Installing the Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Using ISO or OVA Files

This chapter contains the following sections:

Installing the VSM Software

Installing the Software from the ISO Image

Before You Begin

- The ISO image is located at *zip_file_location*/`Nexus1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1/VSM/Install/nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1.iso`
- You have already read the Prerequisites for Installing the Cisco Nexus 1000V.
- You have already manually provisioned the VM to be used for the VSM. For more information, see the *vSphere Virtual Machine Administration Guide*.
- The VSM VM requires the following and this procedure includes steps for updating these properties:
  - Minimum of 2 GB of RAM reserved and allocated.
  - Minimum CPU speed of 1500 MHz.
- Do not create more than one virtual CPU. The Cisco Nexus 1000V supports only one virtual CPU.

Procedure

Step 1 Using your VMware documentation, attach the VSM ISO image to the virtual CD-ROM and copy the software to a virtual machine (VM).

Step 2 Make sure that the VSM VM is powered off.

Step 3 In the **vSphere client Virtual Machine Properties** window **Hardware** tab, choose **Memory.**

Step 4 In the **Memory Size** field, choose 2 GB.

Step 5 In the **Resources** tab, choose **Memory.**
The Resource Allocation settings display in the right-hand pane.

Step 6 In the **Reservation** field, choose 2048 MB.

Step 7 In the **Resources** tab, choose CPU.
The Resource Allocation settings display in the right-hand pane.

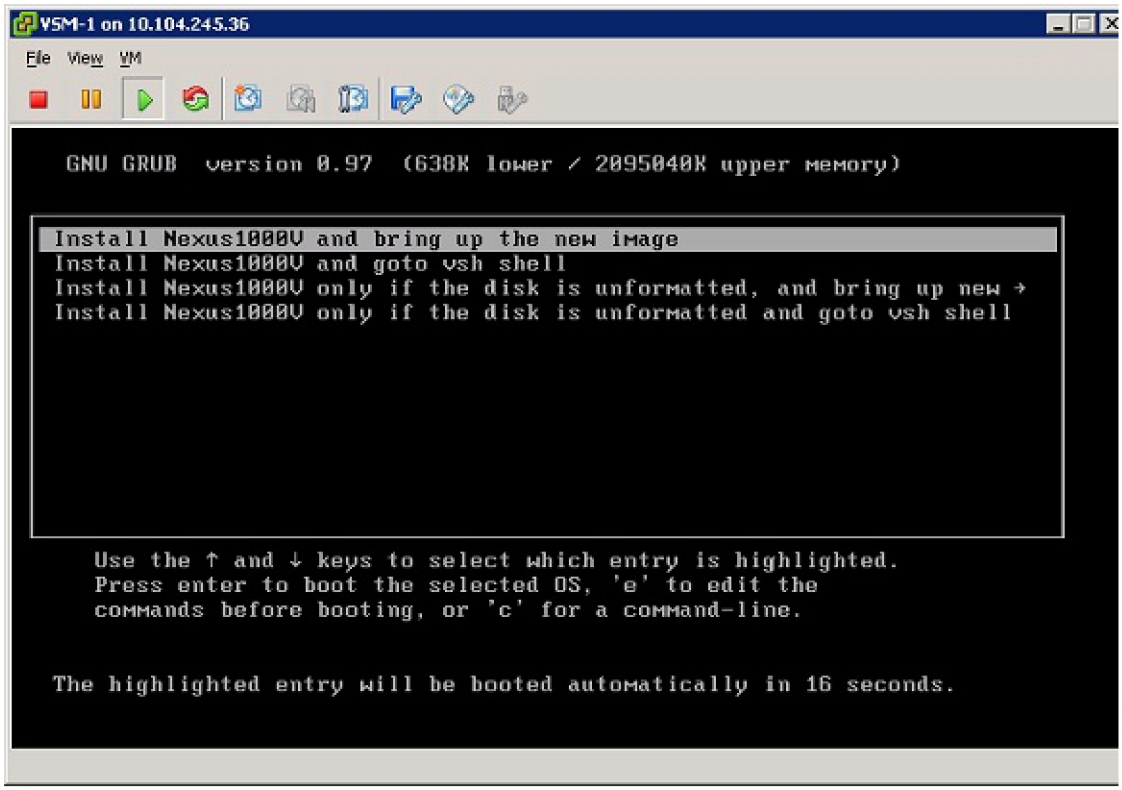
Step 8 In the **Reservation** field, choose 1500 MHz.

Step 9 Click **OK.**
The VSM VM memory and CPU speed settings are saved in VMware vSphere Client.

Step 10 Right-click the VSM and choose **Open Console**.

Step 11 Choose **Install Nexus1000V and bring up the new image** entry and press **Enter**.

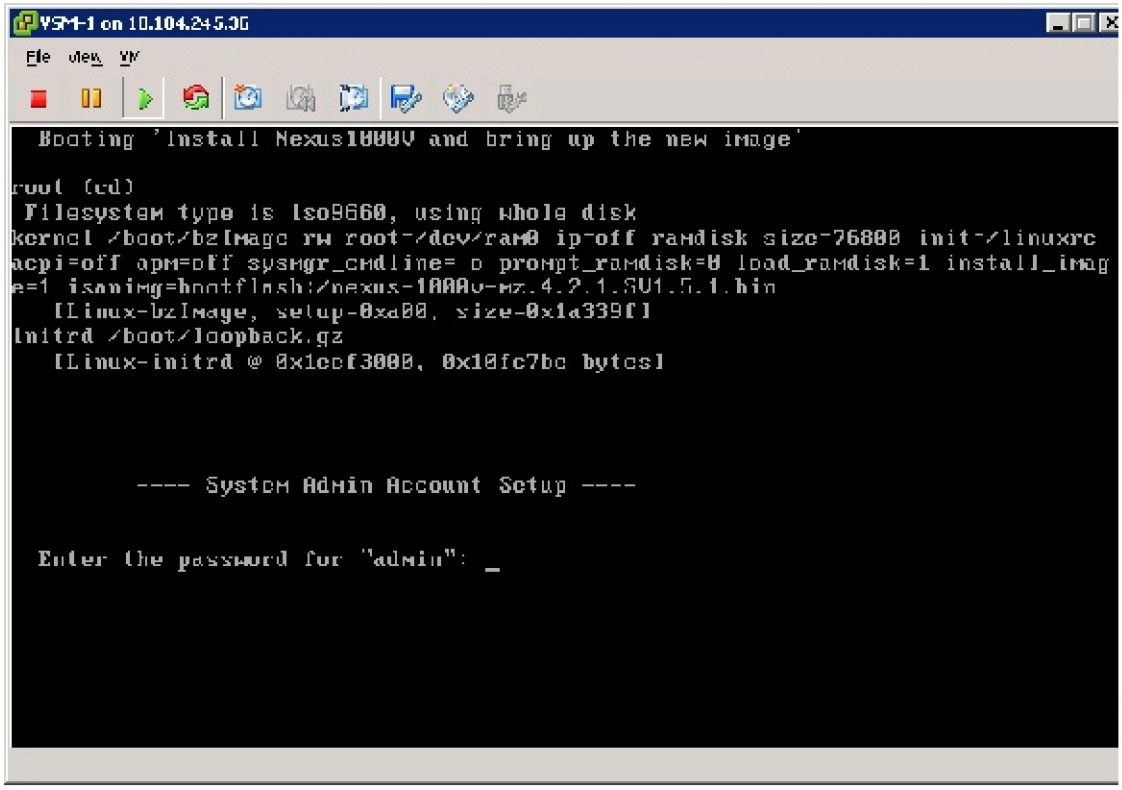
Figure 1: Install Nexus1000V and Bring Up the New Image Window



Step 12 Enter and confirm the Administrator password.

