VMWare Horizon View 8 2006 – Part 4

In this post, I will cover the following:

- 1. Add RDS Windows Server 2019 to Horizon View Farm
- 2. Instant Clone Domain Accounts
- 3. Restrict Remote Access
- 4. Disable Secure Channel
- 5. Create Master Image for Instant Clone & Linked Clone
- 6. Install Horizon Client, Agent, Optimization tool on Instant Clone & Linked Clone Master Image

How Instant Clones work

Instant Clones shares virtual disks with the replica VM after the linked clone is created.

Instant Clones are provisioned by creating a running parent VM from the replica VM that shares the memory of the running parent VM from which it is created. While information come from the already existing running parent VM, changes are written to a delta disk, not to the running parent VM. Once created, the clone is linked to the replica VM and not to the running parent VM.

Since Instant Clone share the running parent VM's memory, they are **created in seconds** and instantly powered on and no boot time is required when the cloning process is finished. The Instant Clone is **deleted when the user logs out**.

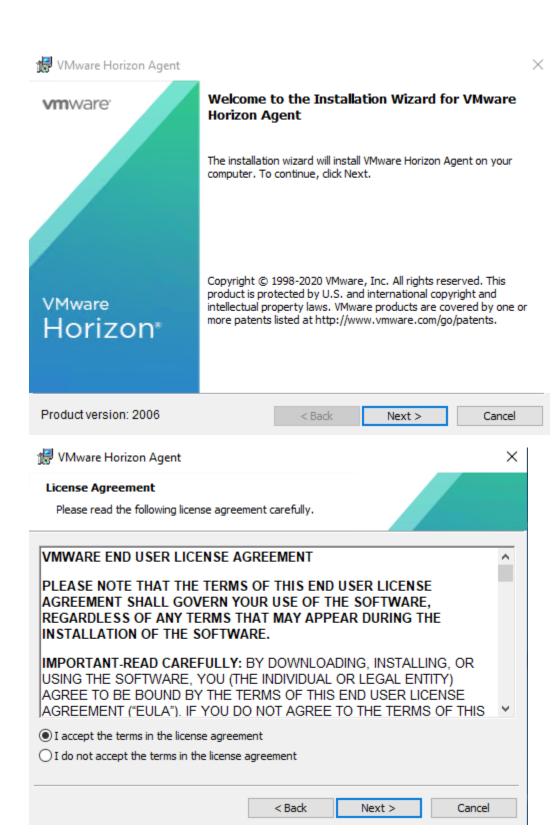
Note that in Horizon we can create two types of pools. Linked clone which uses composer to provision VDI's which saves the storage.

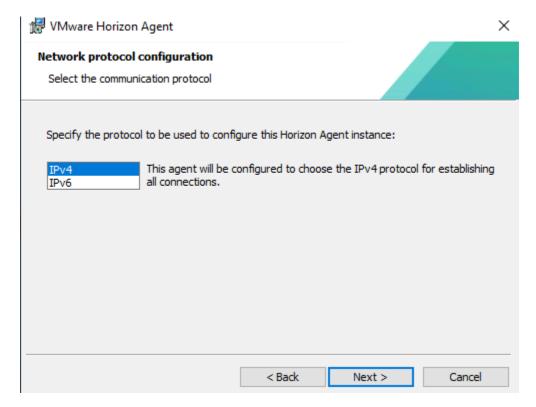
Instant clone need Horizon Enterprise licenses and uses only connection server, no composer required and its saves storage.

ADD RDS Server:

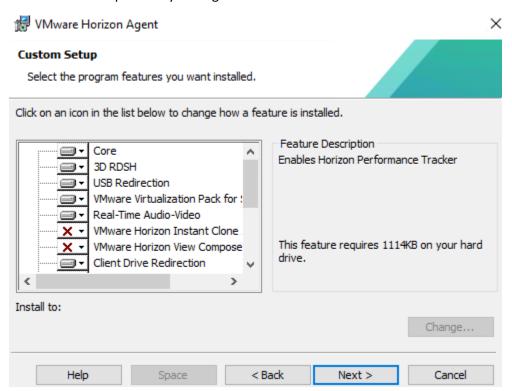
We have to install Horizon Agent on RDS Server.

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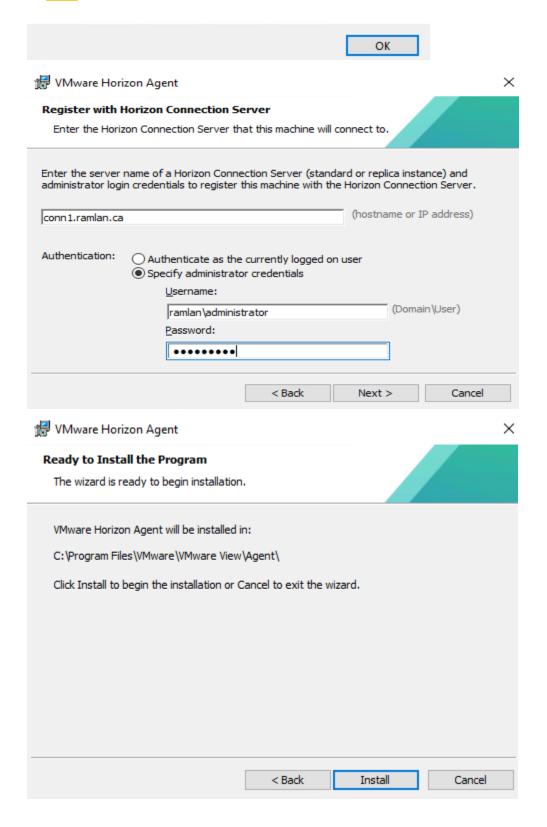


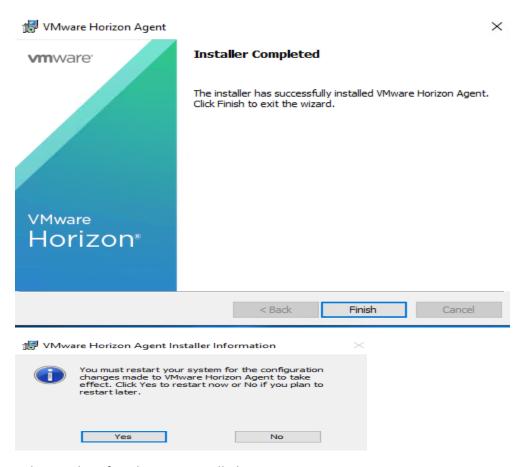
Enable what is required to your organization. I have enabled few...





Refer to the VMware Horizon Security document for guidance on using USB redirection securely.

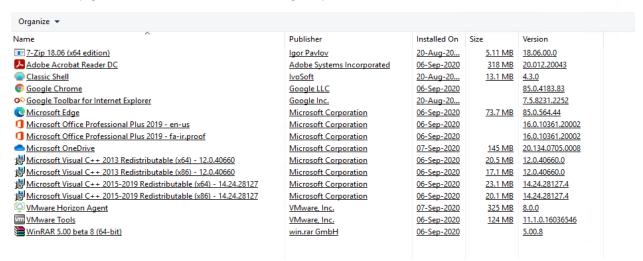




Below are list of applications installed on RDS Server.

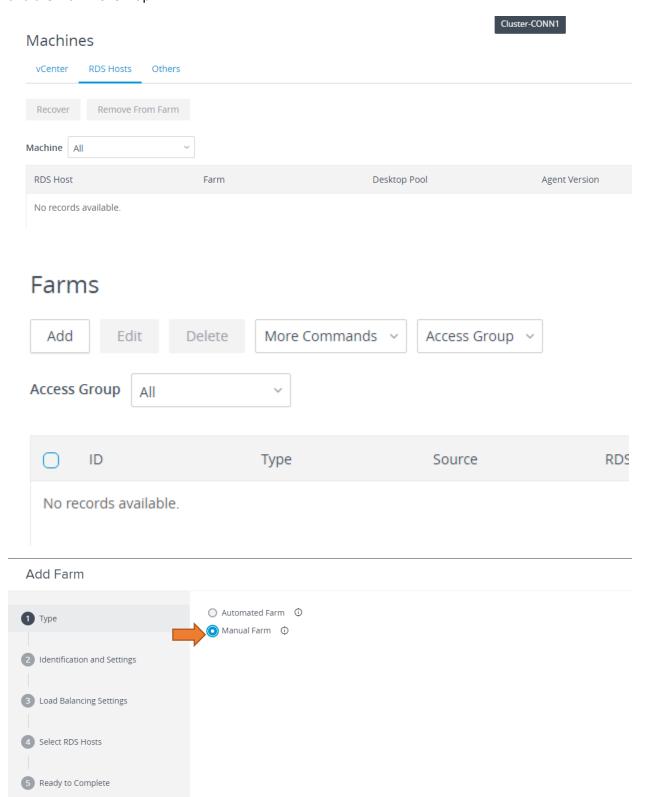
Uninstall or change a program

To uninstall a program, select it from the list and then click Uninstall, Change, or Repair.





From below screen you can see RDS Server is not listed on Connection Server. We will add a farm first and then it will show up.





More Information

Manual Farm

A manual RDS farm is a container for RDSH servers hosted on physical or virtual machines. The machines have to be manually added during farm creation.

Supported Features

Instant Clone (License)

- ✓ vCenter virtual machines
- ✓ Physical computers
- ✓ Microsoft RDS Hosts

View Composer Servers

- ✓ VMware Blast
- ✓ PCoIP
- Automated Farm

More Information

Manual Farm ①

Automated Farm

An automated RDS farm uses virtual machines. The machines can be created when the farm is created or resized.

