

VSPHERE UPDATE MANAGER

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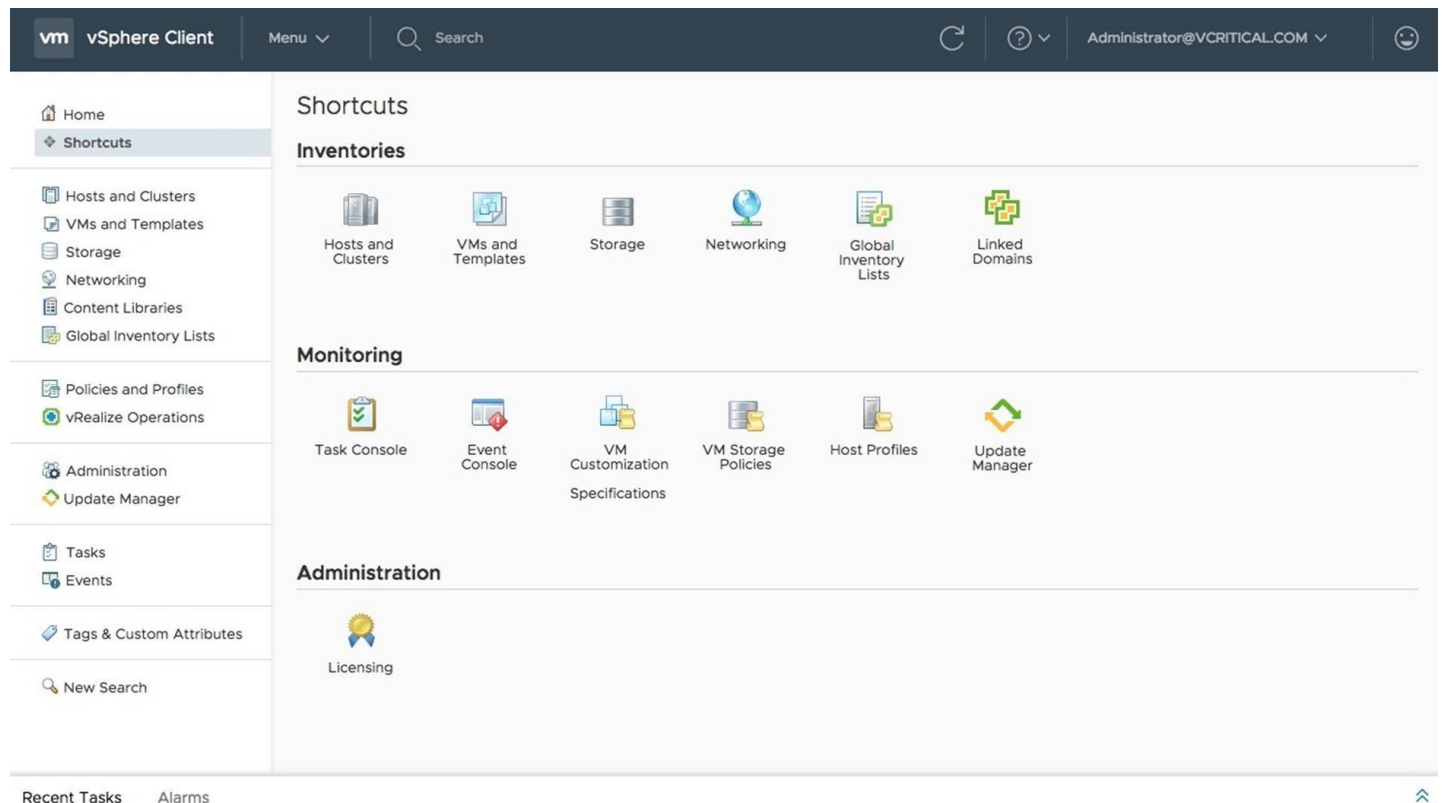
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vSphere Update Manager

Using the Update Manager Interface to Upgrade from ESXi 6.5 to 6.7




Upgrade VMware ESXi Hosts with the New Update Manager Interface in vSphere 6.7

In VMware vSphere 6.7, the vSphere Update Manager (VUM) interface is now part of the HTML5 vSphere Client. In this demo, we will walk through the workflow to perform a major version upgrade. Click the Update Manager icon to begin.

Update Manager

Home Baselines Updates **ESXi images**

IMPORT DELETE NEW BASELINE

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Recent Tasks Alarms

VMware ESXi Image Repository

Update Manager is capable of host patching as well as major version upgrades. Host upgrade software is delivered in an ISO image. To add an image to the VUM repository, click "Import"

Update Manager

Home Baselines Updates **ESXi images**

IMPORT

Import ESXi Image

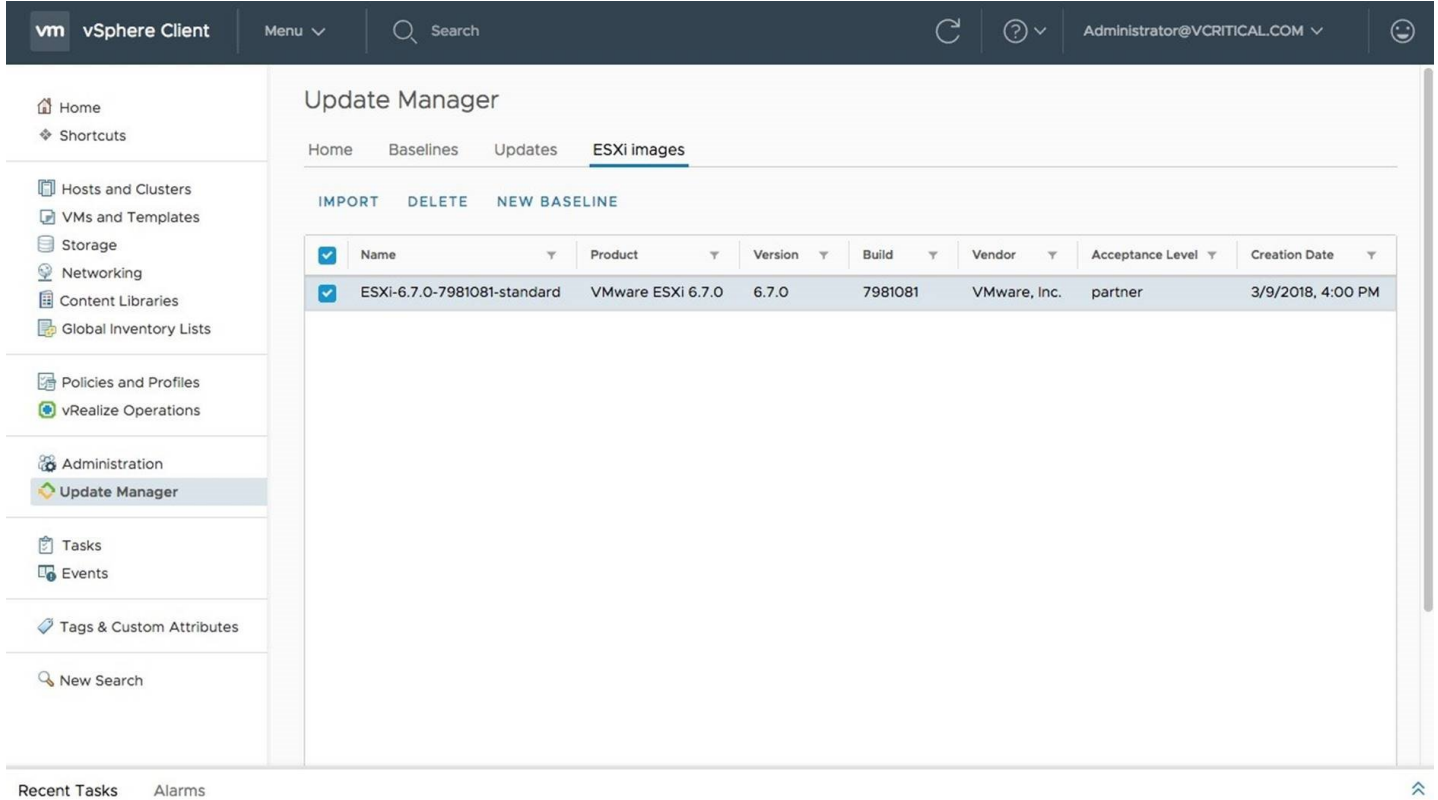
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Recent Tasks Alarms

