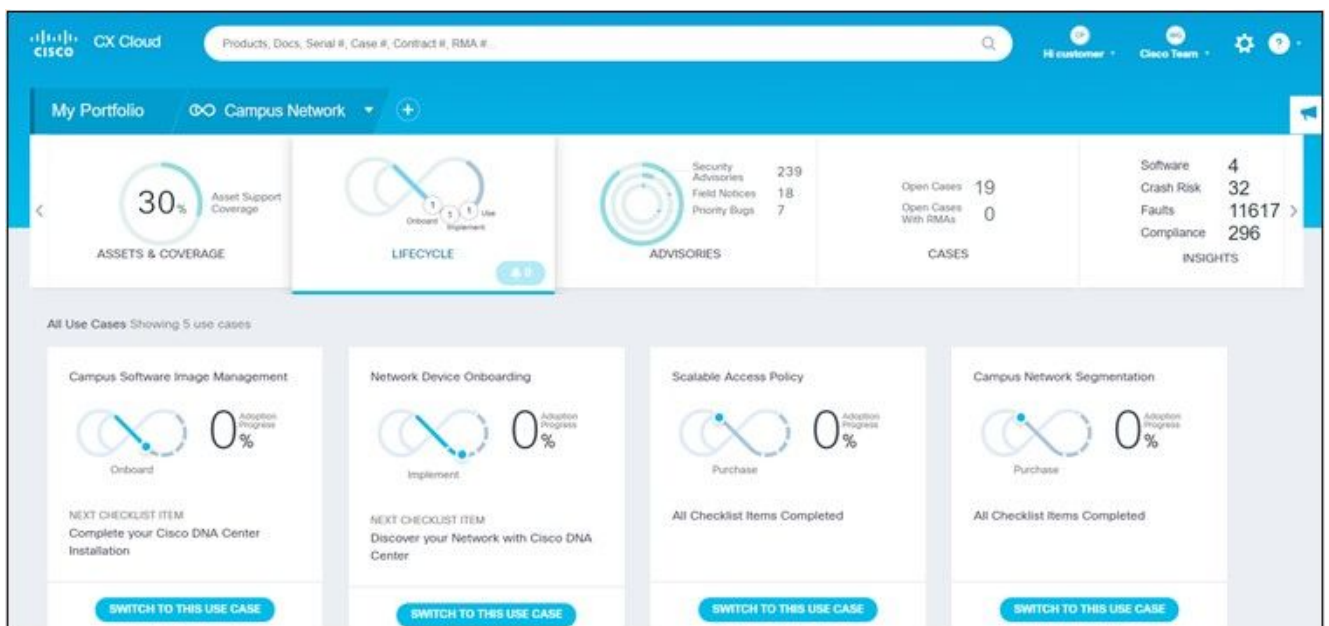
3. Select the location from the list and you can choose either run now or schedule the collection later. You can schedule the ongoing Inventory collection and click **Save**. Click **Continue**. **Note:** Two different assets having configured for the same IP address behind two separate DNA Center clusters is not supported currently.
4. Cisco DNA Center is ready to use. Click Continue.
5. CX Portal landing page appears. If the data is not populated on the screen within 8 to 24 hrs., Contact support for the queries.



Connect Cisco DNA Center

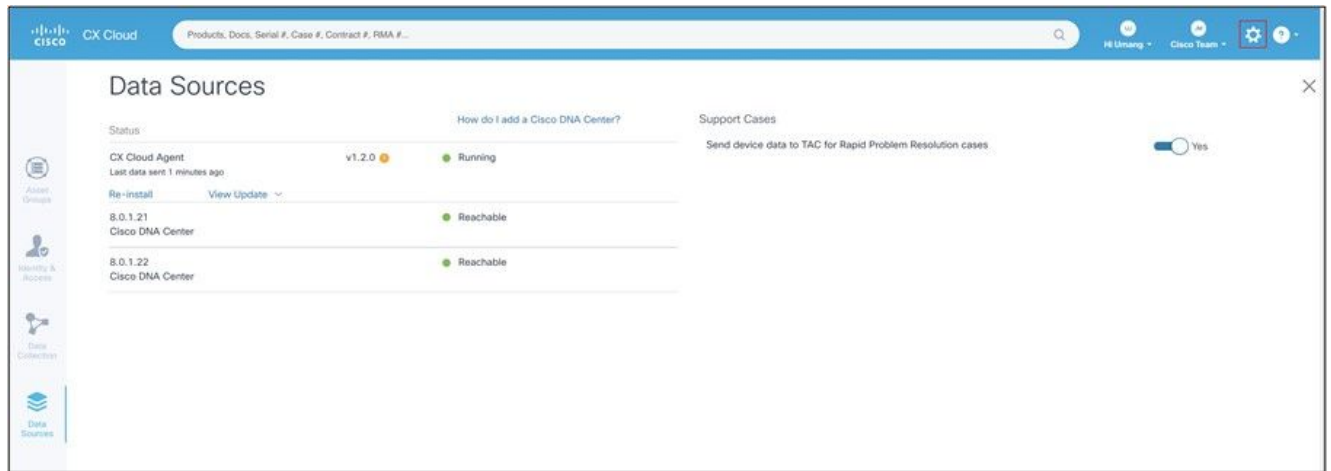


Successful Configuration



CX Portal Landing Page

6. To view the configured Cisco DNA Center, navigate to **Admin Settings > Data Source**.



Data Source

Deployment and Network Configuration

You can choose any one of the below options to deploy CX Cloud Agent:



Deployment Environments

- If you select VMware vSphere/vCenter Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0 go to [Thick Client](#)
- If you select VMware vSphere/vCenter Web Client ESXi 6.0 go to [Web Client](#) vSphere or [Center](#)
- If you select Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 go to [Oracle VM](#)
- If you select Microsoft Hyper-V go to [Hyper-V](#)

OVA Deployment

Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0 Installation

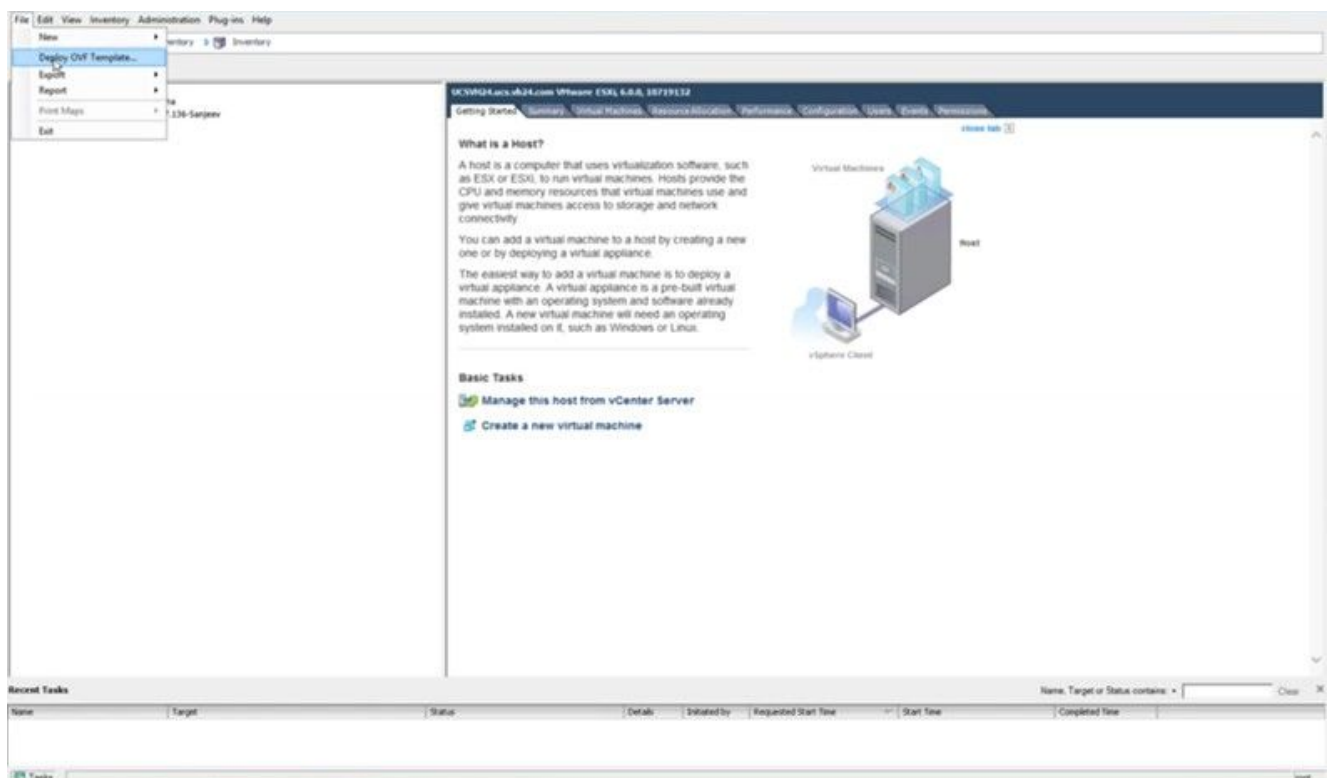
This client allows you to deploy CX Cloud Agent OVA using the vSphere thick client.