Note All alphanumeric characters and symbols on a standard US keyboard are allowed except for these three: $ \ ?

Figure 2: System Admin Account Setup Window



Step 13 Enter the domain ID.

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Enter the domain id<1-4095>: 152
```

Step 14 Enter the HA role.

If you do not specify a role, standalone is assigned by default.

This example shows the HA role as primary.

```
Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]: primary

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         ---- Basic System Configuration Dialog ----

This setup utility will guide you through the basic configuration of
the system. Setup configures only enough connectivity for management
of the system.

*Note: setup is mainly used for configuring the system initially,
when no configuration is present. So setup always assumes system
defaults and not the current system configuration values.
```

```
Press Enter at anytime to skip a dialog. Use ctrl-c at anytime
to skip the remaining dialogs.

Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no):


This example shows the HA role as secondary.
Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]: secondary


  Setting HA role to secondary will cause a system reboot. Are you sure (yes/no) ? :
```

Step 15 Do one of the following:

- If you are setting up the primary/active VSM, go to Step 18.
- If you are setting up the secondary/standby VSM, then continue with the next step.

Step 16 If you have set up the VSM virtual machine (VM) to boot from the CD-ROM, and are installing the secondary VSM from the ISO image attached to your CD-ROM, remove the virtual CD-ROM now so that the VSM does not boot from the CD.
This step is necessary if you have set up the VSM VM to boot from the CD-ROM before the hard drive.

Step 17 If you are setting up the secondary/standby VSM, when prompted to reboot the VSM, answer yes.
The secondary VSM VM is rebooted and brought up in standby mode.

The password on the secondary VSM is synchronized with the password on the active/primary VSM.

Any configuration made on the active/primary VSM is now automatically synchronized with the standby.

This example show the system rebooting when the HA role is set to secondary.

```
Setting HA role to secondary will cause a system reboot. Are you sure (yes/no) ? :y

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  HA mode set to secondary. Rebooting now...
```

You have completed this procedure for the secondary VSM.

Step 18 Enter yes to enter the basic configuration dialog.

```
Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no): yes
```

Step 19 Enter no to create another Login account.

```
Create another login account (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 20 Enter no to configure a read-only SNMP community string.

```
Configure read-only SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 21 Enter no to configure a read-write SNMP community string.

```
Configure read-write SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 22 Enter a name for the switch.

```
Enter the switch name: n1000v
```

Step 23 Enter yes to configure out-of-band management and then enter the mgmt0 IPv4 address and subnet mask.

```
Continue with Out-of-band (mgmt0) management configuration? [yes/no] [y]: yes
Mgmt0 IPv4 address: 172.28.15.152
Mgmt0 IPv4 netmask: 255.255.255.0
```

Step 24 Enter yes to configure the default gateway.

```
Configure the default-gateway: (yes/no) [y]: yes
IPv4 address of the default gateway : 172.23.233.1
```

Step 25 Enter no to configure advanced IP options.

```
Configure Advanced IP options (yes/no)? [n]: no
```

Step 26 Enter yes to enable the Telnet service.

```
Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [y]: yes
```

Step 27 Enter yes to enable the SSH service and then enter the key type and number of key bits.

```
Enable the ssh service? (yes/no) [y]: yes
Type of ssh key you would like to generate (dsa/rsa) : rsa
Number of  key bits <768-2048> : 1024
```

For more information, see the document, *Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide*.

Step 28 Enter yes to enable the HTTP server.

```
Enable the http-server? (yes/no) [y]: yes
```

Step 29 Enter no to configure the NTP server.

```
Configure NTP server? (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 30 Enter yes to configure the SVS domain parameters and then enter the mode (L2 or L3), and the control and packet VLAN IDs.

```
Configure svs domain parameters? (yes/no) [y]: yes
Enter SVS Control mode (L2 / L3) [L3] : Press Return
```

Step 31 Enter yes to configure the VEM feature level and then enter 0 or 1.

```
Vem feature level will be set to 4.2(1)SV2(1.1),
Do you want to reconfigure? (yes/no) [n] yes
          Current vem feature level is set to 4.2(1)SV2(1.1)
          You can change the feature level to:
                     vem feature level is set to the highest value possible
```

Note The feature level is the least VEM release that the VSM can support. For example, if the feature level is set to the 4.2(1)SV1(5.1) release, any VEMs with an earlier release are not attached to the VSM.

The system now summarizes the complete configuration and asks if you want to edit it.

```
The following configuration will be applied:
 Switchname n1000v
interface Mgmt0
ip address 172.28.15.152 255.255.255.0
no shutdown
no telnet server enable
  ssh key rsa 1024 force
  ssh server enable
  feature http-server
  svs-domain
    no control vlan
    no packet vlan
    svs mode L3 interface mgmt0
```

Step 32 Do one of the following:

- If you do not want to edit the configuration enter no and continue with the next step.
- If you want to edit the configuration, enter yes and return to Step 19 to revisit each command.

```
Would you like to edit the configuration? (yes/no) [n]:no
```

Step 33 Enter yes to use and save this configuration, answer yes.

Caution If you do not save the configuration now, none of your changes will be part of the configuration the next time that the switch is rebooted. Enter yes to save the new configuration and to ensure that the kickstart and system images are also automatically configured.

