Deploy HyperFlex Remote Plugin - Deployment Guide

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Introduction

This document describes how to deploy the Cisco HyperFlex Remote Plugin Appliance.

Pre-requisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge in these topics:

- HyperFlex
- vCenter
- Networking
- DNS

Components used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- HyperFlex Connect 5.0.2d
- Hyperflex Standard Cluster
- VMware vCenter, 8.0.2.00100

- VMware ESXi, 7.0.3, 21930508
- Cisco HyperFlex Remote Plugin Appliance 3.0.0.1173
- WinSCP 6.1.1 (Build 13736)

The procedure performed in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

The vSphere Client Remote vCenter plug-in architecture is designed to integrate plug-in functionality into the vSphere Client without the need to run inside vCenter Server. This provides plug-in isolation and enables scale-out of plug-ins that operate in large vSphere environments.

The main difference between the local and remote plug-in is that local plugin stores all its files on the vCenter itself, whereas remote plug-in stores the files in an appliance.

Starting with vSphere 8.0.0, the only architecture supported in vSphere releases is remote plugin.

Table 1. Cisco Hyperflex Remote Plugin Appliance Compatibility Matrix

vCenter Plugin Version	Cisco Hyperflex Release	ESXi version	vCenter version
3.0.0 and later	4.0 (2f) and later	6.7 u3 and later	7.0 and later

The deployment is an OVA-based installation with a Cisco Secured Linux Image.

Cisco Hyperflex Remote Plugin can be done in two ways.

- Deployment through vCenter.
- Deployment directly on a standalone ESXi host.



Note: The recommended deployment method is through vCenter

Once deployed, the Appliance have the configuration describe in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table 2. VM Hardware configuration

CPU	1 vCPUs
Memory	8 GB
Hard disk 1	48.83 GB
Network Adapter	1



Guest OS	Ubuntu Linux 20.04.6 LTS Cisco Secured Linux
Compatibility	ESXi 6.7 U2 virtual machine
VMware Tools	open-vm-tools 11.3.0.29534 (build-18090558)

Procedure

Step 1. Download the Cisco HyperFlex HTML plugin OVA for VMware vCenter from the <u>Cisco Software</u> <u>Download site</u>.

To do this, navigate **Downloads Home > Hyperconverged Infrastructure > Hyperflex HX Data Platform > Hyperflex Remote vCenter Plugin - 3.0.0**.



Cisco Downloads Website

Step 2. Login to the vCenter and select the host you want to deploy the Remote Plugin appliance. Right click on the host and click on Deploy OVF Template



Deploy OVF Template

Step 3. Select the Local file option and upload the **HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ova** file, click **Next**.

Deploy OVF Template	Select an OVF template	×
1 Select an OVF template	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.	
2 Select a name and folder	OURL	
3 Select a compute resource	http https://remoteserver-address/filetodeploy.ovf .ova	
4 Review details	Local file UPLOAD FILES HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ova	
5 Select storage		
6 Ready to complete		
	CANCEL	т

Select an OVF template

Step 4. Select the name for the Virtual machine and select a location for the virtual machine, click on Next.



Select VM name and folder

Step 5. Select a Server(ESXi host) for the deployment, click on Next.

Deploy OVF Template	Select a compute resource			
1 Select an OVF template	Select the destination compute resource for this operation Image: MX Image:			
2 Select a name and folder	☐ 10.			
Select a compute resource A Device datails	∑ 10. > □ S			
5 Select storage	> []] T			
6 Ready to complete				
	Compatibility			
	Compatibility checks succeeded.			
	Automatically power on deployed VM			
	CANCEL BACK NEXT			

Step 6. On the Review details section you see these warnings:

- The OVF package contains advanced configuration options, which poses a potential security risk. Review the advanced configuration options. Click next to accept the advanced configuration options.
- The certificate is not trusted.

