VMware Horizon 7: Install, Configure, Manage

Course Overview
This five-day, hands-on course gives you the skills to deliver virtual desktops and applications through a single virtual desktop infrastructure platform. This course builds your skills in installing, configuring, and managing VMware Horizon® 7 through a combination of lecture and hands-on labs. You learn how to configure and deploy pools of virtual machines, how to manage the access and security of the machines, and how to provide a customized desktop environment to end users.

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

- Recognize the features and benefits of VMware Horizon
- Install and configure VMware Horizon® Connection Server™
- Create and optimize Windows VMs to create VMware Horizon desktops
- Describe the purpose of Horizon Agent
- Compare the remote display protocols that are available in VMware Horizon
- Configure and manage the VMware Horizon® Client™ systems and connect the client to a VMware Horizon desktop
- Configure, manage, and entitle automated pools of full VMs
- Configure, manage, and entitle pools of instant-clone desktops and linked-clone desktops
- Install and configure View Composer
- Outline the steps and benefits for using TLS CA signed certificates in VMware Horizon environments
- Use the role-based delegation to administer a VMware Horizon environment
- Configure secure access to VMware Horizon desktops
- Understand and create Remote Desktop Services (RDS) desktops and application pools
- Install and configure App Volumes to deliver and manage applications
- Deploy VMware Dynamic Environment Manager™ for user and application management
- Install and configure a Just-in-Time Management Platform (JMP) server for managing JMP components
- Describe VMware Dynamic Environment Manager Smart Policies
- Use the command-line tools available in VMware Horizon to back up and restore the required VMware Horizon databases
- Manage the performance and scalability of a VMware Horizon deployment
- Identify the benefits of the Cloud Pod Architecture feature for large-scale VMware Horizon deployments

Target Audience
Technical personnel who work in the IT departments of end-customer companies and people who are responsible for the delivery of remote or virtual desktop services.
Prerequisites
Customers attending this course should have, at a minimum, the following VMware infrastructure skills:

- Use VMware vSphere® Web Client to view the state of virtual machines, datastores, and networks
- Open a virtual machine console on VMware vCenter Server® and access the guest operating system
- Create snapshots of virtual machines
- Configure guest customization specifications
- Modify virtual machine properties
- Convert a virtual machine into a template
- Deploy a virtual machine from a template

Attendees should also have the following Microsoft Windows system administration experience:

- Configure Active Directory services, including DNS, DHCP, and time synchronization
- Restrict user activities by implementing Group Policy objects
- Configure Windows systems to enable Remote Desktop Connections
- Build an ODBC connection to an SQL Server database

Certifications
This course prepares you for the following certification:

- [VMware Certified Professional 7 – Desktop and Mobility (VCP7-DTM)]

Course Delivery Options
- Classroom
- Live Online
- Onsite
- On Demand

Product Alignment
- VMware Horizon 7.10
- VMware User Environment Manager™ 9.10
- App Volumes™ Manager 4.0
Course Modules

1 Course Introduction
   - Introductions and course logistics
   - Course objectives

2 Introduction to VMware Horizon
   - Recognize the features and benefits of VMware Horizon
   - Describe the conceptual and logical architecture of VMware Horizon
   - Define a use case for your virtual desktop and application infrastructure
   - Convert customer requirements to use case attributes

3 Horizon Connection Server
   - Recognize VMware Horizon reference architecture
   - Identify the recommended system requirements for Horizon Connection Server
   - Identify the recommended virtualization requirements for a Horizon Connection Server instance

4 VMware Horizon Desktops
   - Outline the process and choices to set up Windows VMware VMs
   - Assign vCPUs and RAM to Windows VMs
   - Create Windows VMs
   - Configure VMware ESXi host virtual switches
   - Optimize the performance of Windows VMs

5 VMware Horizon Pools
   - Identify the steps to set up a template for desktop pool deployment
   - List the steps to add desktops to the Horizon Connection Server inventory
   - Define user entitlement

6 VMware Horizon Client Options
   - Describe the requirements for a Horizon Client installation on a Windows system
   - Explain USB redirection and options
   - Describe the shared folders option
   - Describe the different clients and their benefits

7 Creating Automated Desktop Pools
   - Describe how an automated pool operates
   - Compare dedicated-assignment and floating-assignment pools
   - Outline the steps to create an automated pool

8 Configuring and Managing Linked-Clone Desktop Pools
   - Describe VMware linked-clone technology
   - Explain why both a parent VM and a snapshot must be used to create linked clones
   - Outline the system requirements for View Composer

9 Creating and Managing Instant-Clone Desktop Pools
   - Describe instant clones
   - List the advantages of instant clones
   - Differentiate between View Composer linked clones and instant clones

10 VMware Horizon Authentication and Certificates
    - Compare the authentication options that Horizon Connection Server supports

11 Managing VMware Horizon Security
    - Compare tunnels and direct connections for client access to desktops
    - Identify the benefits of using VMware Unified Access Gateway in the DMZ
    - Identify the tunnel endpoints when the security gateway is not used
    - Describe a direct connection in a VMware Horizon environment
    - List the advantages of direct connections
    - Describe how direct connections are enabled

12 Profile Management Using Dynamic Environment Manager
    - Identify the VMware Dynamic Environment Manager functional areas and their benefits
    - Prepare infrastructure for VMware Dynamic Environment Manager

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• Outline the steps that are required to install and configure VMware Dynamic Environment Manager components
• Manage user personalization and application configurations using the VMware Dynamic Environment Manager management console and application profiler

13 Creating RDS Desktop and Application Pools
• Explain the difference between an RDS Desktop pool and an automated pool
• Access a single application by using the RDS Application pool
• Compare and contrast an RD Session Host pool, a farm, and an application pool
• Create an RDS Desktop pool and an application pool

14 Provisioning and Managing Application Using App Volumes
• Explain how App Volumes works
• Identify the features and benefits of App Volumes
• Identify the interface elements of App Volumes
• Install and configure App Volumes

15 Just-in-Time Management Platform and VMware Horizon
• Identify the benefits of Just-in-Time Management Platform (JMP)
• List the JMP and Horizon 7 components
• Install and configure a JMP server
• Identify App Volumes deployment considerations
• Identify VMware Dynamic Environment Manager deployment considerations

16 Command-Line Tools and Backup Options
• Describe key Horizon Connection Server features that are available as command-line options with the vdmadmin command
• Explain the purpose of kiosk mode for client systems and how it is configured
• Explain why you limit the domains that Horizon Connection Server displays to users as they attempt to authenticate

17 VMware Horizon Performance and Scalability
• Identify the log locations for each VMware Horizon component
• Collect Horizon Client and Horizon Agent log files
• Describe the purpose of a replica connection server
• Compare a replica server to a standard connection server
• Explain how multiple Horizon Connection Server instances in a pod maintain synchronization
• List several best practices for multiserver deployment in a pod
• Describe how a load-balancing capability might improve VMware Horizon performance

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