```
Use this configuration and save it? (yes/no) [y]: yes
[########################################] 100%
```

The new configuration is saved into nonvolatile storage.

Note You can use the setup routine to update the configuration done in Step 18 through Step 33 at any time by entering the setup command in EXEC mode. Once setup begins, press **Enter** to skip a command. Press **Ctrl-C** to skip the remaining commands.

If you are installing redundant VSMs, make sure that you configure the software on the primary VSM before installing the software on the secondary VSM.

Step 34 Create the SVS connection manually or go to Establishing the SVS Connection, on page 17.

Installing the Software from an OVA Image

Before You Begin

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- The OVA image is located at *zip_file_location*/`Nexus1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1/VSM/Install/nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1.ova`
- You have already read the Prerequisites for Installing the Cisco Nexus 1000V.
- You have a copy of the following Cisco Nexus 1000V software image files on your local drive, depending on the installation type you are using:

Installation Type	Filename	Used with ESX or ESXi Host Software Version
OVA	`nexus-1000v.4.2.1.SV2.1.1.ova`	4.1 or later

- For detailed information about using the Deploy OVF Template wizard, see the *vSphere Virtual Machine Administration Guide*.
- You have the following information available for creating a VM for the VSM and mapping the required port groups:
  - A name for the new VSM that is unique within the inventory folder and up to 80 characters.
  - The name of the host where the VSM will be installed in the inventory folder.
  - The name of the datastore in which the VM files will be stored.
  - The names of the network port groups used for the VM.
  - The Cisco Nexus 1000V VSM IP address.