1. After downloading the image, launch the VMware vSphere Client and log in using the credentials.



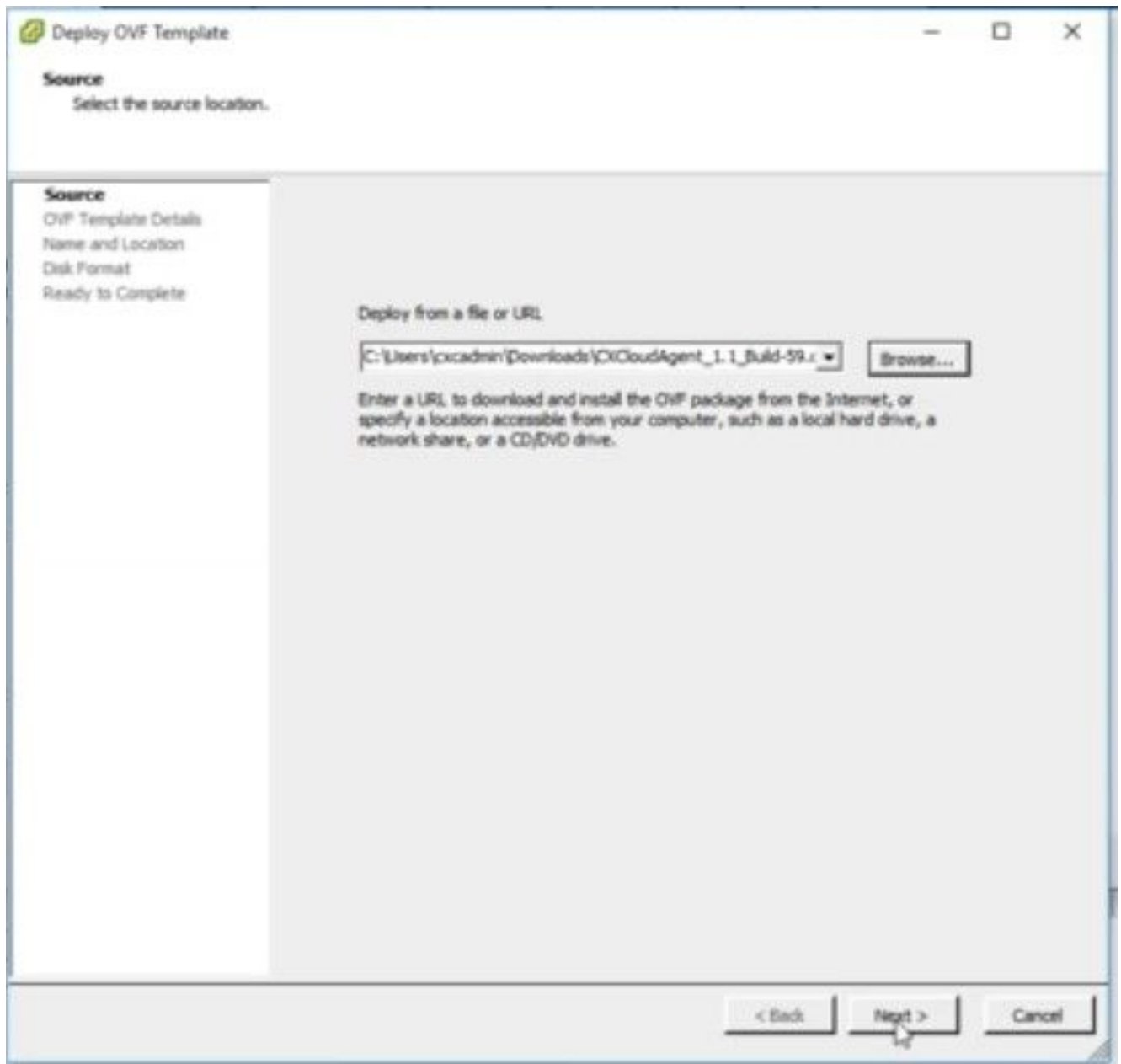
Login

2. Navigate to **File > Deploy OVF Template.**



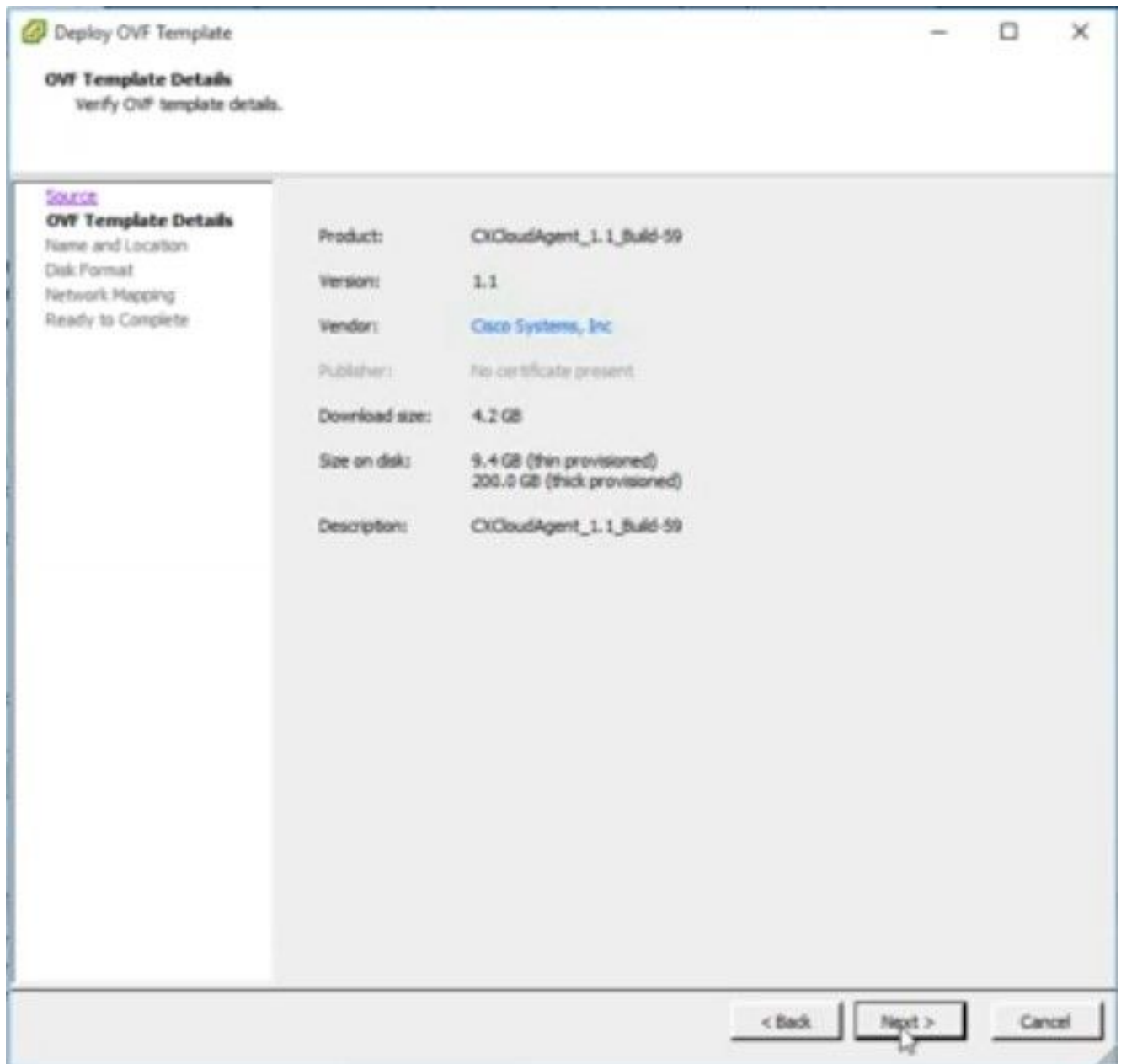
vSphere Client

3. Browser to select OVA file. Click **Next>** to proceed.



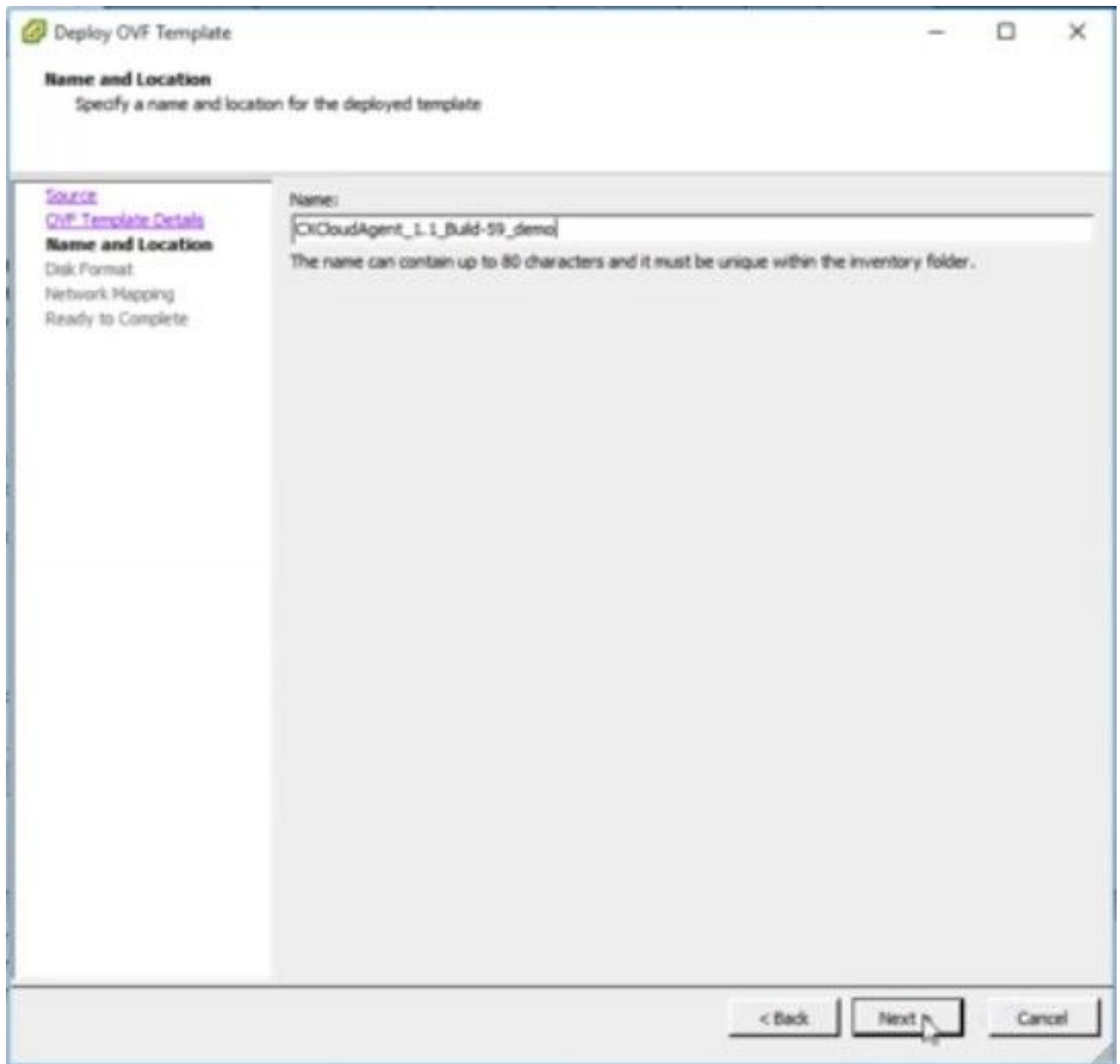
OVA Path

4. Verify the **OVF Details** and click **Next>** to proceed.



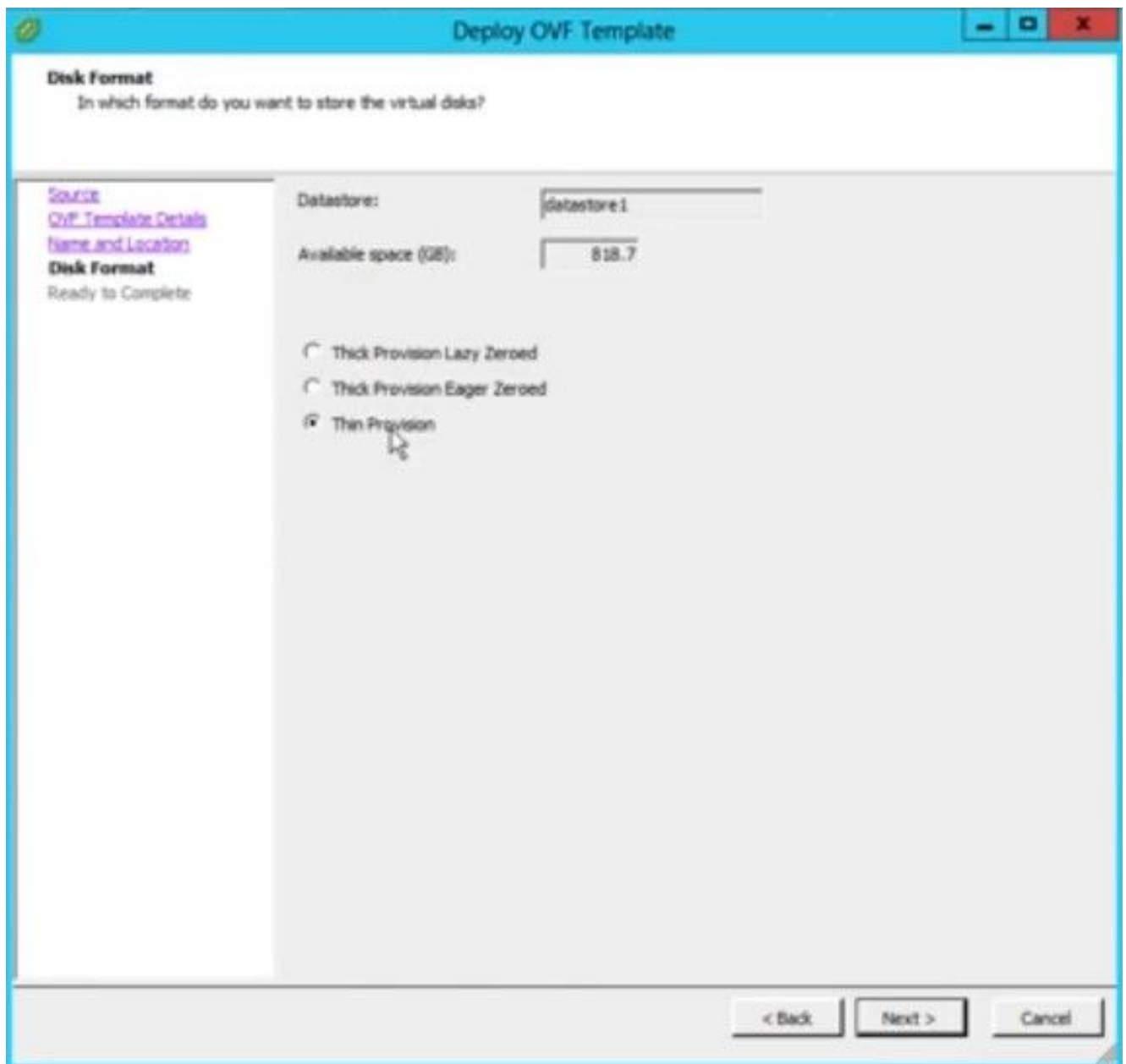
Template Details

5. Enter a **Unique Name** and click **Next>** to proceed.



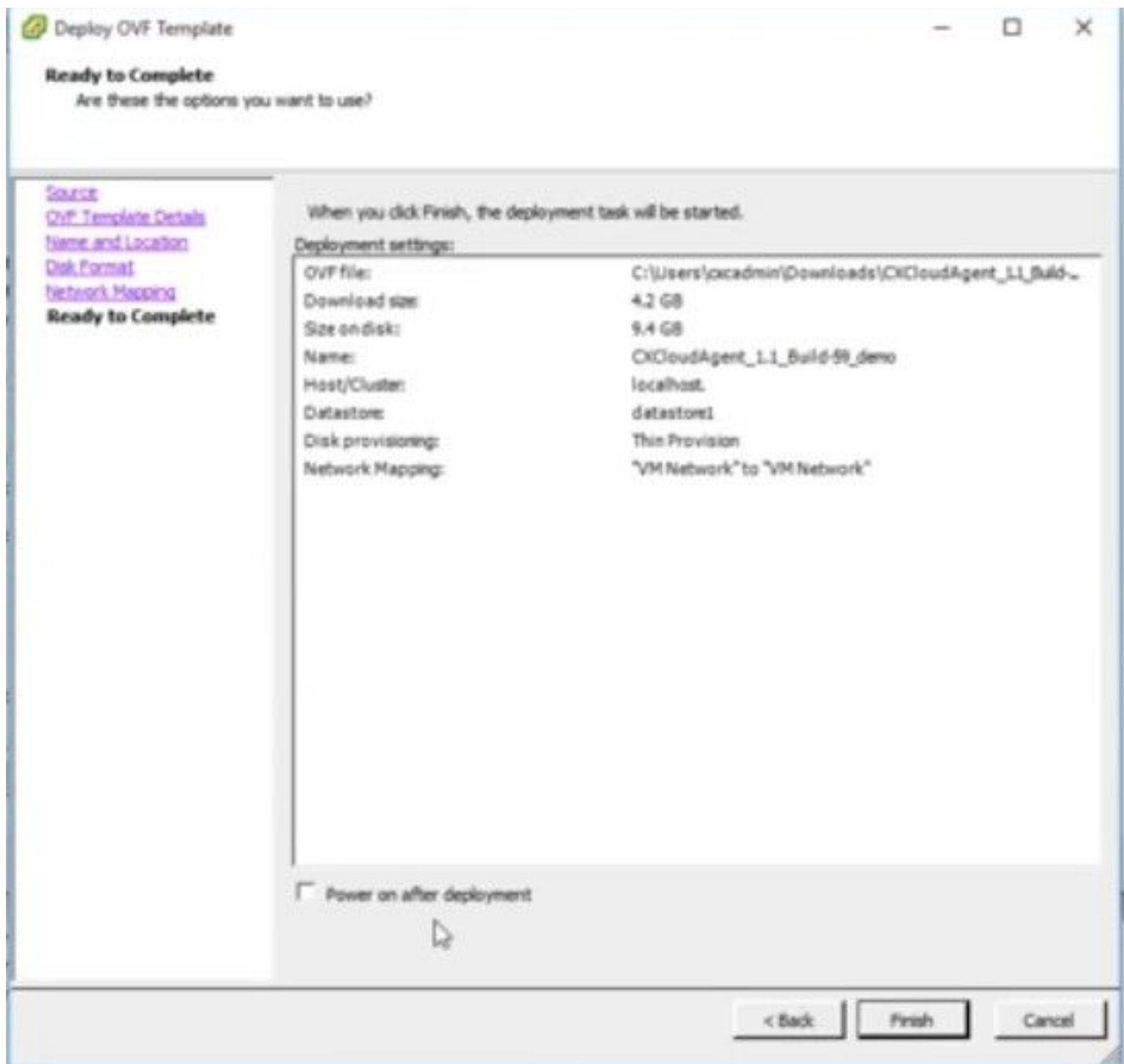
Name and Location

6. Select **Disk Format** and click **Next>** to proceed (recommended Thin Provision).



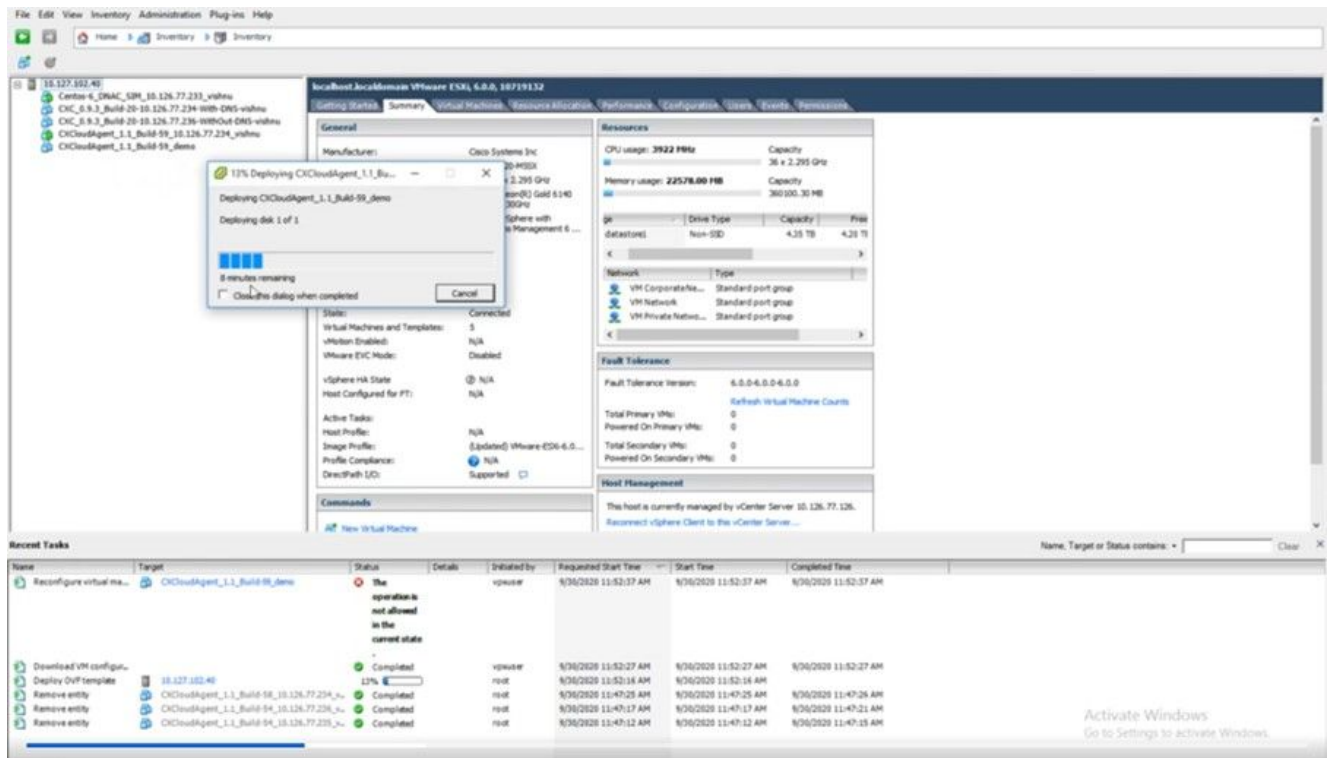
Disk Format

7. Check **Power on after deployment** and click **Finish**.

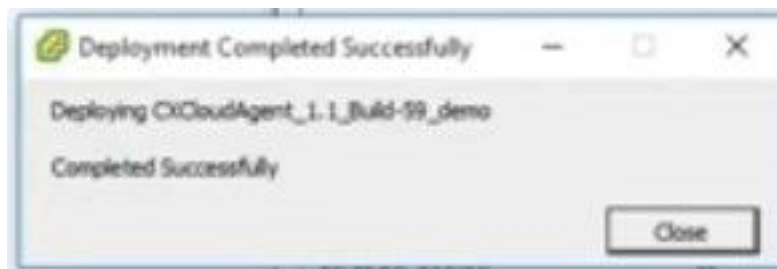


Ready to Complete

8. Deployment may take several minutes. Wait until you get a success message.



Deployment in Progress



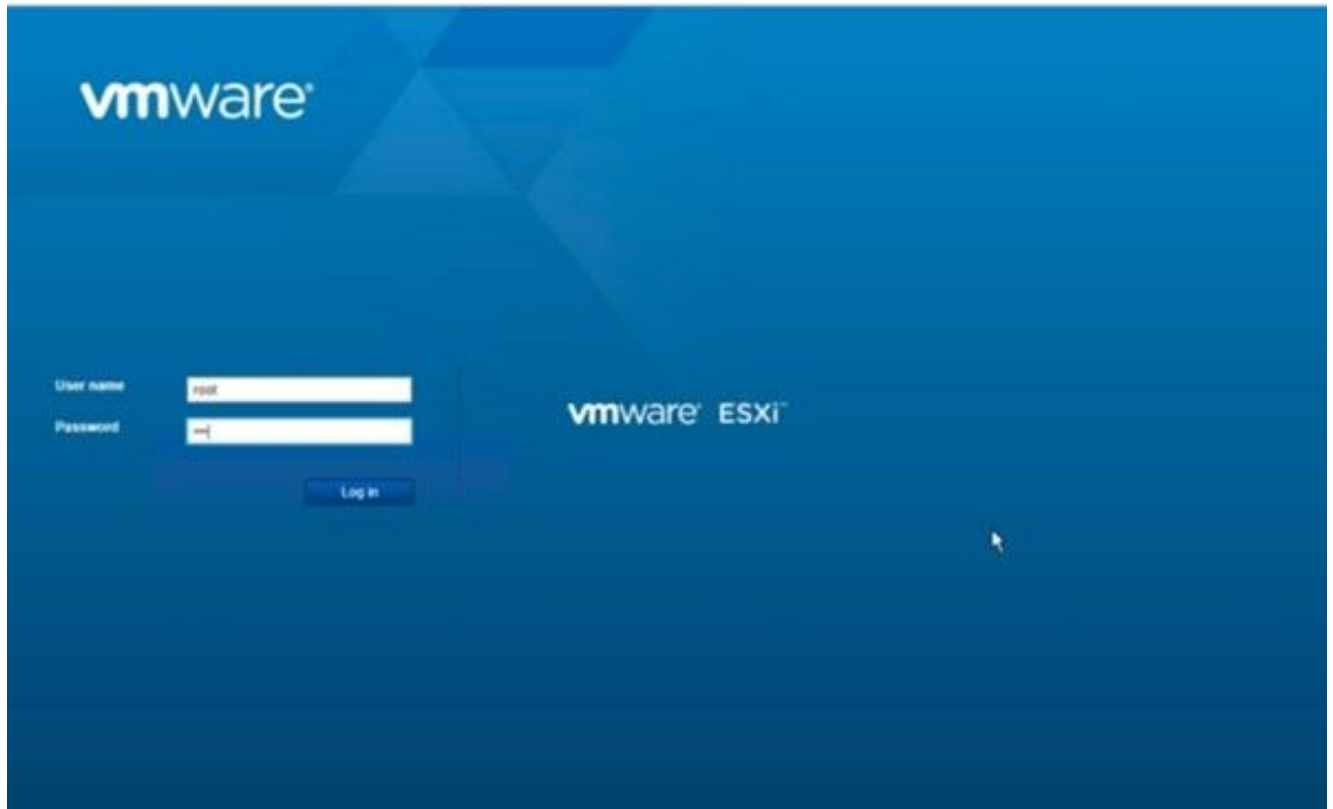
Deployment Completed

9. Select the virtual machine you just deployed and open the console. Go to IP Configuration.

Web Client ESXi 6.0 Installation

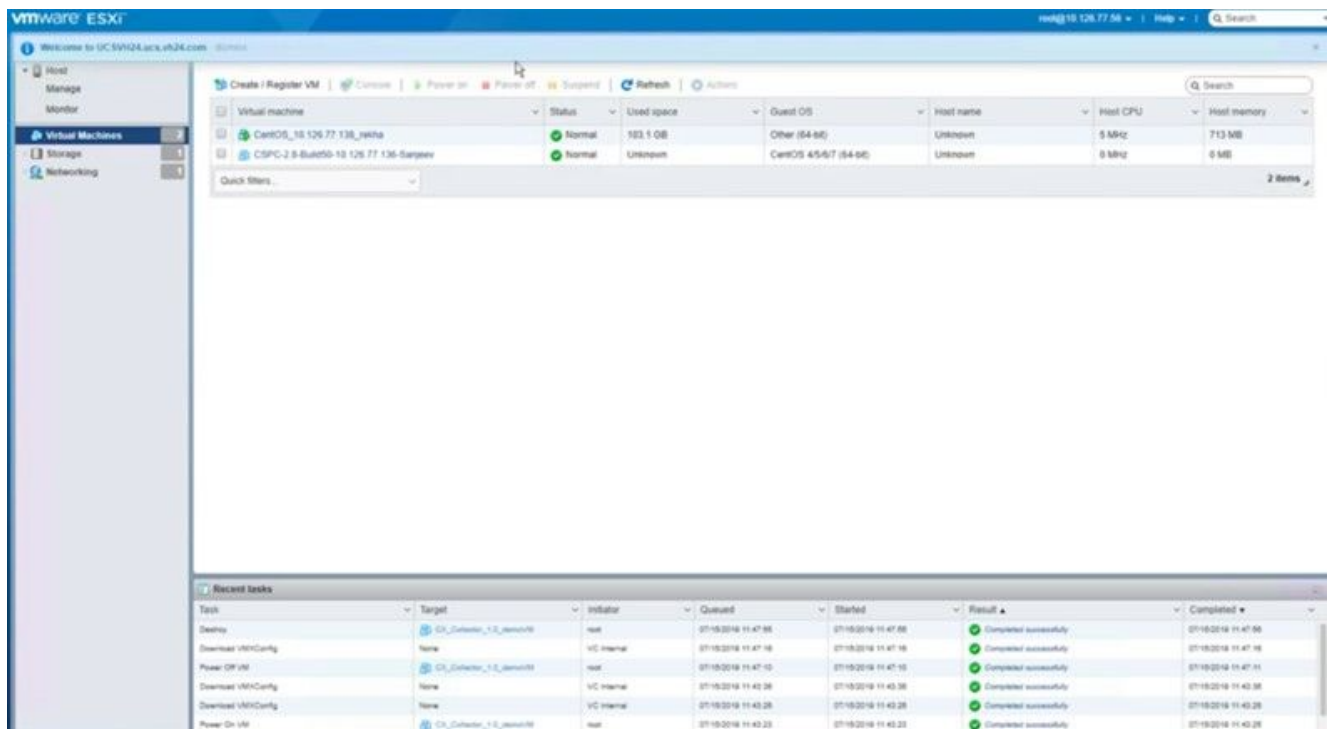
This client allows you to deploy CX Cloud Agent OVA using the vSphere web.

1. Log in to VM Ware UI with the use of these credentials.

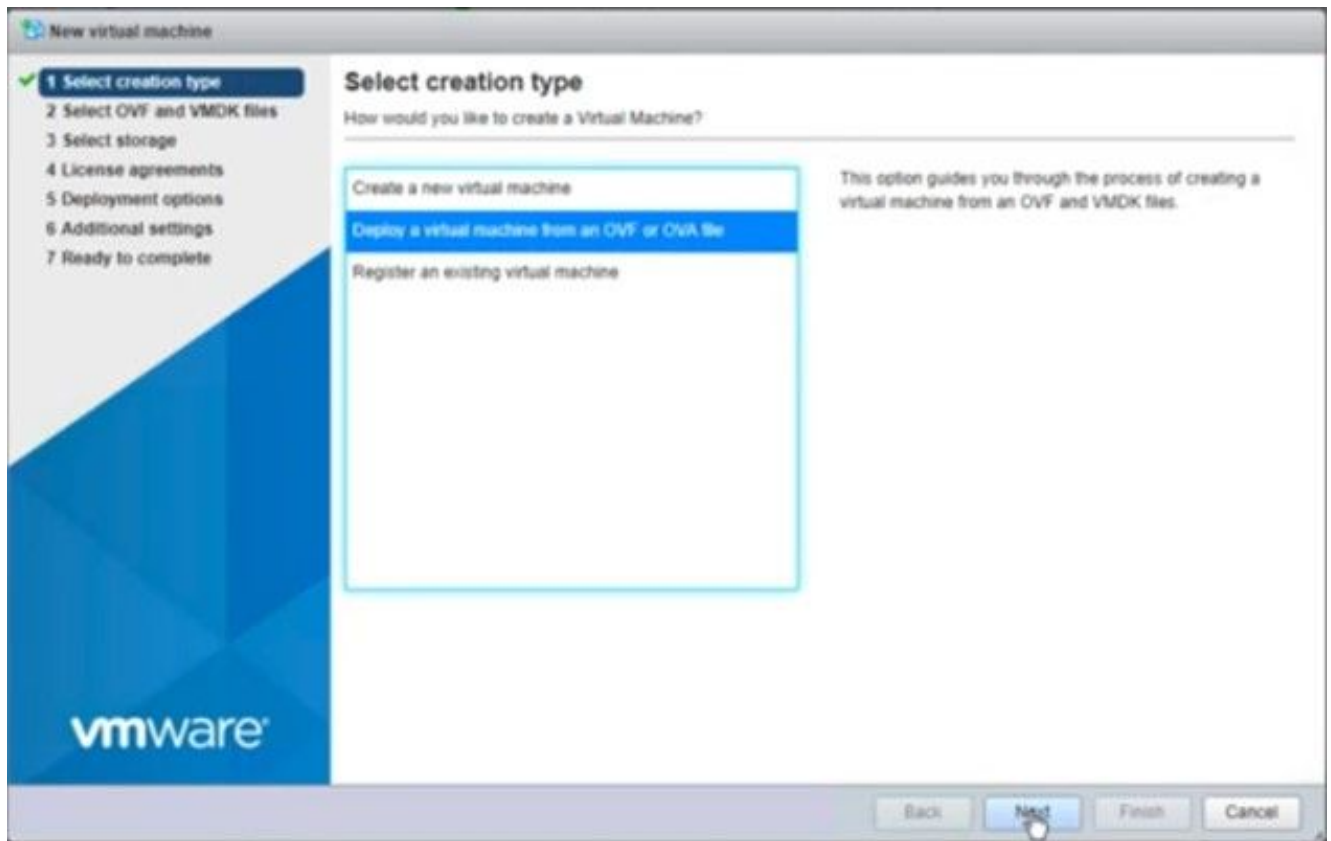


VMware ESXi Login

2. Open **Virtual Machine > Create / Register VM.**

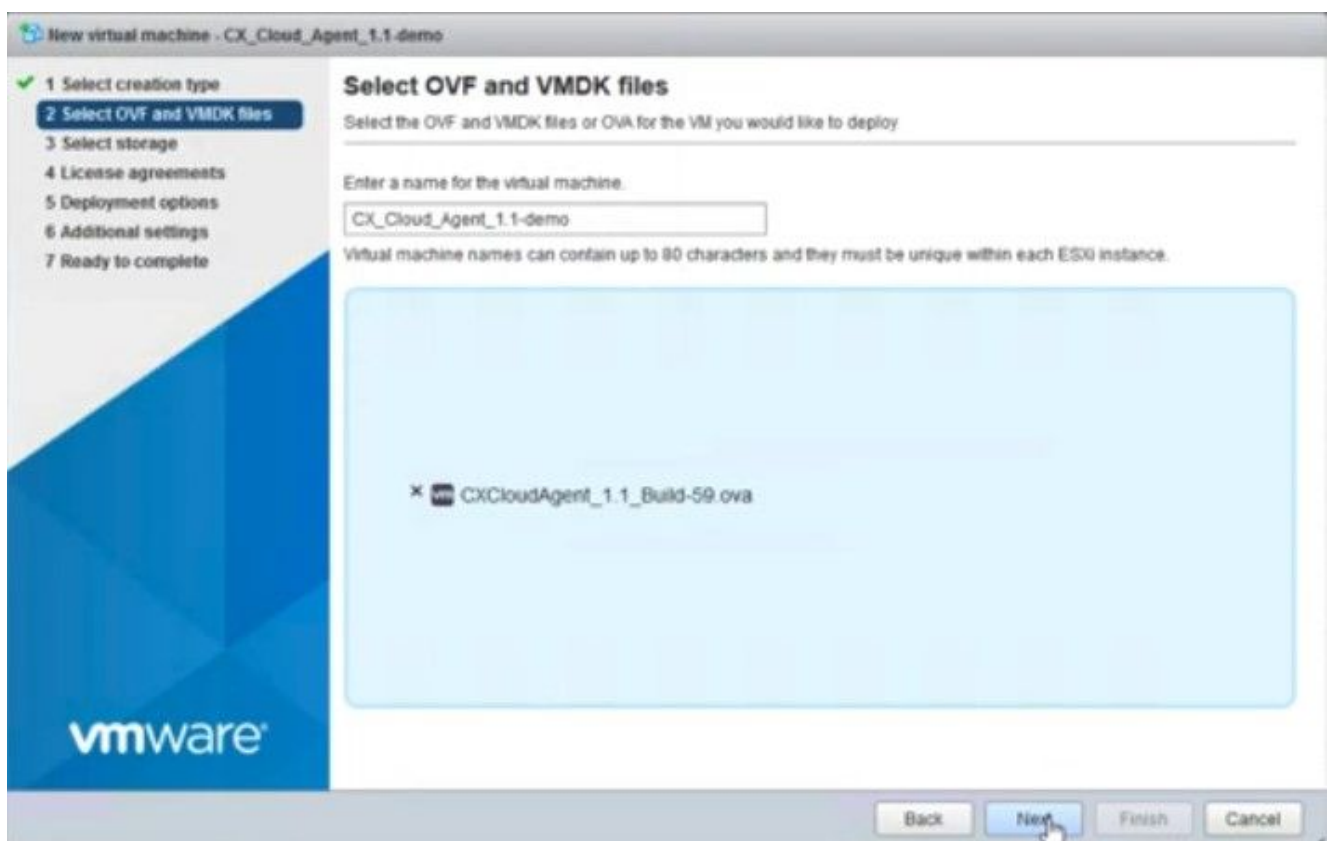


Create VM



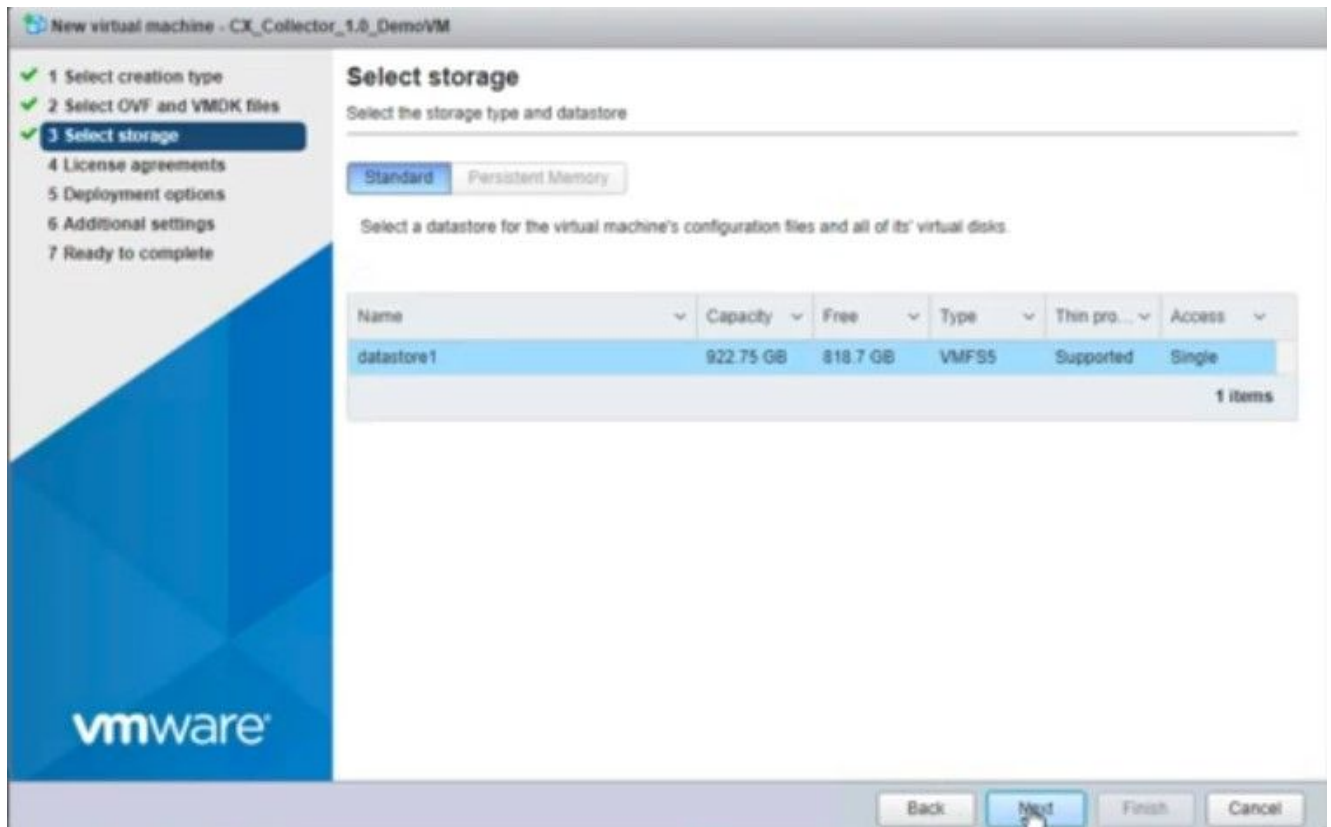
OVA Deployment

3. Select **Deploy a virtual machine from an OVF or OVA file** and click **Next**.
4. Enter the **Name** of the VM, browse to select the file or drag and drop the downloaded OVA file. Click **Next**.

