

CX Agent Overview Guide v3.1

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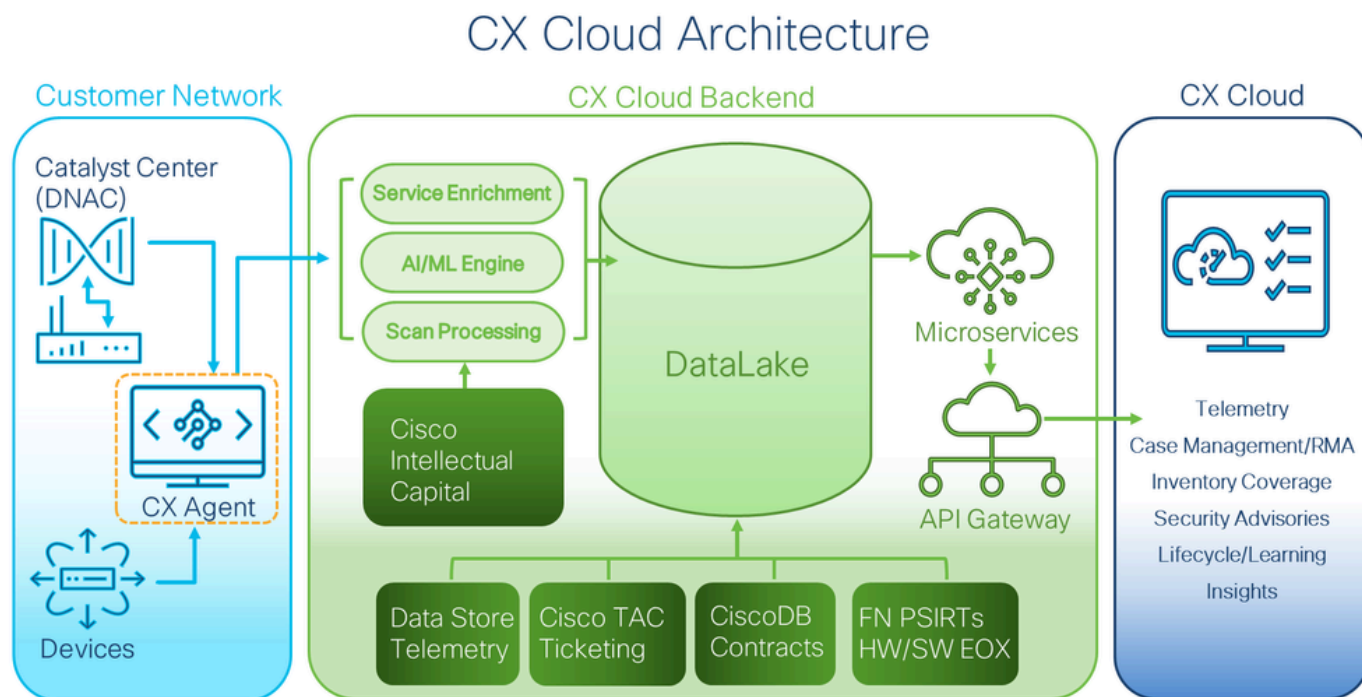
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Introduction

This document describes Cisco's Customer Experience (CX) Agent. Cisco's CX Agent is a highly scalable platform that collects telemetry data from customer network devices to deliver actionable insights for

customers. CX Agent enables the Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) transformation of active running configuration data into proactive and predictive insights displayed in CX Cloud (including Success Tracks, Smart Net Total Care (SNTC) and Business Critical Services (BCS) or Lifecycle Services (LCS) offers).



CX Cloud Architecture

This guide is intended for CX Cloud and Partner Administrators only. Users with Super User Admin (SUA) and Admin roles have the necessary permissions to perform the actions described in this guide.

This guide is specific to CX Agent v3.1. Refer to the [Cisco CX Agent](#) page to access prior versions.

 **Note:** Images in this guide are for reference purposes only. Actual content can vary.

Prerequisites

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

Deployment Requirements

- One of the following hypervisors is required for a new install:
 - VMware ESXi v5.5 or later
 - Oracle Virtual Box v5.2.30 or later
 - Windows Hypervisor version 2012 to 2022 and version 2025
- The configurations in the following table are required for deploying VM:

CX Agent Deployment Type	Number of CPU Cores	RAM	Hard Disk	*Maximum number of Assets directly connected to CX Agent	Supported Hypervisors
Small OVA	8C	16GB	200GB	10,000	VMware ESXi, Oracle VirtualBox, and Windows Hyper-V
Medium OVA	16C	32GB	600GB	20,000	VMware ESXi
Large OVA	32C	64GB	1200GB	50,000 :	VMware ESXi

*In addition to connecting 20 Cisco Catalyst Center (Catalyst Center) non-clusters or 10 Catalyst Center clusters for each CX Cloud Agent instance.

 **Note:** RADKit service is available exclusively for CX Agent deployments of Medium and Large OVA types.

- For customers using designated US data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data, the CX Agent must be able to connect to the servers shown here, using the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN), and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
 - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
 - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com
- For customers using designated Europe data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data: the CX Agent must be able to connect to both of the servers shown here, using the FQDN, and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
 - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: agent.emea.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
 - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com
- For customers using designated Asia Pacific data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data: the CX Agent must be able to connect to both of the servers shown here, using the FQDN, and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
 - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: agent.apjc.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud
 - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
 - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com
- For customers using designated Europe and Asia Pacific data centers as their primary data region, connectivity to FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud is required only for registering the CX Cloud Agent with CX Cloud during initial setup. After the CX Cloud Agent is successfully registered with CX Cloud, this connection is no longer required.
- For local management of the CX Cloud Agent, port 22 must be accessible.
- For customers using RADKit using the FQDN, and HTTPS on TCP port 443:
 - US FQDN: radkit.us.cisco.cloud
 - EMEA FQDN: radkit.emea.cisco.cloud

- APJC FQDN: radkit.apjc.cisco.cloud
- To enable RADKit to attach output to a Service Request, the FQDN cxd.cisco.com must be accessible for the CX Agent.
- The following table provides a summary of the ports and protocols that must be opened and enabled for CX Cloud Agent to function correctly:

CX Cloud Agent Traffic

Source	Destination	Protocol	Port	Purpose	Type
CX Cloud Agent	All regions: cloudsso.cisco.com api-cx.cisco.com agent.us.cisco.cloud radkit.emea.cisco.cloud Catalyst Center AMER region: ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud EMEA region: agent.emea.cisco.cloud ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud APJC region: agent.apjc.cisco.cloud ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud	HTTPS	TCP/443	Initial configuration Upgrades Inventory & telemetry transfers Access to RADKit Cloud	Outbound to Cisco AWS regional data centers and Catalyst Center
CX Cloud Agent	Network Devices	SNMP	UDP/161	Initial discovery Ongoing inventory collections	Outbound to LAN
CX Cloud Agent	Network Devices	SSH	TCP/22	Collection of telemetry from CLI commands	Outbound to LAN
CX Cloud Agent	Network Devices	Telnet	TCP/23	Collection of telemetry from CLI commands	Outbound to LAN
Network Devices	CX Cloud Agent	Syslog	UDP/514	Transfer syslogs for Alert Fault Management	Inbound from LAN
Workstation	CX Cloud Agent	SSH	TCP/22	CX Cloud Agent Maintenance	Inbound from LAN

- An IP is automatically detected if the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is enabled in the VM environment; Otherwise, a free IPv4 address, Subnet mask, Default Gateway IP address, and Domain Name Service (DNS) server IP address must be available.
- Only IPv4 is supported.
- The certified single node and High Availability (HA) Cluster Catalyst Center versions are 2.1.2.x to 2.2.3.x, 2.3.3.x, 2.3.5.x, 2.3.7.x and Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance and Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance.
- If the network has SSL interception, permit-list CX Agent's IP address.
- For all directly connected assets, SSH privilege level 15 is required.
- Use only the provided hostnames; static IP addresses cannot be used.

Accessing Critical Domains

To start the CX Cloud journey, users require access to the following domains. Use only the hostnames provided; do not use static IP addresses.


Domains Specific to the CX Agent Portal

Major Domains	Other Domains
cisco.cloud	cloudfront.net
split.io	eum-appdynamics.com

	appdynamics.com
	tiqcdn.com
	jquery.com

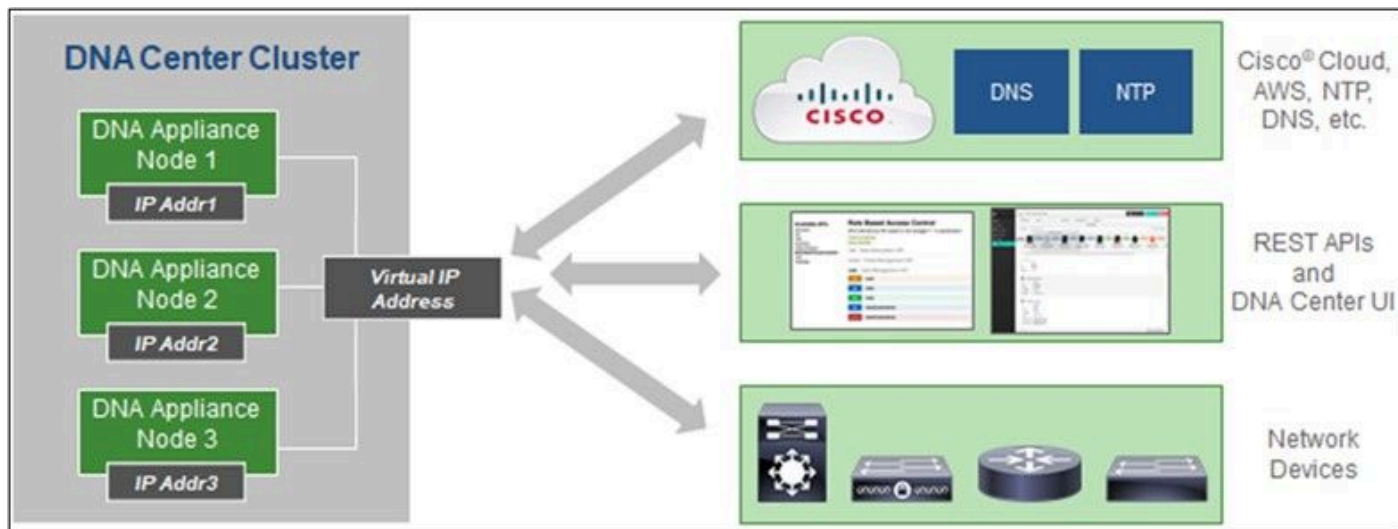
Domains Specific to CX Agent OVA

AMERICAS	EMEA	APJC
cloudsso.cisco.com	cloudsso.cisco.com	cloudsso.cisco.com
api-cx.cisco.com	api-cx.cisco.com	api-cx.cisco.com
agent.us.cisco.cloud	agent.us.cisco.cloud	agent.us.cisco.cloud
ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud	agent.emea.cisco.cloud	agent.apjc.cisco.cloud
	ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud	ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud

 **Note:** The outbound access must be allowed with redirection enabled on port 443 for the specified FQDN's.

Catalyst Center Supported Versions

Supported single node and HA Cluster Catalyst Center versions are 2.1.2.x to 2.2.3.x, 2.3.3.x, 2.3.5.x, 2.3.7.x and Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance and Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance.



Supported Browsers

For the best experience on Cisco.com, the latest official release of these browsers is recommended:

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox

Supported Product List

To view the list of products supported by CX Agent, refer to the [Supported Product List](#).

Upgrading/Installing CX Agent v3.1

- Existing customers upgrading to the new version should refer to [Upgrading CX Agent v3.1](#).
- New customers implementing a fresh flexible OVA v3.1 install should refer to [Adding CX Agent](#).

Upgrading Existing VMs to Large and Medium Configuration

Customers can upgrade their existing VM configuration to medium or large using Flexible OVA options based on their network size and complexity.

To upgrade the existing VM configuration from small to medium or large, refer to section [Upgrading CX Agent VMs to medium and large configuration](#).

Upgrading to CX Agent v3.1

Existing customers can upgrade to the latest version by enabling automatic upgrades or by choosing to upgrade manually from their existing version.

Automatic Upgrades

Customers can enable the **Automatic Software Upgrade** toggle to ensure their system is updated when the new versions are released. This option is enabled by default for new installations but can be modified at any time to align with company policies or to schedule upgrades during planned maintenance windows.

● Running

Replace Seed File

Seed File

Software

Settings

Version

Last Updated

⚠


Your CX Cloud Agent software is out of date and will be upgraded. Takes up to 12 hours to complete the upgrade.

Automatic Software Upgrades

☒


Automatic software upgrades keep your CX Agent updated with the latest features and security. If disabled, manual updates are required. You can change this setting anytime.

Automatic Upgrades

 **Note:** The automatic upgrades are disabled by default for existing CX Agent instance(s) but users can enable them at any time.

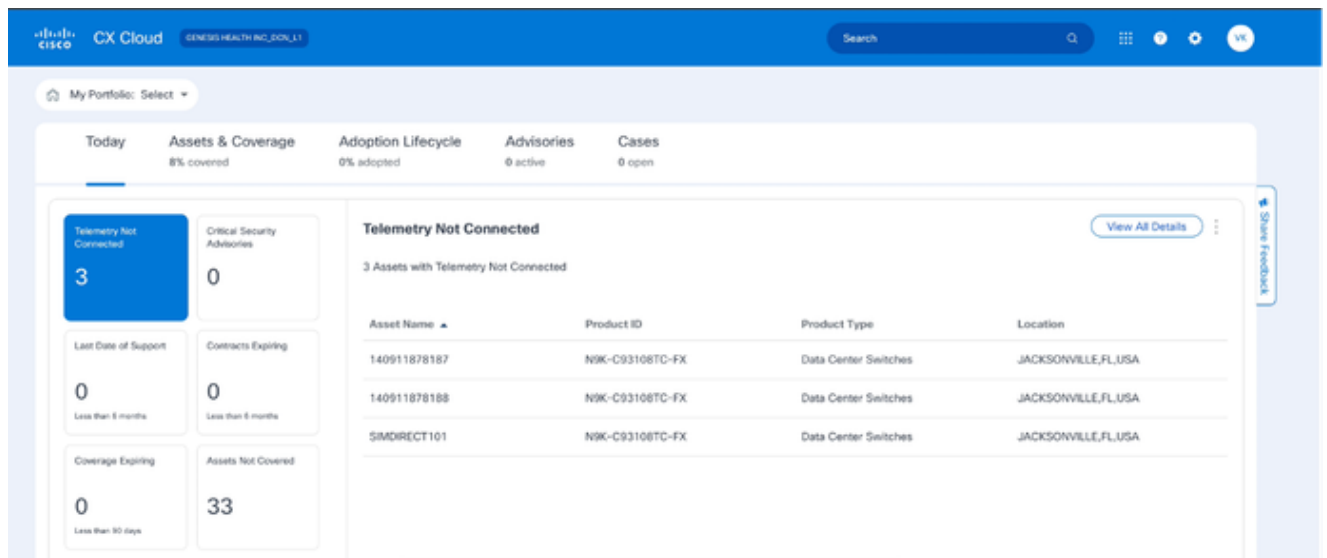
Manual Upgrades

Customers who prefer not to use automatic upgrades and have not enabled **Automatic Software Upgrades** can choose to upgrade manually. CX Agent v2.4.x and above support a direct upgrade to v3.1 by following the steps outlined in this section.

 **Note:** Customers on CX Agent v2.3.x and below should incrementally upgrade to v2.4.x before upgrading to v3.1 or perform a fresh OVA install.

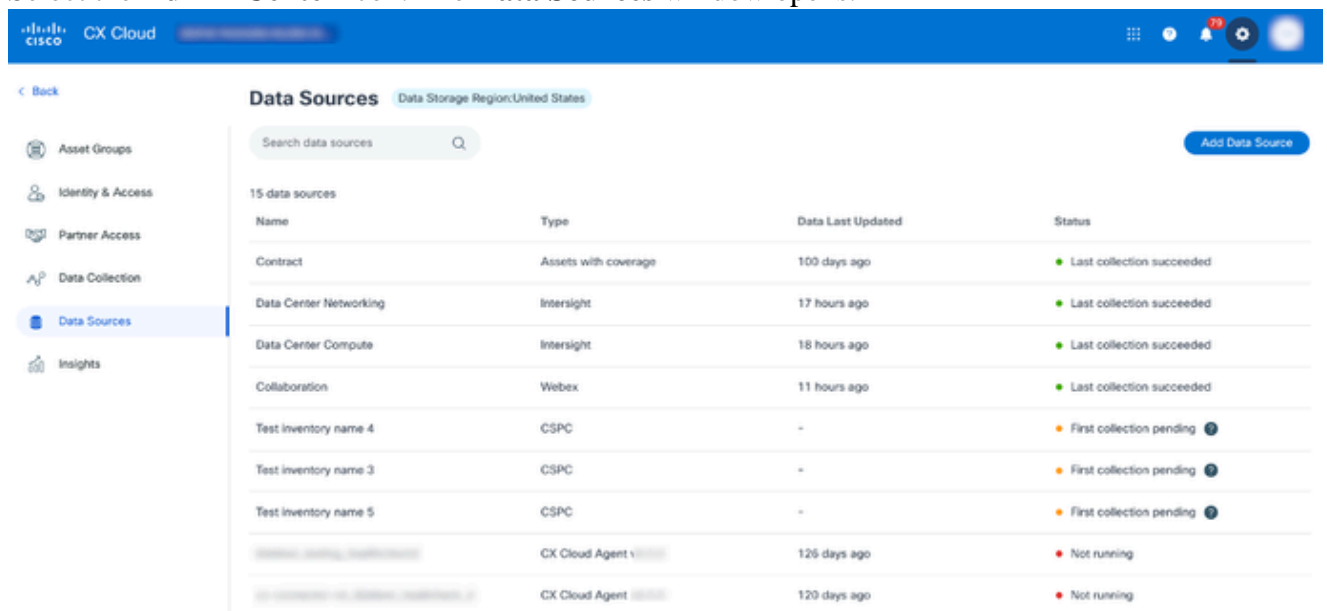
To install the CX Agent upgrade v3.1 from CX Cloud:

1. Log in [CX Cloud](#). The **Home** page displays.



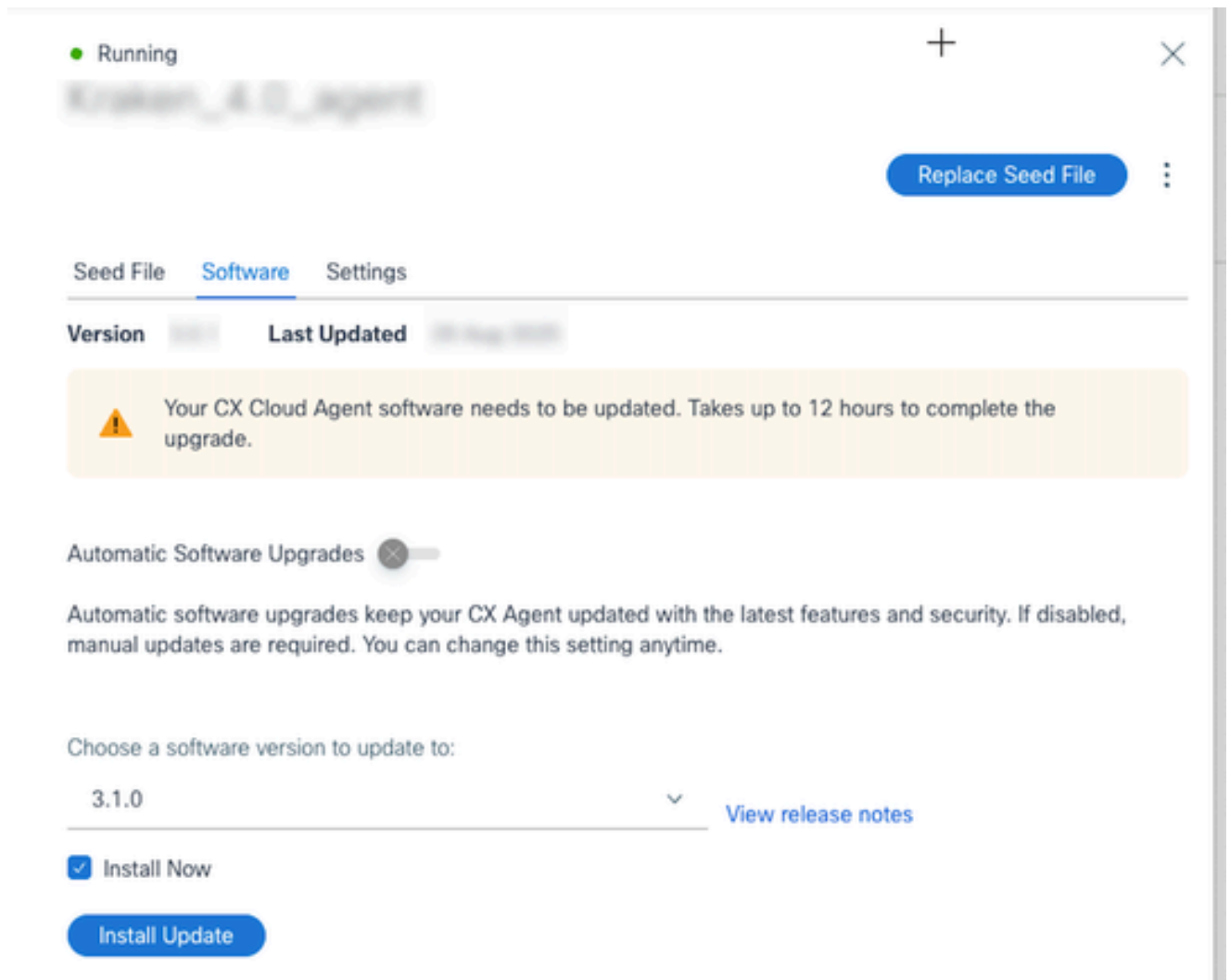
CX Cloud Home Page

2. Select the **Admin Center** icon. The **Data Sources** window opens.



Data Sources

3. Click the **CX Agent** Data Source. The **CX Agent** details window opens.




Running

Replace Seed File

Seed File **Software** Settings

Version **3.1.0** Last Updated 28 Aug 2025

 Your CX Cloud Agent software needs to be updated. Takes up to 12 hours to complete the upgrade.

Automatic Software Upgrades ☐

Automatic software upgrades keep your CX Agent updated with the latest features and security. If disabled, manual updates are required. You can change this setting anytime.

Choose a software version to update to:

3.1.0 [View release notes](#)

☒ Install Now

Install Update

Manual Upgrades

4. Select the software version **3.1.0** from **Choose a software version to update to** drop-down list.
5. Click **Install Update** to install CX Agent v3.1.

 **Note:** Customers can schedule the update for later by clearing the **Install Now** check box which displays scheduling options.

Adding CX Agent

Customers can add up to 20 CX Agent instances in CX Cloud.

To add a CX Agent:

1. Log in to [CX Cloud](#). The **Home** page displays.

CX Cloud

My Portfolio: Select

Today

Assets & Coverage
82% covered

Adoption Lifecycle
54% adopted

Advisories
14 active

Cases
2310 open

Customize

Telemetry Not Connected

10882

Crashed Assets

0

High Crash Risk Assets

0

Software Last Date of Support

8

Critical Faults

0

Critical Security Advisories

1

Hardware Last Date of Support

407

Contracts Expiring

1

Telemetry Not Connected

10882 Assets with Telemetry Not Connected

Asset Name	Product ID	Product Type	Location
...	...	Collaboration Endpoints	LITHA SPRINGS,GA,USA
...	...	Collaboration Endpoints	LITHA SPRINGS,GA,USA
...	...	Collaboration Endpoints	LITHA SPRINGS,GA,USA
...	...	Collaboration Endpoints	LITHA SPRINGS,GA,USA
...	...	Collaboration Endpoints	LITHA SPRINGS,GA,USA
...	...	Switches	SAN FRANCISCO,CA,USA
...	...	Switches	SAN FRANCISCO,CA,USA
...	...	Switches	SAN FRANCISCO,CA,USA

Cases

Open Case

My open cases

1935

Action required

12

View all open cases (2310) >

Adoption Lifecycle

Service Provider Networking SR-MPLS Enabled Network

0% complete

Onboard Stage

Next task

Learn about SR-MPLS benefits and network simplification

Service Provider Networking SRv6 Enabled Network

0% complete

Onboard Stage

Next task

Learn about SRv6 benefits and network simplification

Go to Adoption Lifecycle >

CX Cloud Home page

2. Select the **Admin Center** icon. The **Data Sources** window opens.

Cisco

CX Cloud

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Back

Asset Groups

Identity & Access

Partner Access

Data Collection

Data Sources

Insights

Data Sources

View Usage Report

Search data sources

16 data sources

Collaboration

Webex

16 hours ago

Last collection succeeded

Firewall Management Center

-

First collection pending

CXAgent-2

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

2 minutes ago

Running

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

27 days ago

Not running

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

1 minutes ago

Running

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

1 minutes ago

Running

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

1 minutes ago

Running

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

1 minutes ago

Running

Catalyst Center

3 minutes ago

Reachable

Catalyst Center

3 minutes ago

Reachable

CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0

1 minutes ago


Running

Data Sources

3. Click **Add Data Source**. The **Add Data Source** page opens. Displayed options vary based on customer subscriptions.


Add Data Source

Search data sources




Catalyst Center
Uses CX Cloud Agent to support the Success Tracks for Campus Network and WAN (supported asset types)

Add Data Source




Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager
Supports the Success Track for WAN

Add Data Source




Common Services Platform Collector (CSPC)
Supports assets managed by CSPC

Add Data Source




Contracts
Supports assets associated with a contract

Add Data Source




CX Cloud Agent
Add CX Cloud Agents to your network to support a variety of Success Tracks.

Add Data Source




Intersight
Supports the Data Center Compute and Data Center Networking Success Tracks

Add Data Source




Meraki dashboard
Supports Meraki

Add Data Source




Other Assets by IP Ranges
Uses CX Cloud Agent to support the Success Track for Campus Network (automated method recommended for larger networks)

Add Data Source



Other Assets by Seed File
Uses CX Cloud Agent to support the Success Track for Campus Network (manual method recommended for smaller networks)

Add Data Source

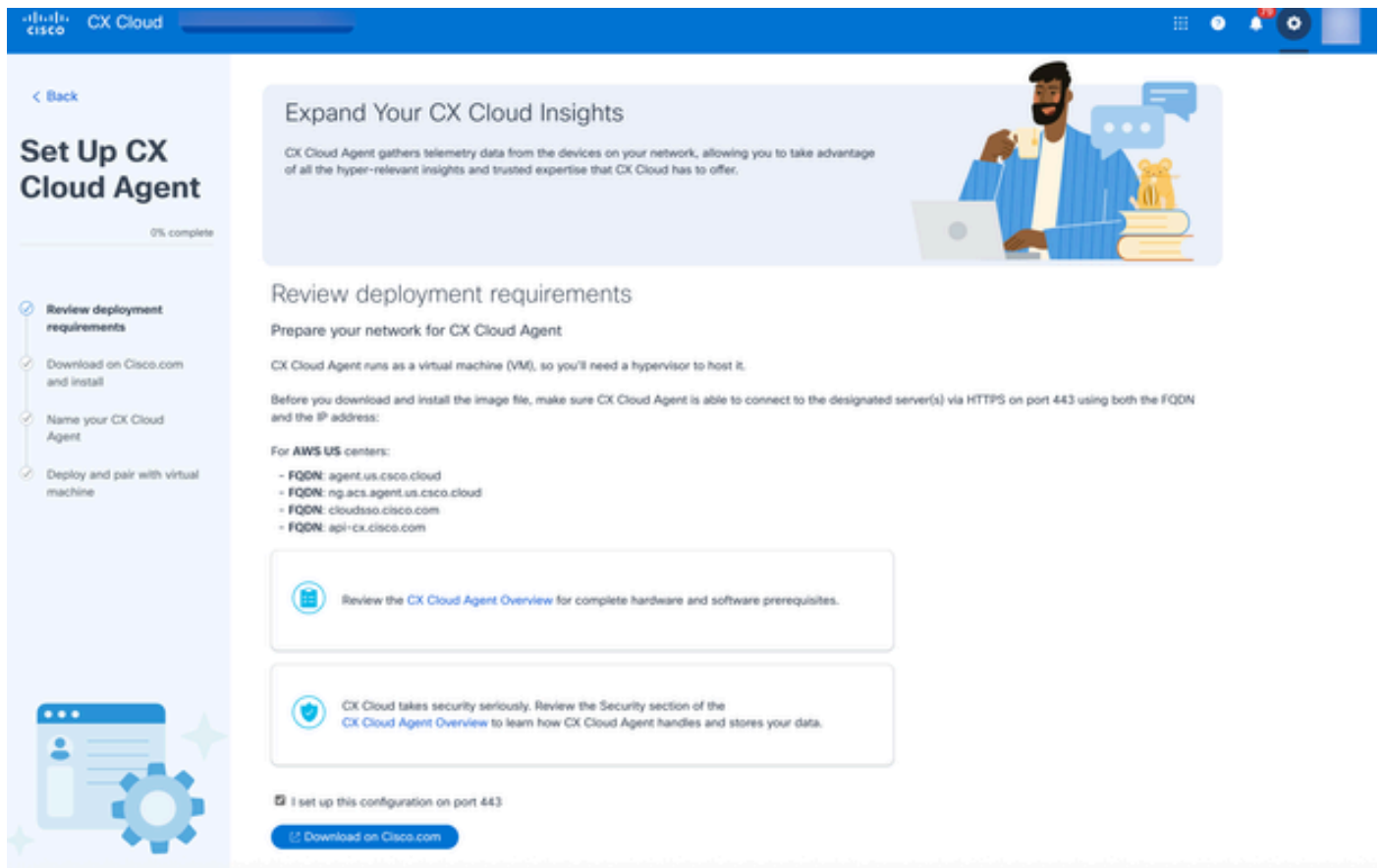


Webex
Supports the Success Track for Collaboration

Add Data Source

Add Data Source

- Click **Add Data Source** from the **CX Agent** option. The **Set Up CX Agent** window opens.



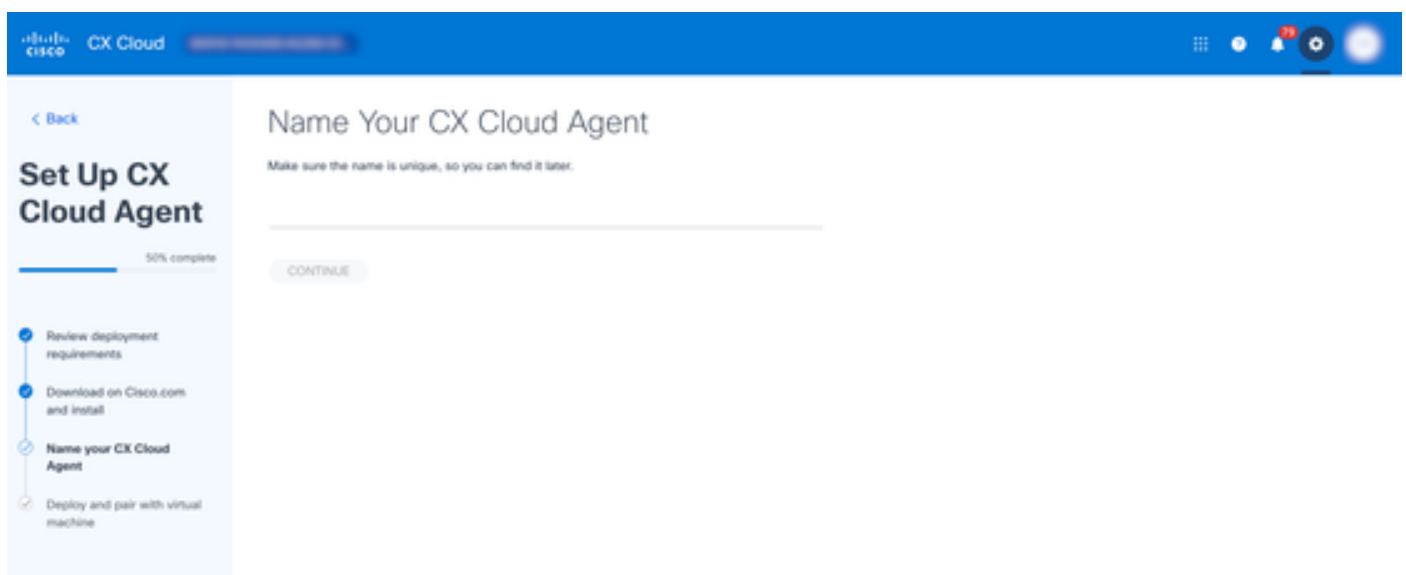
Adding CX Agent

5. Review the **Review deployment requirements** section and select the **I set up this configuration on port 443** check box.
6. Click **Download on Cisco.com**. The **Software Download** window opens in another tab.
7. Download the “CX Agent v3.1.0 OVA” file.

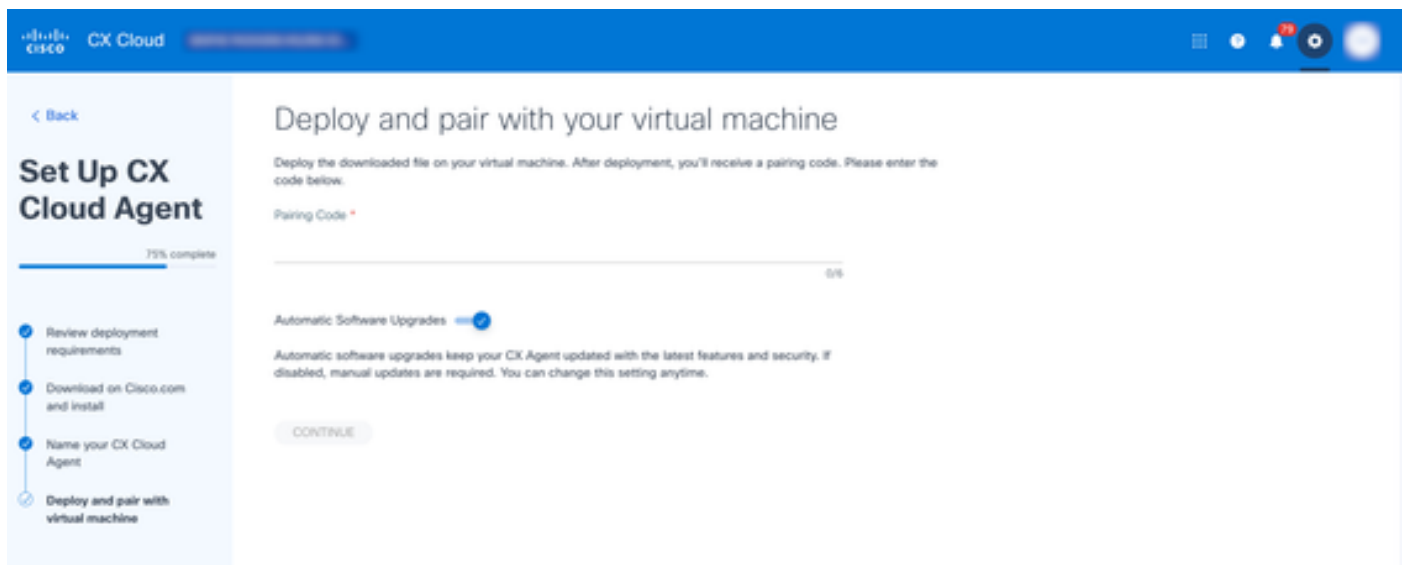


Note: A Pairing Code required to complete the CX Agent setup is generated after deploying the “OVA” file.

8. Enter the CX Agent name in the **Name Your CX Cloud Agent** field.



9. Click **Continue**. The **Deploy and pair with your virtual machine** window opens.



Pairing Code

10. Enter the **Pairing Code** received after deployment of the downloaded “OVA” file.

11. Click **Continue**. The registration progress displays, followed by a confirmation message.



Note: Repeat the steps above to add additional CX Agent instances as a Data Source.

Configuring CX Agent for BCS/LCS

Cisco’s new Converged Collection feature streamlines CX Agent v3.1 configuration for BCS/LCS, simplifying the customer experience.



Note: This configuration is specific to Cisco Support Engineers responsible for Collector setup for BCS/LCS customers.

BCS/LCS customers can visit the [CX Cloud Community](#) to learn more about user onboarding and other related information.

Prerequisites

Support Engineers with Super User Administrator (SUA) and Administrator access can only perform CX Agent configuration for BCS/LCS.

Configuring CX Agent

To configure CX Agent for BCS/LCS, contact Cisco Support.

Configuring RADKit Capabilities

CX Agent v3.1 provides an optional RADKit configuration designed to enhance remote management and troubleshooting of Cisco devices in CX Cloud. When enabled, authorized users can securely perform operations such as data capture, configuration, and software upgrades remotely. These settings can be enabled or disabled at any time based on customer's operational requirements.

For comprehensive details on RADKit, refer to [Cisco RADKit](#).

Integrating RADKit Client Through CLI

To integrate the RADKit client service, create an administrator account and enroll the service by completing the following steps:



Note: The following steps require root access to the CX Agent VM.

1. Open the terminal and Secure Shell (SSH) into a VM using the appropriate credentials, for example:

```
ssh your_username@your_vm_ip
```

2. Run the following command to enable network connectivity:

```
kubectl get netpol deny-from-other-namespaces -o yaml >
/home/cxcadmin/deny-from-other-namespaces.yaml
```

```
kubectl delete netpol deny-from-other-namespaces
```

3. On the local machine, send a POST request to the manager endpoint to create an administrator account. The request body should include:

- **admin_name** (required): The username for the administrator account
- **email** (optional): The email address for the administrator account
- **full_name** (optional): The full name of the Administrator
- **description** (optional): A description of the administrator account


The following example shows how to send this request using cURL:

```
curl -X POST \
  http://<your_vm_ip>:30100/radkitmanager/v1/createAdmin \
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
  -d '{
    "admin_name": "admin_user123",
    "email": "admin@example.com",
    "full_name": "Admin User",
    "description": "Administrator account for managing the system"
  }'
```

Upon successful creation of an administrator account, the server responds with a confirmation message indicating that the administrator account has been successfully created. This response also includes a

temporary password that must be changed upon the first login. However, if the administrator account already exists, the server returns a 400 status code with the message “Admin already created”.

4. Open the web browser and navigate to the RADKit web UI: https://<your_vm_ip>:30101/.
5. Log in using the administrator username (admin_name) and the temporary password provided in the response.

 **Note:** Upon first login, users are prompted to change the password. Follow the instructions to set a new password.

6. Run the RADKit client on the local machine to enroll the service.
7. After authentication, generate a one-time password by running the following command:

```
grant_service_otp()
```

8. On the local machine, send a POST request to the manager endpoint to enroll the service. The request body should include:

- OTP (required): The one-time password string

The following example shows how to send this request using cURL:

```
curl -X POST \
  http://<your_vm_ip>:30100/radkitmanager/v1/enrollService \
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
  -d '{
    "one_time_password": "PROD:1234-1234-1234"
  }'
```

Upon successful enrolment, a confirmation message displays and users can manage the RADKit service using an administrator account.

To disable network connectivity, run the following command:

```
kubectl apply -f /home/cxcadmin/deny-from-other-namespaces.yaml
```

Configuring Vault for Existing CX Agents

The optional Vault configuration feature enables CX Cloud to securely connect to a vault service for accessing sensitive data, such as tokens and inventory lists, using the latest credentials. When enabled, CX Cloud automatically uses the configured address and token. This setting can be enabled or disabled at any time. Currently, only HashiCorp's vault configuration is supported.

The vault can be configured in two ways:

- Through CX Cloud UI
- Through CLI

Configuring HashiCorp Vault in CX Cloud UI

To configure the HashiCorp vault for an existing CX Agent:

1. Select the **Admin Center** icon. The Data Sources window opens.
2. Click the CX Agent data source. The CX Agent details window opens.

The screenshot shows the Cisco CX Cloud Admin Center interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Asset Groups, Identity & Access, Partner Access, Data Collection, Data Sources (selected), Insights, and BCS Forwarding. The main area is titled 'Data Sources' with a sub-header 'Data Storage Region: United States'. It contains a search bar and a list of 32 data sources. The list includes entries for 'CSPC', 'CX Cloud Agent v2.4.0', 'Catalyst Center', and 'CX Cloud Agent v4.0.0'. On the right, a 'Vault Configuration' panel is visible, showing a toggle switch that is currently turned off. Below the toggle, there is a description: 'The Vault Configuration feature lets the CX Platform securely connect to a vault service to access sensitive data like tokens. When enabled, it uses the configured address and token automatically; when disabled, manual access is needed. You can toggle this setting anytime.'

Settings

3. Click the **Settings** tab.
4. Enable the **Vault Configuration** toggle.

This screenshot shows the 'Settings' tab for the Vault Configuration. The 'Vault Configuration' toggle is now turned on, indicated by a blue circle with a checkmark. Below the toggle, the same descriptive text is present. At the bottom, there are two input fields: 'Address' and 'Token'. Both fields have red exclamation mark icons below them, indicating validation errors. The error messages are 'Please enter a valid vault address' and 'Please enter a valid vault token'. A blue 'Submit' button is located to the right of the input fields.

5. Enter details in the **Address** and **Token** fields.
6. Click **Submit**. A confirmation and the added IP address displays.

Customers can remove the configured vault by clicking **Remove**.

Integrating CX Agent with HashiCorp Vault Through CLI

This section outlines the procedure for configuring the connection between the Cisco CX Agent and a HashiCorp Vault instance. This integration allows for secure storage and retrieval of device credentials, enhancing the overall security posture.

Prerequisites

- cxroot access to CX Agent VM
- A running and accessible vault instance

Integrating with HashiCorp Vault

- To enable vault integration, run the following command:

```
cxcli agent vault on
```

- To disable vault integration, run the following command:

```
cxcli agent vault off
```

- To check current vault integration status, run the following command:

```
cxcli agent vault status
```

Enabling HashiCorp Vault Integration

To enable vault integration:

1. Log in to the CX Agent via SSH using the cxroot user account to access the CX Agent.
2. Switch to the root user to elevate privileges by running the following command:

```
sudo su
```

3. Run the following command to check current vault Integration Status:

```
root@cxcloudagent: /home/cxroot# cxcli agent vault status  
vault integration disabled
```

4. Run the following command to enable vault Integration:

```
cxcli agent vault on
```

5. Update the following fields:

- Vault Address

- Vault Root Token

6. To verify, check the status of integration with vault. The response message should confirm that the integration is enabled:

```
root@cxcloudagent: /home/cxcroot# cxcli agent vault on
```

```
Enter HashiCorp Vault Address:
```

```
Enter HashiCorp Vault Token:
```

```
vault integration enabled root@cxcloudagent: /home/cxcroot#
```

Disabling HashiCorp Vault Integration

To access the CX Agent:

1. Log in to the CX Agent via SSH using the cxcroot user account.
2. Switch to the root user to elevate privileges by running the following command:

```
sudo su
```

3. Run the following command to disable HashiCorp Vault Integration:

```
root@cxcloudagent: /home/cxcroot# cxcli agent vault off
```

```
vault integration disabled
```

```
root@cxcloudagent: /home/cxcroot# |
```


HashiCorp Vault Device Credentials Schema

Vault Credentials Schema: For detailed information about available options and supported fields for device credentials, download the “Vault credentials schema” file ([vault-credentials-schema.json](#)).

Example: The following is an example of a JSON credential based on the schema:

- ```
{
 "targetIp": "5.0.1.*",
 "credentials": {
 "snmpv3": {
 "user": "cisco",
 "authPassword": "*****",
 "authAlgorithm": "MD5",
 "privacyPassword": "*****",
 "privacyAlgorithm": "AES-256"
 },
 "telnet": {
 "user": "cisco",
 "password": "*****",
 "enableUser": "cisco",
 "enablePassword": "*****"
 }
 }
}
```



 **Note:** Users can specify multiple protocols within a single credential JSON file. However, avoid including duplicate protocols from the same family (e.g., do not include both SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 in the same credential file).

## Configuring Device Credentials in HashiCorp Vault (First Time)

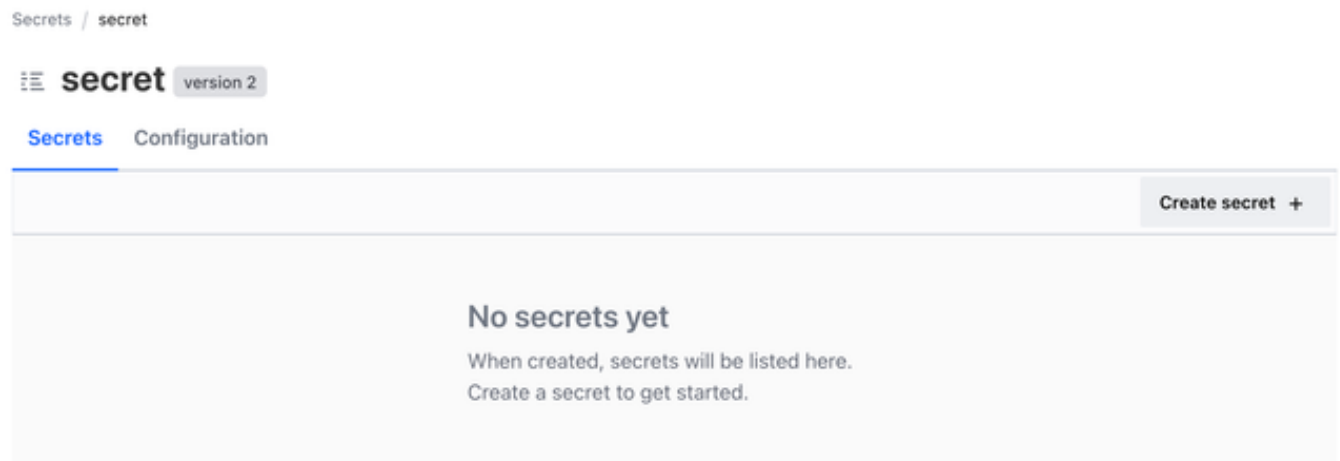
1. Log in to a Vault instance.