Add ISO Image

An ESXi ISO image can be obtained from VMware or from a server hardware vendor. Either browse the local disk or enter a URL to have VUM download the file directly. Click "Import"

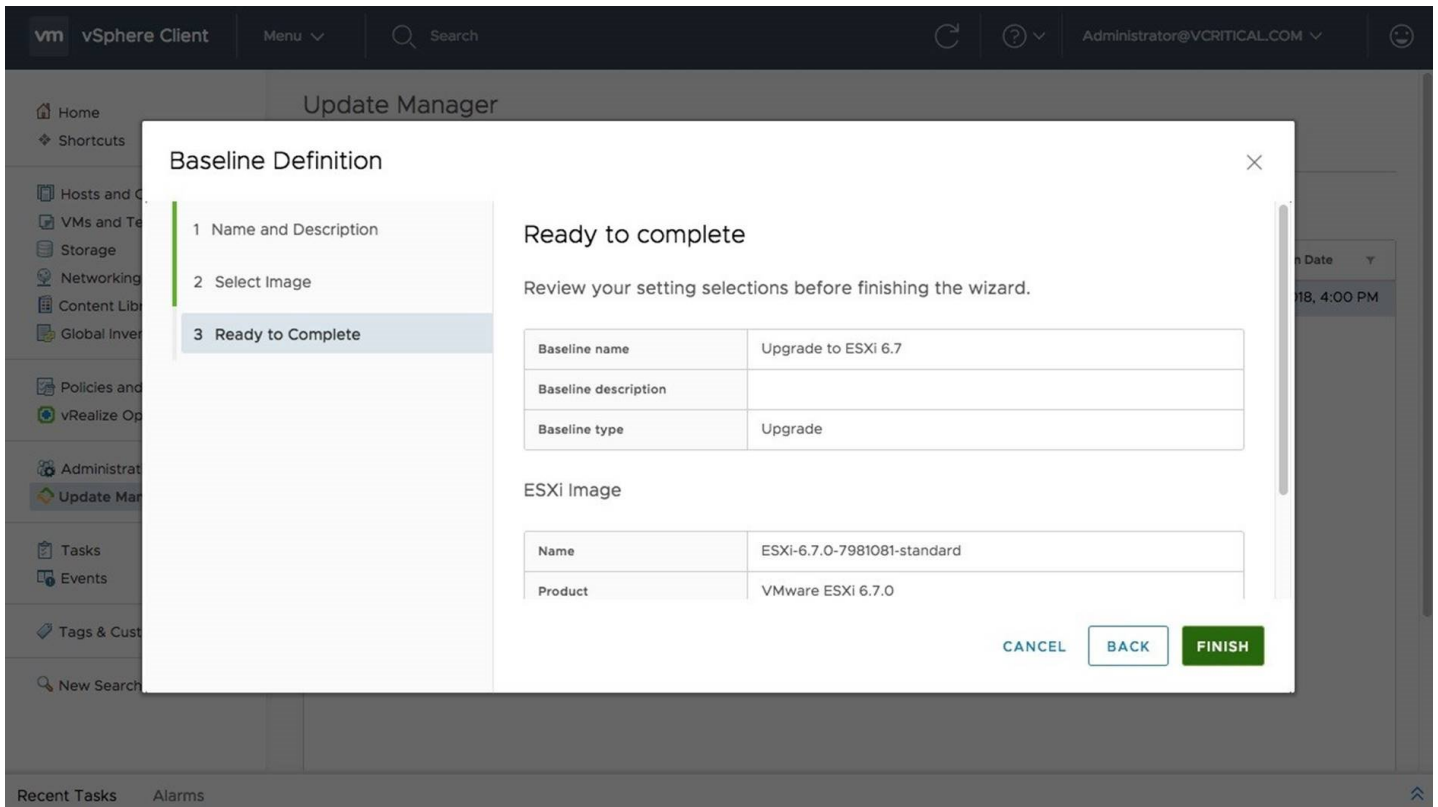


The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with the Update Manager section active. The left sidebar contains navigation options like Home, Shortcuts, Hosts and Clusters, VMs and Templates, Storage, Networking, Content Libraries, Global Inventory Lists, Policies and Profiles, vRealize Operations, Administration, Update Manager, Tasks, Events, Tags & Custom Attributes, and New Search. The main content area is titled 'Update Manager' and has tabs for Home, Baselines, Updates, and ESXi images. Under the ESXi images tab, there are buttons for IMPORT, DELETE, and NEW BASELINE. A table lists the available ESXi images with columns for Name, Product, Version, Build, Vendor, Acceptance Level, and Creation Date. One image is listed: ESXi-6.7.0-7981081-standard, VMware ESXi 6.7.0, 6.7.0, 7981081, VMware, Inc., partner, 3/9/2018, 4:00 PM. At the bottom, there are links for Recent Tasks and Alarms.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ESXi-6.7.0-7981081-standard	VMware ESXi 6.7.0	6.7.0	7981081	VMware, Inc.	partner	3/9/2018, 4:00 PM