- If you are using the OVA file for installation, make sure that you have the following information available for creating and saving an initial configuration file on the VSM:

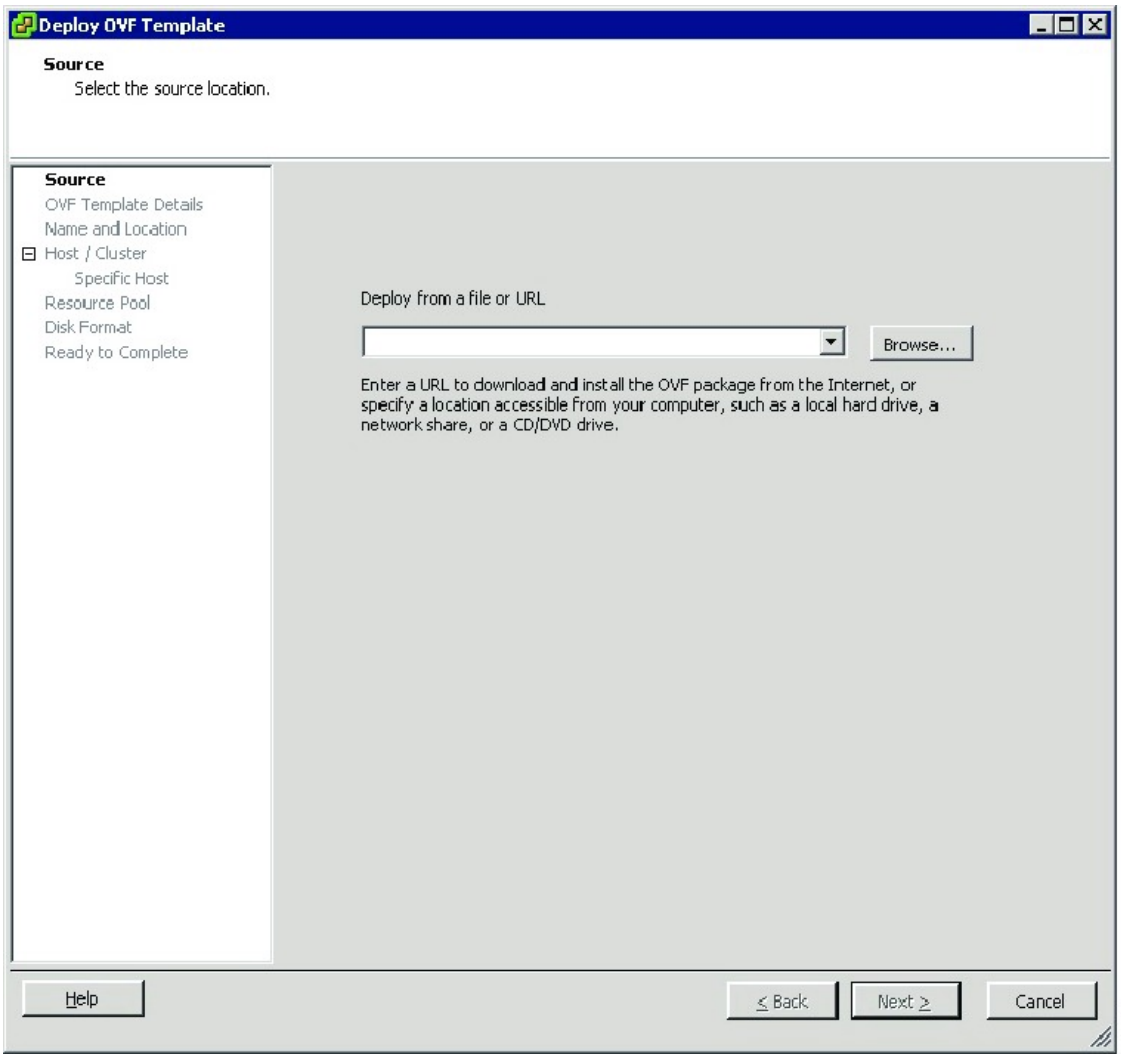
- VSM domain ID
- Admin password
- Management IP address, subnet mask, and gateway

Procedure

Step 1 From the vSphere Client, choose **File > Deploy OVF Template**.

Step 2 In the **Source** screen, specify the location of the OVA file and click **Next.**

Figure 3: Source Screen



The OVF Template Details screen opens displaying product information, including the size of the file and the size of the VM disk.

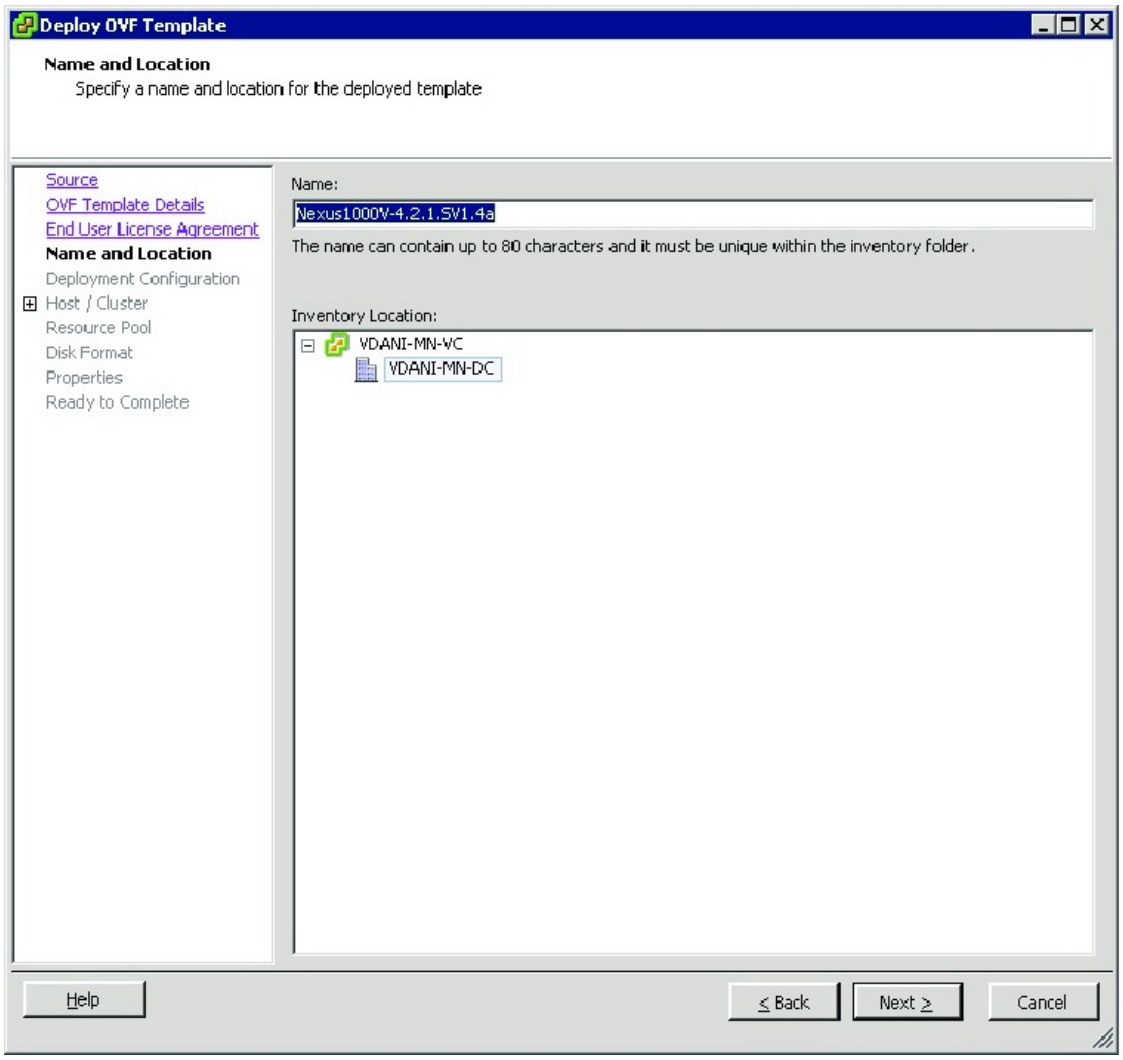
Step 3 Click **Next.**

Step 4 Read the Cisco Nexus 1000V License Agreement.

Step 5 Click **Accept** and then click **Next.**

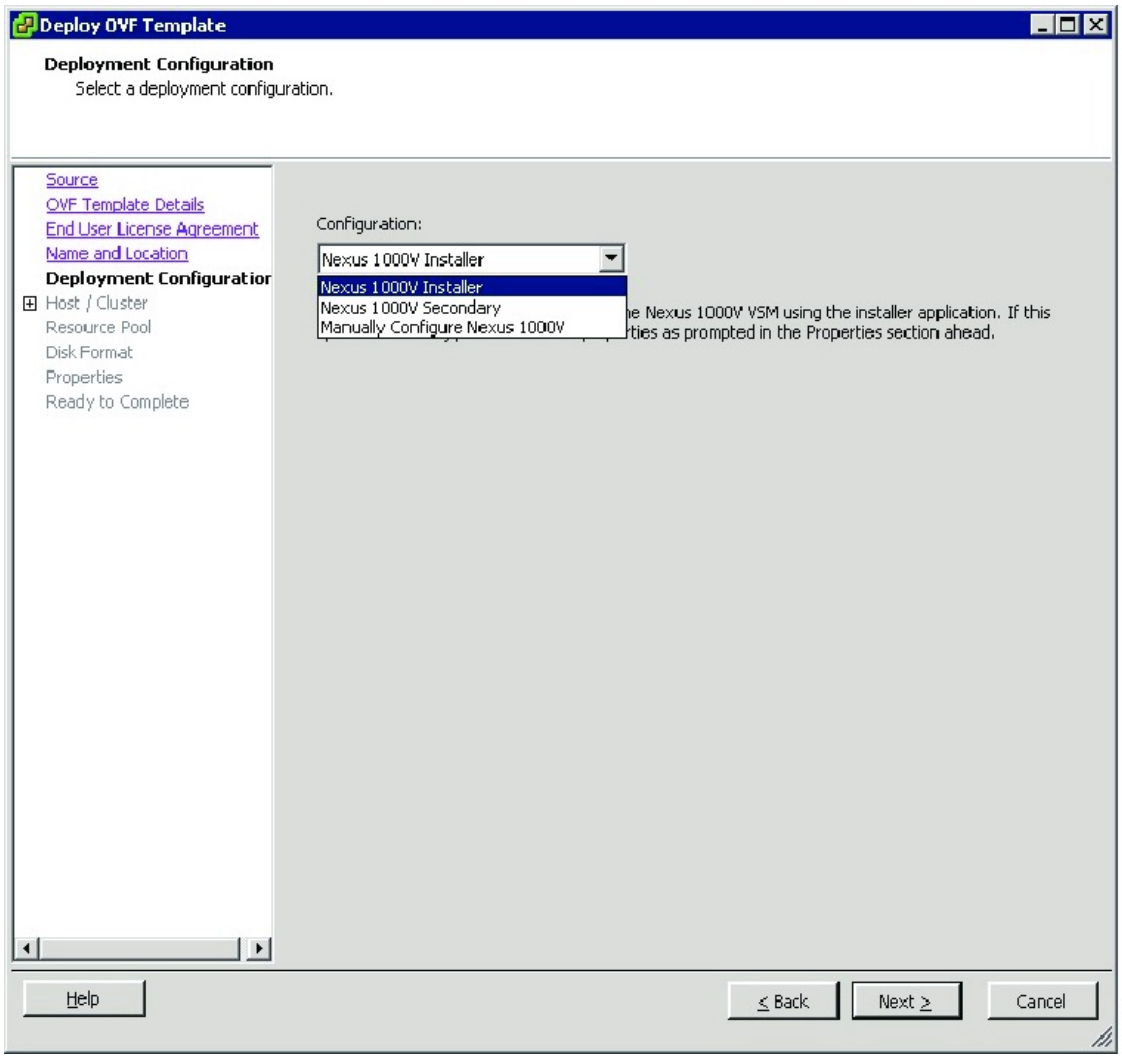
Step 6 Add the VSM name, choose the folder location within the inventory where it will reside, and click **Next.** The name for the VSM must be unique within the inventory folder and less than 80 characters.

Figure 4: Deploy OVF Template Screen



Step 7 From the **Configuration** drop-down list, choose **Nexus 1000V Installer**.

Figure 5: Deployment Configuration Screen



This choice configures the primary VSM using the GUI setup dialog.

Step 8 Click **Next**.

Step 9 Choose the data center or cluster on which to install the VSM.

Step 10 Click **Next**

Step 11 Choose the datastore in which to store the file if one is available.
On this page, you choose from datastores already configured on the destination cluster or host. The virtual machine configuration file and virtual disk files are stored on the datastore. Choose a datastore large enough to accommodate the virtual machine and all of its virtual disk files.

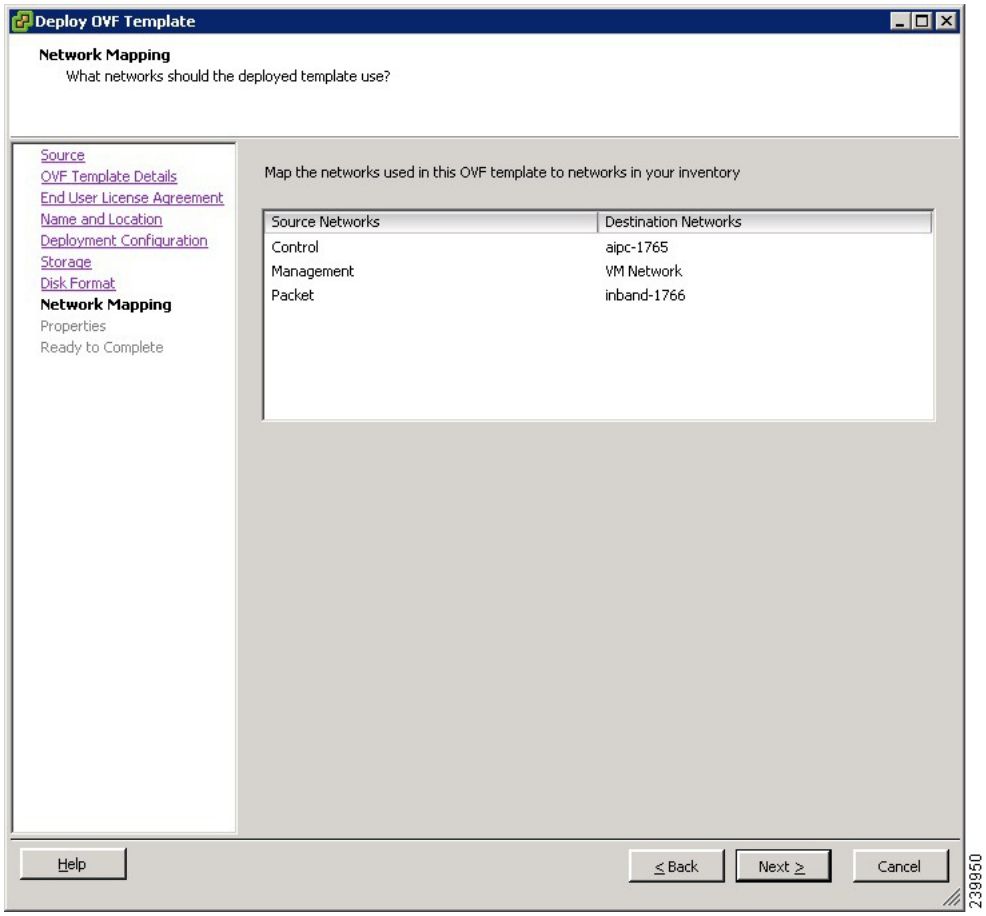
Step 12 Click **Next**