### Secrets Engines



*Secret*

2. Create a new key-value secret using the following path: *secret/seed/credentials*.
3. Choose the key-value secret storage engine (secret/).



*Key value secret*

4. Click **Create secret**. The **Create Secret** window opens.

## Create Secret

☐ JSON

### Path for this secret

Names with forward slashes define hierarchical path structures.

seed/credentials

### Secret data

credentialName1

```
{
 "targetIp": "5.0.1.*",
 "credentials": {
 "snmpv3": {
 "user": "cisco",
 "authPassword": "c",
 "authAlgorithm": "MD5",
 "privacyPassword": "c",
 "privacyAlgorithm": "AES-256"
 }
 }
}
```

⚠ This value will be saved as a string. If you need to save a non-string value, please use the JSON editor.

key

Add

▼ Show secret metadata

Save

Cancel

Client Secret

5. Update the following fields:

- **Path for secret:** seed/credentials
- **Secret data:** collection of key - value secrets
- **key:** custom unique credential name
- **value:** credentials JSON

6. Click **Save**. The secret should now be stored in the HashiCorp Vault.

# seed/credentials

Overview Secret Metadata Paths Version History

☐ JSON

Delete

Destroy

Copy

Version 1

Create new version

| Key | Value | Version 1 created Jun 04, 2025 03:39 PM |
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------------|
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------------|

credentialName1



```
{
 "targetIp": "5.0.1.*",
 "credentials": {
 "snmpv3": {
 "user": "cisco",
 "authPassword": "cisco123",
 "authAlgorithm": "MD5",
 "privacyPassword": "cisco123",
 "privacyAlgorithm": "AES-256"
 }
 }
}
```

Credentials

## Adding More Credentials to HashiCorp Vault

1. Log in to a HashiCorp vault instance.

# seed/credentials

Overview Secret Metadata Paths Version History

☐ JSON

Delete

Destroy

Copy

Version 1

Create new version

| Key | Value | Version 1 created Jun 04, 2025 03:39 PM |
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------------|
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------------|

credentialName1



\*\*\*\*\*

Add Credentials

2. Navigate to the already created Secret “secret/seed/credentials”.

## Create New Version

☐ JSON

**Path for this secret**  
Names with forward slashes define hierarchical path structures.

seed/credentials

---

**Version data**

⚠ This value will be saved as a string. If you need to save a non-string value, please use the JSON editor.

☐ **Show diff**  
No changes to show. Update secret to view diff

---

Create Version

3. Click **Create new version**.
4. Add new secrets by providing any number of key-value pairs as needed.
5. Click **Save**.

## CX Cloud Seed File with Default Credentials

- **Simplify Seed File:** When using credentials configured through Hashicorp vault, simplify the Seed File by omitting sensitive information
- **Specify only IP Address or Hostname:** Users can pass only the IP Address or Hostname in the Seed File, leaving other fields blank

```
5.0.1.2,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
5.0.1.3,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
5.0.1.4,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
```

IP or Hostname

- **Use both HashiCorp vault and Seed File credentials:** Provide credentials for some devices in the Seed File while relying on the vault to manage credentials for other devices

```
5.0.1.1,snmpv3,,username,,,,,,,,cliUser,cliPassword,,enablePassword,,,
25.0.1.2,snmpv2c,readOnlyPassword,,,,,,,,sshv2,,cliUser,cliPassword,,,,
5.0.1.3,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
5.0.1.4,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
```

IP or Hostname


# Adding Catalyst Center as Data Source


Users with the Super Administrator User role can add the Catalyst Center Data Source.

To add Catalyst Center as a Data Source:

1. Select the **Admin Center** icon. The **Data Sources** window opens.
2. Click **Add Data Source**. The **Add Data Source** page displays.


## Add Data Source






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Supports the Success Track for Collaboration

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3. Click **Add Data Source** from the **Catalyst Center** option.

### Which CX Cloud Agent Do You Want to Connect to?

Select option

Cancel

Continue



*Select CX Agent*

4. Select the CX Agent from the **Which CX Agent Do You Want to Connect to** drop-down list.
5. Click **Continue**. The **Connect to CX Cloud** window opens.

## Connect to CX Cloud

### Connect a Catalyst Center

IP Address or FQDN \*

City \*

Select option

Username \*

Password \*

### Schedule inventory collection

Frequency

Select Time

Frequ... ▾

12:00 ▾

AM ▾

WEDT

☒ Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)

Connect

6. Enter the following details:

- **Virtual IP Address or FQDN** (i.e., Catalyst Center IP Address)
- **City** (i.e., Catalyst Center's location)
- **Username**
- **Password**
- **Frequency and Select Time** to indicate how often the CX Agent should perform network scans in **Schedule Inventory Collection** sections

**Note:** Select the **Run the first collection now** check box to run the collection now.

7. Click **Connect**. A confirmation displays with the Catalyst Center IP Address.

## Adding SolarWinds® as a Data Source

**Note:** If there is a requirement to add the SolarWinds® Data Source, contact Cisco Support for assistance.

BCS/LCS customers can now use the CX Agent capability to externally integrate with SolarWinds®, providing greater transparency, improved manageability, and an enhanced user experience through increased automation. The CX Agent collects inventory and other required data to generate various reports that are consistent in terms of format, data completeness, and data accuracy to current reports generated by Operational Insights Collector CX Agent supports integration with SolarWinds® by allowing a BCS/LCS customer to replace OIC with CX Agent for collecting data from Solarwinds®. This feature, including the Solarwinds® Data Source, is available exclusively to BCS/LCS customers.

The CX Agent must be configured in **BCS Forwarding** before the first collection; otherwise, files remain unprocessed. Refer to the section [Configuring CX Agent for BCS or LCS](#) for more information about BCS Forwarding configuration.

### Notes:

- Multiple collections from the same SolarWinds® instance overwrite previous files (later uploads take precedence)
- Multiple sources are supported, but each SolarWinds® instance must have a unique IP and Appliance ID

## Adding Other Assets as Data Sources

Telemetry collection has been extended to devices not managed by the Catalyst Center, enabling users to view and interact with telemetry-derived insights and analytics for a broader range of devices. After the initial CX Agent setup, users have the option to configure CX Agent to connect to 20 additional Catalyst Centers within the infrastructure monitored by CX Cloud.

Users can identify devices to incorporate into CX Cloud by uniquely identifying such devices using a seed file or by specifying an IP range, which should be scanned by CX Agent. Both approaches rely on Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) for the purpose of discovery and on Secure Shell (SSH) for connectivity. These must be properly configured to enable successful telemetry collection.

To add other assets as data sources, use any of the following options:

- Upload a seed file using a seed file template
- Provide an IP address range

## Discovery Protocols

Both seed file-based direct device discovery and IP range-based discovery rely on SNMP as the discovery protocol. Different versions of SNMP exist, but CX Agent supports SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 and either or both versions can be configured. The same information, described below in complete detail, must be provided by the user to complete configuration and to enable connectivity between the SNMP-managed device and SNMP service manager.

SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 differ in terms of security and remote configuration model. SNMPv3 uses an enhanced cryptographic security system supporting SHA encryption to authenticate messages and ensure their privacy. It is recommended that SNMPv3 be used on all public and internet-facing networks to protect against security risks and threats. On CX Cloud, it is preferred that SNMPv3 be configured and not SNMPv2c, except for older legacy devices that lack built-in support for SNMPv3. If both versions of SNMP are configured by the user, then the CX Agent attempts, by default, to communicate with each respective device using SNMPv3 and reverts to SNMPv2c if the communication cannot be successfully negotiated.

## Connectivity Protocols

As part of the direct device connectivity setup, users must specify details of the device connectivity protocol: SSH (or, alternatively, Telnet). SSHv2 should be used, except in the cases of individual legacy assets which lack the appropriate built-in support. Be aware that SSHv1 protocol contains fundamental vulnerabilities. Absent additional security, telemetry data and the underlying assets can be compromised due to these vulnerabilities when relying on SSHv1. Telnet is also insecure. Credential information (e.g., usernames and passwords) submitted through telnet are not encrypted and therefore vulnerable to compromise, absent additional security.

## Telemetry Processing Limitations for Devices

The following are limitations when processing telemetry data for devices:

- Some devices may show as reachable in the **Collection Summary** but are not visible in the CX Cloud **Assets** page.
- If a device from the seed file or IP range collections is also part of the Catalyst Center inventory, the device is reported only once for the Catalyst Center entry. The respective devices within the seed file or IP range entry are skipped to avoid duplication.
- Cisco IP phones are not supported in CX Cloud for data collection by CX Agent. As a result, Cisco IP phones do not display in the assets list.

## Adding Other Assets Using a Seed File

A Seed File is a .csv file where each line represents a system data record. In a seed file, every seed file record corresponds to a unique device from which telemetry should be collected by CX Agent. All error or information messages for each device entry from the seed file being imported are captured as part of job log details. All devices in a seed file are considered managed devices, even if the devices are unreachable at the time of initial configuration. In the event a new seed file is being uploaded to replace a previous one, the date of last upload is displayed in CX Cloud.

CX Agent will attempt to connect to the devices but may not be able to process each one to show in the **Assets** pages in cases where it is not able to determine the PIDs or Serial Numbers.

Any row in the seed file that starts with a semicolon is ignored. The header row in the seed file starts with a semicolon and can be kept as is (recommended option) or deleted while creating the customer seed file.



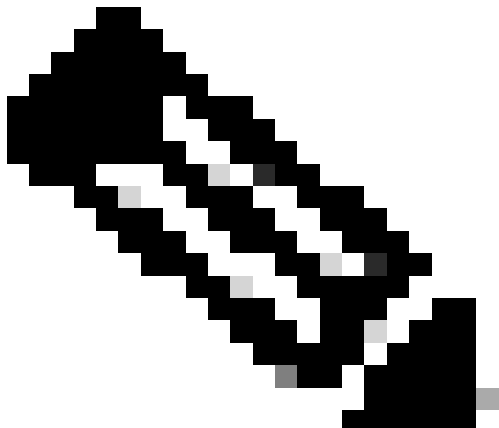
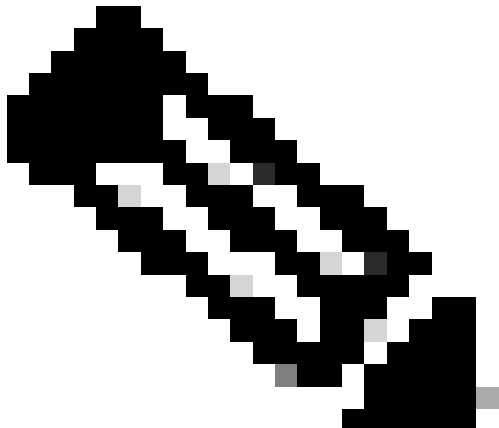
Users can upload a Common Services Platform Collector (CSPC) Seed File in the same way as a standard CX Cloud Seed File, and any required reformatting is managed in the CX Cloud.

For CX Agent v3.1 and later, customers can upload Seed Files in either the CSPC or CX format; only the CX format Seed File is supported for earlier CX Agent versions.

It is important that the format of the sample seed file, including column headers, not be altered in any way.

The following table identifies all necessary seed file columns and the data that must be included in each column.

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier                                | Purpose of the Column                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A                | IP Address or hostname                                    | Provide a valid, unique IP Address or hostname of the device.                                                                                                                                                           |
| B                | SNMP protocol version                                     | The SNMP protocol is required by CX Agent and is used for device discovery within the customer network. Values can be snmpv2c or snmpv3, but snmpv3 is recommended due to security considerations.                      |
| C                | snmpRo : Mandatory if col#=3 selected as 'snmpv2c'        | If the legacy variant of SNMPv2 is selected for a specific device, then snmpRO (read only) credentials for the device SNMP collection must be specified. Otherwise, entry can be blank.                                 |
| D                | snmpv3UserName : Mandatory if col#=3 selected as 'snmpv3' | If SNMPv3 is selected to communicate with a specific device, then the respective login username must be provided.                                                                                                       |
| E                | snmpv3AuthAlgorithm : values can be MD5 or SHA            | SNMPv3 protocol permits Authentication via either the Message Digest (MD5) or Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA). If the device is configured with secure authentication, then the respective Auth Algorithm must be provided. |

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier                     | Purpose of the Column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                                                |  <p><b>Note:</b> MD5 is considered insecure, and SHA can be used on all devices that support it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| F                | snmpv3AuthPassword : password                  | If either a MD5 or a SHA cryptographic algorithm is configured on the device, then the relevant Authentication password needs to be provided for device access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| G                | snmpv3PrivAlgorithm : values can be DES , 3DES | <p>If the device is configured with the SNMPv3 privacy algorithm (this algorithm is used to encrypt the response), then the respective Algorithm needs to be provided.</p>  <p><b>Note:</b> 56-bit keys used by Data Encryption Standard (DES) are considered too short to provide cryptographic security, and that</p> |

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier                                                                                                                      | Purpose of the Column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                                                                                                                                                 | Triple Data Encryption Standard (3DES) can be used on all devices that support it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| H                | snmpv3PrivPassword : password                                                                                                                   | If the SNMPv3 privacy algorithm is configured on the device, then its respective privacy password needs to be provided for device connection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I                | snmpv3EngineId : engineID, unique ID representing device, specify engine ID if manually configured on device                                    | The SNMPv3 EngineID is a unique ID representing each device. This engine ID is sent as a reference while collecting the SNMP datasets by CX Agent. If the customer configures the EngineID manually, then the respective EngineID needs to be provided.                                                                                                                                               |
| J                | cliProtocol: values can be 'telnet', 'sshv1', 'sshv2'. If empty can set to 'sshv2' by default                                                   | The Command Line Interface (CLI) is intended to interact with the device directly. CX Agent uses this protocol for CLI collection for a specific device. This CLI collection data is used for Assets and other Insights Reporting within CX Cloud. SSHv2 is recommended; absent other network security measures, in themselves SSHv1 and Telnet protocols do not provide adequate transport security. |
| K                | cliPort : CLI protocol port number                                                                                                              | If any CLI Protocol is selected, its respective port number needs to be provided. For example, 22 for SSH and 23 for telnet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| L                | cliUser : CLI User name (either CLI username/password or BOTH can be provided, BUT both columns (col#=12 and col#=13) cannot be empty.)         | The respective CLI username of the device needs to be provided. This is used by CX Cloud Agent at the time of connecting to the device during CLI collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| M                | cliPassword : CLI user password (either CLI username/password or BOTH can be provided, BUT both columns (col#=12 and col#=13) cannot be empty.) | The respective CLI password of the device needs to be provided. This is used by CX Agent at the time of connecting to the device during CLI collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| N                | cliEnableUser                                                                                                                                   | If enable is configured on the device, then the device's enableUsername value needs to be                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |


| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier          | Purpose of the Column                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                                     | provided.                                                                                           |
| O                | cliEnablePassword                   | If enable is configured on the device, then the device's enablePassword value needs to be provided. |
| P                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use                                                                             |
| Q                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use                                                                             |
| R                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use                                                                             |
| S                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use                                                                             |

## Adding Other Assets Using a New Seed File

To add other assets using a new Seed File:


1. Click **Add Data Source** in the **Admin Center > Data Sources** window.

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Add Data Source



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Add Data Source

*Add Data Source*

2. Click **Add Data Source** from the **Other Assets by Seed File** option.

## Which CX Cloud Agent Do You Want to Connect to?

Select option 

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**Cancel** Continue



*Select CX Agent*

3. Select the CX Agent from the **Which CX Cloud Agent Do You Want to Connect to** drop-down list.

## Which CX Cloud Agent Do You Want to Connect to?

OIC\_Team\_test\_CXCAGent\_IP\_104 

**Cancel** **Continue**

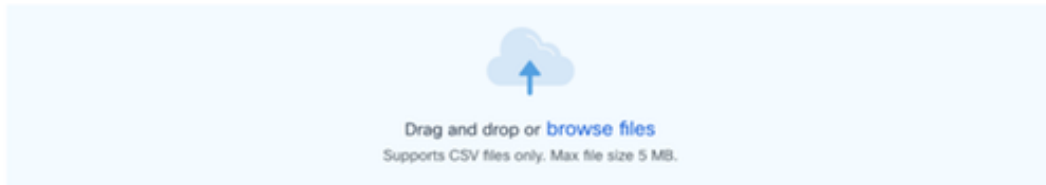


*Continue*

4. Click **Continue**. The **Upload Your Seed File** page displays.

### Upload your seed file

Download the [seed file template](#) and add your device information. Then attach the file below.



### Schedule inventory collection

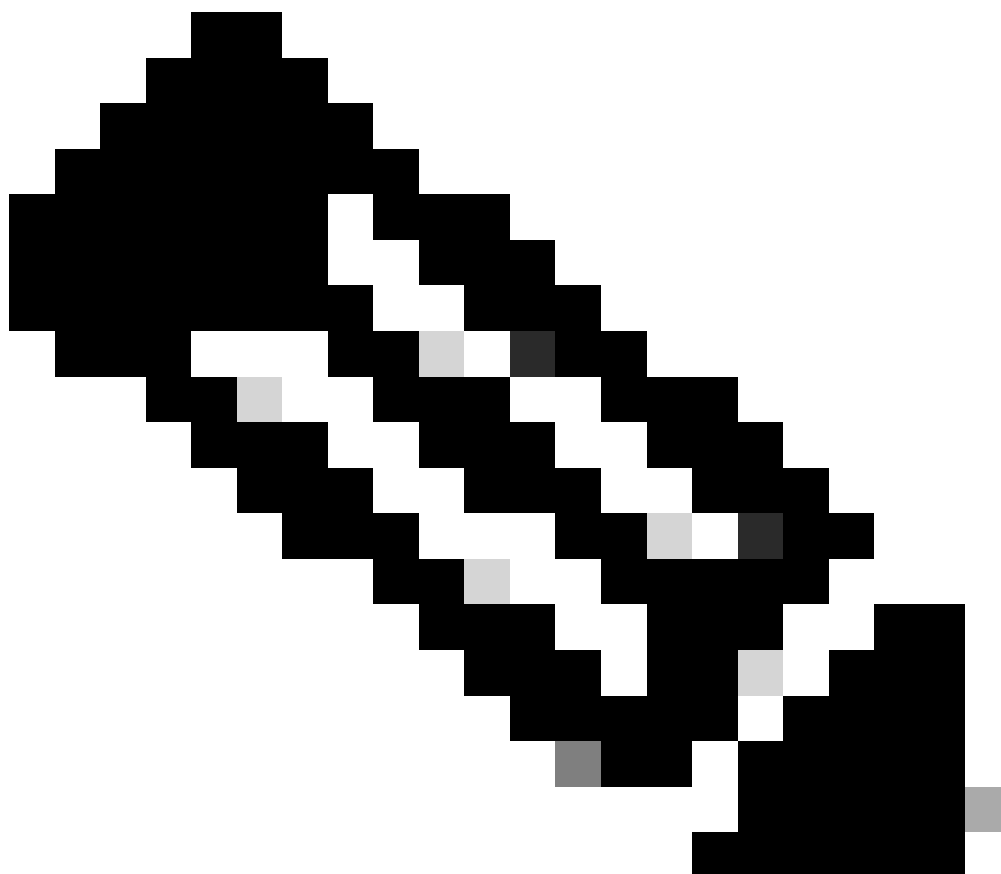
| Frequency   | Select time | Time Zone               |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Frequency ▾ | 12:00 ▾     | AM ▾                    |
|             |             | Europe/Amsterdam (... ▾ |

☒ Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)

Connect

#### *Upload Your Seed File*

5. Click the hyperlinked **seed file template** to download the template.
6. Manually enter or import data into the file. Once complete, save the template as a .csv file to import the file into CX Agent.
7. Drag-and-drop or click **browse files** to upload the .csv file.
8. Complete the **Schedule inventory collection** section.



**Note:** Before initial configuration of CX Cloud is completed, CX Cloud Agent must perform the first telemetry collection by processing the seed file and establishing connection with all identified devices. Collection can be initiated on-demand or run according to a schedule defined here. Users can perform the first telemetry connection by selecting the Run the first collection now check box. Depending on the number of entries specified in the seed file and other factors, this process can take a considerable amount of time.

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9. Click **Connect**. The **Data Sources** window opens, displaying a confirmation message.

## Adding Other Assets Using a Modified Seed File

To add, modify, or delete devices using the current Seed File:

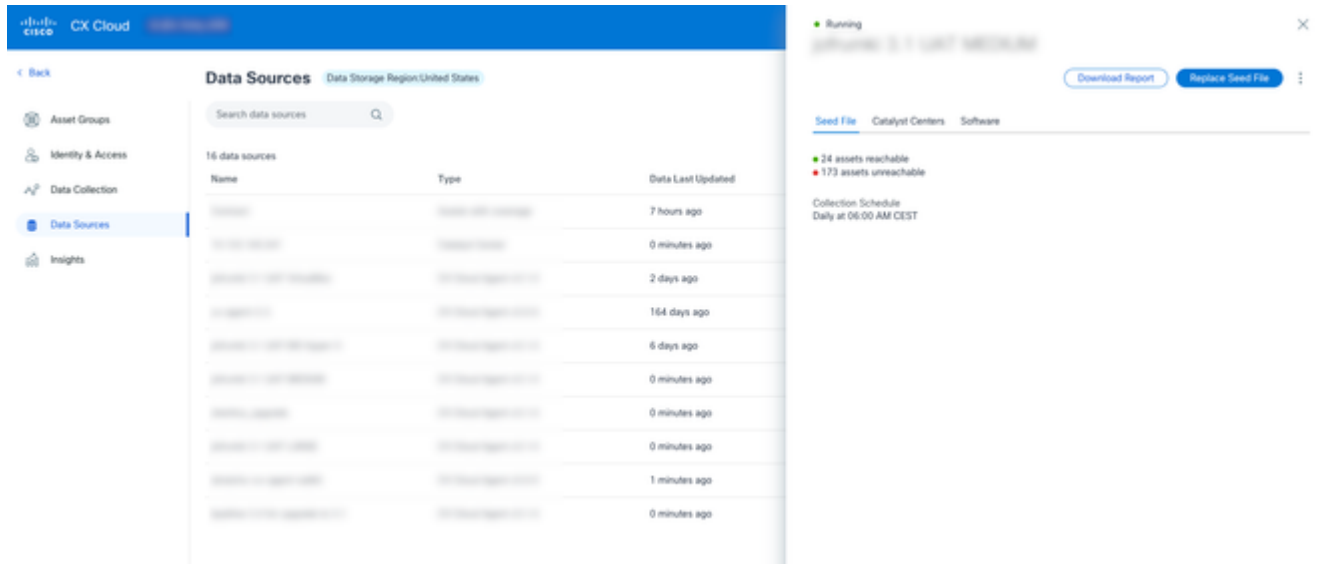
1. **Open** the previously created seed file, make required changes, and **save** the file.



**Note:** To add assets to the seed file, append those assets to the previously created seed file and reload the file. This is necessary since uploading a new seed file replaces the current seed file. Only the latest uploaded seed file is used for discovery and collection.

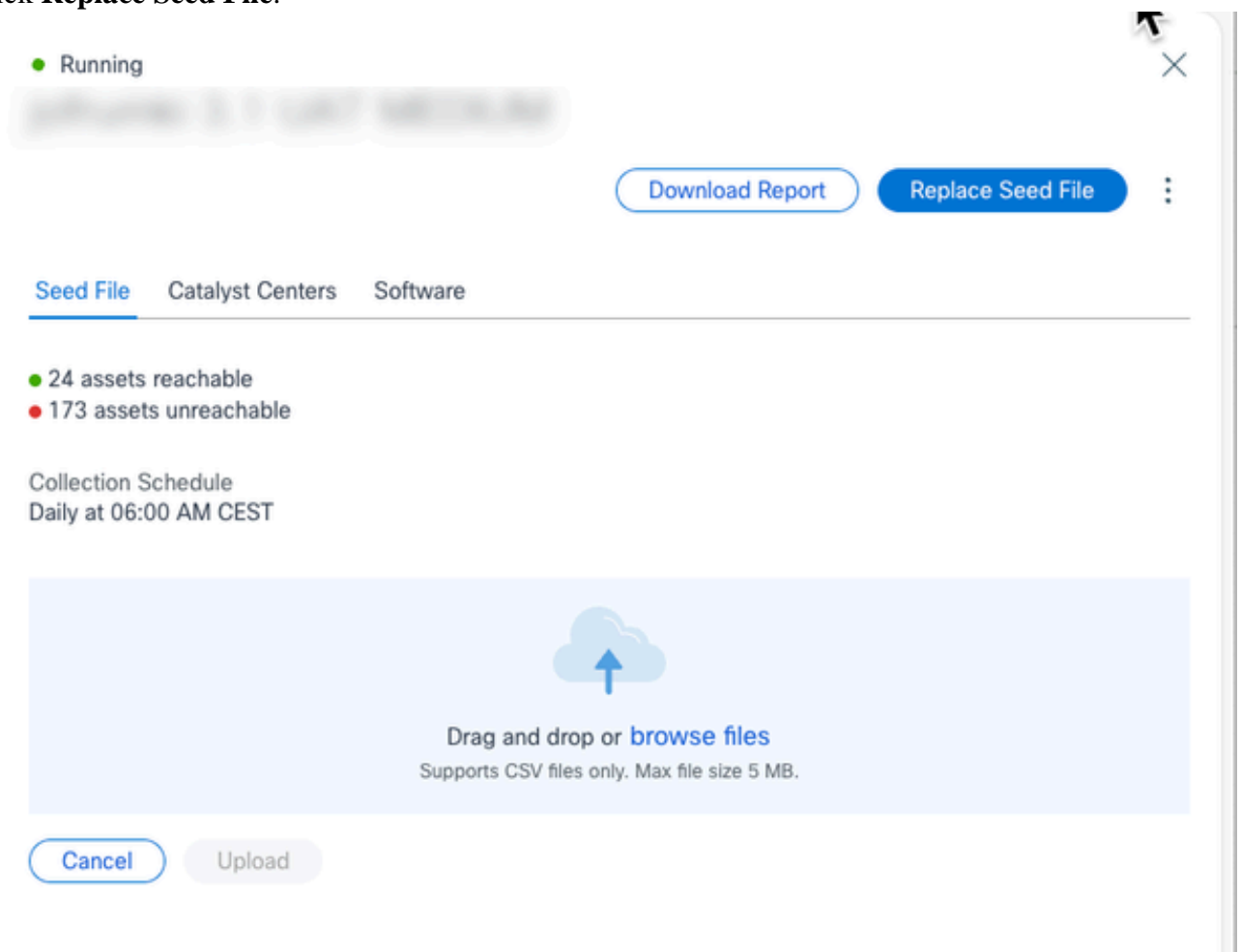
- 
2. From the **Data Sources** page, click the CX Agent data source that requires an updated seed file. The **CX Cloud Agent** details window opens.





*Seed File*

3. Click **Replace Seed File**.



*Replace Seed File*

4. Drag-and-drop or click **browse files** to upload the modified seed file.

5. Click **Upload**.

## Default Credentials for the Seed File

CX Agent provides default credentials that customers can set up locally in Agent, eliminating the need to include sensitive passwords directly in the Seed File. This enhances security by reducing exposure of confidential information, addressing a key customer concern.

## Adding Other Assets Using IP Ranges

IP ranges allow users to identify hardware assets and, subsequently, collect telemetry from those devices based on IP addresses. The devices for telemetry collection can be uniquely identified by specifying a single network-level IP range, which can be scanned by CX Agent using the SNMP protocol. If the IP range is chosen to identify a directly connected device, the IP addresses that are referenced can be as restrictive as possible, while allowing coverage for all required assets.

- Specific IPs can be provided, or wildcards can be used to replace octets of an IP to create a range.
- If a specific IP address is not included in the IP range identified during setup, CX Agent does not attempt to communicate with a device that has such an IP address, nor does it collect telemetry from such a device.
- Entering \*.\*.\* allows CX Agent to use the user-supplied credential with any IP. For example: 172.16.\*.\* allows the credentials to be used for all devices in the 172.16.0.0/16 subnet.
- If there are any changes to the network or Installed Base (IB), the IP range can be modified. Refer to section [Editing IP Ranges](#)

CX Agent will attempt to connect to the devices but may not be able to process each one to show in the **Assets** view in cases where it is not able to determine the PIDs or Serial Numbers.



### Notes:

Clicking **Edit IP Address Range** initiates on-demand device discovery. When any new device is added or deleted (within or outside) to a specified IP-range, customer must always click **Edit IP Address Range** (refer to section [Editing IP Ranges](#)) and complete the steps required for initiating the on-demand device discovery to include any newly added device to the CX Agent collection inventory.

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Adding devices using an IP range requires users to specify all applicable credentials through the configuration UI. The fields visible vary depending on the protocols selected on the previous windows. If multiple selections are made for the same protocol, for example, selecting both SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 or selecting both SSHv2 and SSHv1, CX Agent automatically auto-negotiates the protocol selection based on the individual device capabilities.


When connecting devices using IP addresses, customer should ensure all relevant protocols in the IP range along with SSH versions and Telnet credentials are valid or the connections will fail.

## Adding Other Assets by IP Ranges

To add devices using the IP range:


1. Select the **Admin Center** icon. The **Data Sources** window opens.
2. Click **Add Data Source** in the **Admin Center > Data Sources** window.

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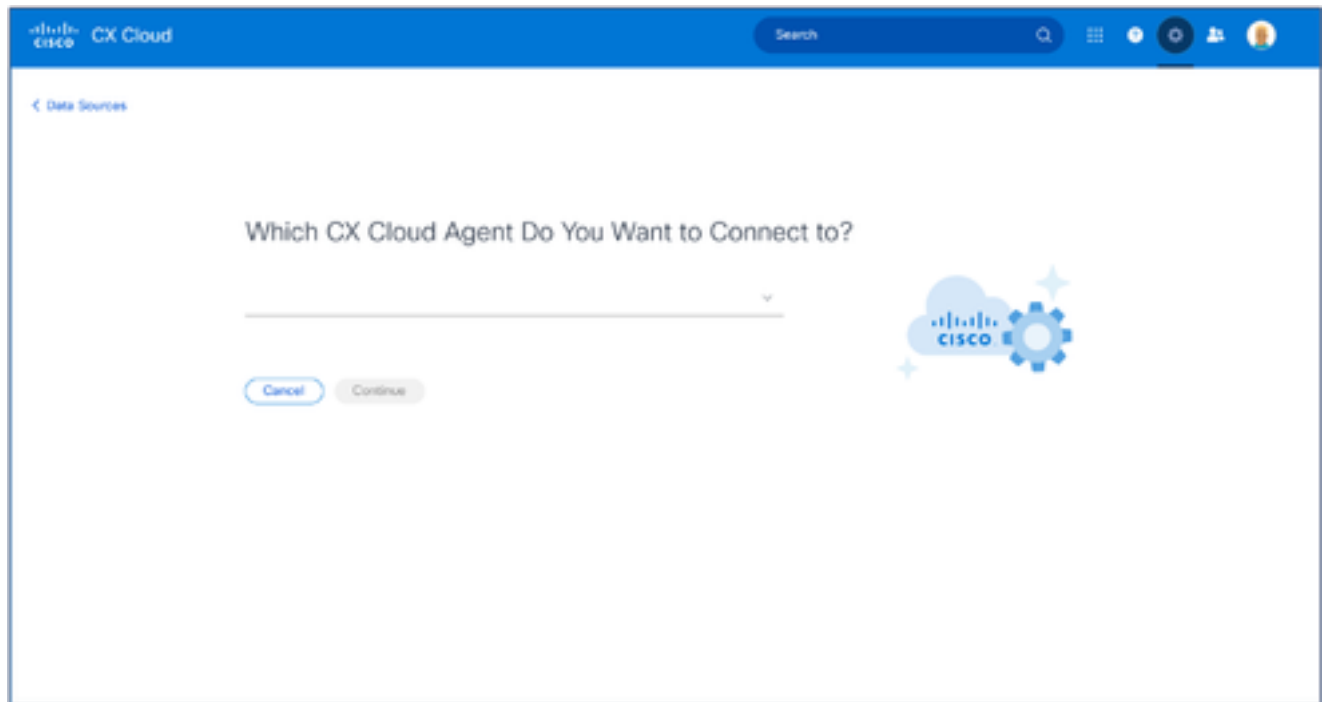


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Add Data Source

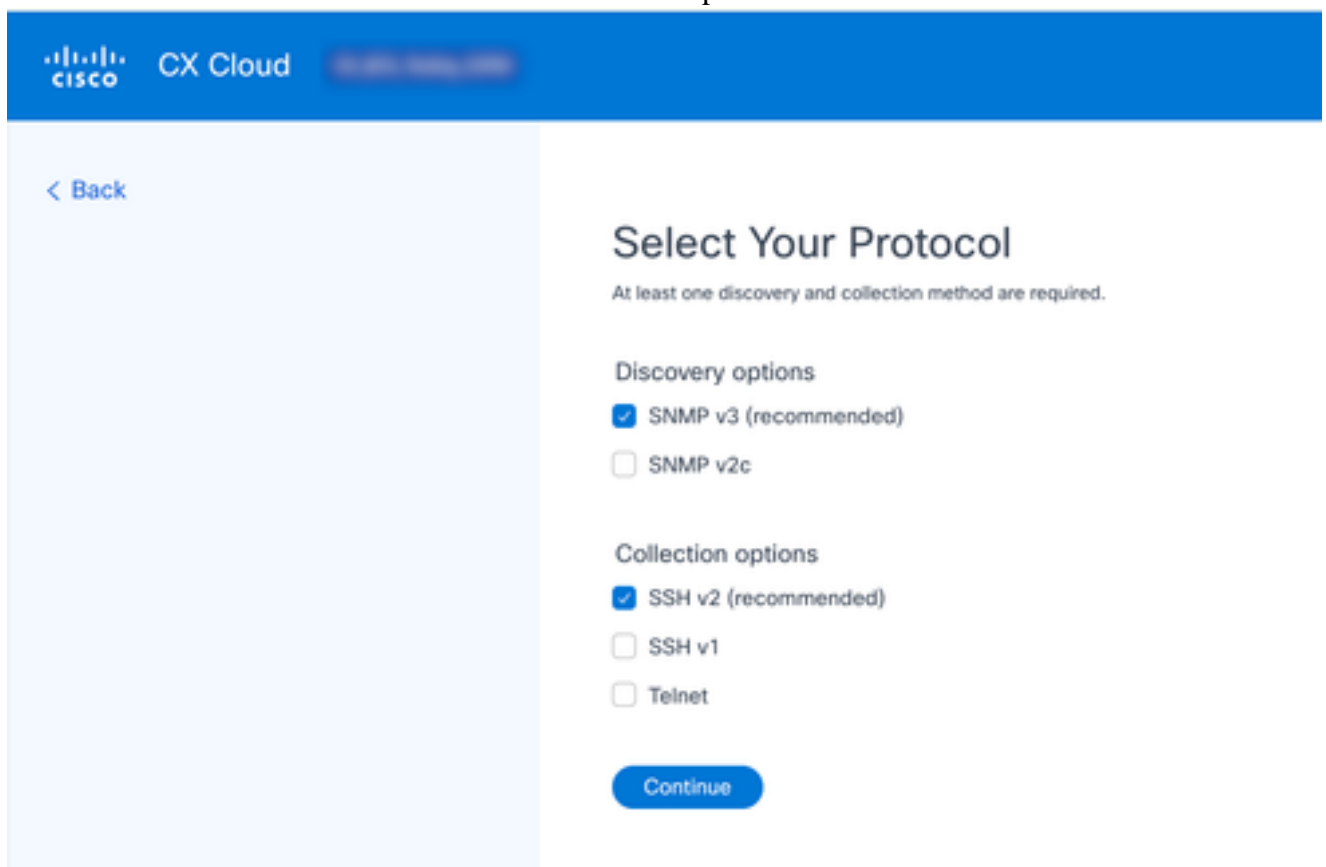
Add Data Source

3. Click **Add Data Source** in the **Other Assets by IP Ranges** option.



*Select CX Cloud Agent*

4. Select the CX Agent from the **Which CX Cloud Agent Do You Want to Connect to** drop-down list.
5. Click **Continue**. The **Select Your Protocol** window opens.



*Select Your Protocol*

6. Select the applicable check boxes for **Discovery options** and **Collection options**.
7. Click **Continue**.

## Provide Discovery Details

[Edit the protocols](#)

Starting IP Address

Ending IP Address

### SNMP v3 credentials

Username

Engine ID

Authorization Algorithm

Select



Authorization Password

Privacy Algorithm

Select



Privacy Password

### SSHv2 credentials

Username

Password

[Enable mode \(optional\)](#)

## Schedule Inventory Collection

Frequency

Select Time

Freq...

12:00

AM

WEDT

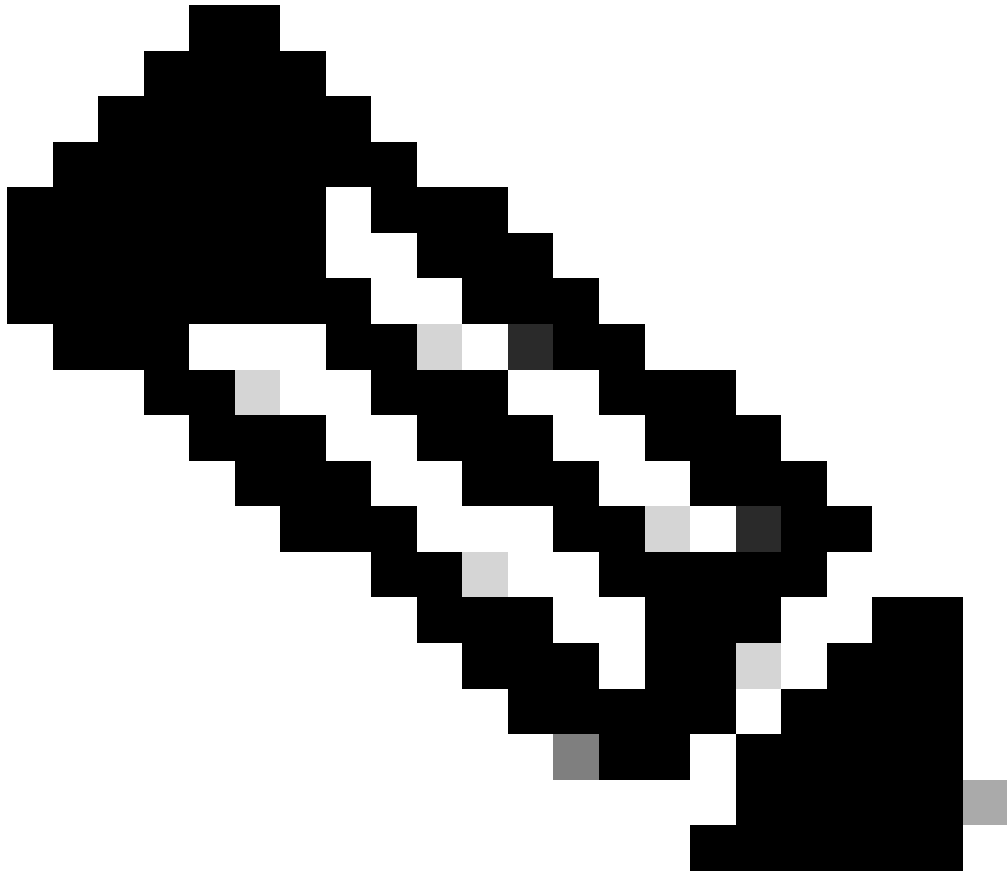
☒ Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)

Add Another IP Range

Complete Setup

*Discovery details*

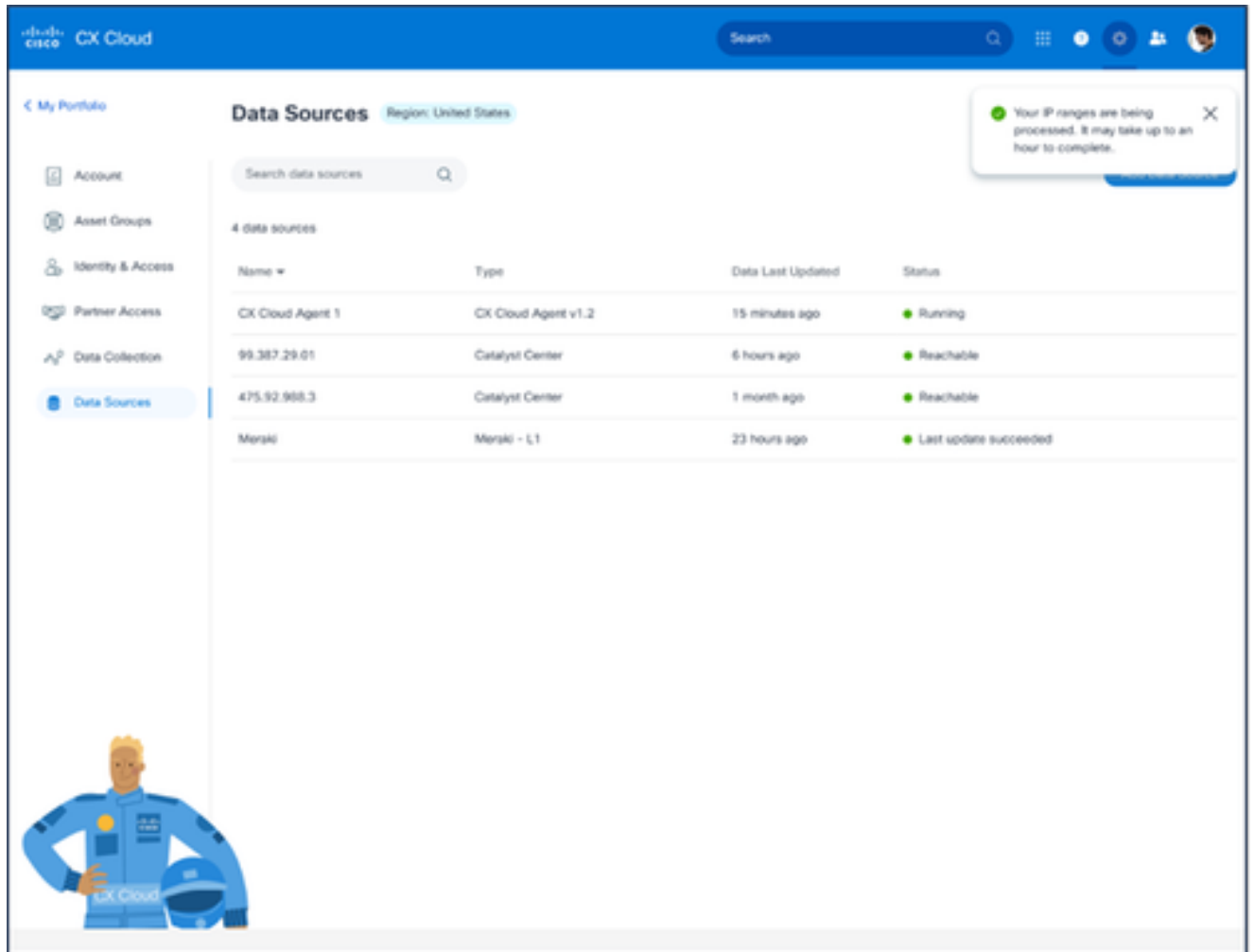
8. Enter the required details in the **Provide Discovery Details** and **Schedule Inventory Collection** sections.



**Note:** To add another IP range for the selected CX Agent, click **Add Another IP Range** to navigate back to the **Set Your Protocol** window and repeat the steps in this section.

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9. Click **Complete Setup**. A confirmation displays upon successful deployment.

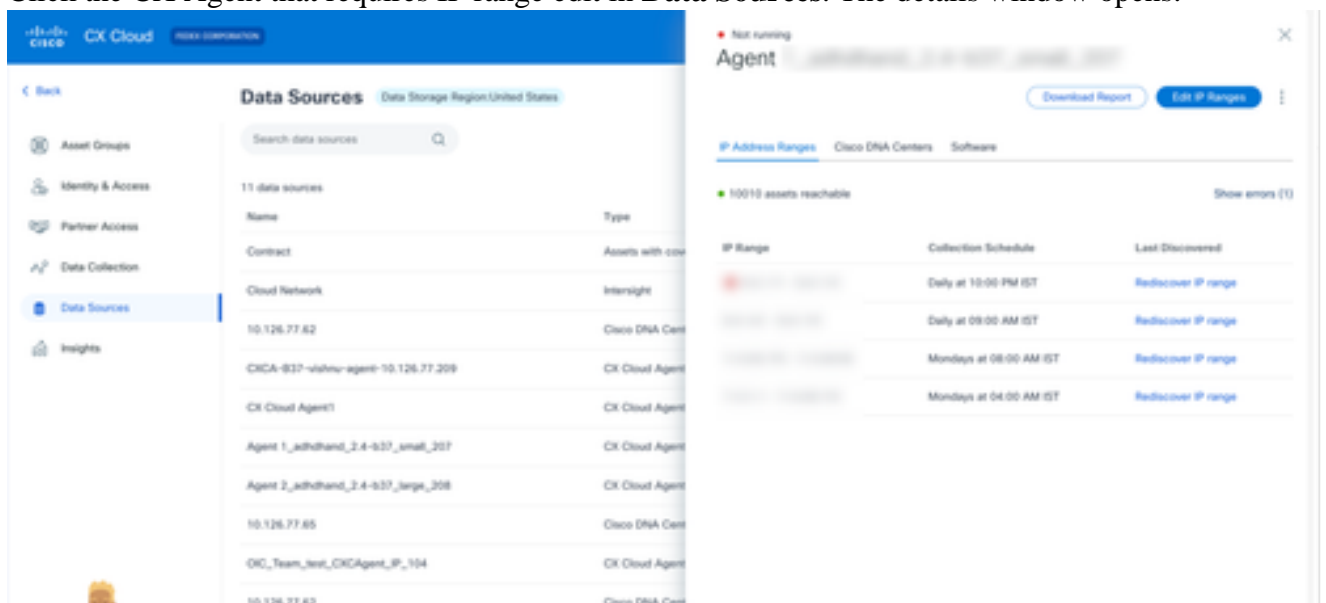


Confirmation Message

## Editing IP Ranges

To edit an IP range:

1. Navigate to the **Data Sources** window.
2. Click the CX Agent that requires IP range edit in **Data Sources**. The details window opens.