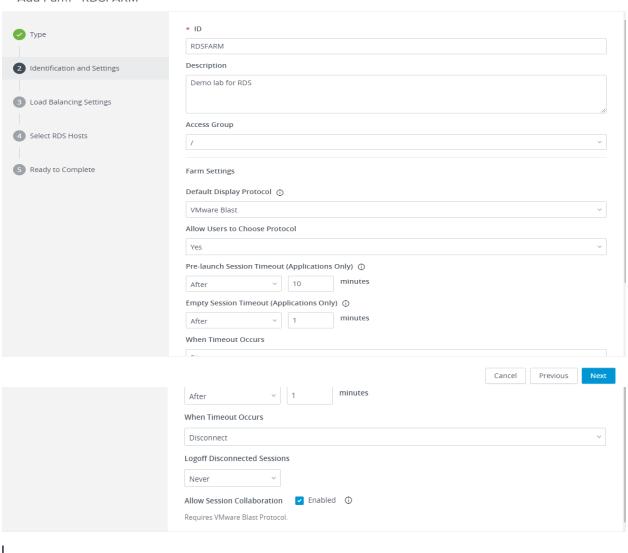
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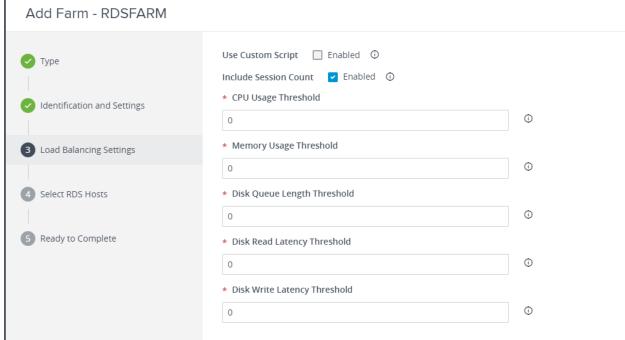
- ✓ Instant Clone (License)
- ✓ vCenter virtual machines

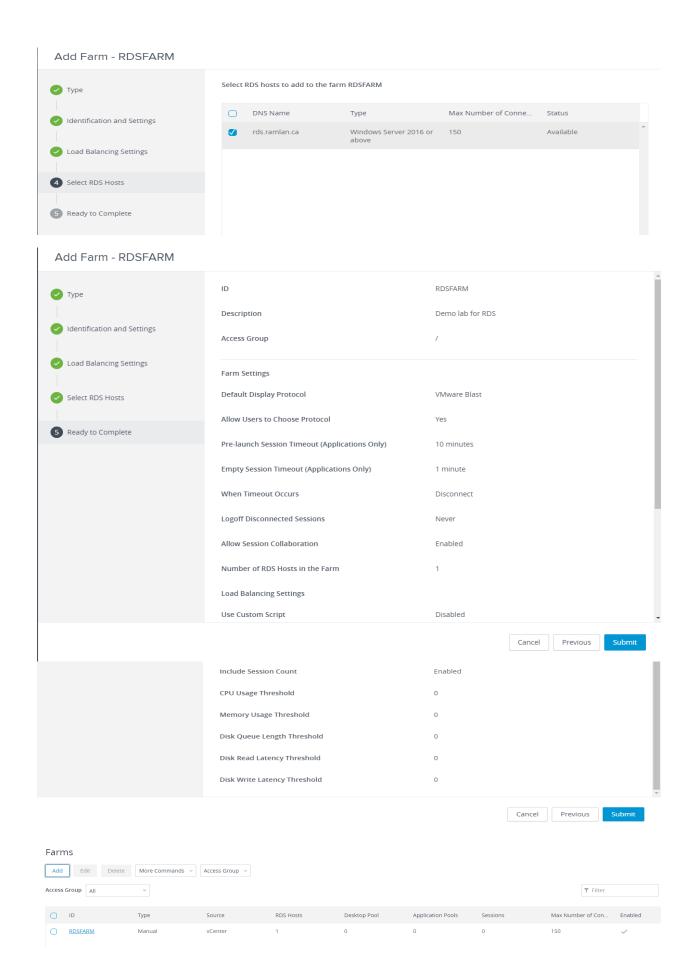
Physical computers

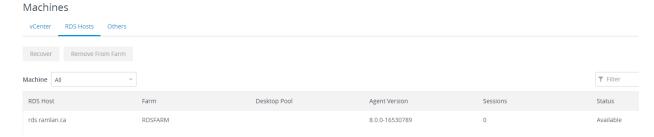
- ✓ Microsoft RDS Hosts
- ✓ View Composer Servers
- ✓ VMware Blast
- ✓ PCoIP

Add Farm - RDSFARM

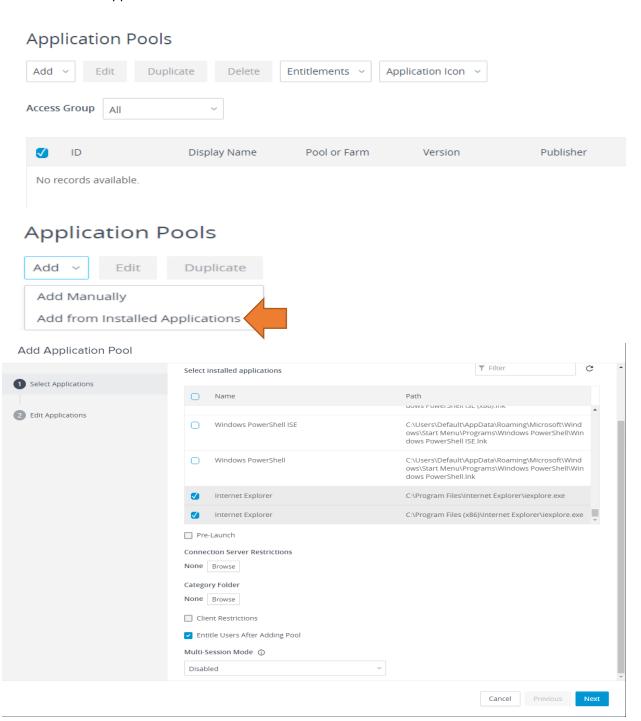


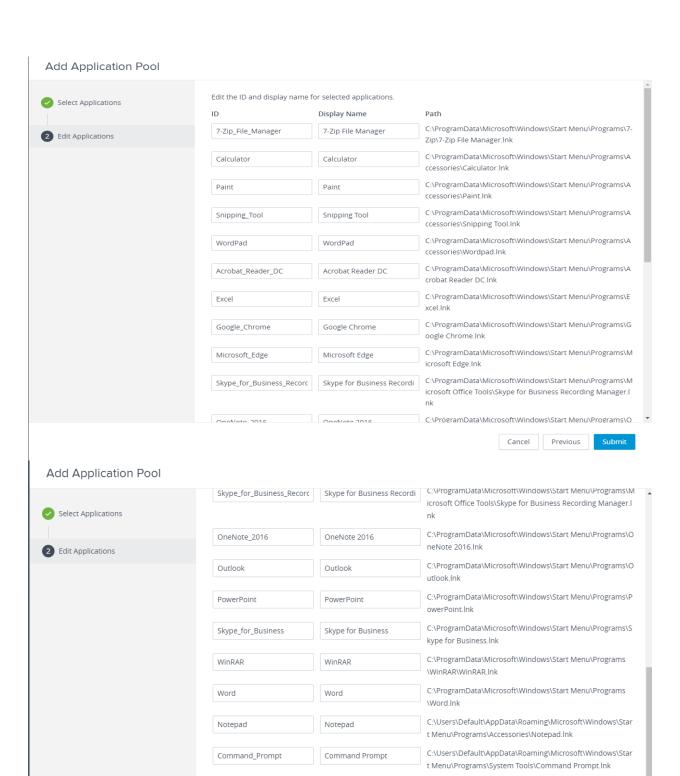






Now we will add Application Pools that will be available for the client later.