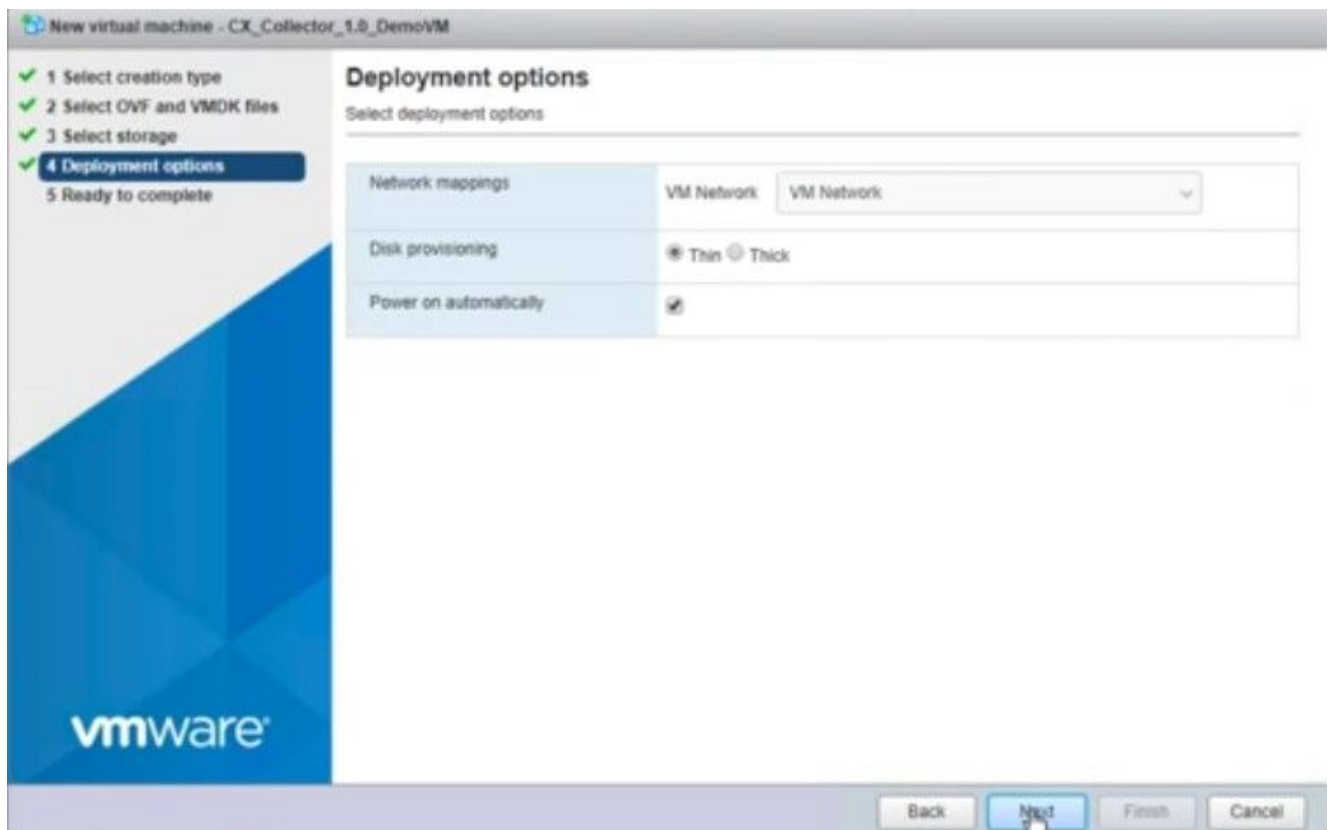


OVA Selection

5. Select **Standard Storage** and click **Next**.

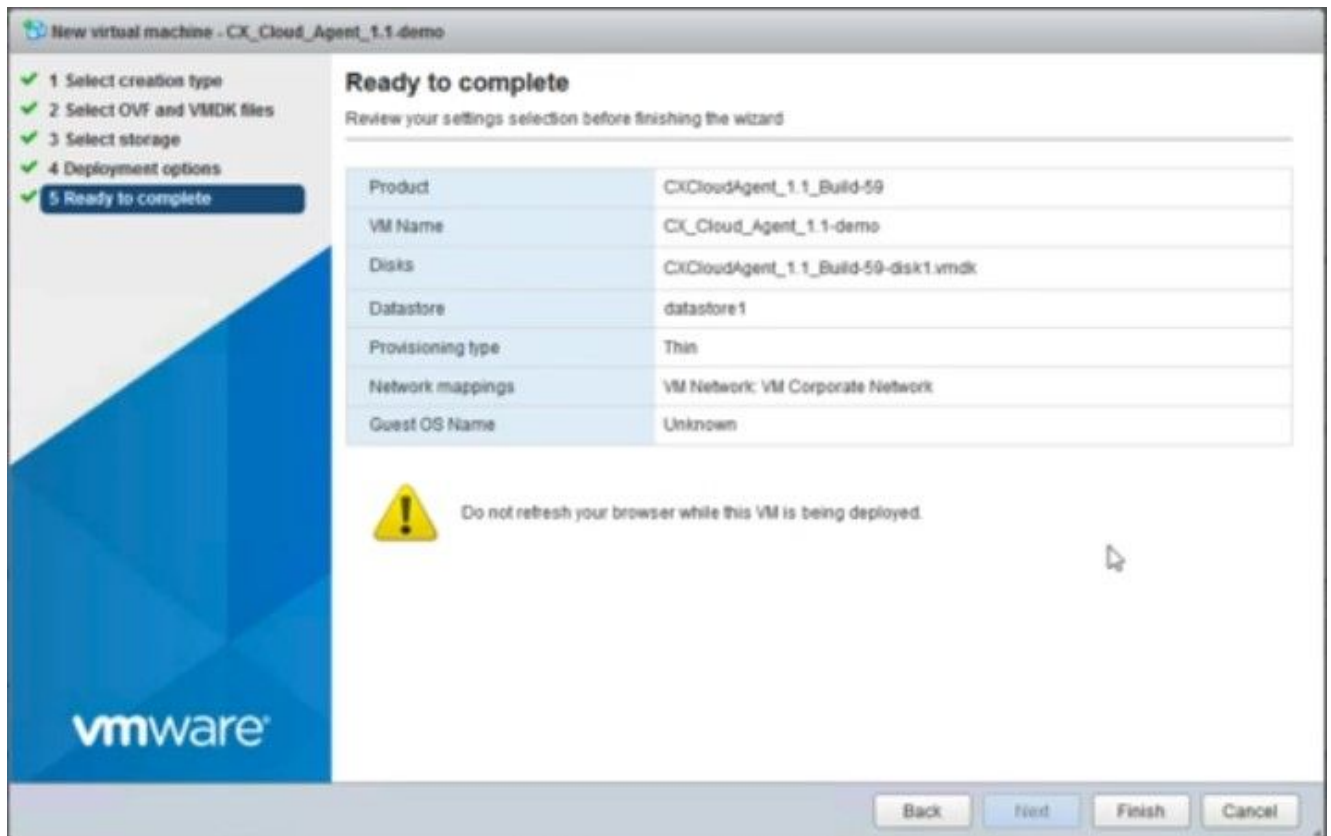


Select Storage

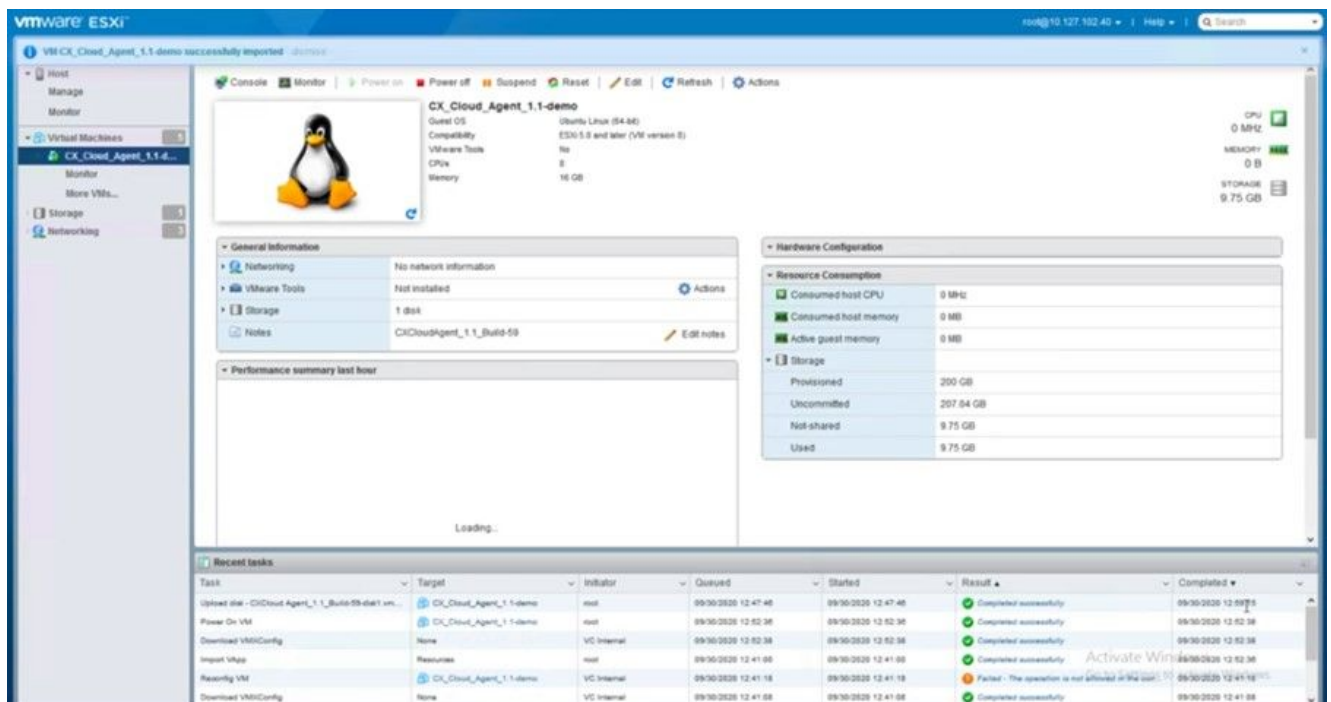


Deployment Options

6. Select the Deployment options and click **Next**.

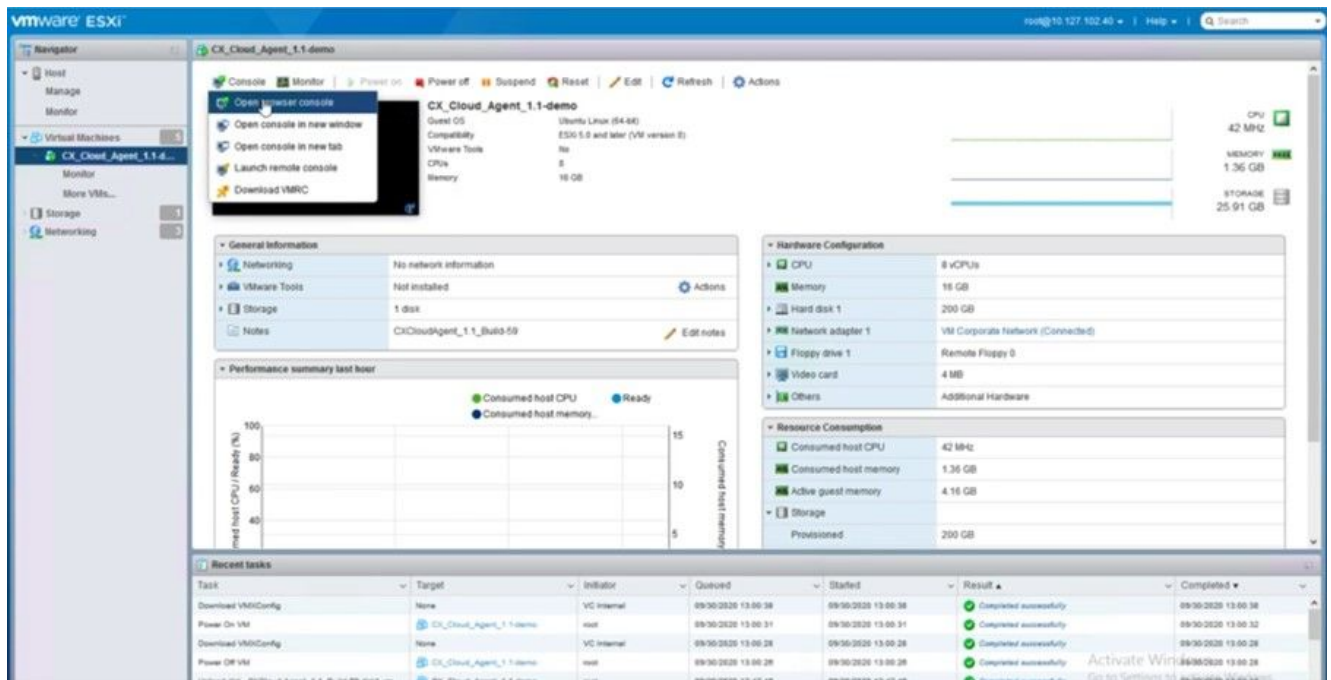


Ready to Complete



Successful Completion

- Review the settings and click **Finish**.
- Select the virtual machine you just deployed and click **Console > Open browser console**.



Open Console

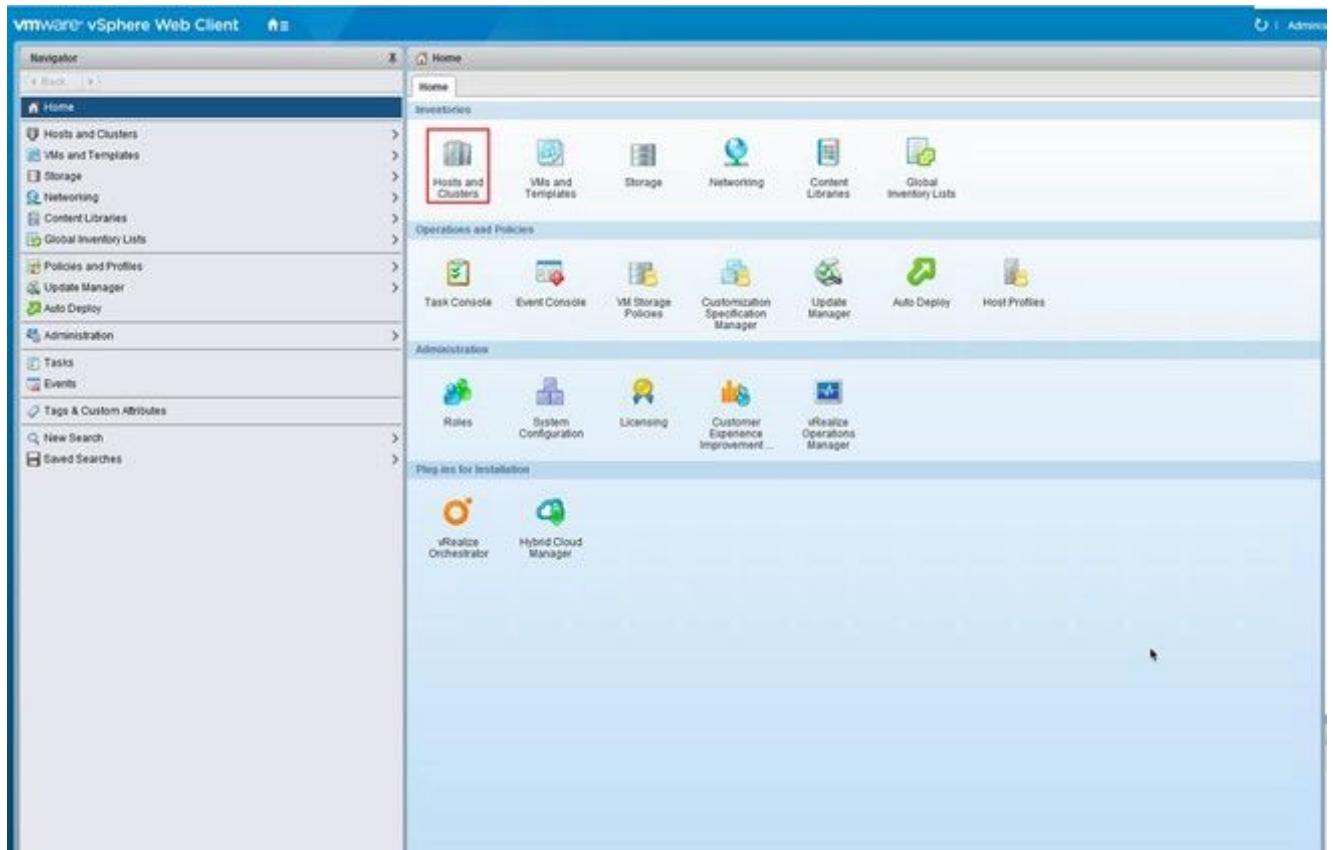
9. Navigate to **Network Configuration**.

Web Client vCenter Installation

1. Use Login to vCenter Client using the credentials.

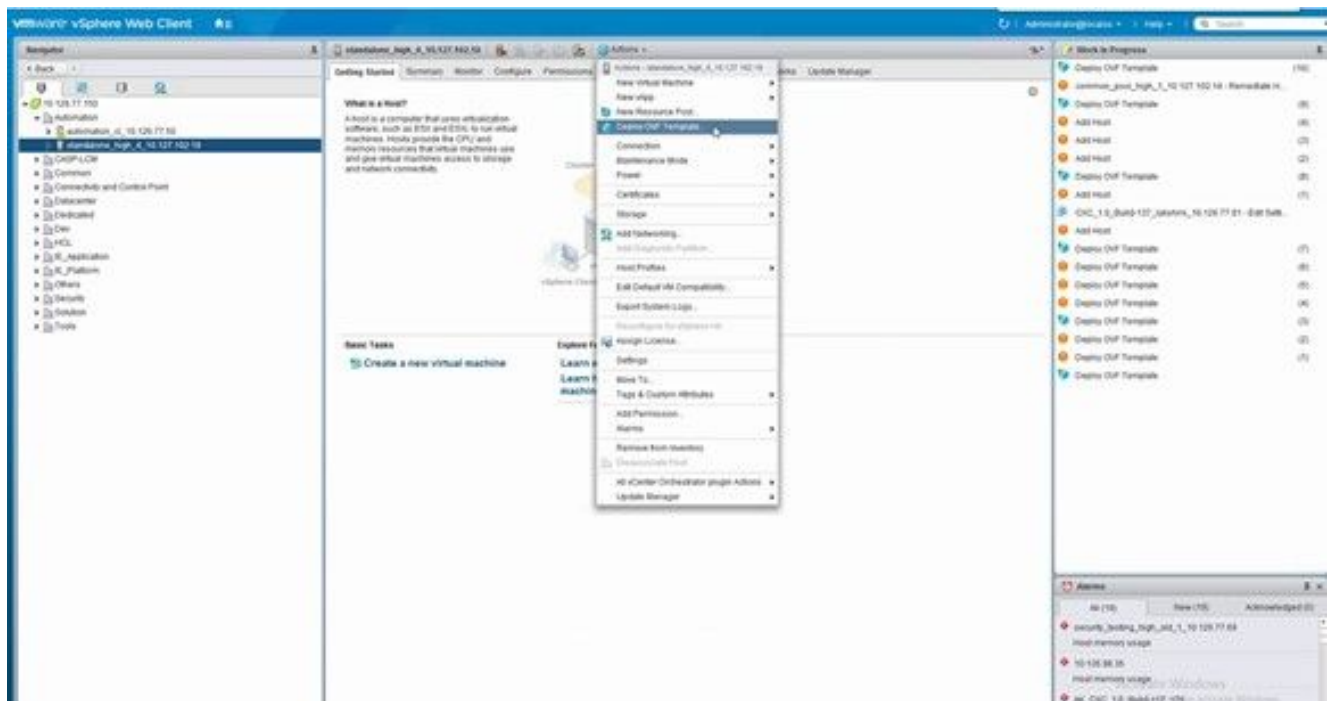


Login

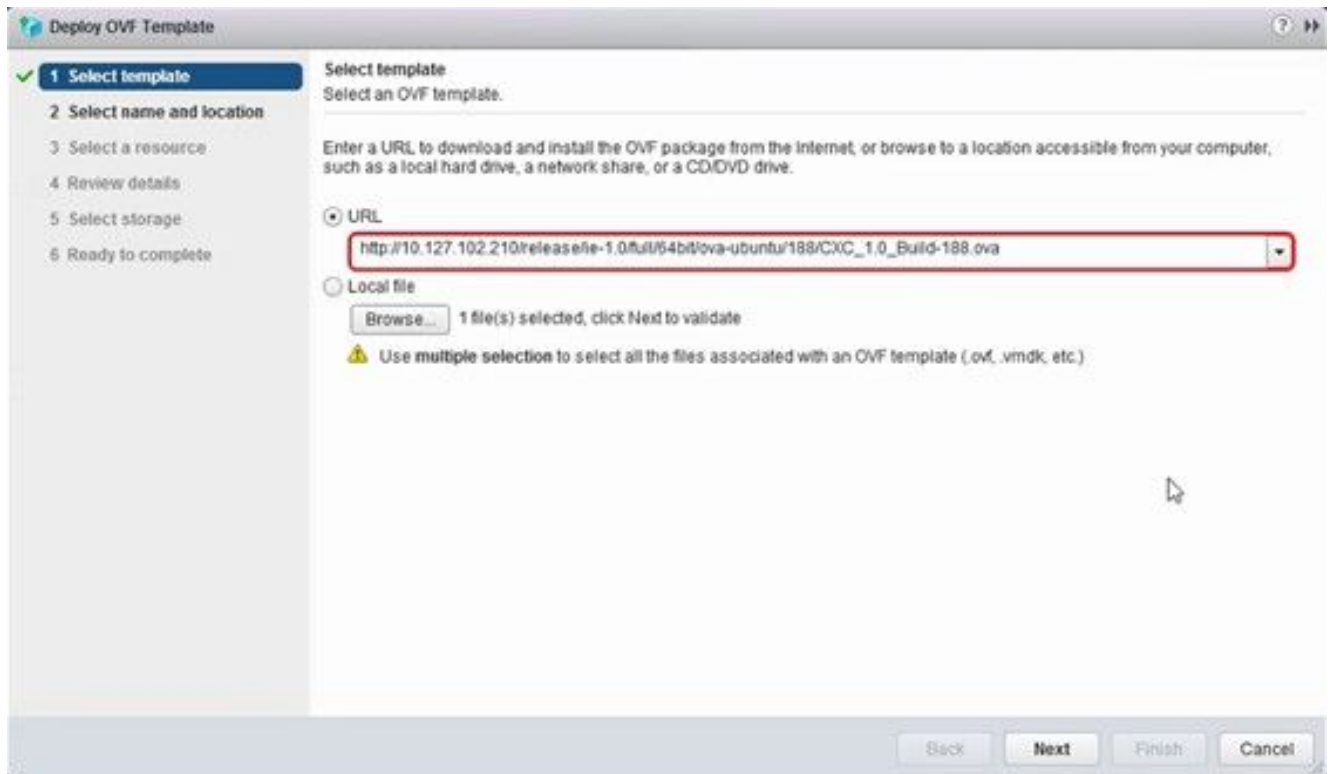


Home Screen

2. On the Home page click **Hosts and Clusters**.
3. Select the VM and click **Action > Deploy OVF Template**.

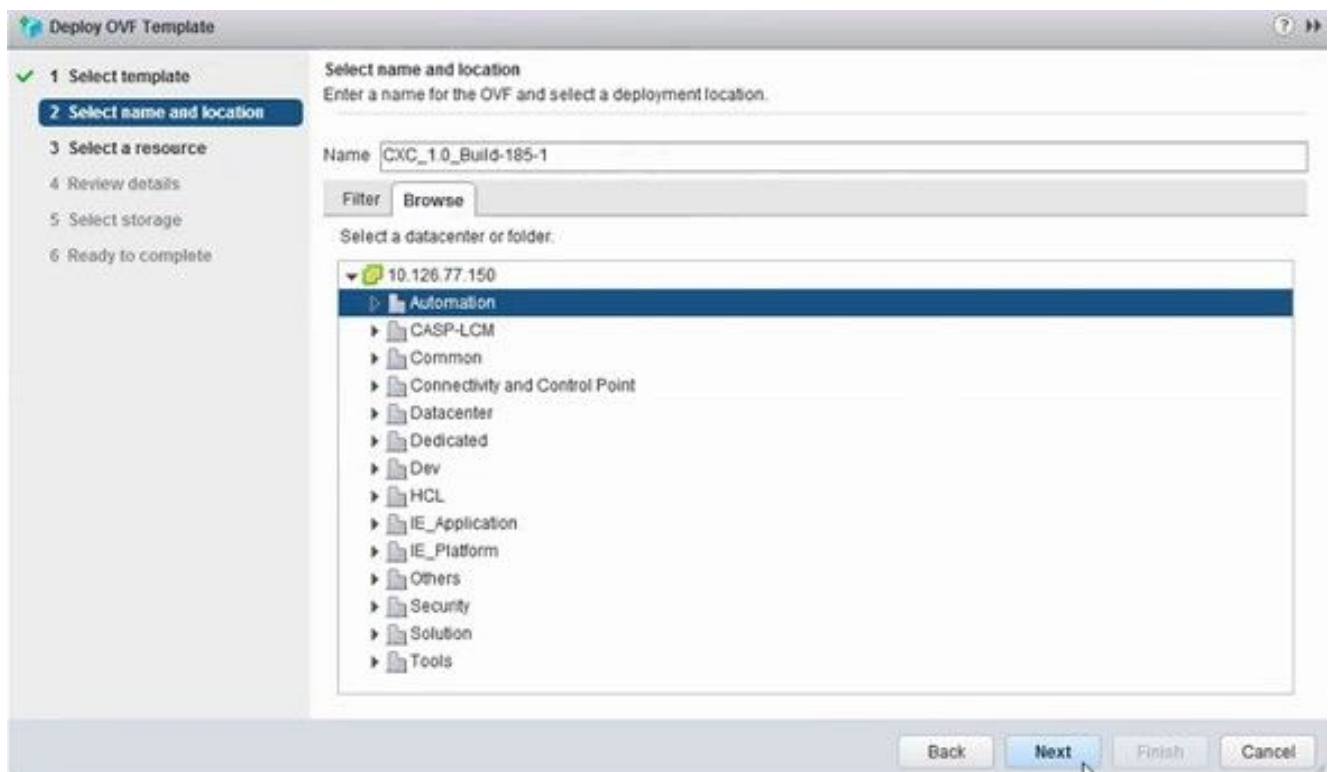


Actions



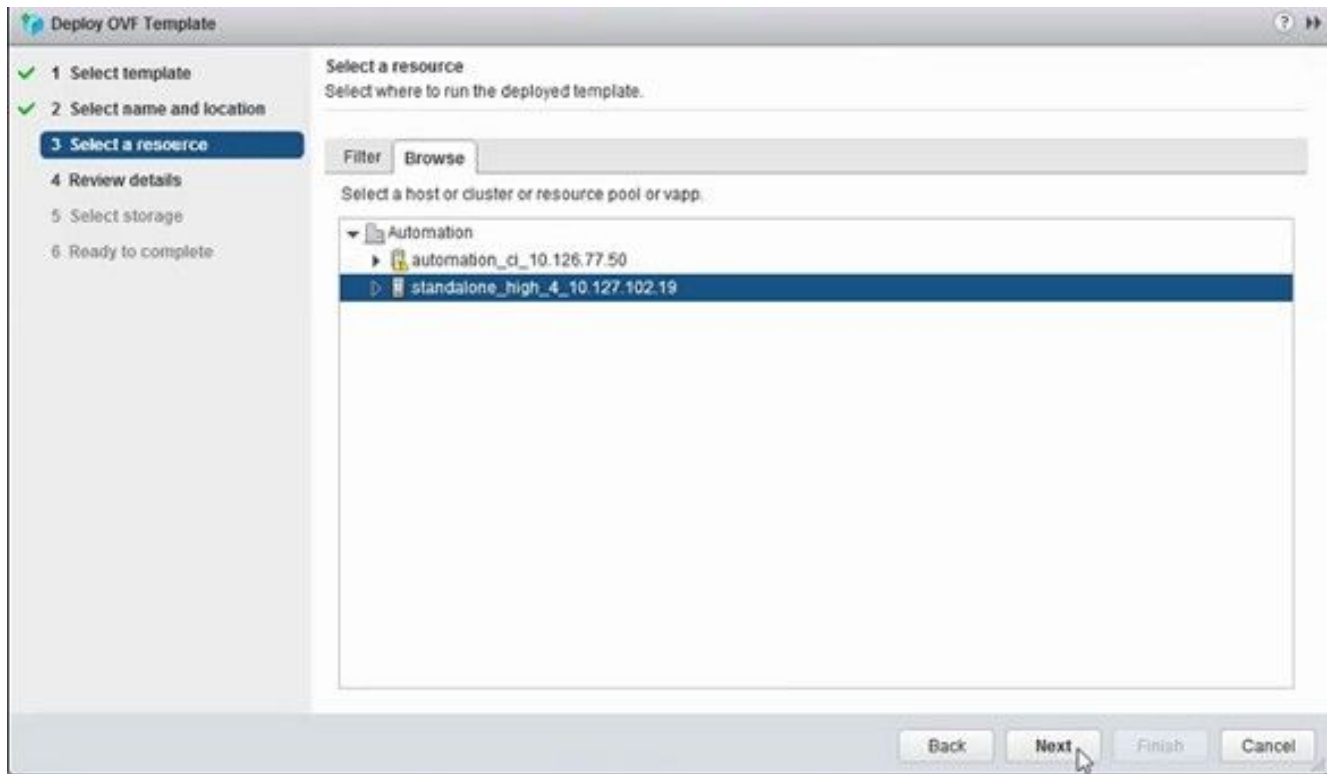
Select Template

4. You can either add the URL directly or browse to select the ova file and click **Next**.
5. Enter a unique name and only if required browse to the location. Click **Next**.