3. Click **Edit IP Address Range**. The Connect to CX Cloud window opens.

The screenshot shows the Cisco CX Cloud interface for configuring discovery details. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Added IP Address Ranges (4)' with an 'Edit' link for each. The main area is titled 'Provide Discovery Details' and includes a link to 'Edit the protocols'. It contains sections for 'SNMP V2c credentials' (with a 'Read Community' field), 'SSHV2 credentials' (with 'Username' and 'Password' fields, and optional 'Enable Username' and 'Enable Password' checkboxes), and 'Telnet credentials' (with similar fields and checkboxes). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Delete this IP range', 'Add Another IP Range', and 'Complete Setup'.

4. Click **Edit the protocols**. The **Select Your Protocol** window opens.



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### Added IP Address Ranges (4)

Edit

Edit

Edit

Edit

## Select Your Protocol

At least one discovery and collection method are required.

#### Discovery options

☐ SNMP v3 (recommended)

☒ SNMP v2c

#### Collection options

☒ SSH v2 (recommended)

☐ SSH v1

☒ Telnet

[Continue](#)

*Select Your Protocol*

5. Select the appropriate check boxes to choose applicable protocols and click **Continue** to navigate back to the **Provide Discovery Details** window.





**Note:** This confirmation message does not verify whether devices within the modified range are reachable or if their credentials are accepted. This confirmation occurs when the customer initiates the discovery process.

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CX Cloud
new content

Search

IP address range updated

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Partner Access
Data Collection

## Data Sources

Data Storage Region: United States

Add A Data Source

Search data sources

4 Total Data Sources

| Name                                     | Type                  | Data Last Updated | Status                   |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| CX Cloud Agent                           | CX Cloud Agent v2.2.3 | 3 minutes ago     | Running                  |
| Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent | IP address range      | 3 minutes ago     | 1 unreachable            |
| Data Center Compute                      | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending |
| Cloud Network                            | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending |

## Deleting IP Range

To delete an IP range:

1. Navigate to the **Data Sources** window.
2. Select the respective CX Agent with the IP range that needs to be deleted. The details window opens.

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Data Sources
Insights

### Data Sources

Data Storage Region: United States

Search data sources

11 data sources

| Name                                | Type              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Contract                            | Assets with cover |
| Cloud Network                       | Intersight        |
| 10.126.77.62                        | Cisco DNA Cent    |
| CICA-837-vishnu-agent-10.126.77.209 | CX Cloud Agent    |
| CX Cloud Agent1                     | CX Cloud Agent    |
| Agent 1_adhdhand_2.6-937_small_207  | CX Cloud Agent    |
| Agent 2_adhdhand_2.6-937_large_208  | CX Cloud Agent    |
| 10.126.77.65                        | Cisco DNA Cent    |
| OIC_Team_test_CXCAgent_IP_104       | CX Cloud Agent    |
| 10.126.77.62                        | Cisco DNA Cent    |

Not running

Agent

Download Report

Edit IP Ranges

IP Address Ranges

Cisco DNA Centers

Software


10010 assets reachable

Show errors (0)

| IP Range     | Collection Schedule     | Last Discovered     |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 10.126.77.62 | Daily at 10:00 PM IST   | Rediscover IP range |
| 10.126.77.62 | Daily at 09:00 AM IST   | Rediscover IP range |
| 10.126.77.62 | Mondays at 08:00 AM IST | Rediscover IP range |
| 10.126.77.62 | Mondays at 04:00 AM IST | Rediscover IP range |

Data Sources

3. Click **Edit IP Ranges**. The **Provide Discovery Details** window opens.

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**Added IP Address Ranges (4)**

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 10.0.0.0/24 | <a href="#">Edit</a> |
| 10.0.0.0/24 | <a href="#">Edit</a> |
| 10.0.0.0/24 | <a href="#">Edit</a> |
| 10.0.0.0/24 | <a href="#">Edit</a> |

### Provide Discovery Details

[Edit the protocols](#)

Starting IP Address: 10.0.0.1 Ending IP Address: 10.0.0.254

**SNMP V2c credentials**

Read Community:

**SSHv2 credentials**

Username: Enable Username (Optional):

Password: Enable Password (Optional):

**Telnet credentials**


Username: Enable Username (Optional):

Password: Enable Password (Optional):

[Delete this IP range](#) [Add Another IP Range](#) [Complete Setup](#)

Provide Discovery Details

4. Click the **Delete this IP range** link. The confirmation message displays.



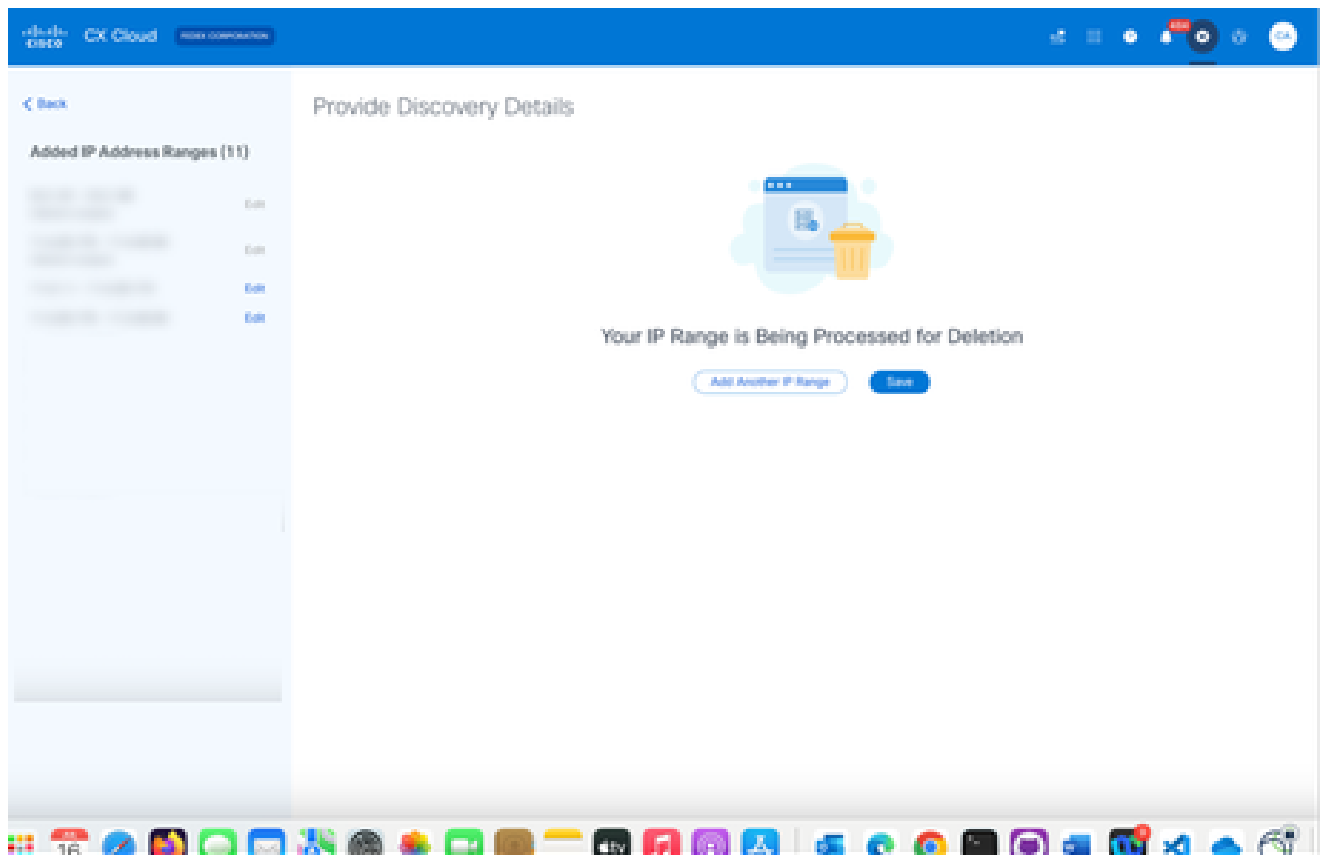
## Delete This IP Range

Any edits you've made won't be saved.

[Continue Editing](#) [Delete](#)

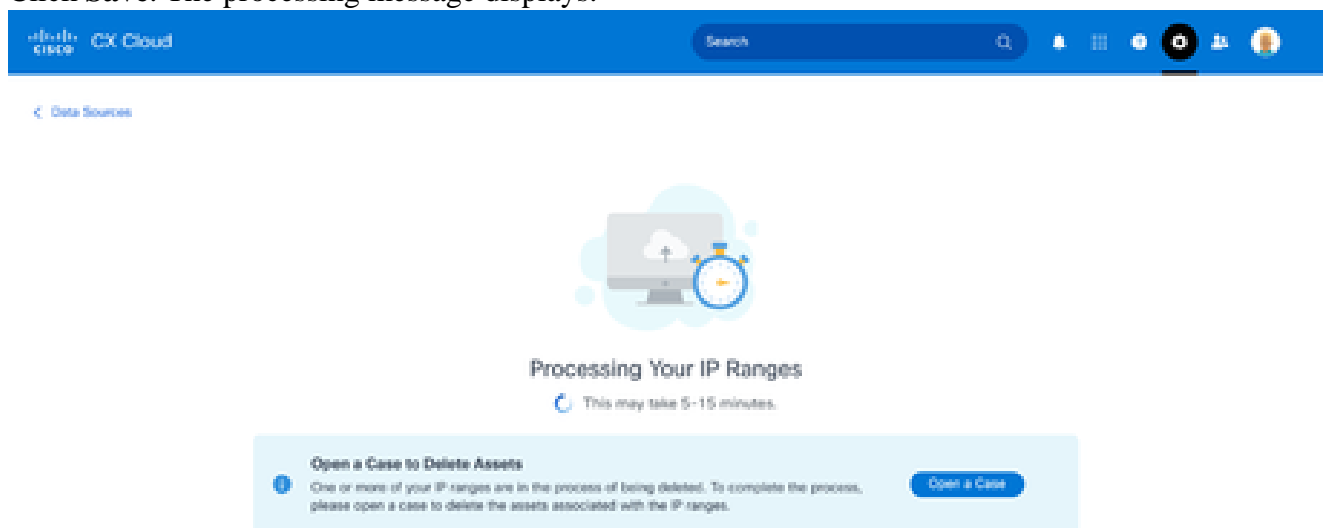
Confirmation Delete Message

5. Click **Delete**.



*IP Range Delete*

6. Click **Save**. The processing message displays.



7. Click **Open a Case** to create a case to delete the assets associated with the IP range. The **Data Sources** window opens, displaying a confirmation message.

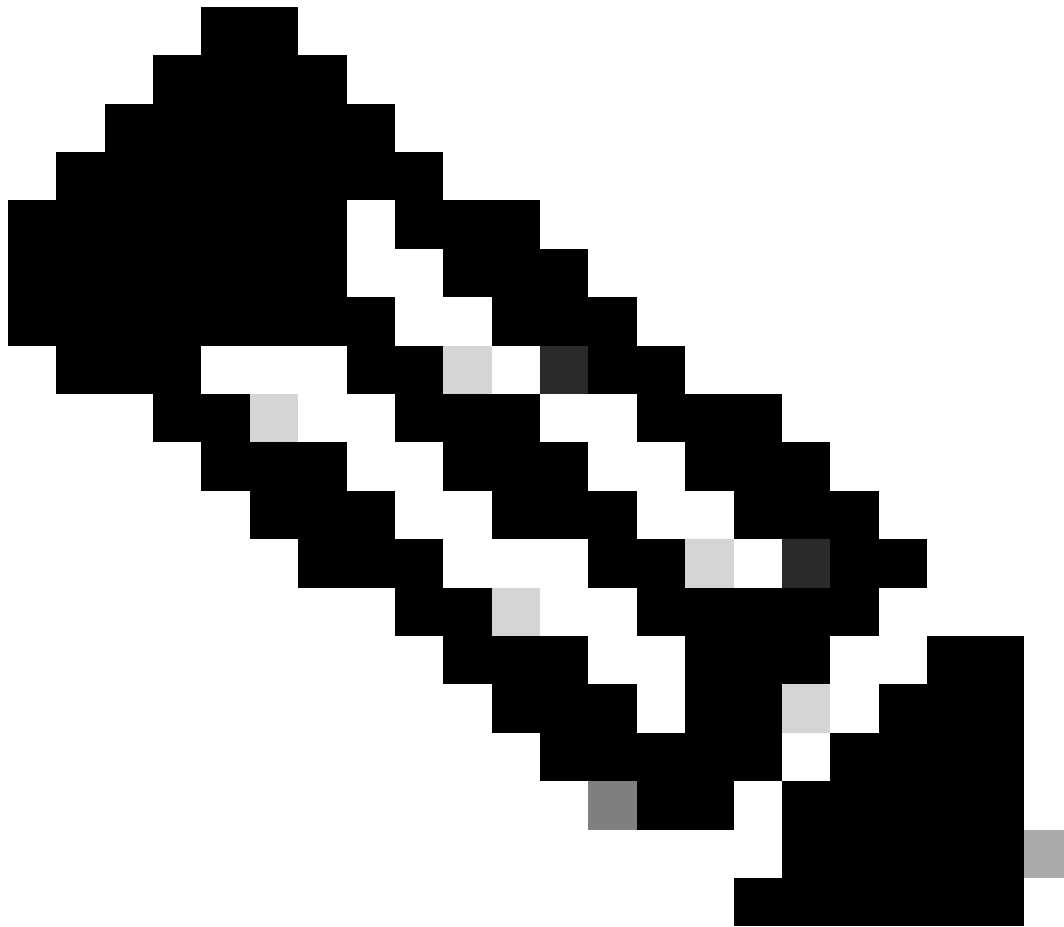
## About Devices Discovered from Multiple Controllers

If the Catalyst Center and Other Assets Collected by CX Agent (Direct Device Connection) are on the same CX Agent, then it is possible that some devices could be discovered by both the Cisco Catalyst Center and direct device connection to CX Agent causing duplicate data to be collected from those devices. To avoid collecting duplicate data and having only one controller manage the devices, a precedence for which CX Agent manages the devices needs to be determined.

- If a device is first discovered by Cisco Catalyst Center and then rediscovered by direct device connection (using a seed file or an IP range), Cisco Catalyst Center takes precedence in controlling the device.
- If a device is first discovered by direct device connection to CX Agent and then rediscovered by Cisco Catalyst Center, Cisco Catalyst Center takes precedence in controlling the device.

## Scheduling Diagnostics Scans

Customers can schedule on demand diagnostic scans in CX Cloud for eligible Success Tracks and their covered devices to populate the **Priority Bugs** in **Advisories**.



**Note:** Cisco recommends scheduling diagnostic scans or initiating on-demand scans at least 6-7 hours apart from inventory collection schedules so they do not overlap. Executing multiple diagnostic scans simultaneously can slow the scanning process and potentially result in scan failures.

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To schedule diagnostic scans:

1. On the **Home** page, click the **Settings** (gear) icon.
2. On the **Data Sources** page, select **Data Collection** in the left pane.
3. Click **Schedule Scan**.



## Data Collection

Diagnostic Scans ⓘ Schedule Scan

< October 2022 >

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |     |

No Diagnostic Scans Found

Inventory Collection ⓘ  
3 Collections

| Source                                   | Schedule                            |   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent | Monthly on the 30th at 05:30 PM EDT | ⋮ |
| Switches                                 | Monthly on the 30th at 05:00 PM EDT | ⋮ |
| WLANs                                    | Monthly on the 30th at 09:00 PM EDT | ⋮ |

Rapid Problem Resolution  
Automate data collection and diagnostics when a support case is opened. This helps Cisco experts diagnose and troubleshoot problems faster.

☒ Enable for Campus Network

### Scheduling Scans

4. Configure a schedule for this scan.

Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent Inventory Collection Details ✕

Schedule History

Weekly ▾ on Sunday ▾ at 12:00 am ▾ EDT

Created: Oct 3, 2022

Save Scheduled Collection

### Configure Scan Schedule

5. In the devices list, select all devices for the scan and click **Add**.

New Scheduled Scan

Data Sources: Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent X

Schedule: Frequency ▾ at Time ▾ IST Save Changes

Description (Optional)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Device      | Source IP   | IP Address  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.1  | 10.10.10.1  | 10.10.10.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.2  | 10.10.10.2  | 10.10.10.2  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.3  | 10.10.10.3  | 10.10.10.3  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.4  | 10.10.10.4  | 10.10.10.4  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.5  | 10.10.10.5  | 10.10.10.5  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.6  | 10.10.10.6  | 10.10.10.6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.7  | 10.10.10.7  | 10.10.10.7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.8  | 10.10.10.8  | 10.10.10.8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.9  | 10.10.10.9  | 10.10.10.9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.10.10.10 | 10.10.10.10 | 10.10.10.10 |

Add >  
< Remove

| <input type="checkbox"/>          | Device | Source IP | IP Address |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Devices are part of selected list |        |           |            |

1 2 Next

6. Click **Save Changes** when the scheduling is complete.

The Diagnostic Scans and the Inventory Collection schedules can be edited and deleted from the Data Collection page.

**Data Collection**

**Diagnostic Scans**

2 Scans

| Asset Count | Source     | Schedule              |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | [Redacted] | Not scannable         |
| 10          | [Redacted] | Daily at 07:00 PM IST |

**Inventory Collection**

8 Collections

| Source     | Schedule                           |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| [Redacted] | Daily at 04:00 AM IST              |
| [Redacted] | Daily at 12:30 AM IST              |
| [Redacted] | Monthly on the 9th at 11:30 PM IST |
| [Redacted] | Daily at 02:00 AM IST              |

**Rapid Problem Resolution**

Automate data collection and diagnostics when a support case is opened. This helps Cisco experts diagnose and troubleshoot problems faster.

☐ Enable for Campus Network

Rapid Problem Resolution for Cloud Network and Data Center Compute is managed in Intersight. Enable or disable tech support bundle collection in Intersight for these Success Tracks.

[View detailed instructions](#)

Data Collection with Edit and Delete Schedule options

## Upgrading CX Agent VMs to Medium and Large Configurations

Once VMs are upgraded, it is not possible to:

- Downscale from a large or medium to a small configuration
- Downscale from a large to medium configuration
- Upgrade from a medium to large configuration

Prior to upgrading the VM, Cisco recommends taking a snapshot for the purpose of recovery in case of failure. Refer to [Backing Up and Restoring the CX Cloud VM](#) for more details.

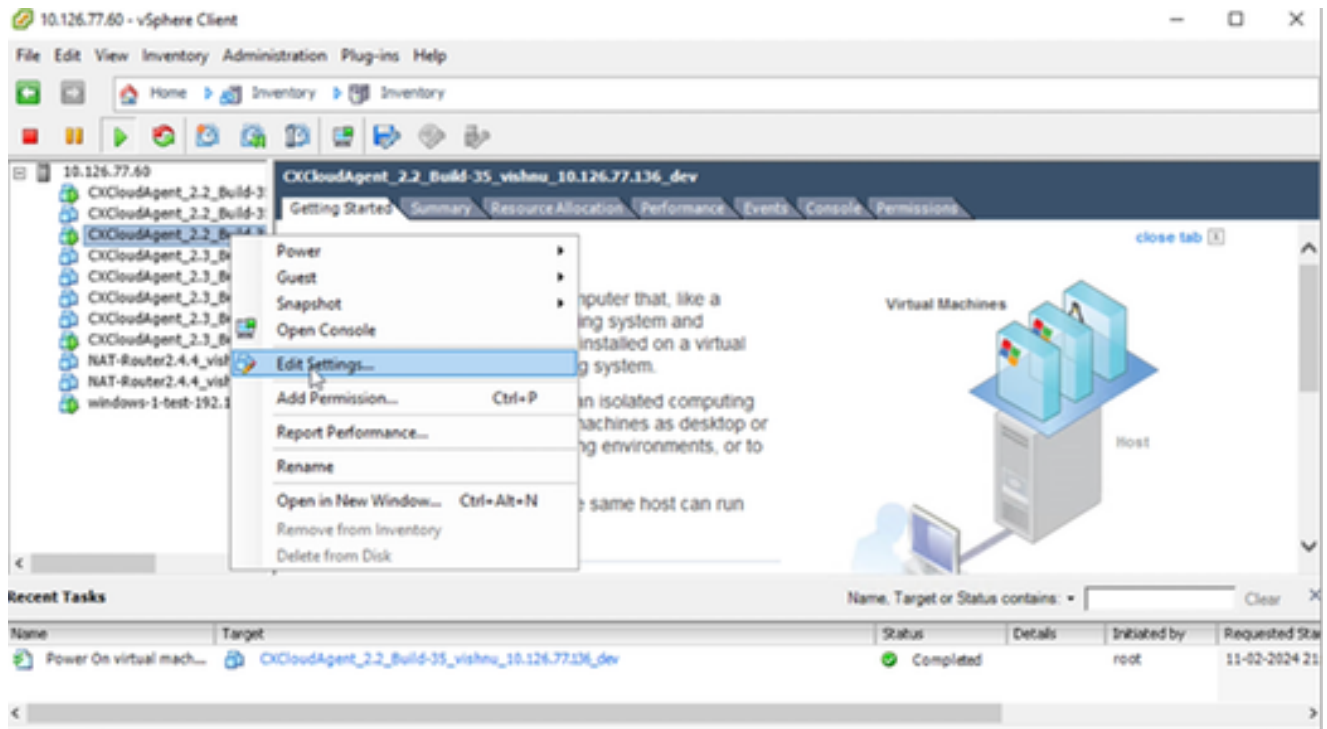
## Reconfiguring Using VMware vSphere Thick Client

To upgrade the VM configuration using existing VMware vSphere Thick Client:



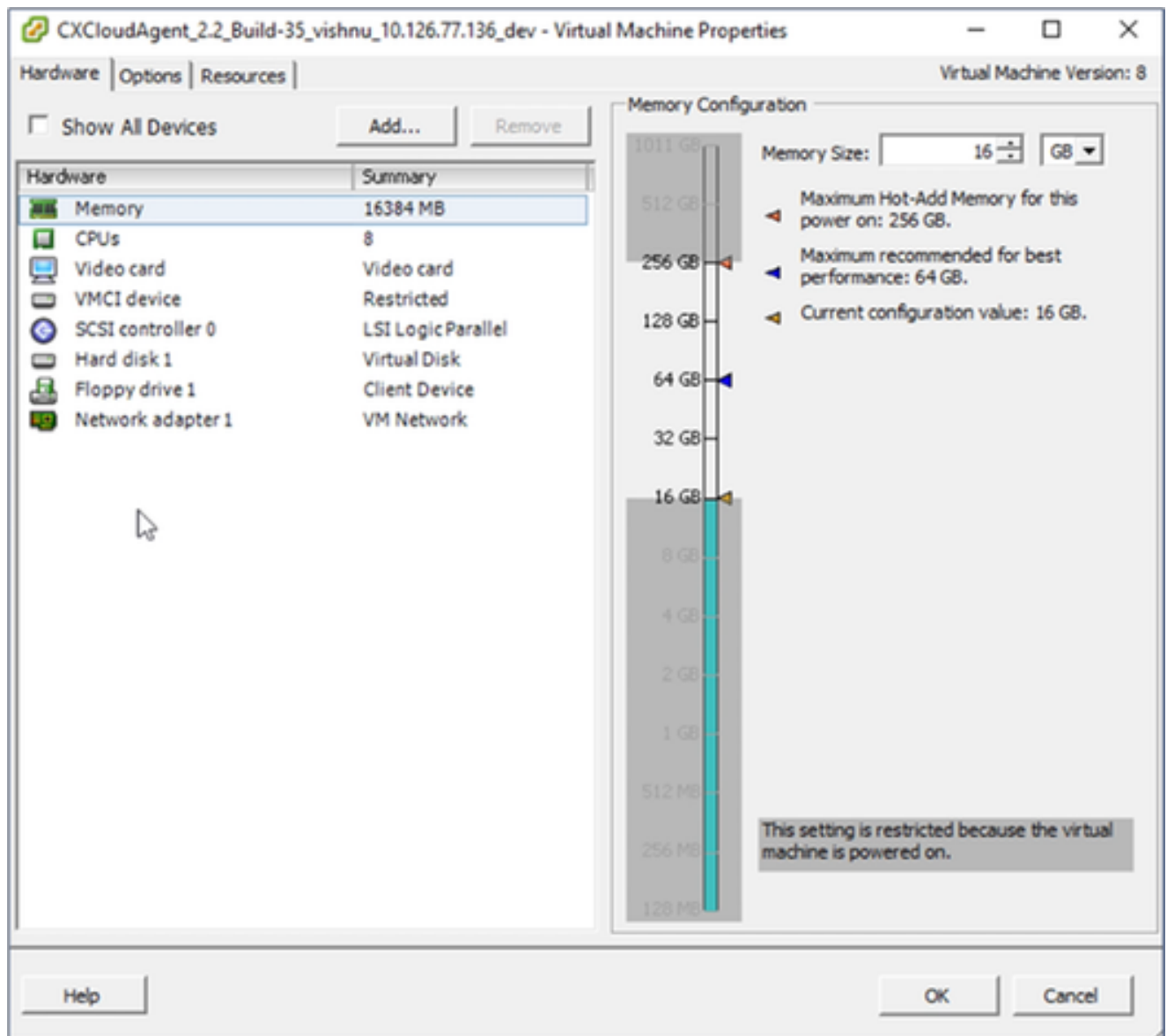
*vSphere Client*

1. Log in to the VMware vSphere Client. The **Home** page displays a list of VMs.



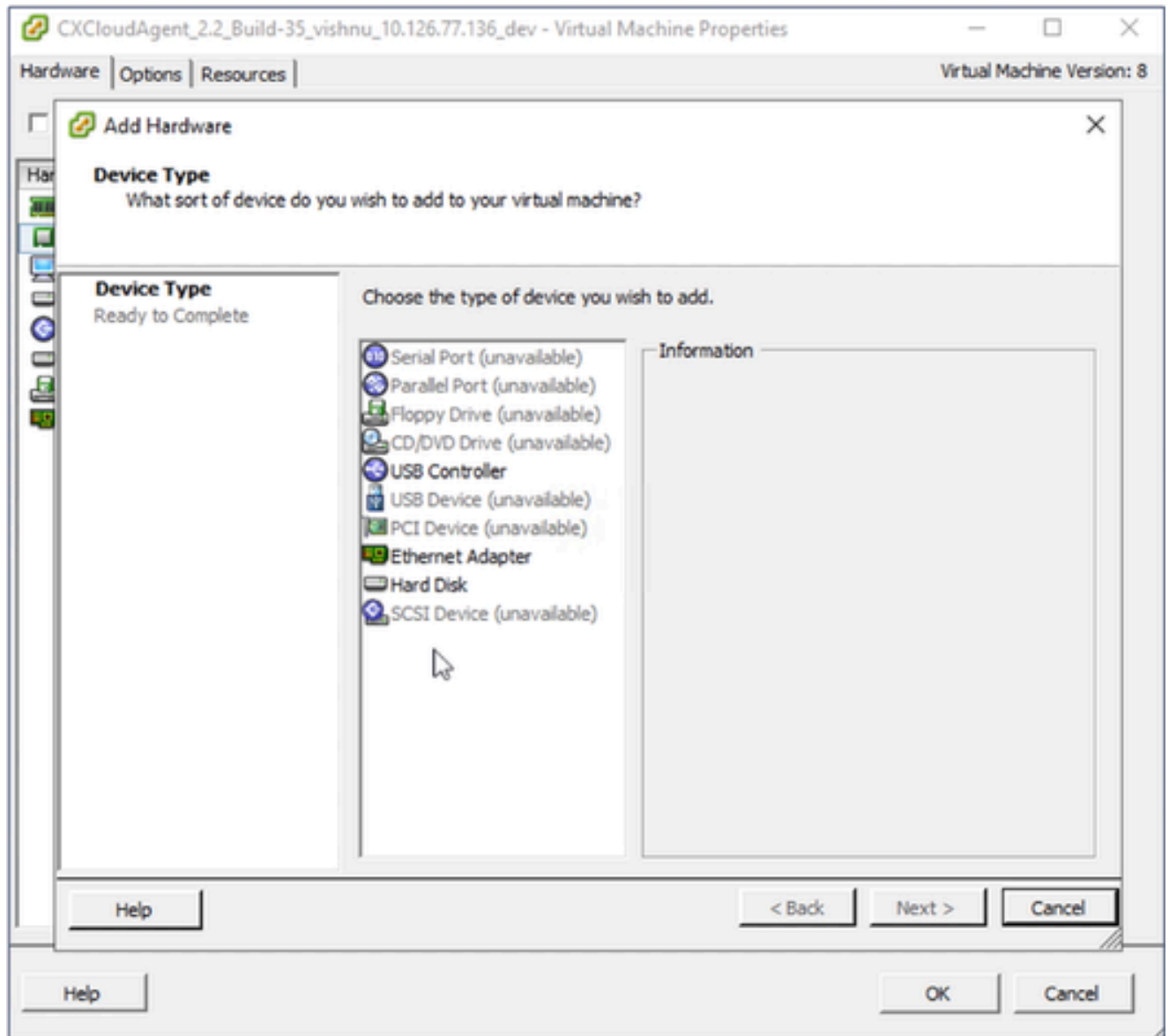
*Edit Settings*

2. Right-click the target VM and select **Edit Settings** from the menu. The **VM Properties** window opens.



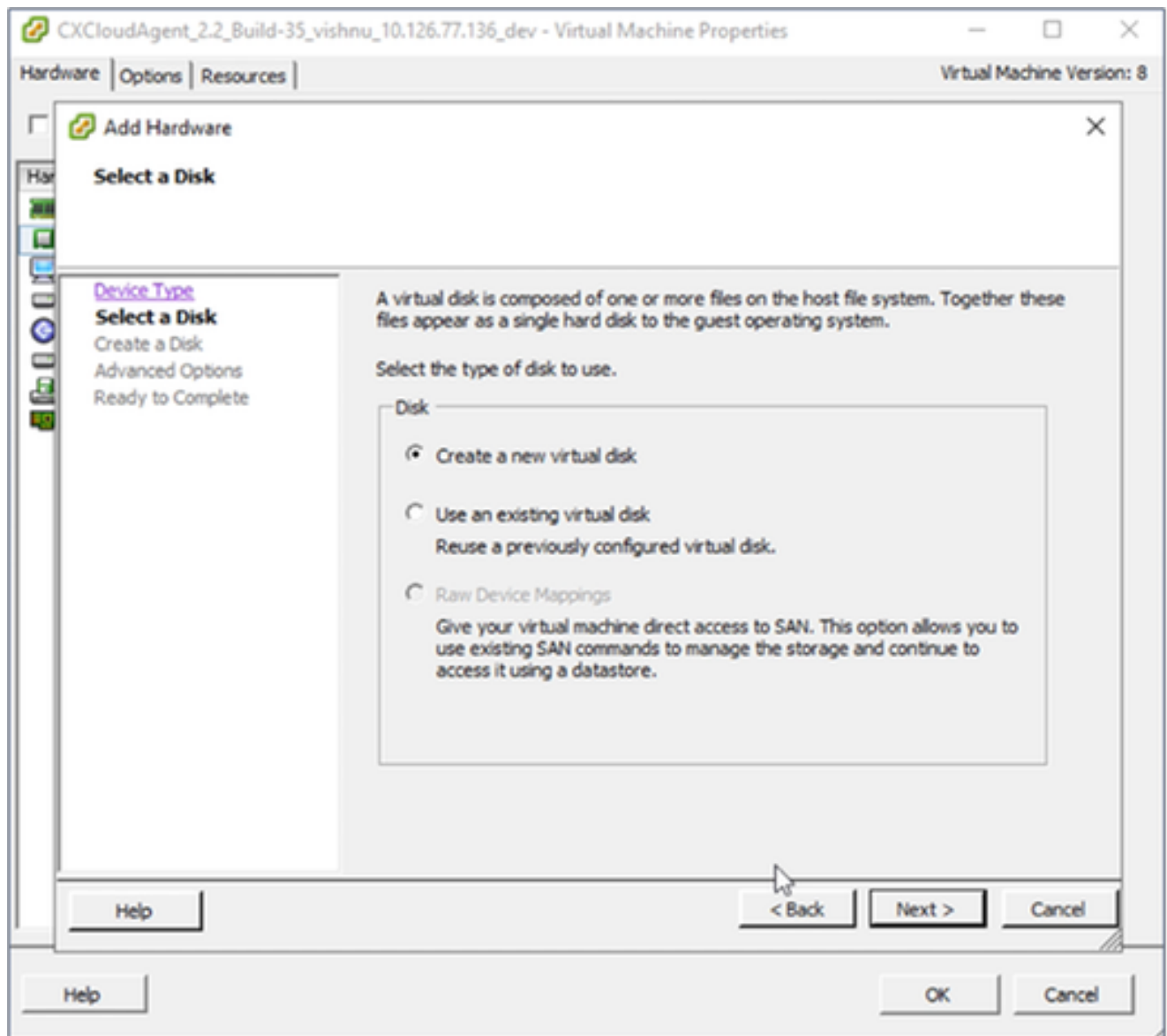
VM Properties

- Update the **Memory Size** values as specified:  
Medium: 32 GB (32768 MB)  
Large: 64 GB (65536 MB)
- Select **CPUs** and update the values as specified:  
Medium: 16 core (8 sockets \*2 core/socket)  
Large: 32 core (16 sockets \*2 core/socket)
- Click **Add**. The **Add Hardware** window opens.



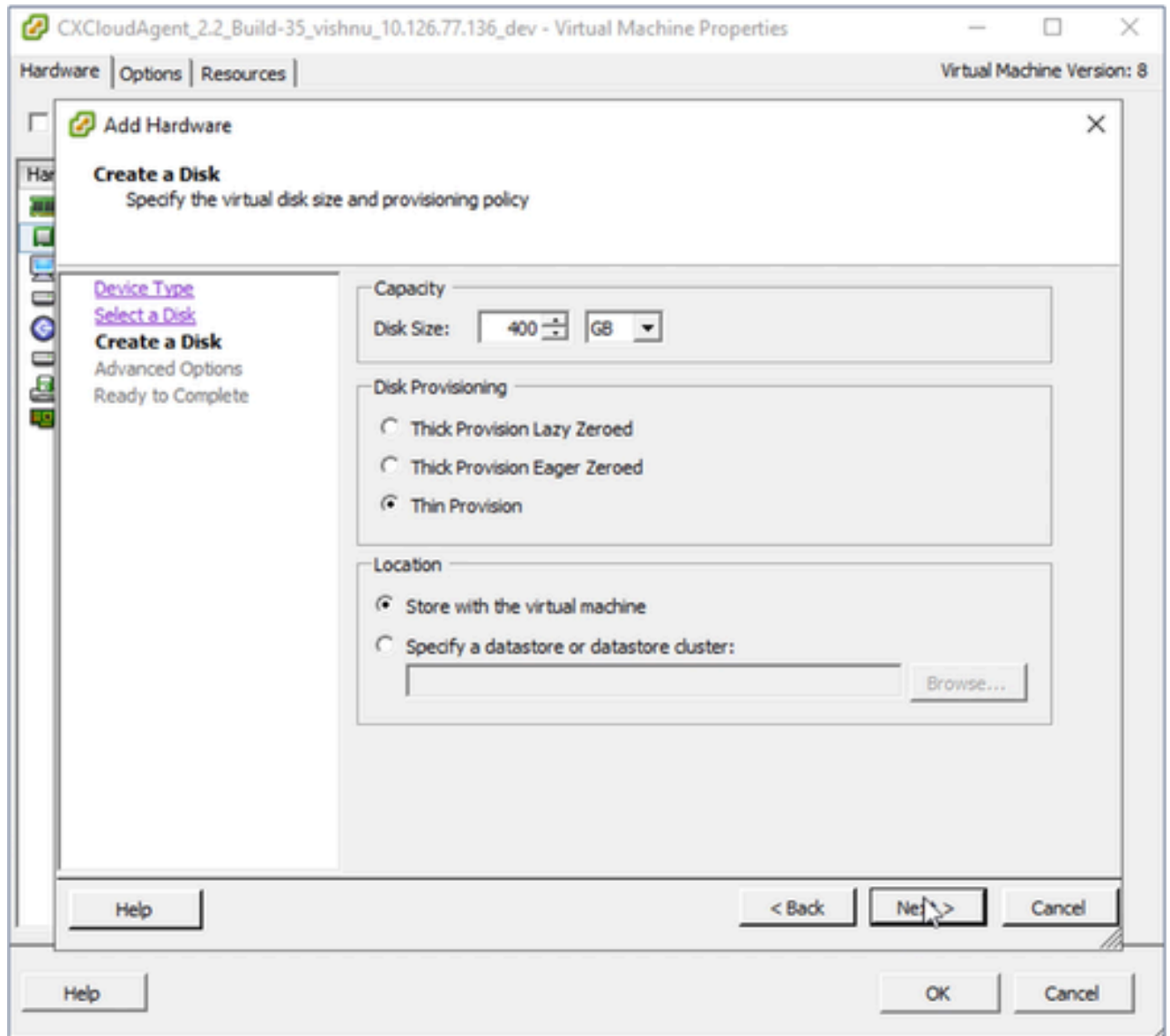
*Device Type*

6. Select **Hard Disk** as the **Device Type**.
7. Click **Next**.



*Select Disk*

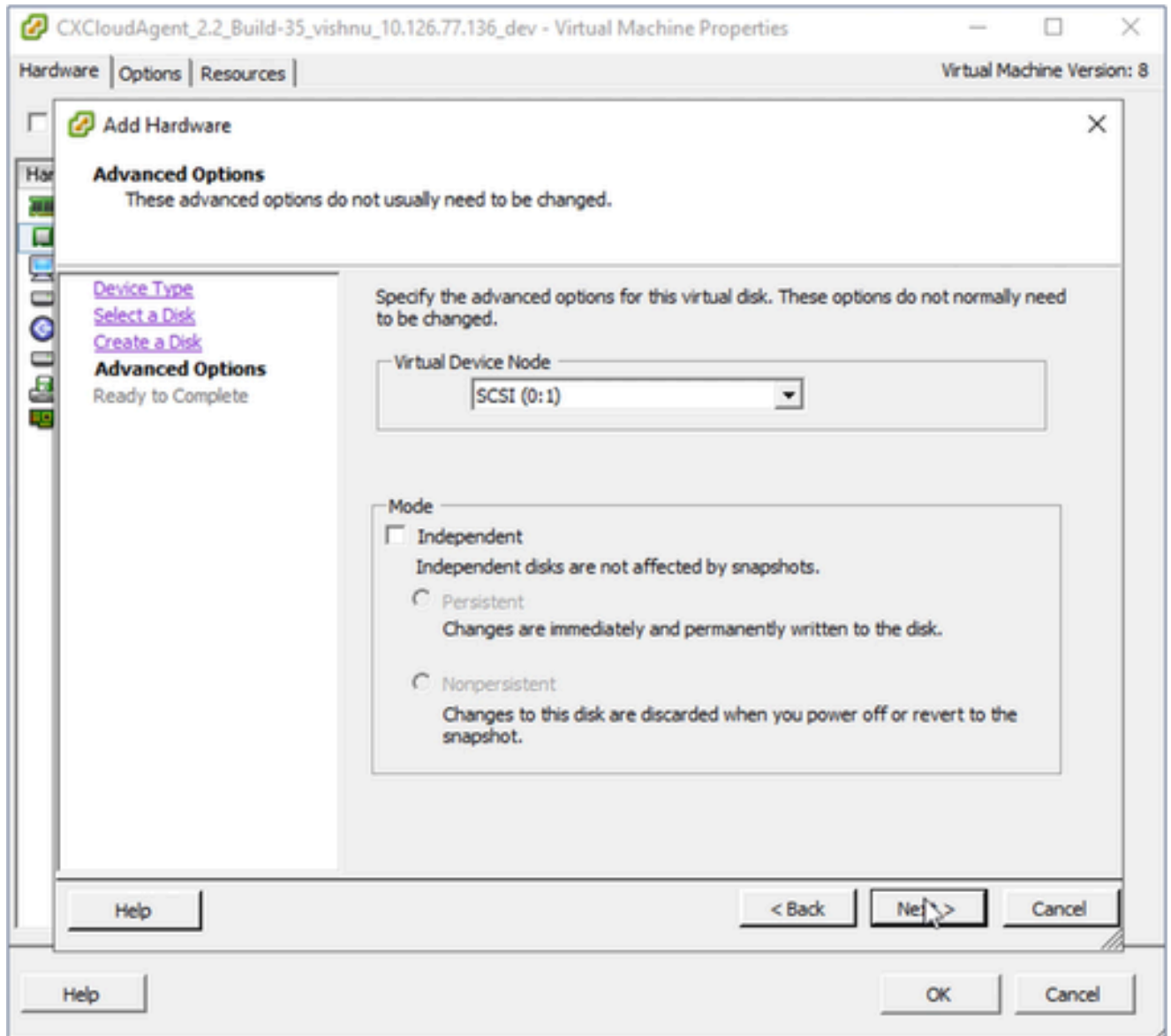
8. Select the **Create a new virtual disk** radio button and click **Next**.



Create Disk

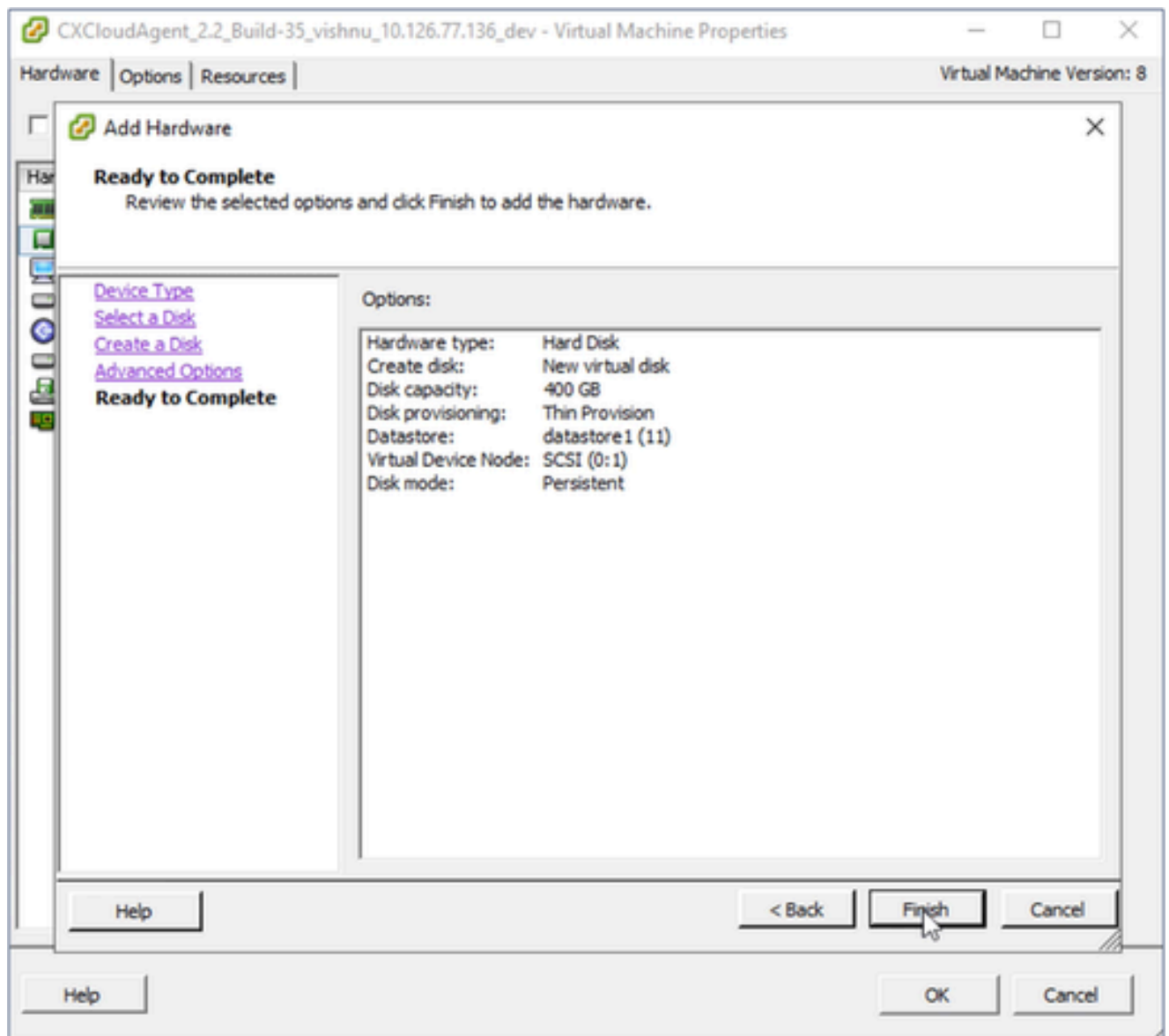
9. Update the **Capacity > Disk Size** as specified:  
Small to Medium: 400 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 600 GB)  
Small to Large: 1000 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 1200 GB)
10. Select the **Thin Provision** radio button for **Disk Provisioning**.
11. Click **Next**. The **Advanced Options** window displays.