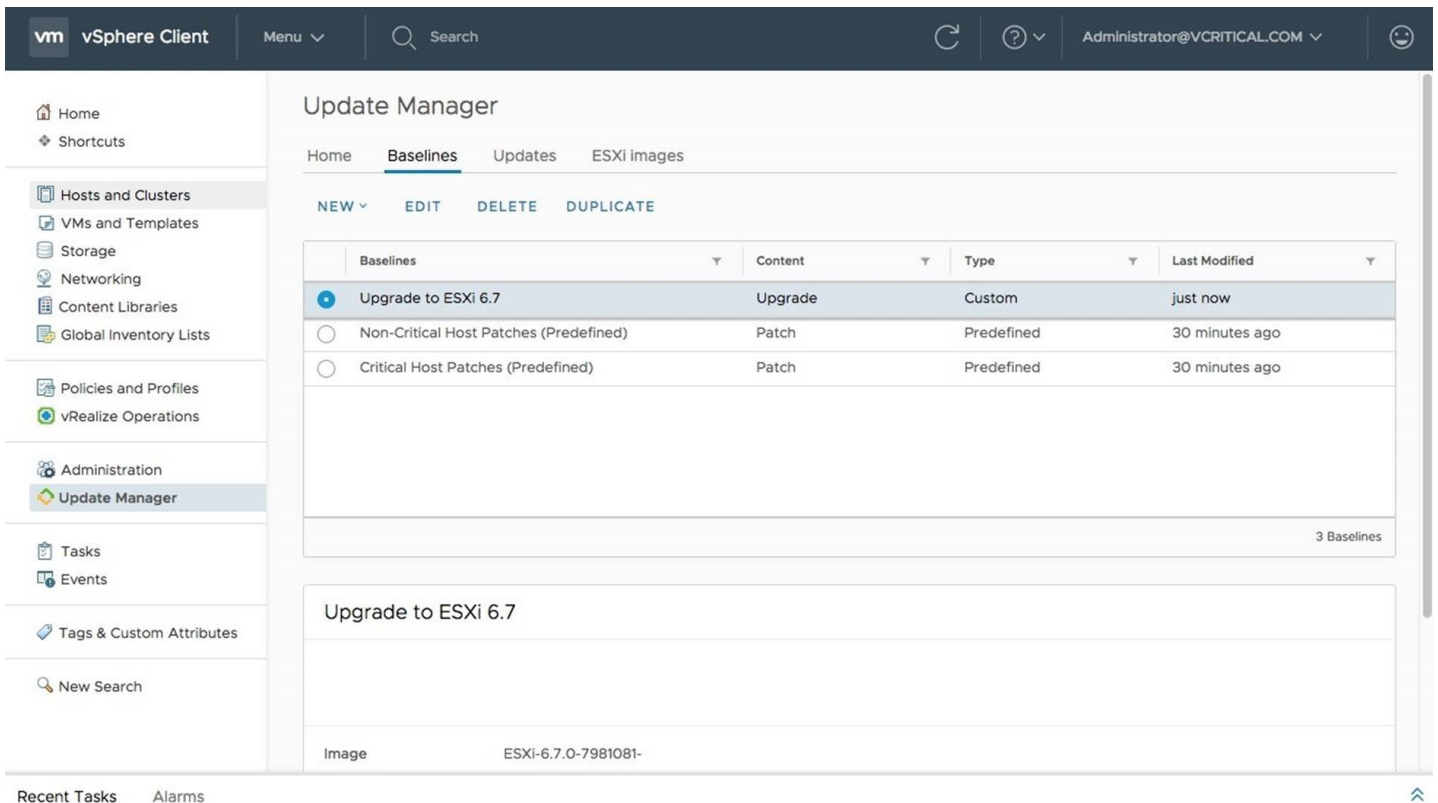
Initiate Baseline Creation

After adding an ESXi ISO image to the VUM repository, it is easy to create an upgrade baseline. Select the desired image and click "New Baseline"



Create Upgrade Baseline

In the new VUM interface, upgrade baselines require just a few clicks to create. After specifying a baseline name, verifying the ESXi image, and reviewing the details, click "Finish"



Confirm Upgrade Baseline

After creating the upgrade baseline, verify that it is listed on the Baselines tab.

To begin the cluster upgrade procedure, click "Hosts and Clusters"

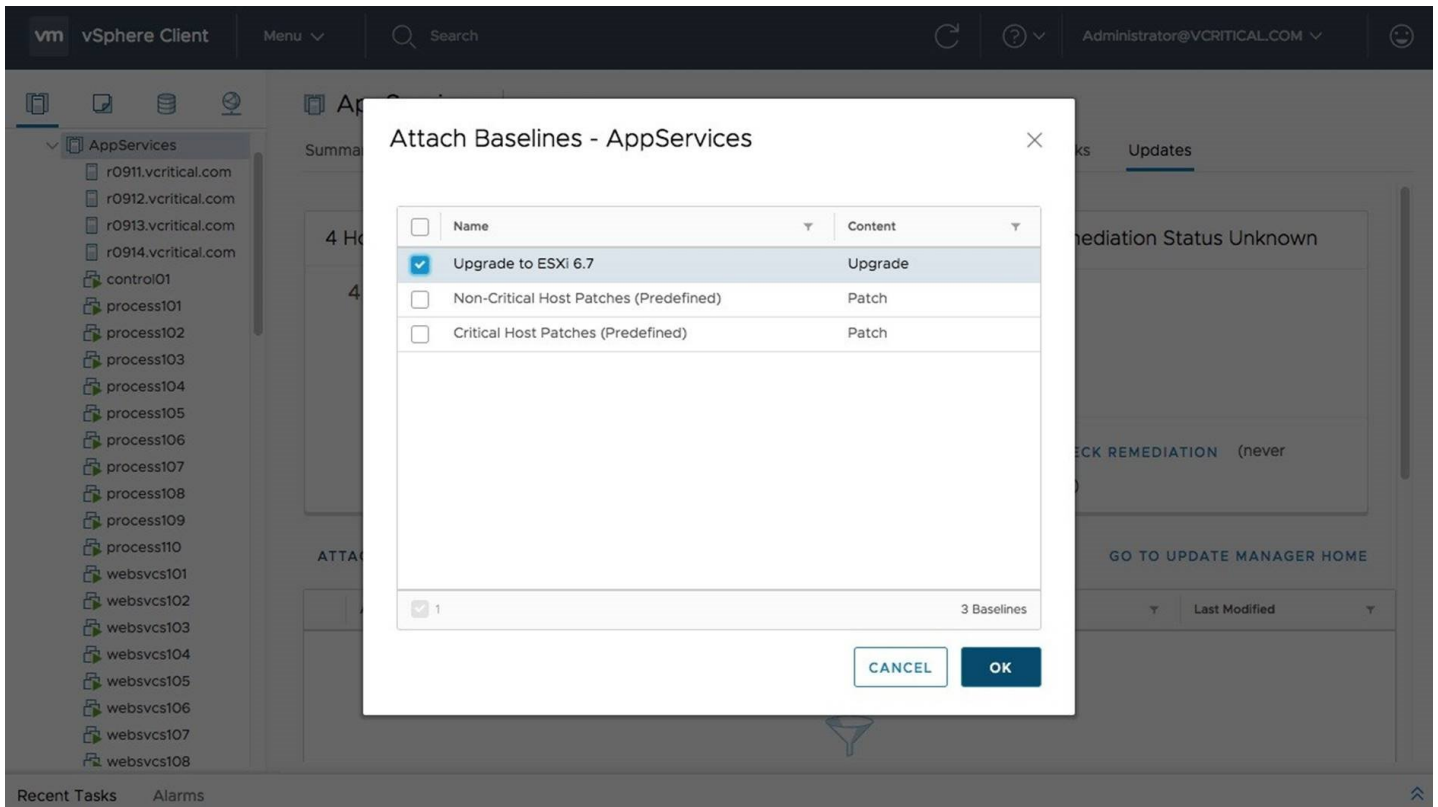
The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the 'AppServices' cluster. The 'Updates' tab is active, displaying the following information:

- 4 Hosts**: 4 with 6.5.0
- All Hosts Compliant**: A green checkmark icon indicates that all hosts are compliant. Below this, a button labeled 'CHECK COMPLIANCE (never checked)' is visible.
- Remediation Status Unknown**: A yellow warning icon indicates that the remediation status is unknown. Below this, a button labeled 'PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (never checked)' is visible.

At the bottom of the updates section, there are buttons for 'ATTACH', 'DETACH', 'STAGE', and 'REMEDIATE', along with a link to 'GO TO UPDATE MANAGER HOME'. Below these buttons is a table with the following columns: Attached Baselines, Compliance, Content, Type, and Last Modified. The table is currently empty, and a funnel icon is centered below it.