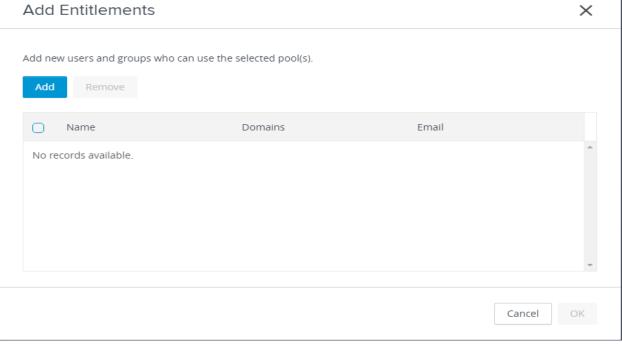


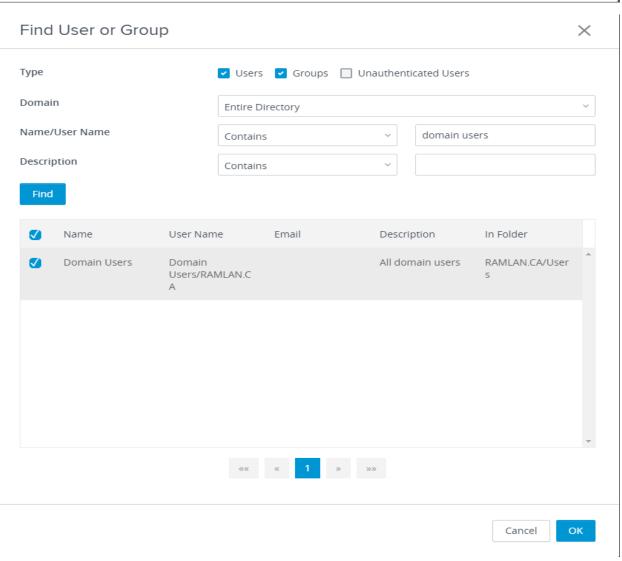


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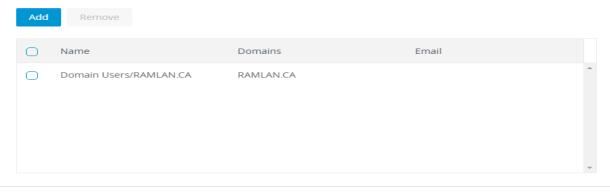
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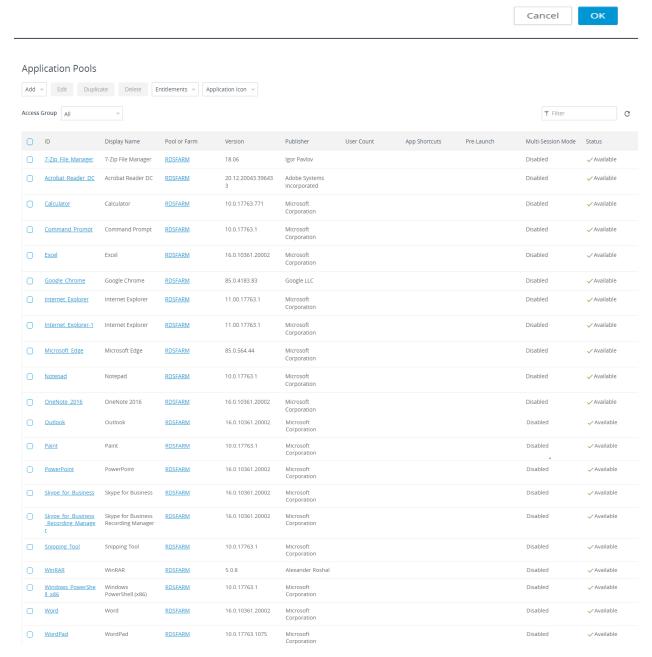




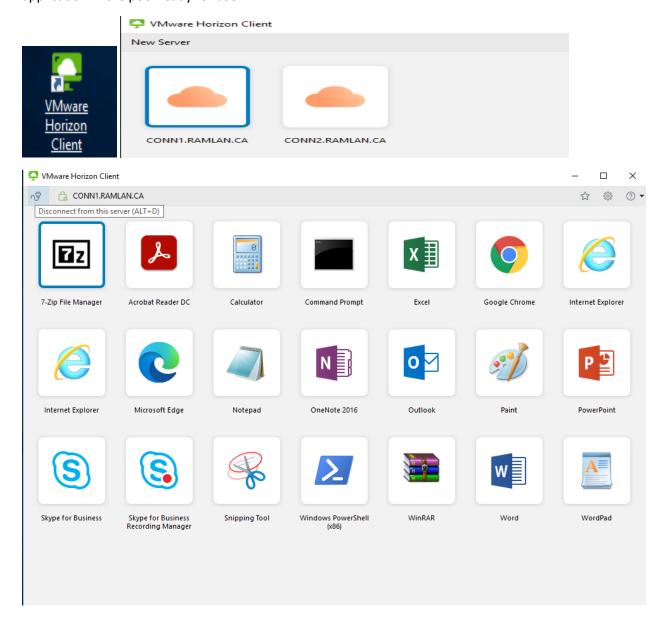
Add Entitlements ×

Add new users and groups who can use the selected pool(s).





Open Horizon Client from a workstation – Login to Connection Server – You will see the list of application in the pool ready for use.



Instant Clone Domain Accounts:

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If you plan to use Instant-Clone to create non-persistent virtual desktops, then add an administrator account that can join machines to the domain.

Instant Clone Engine Domain Accounts



Add Domain Admin



administrator

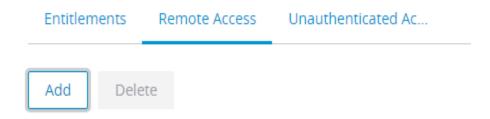
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Instant Clone Engine Domain Accounts				
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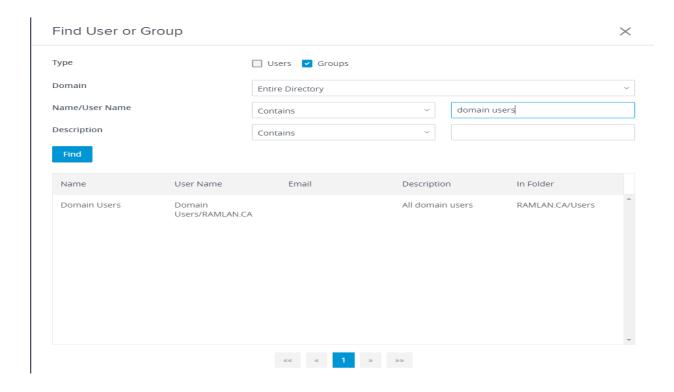
Restrict Remote Access:

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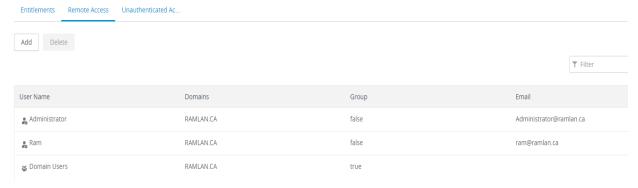
The **Users and Groups** node has a **Remote Access** tab. If you add groups or users to this tab, then only these groups and users can login through Unified Access Gateway (UAG).

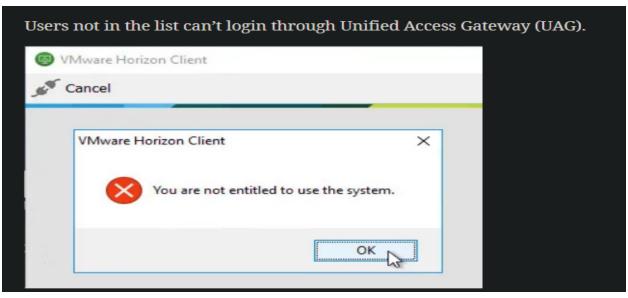
Users and Groups





Users and Groups



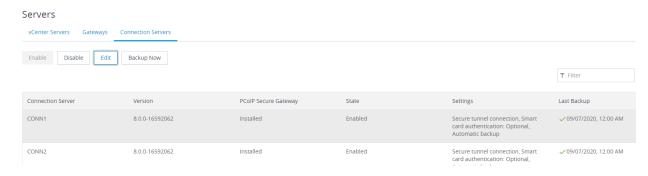


Disable Secure Tunnel:

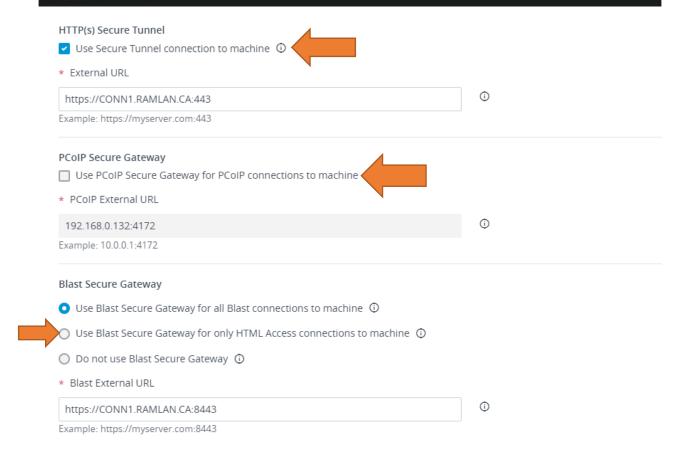
By default, internal Horizon Clients connect to Horizon Agents by tunneling (proxying) Blast or PCoIP through a Horizon Connection Server. It would be more efficient if the internal Horizon Clients connect directly to the Horizon Agents instead of going through a Connection Server.

- If the tunnels are enabled, and if you reboot the Connection Server, then user connections will drop.
- · If the tunnels are disabled, then rebooting the Connection Server will not affect existing connections.

Select the server - Click Edit

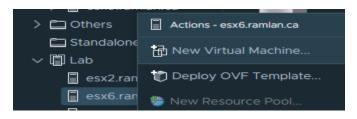


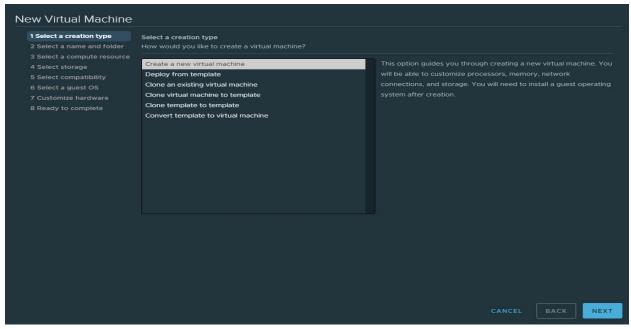
On the *General* tab, uncheck the boxes next to **HTTP(S)** Secure Tunnel and the **PCoIP** Secure Gateway. For Blast Secure Gateway, change it to **Use Blast Secure Gateway for only HTML Access connections to machine**. Click **OK**.