You can safely ignore those warnings, click on Ignore and then click on Next



Review Details

Step 7. Select the datastore and select the disk format (Thin or thick provisioned), click on Next

Deploy OVF Template	Select storage						×
	Select the storage for the co	onfiguration and dis	k files				
1 Select an OVF template	Encrypt this virtual machin Select virtual disk format	e (j) Thin Provision	~				
2 Select a name and folder	VM Storage Policy Disable Storage DRS for th	Datastore Defa iis virtual machine	ult v				
3 Select a compute resource	Name	Ŧ	Storage	Capacity T	Provisioned T	Free	T T
4 Review details	● 目 Production			1 TB	903.41 GB	964.84 GB	N
5 Select storage	O SpringpathDS-FC			3.5 GB	3.45 GB	54 MB	v
6 Select networks				1 GB	0 B	1 GB	N
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7 Ready to complete	Manage Columns				lterns per p	ige 10 ~	4 items
	Compatibility	icceeded.					
					CANCEL	ВАСК	NEXT

Select Datastore

Step 8. Select the portgroup for the VM network interface, click on Next



Select networks

Step 9. Review your selections before finishing the wizard, then click Finish.

Deploy OVF Template	Ready to complete						
1 Select an OVF template	 Select a name and for 	 Select a name and folder 					
2 Select a name and folder	Name Template name	HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173 HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173					
3 Select a compute resource	Folder	MX-HX					
4 Review details	✓ Select a compute res Resource	ource 10					
5 Select storage	✓ Review details						
6 Select networks	Download size	1.2 GB					
7 Ready to complete	Select storage Size on disk Storage mapping	3.3 GB					
	All disks	I Datastore: Production; Format: Thin provision					
	✓ Select networks						
	Network mapping	1					
	VM Network	vm-network					
	IP allocation settings						
	IP protocol	IPv4					
	ir anocation	Static - Mainaa	CANCEL	BACK	FINISH		

Review your selections

Step 10. Watch the progress in the vCenter Recent Tasks tab

✓ Recent Tasks	Alarms												
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Import OVF package	10.			53% ⊗			vsphere.local\Administrator	52 ms		01/31/2024, 2:23:2	8 PM		<u>10.</u>
Import OVF package	0.1			0% 🕲			vsphere.local\Administrator	94 ms		01/31/2024, 2:23:0	6 PM		<u>10.</u>
Import OVF package	II <u>10.</u>		Completed				vsphere.local\Administrator	62 ms		01/31/2024, 2:10:3	6 PM	01/31/2024, 2:20:39 PM	<u>10.</u>

vCenter Recent Tasks

Step 11. Power on the Hypeflex Remote Plugin Virtual appliance. After the initial startup process a login prompt appears, use these credentials to Log in.

- Default username: vcp-admin
- Default password: C^{*}scohxplugin@1984



Note: The creation of additional users or the use of the root user is not supported.



Caution: To get access to the Web GUI you need to change the default password. Otherwise, you get this error message:

Login using factory default password is disabled for security reasons. Please change the factory default password via ssh login/console and try login with new password.

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##################### READ THIS BEFORE ATTEMPTING	TO LOGON ###################################
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# authority, are subject to having all of the	heir activities on this #
# system monitored and recorded by system period	ersonnel. In the course #
# of monitoring individuals improperly using	g this system, or in the #
# course of system maintenance, the activit	ies of authorized users #
<pre># may also be monitored. Anyone using this</pre>	system expressly #
# consents to such monitoring and is advised	d that if such #
# monitoring reveals possible criminal activ	vity, system personnel #
# may provide the evidence of such monitoring	ng to law enforcement #
# officials. You cannot copy, disclose, dis	splay or otherwise #
# communicate the contents of this server ex	xcept to other Cisco #
<pre># employees who have been authorized to acce</pre>	ess this server. #
#	
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hx-vcp-appliance login:	

Console Login screen

Configure Management IP Address

By default, the Appliance gets an IP address from a DHCP Server available in the Portgroup/VLAN where the vnic was assigned.

Once you login into the Appliance you can find the assigned IPv4 address.

