



## Altering the System After Deployment

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### Preparing for a System-Altering Procedure

Events that are system-altering and require advance preparation by the administrator are:

- Adding or removing a high availability (HA) system. See [Adding a High Availability System](#).
- Updating the system to a later version (by using an ISO update file).
- Upgrading the system by deploying a parallel system and transferring the original system data to the upgraded system (by using an OVA file). See [Upgrading Your System](#).
- Expanding the system to a larger size. See [Expanding Your System](#).



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**Note** Because these procedures require exclusive access to the system, users cannot access the system for meetings. Be sure to schedule this procedure during a time that will be least disruptive to your users.

Be sure to coordinate with other system administrators before starting a system-altering procedure. Other system administrators should not access the system during this procedure. If they do so, their changes are not saved, and the result can be unpredictable.

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Backups are not required for these actions. If you do not need to create backups of your virtual machines, then you do not need to complete this procedure. However, as a best practice, we recommend creating a backup. For complete details on this backup, see [Creating a Backup by Using VMware vCenter](#), the *VMware Data Recovery Administration Guide*, or the *vSphere Data Protection Administration Guide*.