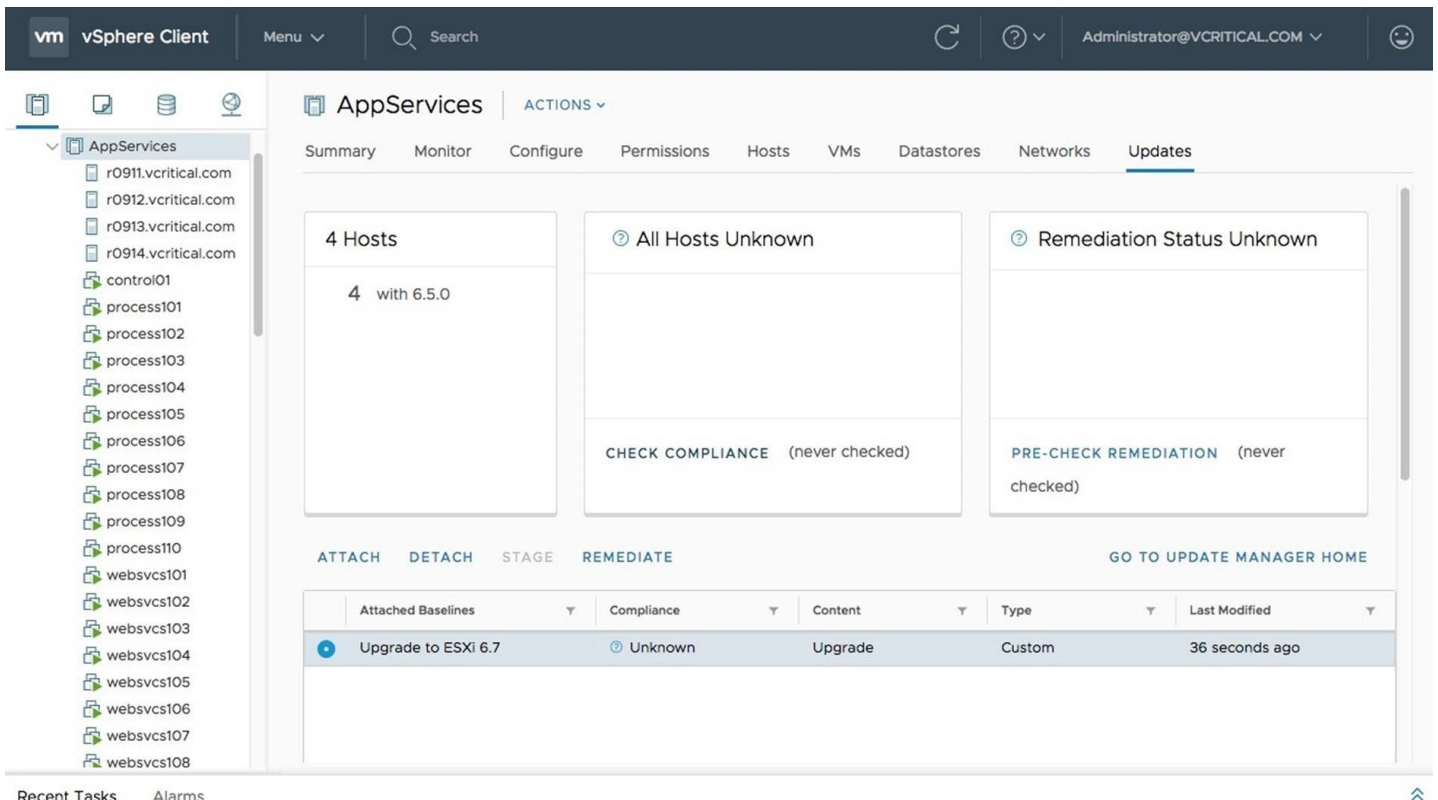
Attach Baseline

VUM is most effective when a baseline is attached to a cluster of ESXi hosts, although it is possible to attach to individual hosts, if necessary. With the cluster selected, click "Attach"



Select Baseline to Attach

In the dialog box, we can choose one or more baselines to attach to this cluster. In this scenario, we want to choose just the ESXi 6.7 upgrade baseline we created earlier. Click OK



Check Cluster Compliance

With the desired baseline now attached to the cluster, we will have Update Manager check each host to see if they are currently compliant or if they will need to be remediated. Click "Check Compliance"

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the 'AppServices' cluster. The 'Updates' tab is active, displaying the following information:

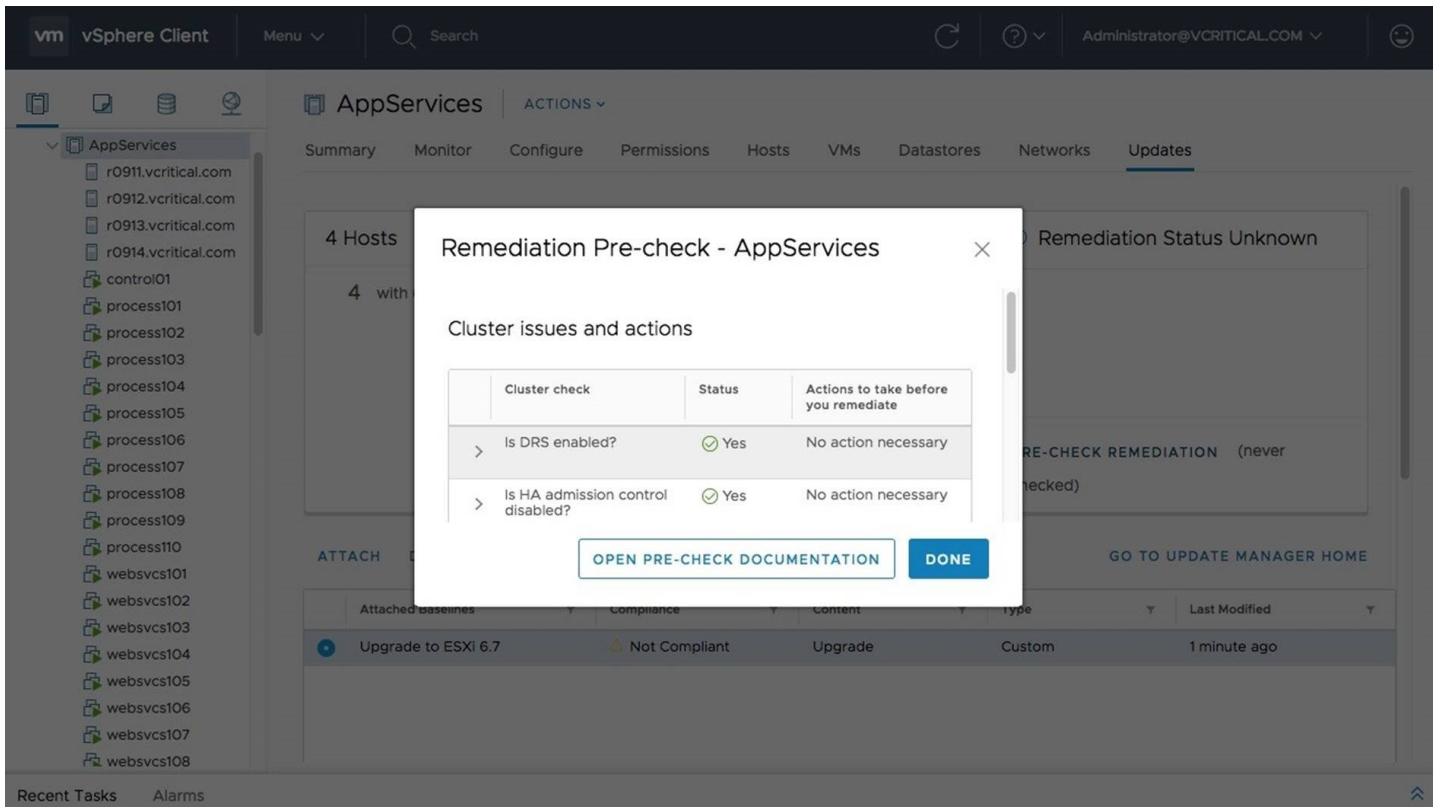
- 4 Hosts** with 6.5.0 software.
- Hosts Need Attention:** 4 hosts have non-compliant software, 0 hosts have unknown compliance.
- Remediation Status Unknown:** PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (never checked).

Buttons for **CHECK COMPLIANCE** (last check 35 seconds ago) and **PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION** are available. Below the summary cards, there are buttons for **ATTACH**, **DETACH**, **STAGE**, and **REMEDIATE**, along with a link to **GO TO UPDATE MANAGER HOME**.