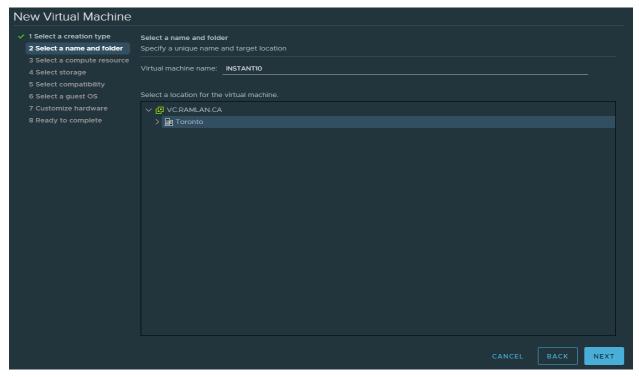


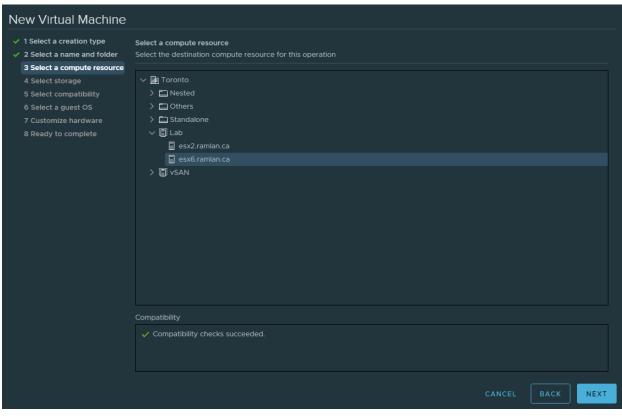
Master Image - Windows 10 x64 - For Instant Clone & Linked Clone:

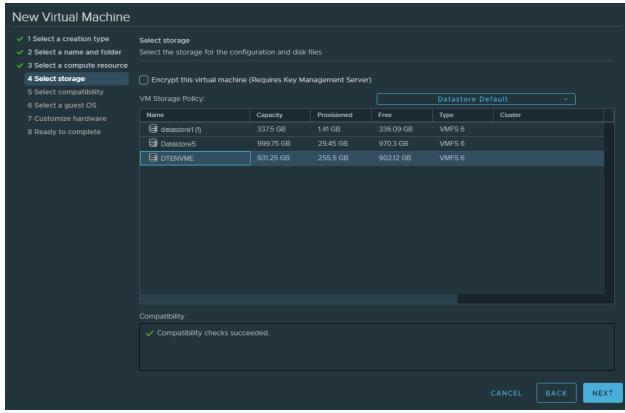
We will create a master image for Instant Clone & Linked Clone. The workstation name will be INSTANT10 + LINKED10

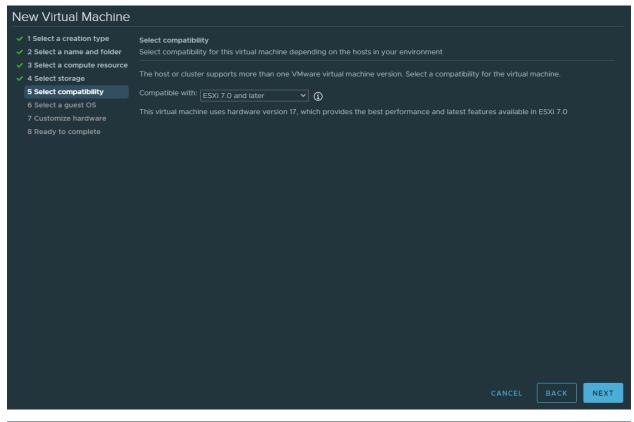


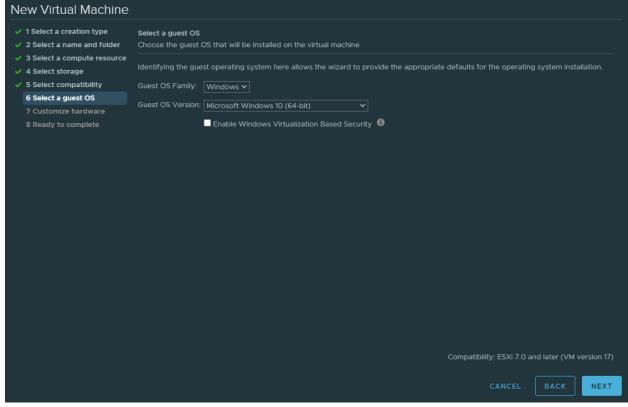




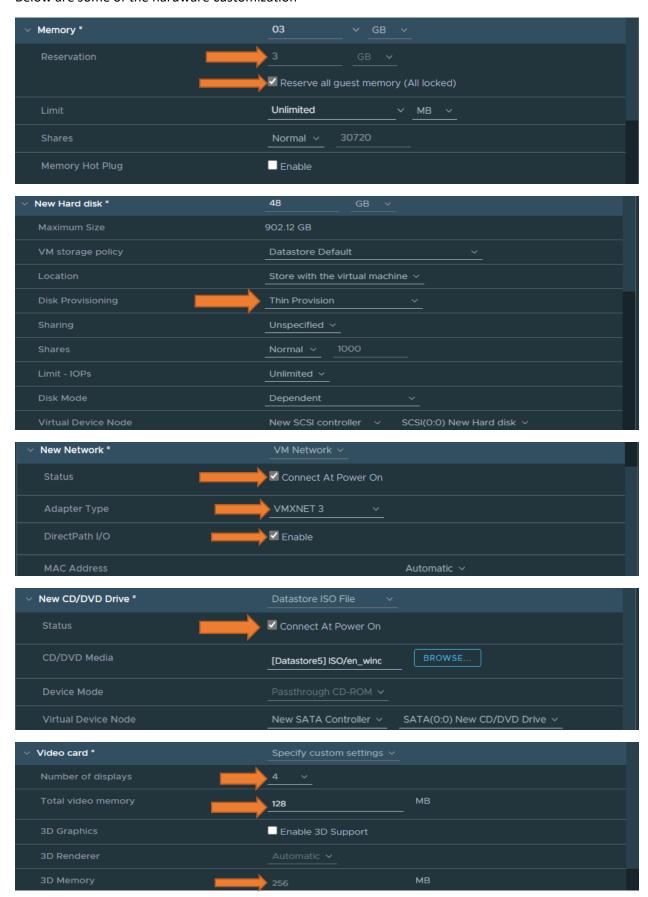


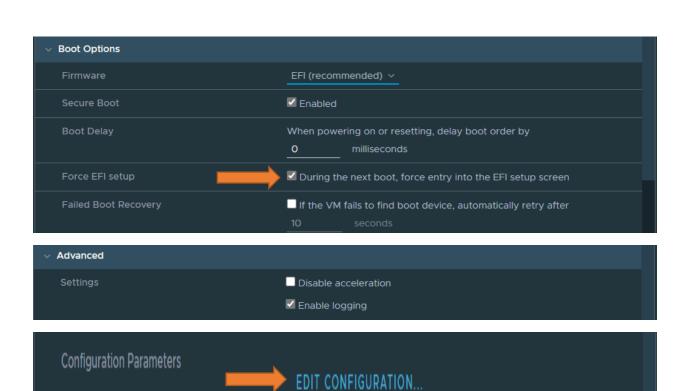


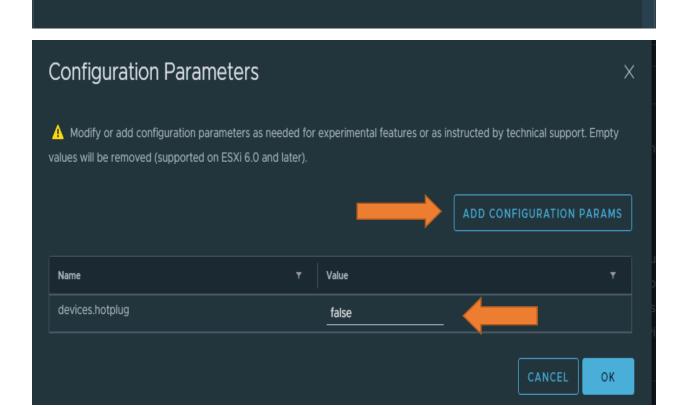




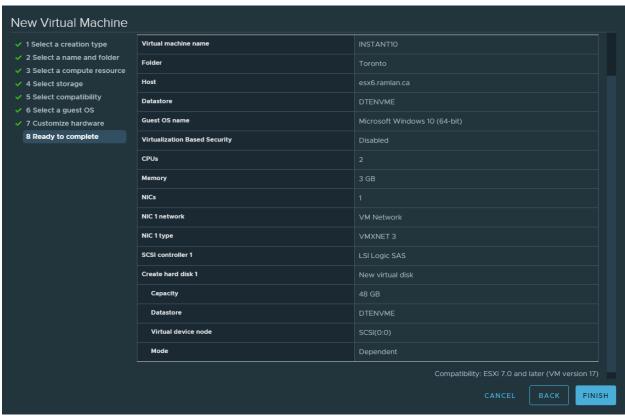
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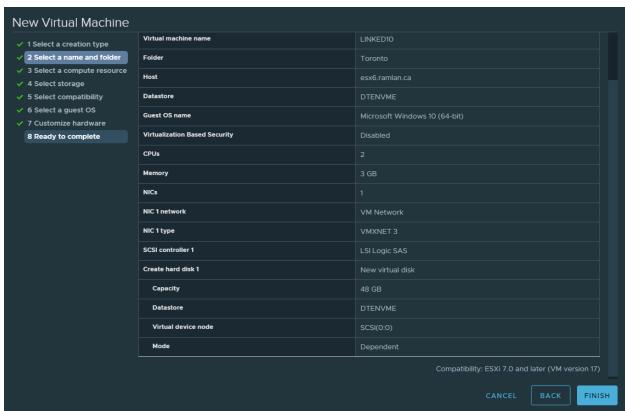






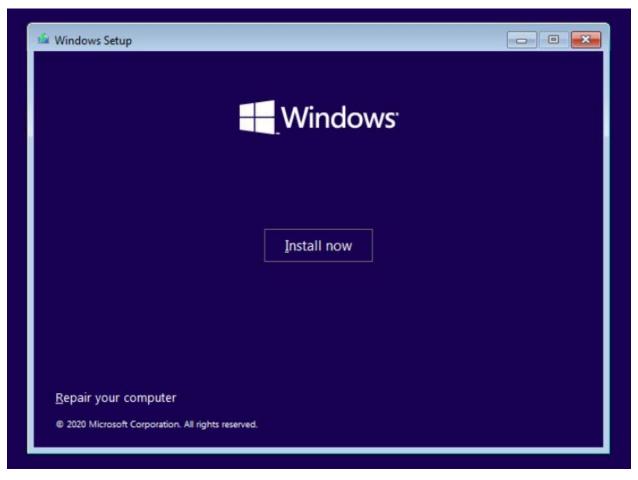
Below you see the completion for both master images (Instant & Linked Clone)