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hx-vcp-appliance login: vcp-admin
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-146-generic x86_64)
* Documentation:
                   https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 System information as of Tue 30 Jan 2024 06:26:19 AM UTC
 System load:
                0.18
                                   Processes:
                                                            129
 Usage of /:
                10.3% of 47.27GB
                                   Users logged in:
                                                            0
 Memory usage: 13%
                                   IPv4 address for ens33: 192
 Swap usage:
                0%
```

Current IP Address

It is recommended to configure a static IP address to the virtual Appliance. To do this use the command **hx-ip-address-change** and follow the configuration wizard.

vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance:~\$ <u>hx-ip-address-change</u> Do you want to set Static IP (or) DynamicIP address (Options: static / dynamic)? static Enter IP address(e.g., 192.168.1.2): 10._____ Enter Subnet Mask bits (bits for 255.255.248.0 is 21): 24 Enter Gateway address: 10._____ Enter DNS server addresses separated by comma and spaces (e.g., 8.8.8.8, 8.8.4.4): 10._____ vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance:~\$ _____

Change IP Address

Verify the configured IP address using the ifconfig command.

Last login: Tue Jan 30 06:47:43 UTC 2024 from 192 on pts/0
vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance:~\$ ifconfig
ens33: flags=4163 <up,broadcast,running,multicast> mtu 1500</up,broadcast,running,multicast>
inet 192. netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.
inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe09:cba prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20 <link/>
ether 00:0c:29:09:0c:ba txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 110 bytes 9520 (9.5 KB)
RX errors 0 dropped 56 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 52 bytes 4912 (4.9 KB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73 <up,loopback,running> mtu 65536</up,loopback,running>
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 48 bytes 4112 (4.1 KB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 48 bytes 4112 (4.1 KB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
ucp-admin@hx-ucp-appliance:~\$

Verify IP Address

Change Password

You can change current password for user vpc-admin using the command **passwd vcp-admin** providing the current password and the New password.



Change Password

Register a vCenter

The registration of vCenter into the Cisco Hyperflex Remote Plugin Appliance is UI based.



Caution: Users with an active firewall need to verify that ports 433, 9443 and 22 are open and allow traffic to pass in or out between vCenter and Remote Plugin Appliance.

Step 1. Enter the IP in browser (<u>https://ip</u>) to open the plugin server management UI. Login with **vcp-admin** user and your current new password.



Hyperflex Remote vCenter Plug-in Appliance Login screen



Tip: To verify the current Application version and supported vCenter versions, once you successfully log in, click on the Gear on the top right corner of the screen.

Step 2.. Once you login click on the **REGISTER** button on the main dashboard.

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Step 3. Click on the **REGISTER** button to add the vCenter information where you want to deploy the remote plugin. Provide the IP address, port (443 by default) and vCenter username with enough privileges to perform the deployment. Click Next

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Add vCenters

Step 4. The system performs a connectivity test and appear online if it is able to reach the vCenter with the information provided. To proceed with registration click on the green **REGISTER** button

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Ţ.	2 Summary		10	443	administrator@vsphere.local	Onine ()			
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Add vCenter Summary

Step 5. Confirm that the configured vCenter is in the Registered vCenters list.



Note: Click on the three dots menu on the left of a registered vCenter if you wish to Update the Installed Plug-in Version currently installed on that vCenter or Unregister the vCenter.

