How to install multiple vCenter within the same DataCenter

In this post, I am going to install 2nd vCenter within home lab for testing SRM and Replication Appliance.

Currently, I have 1 vCenter (VC.RAMLAN.CA) installed and configured including DataCenter & Cluster. I am going to add another vCenter for Disaster Recovery testing using SRM and Replication Appliance.

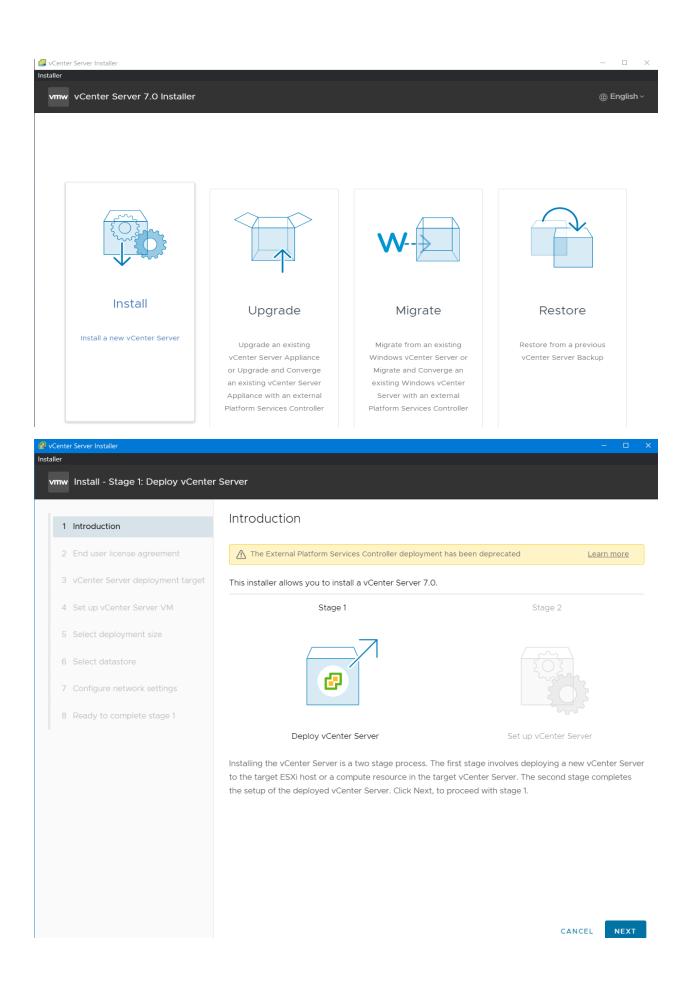
Before starting the install, I did create New Host Record on the DNS Server for name resolution, so we don't have any issue during vCenter install.

New Host X
Name (uses parent domain name if blank):
VCDR
Fully qualified domain name (FQDN):
VCDR.RAMLAN.CA.
IP address:
192.168.0.90
Create associated pointer (PTR) record
Allow any authenticated user to update DNS records with the same owner name
Add Host Cancel

It is also worth noting that with 7.x VMware no longer support external platform services controllers (PSCs) and an embedded PSC will be deployed as part of this VCSA install.

Mount the ISO and run the installer.exe

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	vmw	Install - Stage 1: Deploy vCenter	Server				
	1	Introduction	Ready to complete stage 1				
	2	End user license agreement	Review your settings before starting the vo	Center Server deployment.			
	3	vCenter Server deployment target	✓ Deployment Details				
	4	Set up vCenter Server VM	Target ESXi host	ESX1.RAMLAN.CA			
			VM name	VCDR.RAMLAN.CA			
	5	Select deployment size	Deployment size	Small			
	6	Select datastore	Storage size	Default			
	7	Configure network settings	✓ Datastore Details				
			Datastore , Disk mode	ESX1DS , thin			
	8	Ready to complete stage 1	✓ Network Details				
			Network	VM Network			
			IP settings	IPv4 , static			
			IP address	192.168.0.90			
			Host name	VCDR.RAMLAN.CA			
			Subnet mask or prefix length	255.255.255.0			
			Default gateway	192.168.0.1			-
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Install - Stage 1: Deploy vCenter Server

Initializing...

Install - Stage 1: Deploy vCenter Server

Deploying the vCenter Server

Install - Stage 1: Deploy vCenter Server

(i) You have successfully deployed the vCenter Server.

To proceed with stage 2 of the deployment process, vCenter Server setup, click Continue.