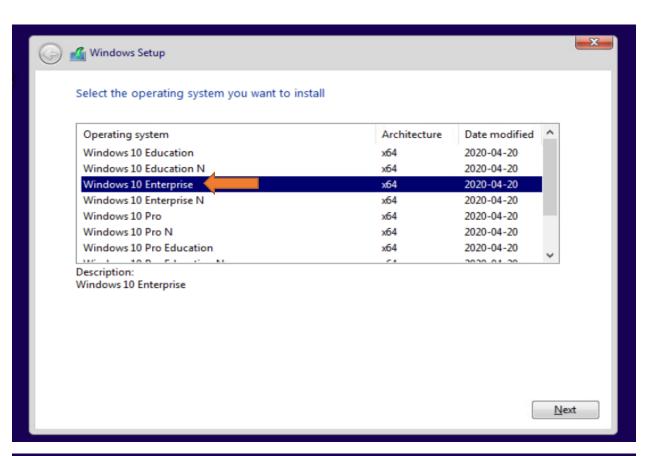


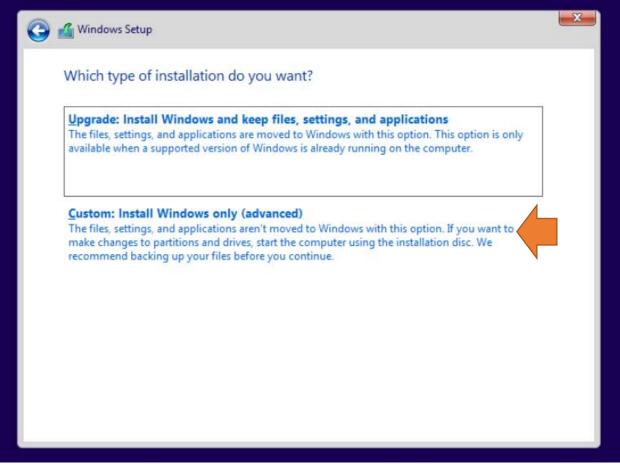


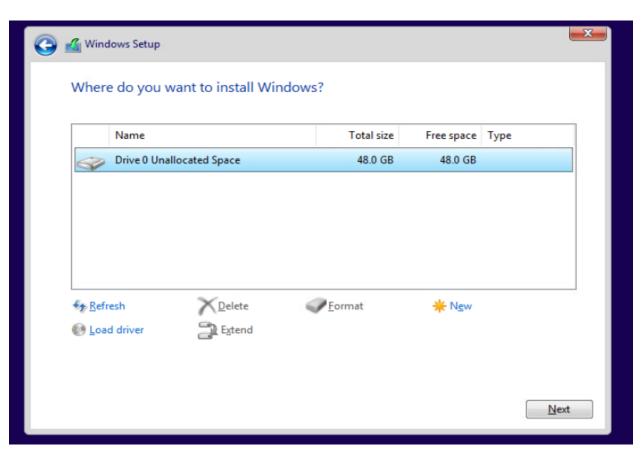
Now build the machine and we will do further customization after first login.

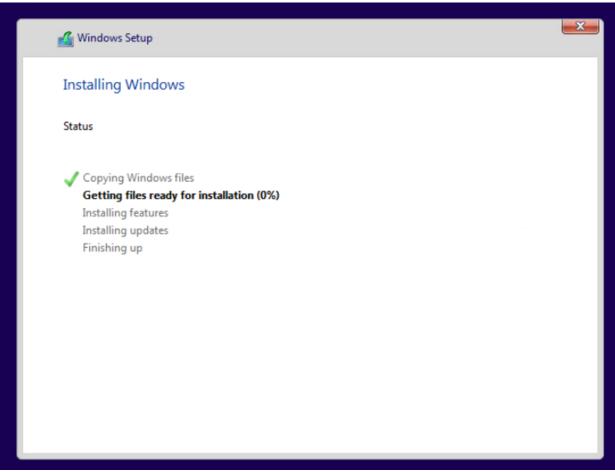


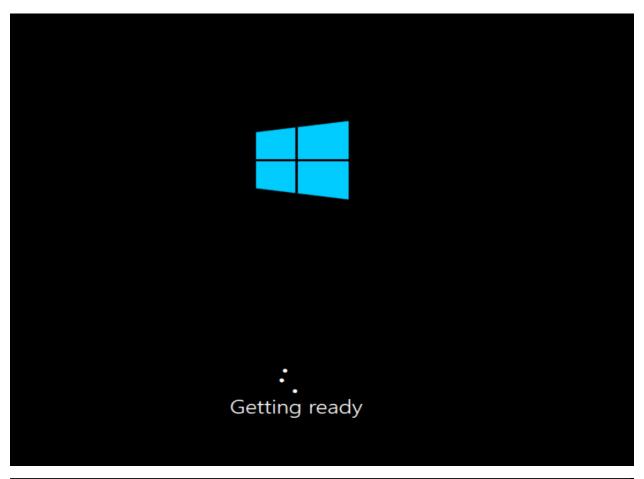


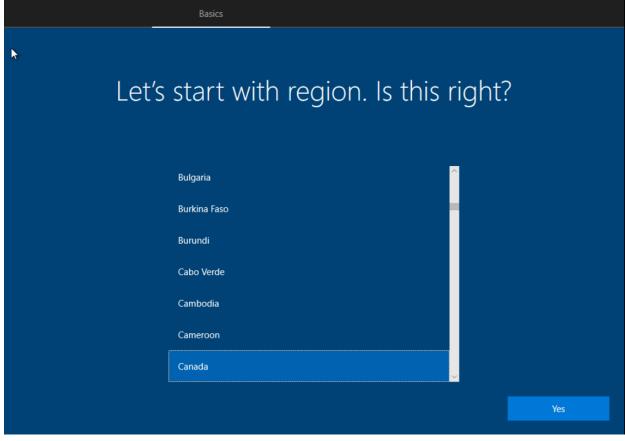


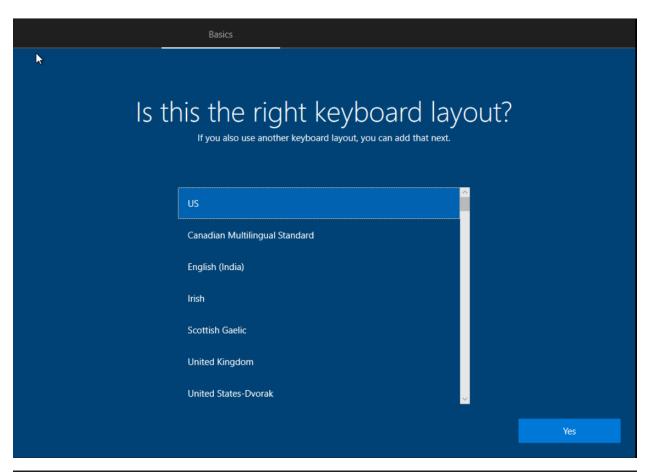


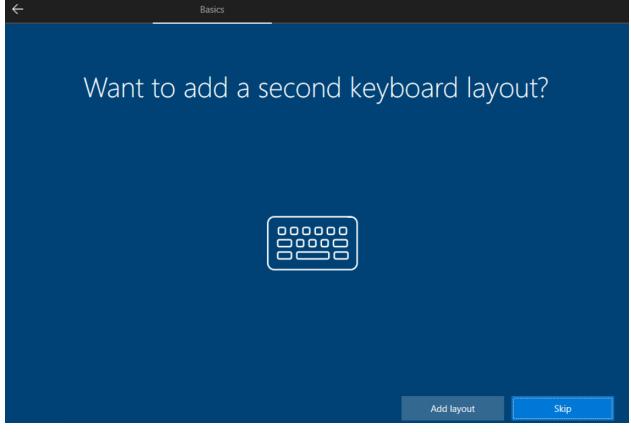


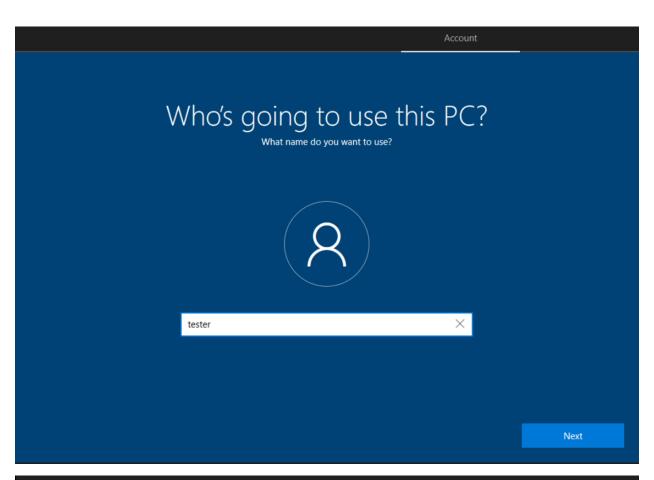












Do more with your voice

Choose your settings, then select 'Accept' to save them. Check the 'Learn more' link for info on these settings, how to change them, how Microsoft Defender SmartScreen works, and the related data transfers and uses.



Use online speech recognition

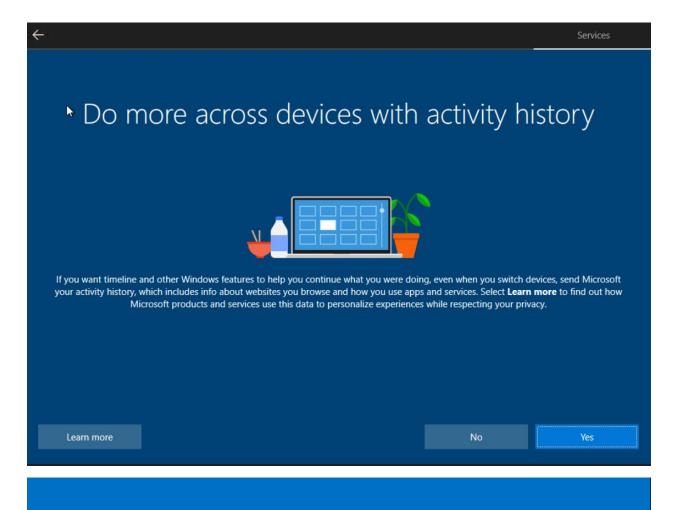
Use your voice for dictation and to talk to Cortana and other apps that use Windows cloud-based speech recognition. Send Microsoft your voice data to help improve our speech services.