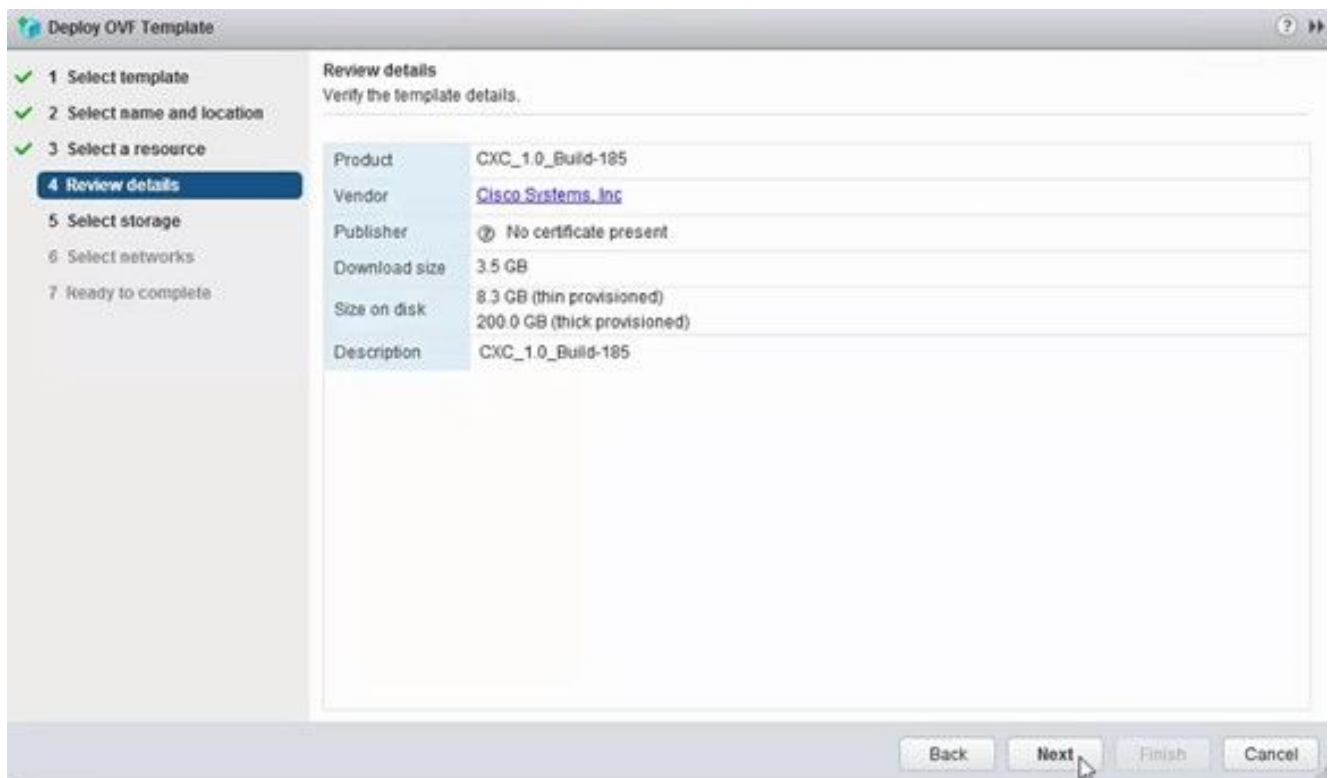


Name and Location

6. Select the source and click **Next**.

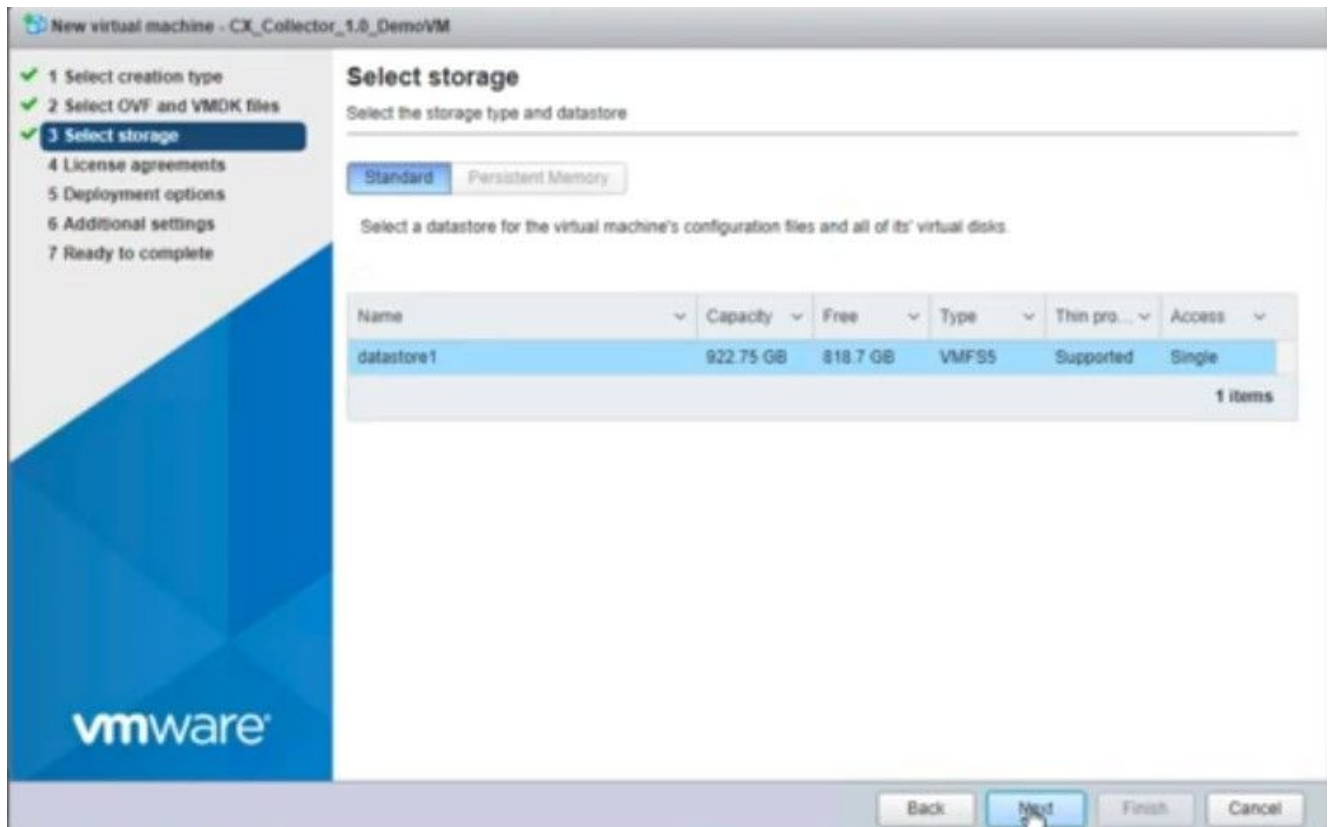


7. Review the details and click **Next**.



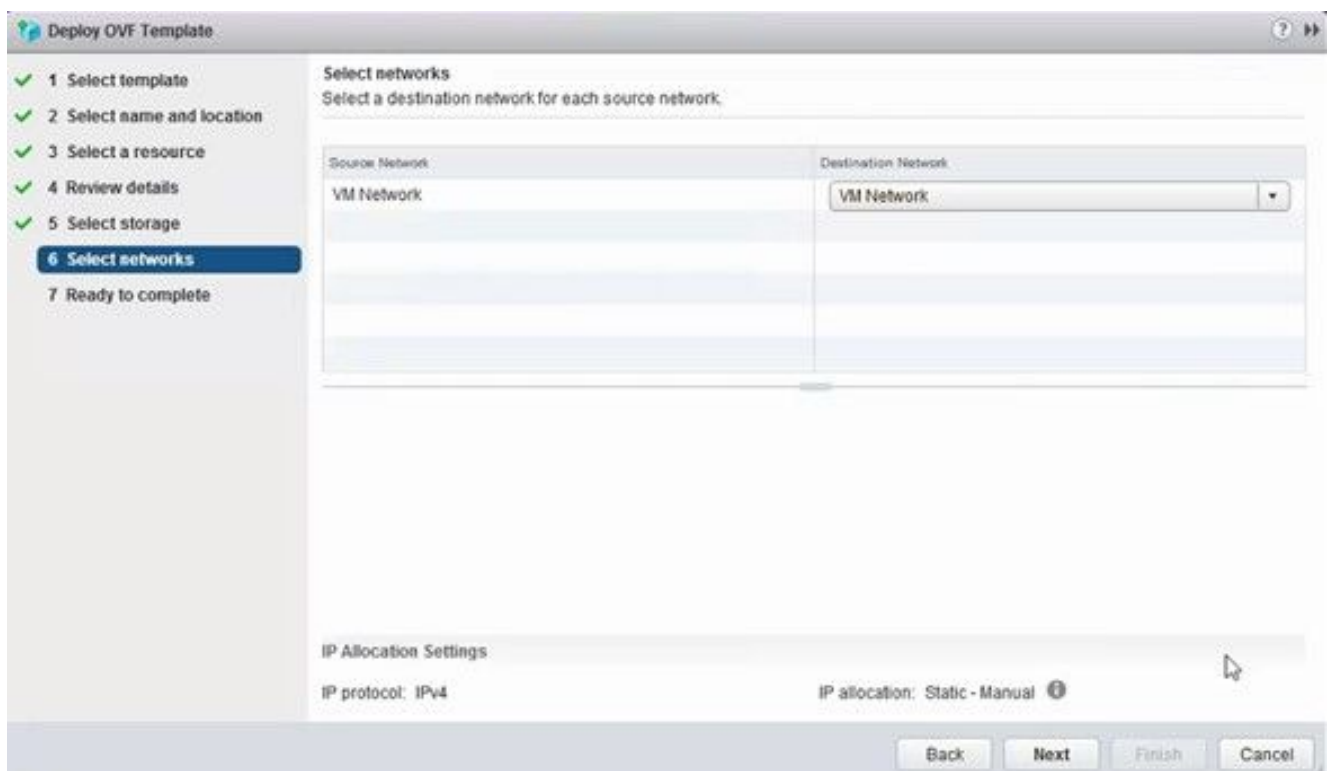
Review Details

8. Select the virtual disk format and click **Next**.



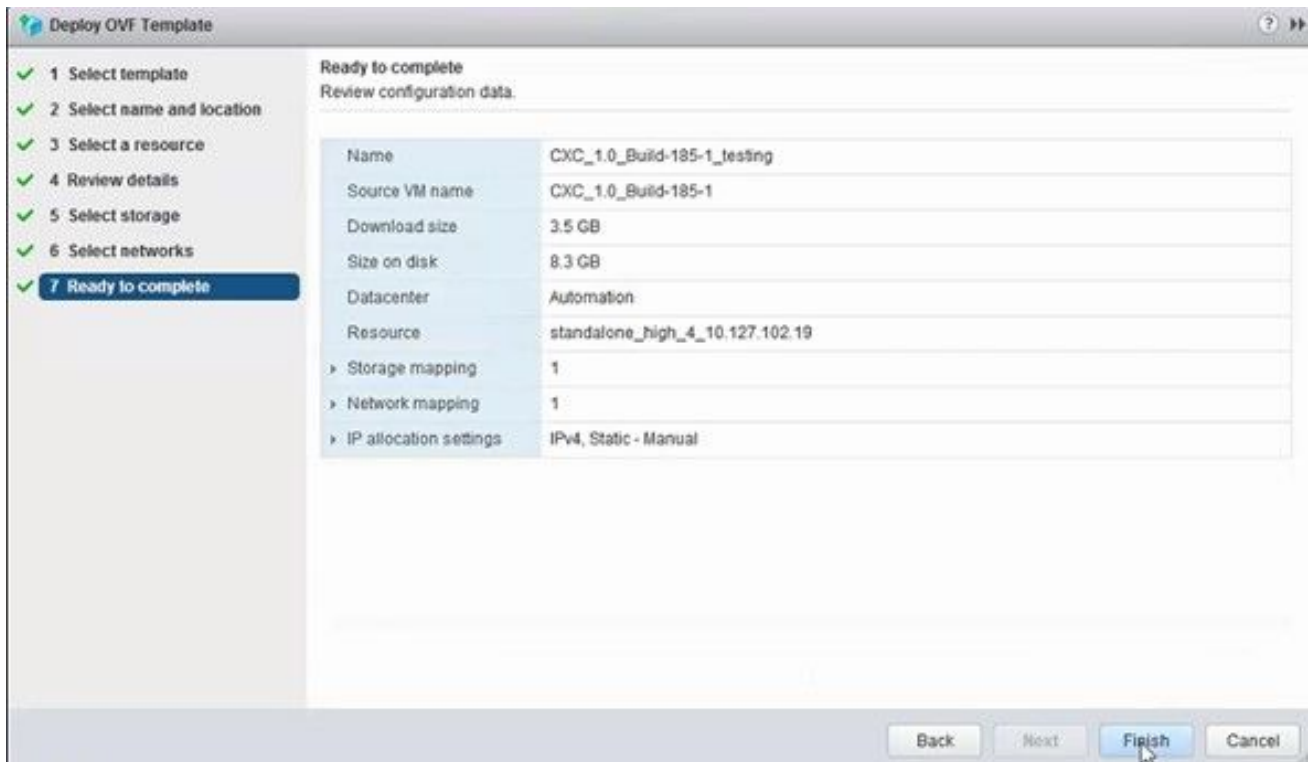
Select Storage

9. Click **Next**.

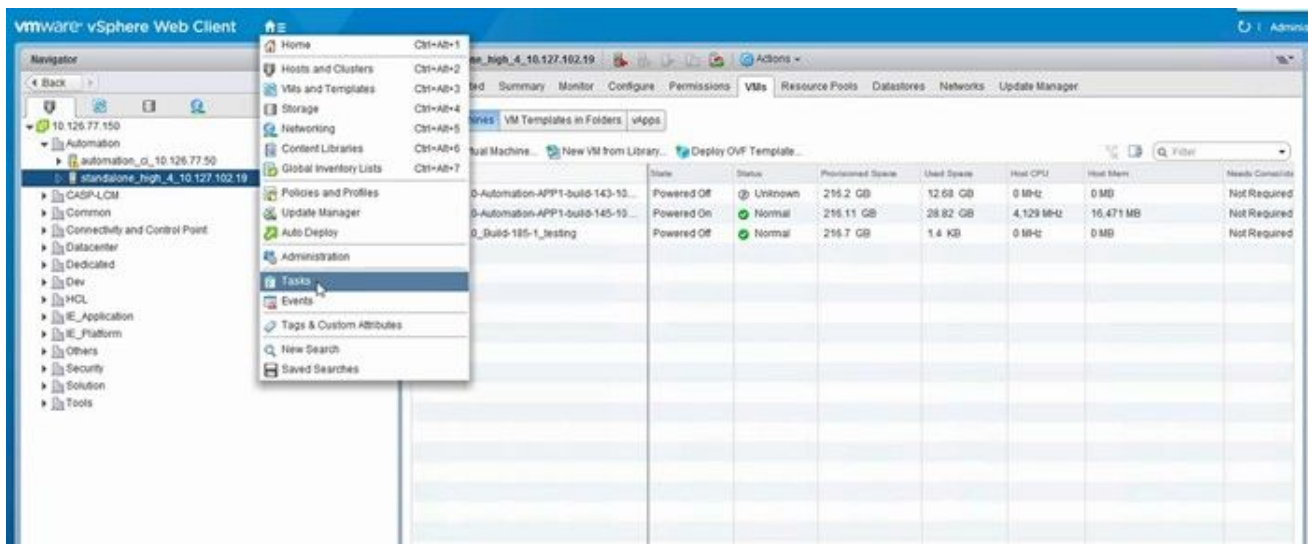


Select Networks

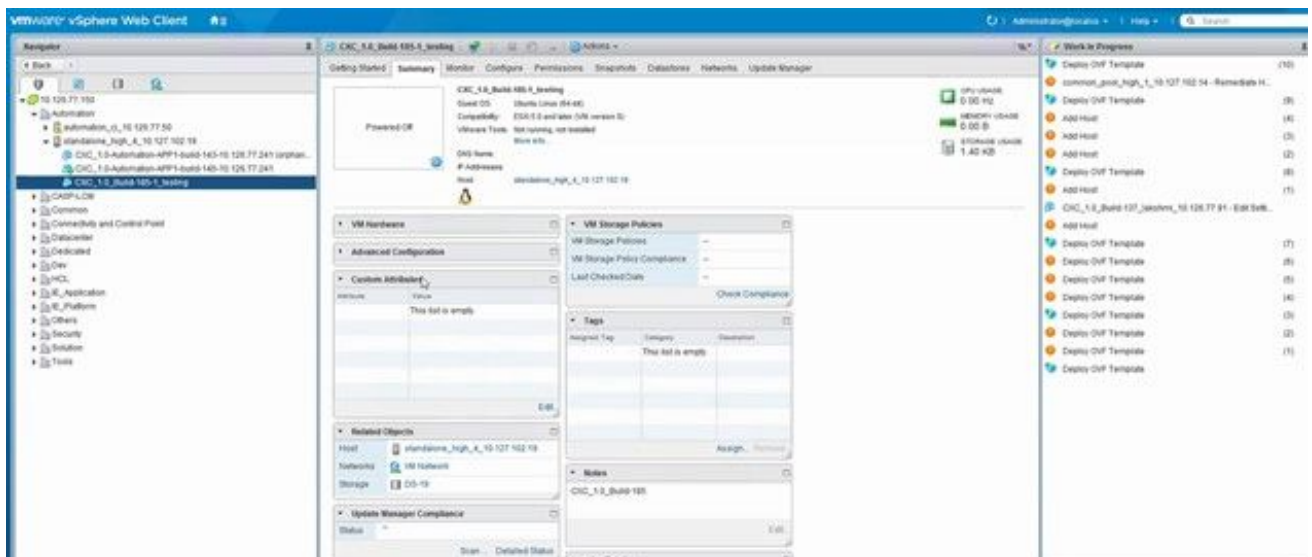
10. Click **Finish**.



11. You can see a new VM is added and to see the status click **Home > Tasks**.



12. Once installed power on the VM and open the console.



13. Navigate to **IP Configuration**.

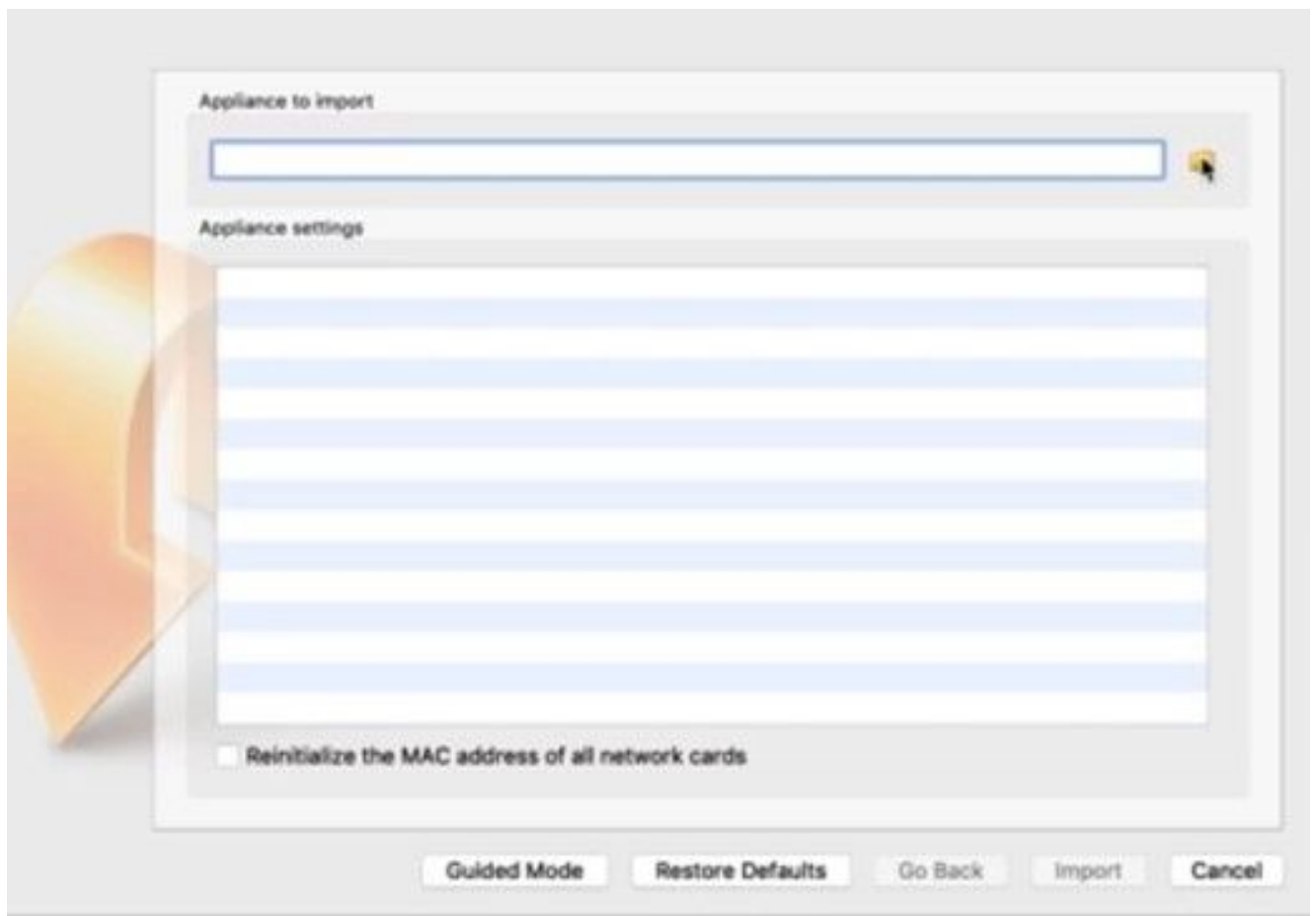
Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 Installation

This client allows you to deploy CX Cloud Agent OVA using the Oracle Virtual Box.



Oracle VM

1. Open the Oracle VM UI click **File > Import Appliance**.
2. Browse to import the OVA file.



Select File

3. Click **Import**.

Appliance settings

These are the virtual machines contained in the appliance and the suggested settings of the imported VirtualBox machines. You can change many of the properties shown by double-clicking on the items and disable others using the check boxes below.

Virtual System 1	
Name	CXC
Product	CXCloudAgent_1.1_Build-62
Vendor	Cisco Systems, Inc
Vendor-URL	http://www.cisco.com
Description	CXCloudAgent_1.1_Build-62
Guest OS Type	Ubuntu (64-bit)
CPU	8
RAM	16384 MB
Floppy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Network Adapter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (82540EM)
Storage Controller (IDE)	PIIX4
Storage Controller (IDE)	PIIX4
Storage Controller (SCSI)	LsiLogic
Virtual Disk Image	/Users/vkukatla/VirtualBox VMs/CXC/CXCloudAgent_1.1_Build-62-1_Signe...

Reinitialize the MAC address of all network cards

Warnings:

- No trusted certificate paths

Unverified signature by CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.!

