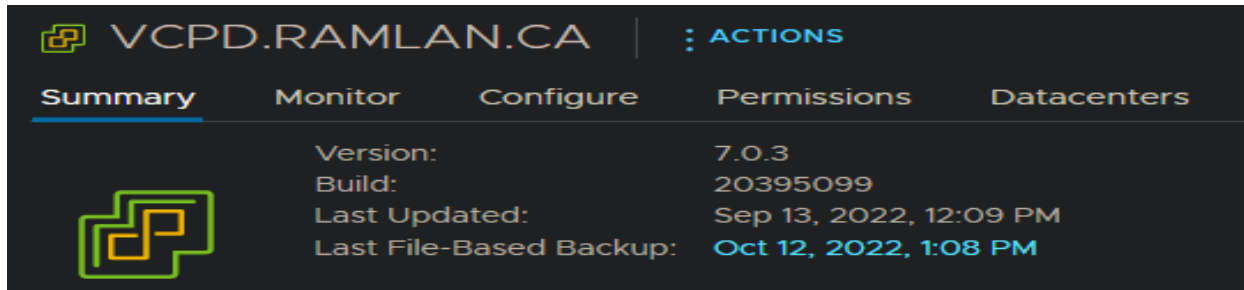



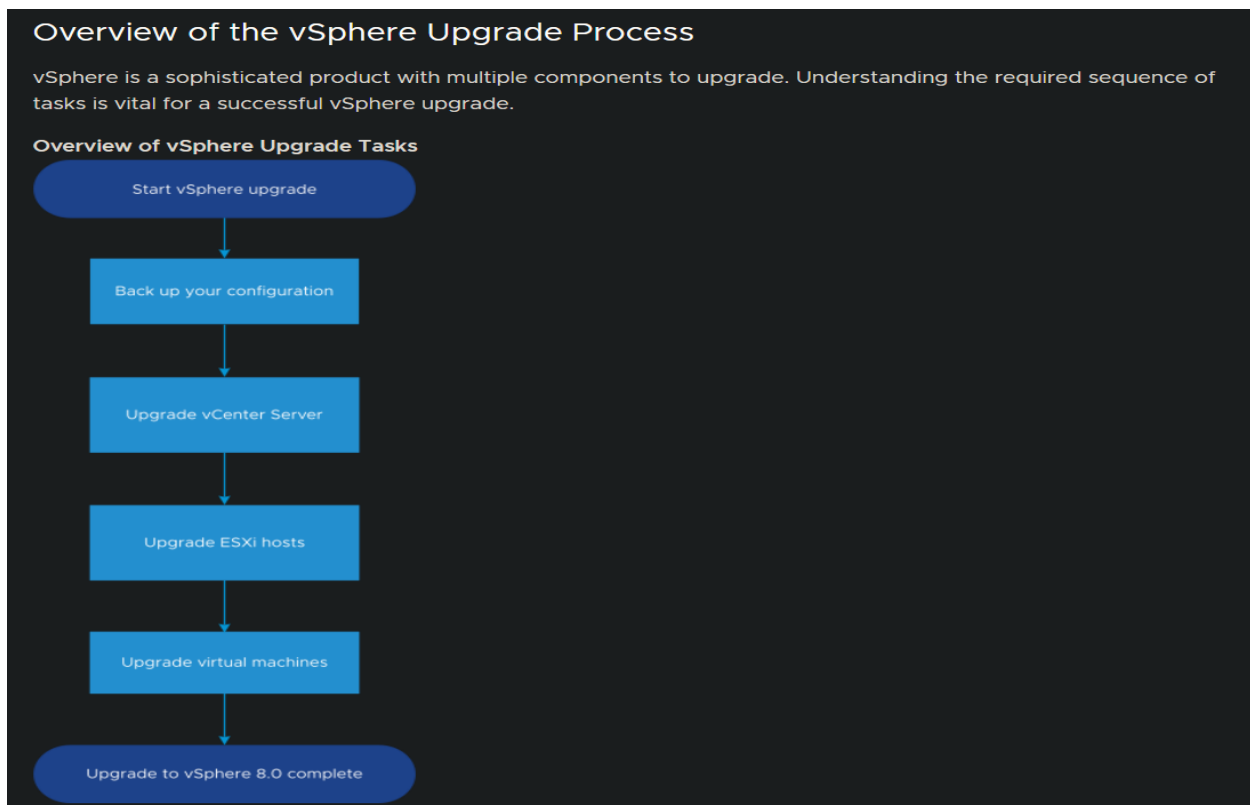
How to revert to previous version of ESXi

In this post, I am going to revert ESXi 8.0 to ESXi 7.0.3. I am performing this exercise in order to upgrade current vCenter 7.0.3 to vCenter 8.0.