Attached Baselines	Compliance	Content	Type	Last Modified
Upgrade to ESXi 6.7	Not Compliant	Upgrade	Custom	1 minute ago

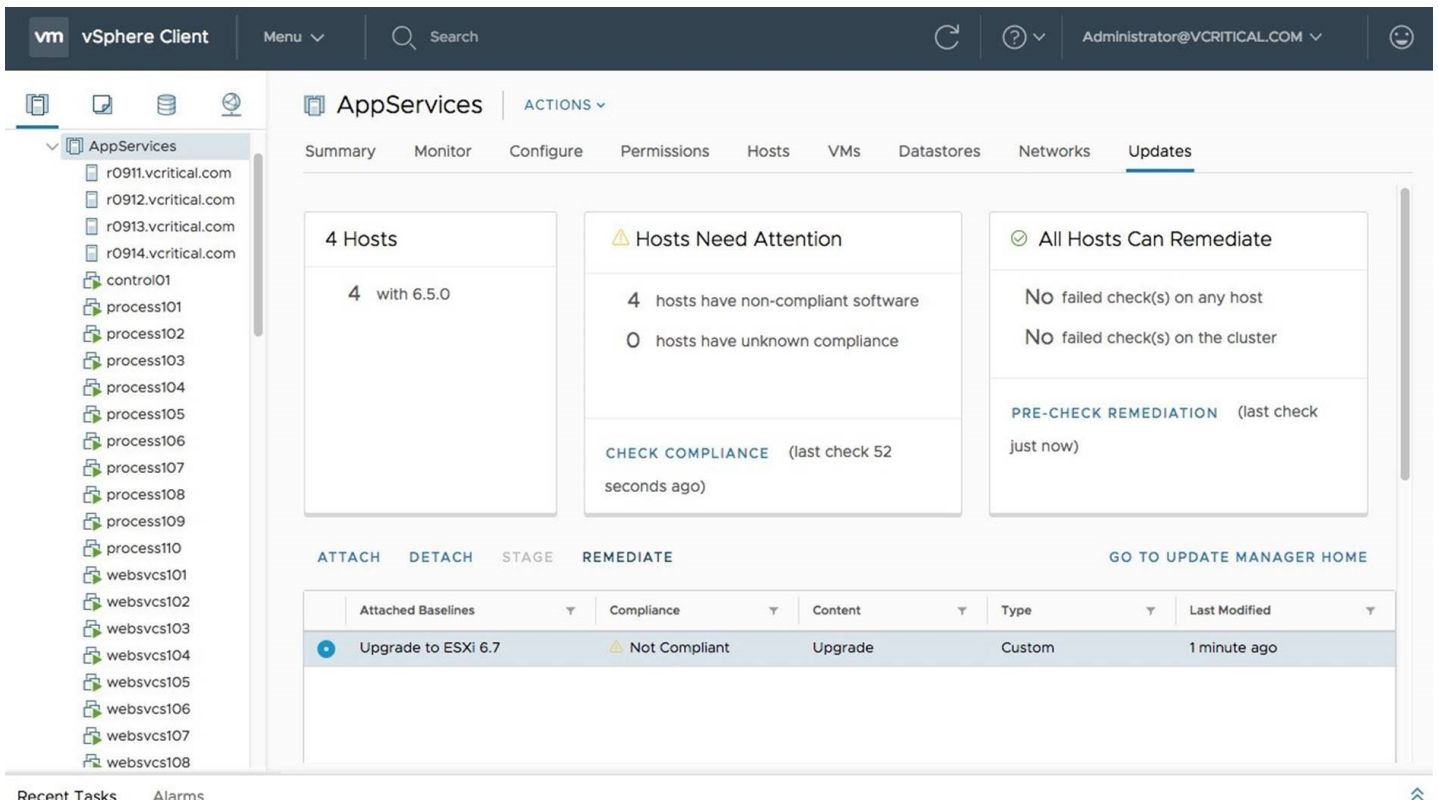
Verify Compliance and Check Remediation Status

Once Update Manager is finished checking each host in the cluster, the results are displayed in the center information card. Here we can see that all four of these hosts are not compliant with the baseline and will need to be remediated. Before we do that, let's run the cluster pre-check to ensure that remediation will be successful. Click "Pre-Check Remediation"



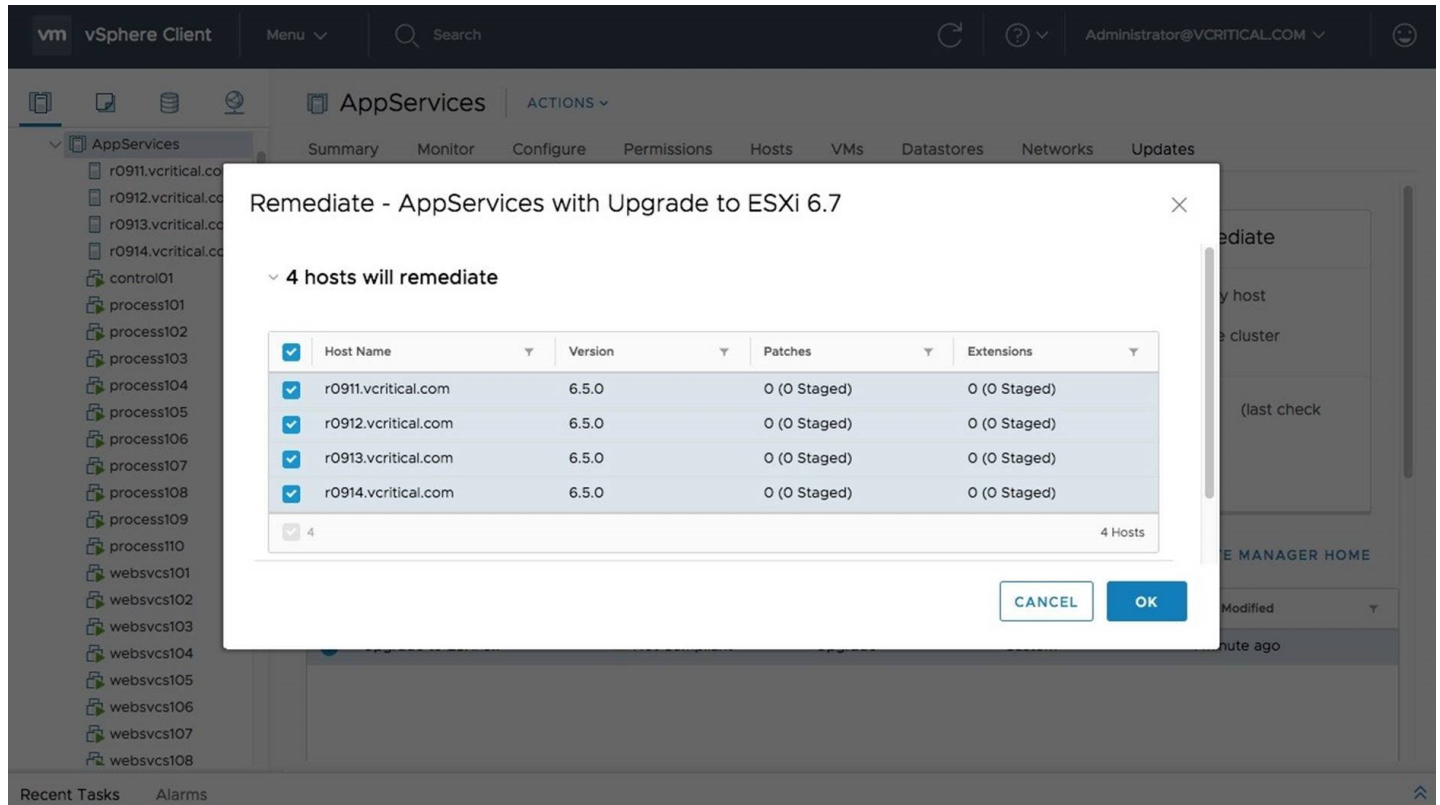
Remediation Pre-Check

The pre-check process will check to see if DRS is enabled so that running VMs can be migrated with zero-downtime across the cluster. The pre-check also displays the status of HA admission control and enhanced vMotion compatibility. Click "Done"



Verify Pre-Check Results

After running the pre-check, verify that the cluster is ready for upgrade. Click "Remediate" to begin.