Restore Defaults

Go Back

Import

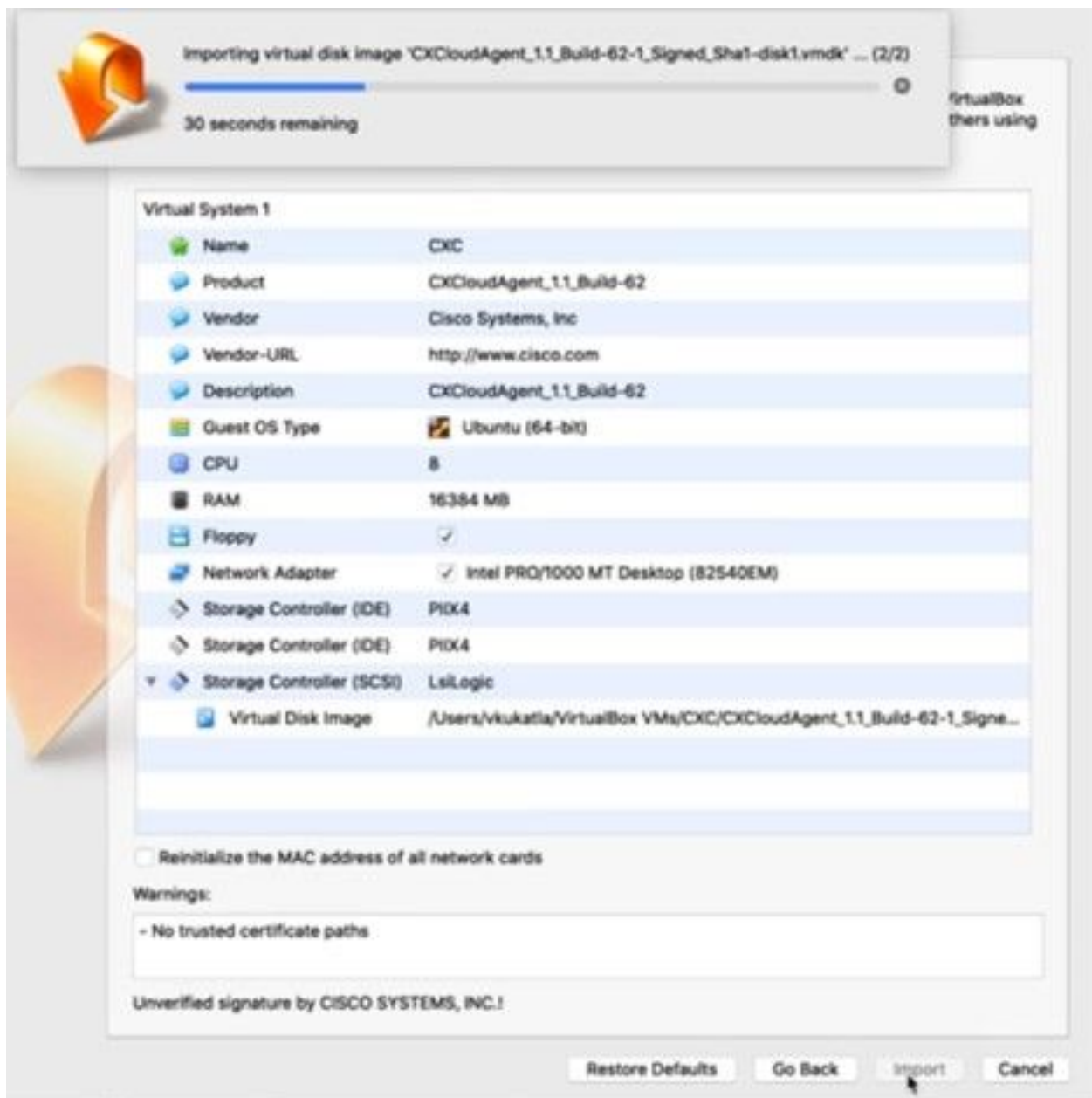
Cancel

Import File

4. Select the virtual machine you just deployed and click **Start**.



VM Console Startup



Import in Progress

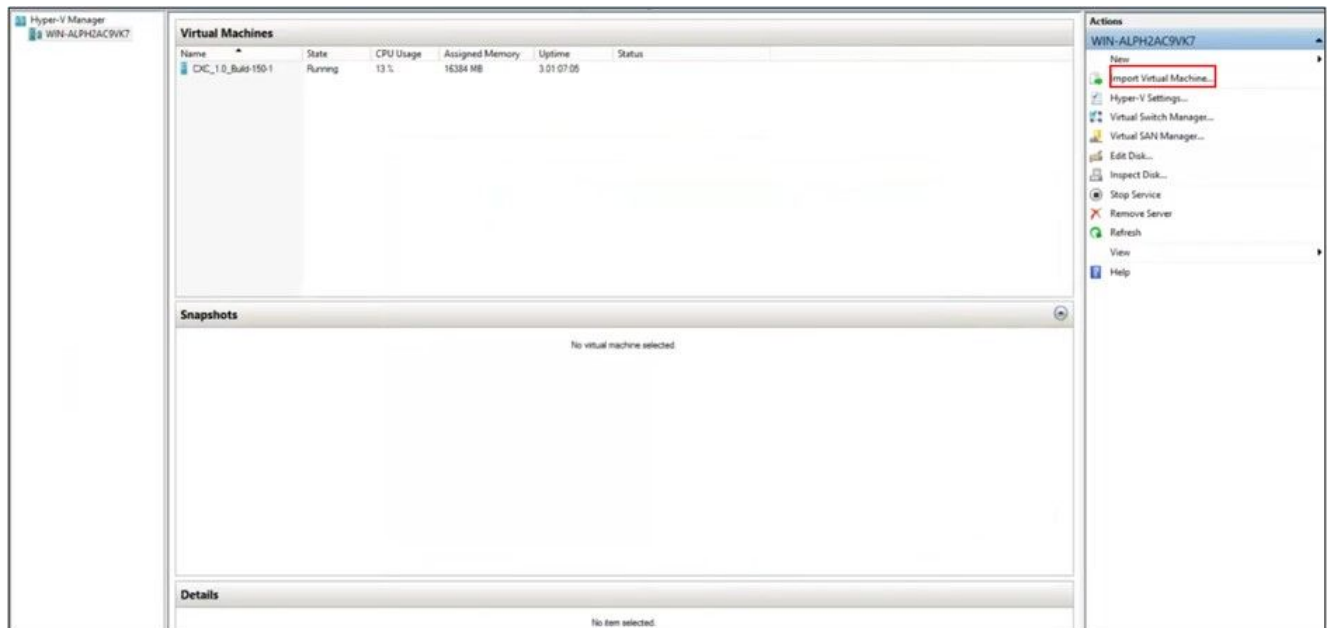


Open the Console

5. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#).