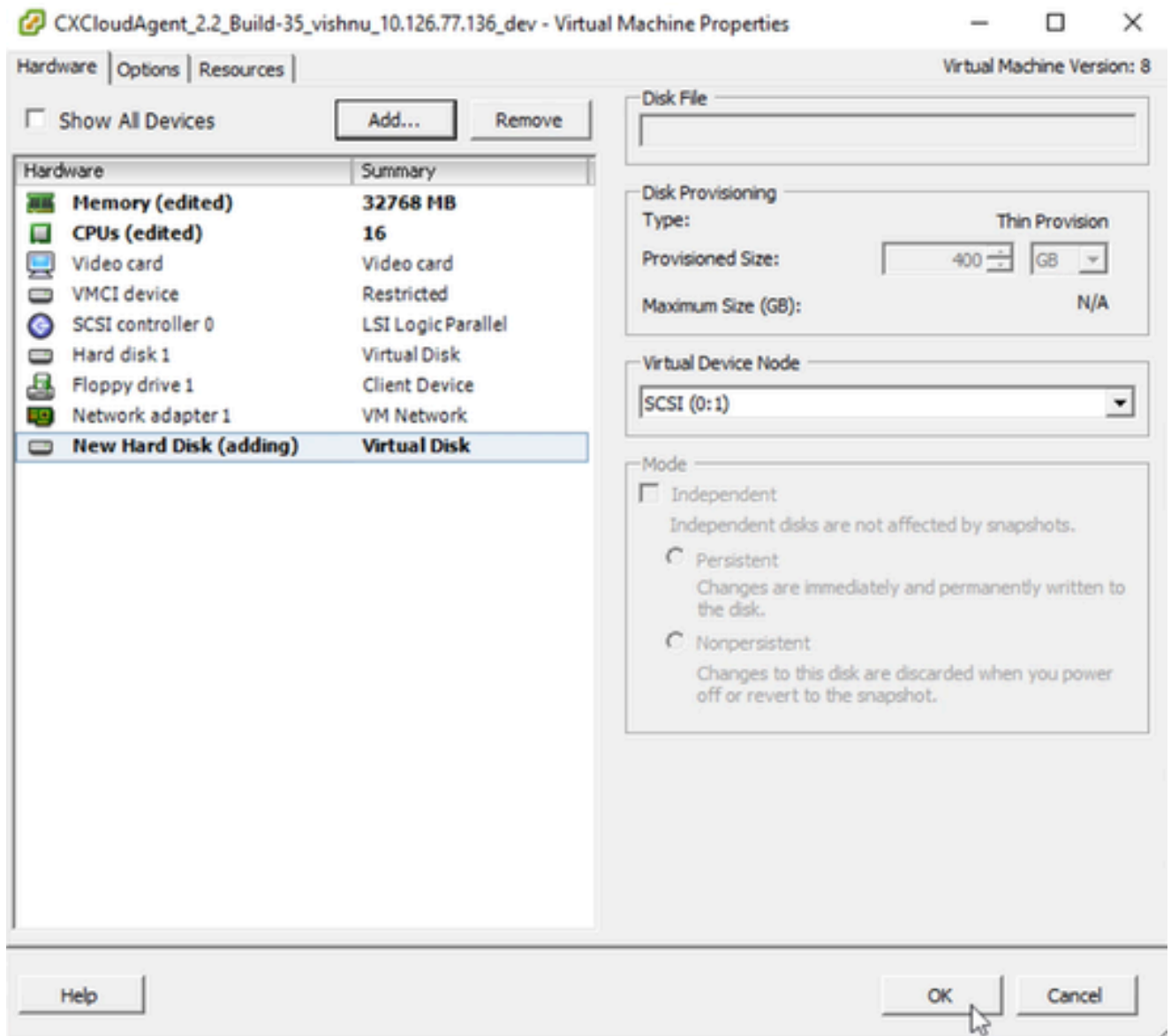
*Advanced Options*

12. Do not make changes. Click **Next** to continue.



*Ready to Complete*

13. Click **Finish**.



*Hardware*

- Click **OK** to complete the reconfiguration. The completed reconfiguration displays in the **Recent Tasks** panel.

10.126.77.60 - vSphere Client

File Edit View Inventory Administration Plug-ins Help

Home Inventory Inventory

10.126.77.60

- CxCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-35\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- CxCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-35\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- CxCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-35\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- CxCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-7\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
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- CxCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-7\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- CxCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-7\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- CxCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-7\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- NAT-Router2.4.4\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- NAT-Router2.4.4\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev
- windows-1-test-192.168.77

CxCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-35\_vishnu\_10.126.77.136\_dev

Getting Started Summary Resource Allocation Performance Events Console Permissions


close tab

### What is a Virtual Machine?

A virtual machine is a software computer that, like a physical computer, runs an operating system and applications. An operating system installed on a virtual machine is called a guest operating system.

Because every virtual machine is an isolated computing environment, you can use virtual machines as desktop or workstation environments, as testing environments, or to consolidate server applications.

Virtual machines run on hosts. The same host can run many virtual machines.



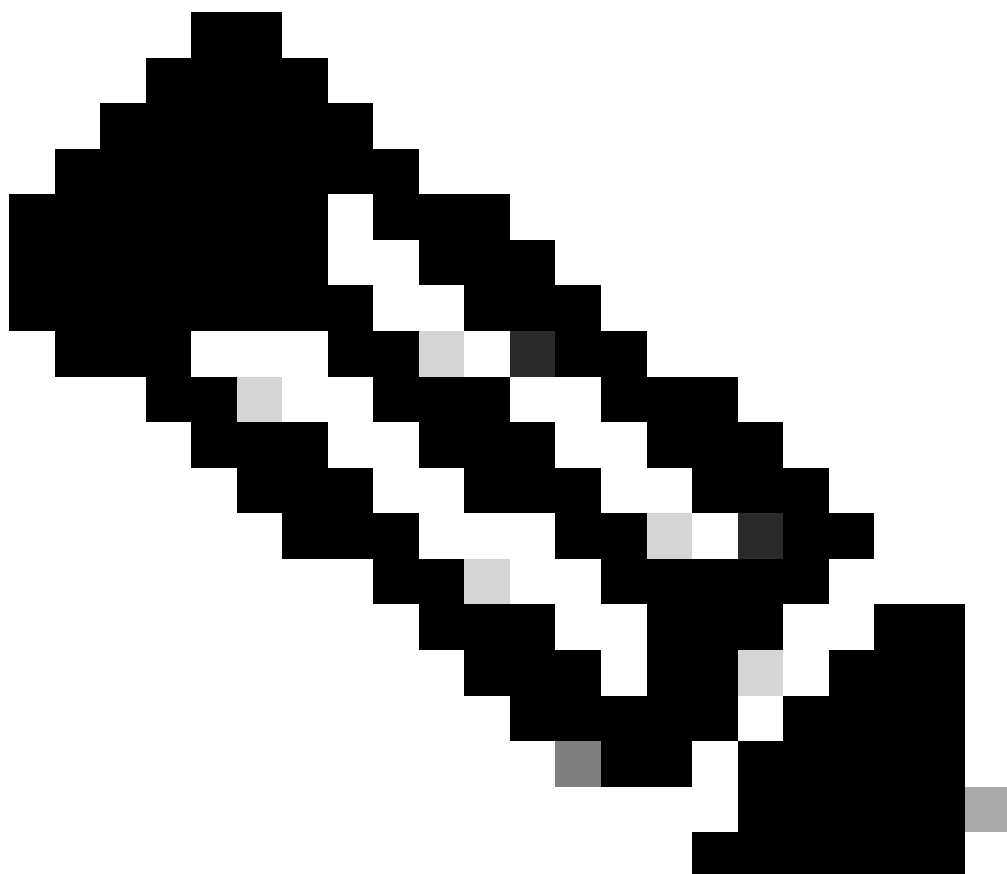
Recent Tasks

Name, Target or Status contains: Clear

| Name                        | Target                                             | Status    | Details | Initiated by |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| Reconfigure virtual machine | CxCloudAgent_2.2_Build-35_vishnu_10.126.77.136_dev | Completed |         | root         |
| Power On virtual machine    | CxCloudAgent_2.2_Build-35_vishnu_10.126.77.136_dev | Completed |         | root         |

Tasks root

Recent Tasks



**Note:** Configuration changes take approximately five minutes to complete.

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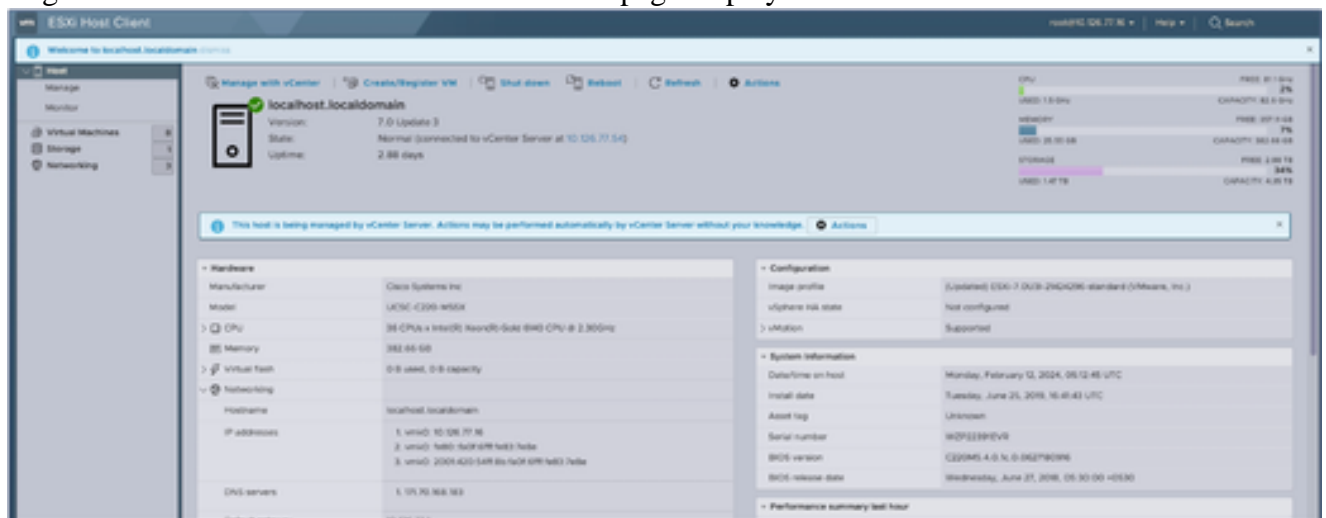
## Reconfiguring Using Web Client ESXi v6.0

To update VM configurations using Web Client ESXi v6.0:



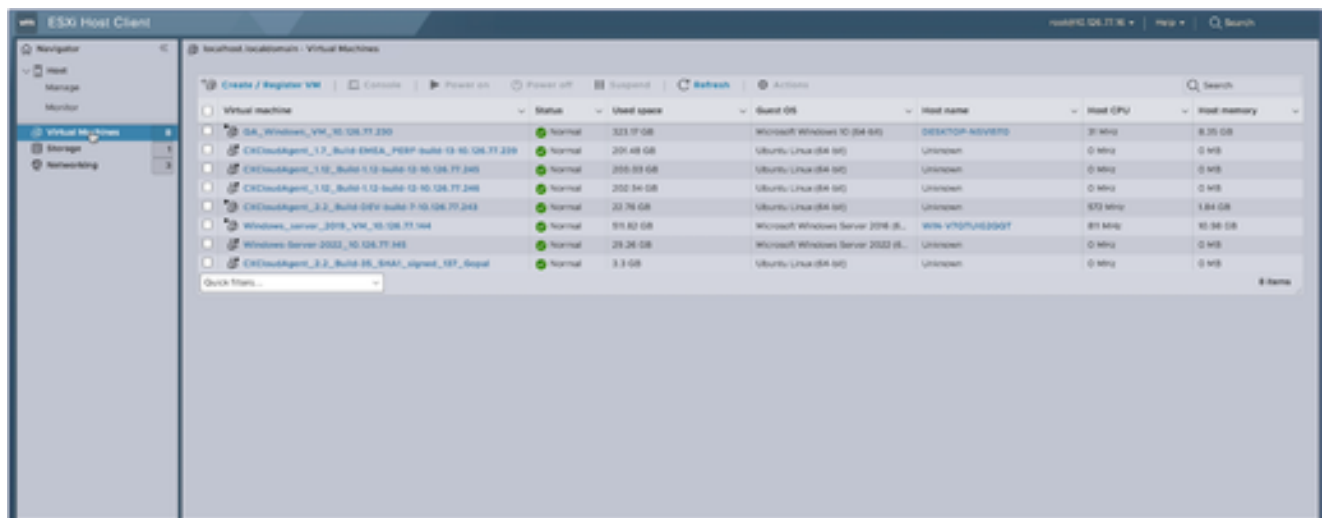
ESXi Client

1. Log in to the VMware ESXi Client. The **Home** page displays.



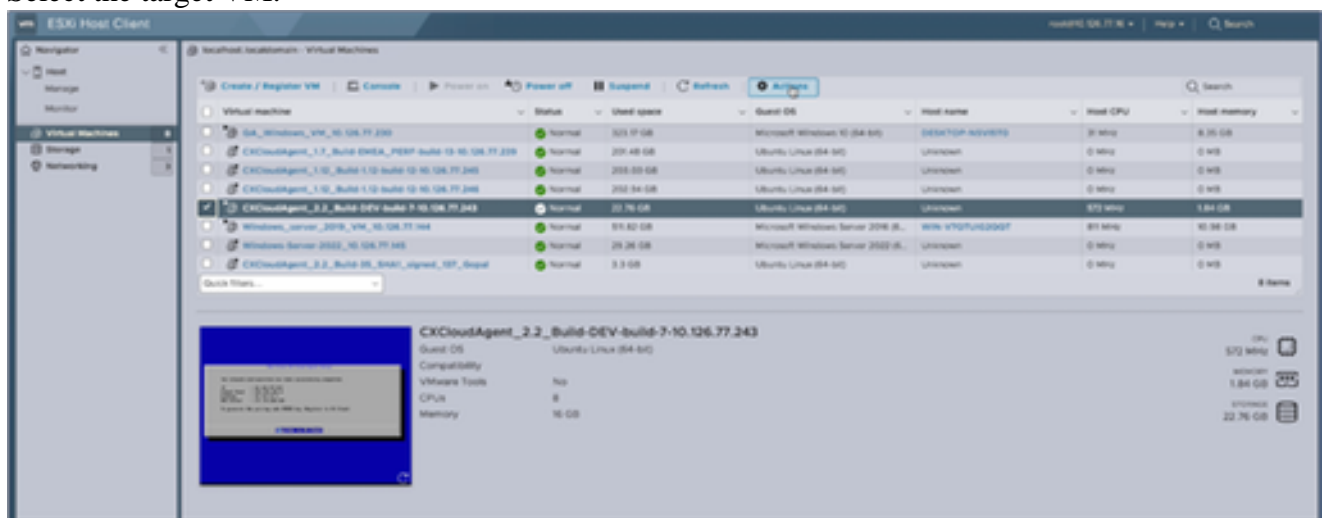
ESXi Home Page

2. Click **Virtual Machine** to display a list of VMs.



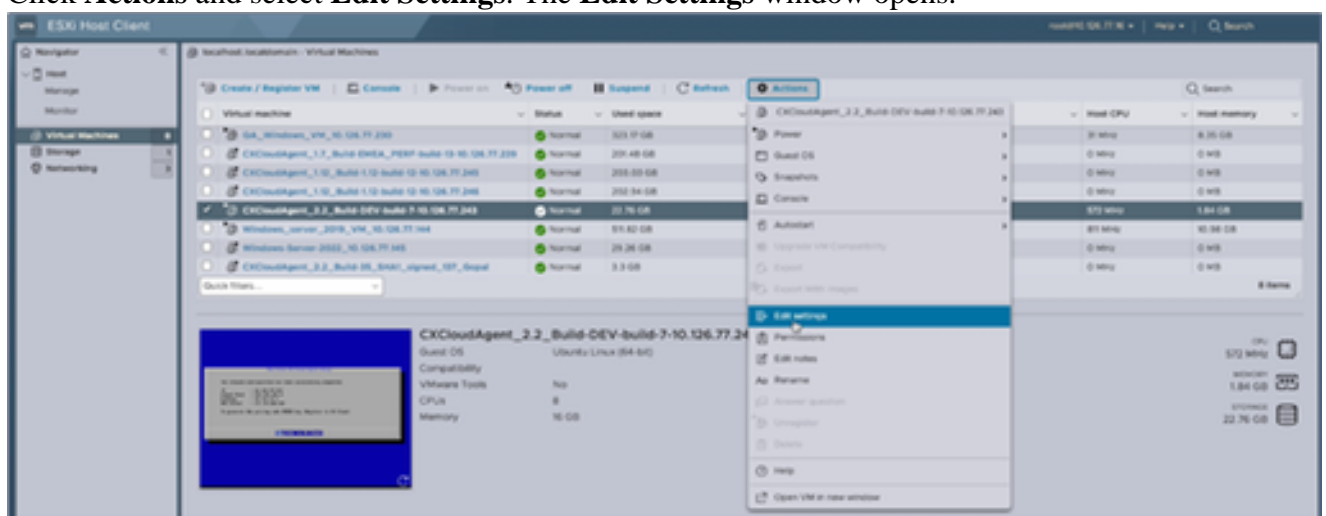
List of VMs

### 3. Select the target VM.

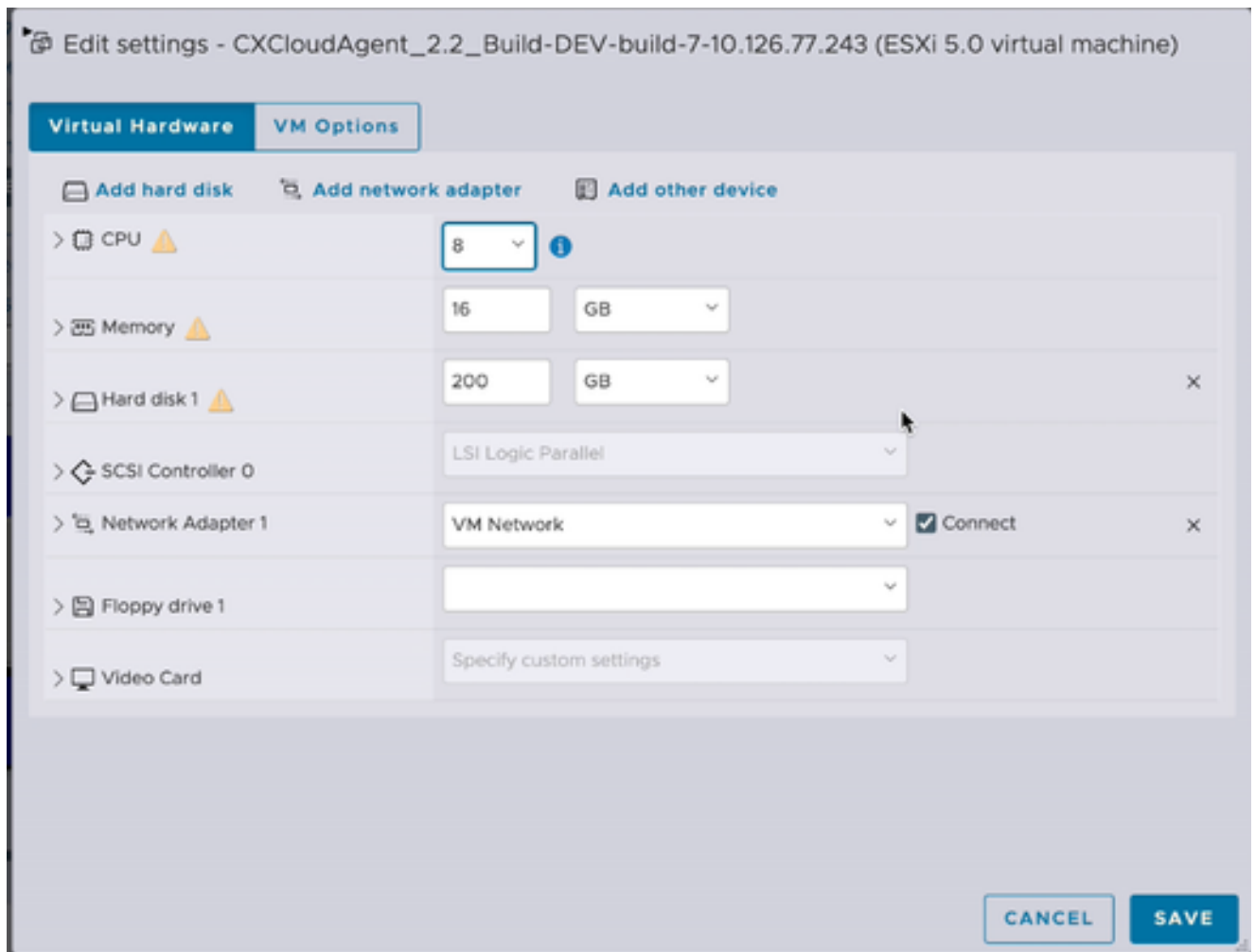


Target VM

### 4. Click **Actions** and select **Edit Settings**. The **Edit Settings** window opens.



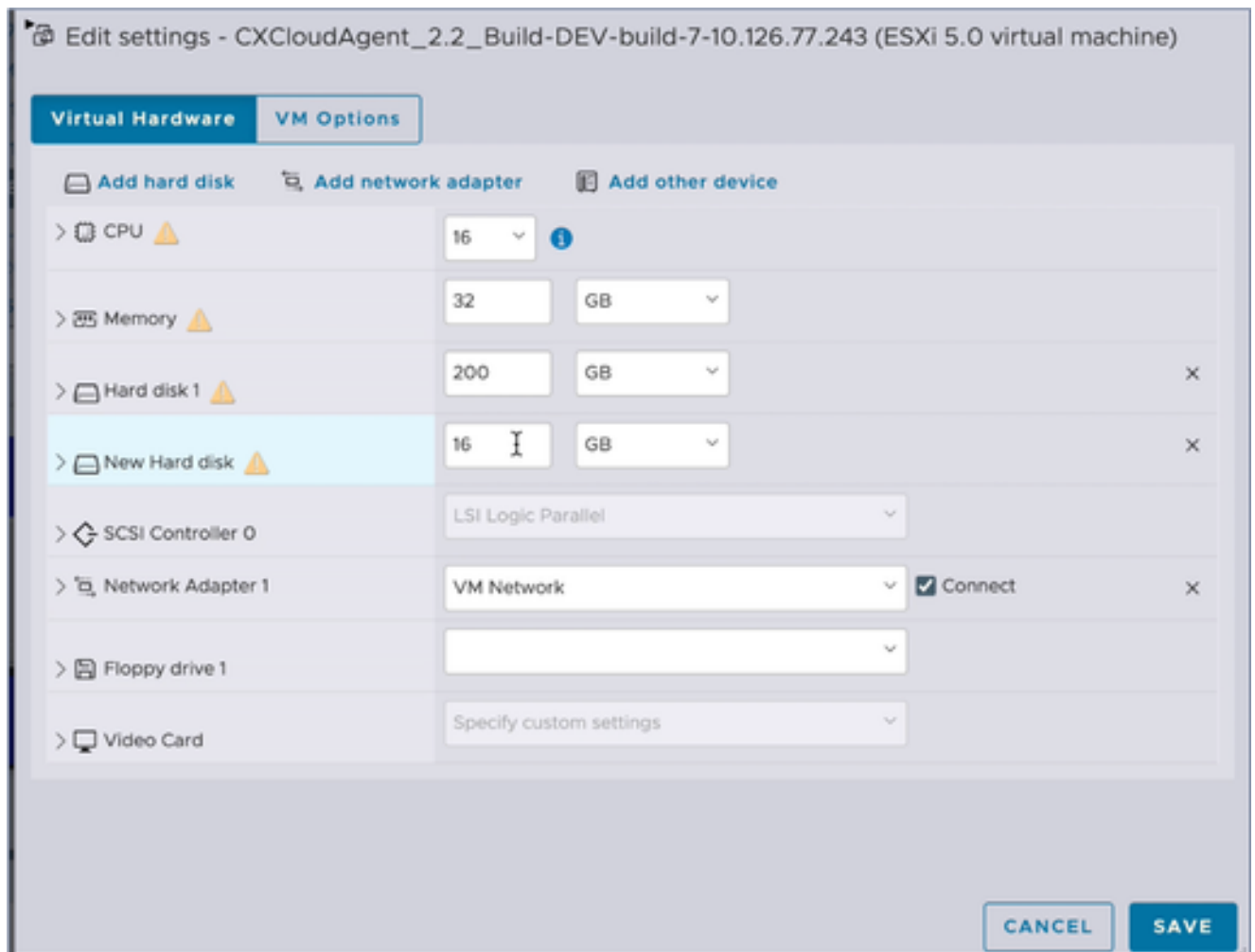
Actions



*Edit Settings*

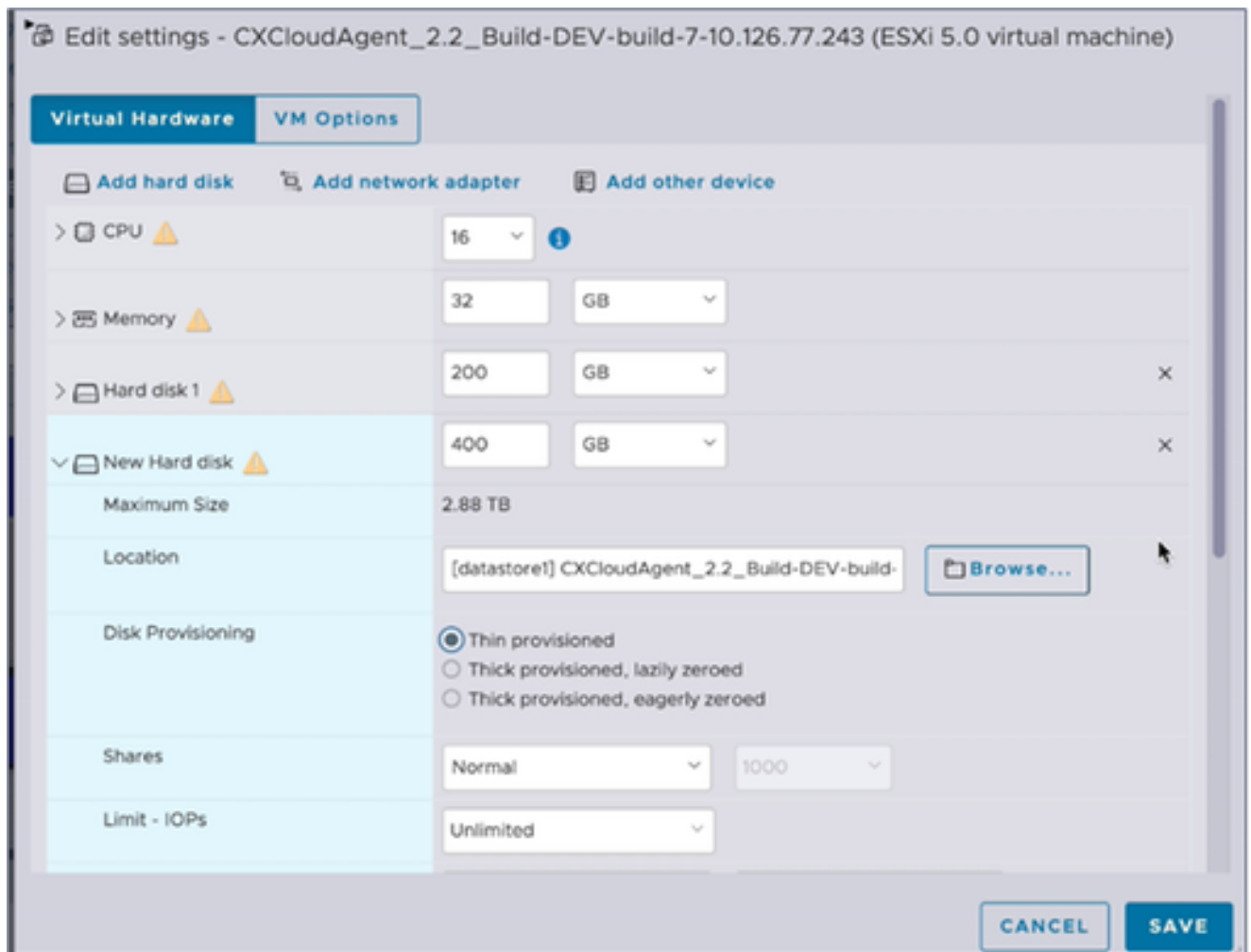
5. Update the **CPU** value as specified:  
Medium: 16 core (8 sockets \*2 core/socket)  
Large: 32 core (16 sockets \*2 core/socket)
6. Update the **Memory** value as specified:  
Medium: 32 GB  
Large: 64 GB
7. Click **Add hard disk** > **New standard hard disk**. The new hard disk entry displays in the **Edit settings** window.





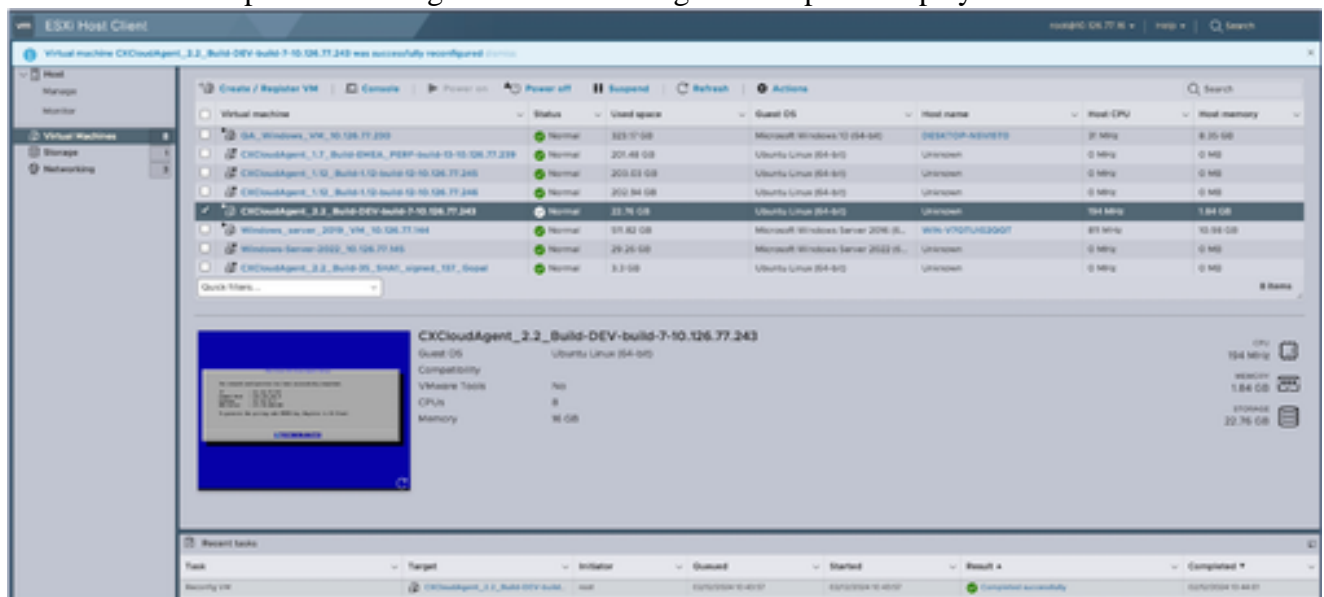
*Edit Settings*

8. Update **New Hard disk** values as specified:
  - Small to Medium: 400 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 600 GB)
  - Small to Large: 1000 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 1200 GB)
9. Click the arrow to expand **New Hard disk**. The properties display.



Edit Settings

10. Select the **Thin provisioned** radio button.
11. Click **Save** to complete the configuration. The configuration update displays in the **Recent tasks**.



Recent Tasks

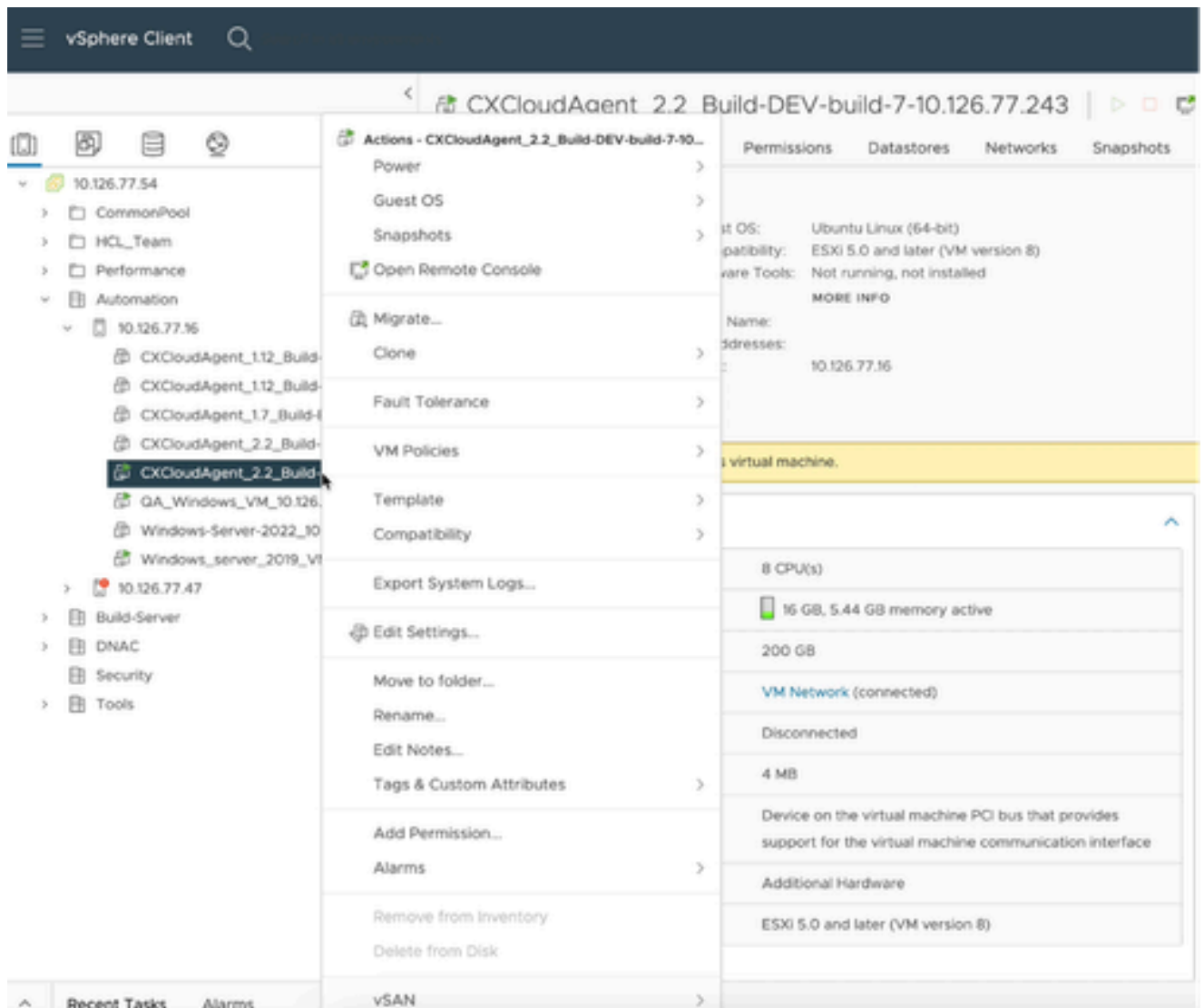
## Reconfiguring Using Web Client vCenter

To update the VM configurations using the Web Client vCenter:




*vCenter*

1. Log in to vCenter. The **Home** page displays.



List of VMs

2. Right-click the target VM and select **Edit Settings** from the menu. The **Edit Settings** window opens.

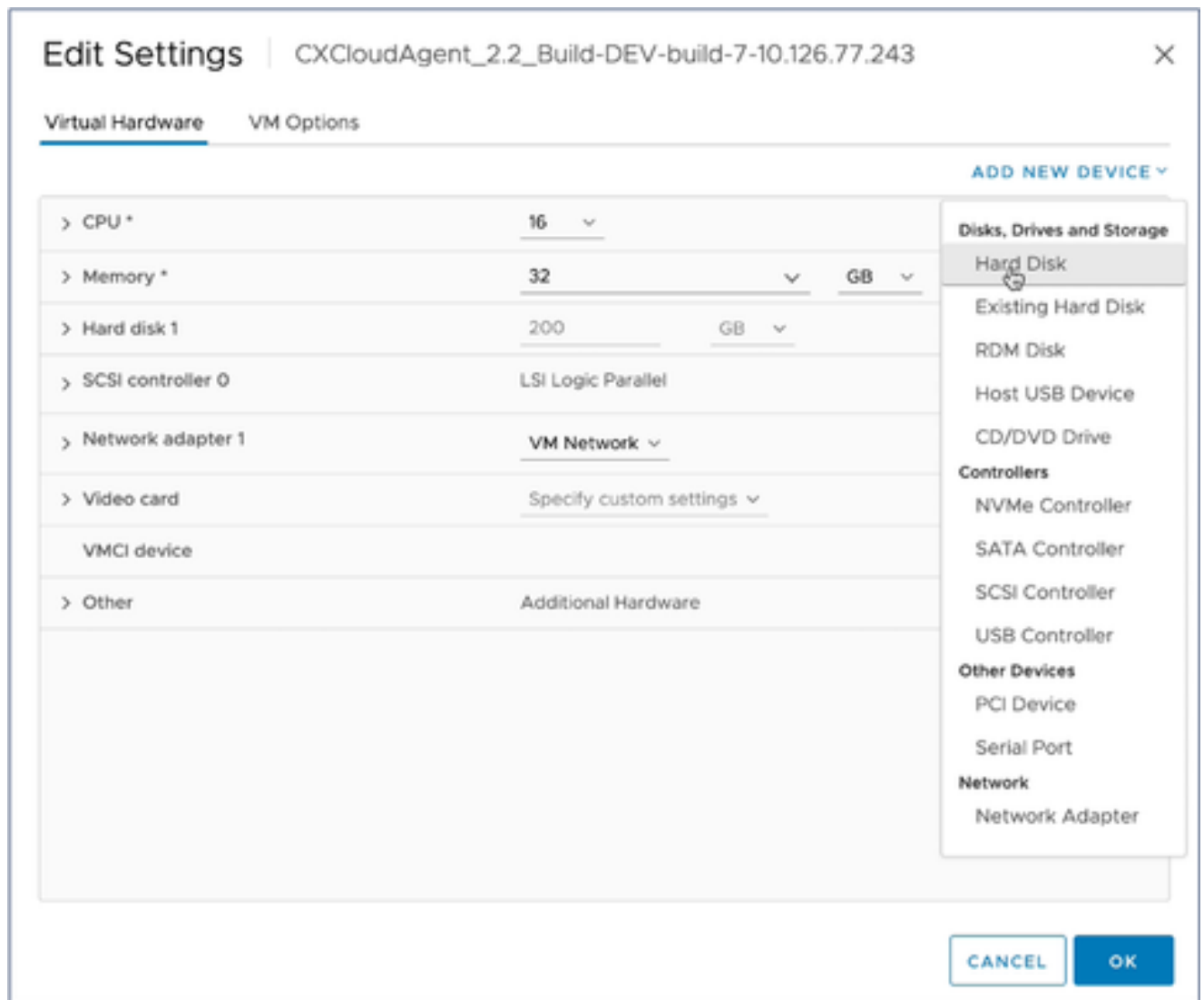
|                                                                                                 |                           |                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| > CPU                                                                                           | 8 ▾                       | ⓘ                                             |
| > Memory                                                                                        | 16 ▾                      | GB ▾                                          |
| > Hard disk 1  | 200                       | GB ▾                                          |
| > SCSI controller 0                                                                             | LSI Logic Parallel        |                                               |
| > Network adapter 1                                                                             | VM Network ▾              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connected |
| > Video card                                                                                    | Specify custom settings ▾ |                                               |
| VMCI device                                                                                     |                           |                                               |
| > Other                                                                                         | Additional Hardware       |                                               |

CANCEL

OK

*Edit Settings*

3. Update the **CPU** values as specified:  
Medium: 16 core (8 sockets \*2 core/socket)  
Large: 32 core (16 sockets \*2 core/socket)
4. Update the **Memory** values as specified:  
Medium: 32 GB  
Large: 64 GB



*Edit Settings*

5. Click **Add New Device** and select **Hard Disk**. The **New Hard disk** entry is added.

Edit Settings
CXCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-DEV-build-7-10.126.77.243

Virtual Hardware
VM Options

ADD NEW DEVICE

|                     |                                |                         |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| > CPU *             | 16                             |                         |           |
| > Memory *          | 32                             | GB                      |           |
| > Hard disk 1       | 200                            | GB                      |           |
| > New Hard disk *   | 16                             | GB                      |           |
| Maximum Size        | 3.02 TB                        |                         |           |
| VM storage policy   | Datastore Default              |                         |           |
| Location            | Store with the virtual machine |                         |           |
| Disk Provisioning   | Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed    |                         |           |
| Sharing             | Unspecified                    |                         |           |
| Shares              | Normal                         | 1000                    |           |
| Limit - IOPs        | Unlimited                      |                         |           |
| Disk Mode           | Dependent                      |                         |           |
| Virtual Device Node | SCSI controller 0              | SCSI(0:1) New Hard disk |           |
| > SCSI controller 0 | LSI Logic Parallel             |                         |           |
| > Network adapter 1 | VM Network                     |                         | Connected |

CANCEL
OK

Edit Settings

- Update **New Hard disk** memory as specified:  
 Small to Medium: 400 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 600 GB)  
 Small to Large: 1000 GB, (Initial size 200 GB, increasing total space to 1200 GB)

Edit Settings
CXCloudAgent\_2.2\_Build-DEV-build-7-10.126.77.243

Virtual Hardware
VM Options

ADD NEW DEVICE

|                     |                                |                         |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| > CPU *             | 16                             |                         |           |
| > Memory *          | 32                             |                         | GB        |
| > Hard disk 1       | 200                            |                         | GB        |
| > New Hard disk *   | 400                            |                         | GB        |
| Maximum Size        | 3.02 TB                        |                         |           |
| VM storage policy   | Datastore Default              |                         |           |
| Location            | Store with the virtual machine |                         |           |
| Disk Provisioning   | Thin Provision                 |                         |           |
| Sharing             | Unspecified                    |                         |           |
| Shares              | Normal                         | 1000                    |           |
| Limit - IOPs        | Unlimited                      |                         |           |
| Disk Mode           | Dependent                      |                         |           |
| Virtual Device Node | SCSI controller 0              | SCSI(0:1) New Hard disk |           |
| > SCSI controller 0 | LSI Logic Parallel             |                         |           |
| > Network adapter 1 | VM Network                     |                         | Connected |

CANCEL
OK

Edit Settings

7. Select **Thin Provision** from the **Disk Provisioning** drop-down list.
8. Click **OK** to complete the upgrade.

## Deployment and Network Configuration

Select any of these options to deploy the CX Agent:

- [VMware vSphere/vCenter Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0](#)
- [VMware vSphere/vCenter Web Client ESXi 6.0](#) or [Web Client vCenter Installation](#)
- [Oracle Virtual Box 7.0.12](#)
- [Microsoft Hyper-V Installation](#)

### OVA Deployment

#### Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0 Installation

This client allows deployment of CX Agent OVA by use of the vSphere thick client.