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Registered vCenters

Step 6. Verify in vCenter that the plug-in was successfully deployed. Two task are visible and marked as completed. "Download plug-in" and "Deploy plug-in".

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Sessions Security	• •	Download plug-in	(R) <u>10</u>	⊘ Completed	Cisco HyperFlex (com.cisc o.hx:3.0.0.1173)	vsphere-webclient-db39a92 e-cfba-45de-be6f-167ce912 0881@vsphere.local	38 ms	01/27/2024, 2:30:22 AM	01/27/2024, 2:30:23 AM	474 ms
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Verify Deployment tasks in vCenter

Step 7. Verify that the plug-in is registered under vCenter Administration Client Plugins tab. As you can see, the type of plug-in is Remote and it is successfully deployed.

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📃 vSphere Client	Q Search in all environments	5			C & Adn	ninistrator@VSPHERE.LOC
<	① Local plugins are depreca	ated in vSphere. To learn more about the new rem	ote plugin architecture, please read the ded	icated KB article.		
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Colutions V	Cisco HyperFlex		Remote	O Deployed	Yes	Cisco Systems, Inc.
Client Plugins	S VMware vCenter Serve	er Lifecycle Manager	Remote	⊘ Deployed	Yes	VMware, Inc.
vCenter Server Extensio	S VMware vSphere Lifec	ycle Manager Client	Remote	O Deployed	Yes	VMware, Inc.
Deployment v	S VMware vSphere Lifec	cycle Manager	Local	⊘ Deployed	Yes	VMware, Inc.
System Configuration Customer Experience Im Client Configuration Support v Upload File to Service R Single Sign On v Users and Groups Configuration Certificate Management						

Verify plug-in is installed

Step 8.. To view the Cisco HyperFlex HTML5 plugin options in the vSphere UI, log out and log in again to vCenter.. Once you log in again, right click on your Hyperflex cluster to find at the bottom the Cisco Hyperflex plugin



: The configuration and feature functionality for the Remote and Local plugin are identical. For more information on any feature see the Cisco HyperFlex HTML5 Plugin for VMware vCenter section available in the Cisco HyperFlex Data Platform Administration Guide, Release 5.5, link available in the Related information section.

Troubleshooting

Unsupported hardware family

If you try to install on a lower version, such as ESXi 6.5, in the last step of the implementation you get this error:

Line 26: Unsupported hardware family 'vmx-15'

🏠 New virtual machine - RemotePlugi	n3		
 1 Select creation type 	Line 26: Unsupported hardware family vmx.15	۲	
2 Select OVF and VMDK files 3 Select storage	Review your settings selection before finishing the wizard		
 ✓ 4 Deployment options 			
5 Ready to complete			
	There was an error creating the import specification from the OVF file.		
vm ware			
	Back Next Finish	Cancel	
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Unsupported hardware error

This is due to the virtual hardware version used by the VM, it is necessary to deploy on ESXi 6.7 U2 or higher.

It is important to note that a hardware version 15 VM cannot be vMotioned to a host on a prior version of ESXi, including ESXi 6.7u1, ESXi 6.7, ESXi 6.0 etc, as these prior ESXi versions are not compatible with the new hardware version. Similarly, vCenter 6.7 or vCenter 6.7u1 can be used to manage ESXi 6.7u2 hosts as long as hardware version 15 VMs are not in use. For customers looking to create, run, and manage hardware version 15 VMs, both the ESXi hosts in the cluster and vCenter need to be upgraded to at least 6.7u2.

For additional details please refer to VMware article: Virtual machine hardware versions (KB 1003746)

A required disk image was missing

If you try to deploy using the OVA file directly to a host with ESXi 6.7 U2 or higher, in the last step before starting the deployment you get this warning 'A required disk image was missing'.

+₩ New virtual machine - Rei	motePlugin3				
1 Select creation type 2 Select OVF and VMDK files	A required disk image was missing. Review your settings selection before finishing the wizard				
 Select storage Deployment options Ready to complete 	Product VM Name Files	HTML5-remote-plugin-release-3.0.0-1173-base RemotePlugin3 HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-disk1.vmdk			
	Datastore Provisioning type Network mappings Guest OS Name	Thin VM Network: VM Network Unknown			
	Do not refresh your b	prowser while this VM is being deployed.			