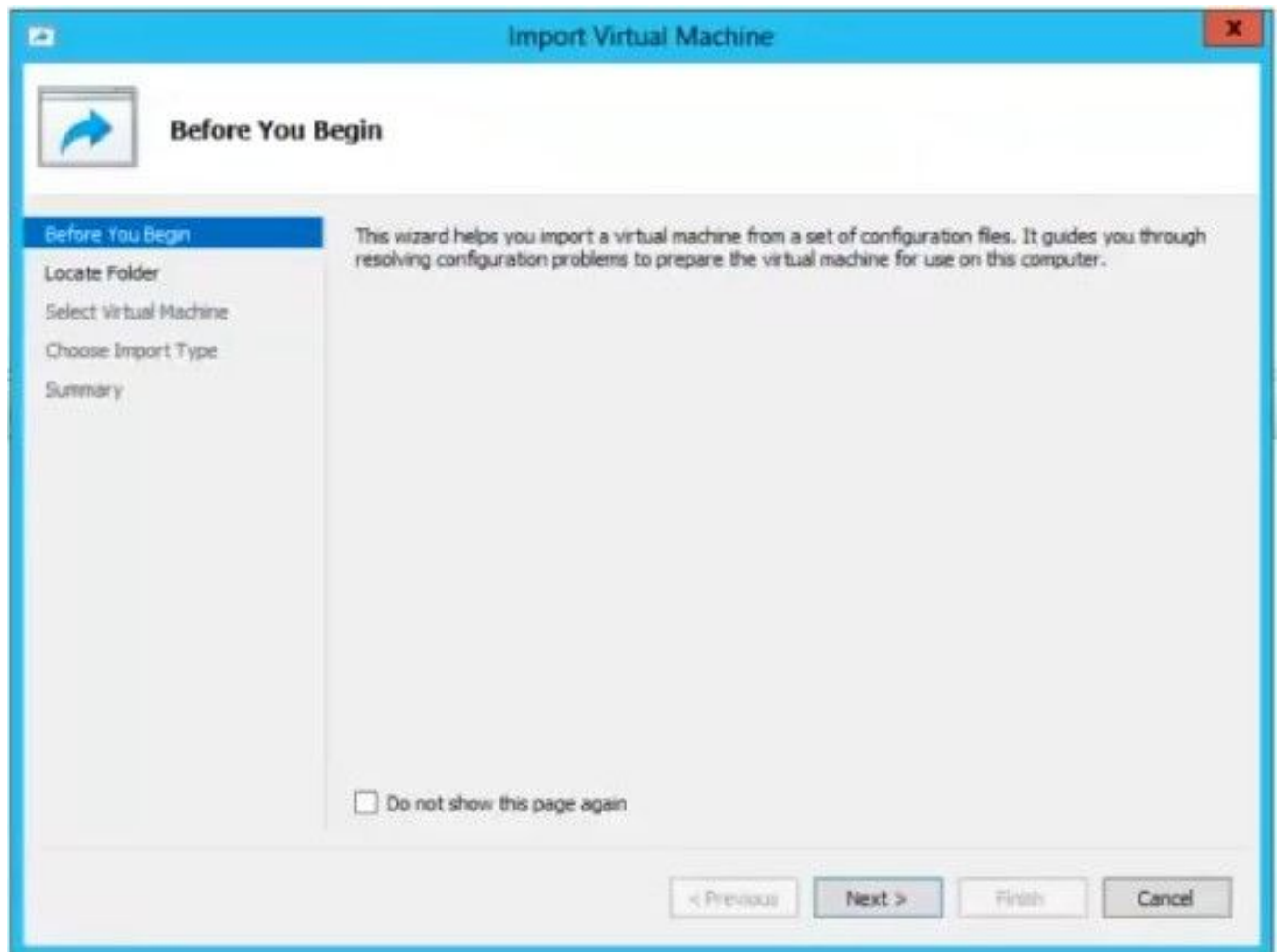
Microsoft Hyper-V Installation

1. Click on **Import Virtual Machine** as highlighted on the screen.



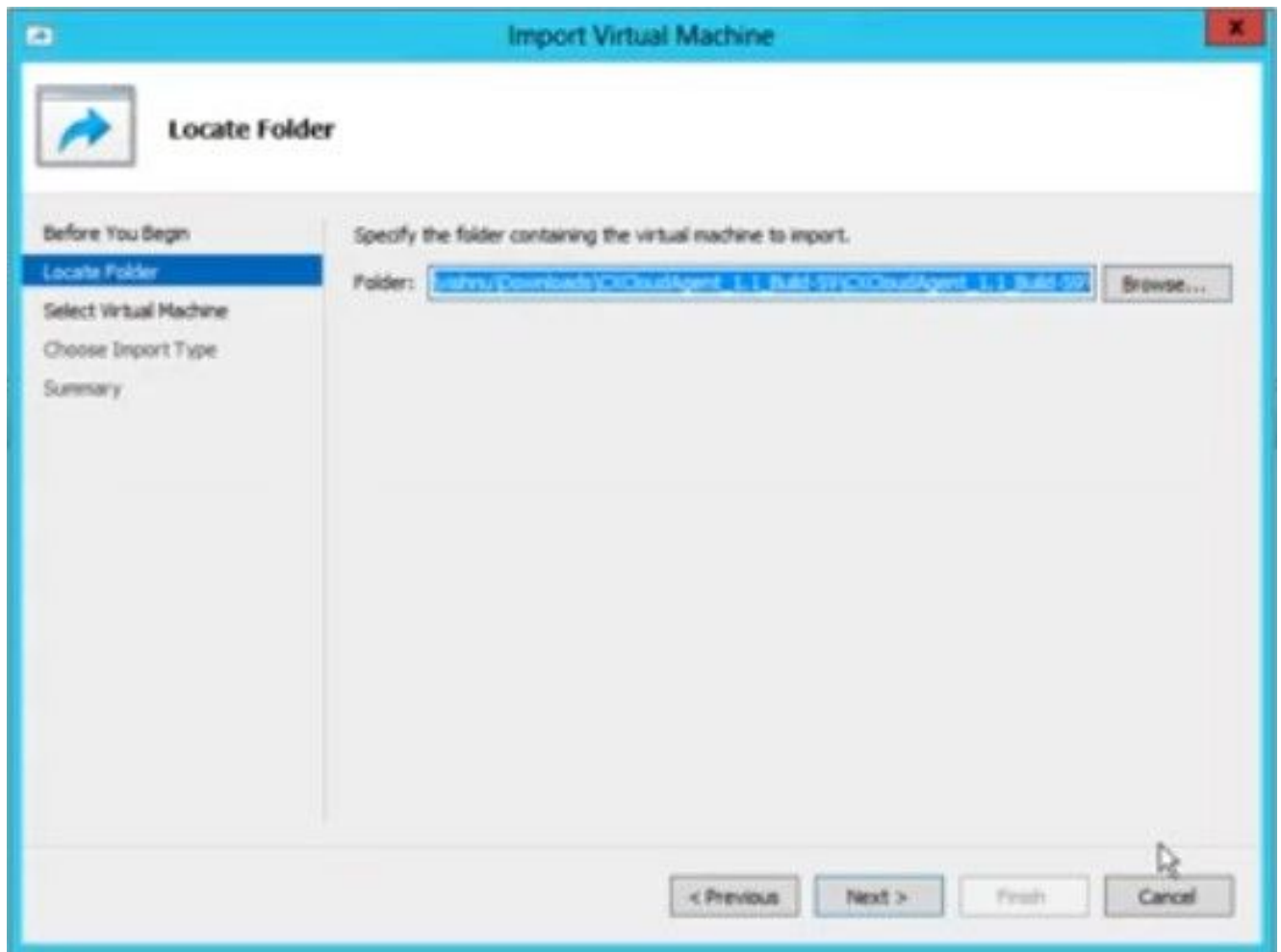
Hyper-V Manager

2. Click **Next>** to start Import.



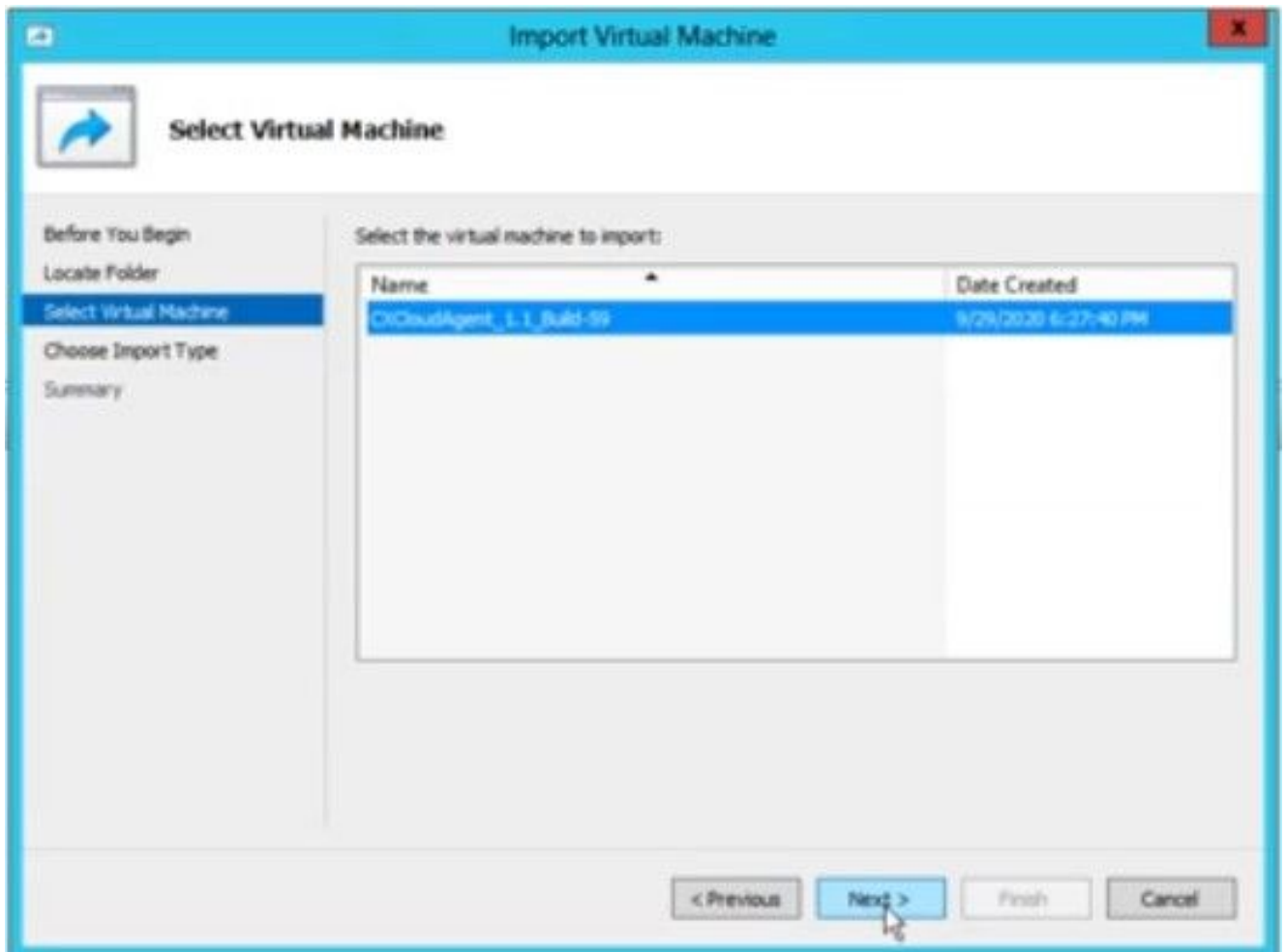
Introduction Screen

3. Browse and select the download folder. Click **Next>**.



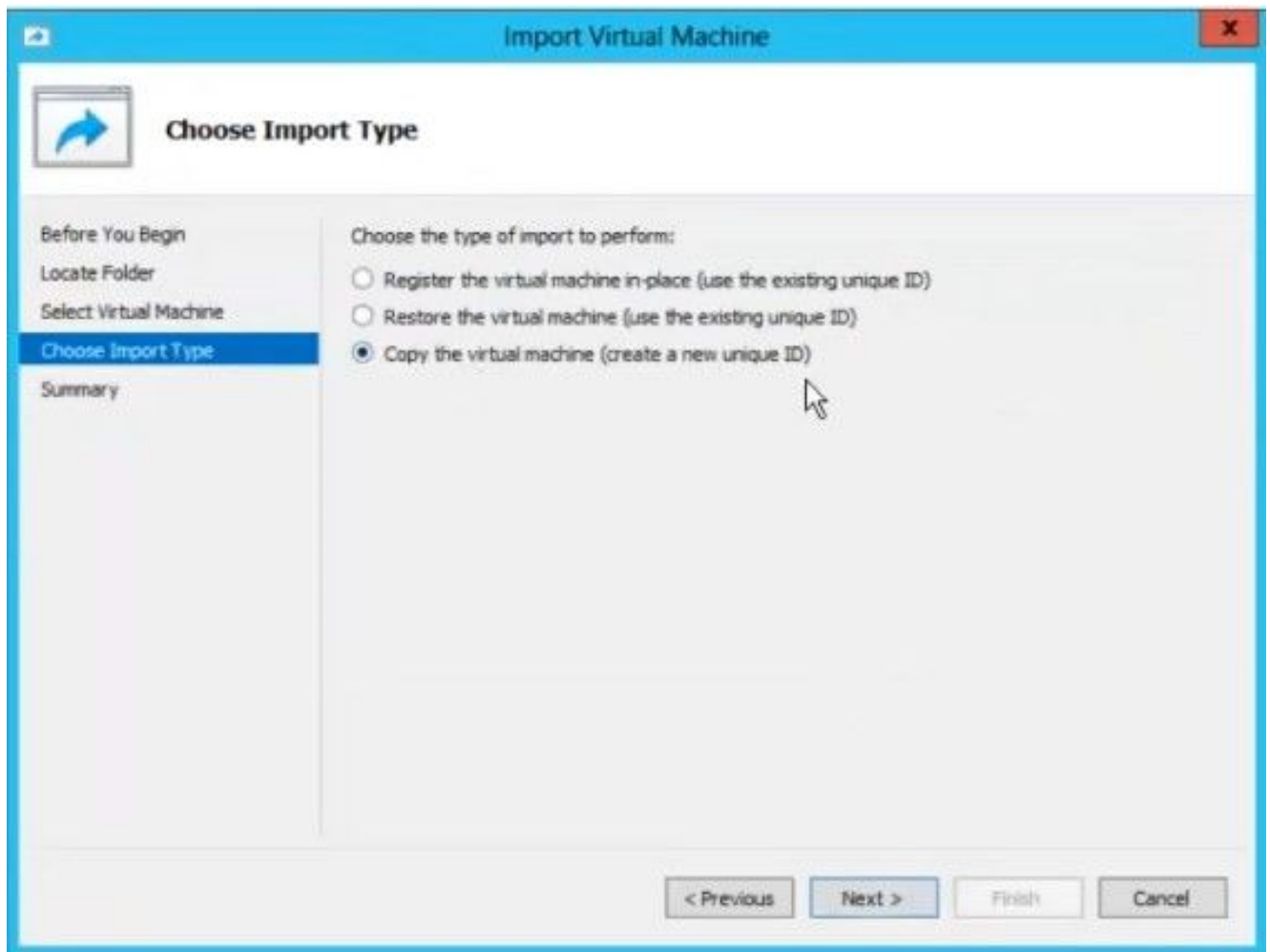
Folder to Import

4. Select the Virtual Machine and click **Next>**.



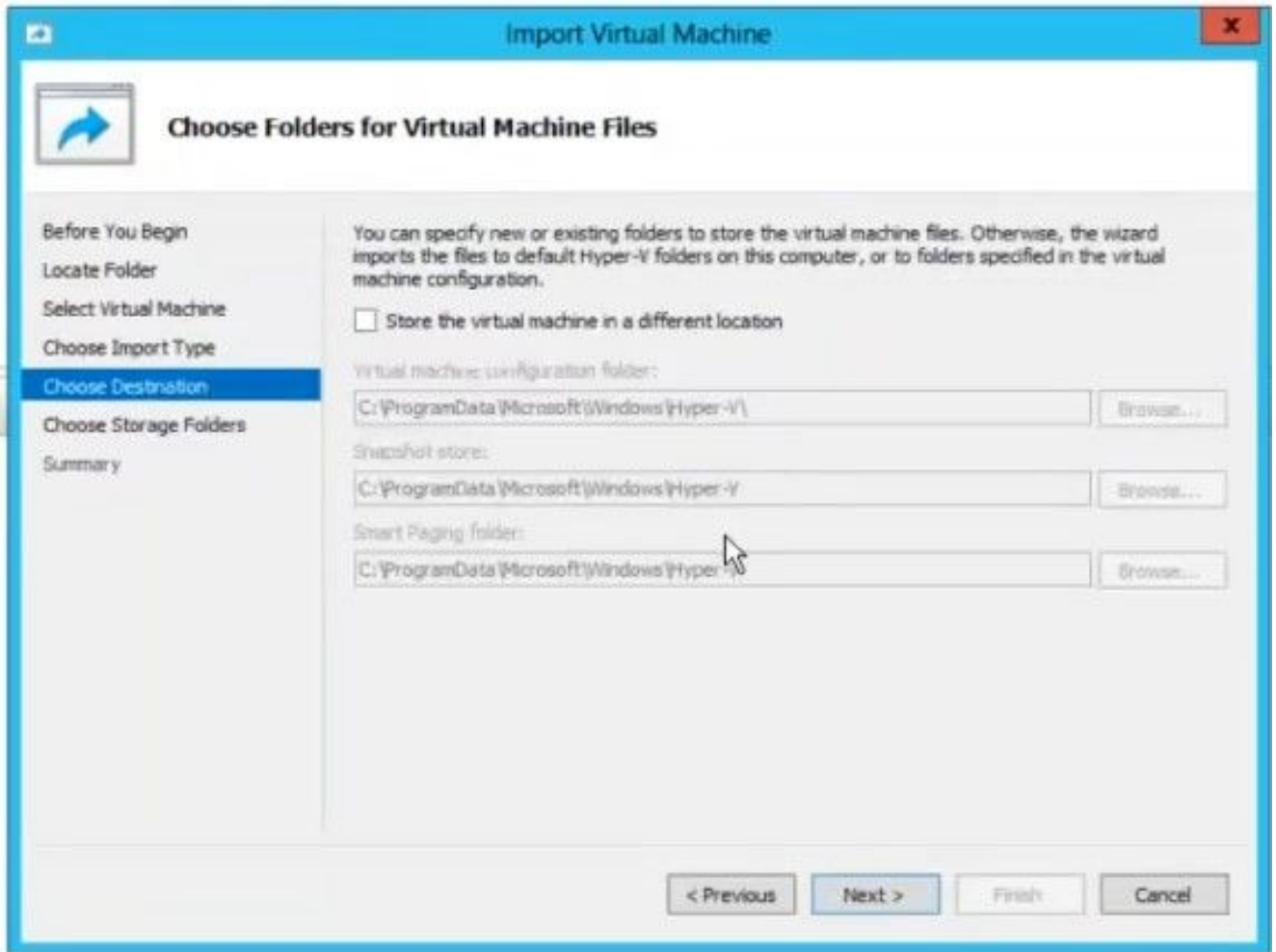
Select VM

5. Choose **Copy the virtual machine (create a new unique ID)**, click **Next>**.

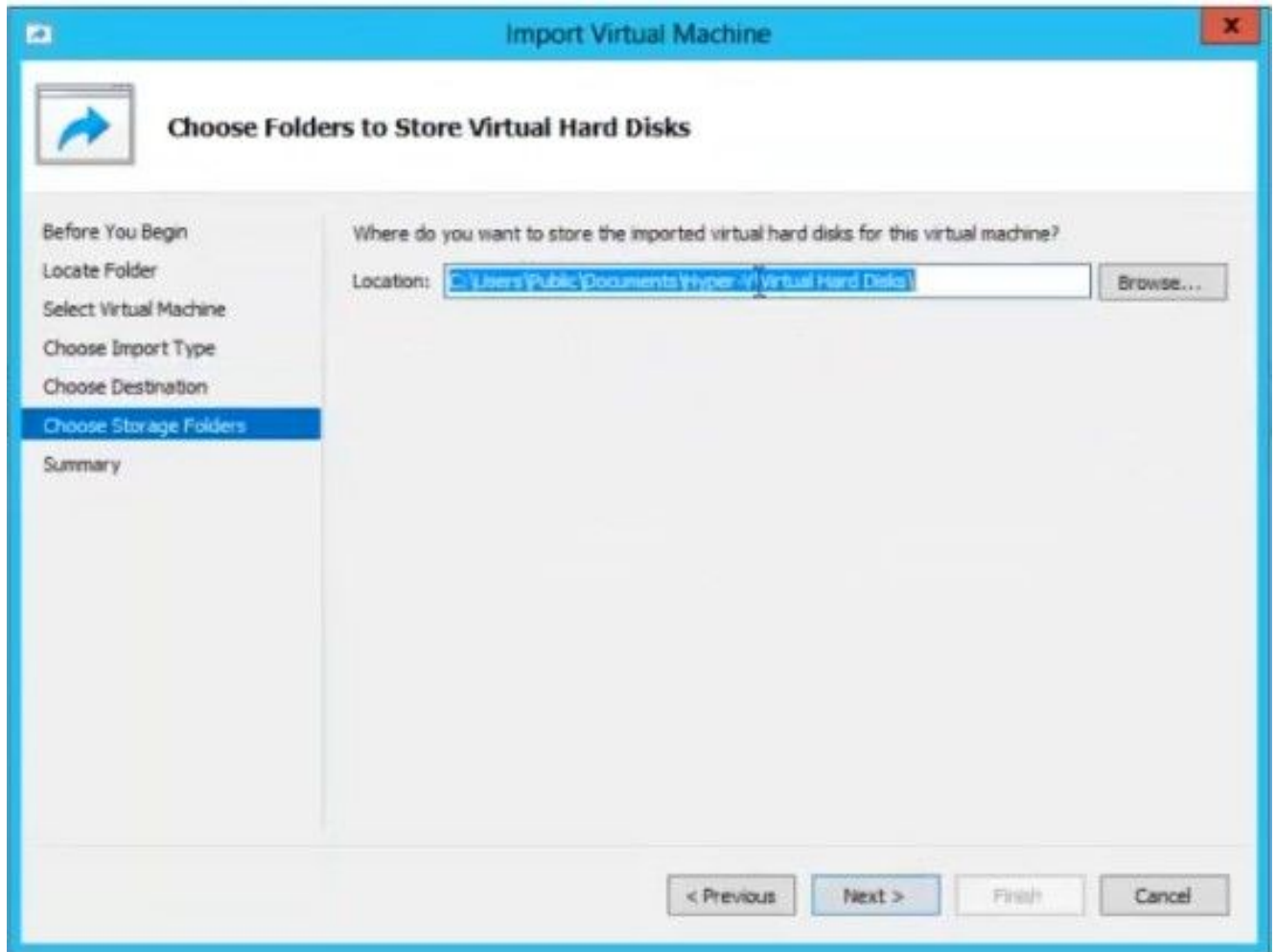


Import Type

6. Browse to select the folder for VM files. It is recommended to use default paths, click **Next>**.

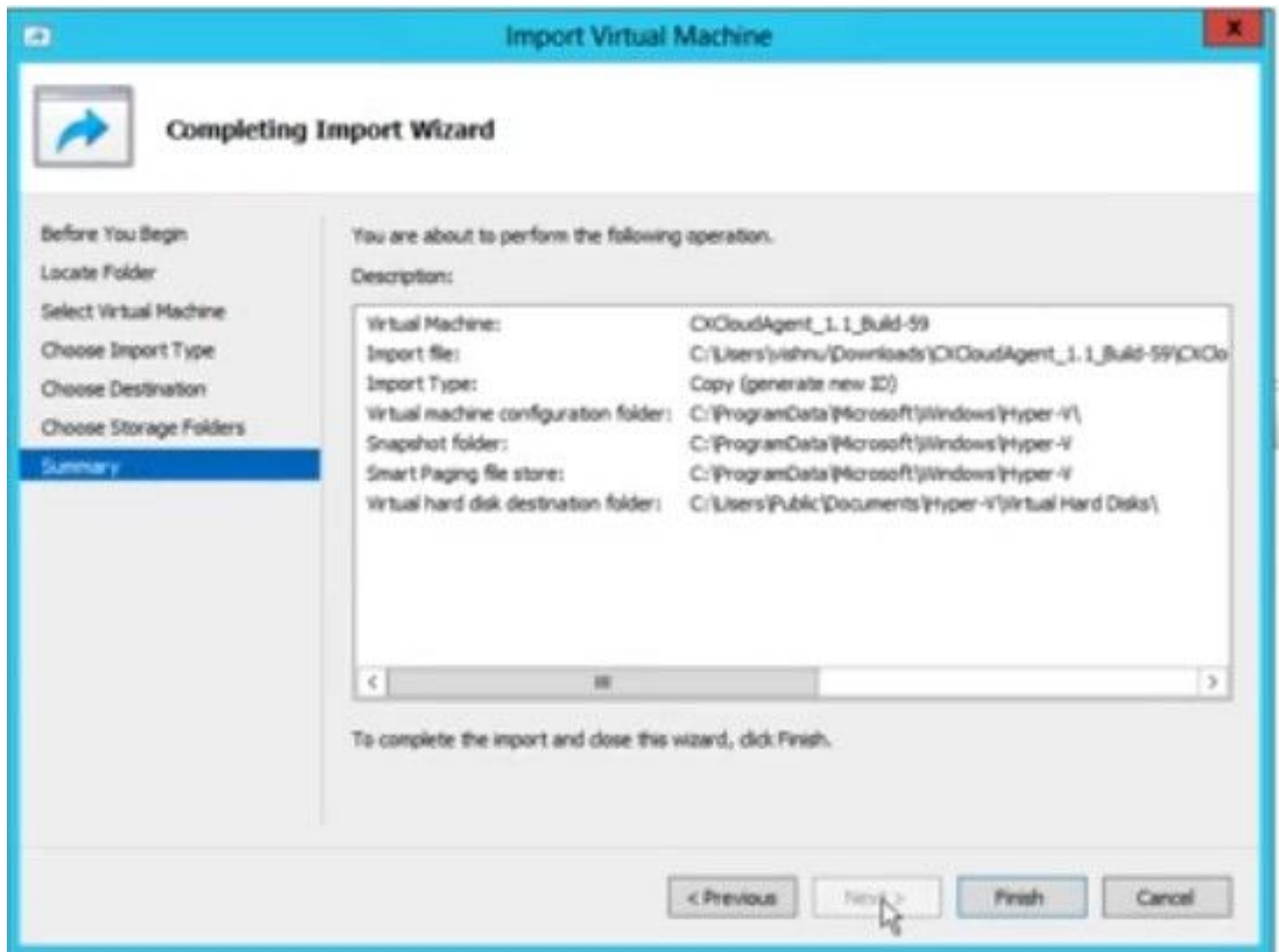


7. Browse and select the folder to store the VM hard disk. It is recommended to use default paths, Click **Next>**.



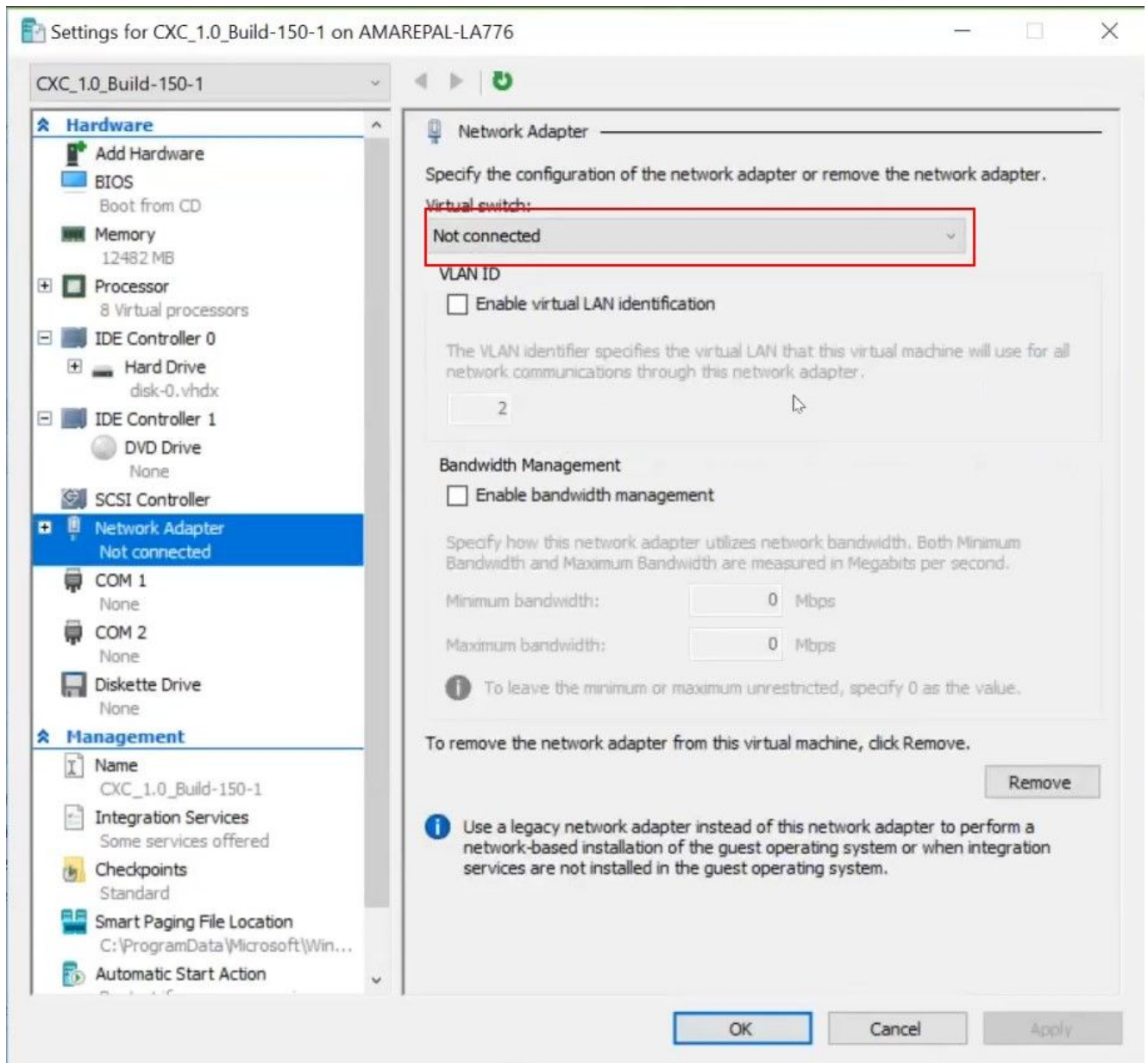
Folder to Store Virtual hard Disks

8. Virtual Machine summary appears, if all inputs are fine, click **Finish**.



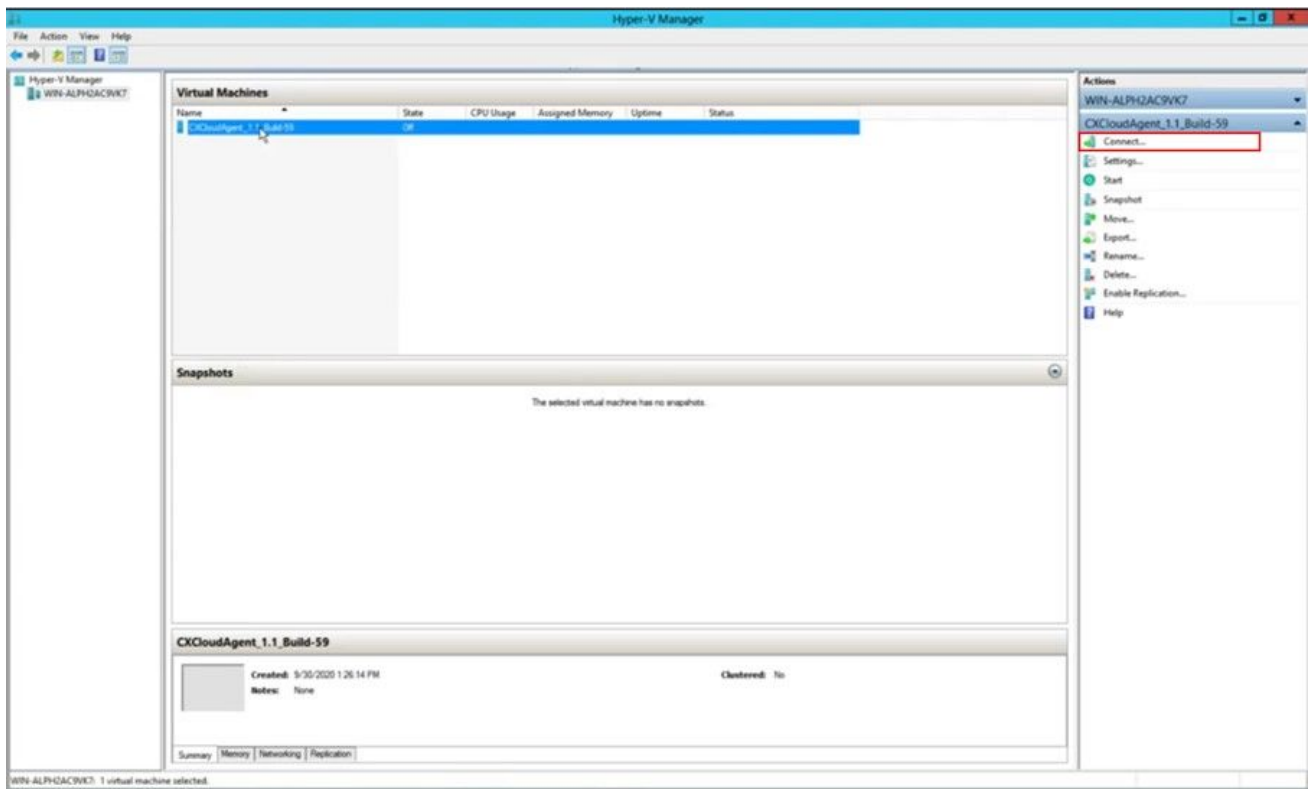
Summary

9. After the import is completed successfully a new VM is created on Hyper-V. Open the VM setting. Select the network adaptor on the left pane and choose the available **Virtual Switch** from the drop-down.



Virtual Switch

10. Click connect as shown on the figure to start the VM.



Starting VM

11. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#).

Network Configuration



VM Console

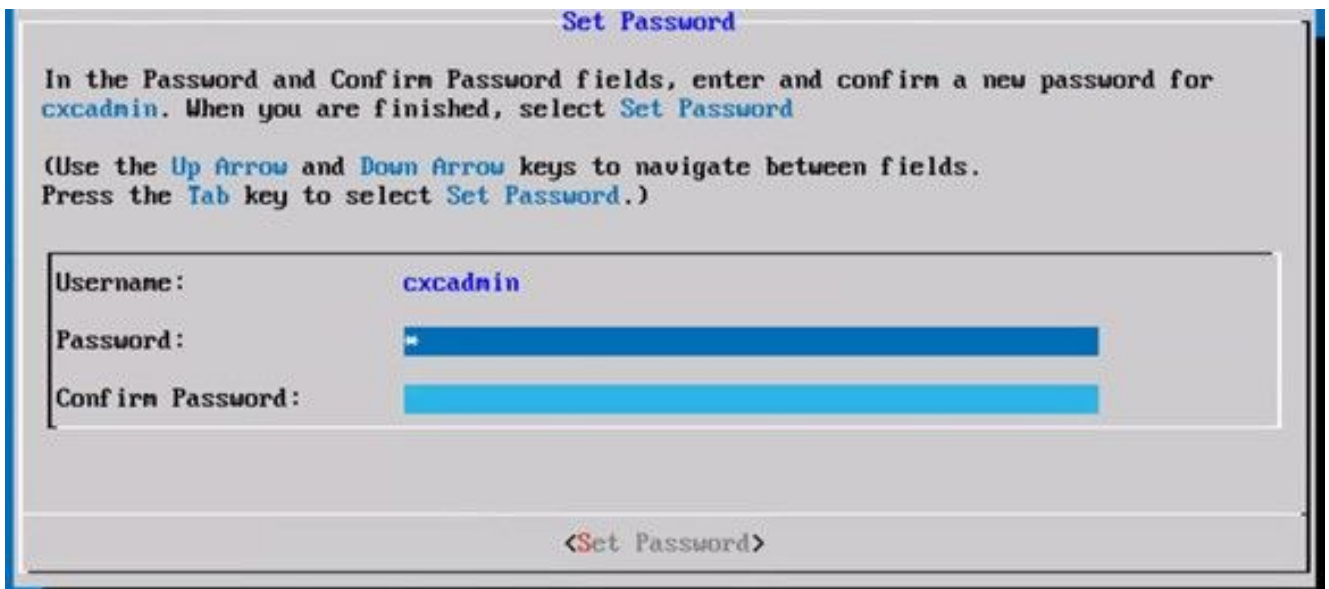
1. Click **Set Password** to add a new password for cxcadmin **OR** click **Auto Generate**

Password to get the new password.



Set Password

2. If **Set Password** is selected, enter the password for **cxcadmin** and confirm it. Click **Set Password** and go to Step 3.



New Password

OR If **Auto Generate Password** is selected, copy the password generated and store it for future use. Click **Save Password** and go to Step

4.



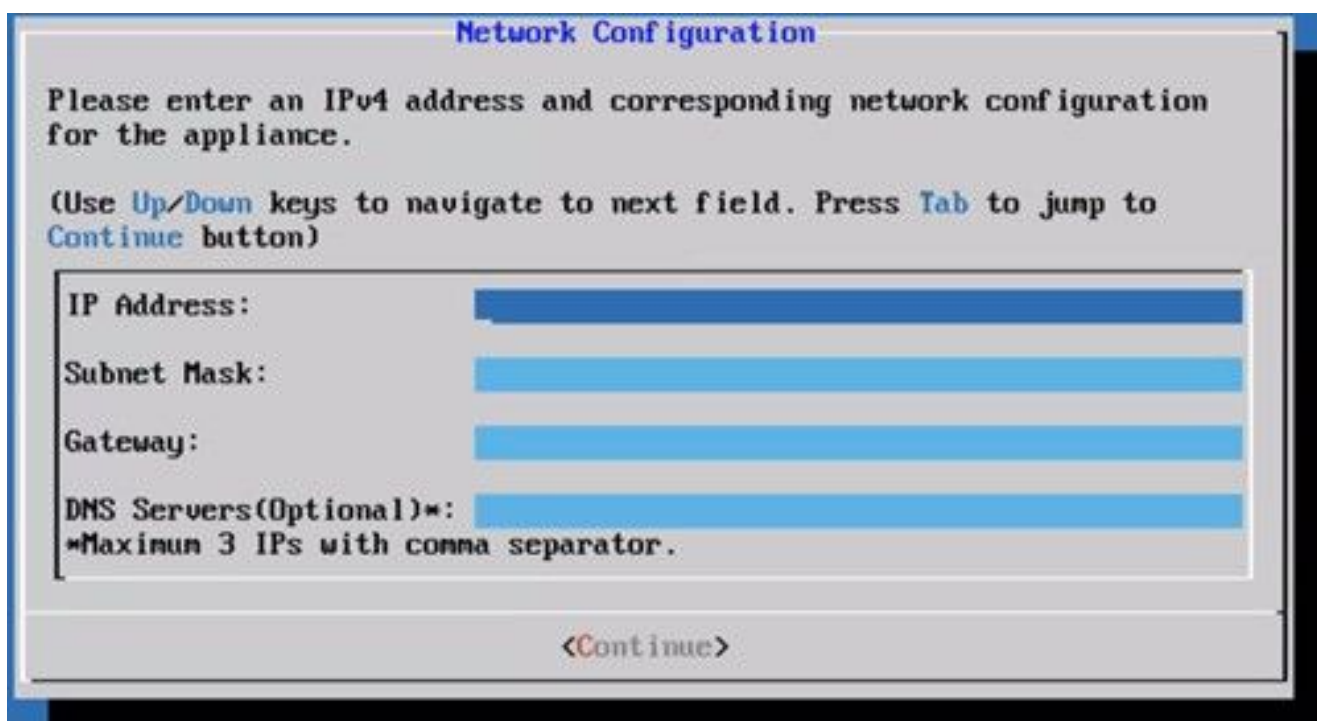
Auto Generated Password

3. Click **Save Password** to use it for authentication.



Save Password

4. Enter the IP Address, Subnet Mask, Gateway, and DNS server, then click **Continue**.



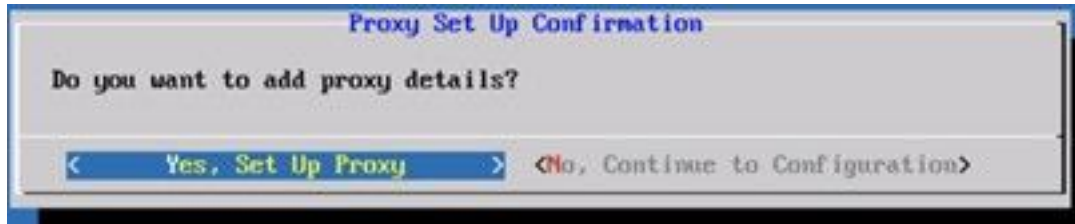
Network Configuration

5. Confirm the entries and click **Yes, Continue**.



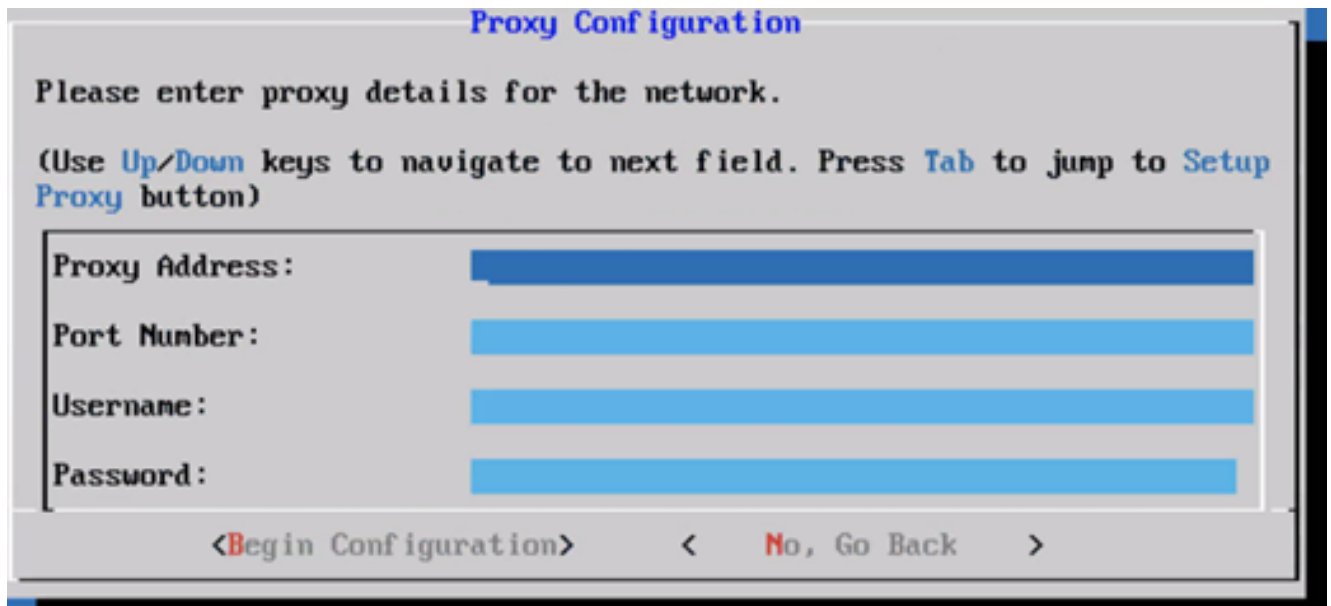
Confirmation

6. If you want to set the proxy details, click **Yes, Set Up Proxy**. Else click **No, Continue to Configuration** to complete the configuration, go to step 8.