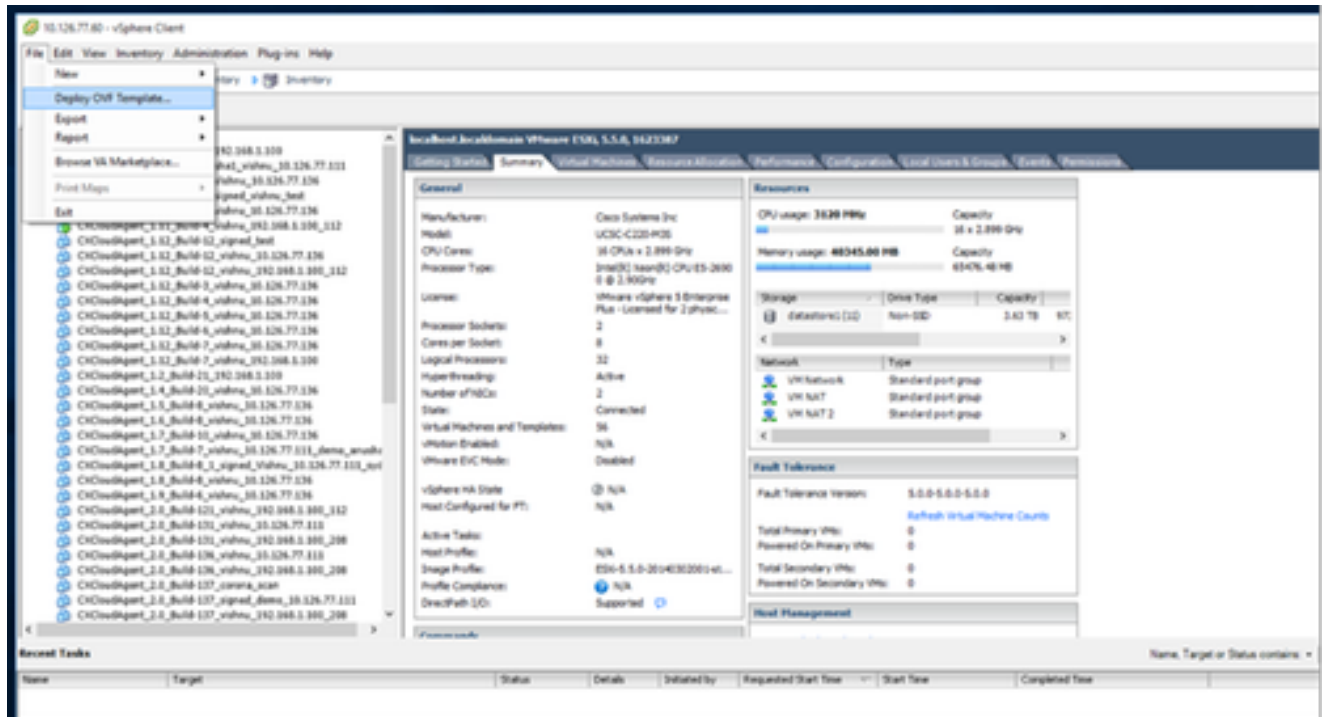


1. After downloading the image, launch the **VMware vSphere Client** and log in.



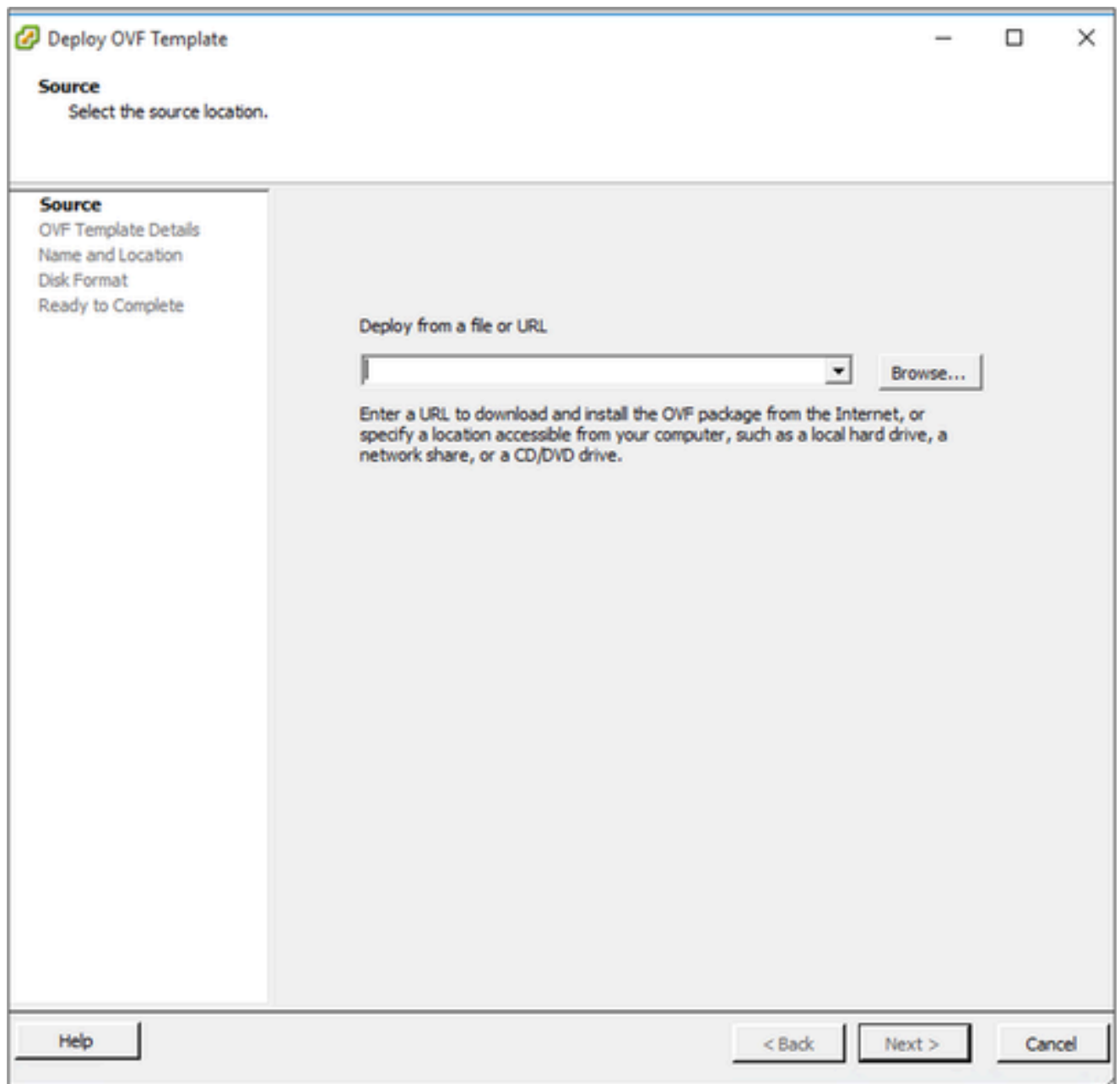
*Login*

2. From the menu, select **File > Deploy OVF Template**.



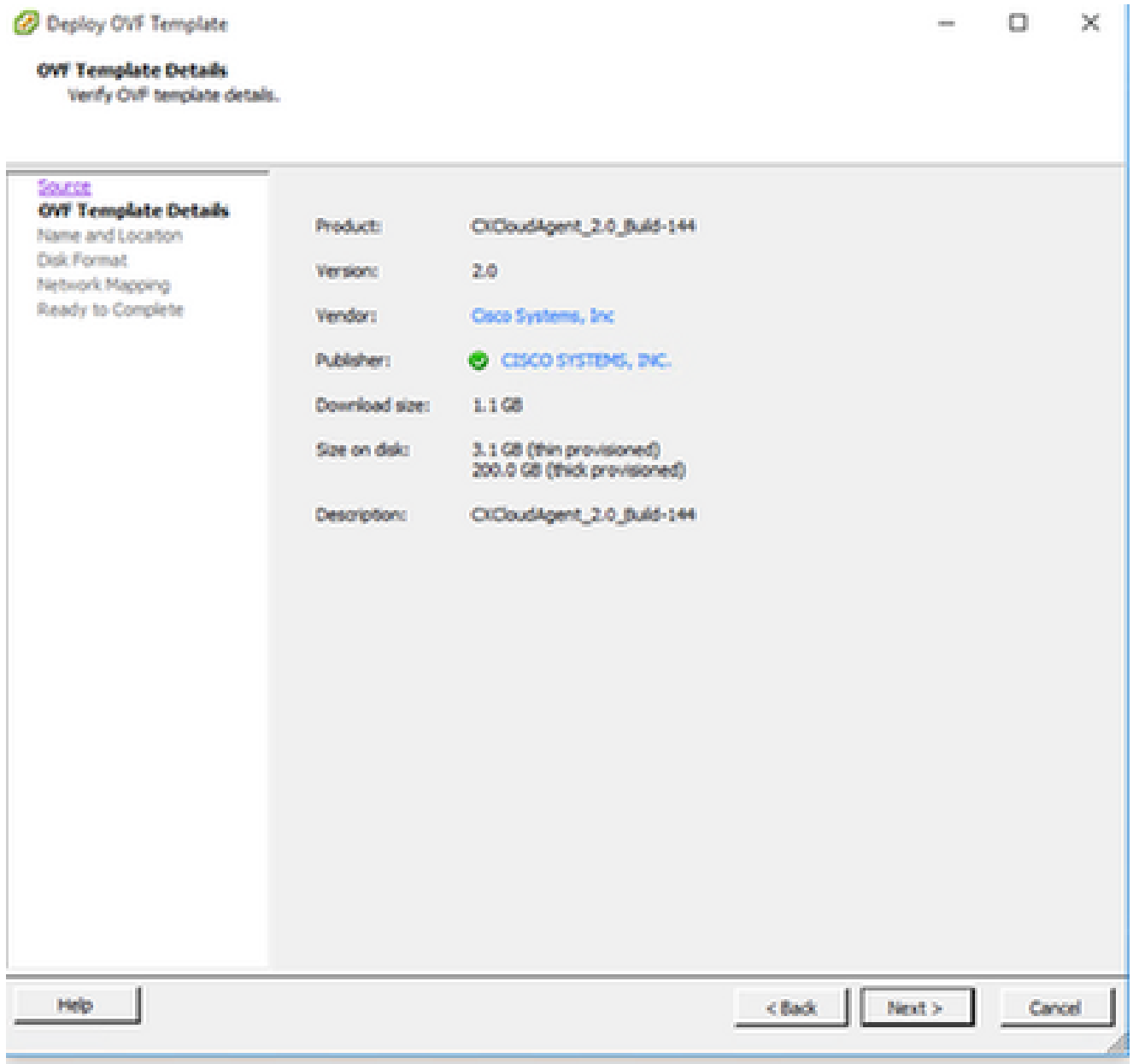
vSphere Client

3. Browse to select the **OVA file** and click **Next**.



*OVA Path*

4. Verify the **OVF Details** and click **Next**.



Template Details

5. Enter a **Unique Name** and click **Next**.

Deploy OVF Template

**Name and Location**  
Specify a name and location for the deployed template

[Source](#)  
[OVF Template Details](#)  
**Name and Location**  
[Disk Format](#)  
[Network Mapping](#)  
[Ready to Complete](#)

Name:  
CXCloudAgent\_2.0\_Build-144\_DEMO

The name can contain up to 80 characters and it must be unique within the inventory folder.

Help < Back Next > Cancel

*Name and Location*

6. Select a **Disk Format** and click **Next** (Thin Provision is recommended).

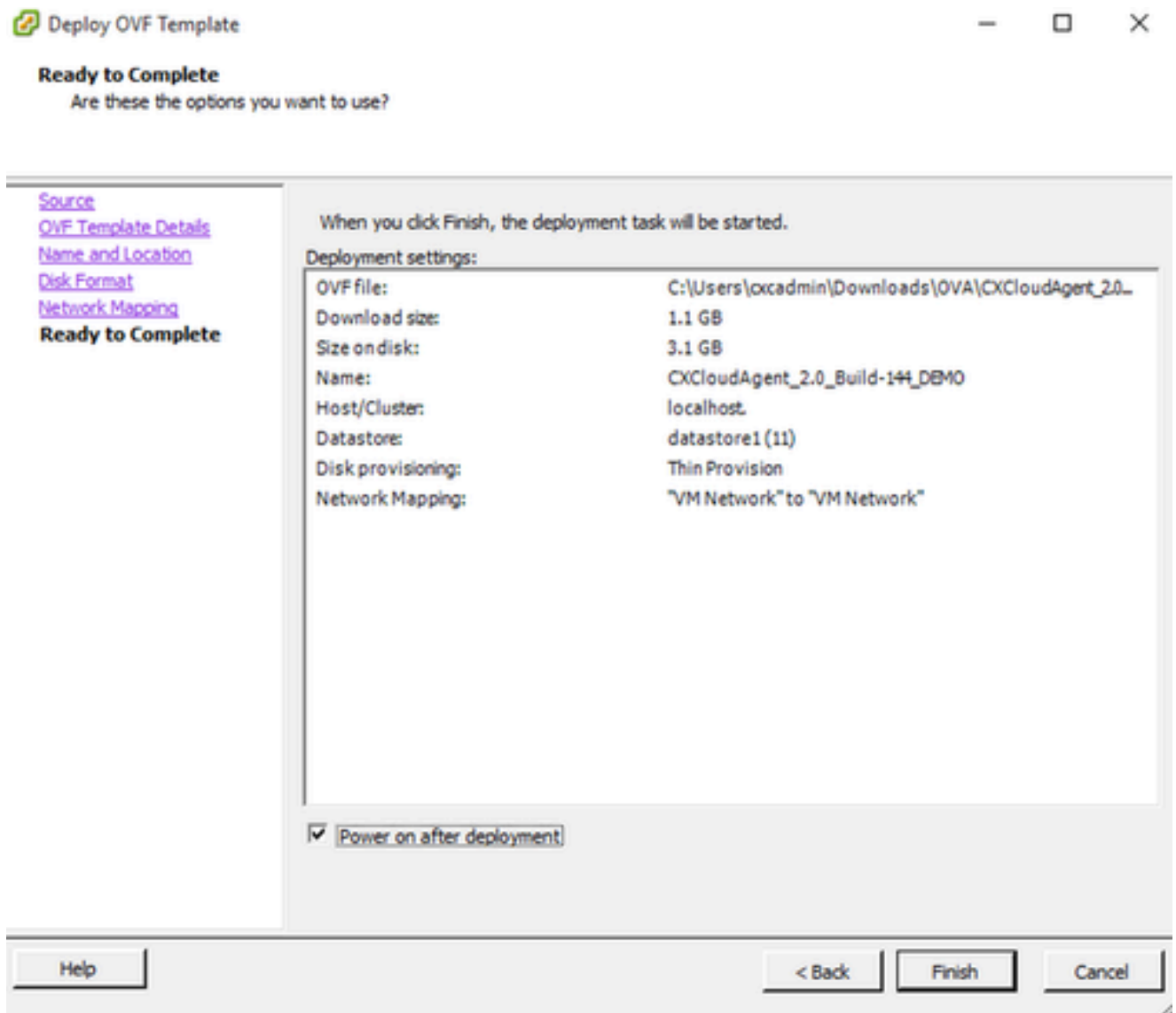
The screenshot shows a Windows-style window titled "Deploy OVF Template". The window has standard minimize, maximize, and close buttons in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Disk Format" with the subtitle "In which format do you want to store the virtual disks?". On the left side, there is a vertical navigation pane with links: "Source", "OVF Template Details", "Name and Location", "Disk Format" (which is highlighted), "Network Mapping", and "Ready to Complete". The main area contains the following fields and options:

- Datastore:** A text box containing "datastore1 (11)".
- Available space (GB):** A text box containing "973.1".
- Provisioning Options:** Three radio buttons are listed:
  - ☐ Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed
  - ☐ Thick Provision Eager Zeroed
  - ☒ Thin Provision

At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: "Help" on the left, "< Back" in the center, and "Next >" and "Cancel" on the right.

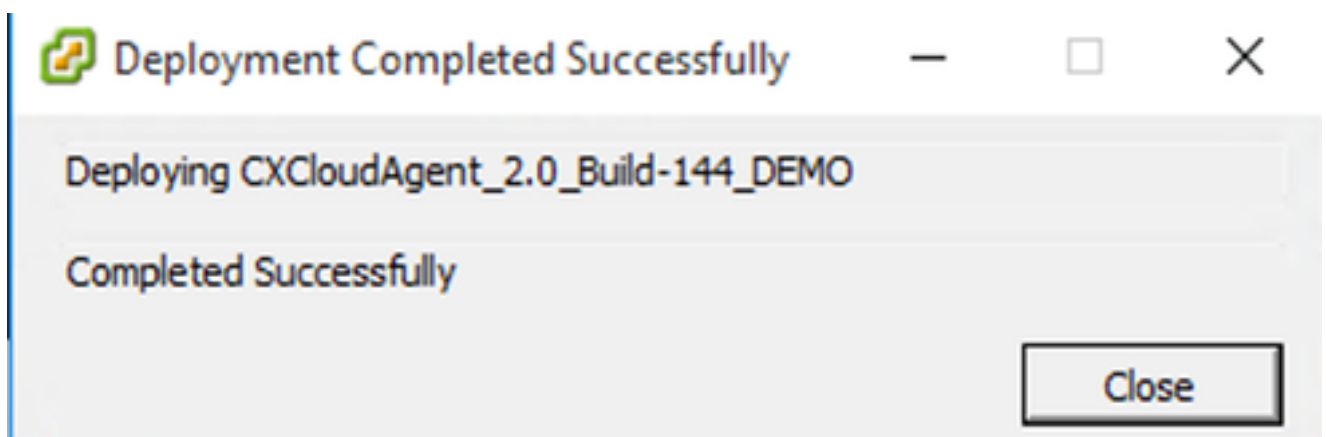
*Disk Format*

7. Select the **Power on after deployment** check box and click **Close**.



Ready to Complete

Deployment can take several minutes. Confirmation displays upon successful deployment.



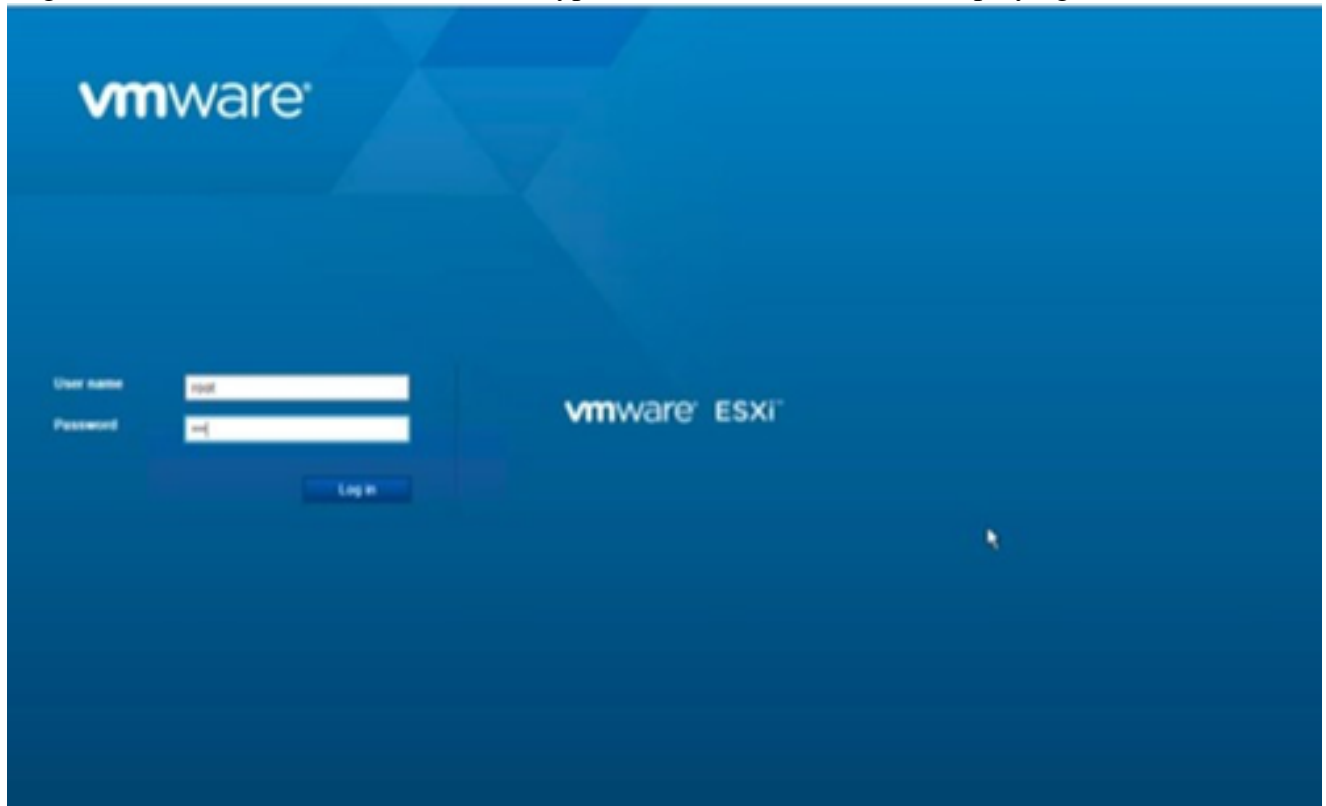
Deployment Complete

8. Select the deployed VM, open the console, and go to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Web Client ESXi 6.0 Installation

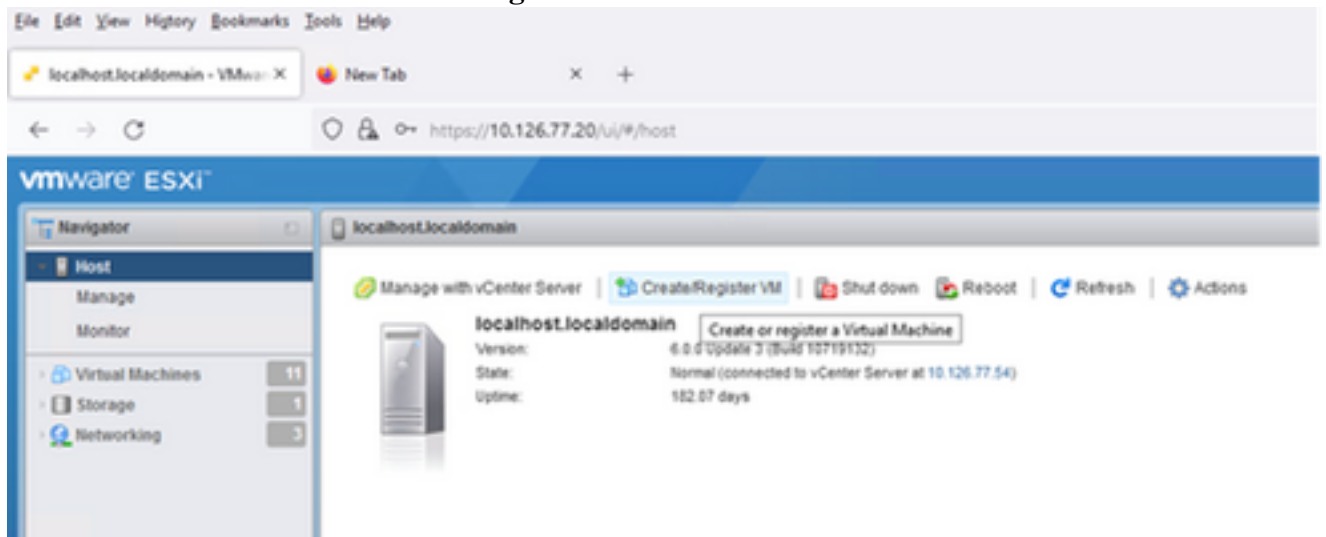
This client deploys CX Cloud OVA by use of the vSphere web.

1. Log in to the VMWare UI with the ESXi/hypervisor credentials used for deploying VM.



*VMWare ESXi Login*

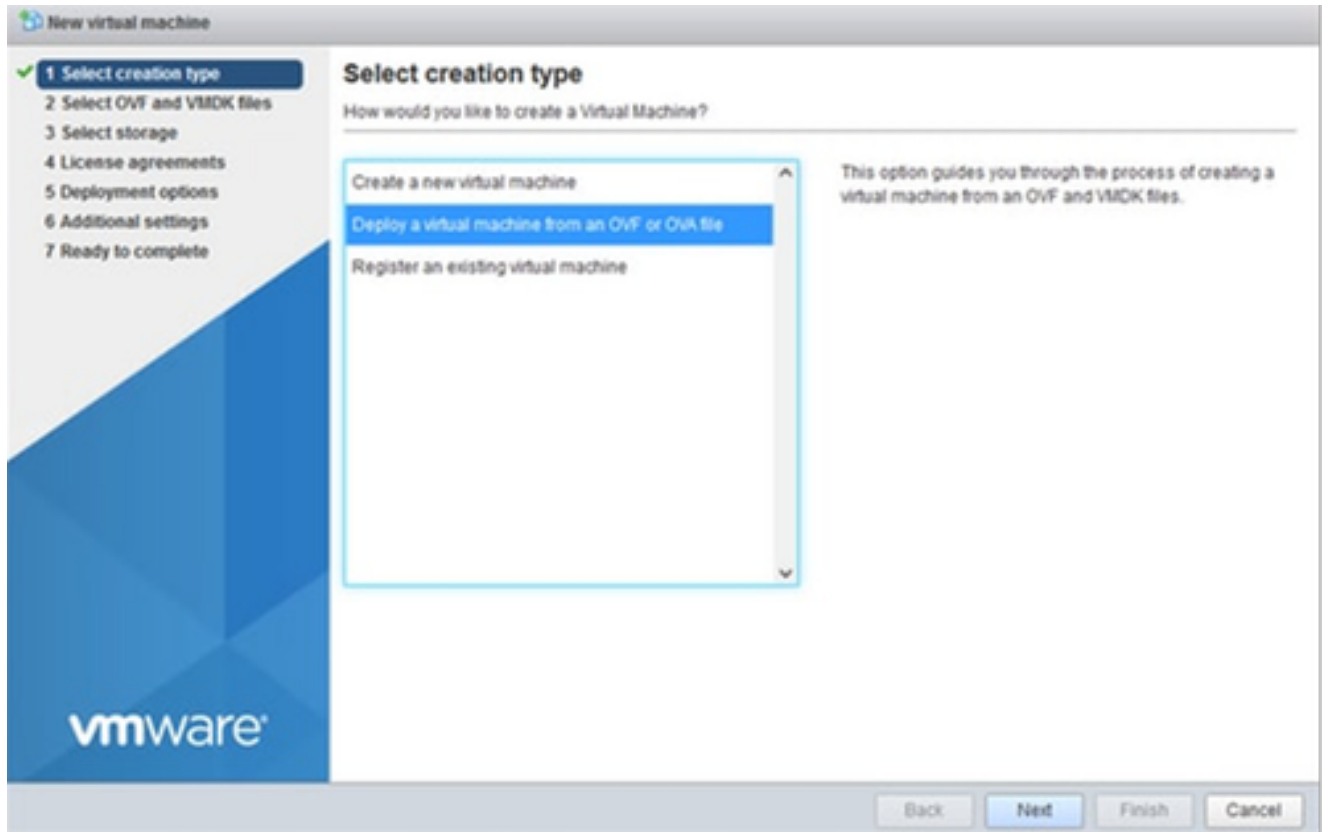
2. Select **Virtual Machine > Create / Register VM**.



*Create VM*

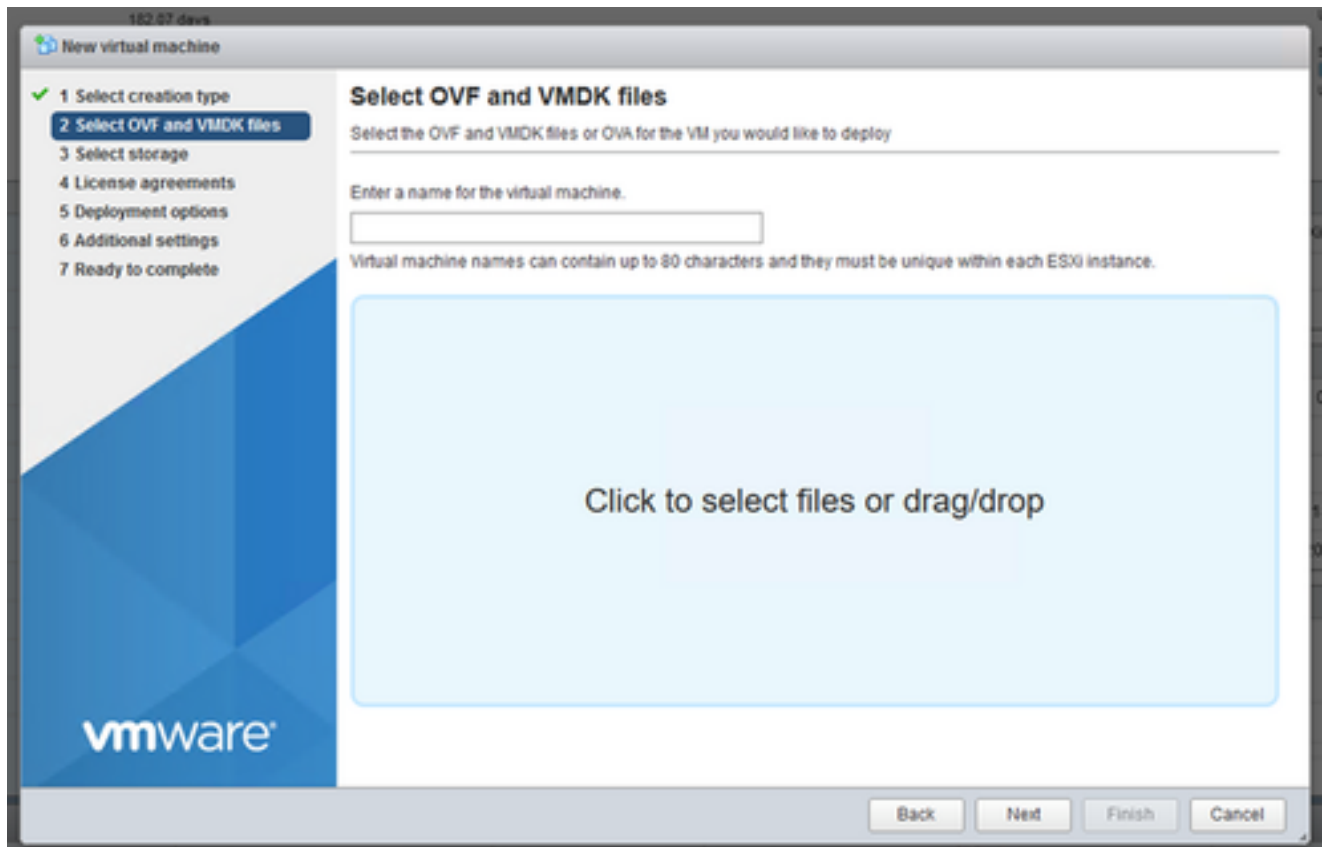
3. Select **Deploy a virtual machine from an OVF or OVA file** and click **Next**.





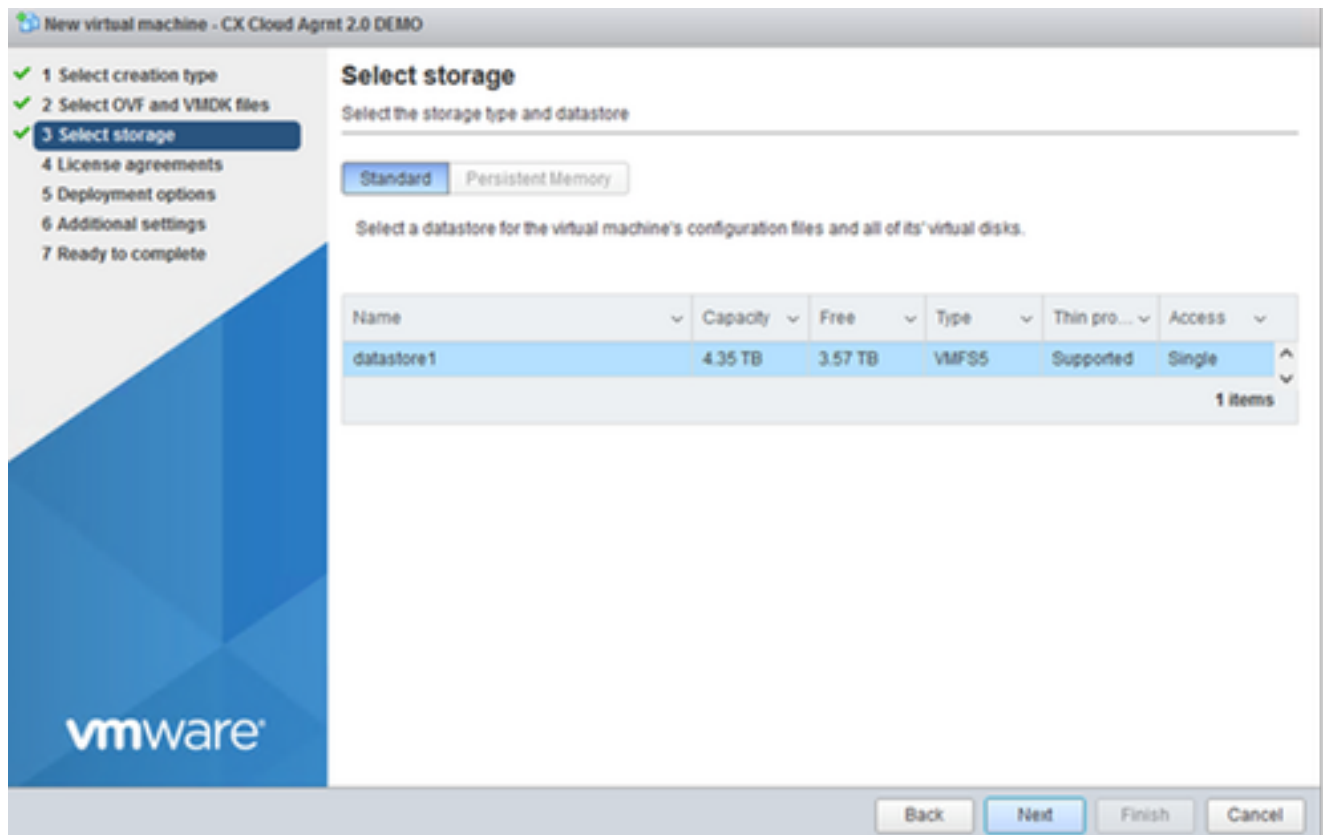
*Select Creation Type*

4. Enter the name of the VM, browse to select the file, or drag-and-drop the downloaded OVA file.
5. Click **Next**.



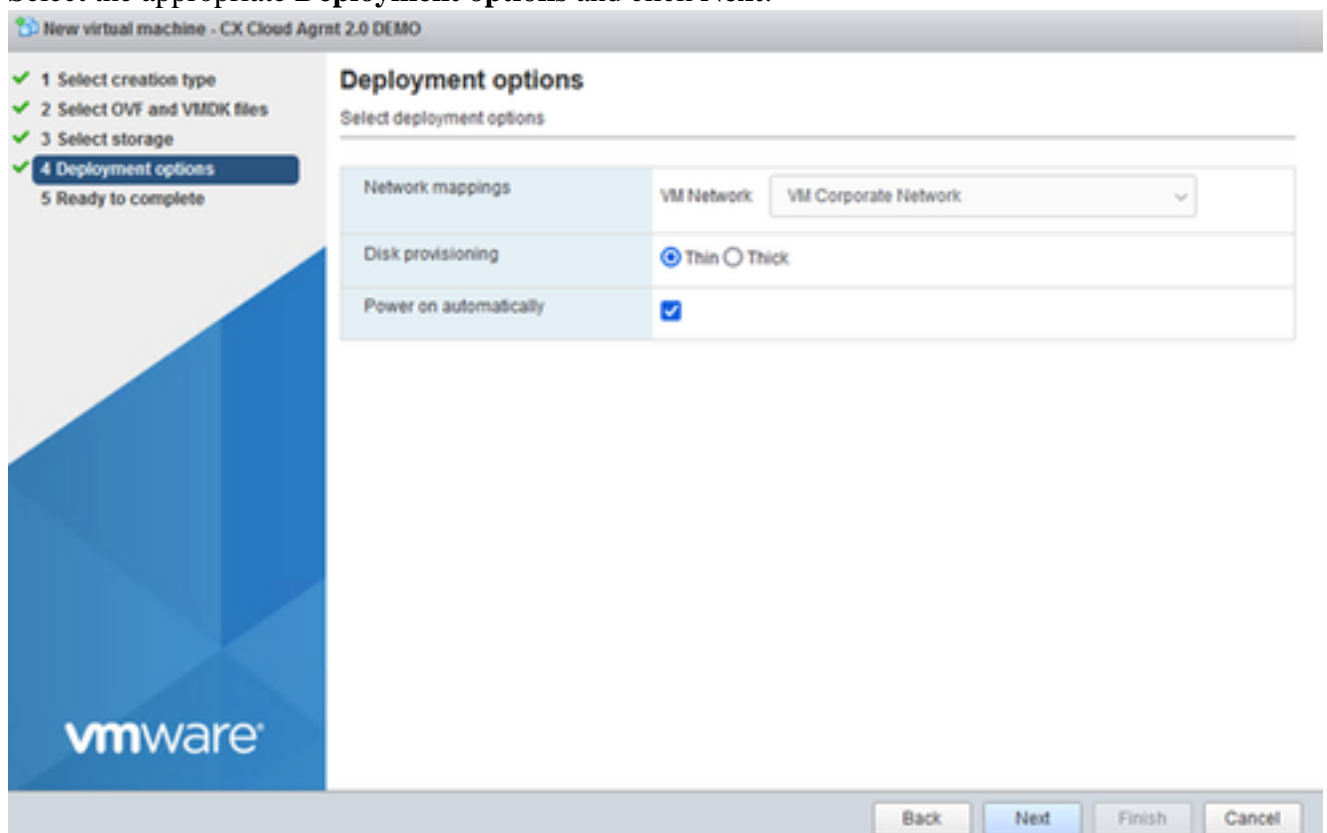
*OVA Selection*

6. Select **Standard** storage and click **Next**.



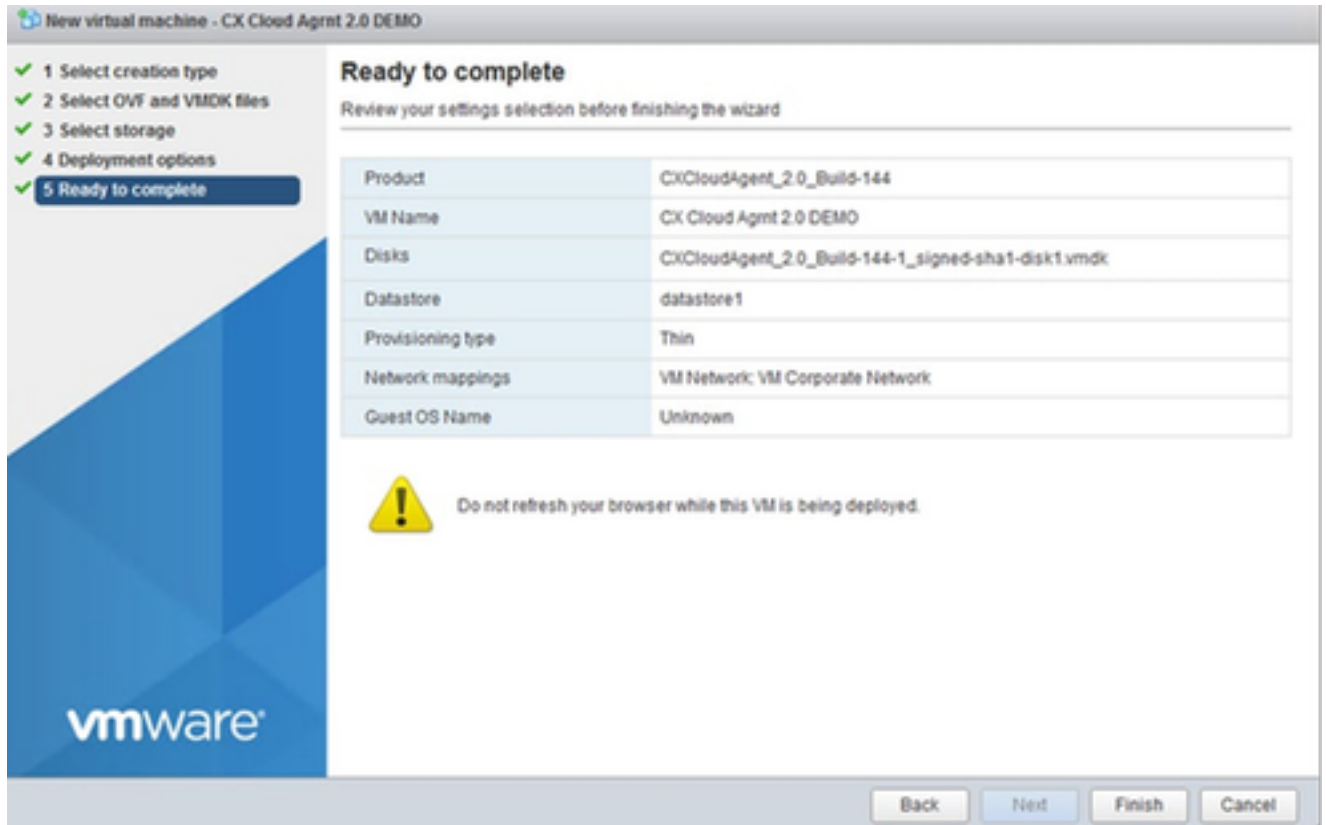
*Select Storage*

7. Select the appropriate **Deployment options** and click **Next**.

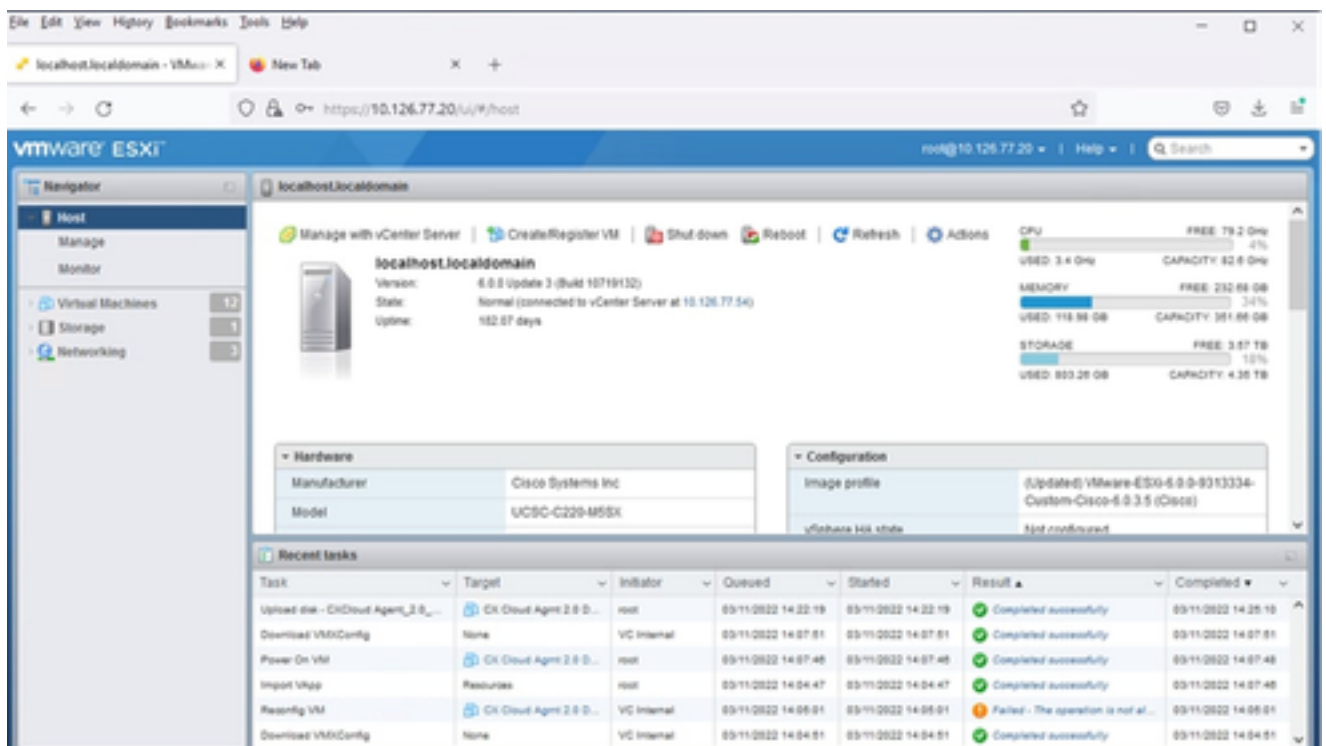


*Deployment Options*

8. Review the settings and click **Finish**.

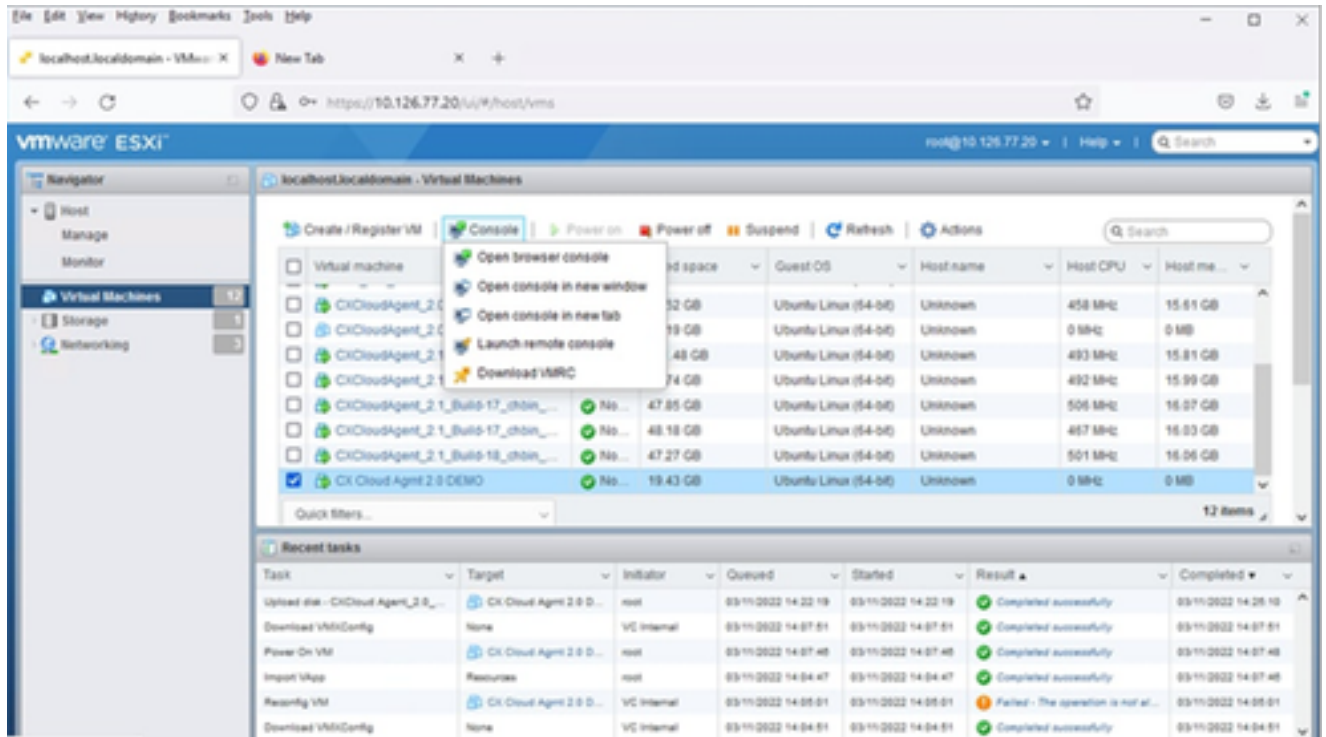


Ready to Complete



Successful Completion

9. Select the VM just deployed and select **Console > Open browser console**.



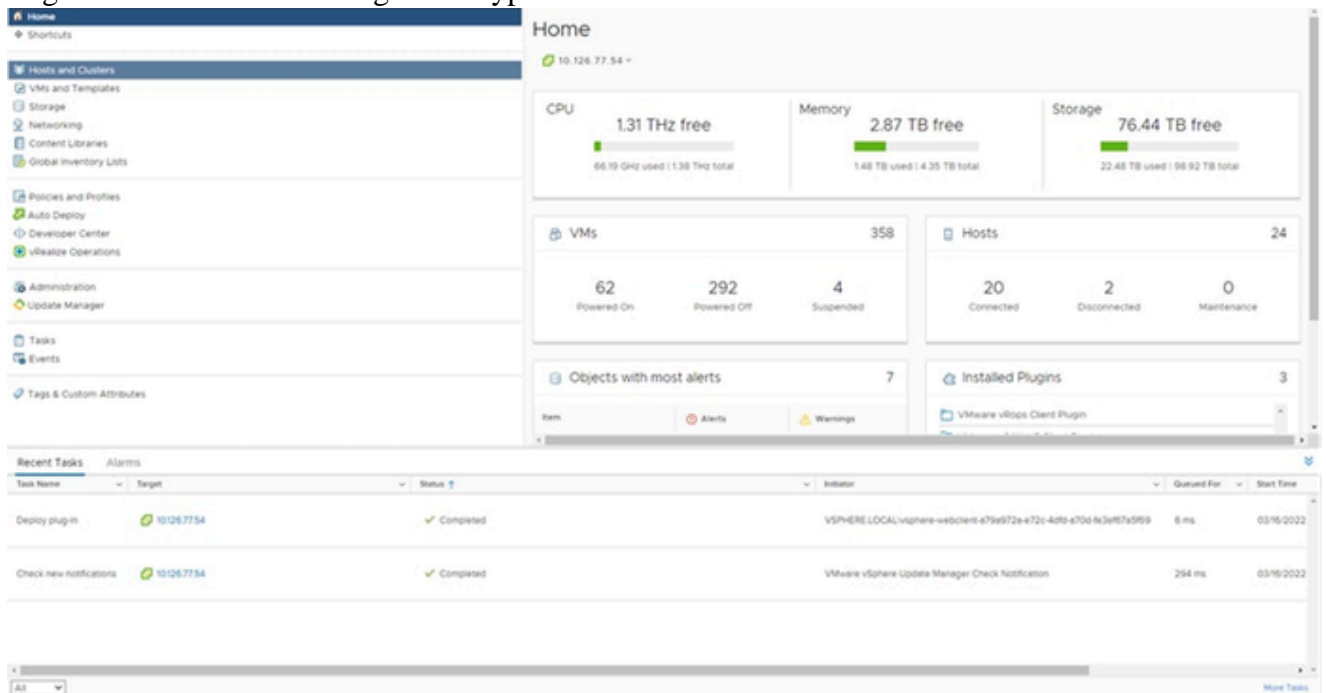
Console

10. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Web Client vCenter Installation

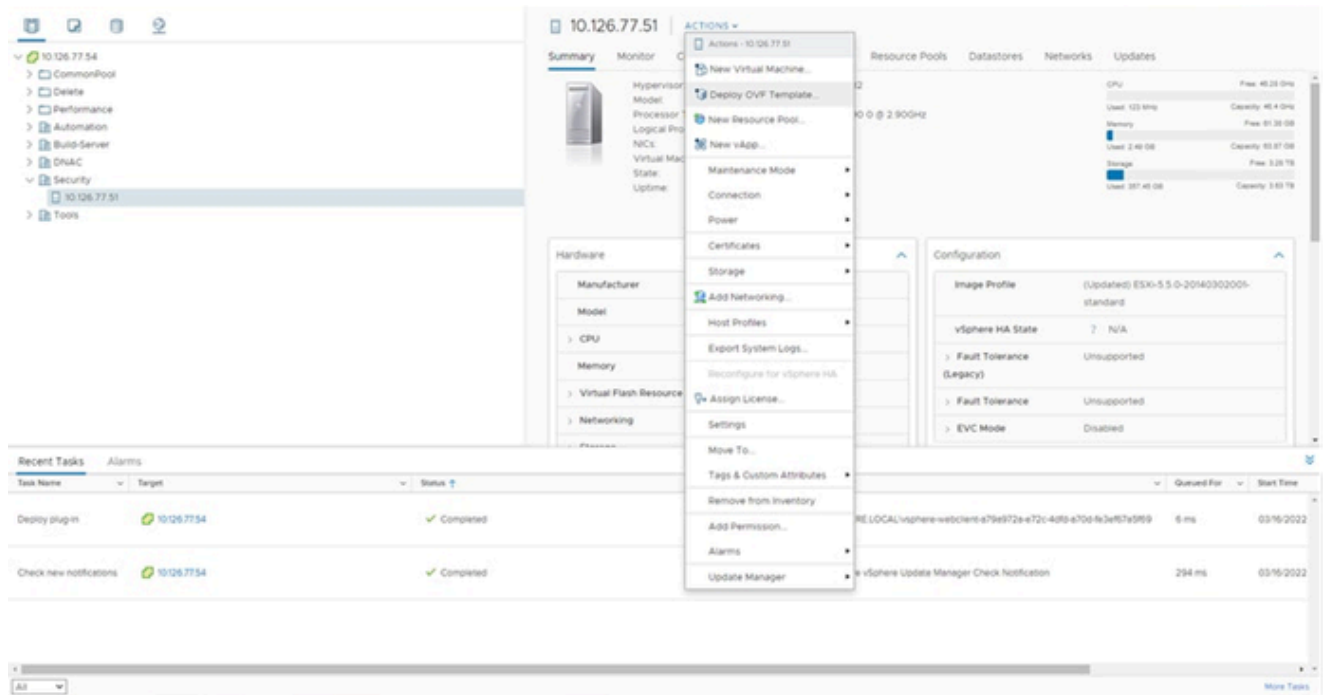
This client allows deployment of CX Agent OVA by use of the Web Client vCenter.