Step 13 Choose the Thick provisioned disk format for storing virtual machine virtual disks, and click **Next.**

Format	Description
Thin Provisioned	The storage is allocated on demand as data is written to the virtual disks. **Note** This disk format is not supported for Cisco Nexus 1000V.
Thick Provisioned	All storage is immediately allocated.
Flat Provisioned	**Note** This format is only available with VMWare ESXi 5.0.
Flat Disk	All storage for the virtual disk is allocated in advance.

Step 14 In the **Network Mapping** screen, choose the networks (the control, management, and packet port groups) that are present in your inventory.

Figure 6: Network Mapping Screen



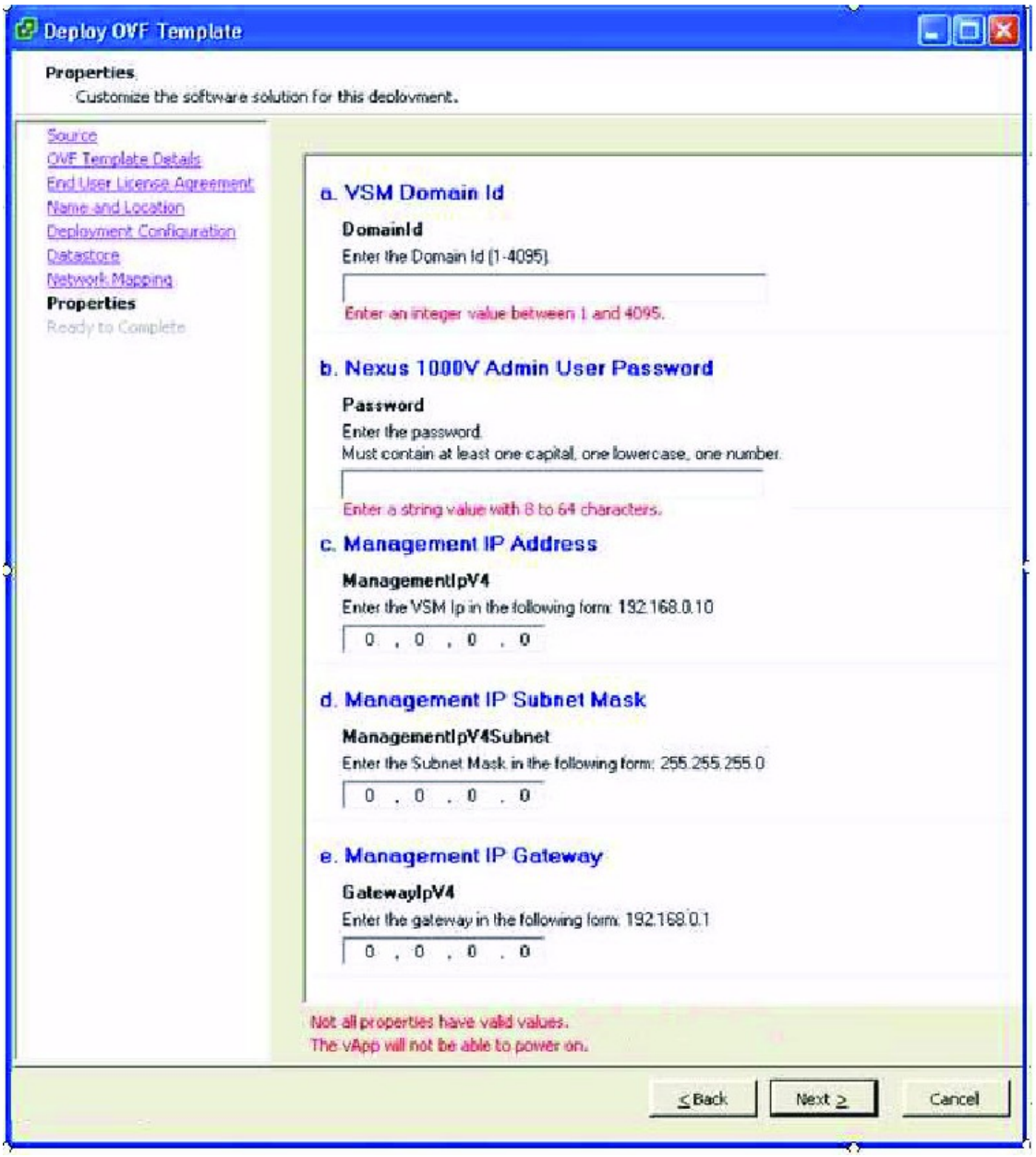
Step 15 Click **Next**

Step 16 Do one of the following:

- If you are installing software on a primary VSM, specify the following properties for your primary VSM:
  - VSM domain ID
  - Admin password
  - Management IP address
  - Management IP subnet mask
  - Management IP gateway
- If you are installing software on a secondary VSM, specify only the following properties for your secondary VSM (all other properties are acquired on synchronization with the primary VSM), and then click Next:
  - VSM domain ID (use the same domain ID entered for the primary).

◦ Admin password (use the same password entered for the primary).

Figure 7: Properties Screen

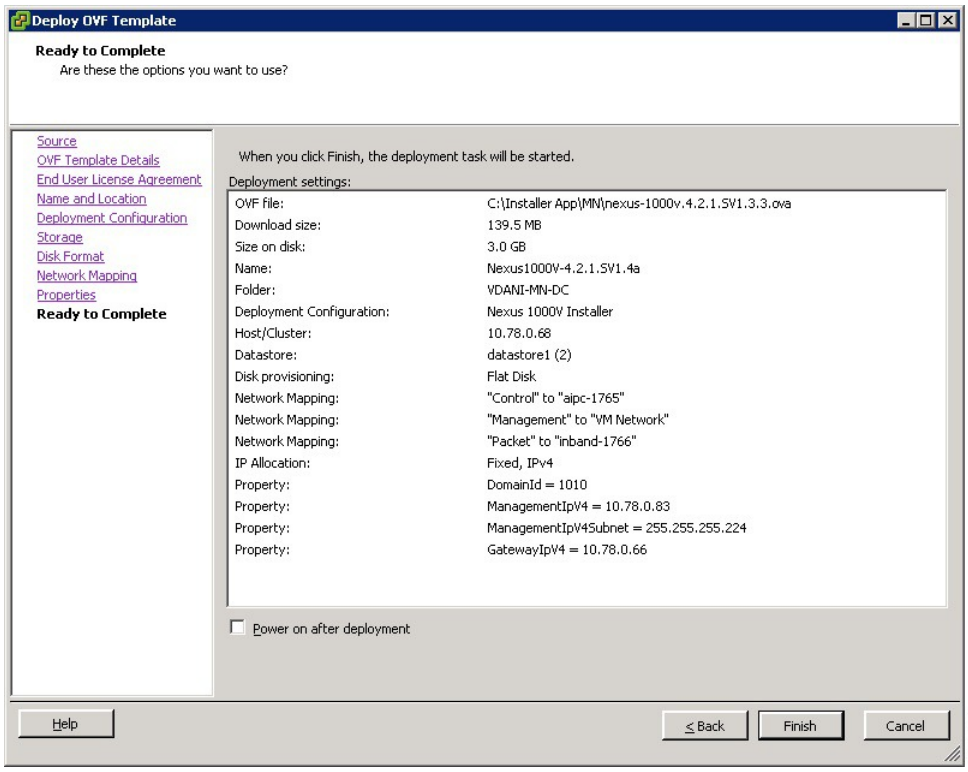


Step 17 Click **Next.**

Step 18 If the configuration is correct, click **Finish**.

A status bar displays as the VM installation progresses.

Figure 8: Ready to Complete Screen



Step 19 Click **Close.**
You have completed installing the Cisco Nexus 1000V software.

Step 20 Right-click the VSM and choose **Open Console**.

Step 21 Click the **green arrow** to power on the VSM.

Step 22 Enter the following commands at the VSM prompt.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# setup
```