If you exit, you can continue with the vCenter Server setup at any time by logging in to the vCenter Server Management Interface https://VCDR.RAMLAN.CA:5480/

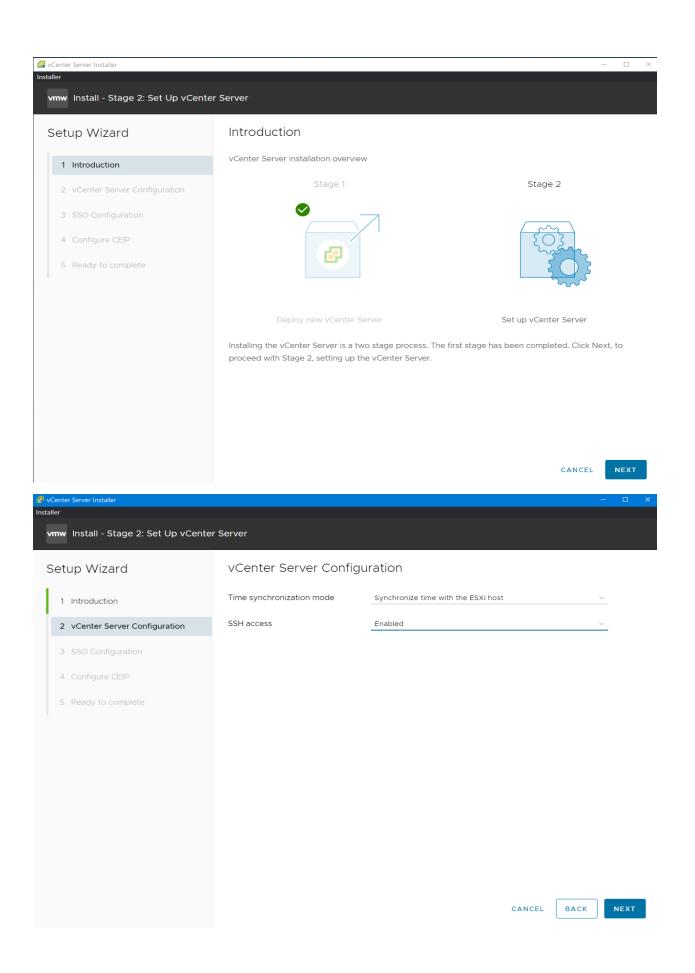
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This is where we should select Join existing SSO domain so we can make use of embedded PSC database.

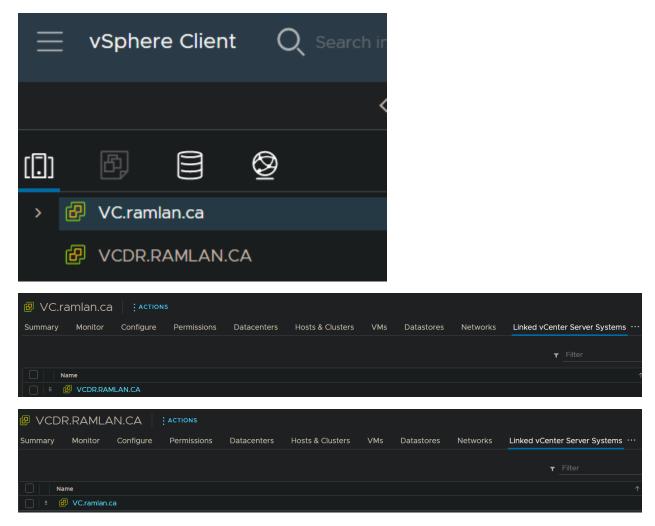
	CCO Configuration
etup Wizard	SSO Configuration
1 Introduction	Create a new SSO domain
2 vCenter Server Configuration	Join an existing SSO domain
3 SSO Configuration	VCenter Server () VC.RAMLAN.CA
4 Configure CEIP	Https port 443
5 Ready to complete	Single Sign-On username administrator
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2 vCenter Server Configuration	er Server Configure CEIP Join the VMware Customer Experience Improvement Program Participating in VMware's Customer Experience Improvement Program ("CEIP") enables VMware to provide you with a proactive, reliable, and consistent vSphere environment and experience.

mw Install - Stage 2: Set Up vCent	ter Server	
etup Wizard	Ready to complete	
1 Introduction	Review your settings before finishing t	he wizard.
	✓ Network Details	
2 vCenter Server Configuration	Network configuration	Assign static IP address
3 SSO Configuration	IP version	IPv4
4 Configure CEIP	IP address	192.168.0.90
5 Ready to complete	Subnet mask	24
	Host name	VCDR.RAMLAN.CA
	Gateway	192.168.0.1
	DNS servers	192.168.0.2,192.168.0.22
	✓ vCenter Server Details	
	Time synchronization mode	Synchronize time with the ESXi host
	SSH access	Enabled
	✓ SSO Details	
	Joined PSC	VC.RAMLAN.CA
	Username	administrator

Warning

A You will not be able to pause or stop the install from completing once its started. Click OK to continue, or Cancel to stop the install.

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Install - Stage 2: Complete		
You have successfully setup this vCenter Server.		_
vCenter Server setup has been completed successfully. Click on the link below to get sta	arted. Press close to exit.	_
vCenter Server Getting Started Page : https://VCDR.RAMLAN.CA:443		
		CLOSE



With this we have completed installing and configuring 2 vCenter.

Thanks

Ram 24th Apr 2022