Streamlined Remediation

In the new Update Manager interface, the remediation wizard from previous releases is gone. Instead, we have a chance to review the actions that will be taken in a very efficient way. Click OK

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the 'AppServices' cluster. The 'Updates' tab is active, displaying a remediation status. A blue banner at the top indicates a remediation process: 'Remediating: You may need to manually refresh the client to see results.' Below this, three summary cards are visible: '4 Hosts' (4 with 6.5.0), 'Hosts Need Attention' (4 hosts have non-compliant software, 0 have unknown compliance), and 'All Hosts Can Remediate' (No failed check(s) on any host or cluster). A 'CHECK COMPLIANCE' button is shown with a timestamp of 'last check 1 minute ago'. A 'PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION' section indicates the last check was 39 seconds ago.

Recent Tasks

Task Name	Target	Status	Initiator	Queued For	Start Time	Completion...	Server
Migrate virtual machine	process1...	Completed	System	22 ms	03/21/2018, 11:26:14 AM	03/21/2018, 11:27:33 AM	vcsa22.vcritic...
Migrate virtual machine	process1...	Completed	System	7 ms	03/21/2018, 11:26:14 AM	03/21/2018, 11:27:44 AM	vcsa22.vcritic...
Migrate virtual machine	websvc...	Completed	System	13 ms	03/21/2018, 11:26:14 AM	03/21/2018, 11:27:44 AM	vcsa22.vcritic...

Upgrade Without Downtime

During the cluster remediation process, hosts are put into maintenance mode after the running VMs are migrated to other cluster nodes. This process is repeated, typically one host at a time, until the entire cluster is upgraded. Click the Refresh link to see the final status.

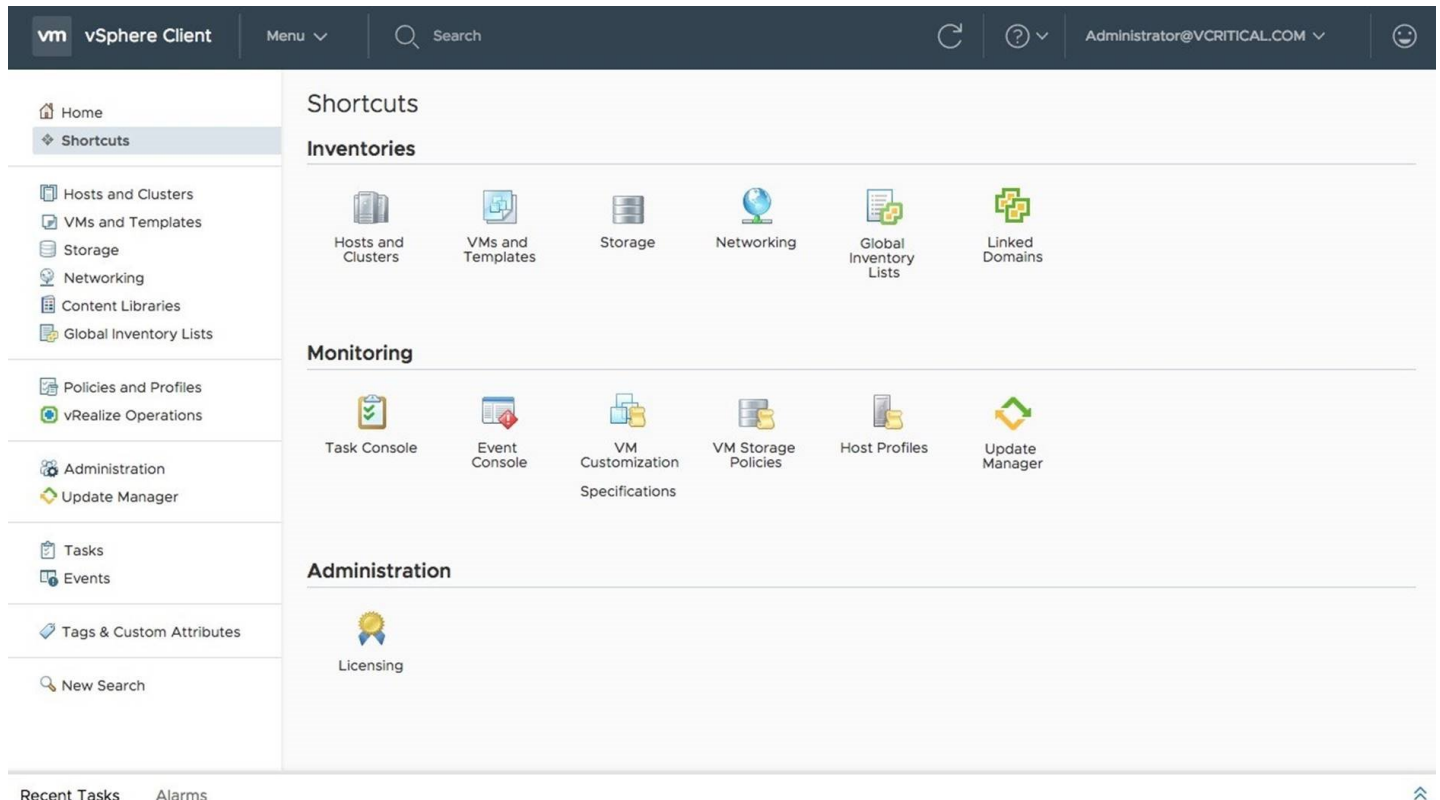
The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the 'AppServices' cluster after remediation. The 'Updates' tab is active, displaying a successful status. A green banner at the top indicates: 'All Hosts Can Remediate'. Below this, three summary cards are visible: '4 Hosts' (4 with 6.7.0), 'All Hosts Compliant', and 'All Hosts Can Remediate' (No failed check(s) on any host or cluster). A 'CHECK COMPLIANCE' button is shown with a timestamp of 'last check 2 hours ago'. A 'PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION' section indicates the last check was 2 hours ago. Below the summary cards, there are buttons for 'ATTACH', 'DETACH', 'STAGE', and 'REMIATE', along with a 'GO TO UPDATE MANAGER HOME' link. A table below shows the attached baselines:

Attached Baselines	Compliance	Content	Type	Last Modified
Upgrade to ESXi 6.7	Compliant	Upgrade	Custom	2 hours ago

Verify Cluster Upgrade

When Update Manager is finished upgrading the cluster, the status information cards will show that the cluster is now compliant. This concludes the new Update Manager interface demo.