Step 23 Enter the HA role.
If you do not specify a role, standalone is assigned by default.

This example shows the HA role as primary.

```
Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]: primary

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         ---- Basic System Configuration Dialog ----

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the system. Setup configures only enough connectivity for management
of the system.
```

```
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when no configuration is present. So setup always assumes system
defaults and not the current system configuration values.

Press Enter at anytime to skip a dialog. Use ctrl-c at anytime
to skip the remaining dialogs.

Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no):
```

This example shows the HA role as secondary.

```
Enter HA role[standalone/primary/secondary]: secondary


  Setting HA role to secondary will cause a system reboot. Are you sure (yes/no) ? :
```

Step 24 Do one of the following:

- If you are setting up the primary/active VSM, go to Step 18.
- If you are setting up the secondary/standby VSM, then continue with the next step.

Step 25 If you have set up the VSM virtual machine (VM) to boot from the CD-ROM, and are installing the secondary VSM from the ISO image attached to your CD-ROM, remove the virtual CD-ROM now so that the VSM does not boot from the CD.
This step is necessary if you have set up the VSM VM to boot from the CD-ROM before the hard drive.

Step 26 If you are setting up the secondary/standby VSM, when prompted to reboot the VSM, answer yes.
The secondary VSM VM is rebooted and brought up in standby mode.

The password on the secondary VSM is synchronized with the password on the active/primary VSM.

Any configuration made on the active/primary VSM is now automatically synchronized with the standby.

This example shows the system rebooting when the HA role is set to secondary.

```
Setting HA role to secondary will cause a system reboot. Are you sure (yes/no) ? :y

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  HA mode set to secondary. Rebooting now...
```

You have completed this procedure for the secondary VSM.

Step 27 Enter yes to enter the basic configuration dialog.

```
Would you like to enter the basic configuration dialog (yes/no): yes
```

Step 28 Enter no to create another Login account.

```
Create another login account (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 29 Enter no to configure a read-only SNMP community string.

```
Configure read-only SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 30 Enter no to configure a read-write SNMP community string.

```
Configure read-write SNMP community string (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 31 Enter a name for the switch.

```
Enter the switch name: n1000v
```

Step 32 Enter yes to configure out-of-band management and then enter the mgmt0 IPv4 address and subnet mask.

```
Continue with Out-of-band (mgmt0) management configuration? [yes/no] [y]: yes
Mgmt0 IPv4 address: 172.28.15.152
Mgmt0 IPv4 netmask: 255.255.255.0
```

Step 33 Enter yes to configure the default gateway.

```
Configure the default-gateway: (yes/no) [y]: yes

    IPv4 address of the default gateway : 172.23.233.1
```

Step 34 Enter no to configure advanced IP options.

```
Configure Advanced IP options (yes/no)? [n]: no
```

Step 35 Enter yes to enable the Telnet service.

```
Enable the telnet service? (yes/no) [y]: yes
```

Step 36 Enter yes to enable the SSH service and then enter the key type and number of key bits.

```
Enable the ssh service? (yes/no) [y]: yes
Type of ssh key you would like to generate (dsa/rsa) : rsa
Number of  key bits <768-2048> : 1024
```

For more information, see the document, *Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide*.

Step 37 Enter yes to enable the HTTP server.

```
Enable the http-server? (yes/no) [y]: yes
```

Step 38 Enter no to configure the NTP server.

```
Configure NTP server? (yes/no) [n]: no
```

Step 39 Enter yes to configure the SVS domain parameters and then enter the mode (L2 or L3), and the control and packet VLAN IDs.

```
Configure svs domain parameters? (yes/no) [y]: yes
Enter SVS Control mode (L2 / L3) : L2
Enter control vlan <1-3967, 4048-4093> : 100
Enter packet vlan <1-3967, 4048-4093> : 101
```

Step 40 Enter yes to configure the VEM feature level and then enter 0 or 1.

```
Vem feature level will be set to 4.2(1)SV2(1.1),
Do you want to reconfigure? (yes/no) [n] yes
          Current vem feature level is set to 4.2(1)SV2(1.1)
          You can change the feature level to:
                     vem feature level is set to the highest value possible
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The system now summarizes the complete configuration and asks if you want to edit it.

```
The following configuration will be applied:
 Switchname n1000v
interface Mgmt0
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no telnet server enable
  ssh key rsa 1024 force
  ssh server enable
  feature http-server
  svs-domain
    svs mode L2
    control vlan 100
    packet vlan 101
    domain id 101
vlan 100
vlan 101
```

Step 41 Do one of the following:

- If you do not want to edit the configuration enter no and continue with the next step.

- If you want to edit the configuration, enter yes and return to Step 19 to revisit each command.

```
Would you like to edit the configuration? (yes/no) [n]:no
```

Step 42 Enter yes to use and save this configuration.

Caution If you do not save the configuration now, none of your changes will be part of the configuration the next time that the switch is rebooted. Enter yes to save the new configuration and to ensure that the kickstart and system images are also automatically configured.

```
Use this configuration and save it? (yes/no) [y]: yes
[########################################] 100%
```

The new configuration is saved into nonvolatile storage.

Note You can use the setup routine to update the configuration done in Step 18 through Step 33 at any time by entering the **setup** command in EXEC mode. Once setup begins, press **Enter** to skip a command. Press **Ctrl-C** to skip the remaining commands.

Note If you are installing redundant VSMs, make sure that you configure the software on the primary VSM before installing the software on the secondary VSM.

Step 43 Create the SVS connection manually or go to Establishing the SVS Connection, on page 17.