Don't use online speech recognition

You won't be able to use dictation or talk to Cortana or other apps that support Windows cloud-based speech recognition. You can still use the Windows Speech Recognition app and other speech services that don't rely on Windows cloud-based services.

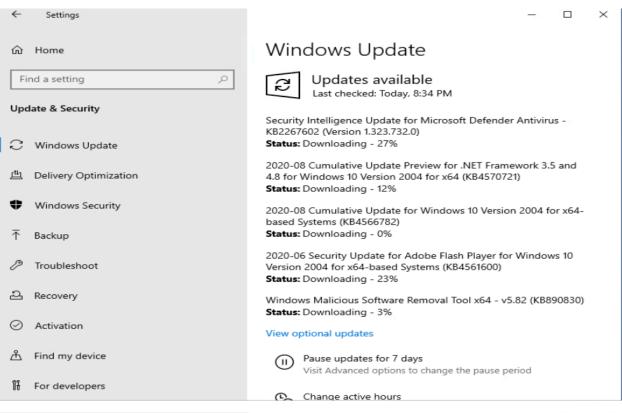
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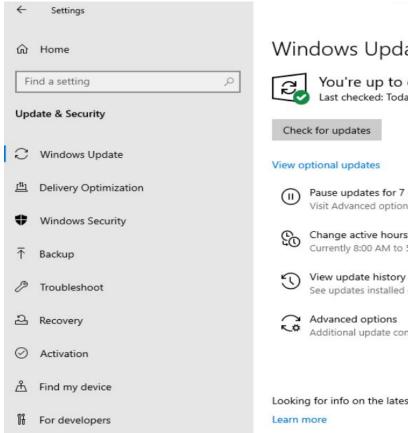


This might take several minutes

Don't turn off your PC

Now will install all the updates.





Windows Update



Pause updates for 7 days Visit Advanced options to change the pause period X

Change active hours Currently 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

See updates installed on your device

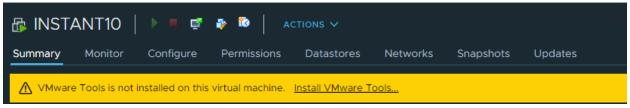
Additional update controls and settings

Looking for info on the latest updates?

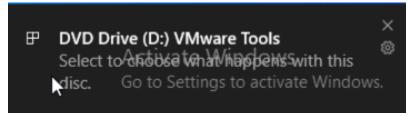
Operating System Customization:

It is time to do all necessary tweaks and tunings to boost the performance of this precious golden image.

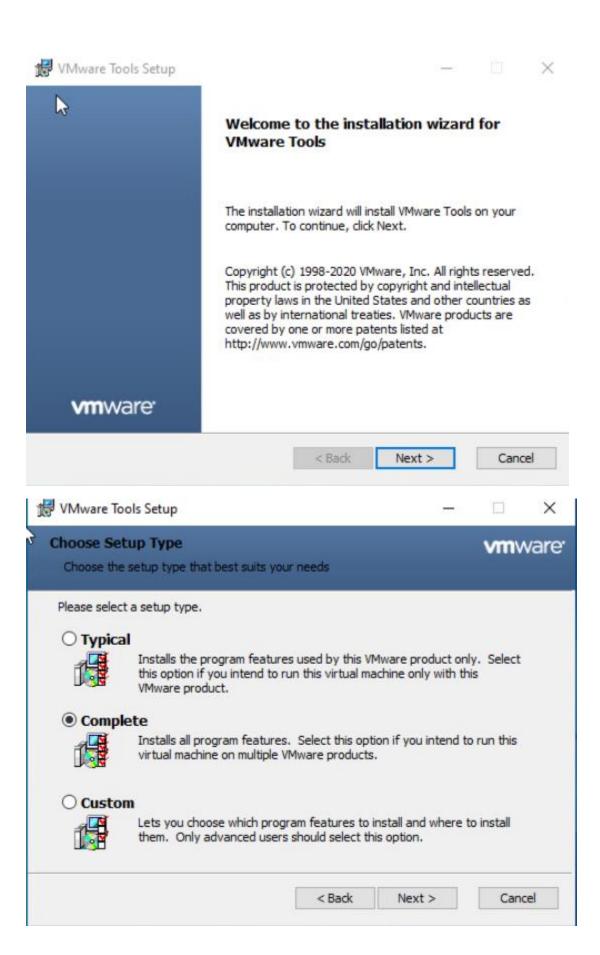
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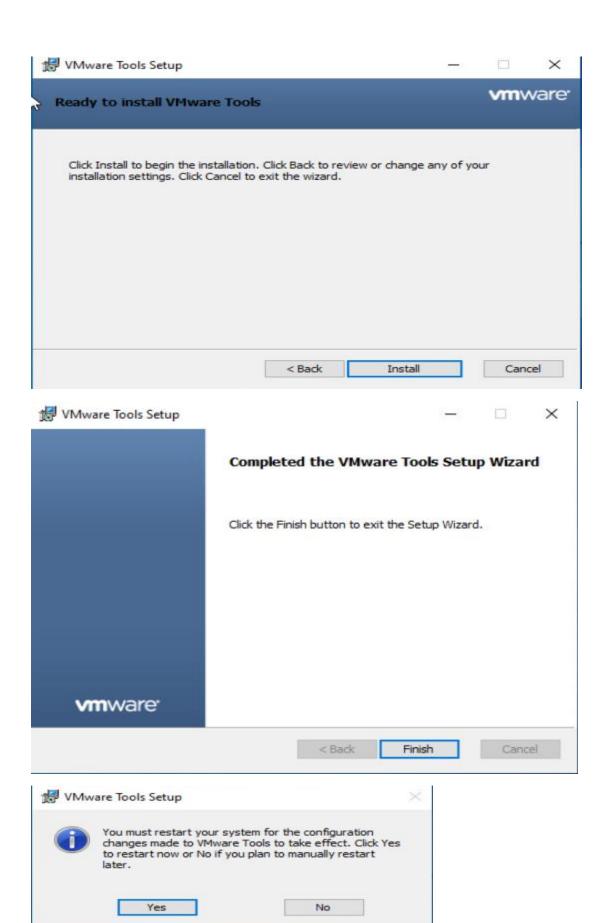






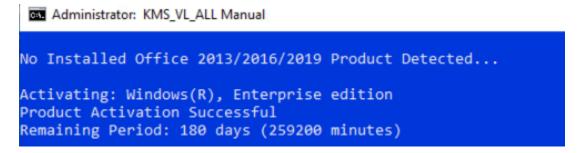






Activate Windows

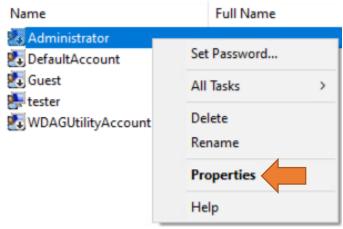
Make sure the windows is activated. If you are using MAK or KMS then you can ignore this step. Within the lab, I do not have MAK or KMS. So, I will complete the activation before proceeding any further.