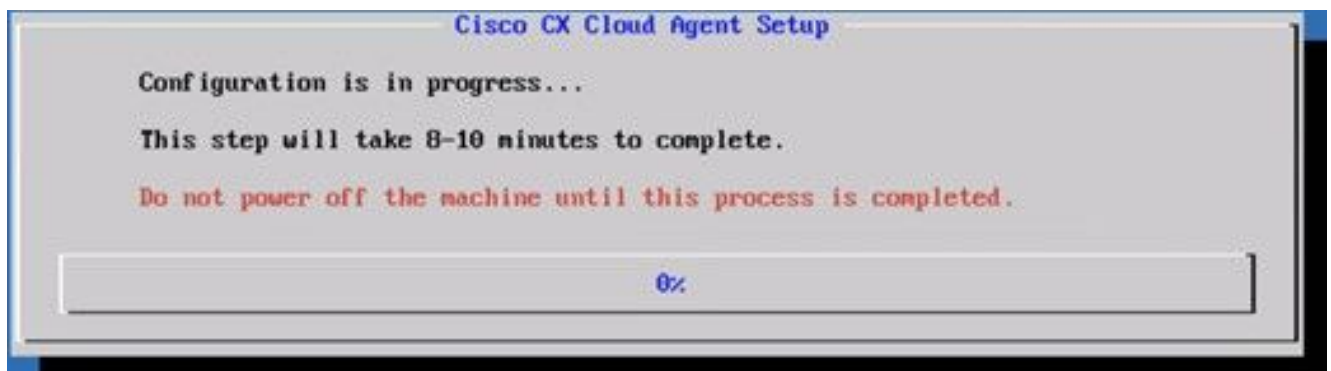
Proxy Setup

7. Enter the Proxy Address, Port Number, Username, and Password. Click **Begin Configuration**.



Proxy Configuration

8. Configuration may take 8 -10 minutes to complete.



Configuration in Progress

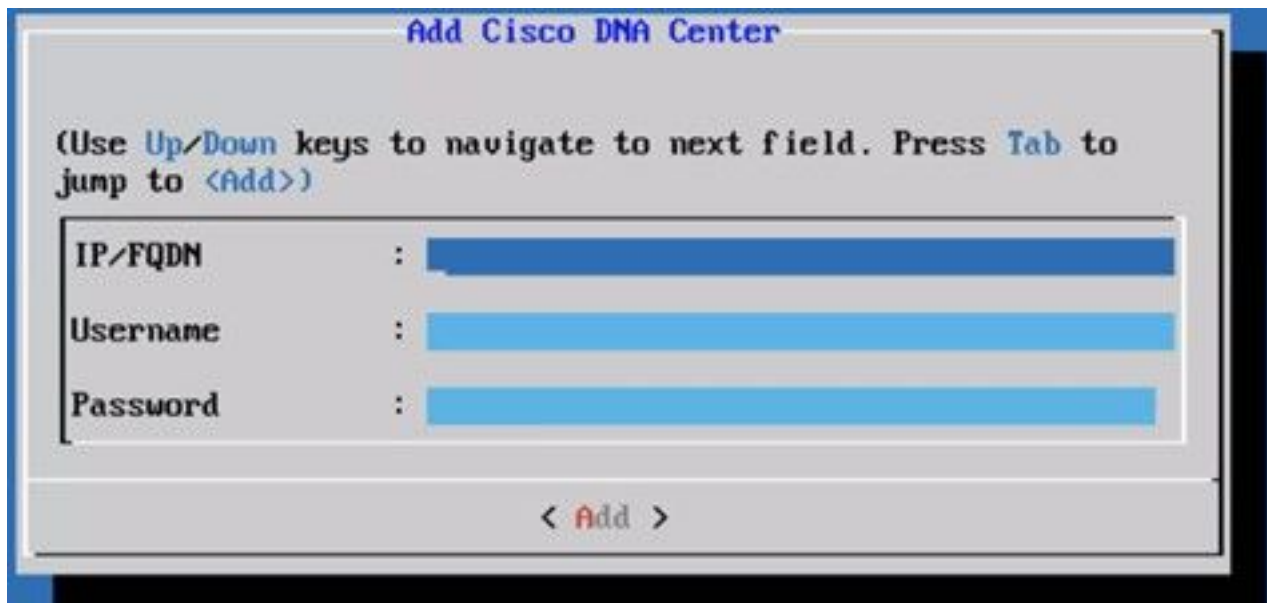
Setting CX Cloud Agent

Setup Using Console

Use the console option to add the Cisco DNA centers and for generating the pairing code to

proceed with cloud agent registration.

1. Enter the **IP/ FQDN**, **Username**, and **Password**, click **Add**.



Add Cisco DNA Center

(Use **Up/Down** keys to navigate to next field. Press **Tab** to jump to **<Add>**)

IP/FQDN :

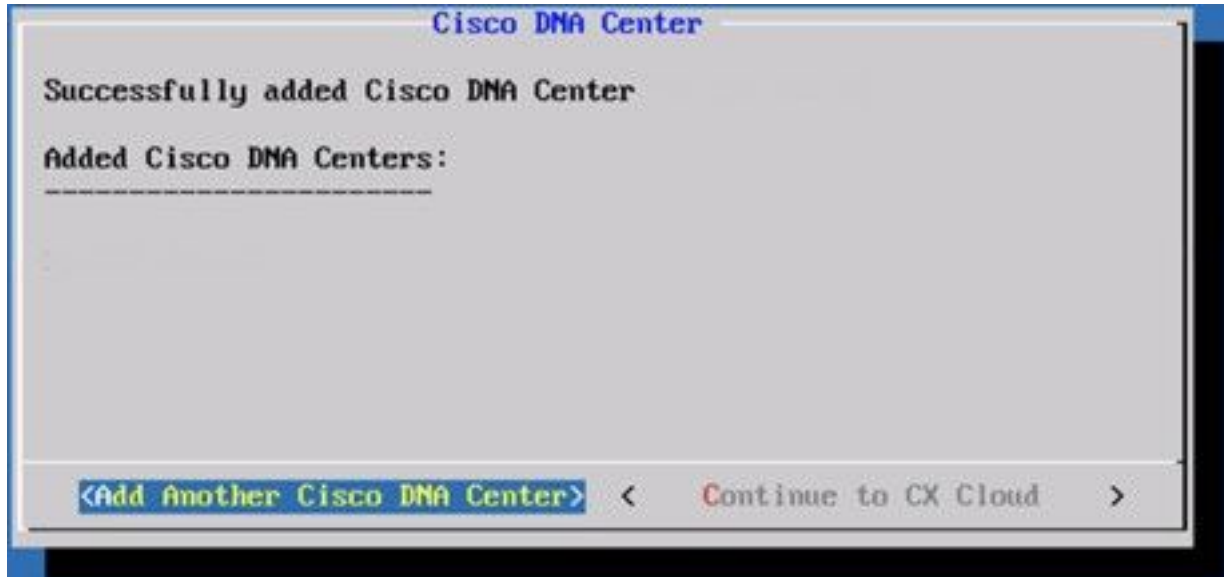
Username :

Password :

< **Add** >

Add Cisco DNA Center

2. Click **Add Another Cisco DNA Center** to add one or multiple Cisco DNA Centers or click **Continue to CX Cloud** to start the registration process. You can add only 10 Cisco DNA Centers.



Cisco DNA Center

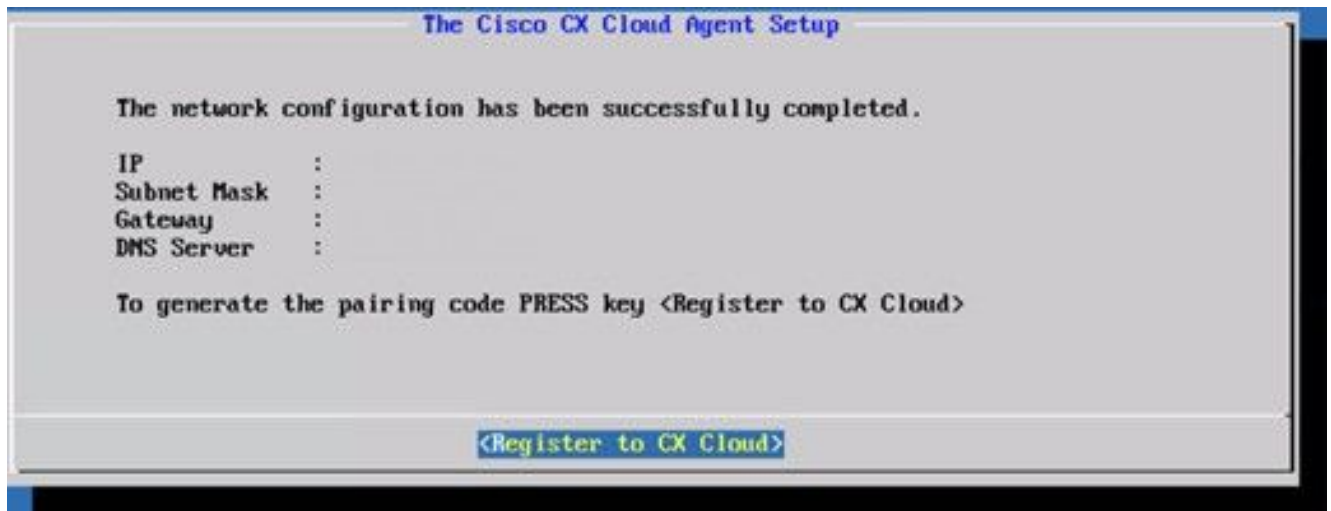
Successfully added Cisco DNA Center

Added Cisco DNA Centers:

< **Add Another Cisco DNA Center** > < **Continue to CX Cloud** >

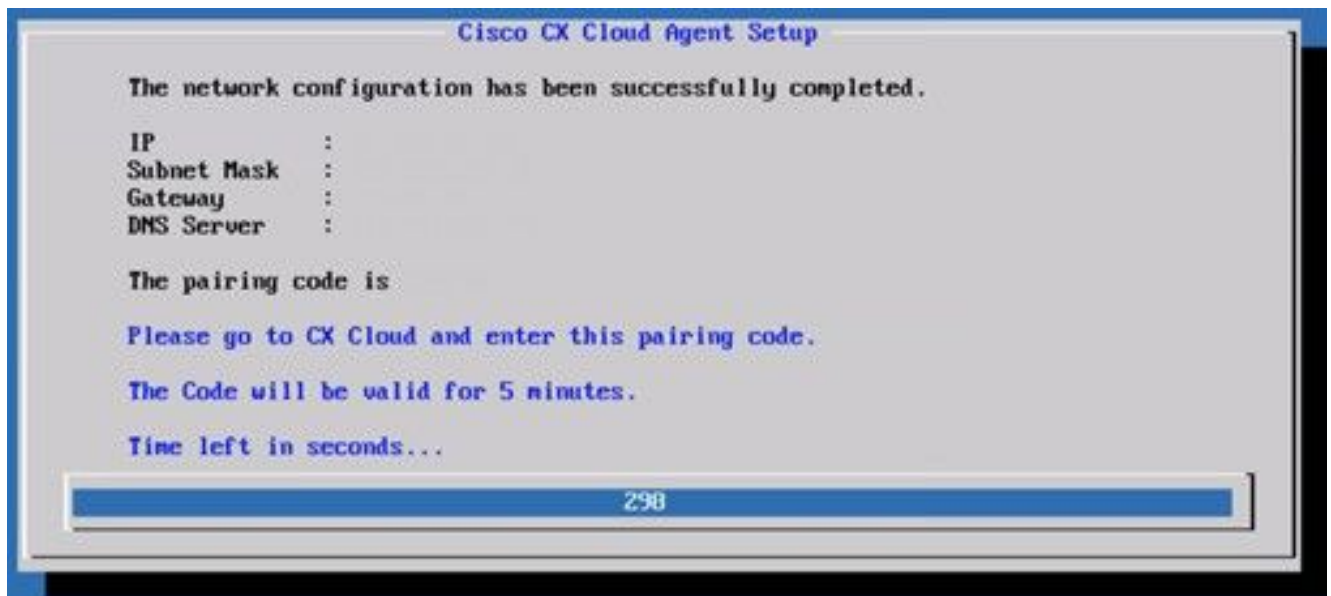
Cisco DNA Center

3. Click **Register** to CX Cloud to get the pairing code.



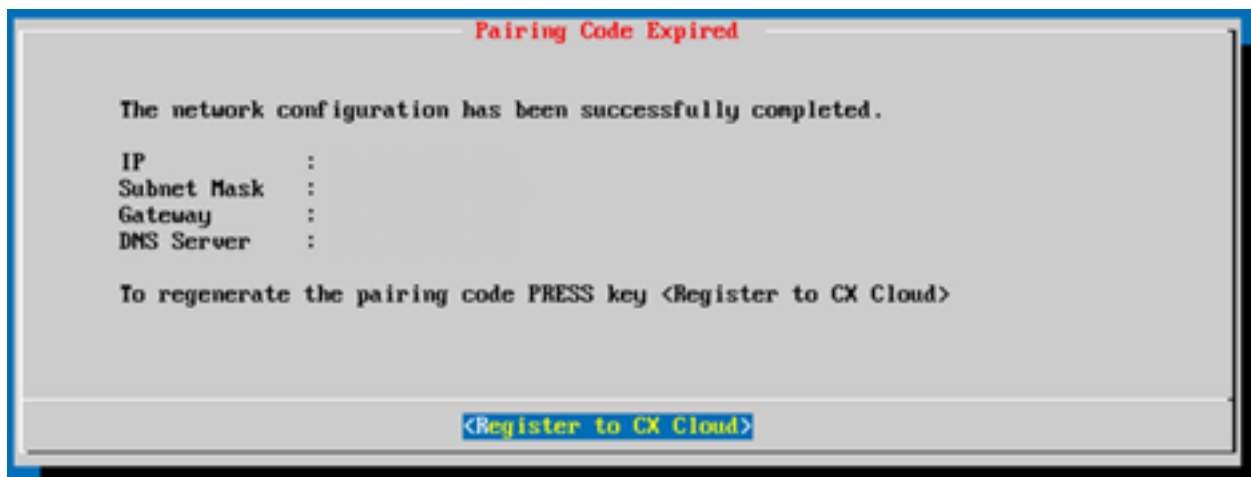
Register to CX Cloud

4. Copy the **Pairing Code** and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup. Refer [Connecting to Customer Portal](#).



Pairing Code

5. If the Pairing Code expires, then click **Register to CX Cloud** to get the code.



Code Expired

6. Click **OK**.



Registration Successful

Setup Using CLI

The other option to add Cisco DNA Centers and generating the pairing code is by using the CLI option.

1. Log in to the Cloud Agent via ssh using cxcadmin user credential.
2. Use the command `cxcli agent addController` and enter **IP/ FQDN**, **Username**, and **Password** to add cisco DNA Center.

```
cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ cxcli agent addController
You are yet to add a Controller.

Add Cisco DNA Center:
-----
IP Address / FQDN: 8.0.1.21
Username: cisco
Password :

Validating Cisco DNA Center.....
Successfully added Cisco DNA Center 8.0.1.21
Do you want to add another Cisco DNA Center to CX Cloud [Y/N]: █
```

Add Cisco DNA Center CLI

3. To add more cisco DNA Centers, enter **Y** else **N** to continue.


```
Successfully added Cisco DNA Center 8.0.1.21
Do you want to add another Cisco DNA Center to CX Cloud [Y/N]: Y
Connected Cisco DNA Centers
-----
8.0.1.21

Add Cisco DNA Center:
-----
IP Address / FQDN: 8.0.1.22
Username: cisco
Password :

Validating Cisco DNA Center.....
Successfully added Cisco DNA Center 8.0.1.22
Do you want to add another Cisco DNA Center to CX Cloud [Y/N]: █
```

Additional Cisco DNA Center

- 4. Generate the pairing code using the command `cxcli agent generatePairingCode`.

```
cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ cxcli agent generatePairingCode

Pairing Code : x37I0P
Expires in: 5 minutes
Please use the Pairing Code in the CX Cloud to proceed with CX Cloud Agent registration.

cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ █
```

Generate Pairing code CLI

- 5. Copy the **Pairing Code** and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup. Refer [Connecting to Customer Portal](#).

```
cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ cxcli agent generatePairingCode

Pairing Code : X0MAuP
Expires in: 5 minutes
Please use the Pairing Code in the CX Cloud to proceed with CX Cloud Agent registration.

cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ █
```

Regenerate Pairing Code CLI

- 6. If the Pairing Code expires, execute the command `cxcli agent generatePairingCode` again

to get the fresh pairing code. **Note:** It is recommended to use one of the options at a time.**Add Additional Cisco DNA Centers**To add additional cisco DNA centers after initial Cloud Agent setup, perform the following:Log in to the Cloud Agent via ssh using cxcadmin credentials.Use the command cxcli agent addController and enter **IP/FQDN, Username, and Password** to add cisco DNA Center.To add more cisco DNA Centers, enter **Y** else **N** to continue.

```
cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ cxcli agent addController

Connected Cisco DNA Centers
-----
8.0.1.21
8.0.1.22

Add Cisco DNA Center:
-----
IP Address / FQDN: 8.0.1.23
Username: cisco
Password :

Validating Cisco DNA Center.....

Successfully added Cisco DNA Center 8.0.1.23

Do you want to add another Cisco DNA Center to CX Cloud [Y/N]: Y

Connected Cisco DNA Centers
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8.0.1.21
8.0.1.22
8.0.1.23

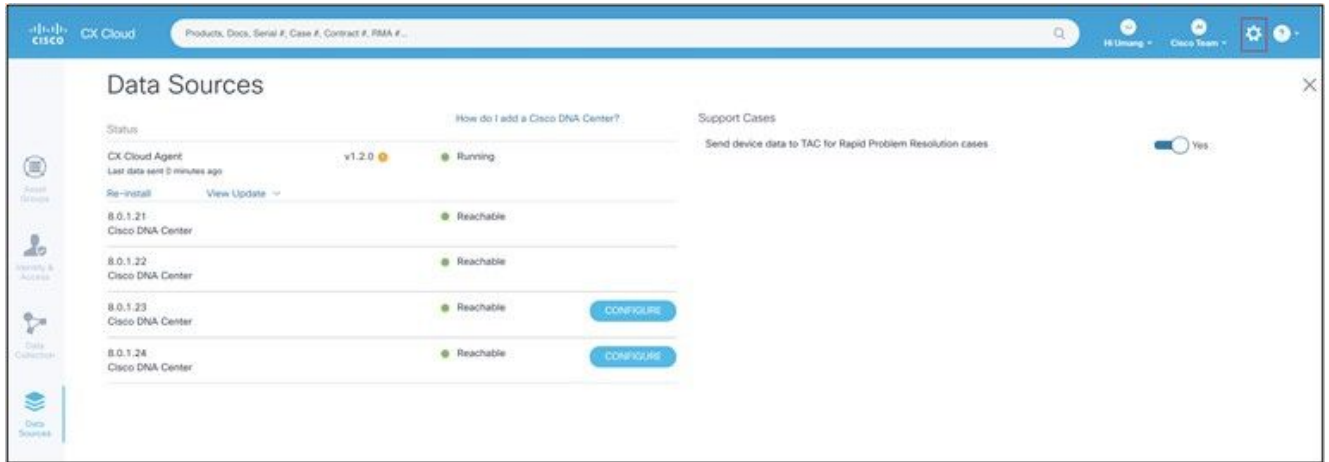
Add Cisco DNA Center:
-----
IP Address / FQDN: 8.0.1.24
Username: cisco
Password :

Validating Cisco DNA Center.....

Successfully added Cisco DNA Center 8.0.1.24

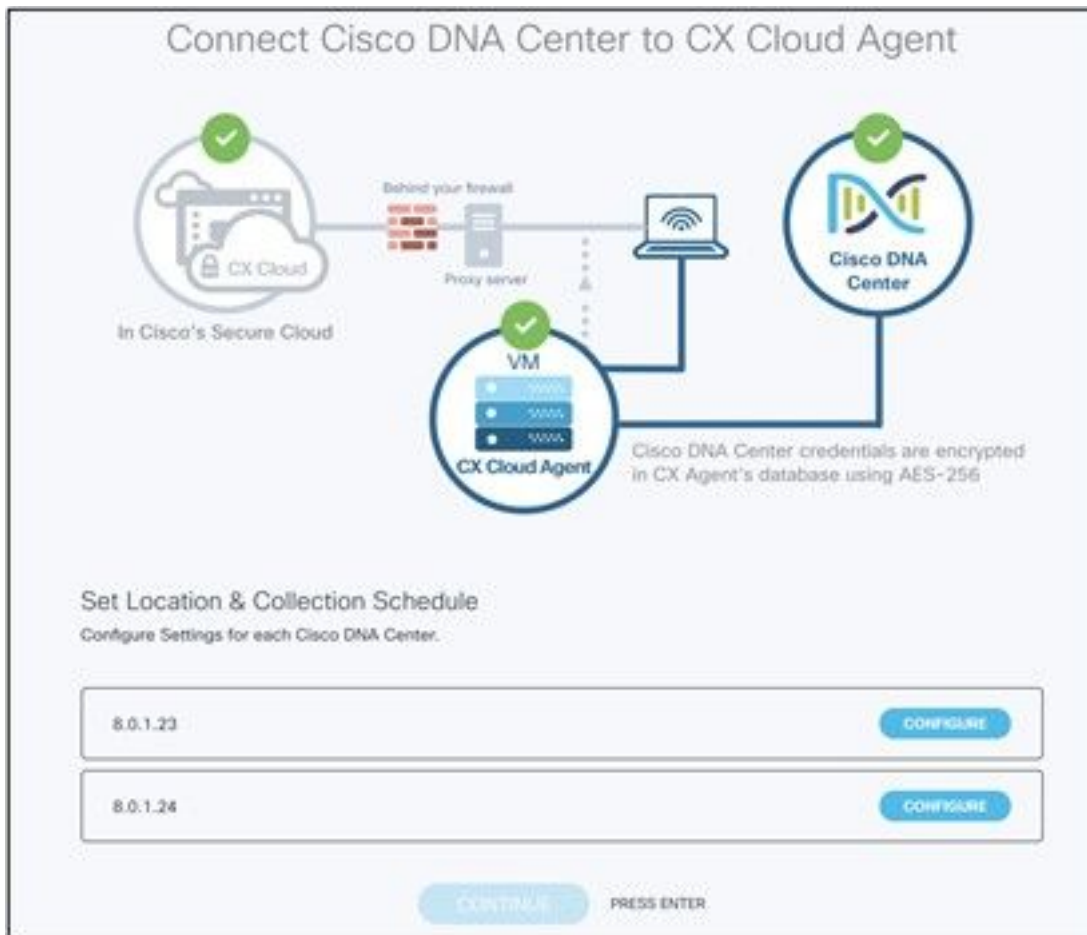
Do you want to add another Cisco DNA Center to CX Cloud [Y/N]: N
cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ █
```

Add Cisco DNA Centers CLINote: You can add only 10 Cisco DNA centers.To configure the newly add cisco DNA center(s), perform the following:Navigate to CX Cloud **Settings** > **Data Source**.Click **Configure** for any one of the unconfigured DNACs that will take you to the next window to configure all the unconfigured DNACs.



Data Sources

Click **Configure** to set the location and collection schedule.



Connect Cisco DNA Center

Select the location from the list and you can choose either run now or schedule the collection later. You can schedule the ongoing Inventory collection and click **Save**. Click **Continue**.

Set Location & Collection Schedule
Configure Settings for each Cisco DNA Center.

8.0.1.21 ✓ Ready

8.0.1.22

Select the Cisco DNA Center's location

City/State and Country
Start typing a city...

When should the first inventory collection run?
Collection may take 60-75 minutes.

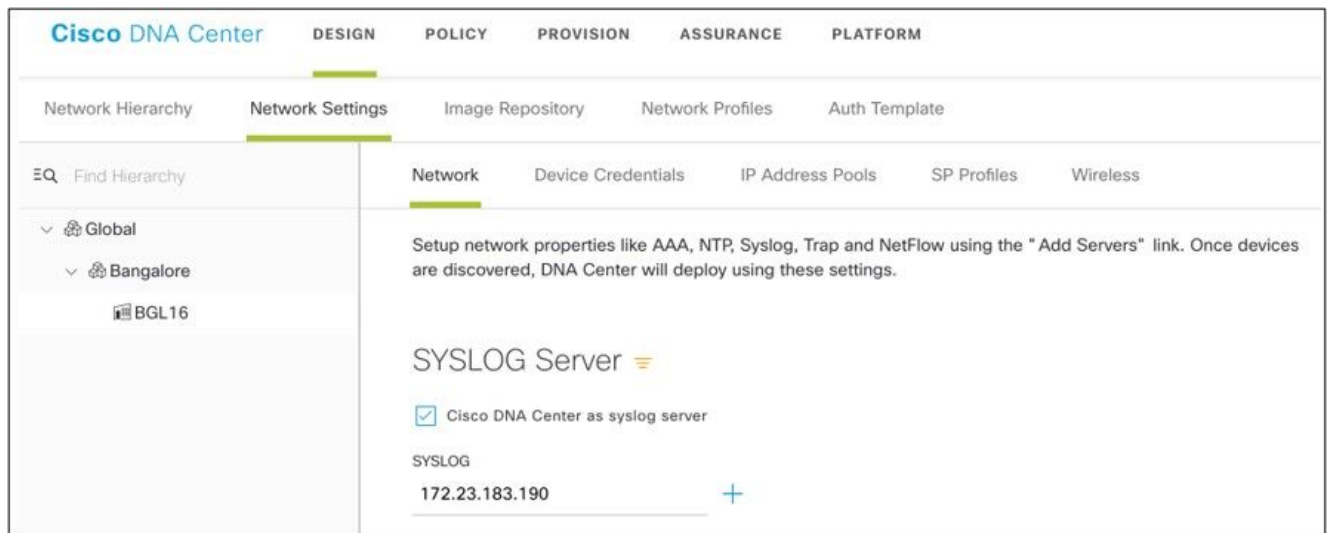
Run the first collection now
 Schedule the first collection to run later

Set the ongoing inventory collection schedule
Frequency at Time IST

DISCONNECT FROM CX CLOUD SAVE

CONTINUE PRESS ENTER

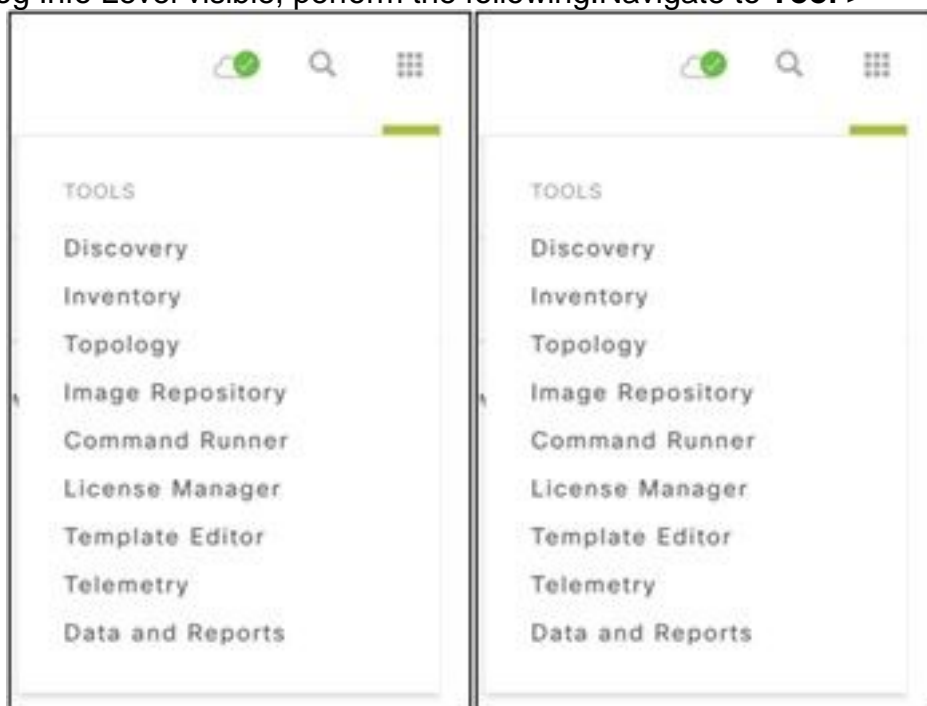
Set Location and Collection Schedule **Set Up Syslog Forwarding on Cisco DNA Center**
Prerequisite Ensure that you are using certified Cisco DNA Center versions from 1.2.8 to 1.3.3.9 and from 2.1.2.0 to 2.2.3.0.
Configure Syslog Forwarding Setting To configure Syslog Forwarding to CX Cloud Agent in Cisco DNA Center using UI, perform the following:
Launch Cisco DNA Center. Go to **Design > Network Settings > Network**. For each site, add the CX Cloud Agent IP as the Syslog Server.