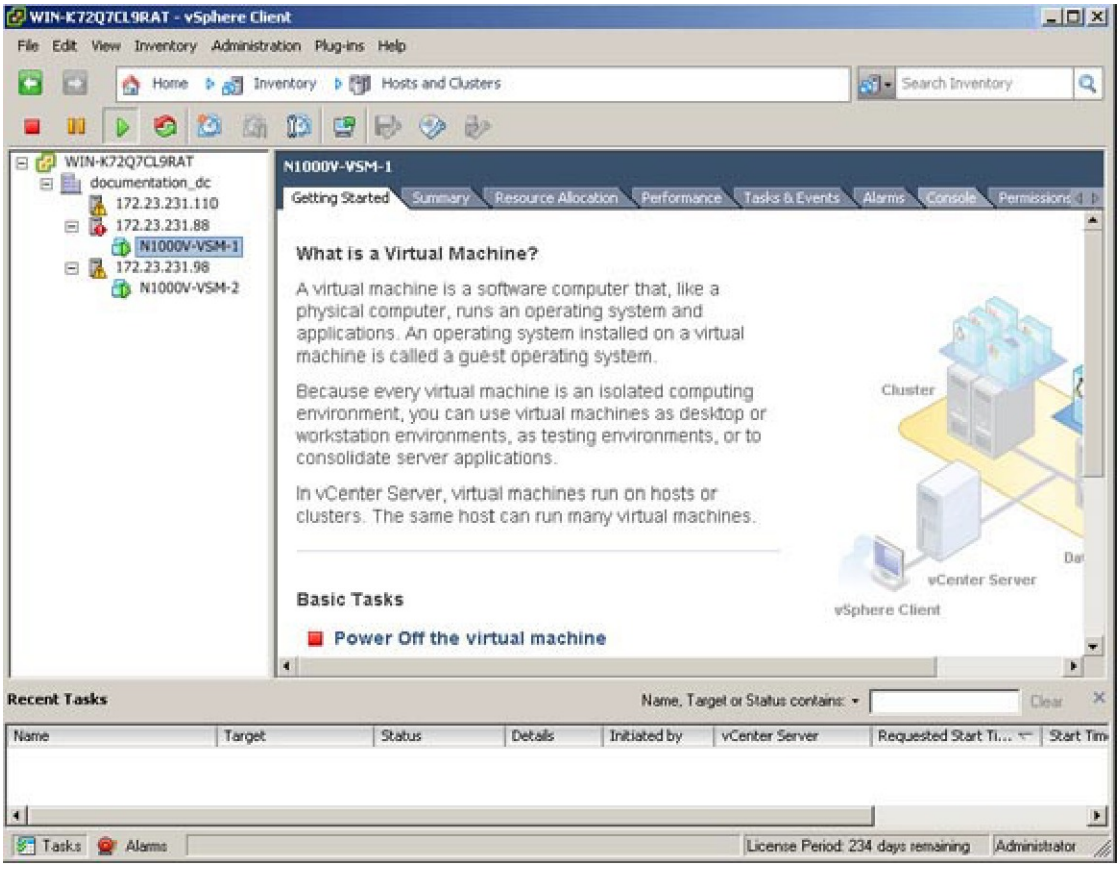
Establishing the SVS Connection

Procedure

Step 1 Open the vSphere Client.

Step 2 Choose the primary VSM.

Figure 9: vSphere Client Window



Step 3 Choose the **Console** tab.

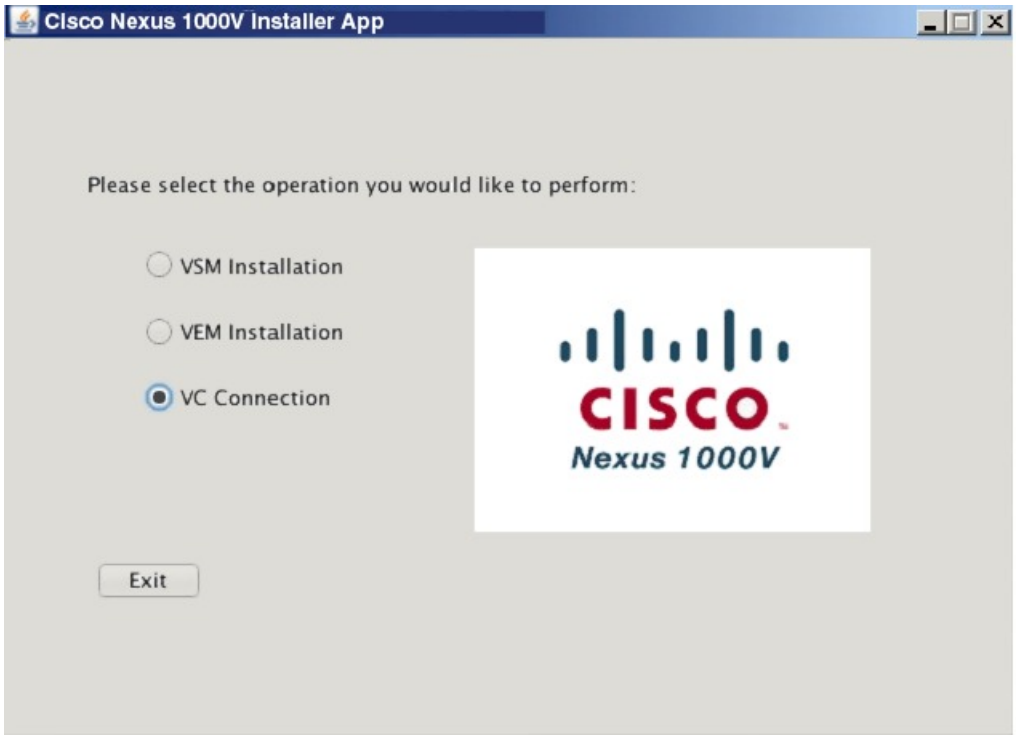
Step 4 Enter the **show svs connections** command to confirm that there is not an SVS connection.

Step 5 Open a command window.

Step 6 Enter the **java -jar Nexus1000V-launchPad.jar** command.

Step 7 In the **Cisco Nexus 1000V Installer App** window, click the **VC Connection** radio button.

Figure 10: Cisco Nexus 1000V Installer App Window



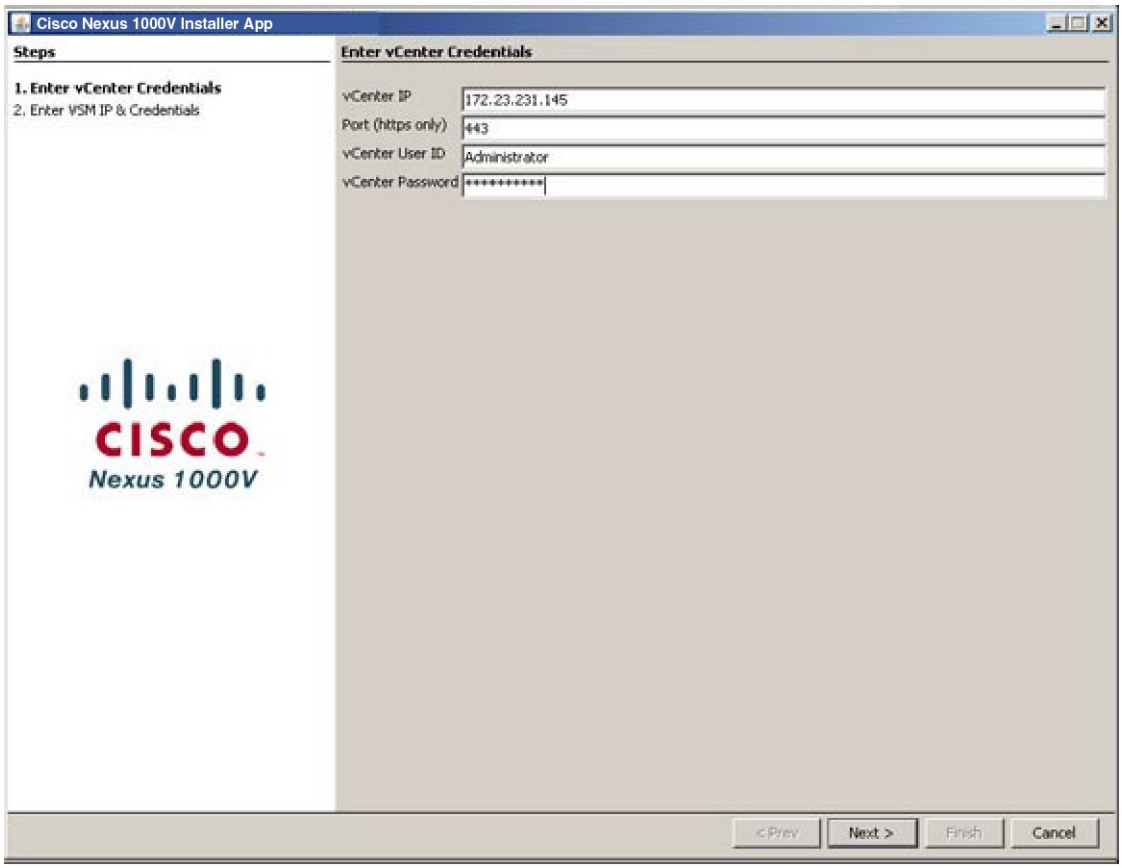
Step 8 Enter the following vCenter credentials:

- vCenter IP address
- Secure HTTP port

  Port 443 is configured by default, but you can change the port if needed.
- vCenter User ID (for a vCenter user with administrator-level privileges)

- vCenter Password (for a vCenter user with administrator-level privileges)

Figure 11: Enter vCenter Credentials Screen



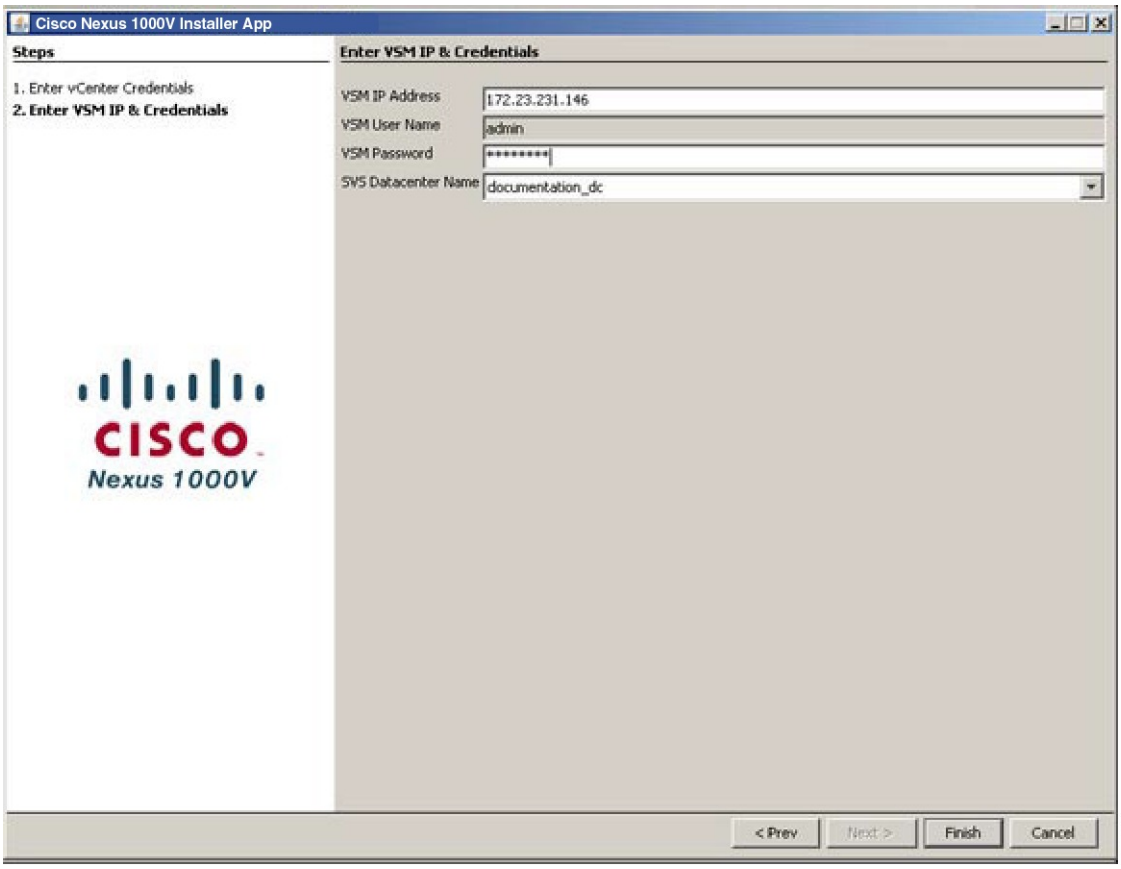
Step 9 Click **Next**.

Step 10 Enter the following VSM credentials:

- VSM IP Address
- VSM Password
- From the **SVS Datacenter Name** drop-down list, choose the data center.

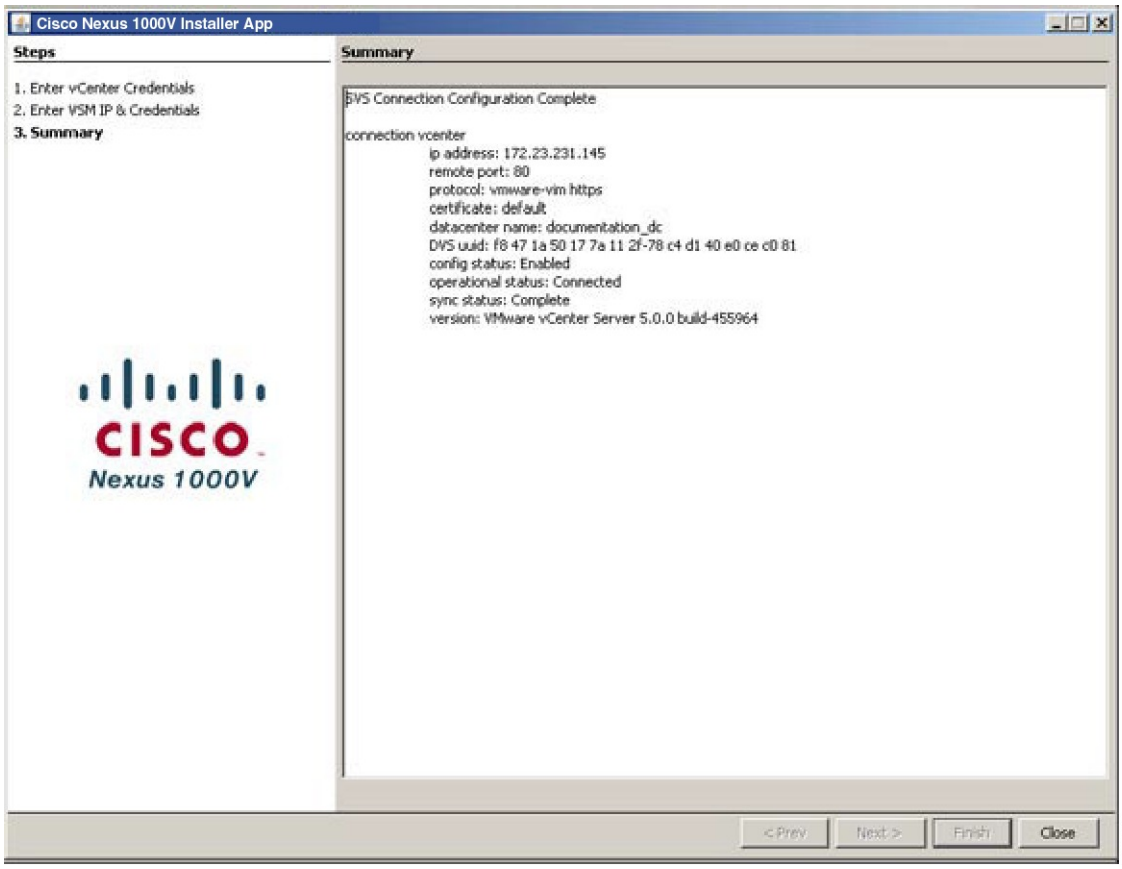
Step 11 Click **Finish**.

Figure 12: Enter VSM IP & Credentials Screen



Step 12 Click **Close.**

Figure 13: Summary Screen



Step 13 In the **vSphere Console** window, enter the **show svs connections** command.
The operational status is Connected.

You have completed establishing the SVS connection.