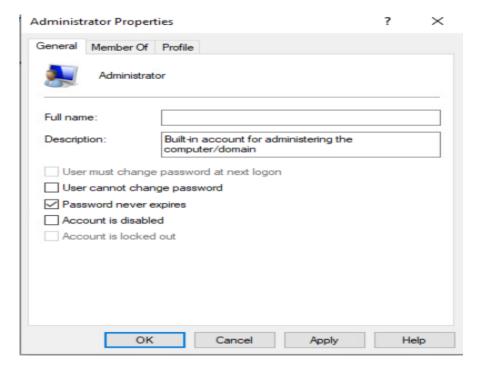


Enable Local Administrator Account

Click Start – Windows Administrative Tools – Computer Management

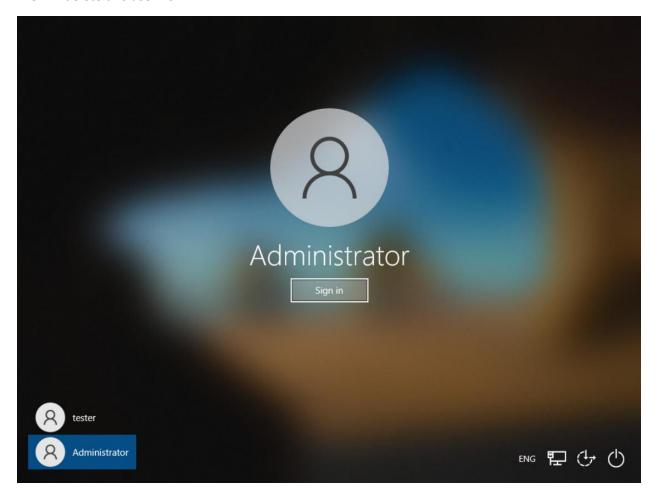




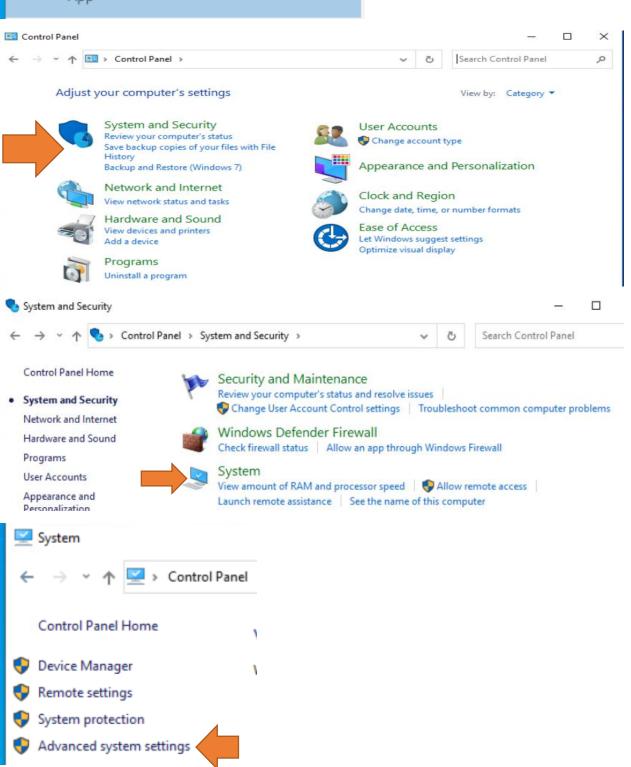


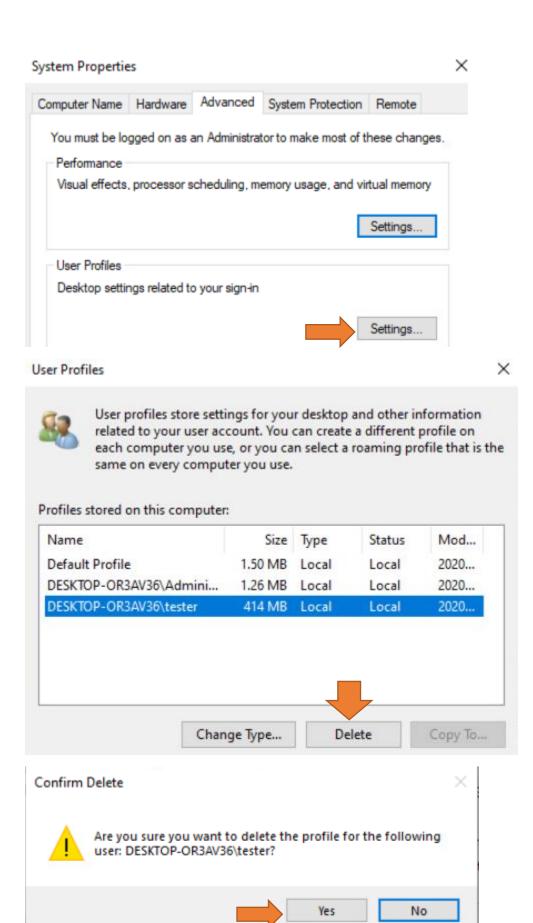
Delete User Profile

When we first completed Virtual Machine Operating System build, we did create a user called **TESTER**. We will delete this user now.

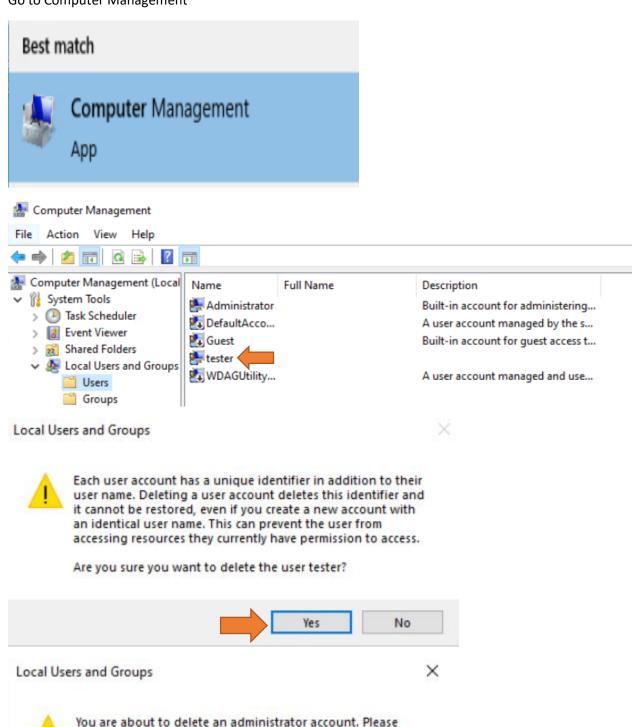








Go to Computer Management



Cancel

make sure that you have at least another active local administrator account, and you remember the password of

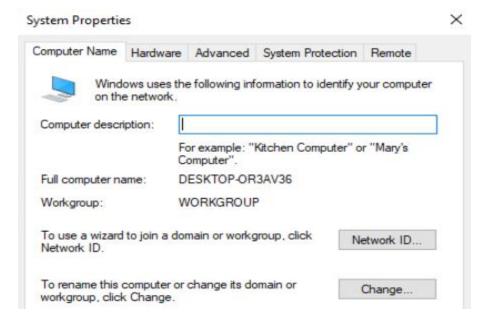
that account. Press OK to continue.

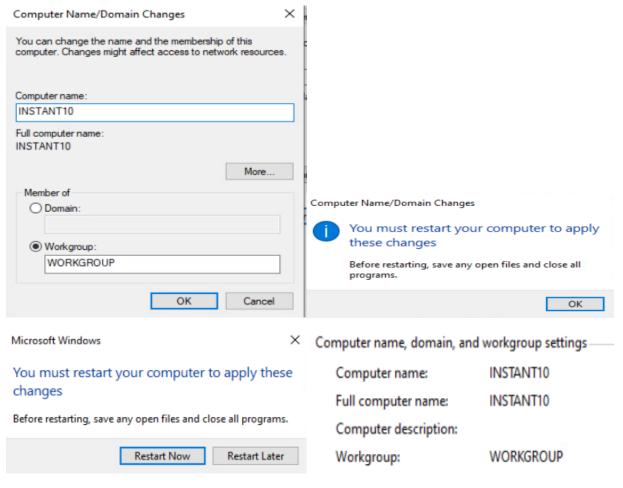
Change Computer Name:

Right Click This PC - Properties



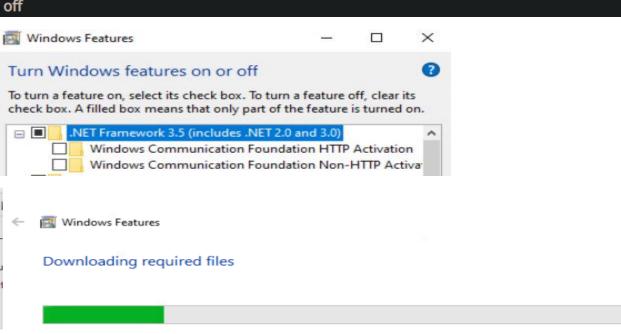


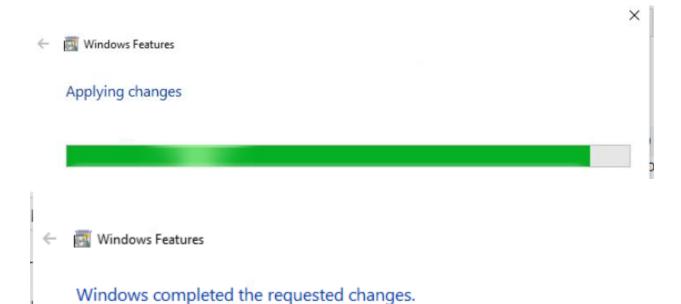




Install .NET Framework 3.5

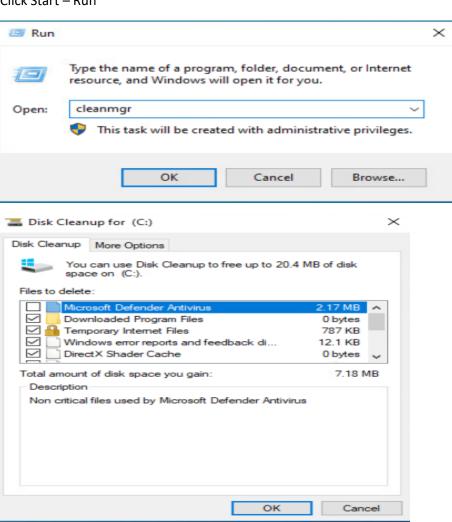
Go to: Control Panel - Programs - Programs and Features - Turn Windows Features on or off





Run Cleanup Manager

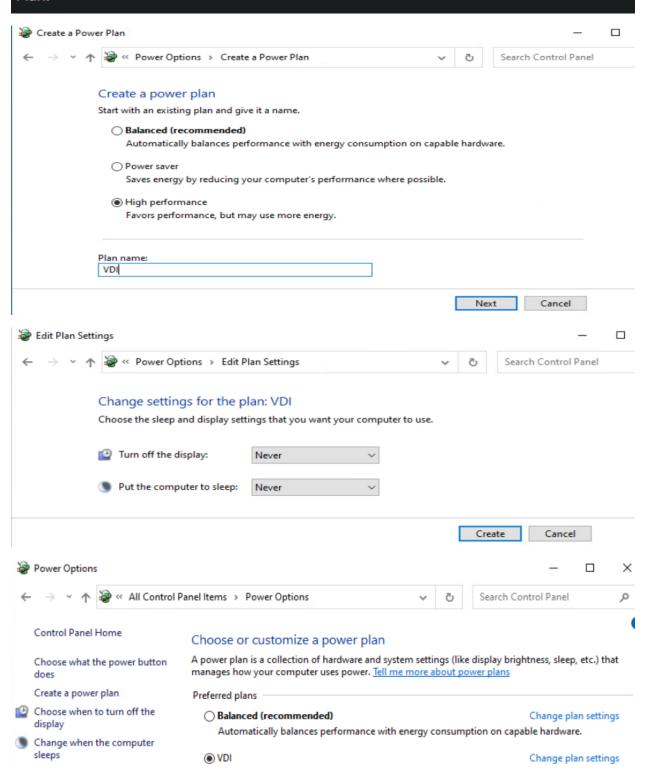
Click Start - Run



Set Power Option High

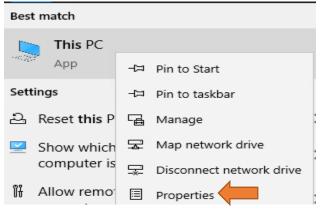
GO to: Control Panel - Hardware and Sound - Power Options.