1. Log into vCenter Client using ESXi/hypervisor credentials.



Home Page

2. From the **Home** page, click **Hosts and Clusters**.



*Hosts and Clusters*

3. Select the VM.and click **Action > Deploy OVF Template.**

## Deploy OVF Template

- 1 Select an OVF template
- 2 Select a name and folder
- 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

Select an OVF template

Select an OVF template from remote URL or local file system

Enter a URL to download and install the OVF package from the internet, or browse to a location accessible from your computer, such as a local hard drive, a network share, or a CD/DVD drive.

☐ URL

<http://https://remoteserver-address/filetoinstall.ovf>

☒ Local file

No file chosen

Select a template to deploy. Use multiple selection to select all the files associated with an OVF template (.ovf, .vmdk, etc.)

*Deploy OVF*

4. Add the URL directly or browse to select the OVA file.
5. Click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard with step 2, 'Select a name and folder', highlighted in the left sidebar. The main panel has a title 'Select a name and folder' and a close button. Below the title, it says 'Specify a unique name and target location'. The 'Virtual machine name:' field contains 'CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-Demo'. Below this, it says 'Select a location for the virtual machine.' and shows a tree view of folders. The 'M5' folder is selected. At the bottom right, there are 'CANCEL', 'BACK', and 'NEXT' buttons.

**Deploy OVF Template**

- 1 Select an OVF template
- 2 Select a name and folder**
- 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

**Select a name and folder** [X]

Specify a unique name and target location

Virtual machine name: CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-Demo

Select a location for the virtual machine.

- 10.126.77.54
  - CommonPool
    - M3 - Simulator
    - M4
    - M5**
  - HCL\_Team
  - Performance
  - Automation
  - Build-Server
  - DNAC
  - Security
  - Tools

CANCEL BACK NEXT

*Name and Folder*

6. Enter a unique name and browse to the location if required.
7. Click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard with step 3, 'Select a compute resource', highlighted in the left sidebar. The main panel has a title 'Select a compute resource' and a close button. Below the title, it says 'Select the destination compute resource for this operation'. The 'Build-Server' folder is selected. Below this, there is a 'Compatibility' section with a green checkmark and the text 'Compatibility checks succeeded.' At the bottom right, there are 'CANCEL', 'BACK', and 'NEXT' buttons.

**Deploy OVF Template**

- 1 Select an OVF template
- 2 Select a name and folder
- 3 Select a compute resource**
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

**Select a compute resource** [X]

Select the destination compute resource for this operation

- Build-Server
  - [blurred]
  - [blurred]

Compatibility

✓ Compatibility checks succeeded.

CANCEL BACK NEXT

*Select compute resource*

8. Select a compute resource and click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Review details' step of the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard. On the left, a sidebar lists steps 1 through 8, with '4 Review details' highlighted. The main area is titled 'Review details' and contains a table of template information. At the bottom right are 'CANCEL', 'BACK', and 'NEXT' buttons.

| Verify the template details. |                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Publisher                    | TrustID EV Code Signing CA 4 (Trusted certificate)       |
| Product                      | CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69                                |
| Version                      | 2.3                                                      |
| Vendor                       | Cisco Systems, Inc                                       |
| Description                  | CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69                                |
| Download size                | 1.4 GB                                                   |
| Size on disk                 | Unknown (thin provisioned)<br>1.6 TB (thick provisioned) |

*Review details*

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

The screenshot shows the 'Configuration' step of the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard. The sidebar highlights '5 Configuration'. The main area is titled 'Configuration' and shows three radio button options: 'Small' (selected), 'Medium', and 'Large'. A description box on the right provides resource requirements. At the bottom right are 'CANCEL', 'BACK', and 'NEXT' buttons.

Select a deployment configuration

☒ Small  
☐ Medium  
☐ Large

**Description**  
The resources consumed by this configuration are: 8 vCPUs 16GB Memory 200GB Storage Typical configuration for DNA installations.

3 Items

*Configuration*

10. Select the the deployment **Configuration** and click **Next**.



### Deploy OVF Template

- Select an OVF template
- Select a name and folder
- Select a compute resource
- Review details
- Configuration
- Select storage**
- Select networks
- Ready to complete

### Select storage

Select the storage for the configuration and disk files

☐ Encrypt this virtual machine (Requires Key Management Server)

Select virtual disk format: Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed

VM Storage Policy: Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed Default

☐ Disable Storage DRS for this

| Name          | Storage Compatibility | Capacity  | Provisioned | Free      | Type   | Cluster |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| datastore1 (- | --                    | 925.25 GB | 8.71 GB     | 916.54 GB | VMFS 5 |         |

Compatibility

✓ Compatibility checks succeeded.

CANCEL BACK NEXT

Configuration

11. Select **Storage** > **Select virtual disk format** from the drop-down list and click **Next**.

### Deploy OVF Template

- Select an OVF template
- Select a name and folder
- Select a compute resource
- Review details
- Configuration
- Select storage
- Select networks**
- Ready to complete

### Select networks

Select a destination network for each source network.

| Source Network | Destination Network |
|----------------|---------------------|
| VM Network     | VM Network          |

IP Allocation Settings

IP allocation: Static - Manual

IP protocol: IPv4

CANCEL BACK NEXT

Select Networks

12. Make the appropriate selections in the **Select networks** and click **Next**.



## Deploy OVF Template

- Select an OVF template
- Select a name and folder
- Select a compute resource
- Review details
- Configuration
- Select storage
- Select networks
- Ready to complete**

## Ready to complete

Review your selections before finishing the wizard

Select a name and folder

Name: CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-Demo  
Template name: CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-69-1\_SHA1  
Folder: Build-Server

Select a compute resource

Resource: 10.126.77.52

Review details

Download size: 1.4 GB

Select storage

Size on disk: Unknown  
Storage mapping: 1  
All disks: Datastore: datastore1 (8); Format: Thin provision

Select networks

Network mapping: 1  
VM Network: VM Network  
IP allocation settings:  
IP protocol: IPV4  
IP allocation: Static - Manual

CANCEL

BACK

FINISH

Ready to complete

13. Review selections and click **Finish**. The **Home** page displays.

vSphere Client

10.126.77.54

CommonPool

HCL\_Team

Performance

Automation

Build-Server

10.126.77.63

10.126.77.52

CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-Demo

DRAC

Security

Tools

CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-Demo

Summary

Monitor

Configure

Permissions

Datastores

Networks

Snapshots

Updates

Powered Off

Guest OS: Ubuntu Linux (64-bit)

Compatibility: ESXi 5.0 and later (VM version 8)

VMware Tools: Not running, not installed

DRIS Name: MORE INFO

IP Addresses: Host: 10.126.77.52

LAUNCH WEB CONSOLE

LAUNCH REMOTE CONSOLE

VM Hardware

CPU: 8 CPUs

Memory: 16 GB, 0 GB memory active

Notes

CXCloudAgent\_2.3\_Build-69

EDIT Notes...

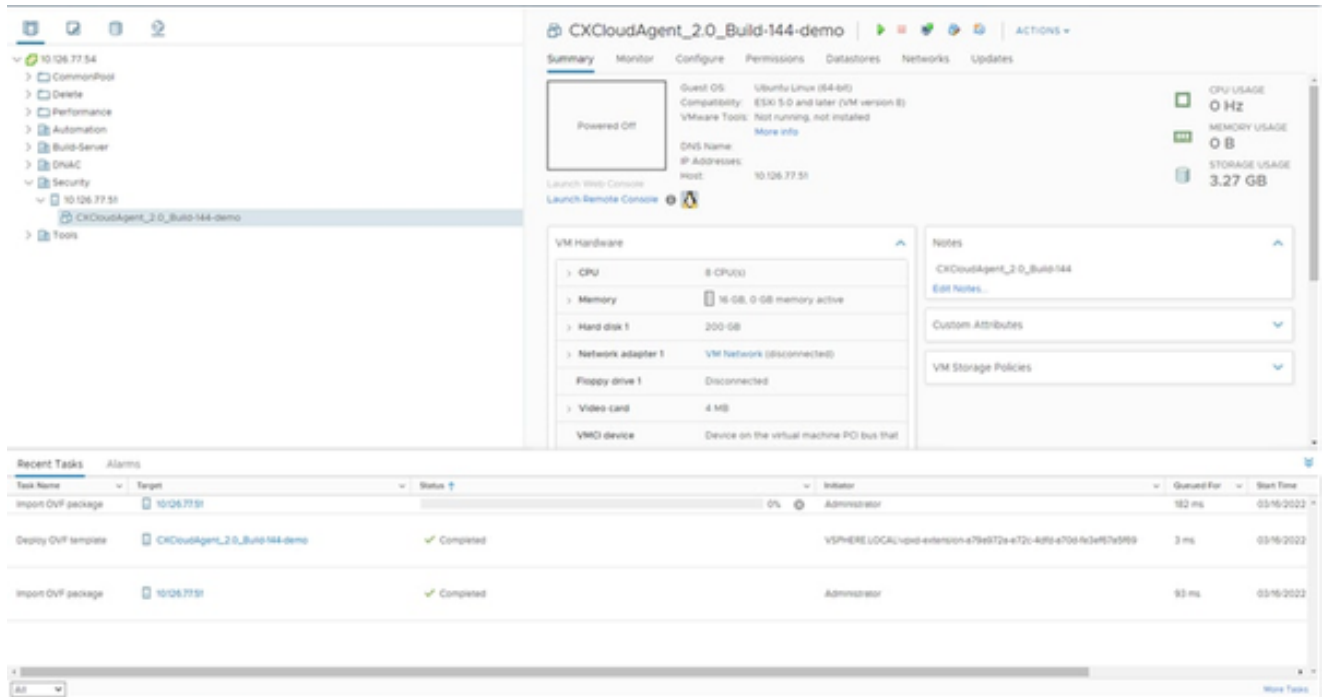
Recent Tasks

Alarms

| Task Name           | Target       | Status    | Details                       | Initiator                      | Quarant For | Start Time             | Completion Time        |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Deploy OVF template | 10.126.77.52 | Completed | Copying Virtual Machine co... | VSPHERE.LOCAL/vspid-extensi... | 6 ms        | 12/15/2023, 3:42:46 AM | 12/15/2023, 3:49:04 AM |
| Import OVF package  | 10.126.77.52 | Completed |                               | vsphere.local/Administrator    | 87 ms       | 12/15/2023, 3:42:19 AM | 12/15/2023, 3:49:04 AM |

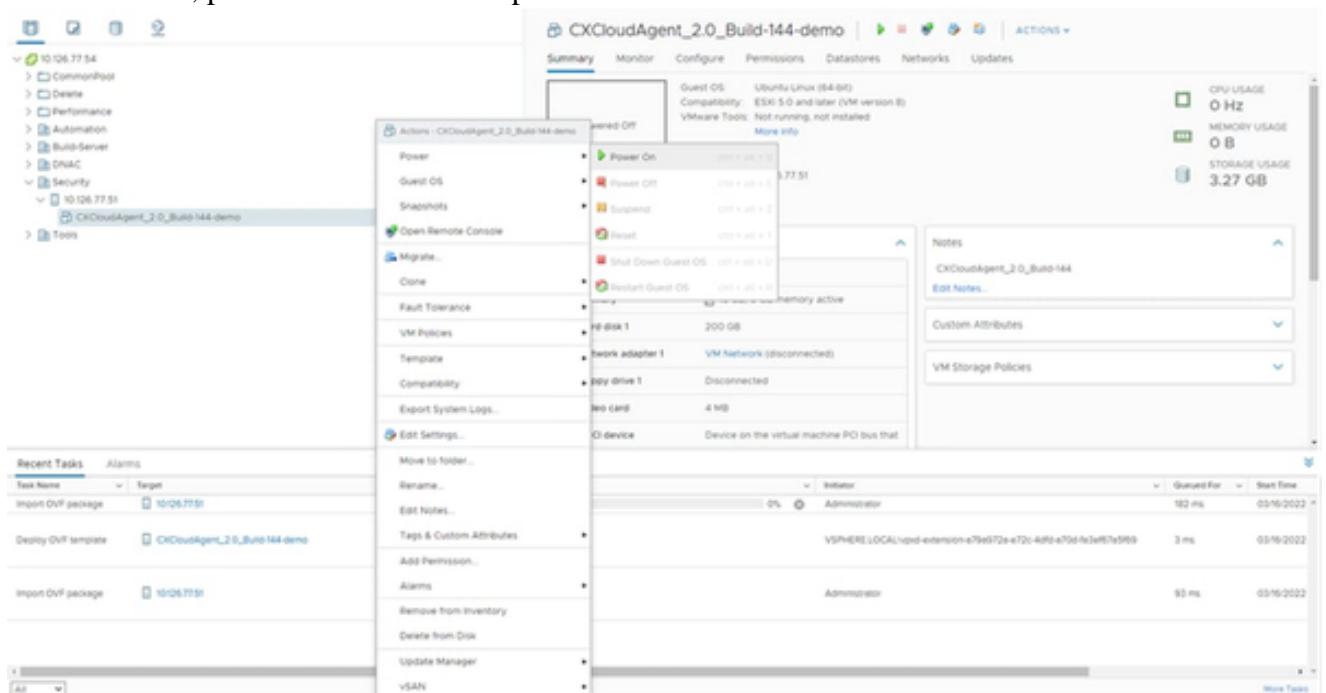
VM added

14. Click thenewly added VM to view the status.



VM Added

15. Once installed, power on the VM and open the console.



Open Console

16. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Oracle Virtual Box 7.0.12 Installation

This client deploys CX Agent OVA though the Oracle Virtual Box.

1. Download the *CXCloudAgent\_3.1 OVA* into the windows box to any folder.
2. Browse to the folder using the command line interface.
3. Unzip the OVA file using the command `tar -xvf D:\CXCloudAgent_3.1_Build-xx.ova.`

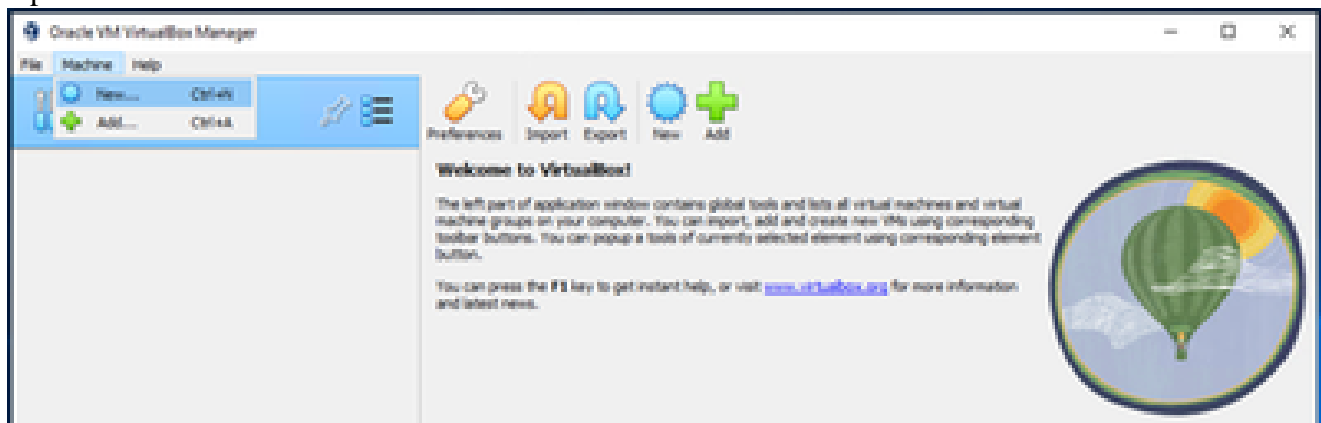
```
D:\>cd CXAGENT

D:\CXAGENT>tar -xvf CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69-1_SHA1_signed.ova
x CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69-1_SHA1.ovf
x CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69-1_SHA1.mf
x CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69-1_SHA1.cert
x CXCloudAgent_2.3_Build-69-1_SHA1-disk1.vmdk

D:\CXAGENT>
```

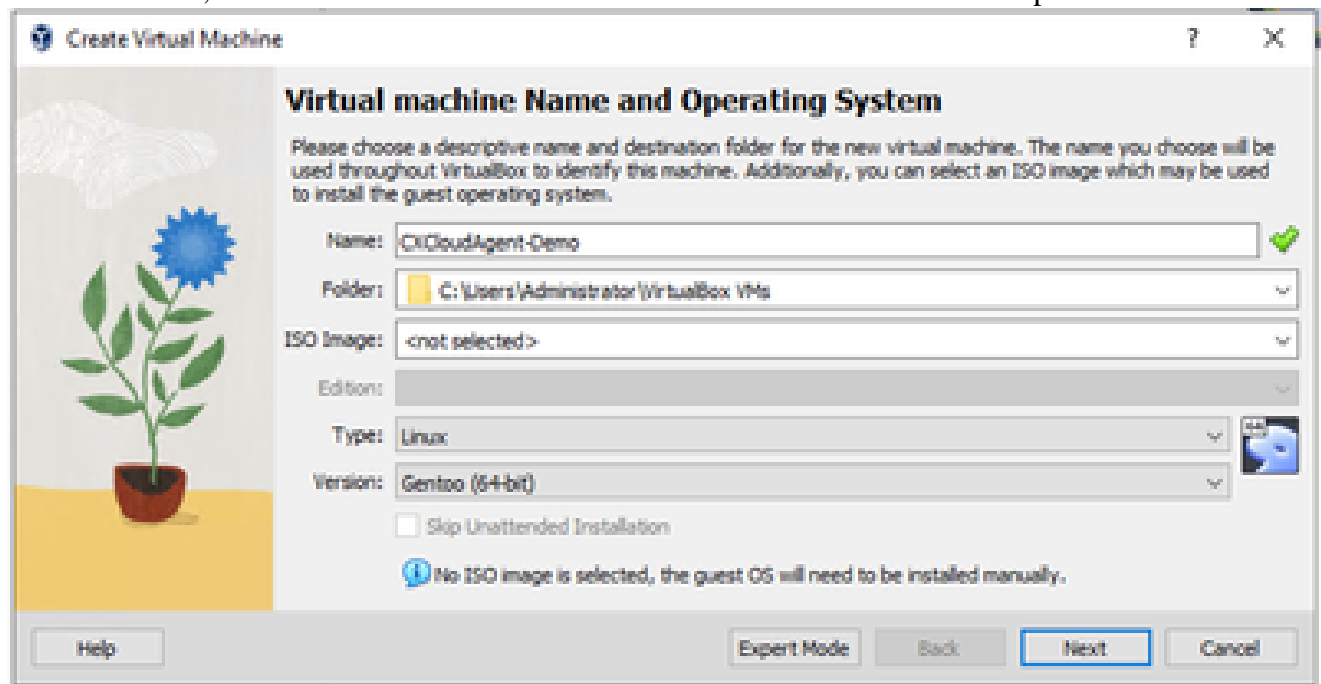
*Unzip OVA File*

4. Open the Oracle VM UI.



*Oracle VM*

5. From the menu, select **Machine>New**. The **Create Virtual Machine** window opens.



*Create Virtual Machine*

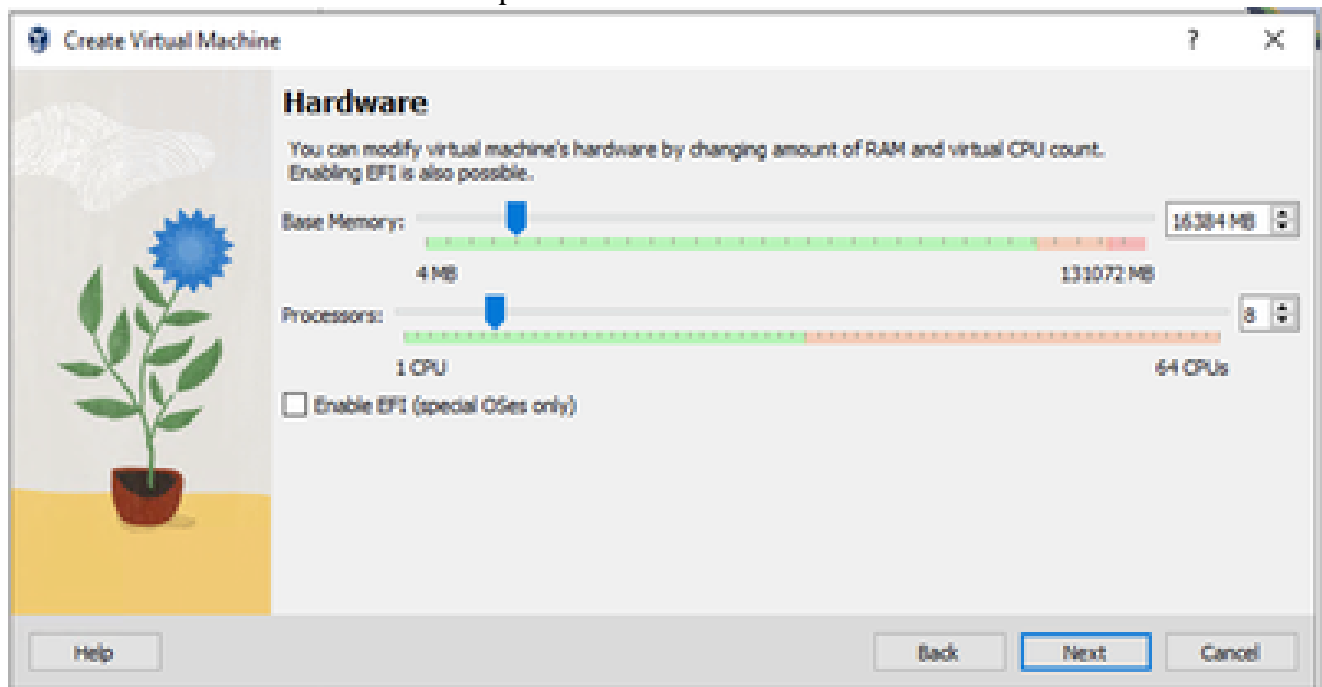
6. Enter the following details in the **Virtual machine Name and Operating System** window.  
**Name:** VM name  
**Folder:** Location where VM data to be stored

**ISO image:** none

**Type:** Linux

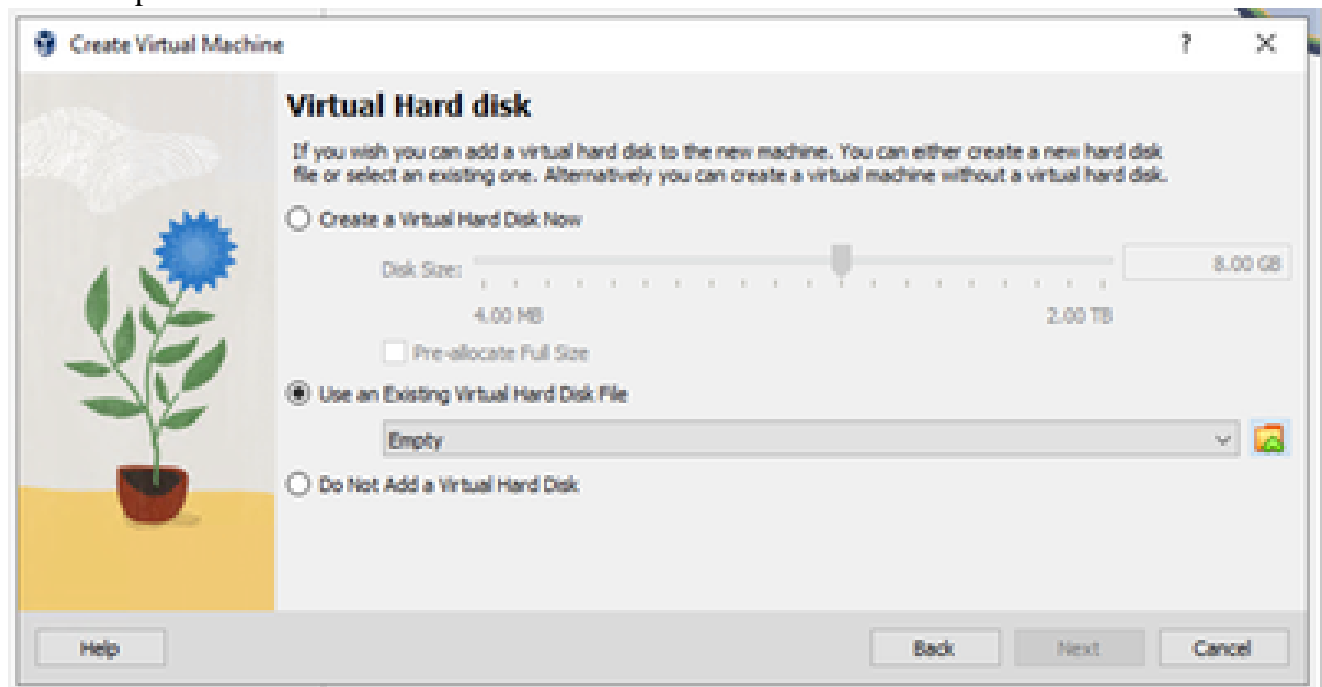
**Version:** Gentoo (64bit)

7. Click **Next**. The **Hardware** window opens.



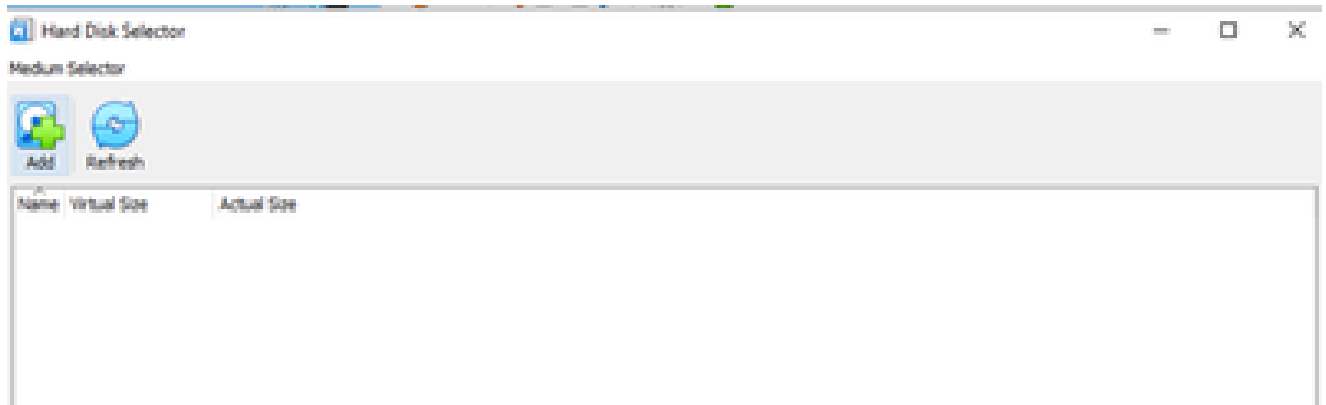
*Hardware*

8. Enter **Base Memory** (16384 MB) and **Processors** (8 CPU) and click **Next**. The **Virtual Hard Disk** window opens.



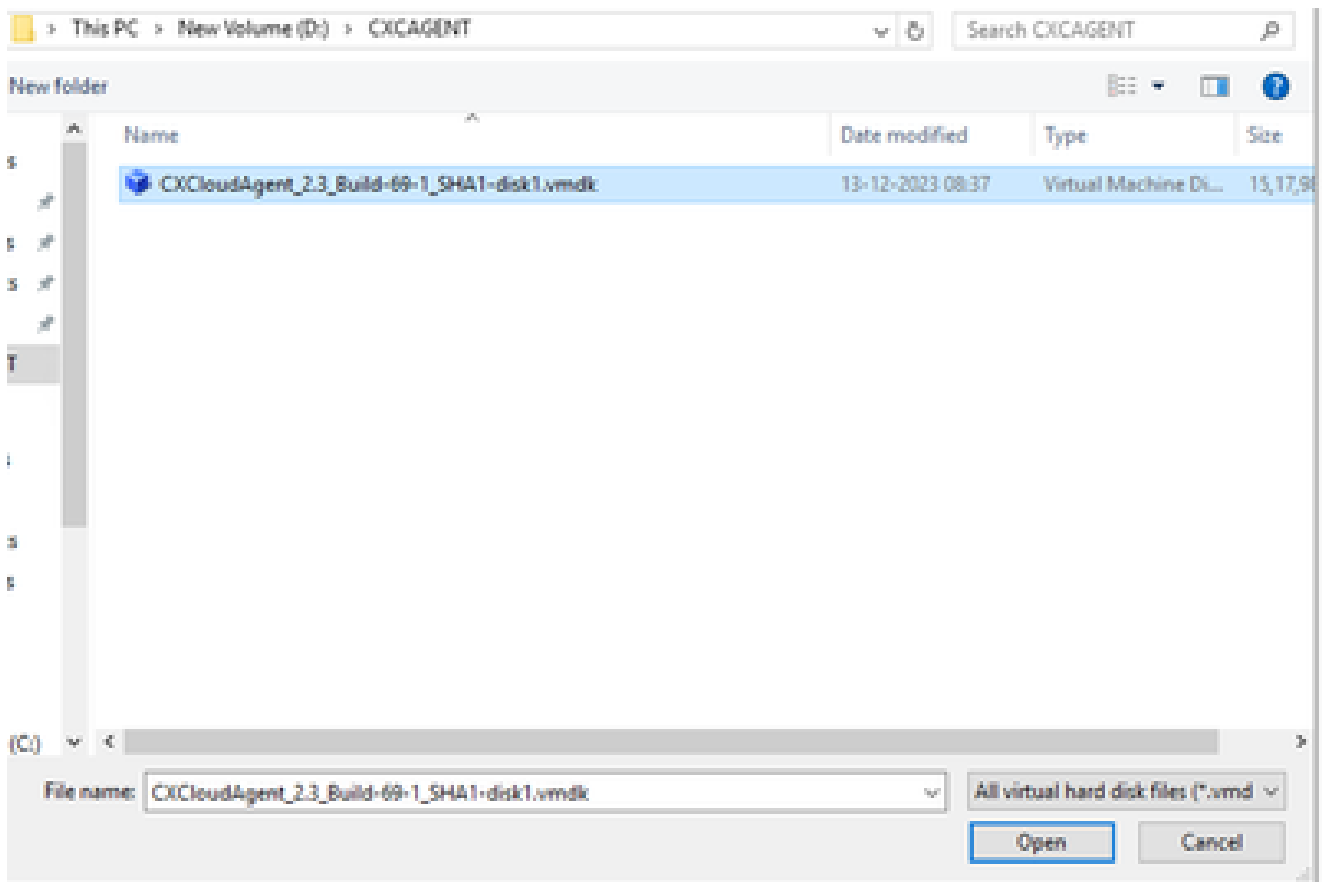
*Virtual Hard Disk*

9. Select the **Use an Existing Virtual Hard Disk File** radio button and select the **Browse** icon. The **Hard Disk Selector** window opens.