Using the Update Manager 6.7 Interface to Patch VMware ESXi 6.5 Hosts



Using Update Manager 6.7 to Keep a Cluster of VMware ESXi 6.5 Hosts

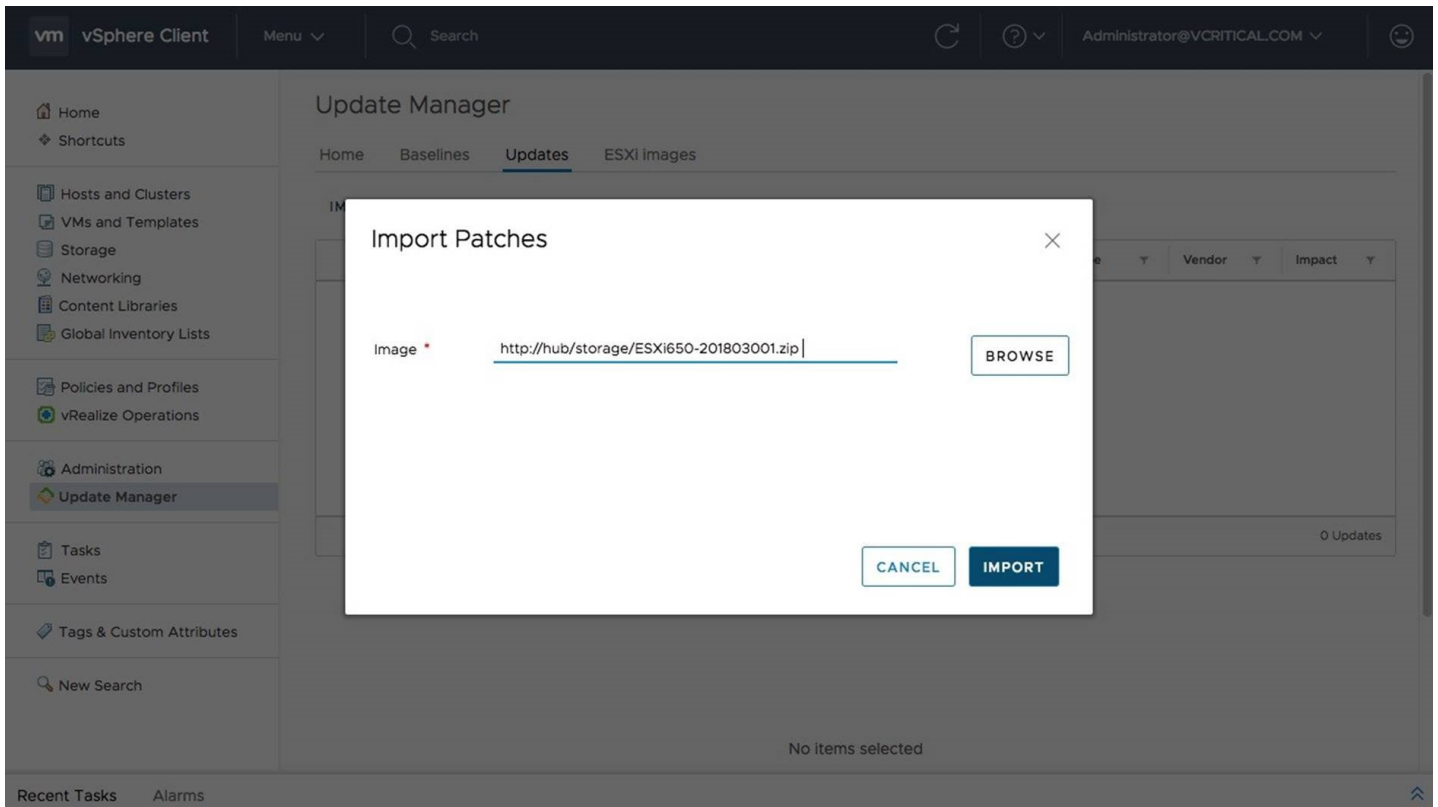
Using Update Manager 6.7 to Keep a Cluster of VMware ESXi 6.5 Hosts Patched

VMware vSphere Update Manager is capable of performing major version upgrades, applying patches and updates to supported versions of ESXi host, or installing drivers or other third-party components. In this example, we will walk through the procedure to apply a patch to a cluster of hosts running VMware ESXi 6.5, as the underlying application is not yet certified on VMware ESXi 6.7, so we cannot perform a major version upgrade at this time. Click the Update Manager icon to begin.

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with the Update Manager section active. The 'Updates' tab is highlighted, and the main content area displays a table with the following columns: Name, ID, Release, Severity, Category, Release Date, Type, Vendor, and Impact. The table is currently empty, showing a funnel icon and the text '0 Updates' and 'No items selected'.

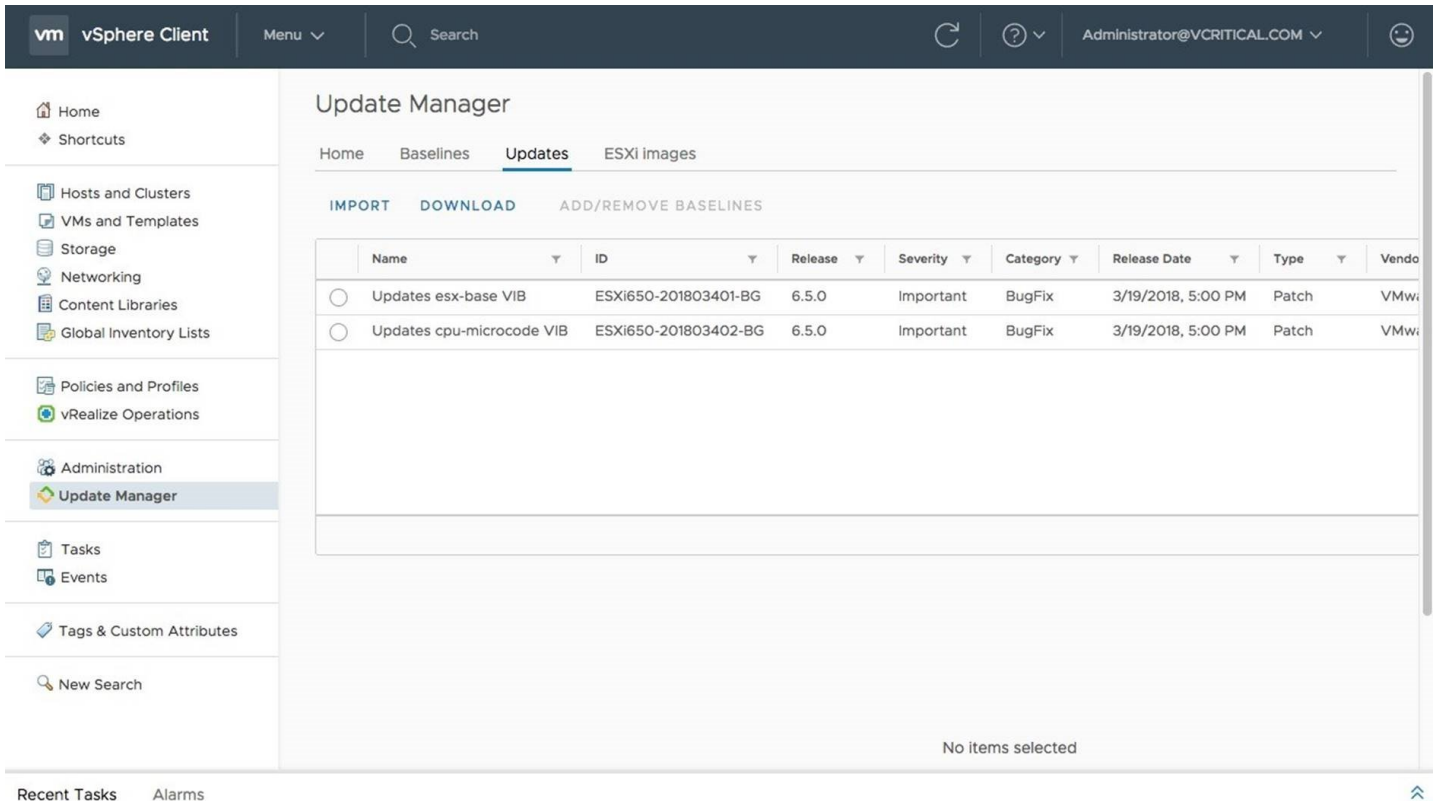
Empty Patch Repository

By default, Update Manager will download VMware ESXi patches directly from VMware over the public Internet. For improved security, some environments do not allow Internet access from datacenter management components. In this demonstration, Update Manager does not have Internet access, so we will manually import the specific patches deemed necessary. These patches, sometimes called offline bundles or depots, can be downloaded by logging into My VMware; they are distributed in zip format. Click Import to begin.



Import Patch Bundle

The VMware ESXi patch bundle can either be uploaded from a local drive or from an internal URL, as seen here. Click Import to complete the process.



View the Updates Repository

Once the ESXi patch has finished importing, the individual bulletins can be seen in the repository tab. Everything looks good, click the Baselines tab to continue.