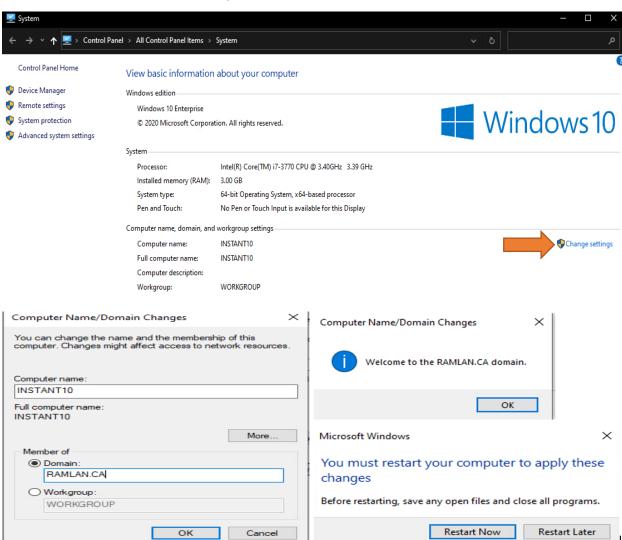
Click Show Additional Power Plans, Choose High Performance, and Click Create a Power Plan.



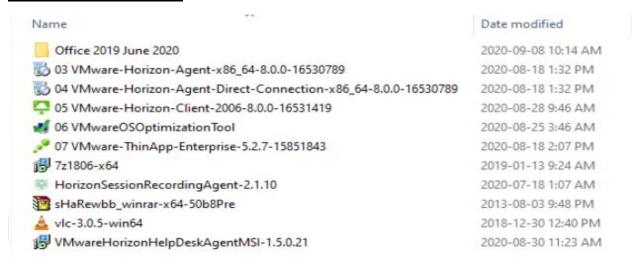
Join Machine to Domain





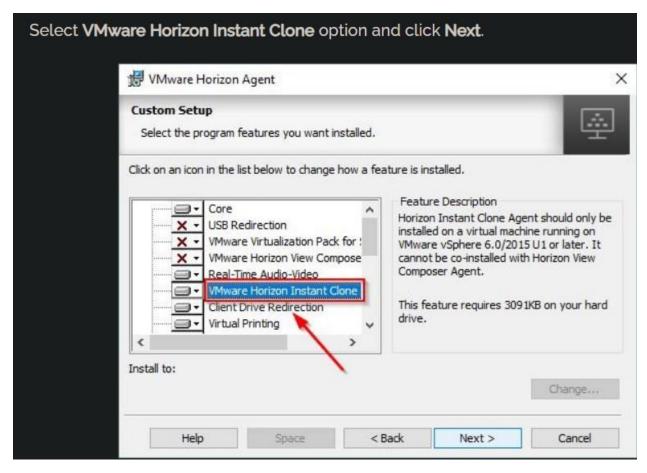


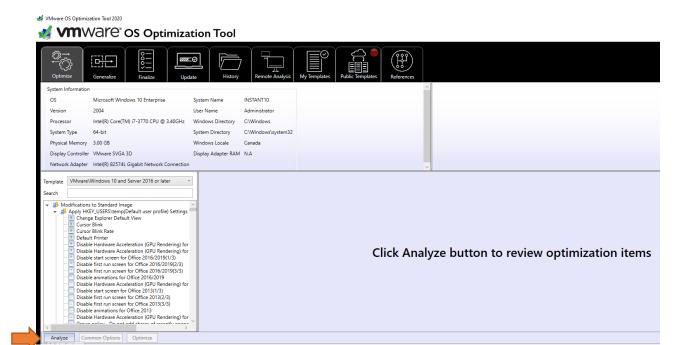
Install Required Applications



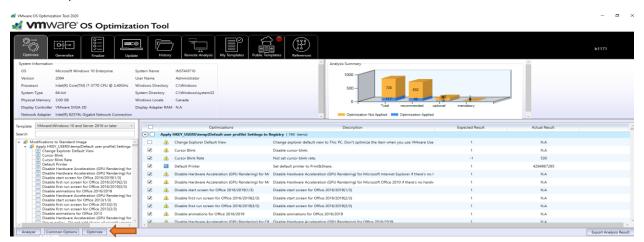
I am going to install above applications in **ONE** go to reduce number of restarts. I will not provide screen shot as they are simple and straight forward. I will install **OS** Optimization Tool at the end.

When you install Vmware Horizon Agent make sure you select this feature.





Click Analyze

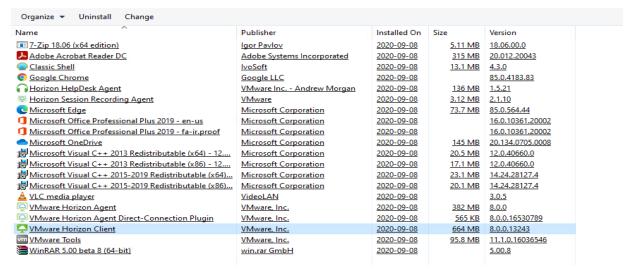


Click Optimize



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Run VDITWEAK batch script:

https://www.plonius.com/single-post/2017/07/20/VDI-cleanup-script---the-decisive-factor

1. Run a VDI clean-up script after all updates and configurations.

The VM will shut down after this (as you can see in the last lines)

Run this .bat every time the Windows is updated.

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Administrator: Command Prompt
  :\Users\Administrator\Downloads\New folder>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is C46D-89FB
 Directory of C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\New folder
2020-09-08 11:38 AM
2020-08-18 01:32 PM
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:07 PM 18,678,328 07 VMware-ThinApp-Enterprise-5.2.7-15851843.exe
:24 AM 1,742,848 721806-x64.msi
:15 AM 1,295,576 ChromeSetup.exe
:07 AM 6,312,600 HorizonSessionRecordingAgent-2.1.10.exe
:14 AM (DIR) Office 2019 June 2020
:48 PM 1,988,565 5HaRewbb_winrar-x64-50b8Pre.exe
:30 AM 2,513 VDITWEAK.BAT
:40 PM 41,898,072 vlc-3.0.5-win64.exe
:23 AM 63,321,600 VMwareHorizonHelpDeskAgentMSI-1.5.0.21.msi
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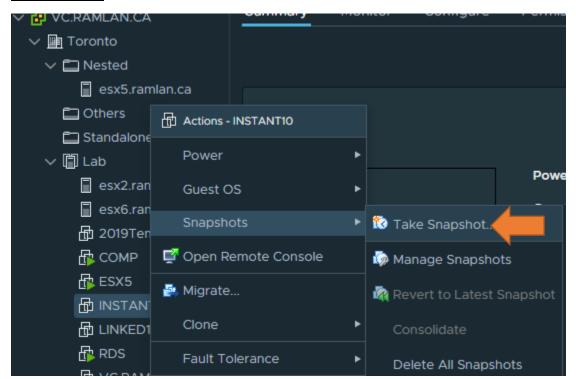
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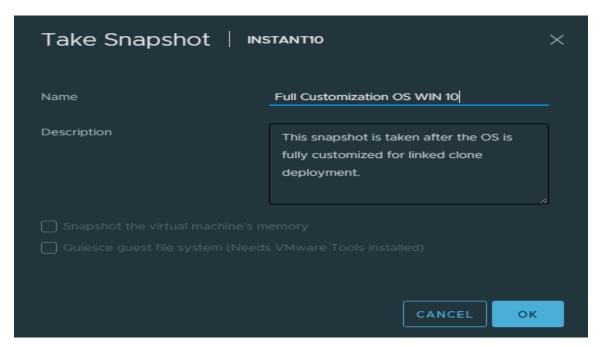
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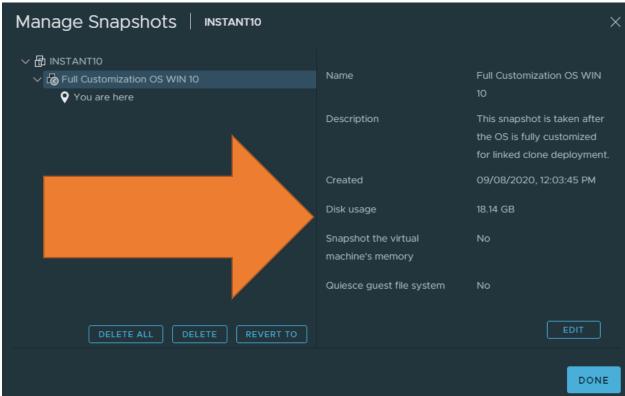
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                 Total fragmented space = 10%
Average fragments per file = 1.05
                 Movable files and folders = 103323
Unmovable files and folders = 7
        Files:
                 Fragmented files
                                                 = 1554
                 Total file fragments
                                                 = 4951
        Folders:
                 Total folders
                                                 = 6883
                 Fragmented folders
                                                 = 171
                 Total folder fragments
                                                 = 476
        Free space:
                 Free space count
                                                 = 3842
                 Average free space size
                                                 = 7.58 MB
                 Largest free space size
                                                 = 24.03 GB
        Master File Table (MFT):
                 MFT size
                                                 = 166.75 MB
                 MFT record count
                                                 = 170751
                 MFT usage
                                                 = 100%
                 Total MFT fragments
        Note: File fragments larger than 64MB are not included in the fragmentation statistics.
Performing pass 1:
Defragmentation: 43% complete.
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Take Snapshot:







I will perform linked clone deployment in Part 5.

Thanks

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