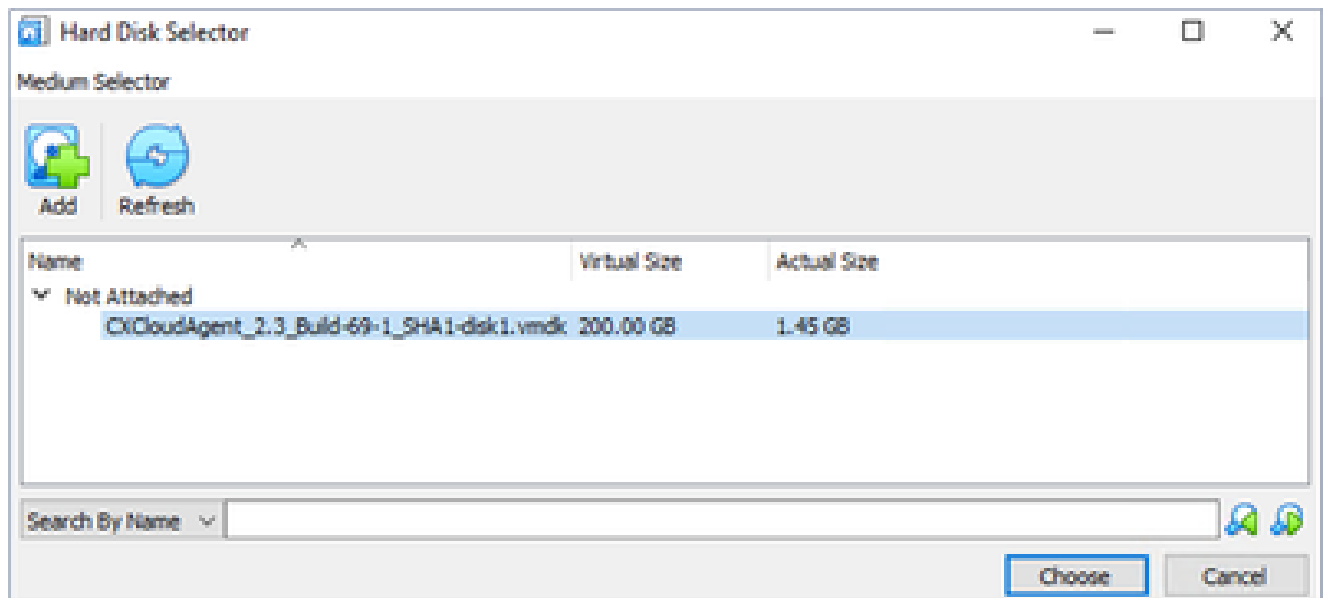
*Hard Disk Selector*

10. Browse to the OVA folder and select the VMDK file.



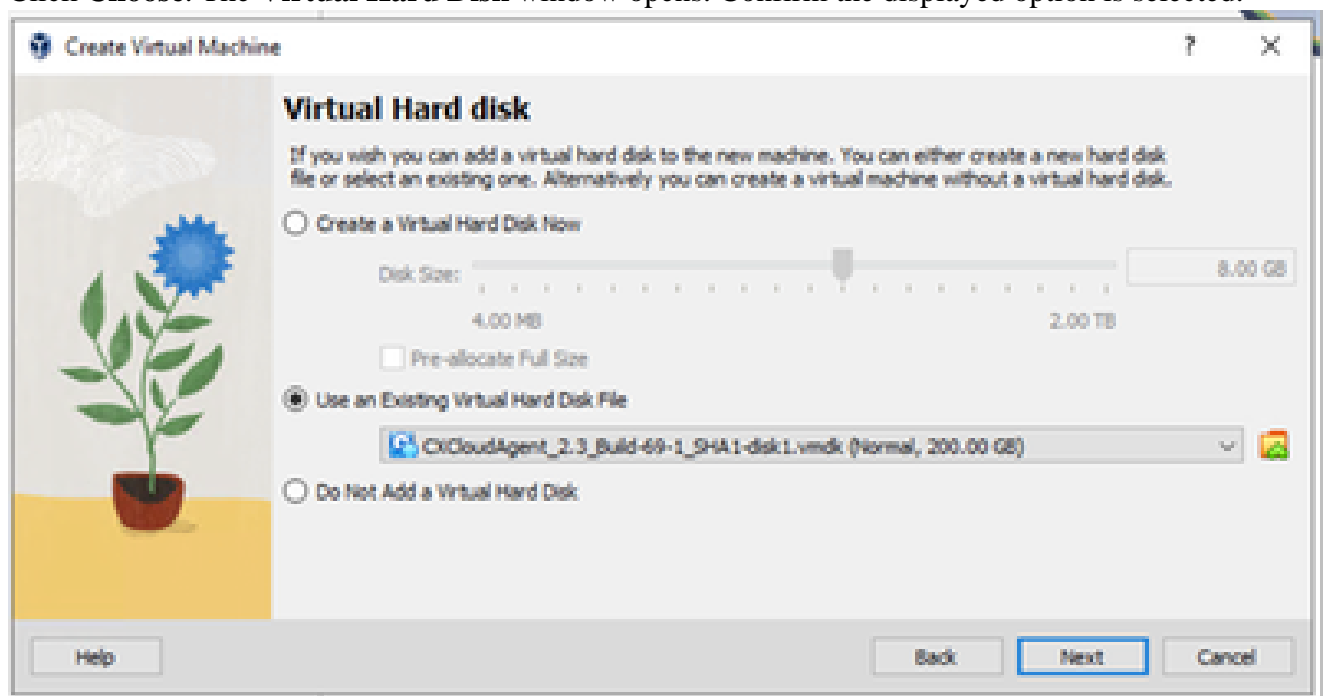
*OVA Folder*

11. Click **Open**. The file displays in the **Hardware Disk Selector** window.



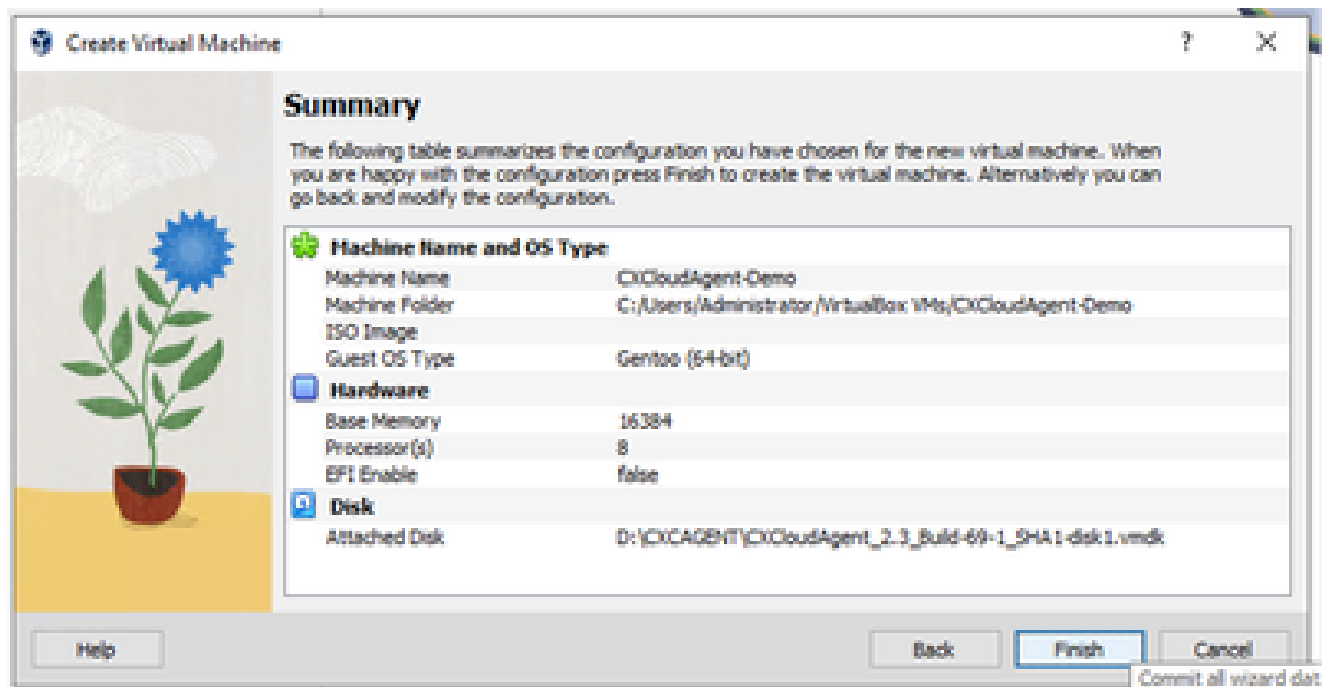
*Hard Disk Selector*

12. Click **Choose**. The **Virtual Hard Disk** window opens. Confirm the displayed option is selected.



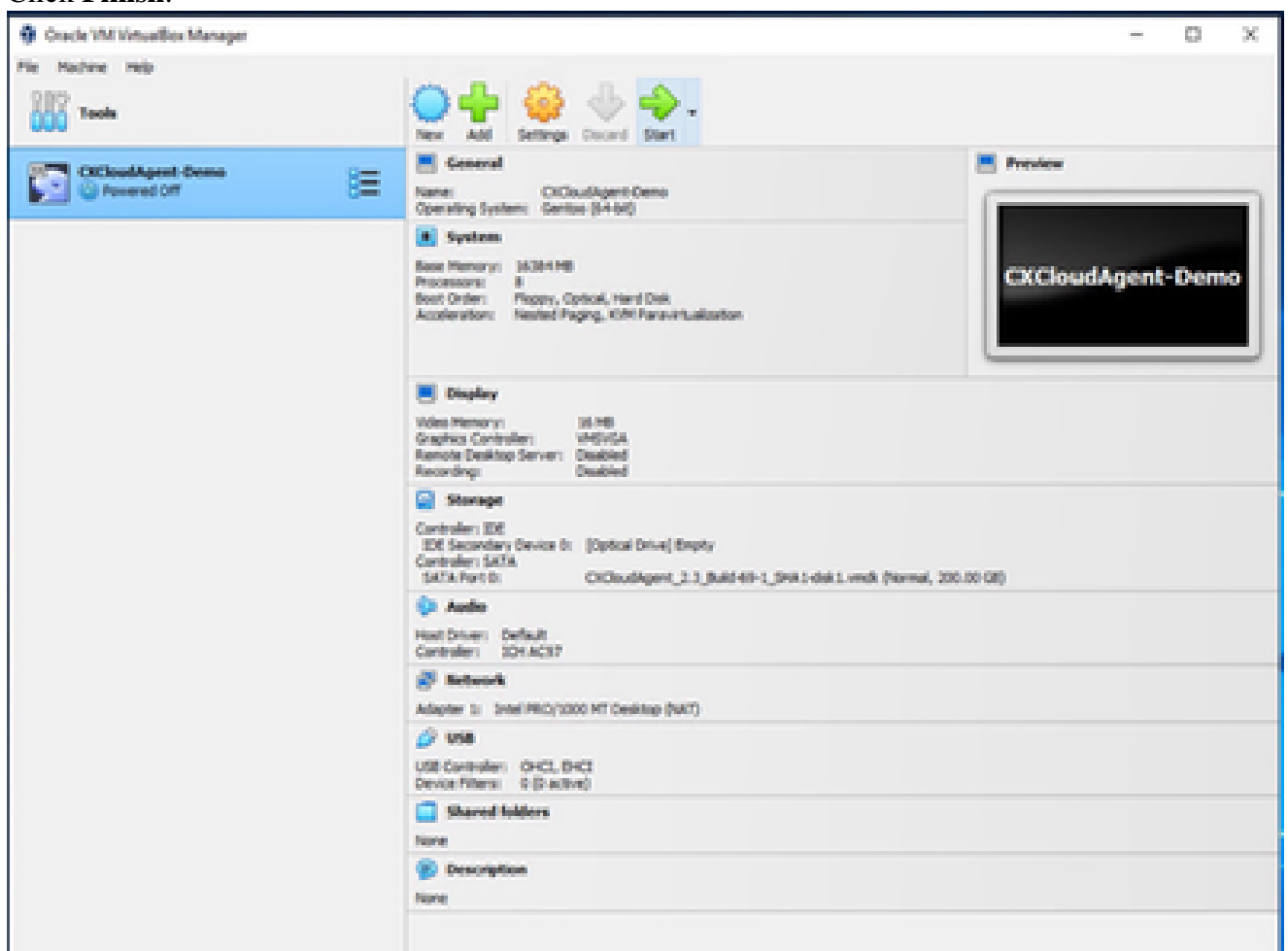
*Select file*

13. Click **Next**. The **Summary** window opens.



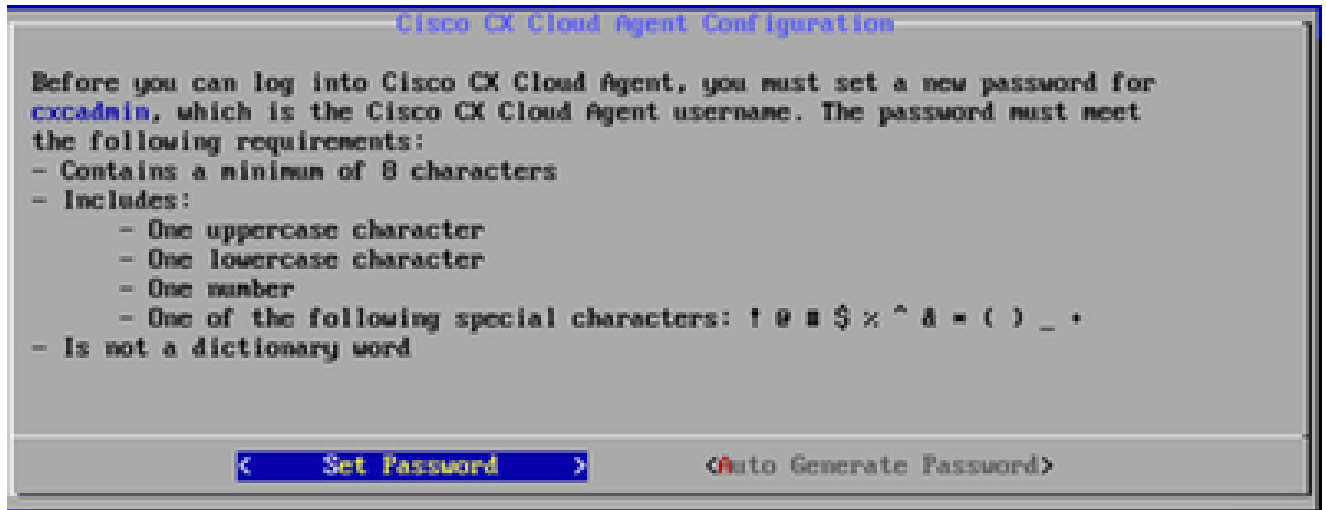
Summary

14. Click **Finish**.



VM Console Startup

15. Select the deployed VM and click **Start**. The VM powers in and the console screen displays for setup.



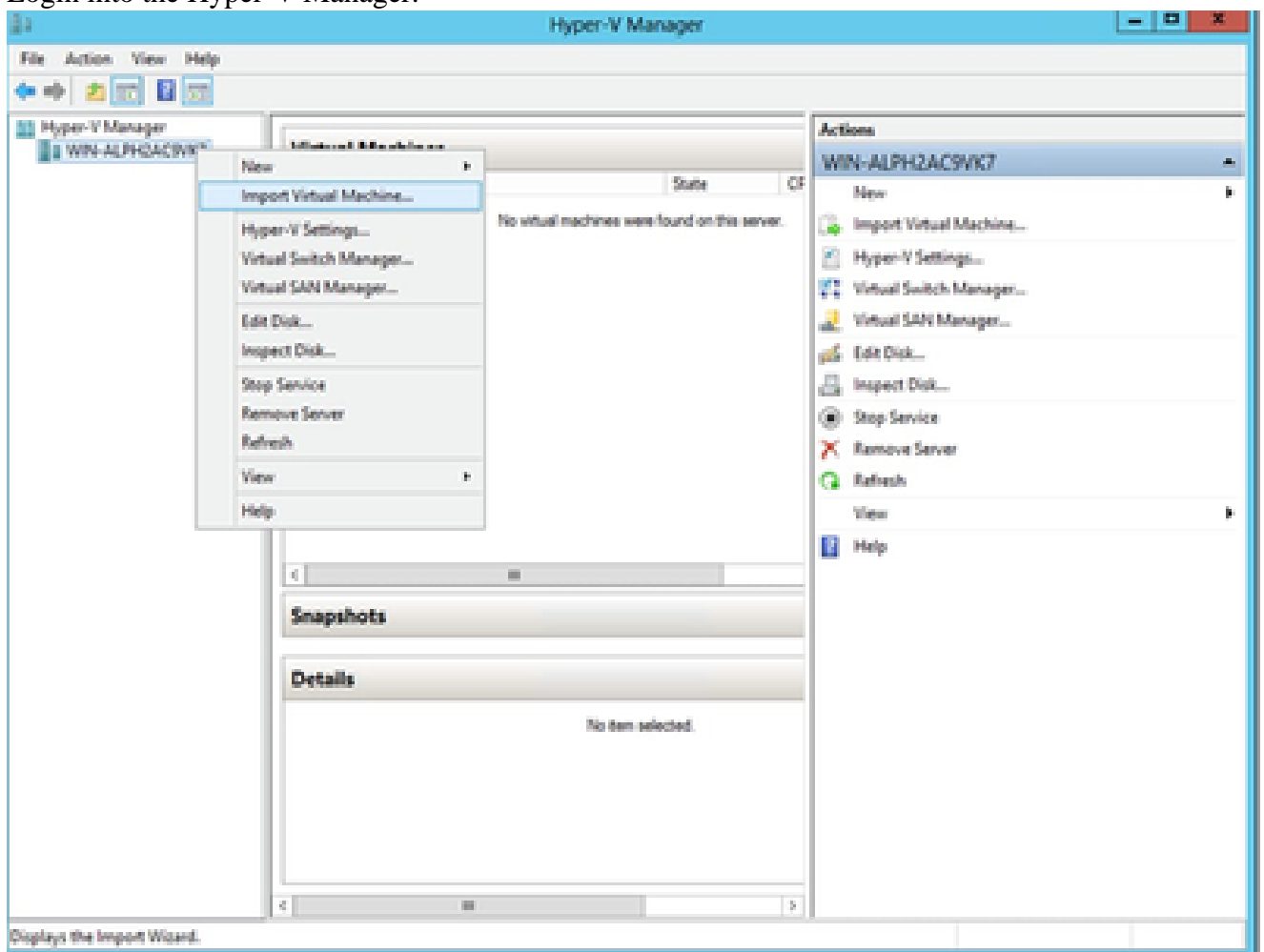
*Open the console*

16. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Microsoft Hyper-V Installation

This client deploys CX Agent OVA though the Microsoft Hyper-V installation.

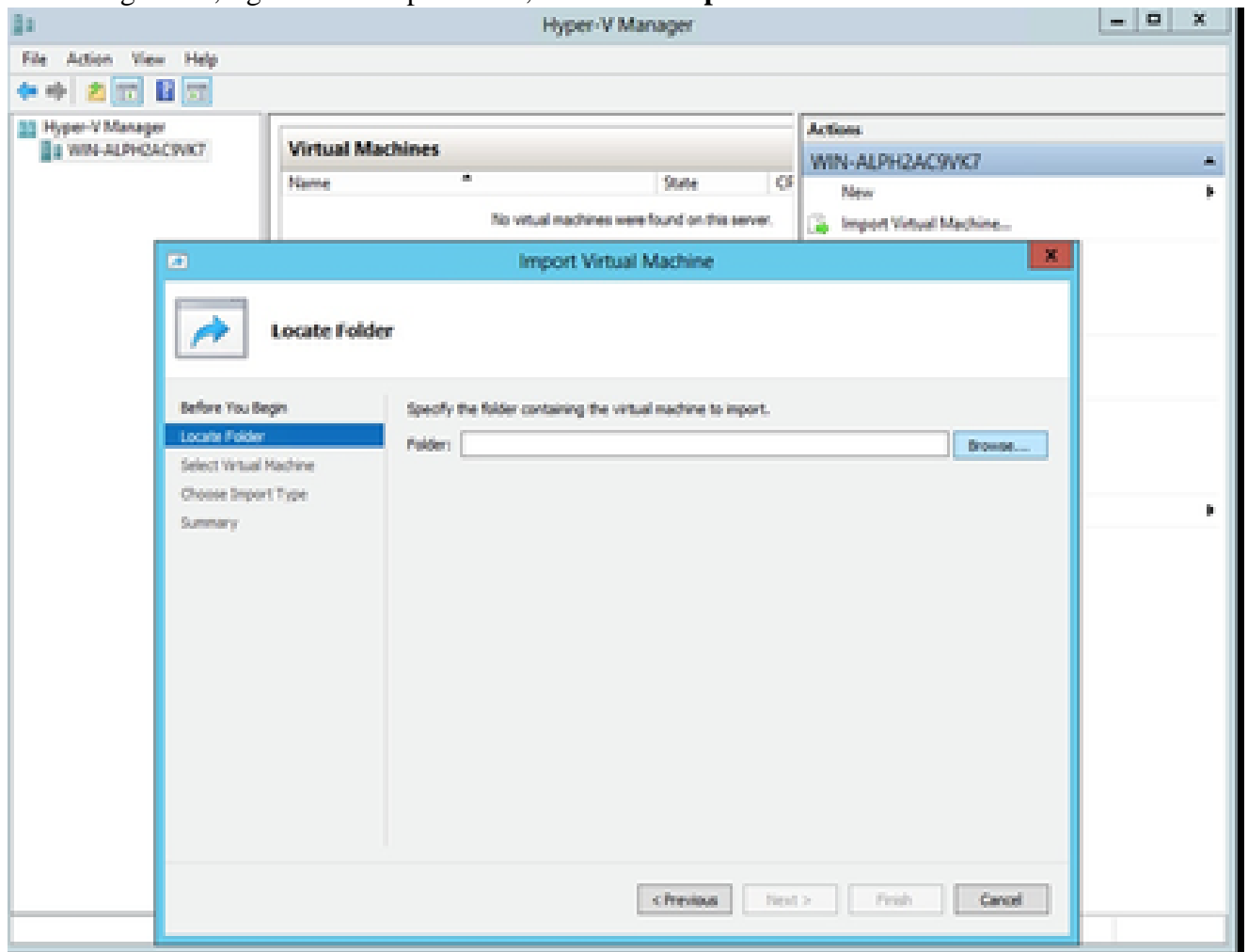
1. Login into the Hyper-V Manager.



*Hyper V Manager*

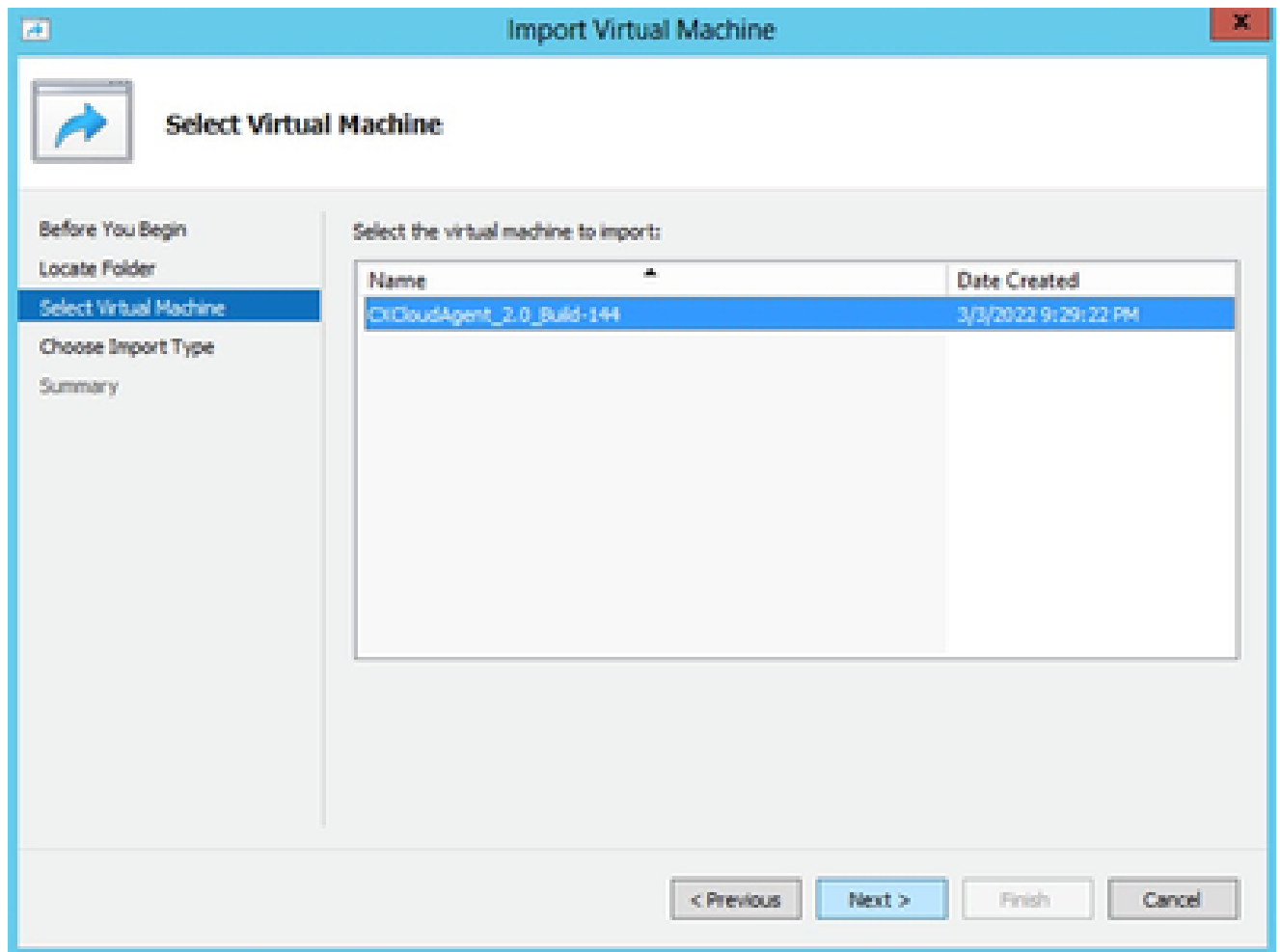


2. Select target VM, right-click to open menu, and select **Import Virtual Machine**.



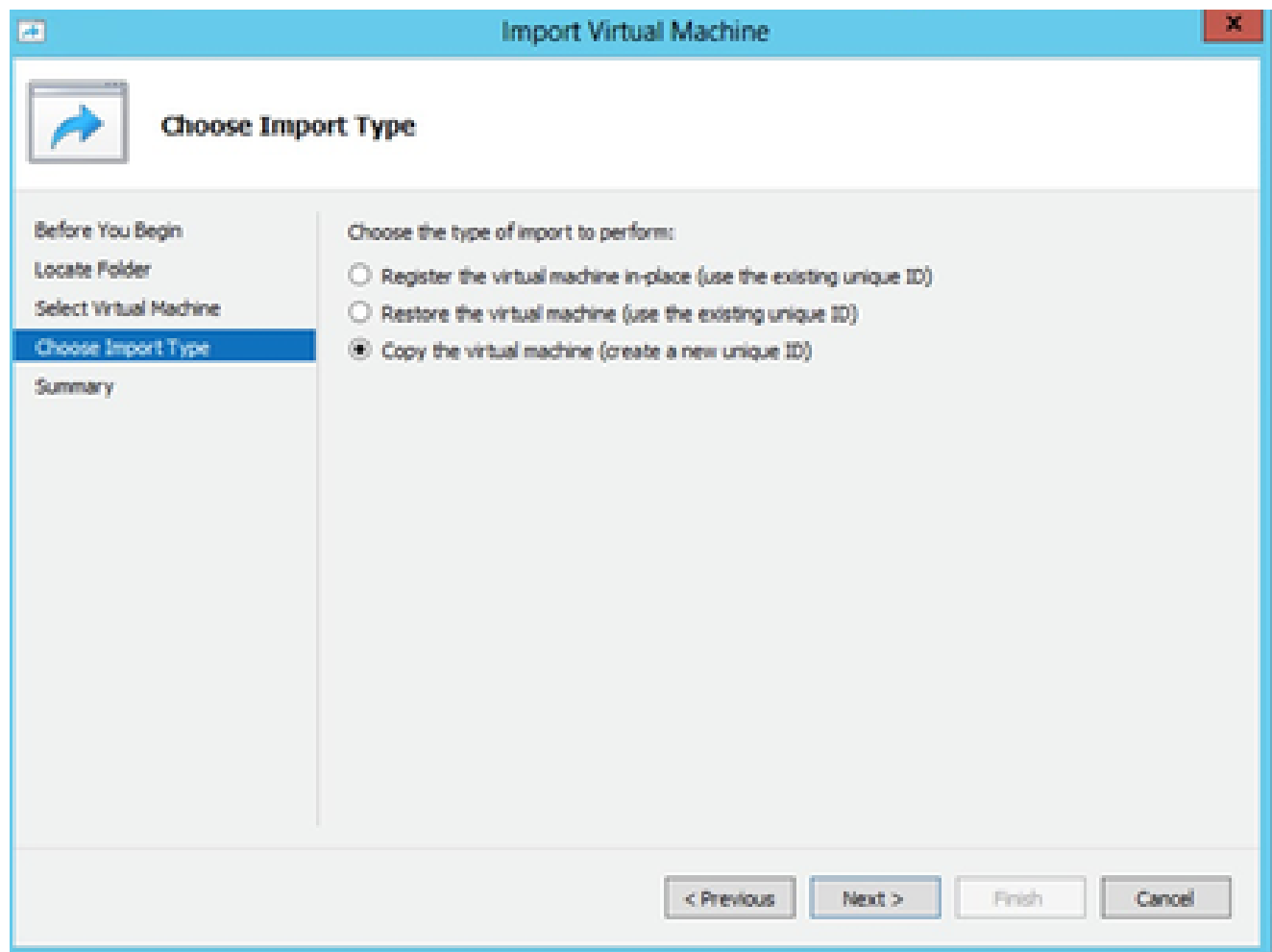
*Folder to Import*

3. Browse and select the **download folder** and click **Next**.



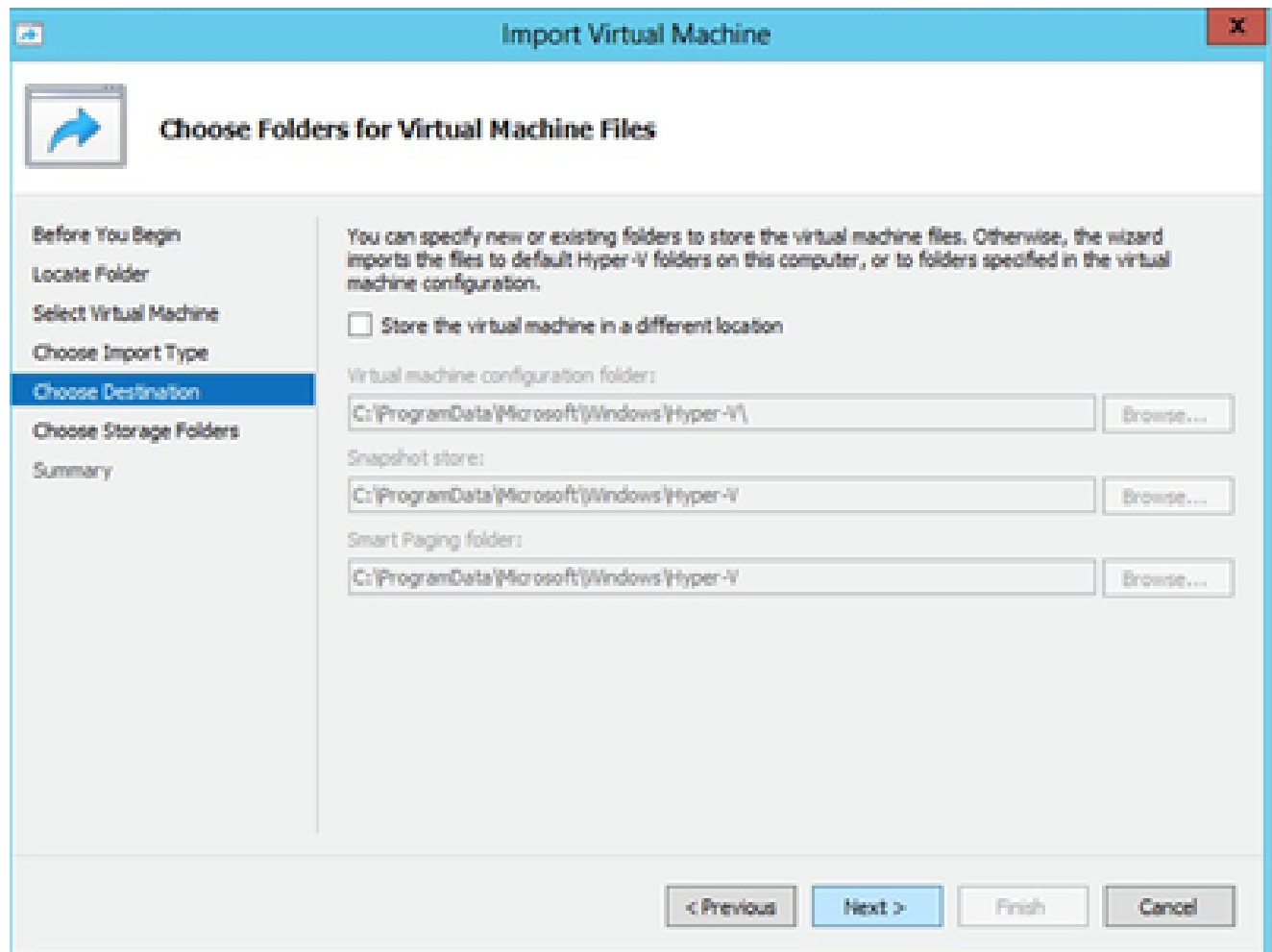
*Select VM*

4. Select the **VM** and click **Next**.



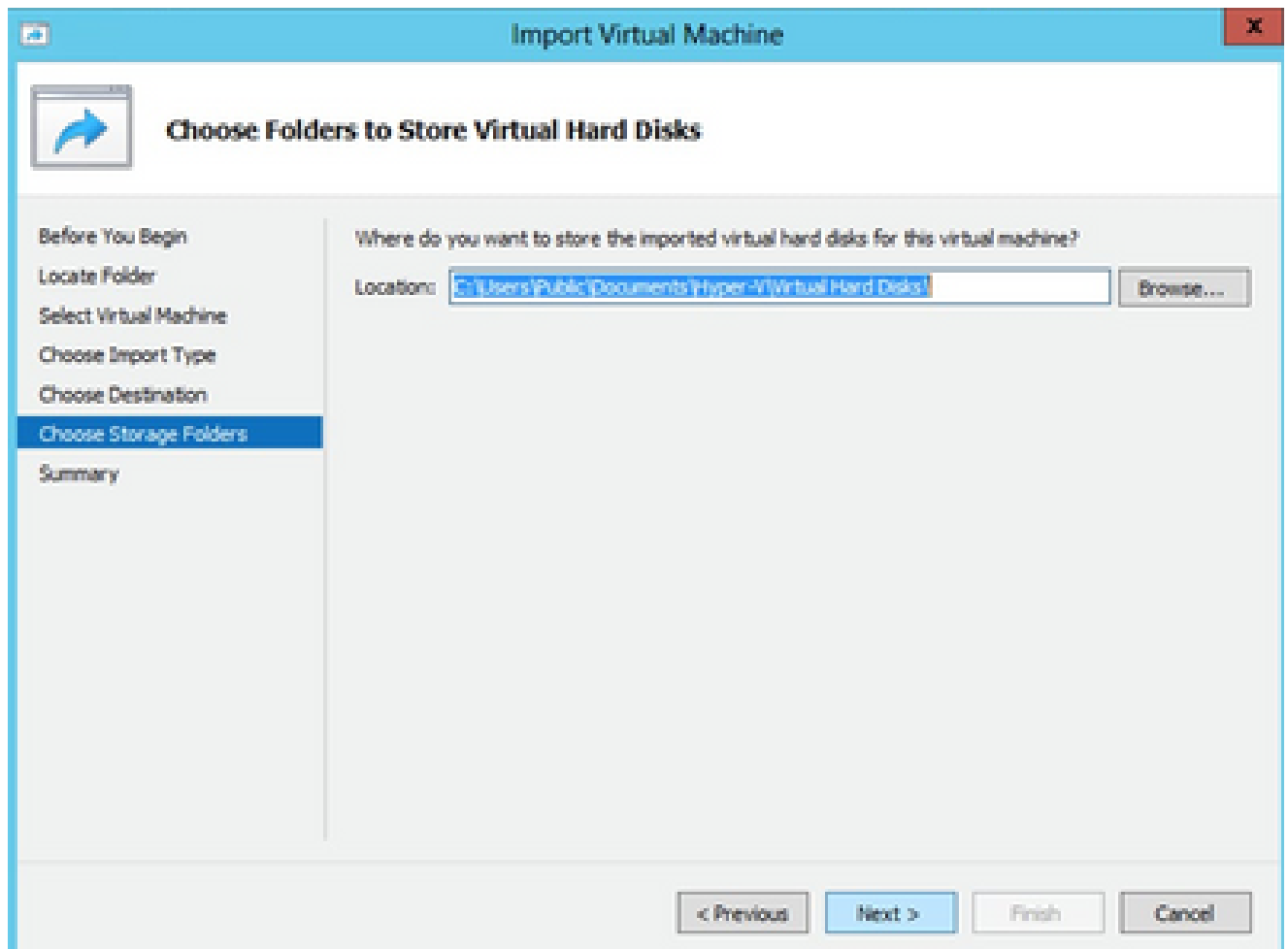
*Import Type*

5. Select the **Copy the virtual machine (create a new unique ID)** radio button and click **Next**.



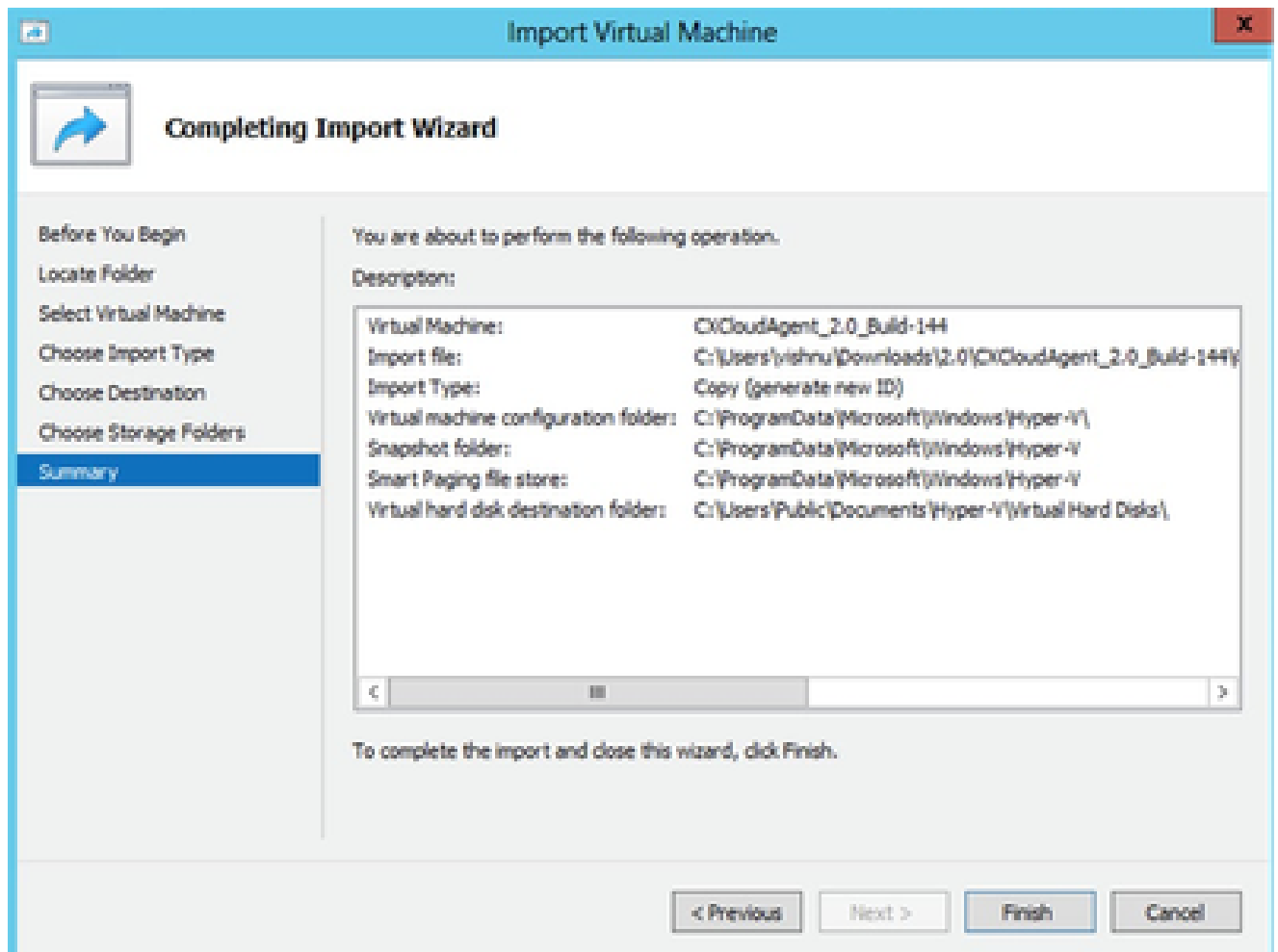
*Choose Folders for Virtual Machine Files*

6. Browse to select the folder for VM files. Cisco recommends using the default paths.
7. Click **Next**.



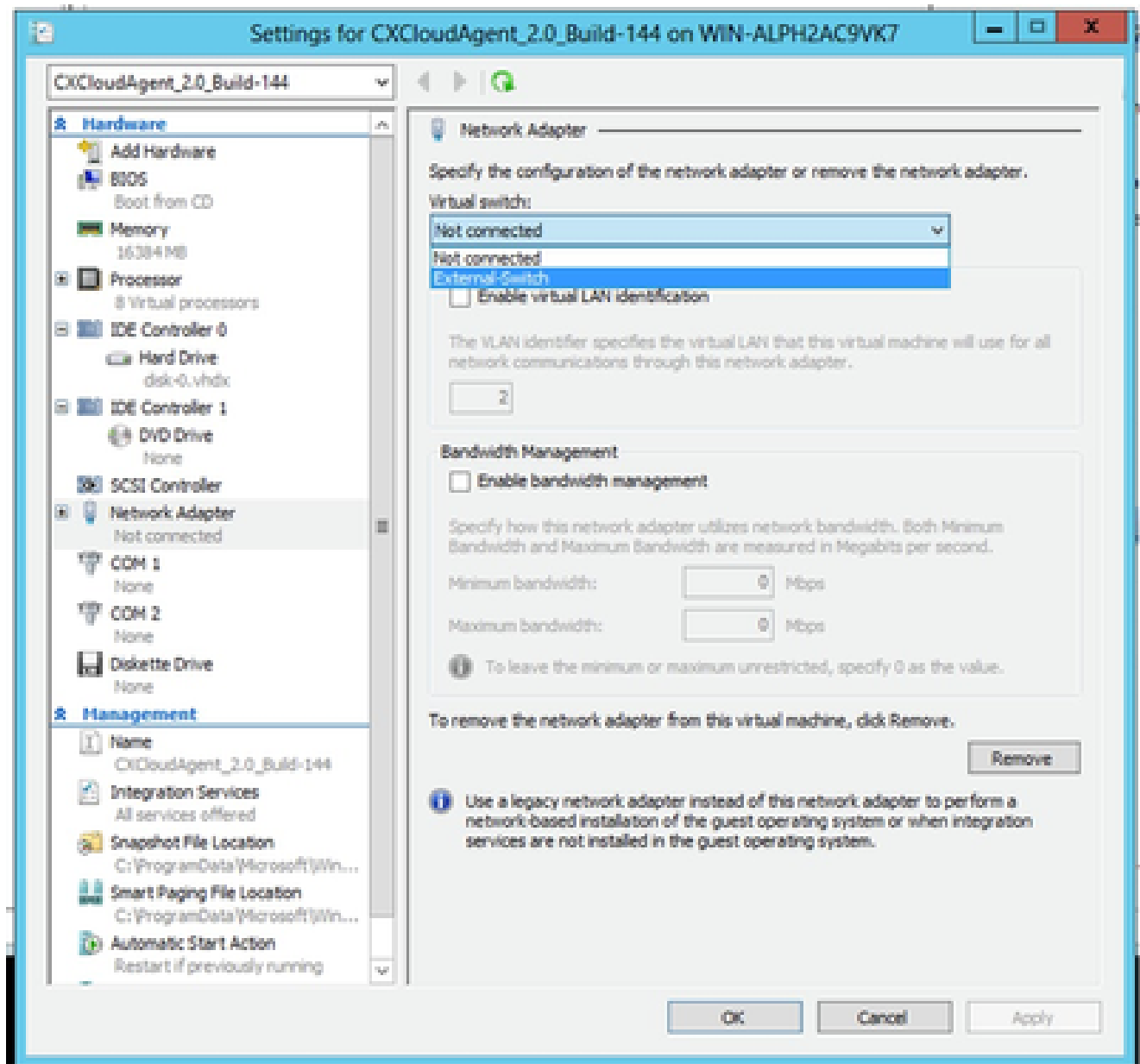
*Folder to Store the Virtual Hard Disks*

8. Browse and select the folder to store the VM hard disks. Cisco recommends using the default paths.
9. Click **Next**. The VM summary displays.



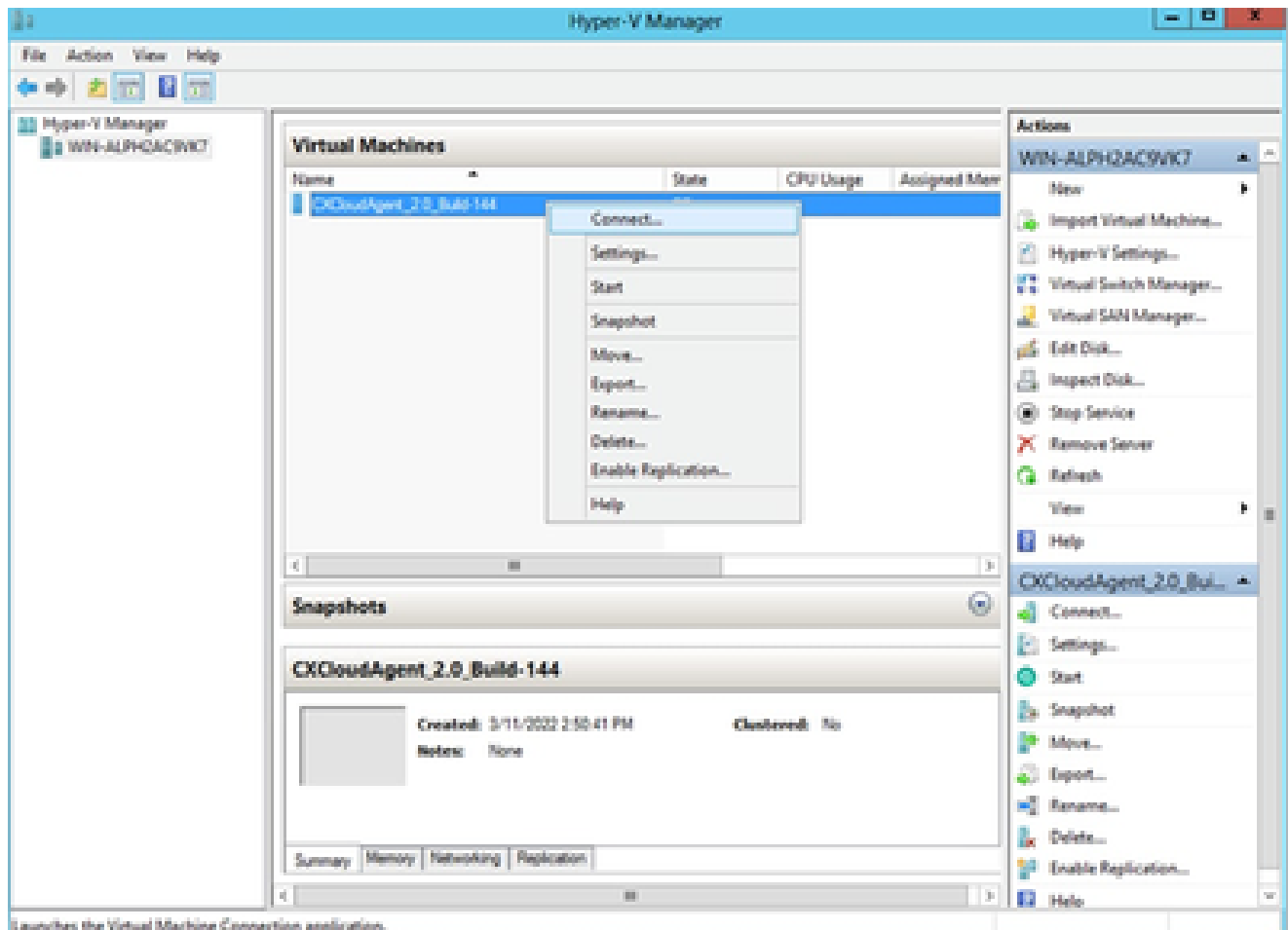
#### Summary

10. Verify all inputs and click **Finish**.
11. Once the import is successfully complete, a new VM is created on Hyper-V. Open the VM settings.



*Virtual Switch*

12. Select the **Network Adapter** from the left panel and select the available **Virtual Switch** from the drop-down list.

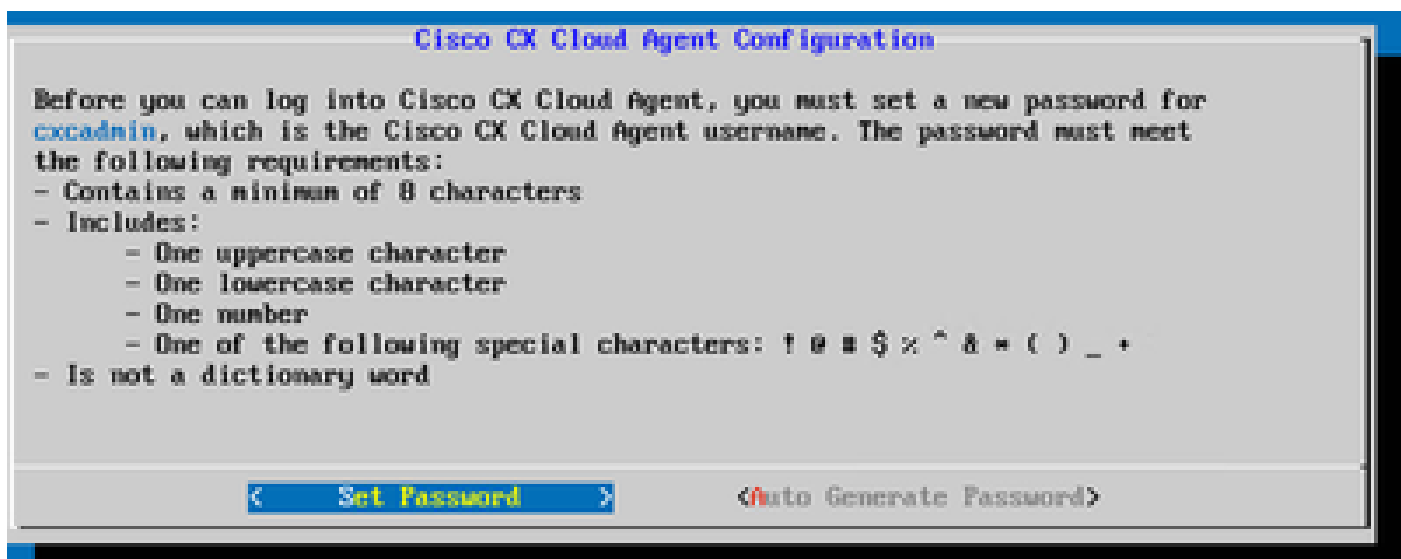


Starting VM

13. Select **Connect** to start the VM.
14. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Network Configuration

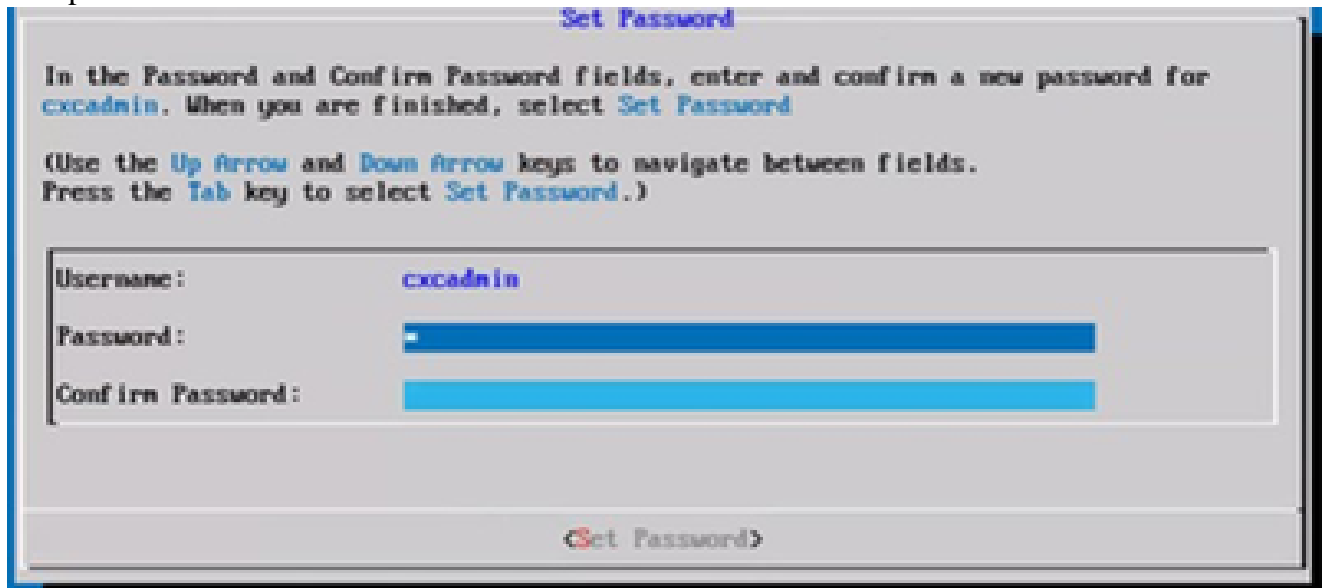
To set the CX Cloud Agent password for the *cxadmin* username:



Set Password



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



The 'Set Password' dialog box has a title bar 'Set Password'. The main text reads: 'In the Password and Confirm Password fields, enter and confirm a new password for cxcadmin. When you are finished, select Set Password. (Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow keys to navigate between fields. Press the Tab key to select Set Password.)'. Below the text are three input fields: 'Username:' with the value 'cxcadmin', 'Password:', and 'Confirm Password:'. At the bottom is a button labeled '<Set Password>'.

*New Password*

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



The 'Autogenerated Password' dialog box has a title bar 'Autogenerated Password'. The main text reads: 'Password: XXXXXXXXXXXX. Make sure to store this password in a safe place. This password is required to log into Cisco CX Cloud Agent. After you have stored the password in a safe place, select Save Password. To return to the previous screen, select Cancel.' At the bottom are two buttons: '<Save Password>' and '< Cancel >'.