		CANCEL BACK NEXT	FINISH		

A required disk image was missing error

To mitigate this warning it is necessary to unzip the OVA file 'HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ova', for this you can use the decompressor of your choice, such as 7zip.

Inside the unzipped folder you find this list of files:

- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.cert
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.mf
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ovf
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-disk1.vmdk
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-file1.nvram

The required files for the deployment are:

- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ovf
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-disk1.vmdk
- HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-file1.nvram

New virtual machine - Re	motePlugin				
1 Select creation type	Select OVF and VMDK files				
2 Select OVF and VMDK files	Select the OVF and VMDK files or OVA for the VM you would like to deploy				
3 Select storage	Enter a name for the virtual machine.				
4 License agreements	RemotePlugin				
5 Deployment options	Virtual machine names can contain up to 80 characters and they must be unique within each ESXi instance.				
6 Additional settings					
7 Ready to complete					
	× HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173.ovf				
	× 🧾 HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-disk1.vmdk				
	× 🧾 HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-file1.nvram				
	CANCEL BACK NEXT FINISH				

Providing required files

Once you provide the three files, the warning is gone

+@ N 1 2	ew virtual machine - Ren Select creation type Select OVF and VMDK files	Ready to complete Review your settings selection be	fore finishing the wizard
3	Select storage	Product	HTML5-remote-plugin-release-3.0.0-1173-base
4	Deployment options	VM Name	RemotePlugin
5	Ready to complete	Files	HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-disk1.vmdk HTML5-remote-plugin-Appliance-3.0.0-1173-file1.nvram
		Datastore	datastore1
		Provisioning type	Thin
		Network mappings	VM Network: VM Network
		Guest OS Name	Unknown
		Do not refresh your b	rowser while this VM is being deployed.
			CANCEL BACK NEXT FINISH

vCenter Integration

Step 1. Verify that communication is allowed towards TCP port 443 of the FQDN (requires having configured DNS on the appliance) or vCenter IP address, in case of communication failure this can be seen in the Host Status column.

Step 2. Verify that the vCenter version is 7.0 or higher. If you try to register with an incompatible version, a **'Failed'** message appears in Registration status. By placing the mouse over the red box for a short period of time, it shows a description of the error message. In this image, you can see an example of failure message when integrating VM Remote plugin with Vcenter due to an incompatible version

Sur	nmary						Connection Status
	FQDN/IP	Port	Username	Host Status	Registration Status		
	192	443	administrator@vsphere.local	Online (D	Failed (1)		
				vCenter	version 6.7.0 - 22509751 is not s	upport	ed. The remote plugin is supported with vCenter version 7.0 and later.

Incompatible vCenter version

Additional Assistance

If you need additional support regarding the implementation or integration, you must contact Cisco TAC and attach the necessary log files.

Support bundle Generation

Support bundle generation is available only if you have at least one vCenter registered in the Cisco Hyperflex Remote Plugin Virtual Appliance.

Currently the support bundle generation is through commandline. You need to login into the console of the appliance (or use SSH) and run the command **hx-plugin-supportbundle**, by default the support bundle is saved in the **/var/log/plugin_support**/ directory.

User can specify the vCenter FQDN or IP address to proceed with the support bundle generation.



Note: root user credentials from the selected vCenter are required to generate the support bundle.

Step 1. SSH into the HyperFlex Remote Plugin Virtual appliance, login and run the command hx-pluginsupportbundle, this generates a tar file with vCenter logs and Hyperflex Remote Plugin appliance logs

vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance: ~ X login as: vcp-admin vcp-admin@10 's password: Last login: Sat Jan 27 08:22:43 2024 vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance:~\$ hx-plugin-supportbundle To download vCenter support bundle root credentials are required. You can skip t he support bundle generation and continue with appliance logs. Do you wish to continue?(Y/N):Y Enter vCenter hostname/ip to download Support bundle:10 Enter vCenter password for root user: _____ Support Bundle Script Execution Started - Thu 01 Feb 2024 07:51:44 PM UTC Trying To Connect to vCenter using root credentials... Connected to 10. Downloading vCenter Logs... ssh runs in FIPS mode FIPS mode initialized VMware vCenter Server 8.0.2.00100 Type: vCenter Server with an embedded Platform Services Controller Copying generated bundle from vCenter path Reset bash shell for vCenter Do you want to specify the target directory for creating support bundle?(y/n):n Creating support bundle: hx-plugin-support-bundle.zip tar: Removing leading `/' from member names 27.7MiB 0:00:01 [18.2MiB/s] [<=> hx plug-in support bundle has been generated successfully at /var/log/plugin_sup port/hx-plugin-support-bundle--01-02-2024-19.52.15.tar.gz vcp-admin@hx-vcp-appliance:~\$

Support Bundle Generation

Step 2. Establish an SCP connection to the VM Remote Plugin, for this you can use software like WinSCP

- File Protocol: SCP
- Host name: [[ip.address.remotepluginappliance]
- Port number: 22
- Username: vcp-admin
- Password: [your-configured-password]

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New Site	Session File protocol: SCP ✓ Host name: 192.: User name: vcp-admin Save ▼	Port number: 22 - Password: Advanced
Tools Manage ✓ Show Login dialog on startup and when the last	E Login ▼ session is closed	Close Help

Step 3. Navigate to the /var/log/plugin_support/ directory and download the support bundle file.

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Download 👻 📝 Edit 👻 📈 🕞 Properties 👻 🎬 New 👻 🕂 🖃 🟹								
/var/log/plugin_support/								
Name		Size	Changed	Rights	Owner			
t .			2/1/2024 12:00:58 AM	rwxrwxr-x	root			
kx-plugin-support-bundle-10.31.123.186-01-02-2024-19.52.15.tar.gz			2/1/2024 7:52:16 PM	rwxrwxrwx	root			
Support hundle location								

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Collect logs manually from the Cisco HyperFlex Remote Plugin Appliance

If you are not able to register any vCenter in the appliance, you cannot generate a Support Bundle. A manual collection of the log files is needed.

Step 1. Establish an SCP connection to the VM Remote Plugin, for this you can use software like WinSCP

- File Protocol: SCP
- Host name: [ip.address.remotepluginappliance]
- Port number: 22
- Username: vcp-admin
- Password: [your-configured-password]

SCP Connection parameters

Step 2. Once you login you automatically find yourself in the path **/home/vcp-admin**, go to the root directory and then to the indicated paths to collect these log files:

- /var/log/auth.log
- /var/log/audit/audit.log
- /var/log/cisco/hx-plugin.log
- /var/log/cisco/hx-plugin-install.log
- /var/log/cisco/plugin-config.log
- /var/log/cisco/plugin-server.log

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/var/log/cisco/								
Name	Size	Changed	Rights	Owner				
t		2/1/2024 12:00:58 AM	rwxrwxr-x	root				
hx-plugin.log	3 KB	1/27/2024 8:06:47 AM	rw-r	vcp-admin				
hx-plugin-install.log	2 KB	12/18/2023 2:15:19 PM	rw-r	vcp-admin				
hx-plugin-supportBundle.log	2 KB	2/1/2024 7:52:16 PM	rwxr-xr-x	root				
📄 plugin-config.log	2 KB	2/1/2024 7:49:39 PM	rw-rr	root				
plugin-config.log.2023-12-18.0.gz	2 KB	1/27/2024 7:53:39 AM	rw-rr	root				
plugin-config.log.2024-01-27.0.gz	2 KB	2/1/2024 7:49:19 PM	rw-rr	root				
plugin-server.log	328 KB	2/1/2024 7:51:16 PM	rw-rr	vcp-admin				
plugin-server.log.2023-12-18.0.gz	2 KB	1/27/2024 7:53:39 AM	rw-rr	vcp-admin				
plugin-server.log.2024-01-27.0.gz	5 KB	1/30/2024 9:44:42 PM	rw-rr	vcp-admin				
plugin-server.log.2024-01-30.0.gz	2 KB	1/31/2024 7:28:15 PM	rw-rr	vcp-admin				
plugin-server.log.2024-01-31.0.gz	24 KB	2/1/2024 4:29:11 AM	rw-rr	vcp-admin				

Cisco logs location

Step 3. Upload the log files to your current Service Request. The steps to upload the files to the case are in the link "Customer File Uploads to Cisco Technical Assistance Center" available in the Related information section.

Related Information

Customer File Uploads to Cisco Technical Assistance Center

Support Case Manager

Cisco HyperFlex Data Platform Administration Guide, Release 5.5