

Course Description

This five-day training course provides you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to achieve competence in troubleshooting the VMware vSphere® 8 environment. This course increases your skill level and competence in using the command-line interface, VMware vSphere® Client™, log files, and other tools to analyze and solve problems.

Course Duration:

5 days

Prerequisites:

This course requires completion of one the following courses:

- VCP-DCV certification
- VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage
- VMware vSphere: Operate, Scale and Secure

The course material presumes that you can perform the following tasks with no assistance or guidance before enrolling in this course:

- Install and configure ESXi
- Install vCenter Server
- Create vCenter Server objects, such as data centers and folders
- Create and modify a standard switch
- Create and modify a distributed switch
- Connect an ESXi host to NAS, iSCSI, or Fibre Channel storage
- Create a VMware vSphere VMFS datastore
- Modify a virtual machine's hardware
- Migrate a virtual machine with VMware vSphere® vMotion® and VMware vSphere® Storage vMotion®
- Configure and manage a VMware vSphere® Distributed Resource Scheduler™ cluster
- Configure and manage a VMware vSphere HA cluster
- Basic knowledge of command line tools like ESXCLI, DCLI, and PowerCLI

If you cannot complete these tasks, VMware recommends that you take the VMware vSphere: Install, Configure, Manage [V8] course instead.

Objectives:

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

- Introduce troubleshooting principles and procedures
- Use command-line interfaces, log files, and the vSphere Client to diagnose and resolve problems in the vSphere environment
- Explain the purpose of common vSphere log files
- Identify networking issues based on reported symptoms
- Validate and troubleshoot the reported networking issue
- Identify the root cause of networking issue
- Implement the appropriate resolution to recover from networking problems
- Analyze storage failure scenarios using a logical troubleshooting methodology
- Identify the root cause of storage failure

- Apply the appropriate resolution to resolve storage failure problems
- Troubleshoot vSphere cluster failure scenarios
- Analyze possible vSphere cluster failure causes
- Diagnose common VMware vSphere® High Availability problems and provide solutions
- Identify and validate VMware ESXi™ host and VMware vCenter® problems
- Analyze failure scenarios of ESXi host and vCenter problems
- Select the correct resolution for the failure of ESXi host and vCenter problems
- Troubleshoot virtual machine problems, including migration problems, snapshot problems, and connection problems
- Troubleshoot performance problems with vSphere components

Course Outline:

1. Course Introduction
 - Introductions and course logistics
 - Course objectives
2. Introduction to Troubleshooting
 - Define the scope of troubleshooting
 - Use a structured approach to solve configuration and operational problems
 - Apply troubleshooting methodology to logically diagnose faults and improve troubleshooting efficiency
3. Troubleshooting Tools
 - Discuss the various methods to run commands
 - Discuss the various ways to access ESXi Shell
 - Use commands to view, configure, and manage your vSphere components
 - Use the vSphere CLI
 - Use ESXCLI commands from the vSphere CLI
 - Use Data Center CLI commands
 - Identify the best tool for command-line interface troubleshooting
 - Identify important log files for troubleshooting vCenter Server and ESXi
 - Describe the benefits and capabilities of VMware Skyline™
 - Explain how VMware Skyline works
 - Describe VMware Skyline™ Health
 - Describe VMware Skyline Advisor™
4. Troubleshooting Virtual Networking
 - Analyze and troubleshoot standard switch problems
 - Analyze and troubleshoot virtual machine connectivity problems
 - Analyze and troubleshoot management network problems
 - Analyze and troubleshoot distributed switch problems
5. Troubleshooting Storage
 - Discuss the vSphere storage architecture
 - Identify the possible causes of problems in the various types of datastores
 - Analyze the common storage connectivity and configuration problems
 - Discuss the possible storage problems causes
 - Solve the storage connectivity problems, correct misconfigurations, and restore LUN visibility
 - Review vSphere storage architecture and functionality necessary to troubleshoot storage problems
 - Use ESXi and Linux commands to troubleshoot storage problems

- Analyze log file entries to identify the root cause of storage problems
 - Investigate ESXi storage issues
 - Troubleshoot VM snapshots
 - Troubleshoot storage performance problems
 - Review multipathing
 - Identify the common causes of missing paths, including PDL and APD conditions
 - Solve the missing path problems between hosts and storage devices
6. Troubleshooting vSphere Clusters
 - Identify and troubleshoot vSphere HA problems
 - Analyze and solve vSphere vMotion problems
 - Diagnose and troubleshoot common vSphere DRS problems
 7. Troubleshooting Virtual Machines
 - Discuss virtual machine files and disk content IDs
 - Identify, analyze, and solve virtual machine snapshot problems
 - Troubleshoot virtual machine power-on problems
 - Identify possible causes and troubleshoot virtual machine connection state problems
 - Diagnose and recover from VMware Tools installation failures
 8. Troubleshooting vCenter Server and ESXi
 - Analyze and solve vCenter Server service problems
 - Diagnose and troubleshoot vCenter Server database problems
 - Use vCenter Server Appliance shell and the Bash shell to identify and solve problems
 - Identify and troubleshoot ESXi host problems

Who Should Attend

System architects and system administrators