Syslog Server

Notes:

- Once configured, all the devices associated with that site are configured to send syslog with level critical to CX Cloud Agent.
 - The devices should be associated to some site for enabling the syslog forwarding from the device to CX Cloud Agent.
 - When a syslog server setting is updated, all the devices associated with that site will be automatically set to default critical level.
- Enabling Info Level Syslog Settings** To make Syslog Info Level visible, perform the following: Navigate to **Tool >**



Telemetry.

Tool Menu

Click **Site View** Tab. Expand and select a site from site hierarchy.



Site View

Select the required site and select all devices using the check box before **Device name** and under **Actions** select **Optimal Visibility**.



Actions **Security** **Physical Security** You need to deploy CX Cloud Agent OVA image in a secured VMWare server firm. The OVA is shared securely through cisco software download center. Bootloader (Single user mode) password is set with a randomly unique password. Users must refer to [FAQ](#) to set this bootloader (single-user mode) password. **User Access** Customer cloud (User) uses the CX Cloud Agent APIs exposed to access the features/functionalities of the CX Cloud Agent. User can log in to the appliance only through ssh. **Account Security** On deployment, cxcadmin user account is created. User is forced to set a password for the same during the initial configuration. cxcadmin user/credentials are used to access both the CX Cloud Agent APIs and to connect the appliance over ssh. cxcadmin user has restricted access with least privileges. cxcadmin password follows the security policy and is one-way hashed. It has an expiry period of 90 days. cxcadmin user can create a cxcroot user using the utility called remoteaccount. The cxcroot user can gain root privileges. Passphrase expires in 2 days. **Network Security** CX Cloud Agent VM can be accessed using ssh with cxcadmin user credentials. Incoming ports

are restricted to 22 (ssh), 514(Syslog).**Authentication**Password based authentication: Appliance maintains a single user - 'cxcadmin' which enables the user to authenticate and communicate with the CX Cloud Agent.Root privileged actions on the appliance using ssh cxcadmin user can create cxcroot user, using a utility called remoteaccount. This utility displays an RSA/ECB/PKCS1v1_5 encrypted password which can be decrypted only from SWIM portal. Only authorized personnel have access to this portal. cxcroot user can gain root privileges using this decrypted password. Passphrase is valid only for two days. cxcadmin user needs to recreate the account and get the password from SWIM portal post password expiry.**Hardening**CX Cloud Agent appliance follows CIS hardening standards and has achieved high scores.**Data Security**CX Cloud Agent appliance does not store any customer personal information.Device credential application (running as one of the pods) stores encrypted Cisco DNA Center server credentials inside secured database. Cisco DNA Center collected data is not stored in any form inside the appliance. The data collected is uploaded to the backed soon after the collection is complete, and the data is purged from the agent.**Data Transmission**A secure TLS 1.2 channel is established between CX Cloud Agent and RP (Reverse proxy) server.Ciphers supported are AES256-SHA and AES128-SHAThe Reverse proxy authenticates the connection establishment using symmetric hashing. Unique shared key generated per appliance is used to perform the symmetric hashing.**Logs and Monitoring**Logs do not contain any form of sensitive information. Audit logs capture all security-sensitive actions performed on the Cloud Agent appliance.**Security Summary****Frequently Asked Questions****CX Cloud Agent**

DeploymentQ - With "Re-install" option, can the user deploy the new Cloud Agent with new IP Address?A - Yes

Q - Flavours of InstallableA - OVA and VHD

Q - What is the environment on which the installable can be deployed?A - OVA VMWare ESXi version 5.5 or above Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 or above VHD Hyper-V

Q - Can CX Cloud Agent detect IP address in a DHCP environment?A - Yes, in case of DHCP environment, the IP address assignment during IP configuration is taken care.

However, the IP address change expected for the CX Cloud Agent at any point in future is not supported. Also, the customer is recommended to reserve the IP for the Cloud Agent in their DHCP environment.Q - Does CX Cloud Agent support both IPv4 and IPv6 configuration?A - No, only IPV4 is supported.

Q - During IP configuration, is IP address validated?A - Yes, IP address syntax and duplicate IP address assignment will be validated.

Q - What is the approximate time taken for the OVA deployment and IP configuration?A - The OVA deployment depends on the speed of the network to copy the data. The IP configuration takes approximately 8-10 minutes that includes Kubernetes and container creations.

Q - Is there any limitation with respect to any hardware type?A - Host machine on which OVA is deployed must meet the requirements provided as part of the CX portal setup. The CX Cloud Agent is tested with VMware/Virtual box running on a hardware with Intel Xeon E5 processors with vCPU to CPU ratio set at 2:1. If a less powerful processor CPU or larger ratio is used, the performance might degrade.

Q - Can we generate the pairing code anytime?A - No, the pairing code can be generated only if the Cloud Agent is not registered.

Releases and PatchesQ - What are the different kinds of versions listed for the upgrade of CX Cloud Agent?A - Below are the set of the released versions of CX Cloud Agent that are listed:A.x.0 (where x is the latest production major feature release, example:1.3.0)A.x.y (where A.x.0 is mandatory and incremental up-gradation to be initiated, x is the latest production major feature release, and y is the latest upgrade patch that is live, example: 1.3.1).A.x.y-z (where A.x.0 is mandatory and incremental up-gradation to be initiated, x is the latest production major feature release, and y is the latest upgrade patch that is live, and z is the spot-patch that is an instant fix for a very short span of time, example: 1.3.1-1)where A is a long-term release spread across 3-5 years span

Authentication and Proxy

configurationQ - What is the default user of the CX Cloud Agent Application?A - cxcadmin

Q - How the password is set for the default user?A - Password is set during Network configuration.

Q - Is there any option available to reset the password after Day-0?A - No specific option is provided by the agent to reset the password, but you can use the linux commands to reset the password for cxcadmin.

Q - What are the password policies to configure CX Cloud Agent?A - Password policies are:Password Maximum Age (length) set to 90 daysPassword Minimum age (length) set to 8Password Maximum length 127 characters.At least one upper case and one lower case should be provided.Should contain at least one special character (for example,

!\$%^&*()_+|~-=\`{}[]:;'<>?,/).The following characters are not be permitted Special 8-bit characters (for example, ã, Å ´, ¥, ë, ñ, ü)SpacesThe password should not be the last recently used 10 passwords.Should not contain regular expression i.e. should not contain the following words or derivatives thereof cisco, sanjose, and sanfran

Q - How to set Grub password?A - To set the Grub Password, perform the following:Run ssh as cxcroot and provide the token [Contact the support team to get the cxcroot token]Execute sudo su, provide the same tokenExecute the command grub-mkpasswd-pbkdf2 and set the GRUB password. Hash of the provided password will be printed, copy the content.vi to the file /etc/grub.d/00_header. Navigate to the end of file and replace the hash output followed by the content password_pbkdf2 root ***** with the obtained hash for the password you got in step 3Save the file with the command :wq!Execute the command update-grub

Q - What is the expiry period for password of **cxcadmin**?A - The password expiry in 90 days.

Q - Does the system disable the account after consecutive unsuccessful login attempts?A - Yes, the account gets disabled after 5 consecutive unsuccessful attempts. The lockout period is 30 minutes.

Q - How to generate passphrase?A - Perform the following steps,Run ssh and login as cxcadmin userExecute the command “remoteaccount cleanup”Execute the command “remoteaccount create”

Q - Does proxy host support both hostname and IP?A - Yes, but to use hostname, user should have provide the DNS IP during network configuration.

Q - Are both IPv4 and IPv6 supported for proxy?A - No, only IPv4 is supported.**Secure Shell**

SSHQ - What are the ciphers supported by ssh shell?A - chacha20-

poly1305@openssh.com, aes256-gcm@openssh.com, aes128-gcm@openssh.com , aes256-ctr, aes192-ctr, aes128-ctr

Q - How to login to console?A - Follow the steps to login:Login as cxcadmin user.Provide the cxcadmin password that is set.

Q - Are ssh logins logged?A - Yes, it is logged as part of the var/logs/audit/audit.log.

Q - What is the idle session out time?A - ssh session timeout occurs if the Cloud Agent is idle for five minutes.

Ports and ServicesQ - What are the ports kept open by default on the CX Cloud Agent?A - They are,**Outbound port:** The deployed CX Cloud Agent can connect to concsoweb-prd.cisco.com on HTTPS port 443 or via a proxy to send data to Cisco.

The deployed CX Cloud Agent can connect to Cisco DNA Center on HTTPS port 443. **Inbound port:** For local management of the CX Cloud Agent 514(Syslog) and 22 (ssh) should be accessible.

The customer must allow port 443 in their Firewall to receive data from CX Cloud. **CX**

Cloud Agent Connection with Cisco DNA CenterQ - What is the purpose and relationship of Cisco DNA Center with CX Cloud Agent r?A - Cisco DNA Center is the Cloud Agent which manages the customer premise network devices. CX Cloud Agent collects the inventory information of the devices from the configured Cisco DNA Center and uploads the inventory information that is available as "Asset View" in CX Cloud.

Q - Where can the user provide Cisco DNA Center details on the CX Cloud agent?A - During the CX Cloud Agent setup, the user will be prompted to provide the Cisco DNA Center details or user can use CLI command `cxcli agent addController` to add the Cisco DNA Centers.

Q - How many Cisco DNA Centers can be added?A - 10 Cisco DNA Centers.

Q - What role the Cisco DNA Center user should have?A - The user role should be either **admin** or **observer**.

Q - How are the Cisco DNA Center details stored in CX Cloud Agent?A - Cisco DNA Center credentials are encrypted using AES-256 and stored in CX Cloud Agent database. CX Cloud Agent database is protected with a secured user ID and password.

Q - What kind of encryption will be used while accessing Cisco DNA Center API from CX Cloud Agent?A - HTTPS over TLS 1.2 is used for the communication between Cisco DNA Center and CX Cloud Agent.

Q - What are the operations performed by CX Cloud Agent on the integrated Cisco DNA Center Cloud Agent?A - Different operations performed by CX Cloud Agent on the integrated Cisco DNA Center Cloud Agent are, CX Cloud Agent collects data that Cisco DNA Center has about the network devices. It uses the Cisco DNA Center command runner interface to talk to end devices and execute CLI commands (show command). No config change commands are executed.

Q - What are default data collected from Cisco DNA Center and uploaded to backend?A- Network Entity Modules Show version Config Device image information Tags

Q - What are the additional data collected from Cisco DNA Center and uploaded to Cisco backend?A - You get all the information [here](#).

Q - How is the inventory data uploaded to backend?A - CX Cloud Agent uploads the data via TLS 1.2 protocol to Cisco backend server.

Q - What is the frequency of inventory upload?A - Collection gets triggered as per the user-defined schedule and gets uploaded to CISCO backend. UTC and gets uploaded to backend.

Q - Can the user re-schedule inventory?A - Yes, an option is available to modify the schedule information from Admin Settings à Data Sources.

Q - When does the connection timeout occur between Cisco DNA Center and Cloud Agent?A - Timeouts are categorized as follows:For initial connection, timeout is max 300 seconds. If connection is not established between Cisco DNA Center and Cloud Agent within max 5 minutes, then the connection terminates.For recurring, typical, or updates: response timeout is 1800 seconds. If the response is not received or not able to read within 30 minutes, then the connection terminates.

CX Cloud Agent Used Diagnostic ScanQ - What are the commands executed on the device for scan?A - The commands that need to be executed on the device for the scan is dynamically determined during the scanning process. The set of commands can change over time, even for the same device (and not in control of Diagnostic Scan.)

Q - Where are the scan results stored and profiled?A - The scanned results are stored and profiled in cisco backend.

Q - Are the duplicates (By hostname or IP) in Cisco DNA Center, added to Diagnostic Scan when Cisco DNA Center source is plugged in?A - No, the duplicates will be filtered and only the unique devices will be extracted.

Q - What happens when one of the command scans fails?A - The device scan will be completely stopped and will be marked as unsuccessful.

CX Cloud Agent System LogsQ - List of health information that is sent to the CX Cloud?A - Application logs, Pod status, Cisco DNA Center details, audit logs, system details, and hardware details.

Q - What system details and hardware details are collected?A - Sample output:

```
system_details":{
  "os_details":{
    "containerRuntimeVersion":"docker://19.3.12",
    "kernelVersion":"5.4.0-47-generic",
    "kubeProxyVersion":"v1.15.12",
    "kubeletVersion":"v1.15.12",
    "machineID":"81edd7df1c1145e7bcc1ab4fe778615f",
    "operatingSystem":"linux",
```

```

    "osImage": "Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS",
    "systemUUID": "42002151-4131-2ad8-4443-8682911bdadb"
  },
  "hardware_details": {
    "total_cpu": "8",
    "cpu_utilization": "12.5%",
    "total_memory": "16007MB",
    "free_memory": "9994MB",
    "hdd_size": "214G",
    "free_hdd_size": "202G"
  }
}
}

```

Q - How is the health data sent to backend? A - With CX Cloud Agent, the health service (servicability) streams the data (via kafka), after which websocket connection is established with the Cisco backend and from there the data is streamed (via kafka).

Q - What is the CX Cloud Agent's health data log retention policy in the backend? A - The CX Cloud Agent's health data log retention policy in the backend is 60 days.

Q - What are the types of uploads available? A - Agent triggers two types of uploads such as Full upload and Partial upload. **Full upload** - Scheduled for every hour. Collects and sends details like Pod status, Cisco DNA Center details, audit logs, system details, and hardware details. **Partial upload** – Scheduled for every five minutes. Difference with the last collected information is uploaded. Unconfigured Cisco DNA Centers information is sent with every partial health upload. **Troubleshooting issue:** Not able to access the configured IP. **Solution:** Execute ssh using configured IP. If you get connection timeout, the possible reason might be the IP misconfiguration. In this case, reinstall by configuring a valid IP. This can be done via portal with the reinstall option provided in the Admin Setting page.

Issue: How to verify if the services are up and running after the registration? **Solution:** Execute the below command and check if the pods are up and running. ssh to the configured IP as cxcadmin. Provide the password. Execute the command **kubectl get pods**. The pods can be in any one of the state such as running, Initializing, or Container creating but, approx. after 20 minutes, the pods should be in running state. If you observe the states other than running and PodInitializing, check the pod description with the below command **kubectl describe pod <podname>**. The output will have the information on the pod status.

Issue: How to verify the Cisco Backend reachability before generating Pairing

Code? **Solution:** Perform the following steps:

If customer network configured with proxy, set proxy in the environment variable.

```
export https_proxy=http://[username:password@]<proxy_ip>:<portnumber>
```

Execute the following curl command to verify the reachability to concsoweb server

For US & APJC Data Centre: `curl -v --header 'Authorization: Basic xxxxxx'`

<https://concsoweb-prd.cisco.com/>

For EMEA Data Centre:

`curl -v -`

`-header 'Authorization: Basic xxxxxxxx' https://concsoweb3-prd.cisco.com/`

This command should result in 200 response with "It Works!" message* Mark bundle as not

```
supporting multiuse<HTTP/1.1 200 OK ----><Date: Thu, 25 Nov 2021 09:05:15
```

```
GMT<Server: Apache<Last-Modified: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 18:53:14 GMT<ETag: "2d-
```

```
432a5e4a73a80"<Accept-Ranges: bytes<Content-Length: 45<Cache-Control: max-
```

```
age=604800, public<Expires: Thu, 25 Nov 2021 09:05:15 GMT<Access-Control-Allow-
```

```
Credentials: true<Access-Control-Allow-Methods: GET, POST, PUT, DELETE,
```

```
OPTIONS<Access-Control-Allow-Headers: Content-type, fromPartyID, inputFormat,
```

```
outputFormat, Authorization, Content-Length, Accept, Origin, remote_user,X-XSRF-
```

```
Header<Access-Control-Expose-Headers: Location<Pragma: public<Content-Type:
```

```
text/html<<html><body><h1>It works!</h1></body></html> --->
```

Issue: How to verify whether SSL Interceptor is disabled at customer Proxy?

Solution: Execute the following curl command to verify the server certificate section. The

response has the certificate details of concsoweb server.

```
curl -v --header 'Authorization: Basic xxxxxx' https://concsoweb-prd.cisco.com/
```

```
* Server certificate:* subject: C=US; ST=California; L=San Jose; O=Cisco Systems, Inc.;
```

```
CN=concsoweb-prd.cisco.com* start date: Feb 16 11:55:11 2021 GMT* expire date: Feb 16
```

```
12:05:00 2022 GMT* subjectAltName: host "concsoweb-prd.cisco.com" matched cert's
```

```
"concsoweb-prd.cisco.com"* issuer: C=US; O=HydrantID (Avalanche Cloud Corporation);
```

```
CN=HydrantID SSL CA G3* SSL certificate verify ok.>GET / HTTP/1.1
```

Issue: kubectl commands gets failed and if it shows the error as "The connection to the server X.X.X.X:6443 was refused - did you specify the right host or port"

Solution: Verify for resource availability. [example: CPU, Memory] Wait for the Kubernetes service to start

Issue: How to get the details of collection failure for a command/device **Solution:** Execute `kubectl get pods` and get the collection pod name. Execute `kubectl logs <collectionPodName>` to get the command/device specific details.

Issue: `kubectl` command not working with error "[authentication.go:64] Unable to authenticate the request due to an error: [x509: certificate has expired or is not yet valid, x509: certificate has expired or is not yet valid]" **Solution:** Run the below commands

```
kubeadm alpha certs renew all
kubeadm alpha certs check-expiration -f /etc/kubernetes/*.conf
kubeadm init phase kubeconfig all --apiserver-advertise-address $(ip a | grep -A1 -P 'eth0' | grep inet | awk '{print $2}' | cut -d "/" -f1)
rm -rf $HOME/.kube
mkdir -p $HOME/.kube
sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
sudo chmod 644 /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf
```

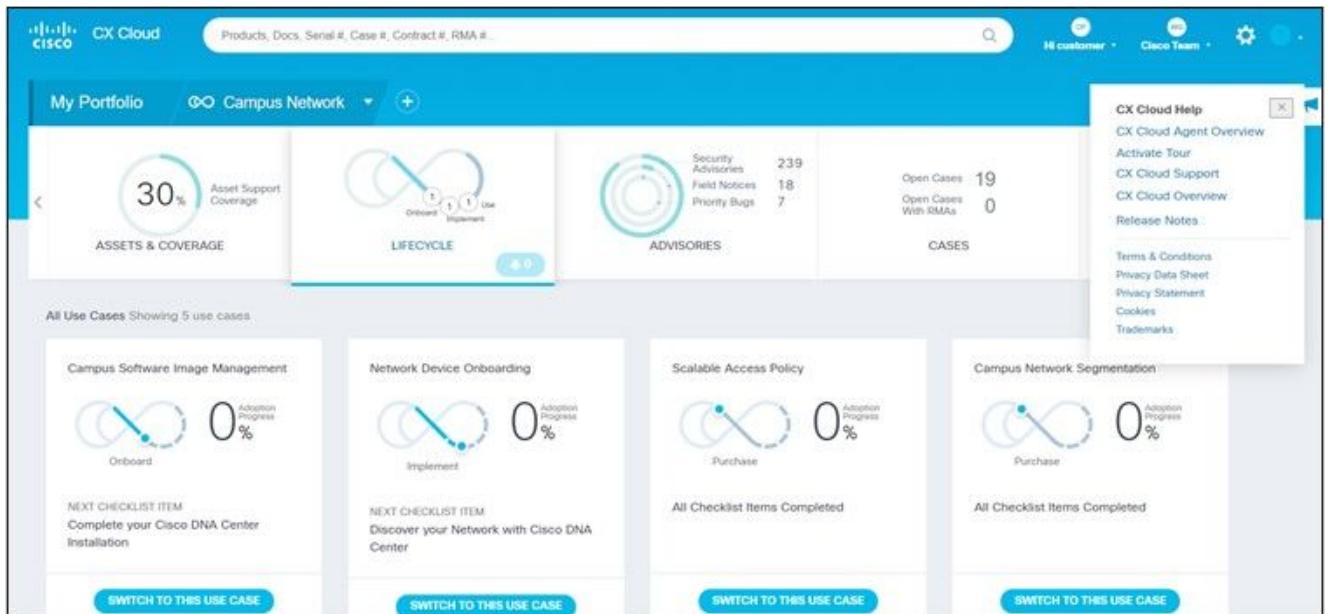
`/etc/kubernetes/admin.conf` **Collection Failure Responses** Collection failure cause can be

any constraints or issues seen with the added controller or devices present in the controller. The below table has the error snippet for few use cases seen under the Collection microservice during the collection process. **Diagnostic Scan Failure Responses**

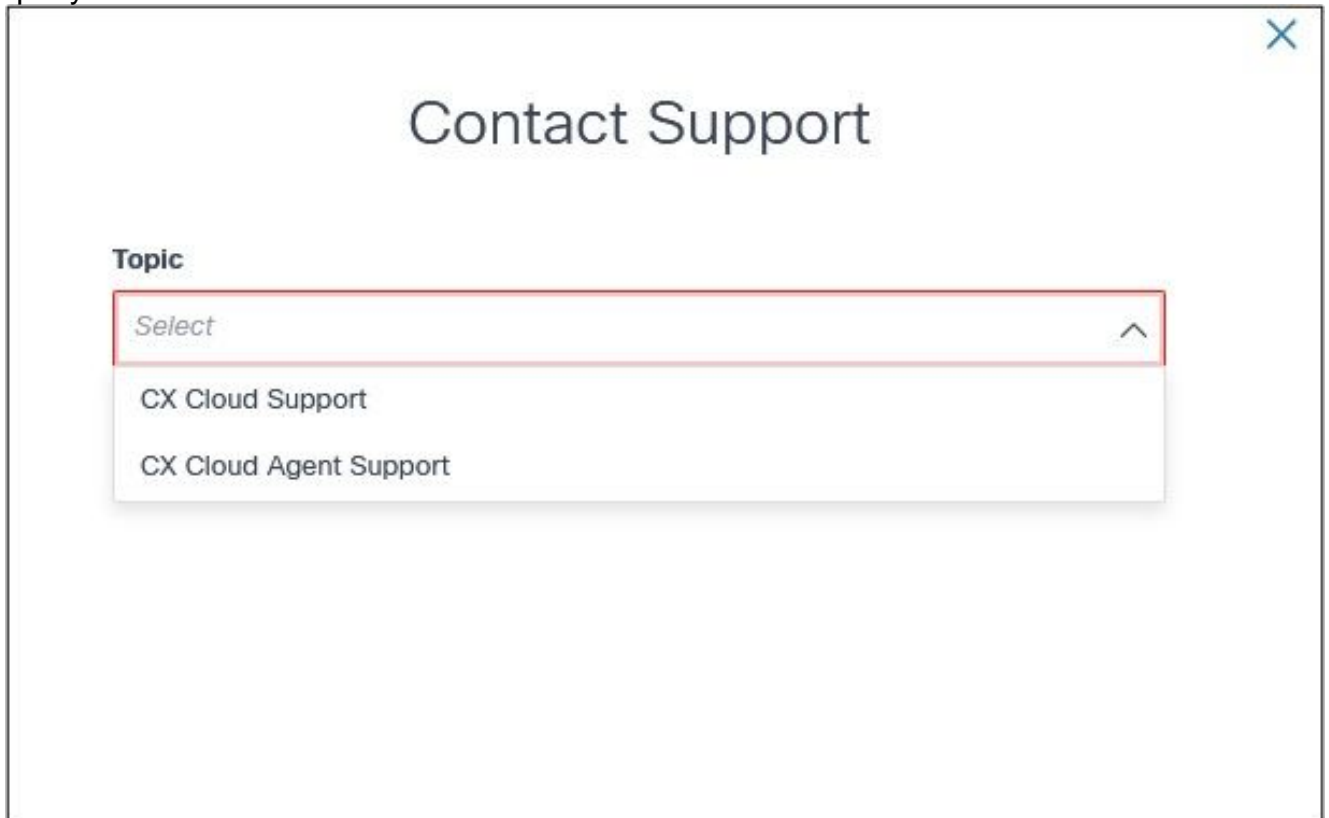
Scan failure and the cause can be from any of the listed components When the user initiates a scan from the portal, occasionally it results as "failed: Internal server error" The cause for the issue might be any of the listed components Control Point Network Data Gateway Control Point Agent Diagnostic Scan CX Cloud Agent Microservice [device manager, collection] Cisco DNA center Reverse Proxy APIX Mashery Ping Access IRONBANK IRONBANK GWBDB

The below table has the error snippet seen under Collection microservice and Control Point Agent microservice logs that occurs due to the issues/constraints with the components To see the logs, perform the following: Login to the CX Cloud Agent console `ssh to cxcadmin` and provide the password Execute `kubectl get pods` Get the pod name of collection and control point Agent microservice To verify the collection microservice/control point Agent logs Execute `kubectl logs <collectionpodname>` Execute `kubectl logs <controlpointagent>`

Portal Support Use the highlighted button on the screens to get answers to your queries.



Portal Support Select the classification and enter the problem faced and submit the query.



Addendum

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