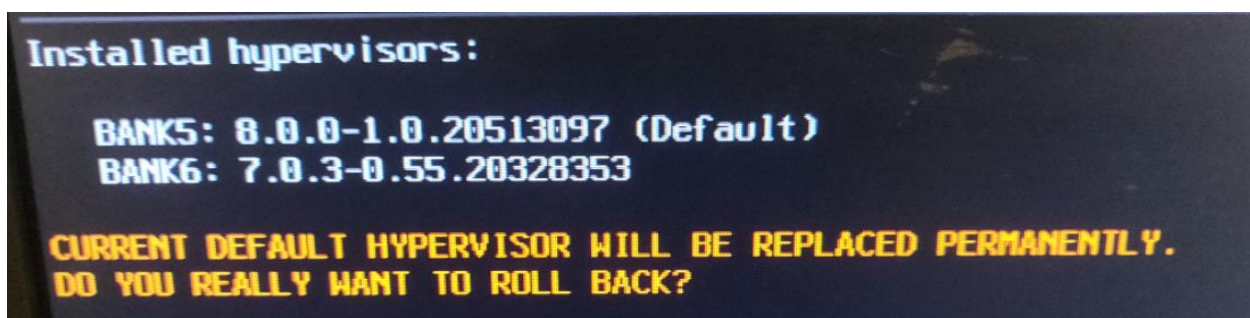
VMWare released version 8.0 on 11th Oct 2022. In order to upgrade ESXi Server and vCenter Appliance we have to follow these steps outlined by VMWare KB. I failed to read this document earlier and went ahead upgrading ESXi server to 8.0. Now, I have to revert those ESXi server back to 7.0.3 and then follow below mentioned procedure.



VCPD.RAMLAN.CA		ACTIONS
Summary	Monitor	Configure
	Version:	7.0.3
	Build:	20395099
	Last Updated:	Sep 13, 2022, 12:09 PM
	Last File-Based Backup:	Oct 12, 2022, 1:08 PM



If you have direct access to ESXi Server then press F12 – Enter root password and restart the server. When it is booting to ESXi Press Shift+R



You will be prompted with two version of ESXi that is currently installed. The default will be ESXi 8.0. You will see a message Current default hypervisor will be replaced to ESXi 7.0.3 permanently. Press Y to start the process. Wait for few minutes for the server to complete the task and you will be back to ESXi 7.0.3.

The screenshot displays the ESXi Update Manager interface for host ESX1.RAMLAN.CA. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons and labels for 'Get vCenter Server', 'Create/Register VM', 'Shut down', 'Reboot', 'Refresh', and 'Actions'. Below this, the host's name 'ESX1.RAMLAN.CA' is shown next to a server icon. To the right of the icon, the following details are listed: Version: 7.0 Update 3, State: Normal (not connected to any vCenter Server), and Uptime: 0.01 days. The main section of the interface is titled 'Hardware' and contains a table of system specifications. This table includes rows for Manufacturer (Cisco Systems Inc), Model (UCSC-C220-M3S), CPU (12 CPUs x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2640 0 @ 2.50GHz), Memory (255.96 GB), Virtual flash (0 B used, 0 B capacity), and Networking. The Networking section is expanded, showing a sub-table with Hostname (ESX1.RAMLAN.CA), IP addresses, DNS servers, Default gateway, IPv6 enabled (No), Host adapters (4), and a list of Networks. The Networks list includes 'Toronto-Mgmt' with 10 VMs and 'vDS-America-DVUplinks-24' with 0 VMs.

Hardware	
Manufacturer	Cisco Systems Inc
Model	UCSC-C220-M3S
CPU	12 CPUs x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2640 0 @ 2.50GHz
Memory	255.96 GB
Virtual flash	0 B used, 0 B capacity
Networking	
Hostname	ESX1.RAMLAN.CA
IP addresses	
DNS servers	
Default gateway	
IPv6 enabled	No
Host adapters	4
Networks	
Name	VMs
Toronto-Mgmt	10
vDS-America-DVUplinks-24	0

This concludes the steps to revert the hypervisor.

Thanks

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