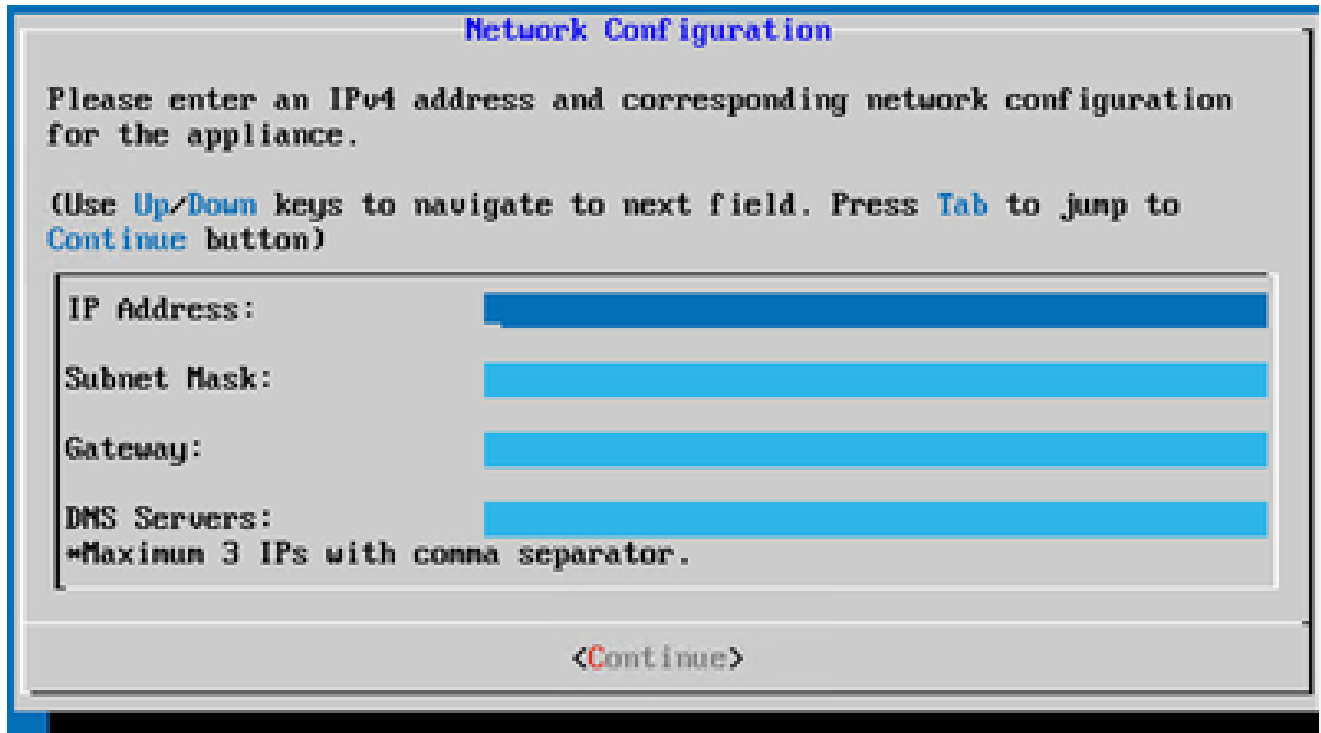
*Auto Generated Password*



The 'Password Strength' dialog box has a title bar 'Password Strength'. The main text reads: 'The strength of the new password is Medium. To save the password, select Save Password. To configure a different password, select Cancel to return to the Set Password screen.' At the bottom are two buttons: '<Save Password>' and '< Cancel >'.

*Save Password*

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



**Network Configuration**

Please enter an IPv4 address and corresponding network configuration for the appliance.

(Use **Up/Down** keys to navigate to next field. Press **Tab** to jump to **Continue** button)

IP Address:

Subnet Mask:

Gateway:

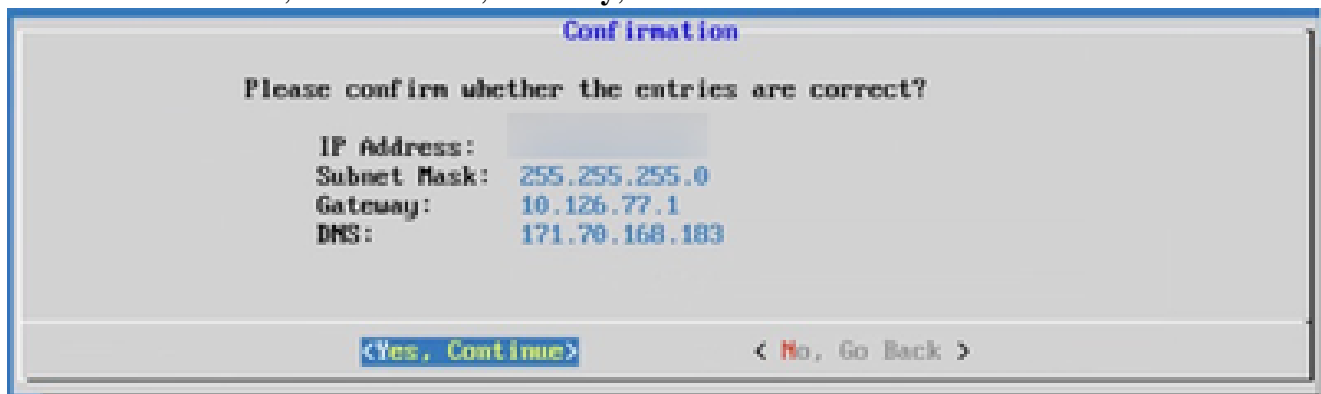
DNS Servers:

\*Maximum 3 IPs with comma separator.

**<Continue>**

*Network Configuration*

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



**Confirmation**

Please confirm whether the entries are correct?

IP Address:

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 10.126.77.1

DNS: 171.70.168.183

**<Yes, Continue>** **<No, Go Back>**

*Confirmation*

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

### K3S Cluster Configuration

By default Kubernetes will use subnet `cluster-cidr=172.16.16.0/25`, `service-cidr=172.16.0.0/25` for installation.

Select **Continue** to proceed with default configuration.

If default configuration is conflicting with network, then please provide 2 custom subnets for k3s installation seperated by comma. For example: `0.0.0.0/25,0.0.0.0/25`

**Note:**

1. Minimum /25 subnet is mandatory
2. Custom subnet should not have same IP as assigned to VM

Custom Subnet:

<Continue>

*Custom Subnet*

6. Enter the **Custom Subnet** IP for the K3S cluster configuration (if a customer's default subnet conflicts with their devices network, select another custom subnet).
7. Click **Continue**.

### Proxy Set Up Confirmation

Do you want to add proxy details?

< **Yes, Set Up Proxy** > <No, Continue to Configuration>

*Proxy Set Up*

8. Click **Yes, Set Up Proxy** to set the proxy details or click **No, Continue to Configuration** to directly proceed to Step 11.

### Proxy Configuration

Please enter proxy details for the network.

(Use **Up/Down** keys to navigate to next field. Press **Tab** to jump to **Setup Proxy** button)

Proxy Address:

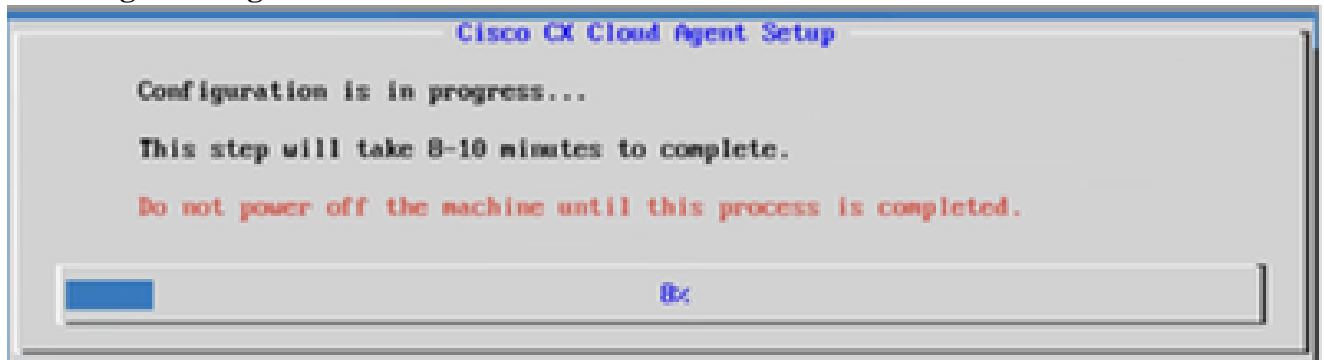
Port Number:

Username:

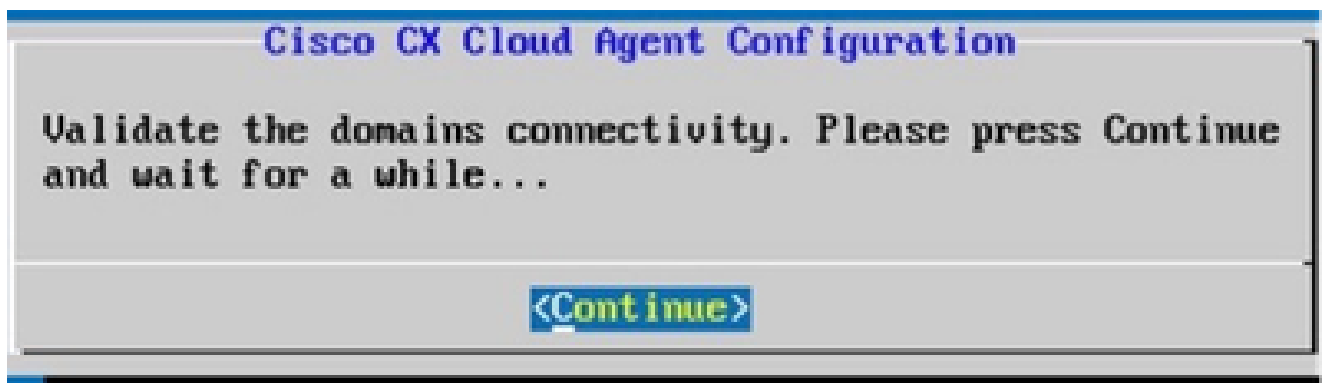
Password:

<Begin Configuration> < **No, Go Back** >

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



*CX Cloud Agent Set Up*



*CX Cloud Agent Configuration*

11. Click **Continue**.

## Cisco CX Cloud Agent Configuration

Following is the summary of CX Cloud Connectivity verification results.

Ensure all the connections are successful for the "opted in" region before proceeding.

### US:

cloudsso.cisco.com:Success  
api-cx.cisco.com:Success  
agent.us.cisco.cloud:Success  
ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud:Success

### APJC:

cloudsso.cisco.com:Success  
api-cx.cisco.com:Success  
agent.us.cisco.cloud:Success  
agent.apjc.cisco.cloud:Success  
ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud:Success

### EMEA:

cloudsso.cisco.com:Success  
api-cx.cisco.com:Success  
agent.us.cisco.cloud:Success  
agent.enea.cisco.cloud:Success  
ng.acs.agent.enea.cisco.cloud:Success

<Check Again>

< Continue >

*Configuration Continues*

- Click **Continue** to proceed with the configuration for successful domain reach. The configuration can take several minutes to complete.

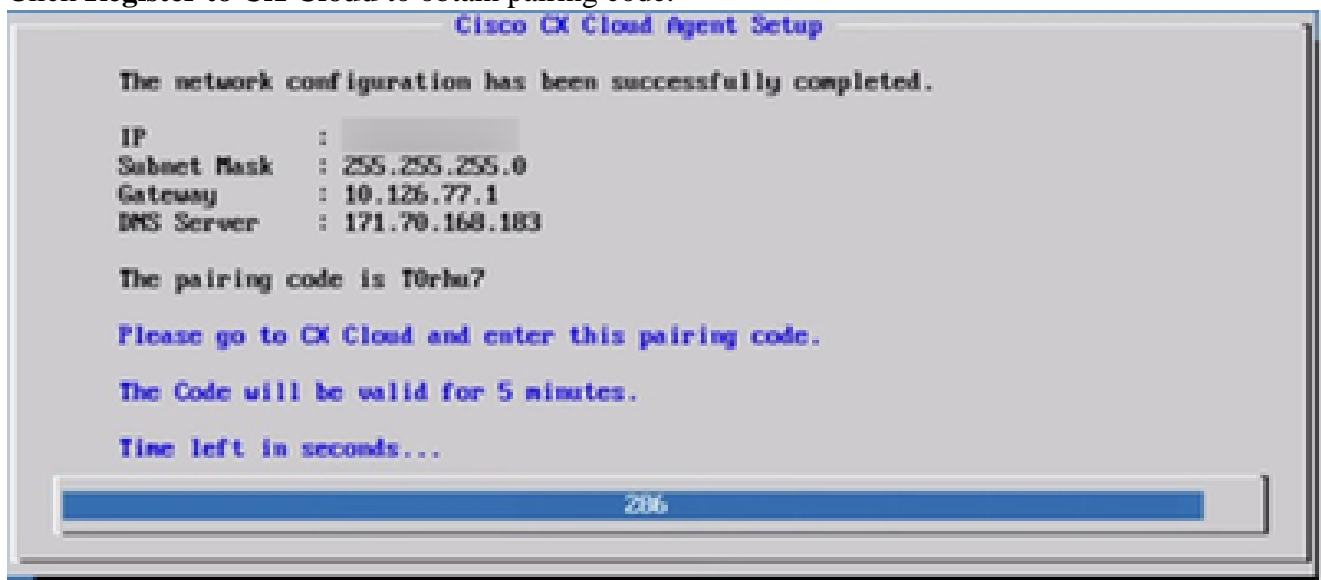


**Note:** If the domains cannot be reached successfully, the customer must fix domain reachability by making changes in their firewall to ensure that domains are reachable. Click **Check Again** once the domains reachability issue is resolved.



Register to CX Cloud

13. Click **Register to CX Cloud** to obtain pairing code.



Pairing Code

14. Copy the **Pairing Code** and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup.



Registration Successful



**Note:** If the pairing code expires, click **Register to CX Cloud** to generate new pairing code (Step 13).

15. Click **OK**.

## Alternative Approach to Generate Pairing Code Using CLI

Users can also generate a pairing code by using CLI options.

To generate a pairing code using CLI:

1. Log in to the Cloud Agent via SSH using the cxcadmin user credential.
2. Generate the pairing code using the command **cxcli agent generatePairingCode**.

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

Pairing Code : x3718P
Expires in: 5 minutes
Please use the Pairing Code in the CX Cloud to proceed with CX Cloud Agent registration.

cxcloudag@cxcloudagent:~$
```

*Generate Pairing Code CLI*

3. Copy the Pairing Code and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup.

## Configuring Devices To Forward Syslog to CX Cloud Agent

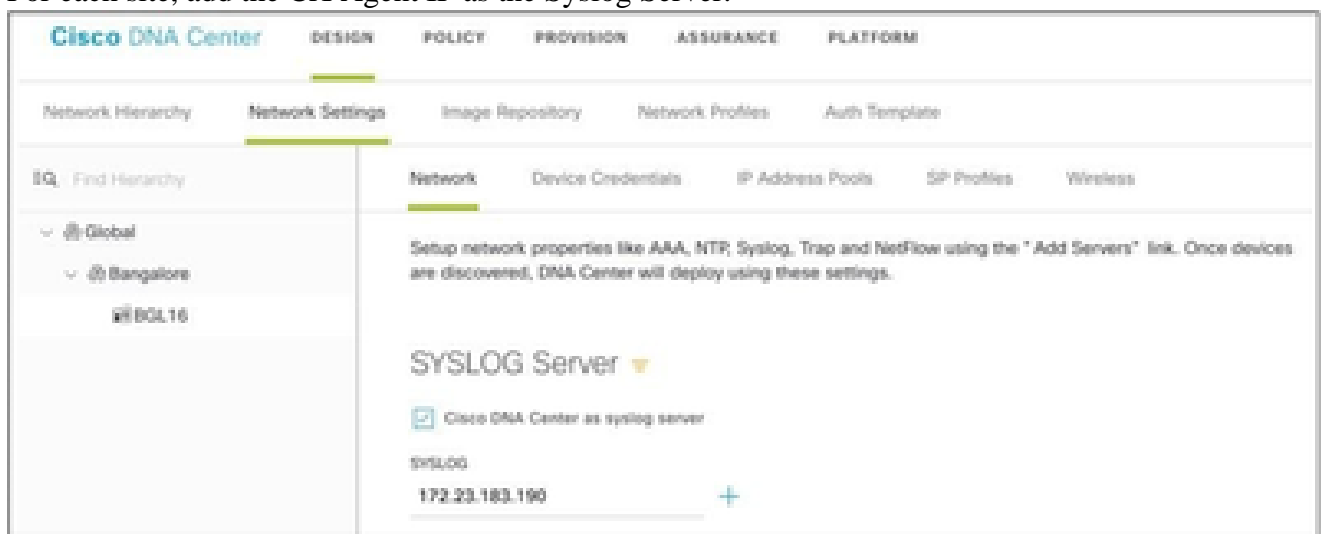
### Prerequisites

Supported Cisco Catalyst Center versions are 2.1.2.0 to 2.2.3.5, 2.3.3.4 to 2.3.3.6, 2.3.5.0, and Cisco Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance

### Configure Syslog Forward Setting


To configure Syslog Forwarding to CX Agent in the Cisco Catalyst Center, perform these steps:

1. Launch Cisco Catalyst Center.
2. Go to **Design > Network Settings > Network**.
3. For each site, add the CX Agent IP as the Syslog Server.



*Syslog Server*

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 **Note:** Once configured, all devices associated with that site are configured to send syslog with level critical to CX Agent. Devices must be associated to a site for enabling the syslog forwarding from the device to CX Cloud Agent. When a syslog server setting is updated, all devices associated with that site are automatically set to default critical level.

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## Configuring Other Assets (Direct Device Collection) to Forward Syslog to CX Agent

Devices must be configured to send Syslog messages to the CX Agent to use the Fault Management feature of CX Cloud.

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 **Note:** The CX Agent only reports syslog information from Campus Success Track Level 2 assets to CX Cloud. Other assets are prevented from having their syslog configured to CX Agent and do not have their syslog data reported in CX Cloud.

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## Existing Syslog Servers with Forward Capability

Perform the configuration instructions for the syslog server software and add the CX Agent IP Address as a new destination.

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 **Note:** When forwarding syslogs, ensure that the source IP address of the original syslog message is preserved.

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## Existing Syslog Servers without Forward Capability OR without Syslog Server

Configure each device to send syslogs directly to the CX Agent IP Address. Refer to this documentation for specific configuration steps.

[Cisco IOS® XE Configuration Guide](#)

[AireOS Wireless Controller Configuration Guide](#)

## Enabling Information Level Syslog Settings for Cisco Catalyst Center

To make Syslog Information level visible, perform these steps:

1. Navigate to **Tools>Telemetry**.





## TOOLS

Discovery

Inventory

Topology

Image Repository

Command Runner

License Manager

Template Editor

Telemetry

Data and Reports

2. Select and expand the **Site View** and select a **site** from site hierarchy.



Site View

3. Select the required site and select all devices using the **Device name** check box.
4. Select **Optimal Visibility** from the **Actions** drop-down.



Actions

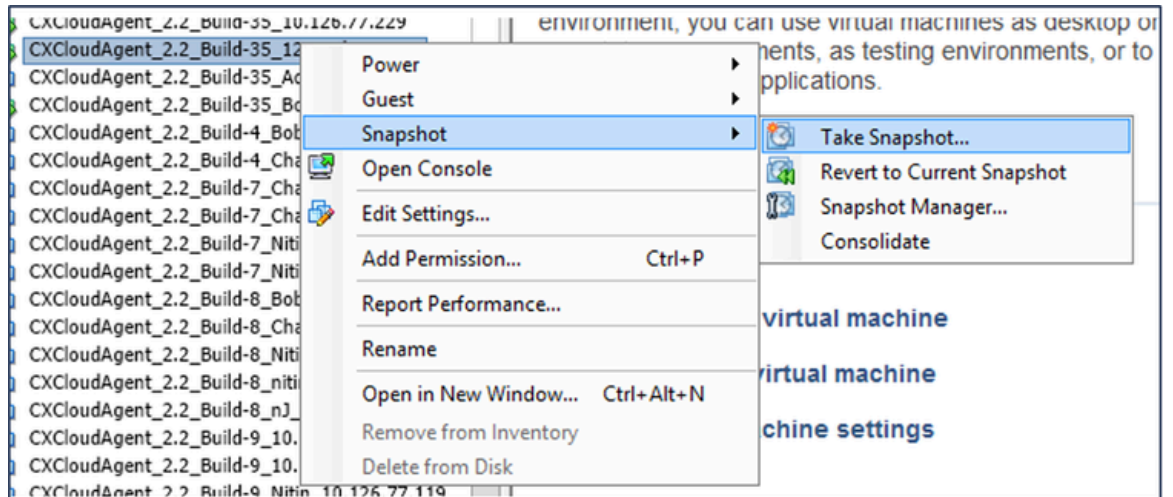
## Backing Up and Restoring the CX Cloud VM

It is recommended to preserve the state and data of a CX Agent VM at a specific point in time using the snapshot feature. This feature facilitates CX Cloud VM restoration to the specific time that the snapshot is taken.

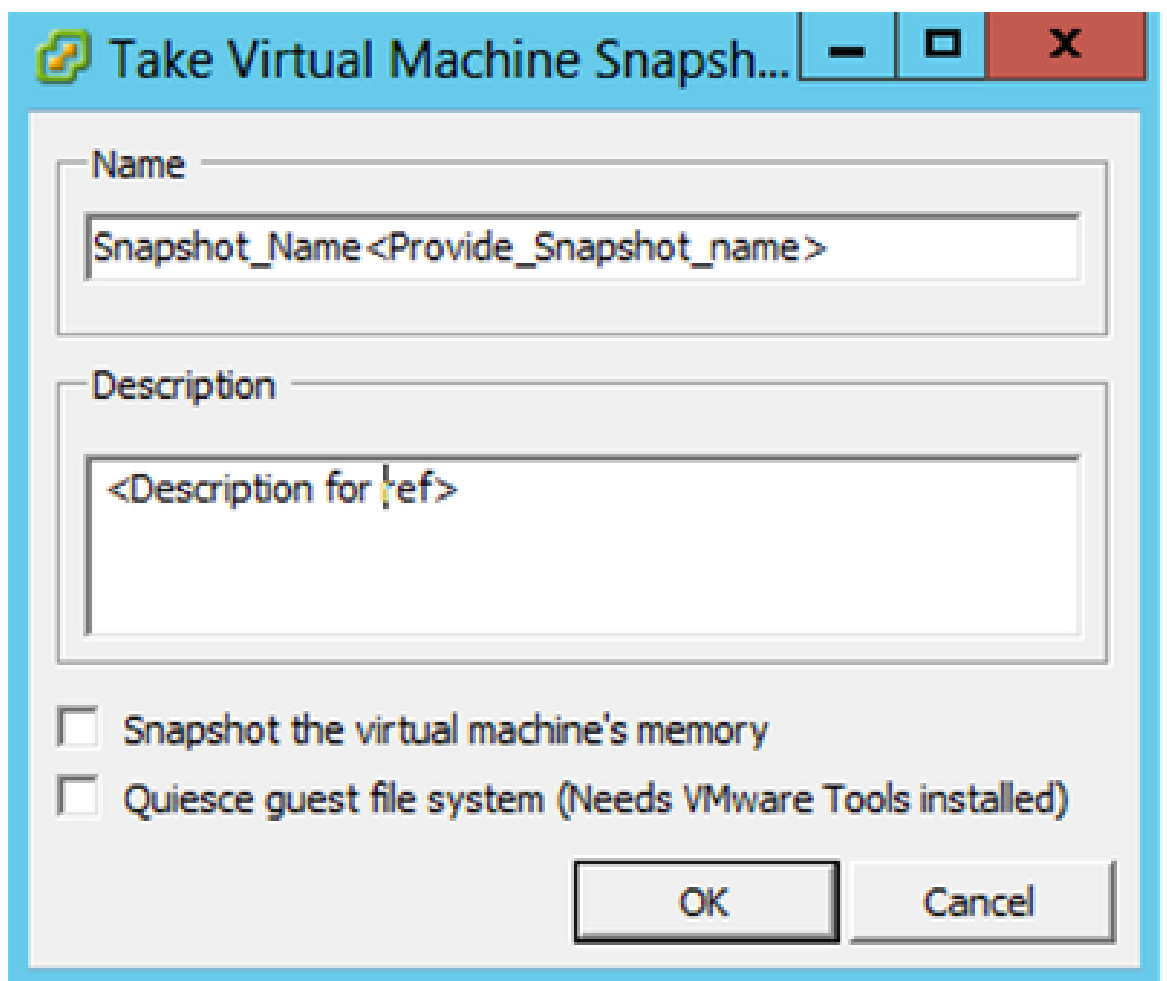
### Backing Up the CX Cloud VM

To back up the CX Cloud VM:

1. Right-click the **VM** and select **Snapshot > Take Snapshot**. The **Take Virtual Machine Snapshot** window opens.



Select VM



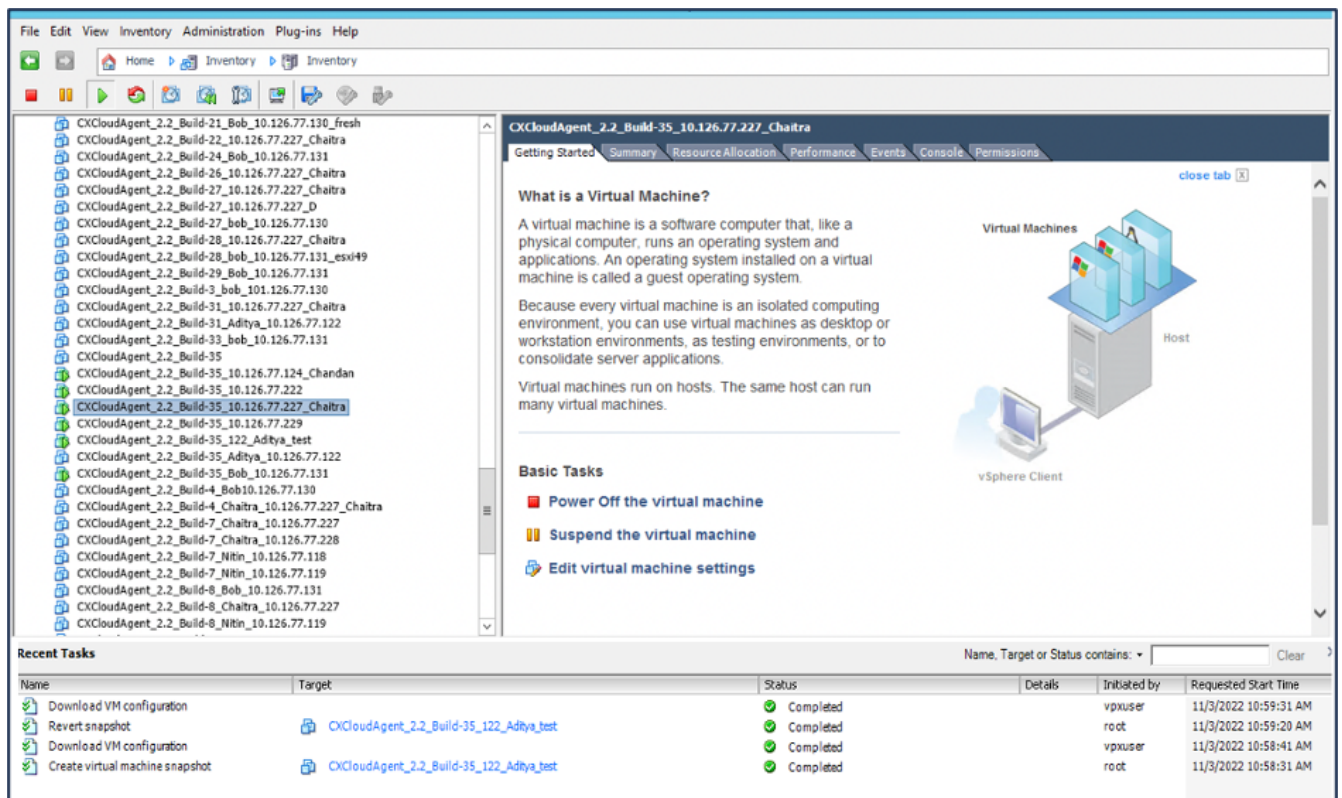
Take Virtual Machine Snapshot

2. Enter **Name** and **Description**.



**Note:** Verify that the Snapshot the virtual machine's memory check box is cleared.

3. Click **OK**. The **Create virtual machine snapshot** status displays as **Completed** in the Recent Tasks list.

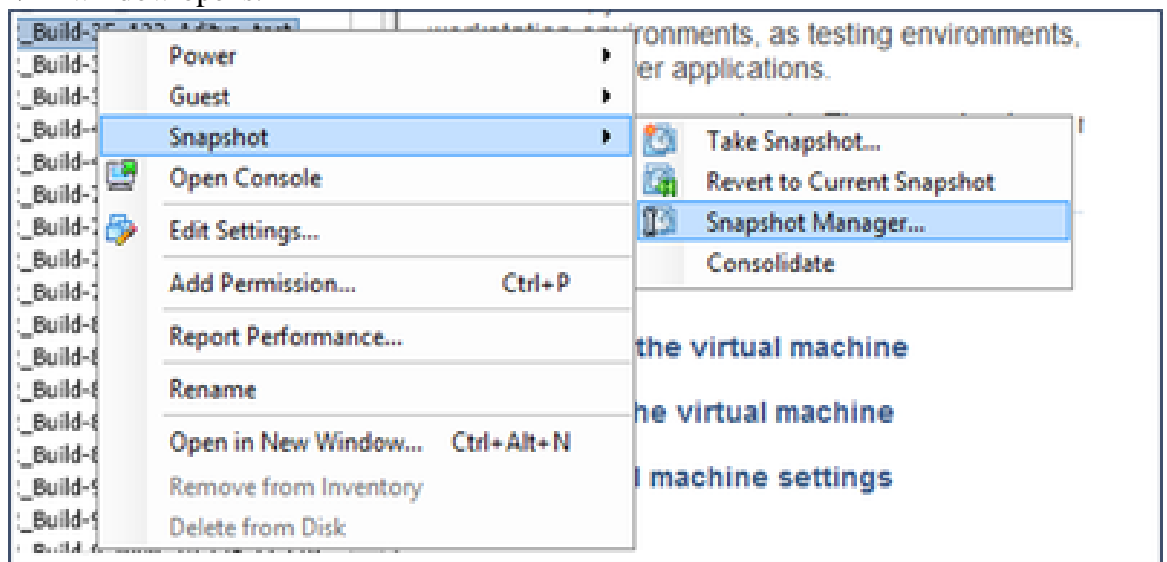


Recent Tasks

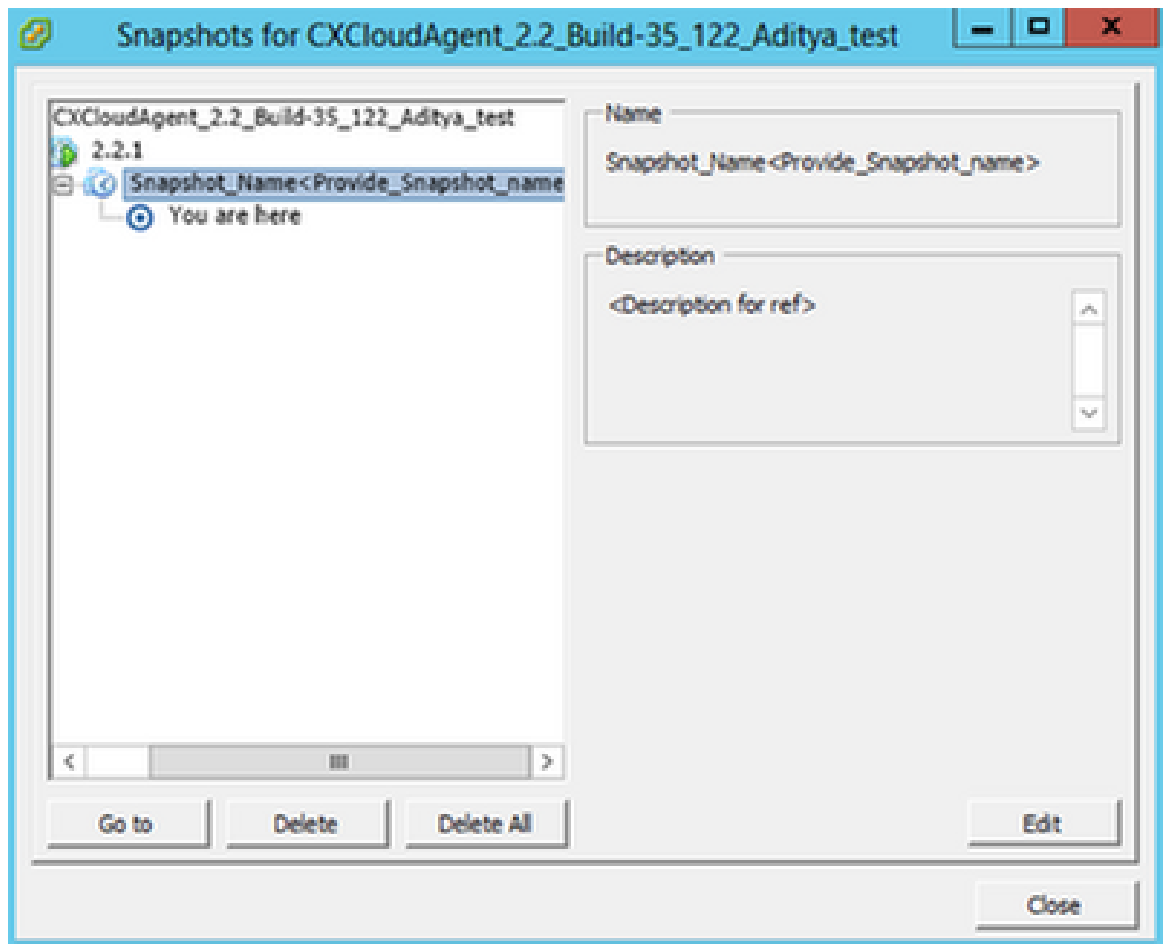
## Restoring the CX Cloud VM

To restore the CX Cloud VM:

1. Right-click the VM and select **Snapshot > Snapshot Manager**. The Snapshots of the VM window opens.

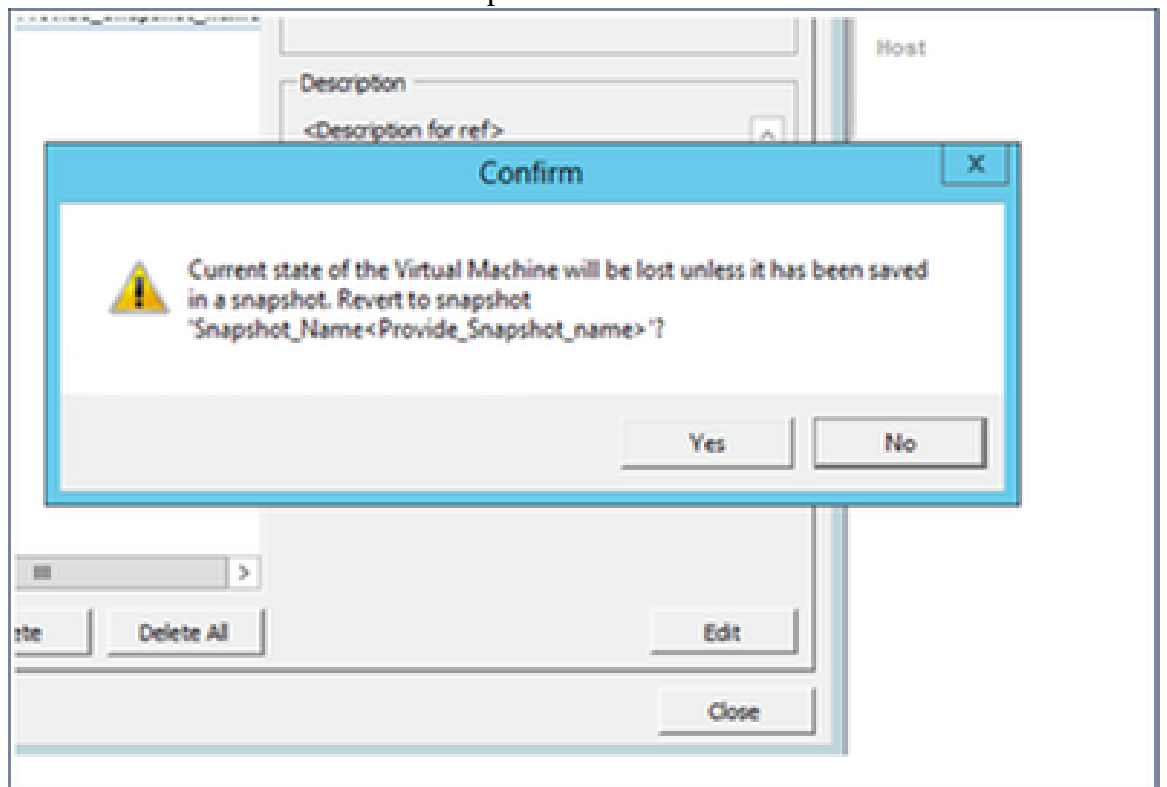


Select VM window



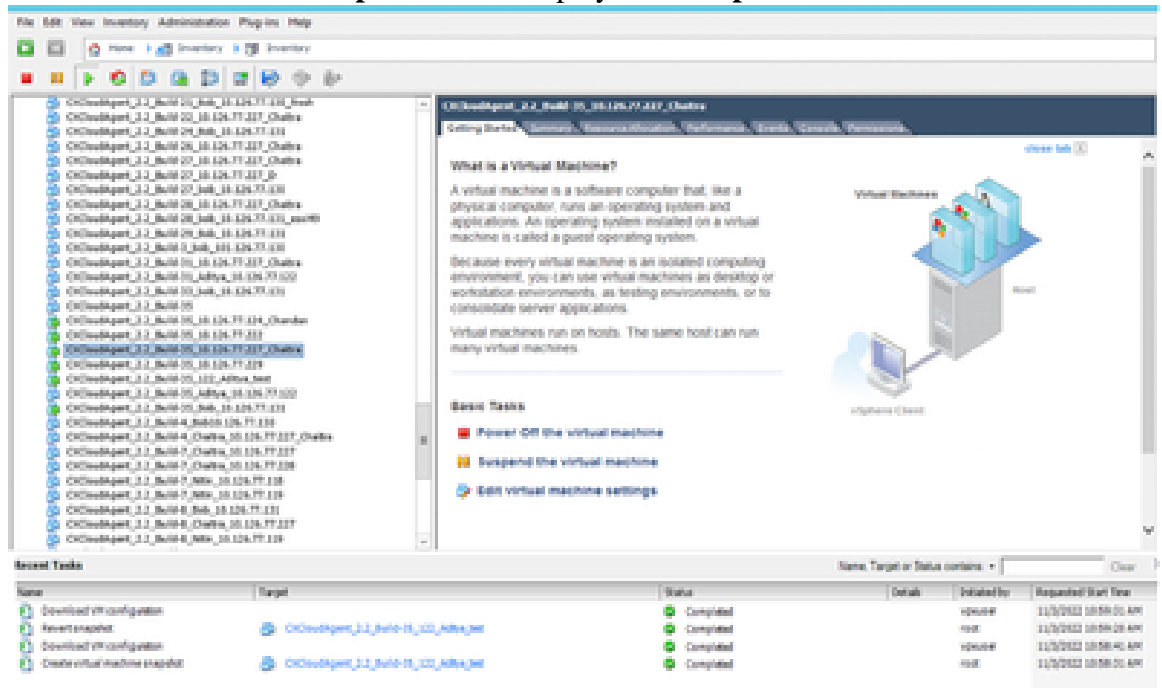
*Snapshots Window*

2. Click **Go to**. The **Confirm** window opens.



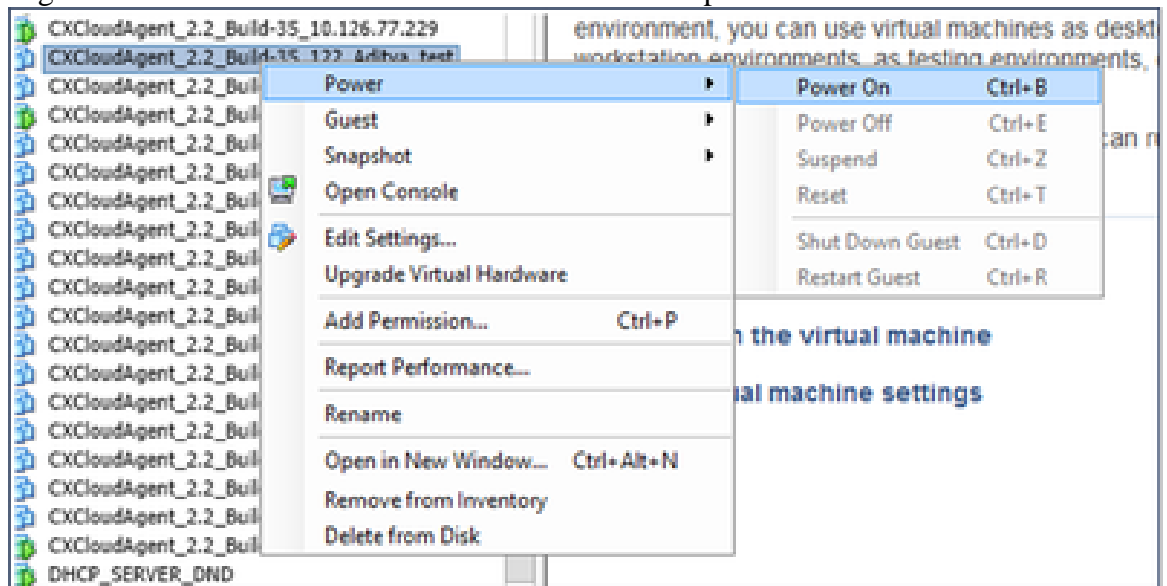
*Confirm Window*

3. Click **Yes**. The **Revert snapshot** status displays as **Completed** in the Recent Tasks list.



Recent Tasks

4. Right-click the VM and select **Power > Power On** to power on the VM.



## Security

CX Agent assures the customer of end-to-end security. The connection between CX Cloud and CX Agent is TLS secured. Cloud Agent's default SSH user is limited to perform only basic operations.

## Physical Security

Deploy CX 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 this [FAQ](#) to set this bootloader (single-user mode) password.

## Account Security

During deployment, the cxcadmin user account is created. Users are forced to set a password during the initial configuration. cxcadmin user/credentials are used to access both the CX Agent APIs and to connect to the appliance over SSH.

cxcadmin users have restricted access with the least privileges. The cxcadmin password follows the security policy and is one-way hashed with an expiry period of 90 days. cxcadmin users can create a cxcroot user using the utility called remoteaccount. cxcroot users can gain root privileges.

## Network Security

The CX 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 Agent.

- Root privileged actions on the appliance using SSH.

cxcadmin users 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 the SWIM portal ([DECRYPT Request Form](#)). Only authorized personnel have access to this portal. cxcroot users can gain root privileges using this decrypted password. Passphrase is valid only for two days. cxcadmin users must recreate the account and obtain the password from the SWIM portal post password expiry.

## Hardening

CX Agent appliance follows Center of Internet Security hardening standards.

## Data Security

CX Agent appliance does not store any customer personal information. Device credential application (running as one of the pods) stores encrypted server credentials inside secured database. The collected data is not stored in any form inside the appliance except temporarily when it is being processed. Telemetry data is uploaded to CX Cloud as soon as possible after the collection is complete and is promptly deleted from local storage after it is confirmed that the upload was successful.

## Data Transmission

The registration package contains the required unique [X.509](#) device certificate and keys to establish secure connection with Iot Core. Using that agent establishes a secure connection using Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) over Transport Layer Security (TLS) v1.2

## Logs and Monitoring

Logs do not contain any form of Personal Identifiable Information (PII) data. Audit logs capture all security-sensitive actions performed on the CX Cloud Agent appliance.

## Cisco Telemetry Commands

CX Cloud retrieves asset telemetry using the APIs and commands listed in the [Cisco Telemetry Commands](#). This document categorizes commands based on their applicability to the Cisco Catalyst Center inventory,

Diagnostic Bridge, Intersight, Compliance Insights, Faults, and all other sources of telemetry collected by the CX Agent.

Sensitive information within asset telemetry is masked before being transmitted to the cloud. The CX Agent masks sensitive data for all the collected assets that send telemetry directly to the CX Agent. This includes passwords, keys, community strings, usernames, and so on. Controllers provide data masking for all controller-managed assets before transferring this information to the CX Agent. In some instances, controller-managed assets telemetry can be anonymized further. Refer to the corresponding [product support documentation](#) to learn more about anonymizing the telemetry (for example, the [Anonymize Data](#) section of the Cisco Catalyst Center Administrator Guide).

While the list of telemetry commands cannot be customized and the data masking rules cannot be modified, customers can control which assets' telemetry CX Cloud accesses by specifying data sources as discussed in the [product support documentation](#) for controller-managed devices or the Connecting Data Sources section of this document (for Other assets collected by CX Agent).

## Security Summary

| Security Features        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bootloader Password      | Bootloader (Single user mode) password is set with a randomly unique password. Users must refer to <a href="#">FAQ</a> to set his bootloader (single user mode) password.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| User Access              | SSH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access to appliance using cxcadmin user requires credentials created during installation.</li><li>Access to appliance using excroot user requires credentials to be decrypted using SWIM portal by authorized personnel.</li></ul>                                                                                                                            |
| User Accounts            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>cxcadmin: default user account created; User can execute CX Agent application commands using cxcli and has least privileges on the appliance; excroot user and its encrypted password is generated using cxcadmin user.</li><li>excroot: cxcadmin can create this user using the utility remoteaccount; User can gain root privileges with this account.</li></ul> |
| cxcadmin password policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Password is one-way hashed using SHA-256 and stored securely.</li><li>Minimum eight (8) characters, containing three of these categories: uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and special characters.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                         |
| excroot password policy  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>excroot password is RSA/ECB/PKCS1v1_5 encrypted</li><li>The passphrase generated needs to be decrypted in SWIM portal.</li><li>The excroot user and password is valid for two days and can be regenerated using cxcadmin user.</li></ul>                                                                                                                           |



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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ssh login password policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Minimum of eight characters that contains three of these categories: uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and special characters.</li> <li>· Five failed log in attempts lock the box for 30 minutes; Password expires in 90 days.</li> </ul> |
| Ports                     | Open Incoming Ports – 514(Syslog) and 22 (SSH)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Data Security             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· No Customer information stored.</li> <li>· No Device data stored.</li> <li>· Cisco Catalyst Center server credentials encrypted and stored in the database.</li> </ul>                                                                  |