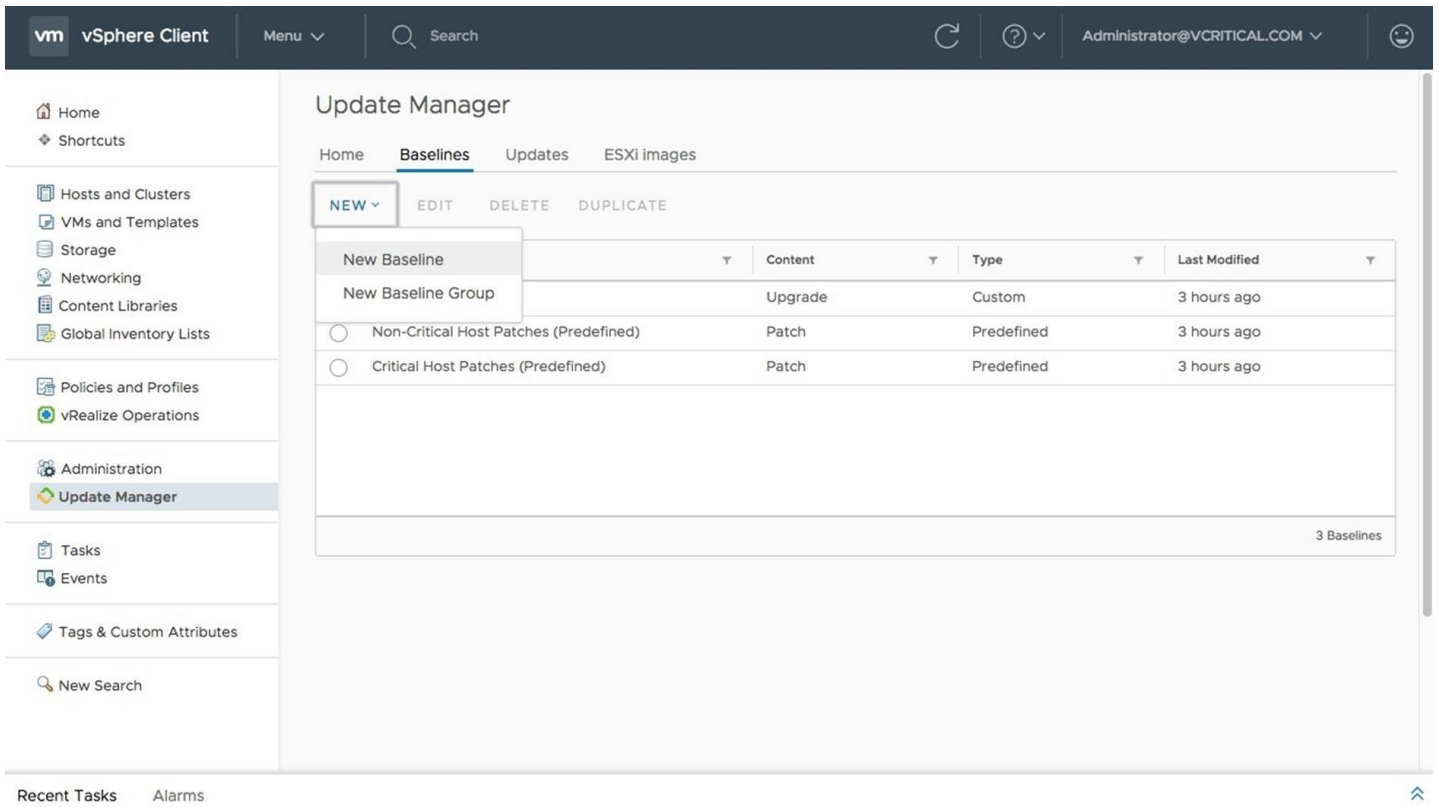
The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with the Update Manager section active. The 'Baselines' tab is selected, displaying a table of update baselines. The table has columns for Baselines, Content, Type, and Last Modified. Three baselines are listed: 'Upgrade to ESXi 6.7' (Upgrade, Custom), 'Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)' (Patch, Predefined), and 'Critical Host Patches (Predefined)' (Patch, Predefined). All were last modified 3 hours ago. A 'NEW' button is visible above the table, and a footer indicates '3 Baselines'.

Baselines	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="radio"/> Upgrade to ESXi 6.7	Upgrade	Custom	3 hours ago
<input type="radio"/> Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	3 hours ago
<input type="radio"/> Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	3 hours ago

3 Baselines

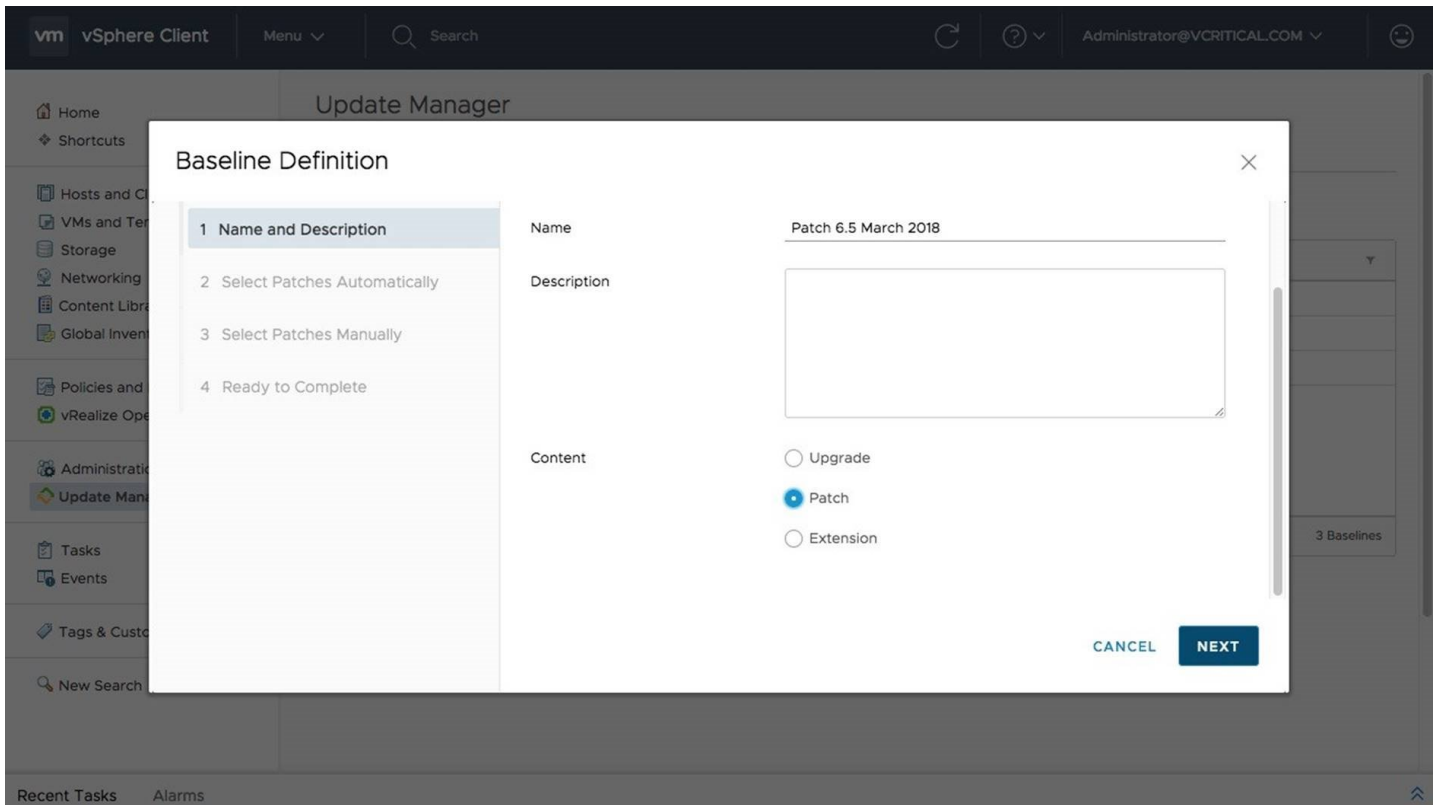
Review Baselines

Update Manager is able to perform major version upgrades, apply patches, or install extensions on managed ESXi hosts. Each of these tasks are enabled via baselines. In our patching scenario, we need to create a new baseline to act as a container for the patches we just imported. Click New.



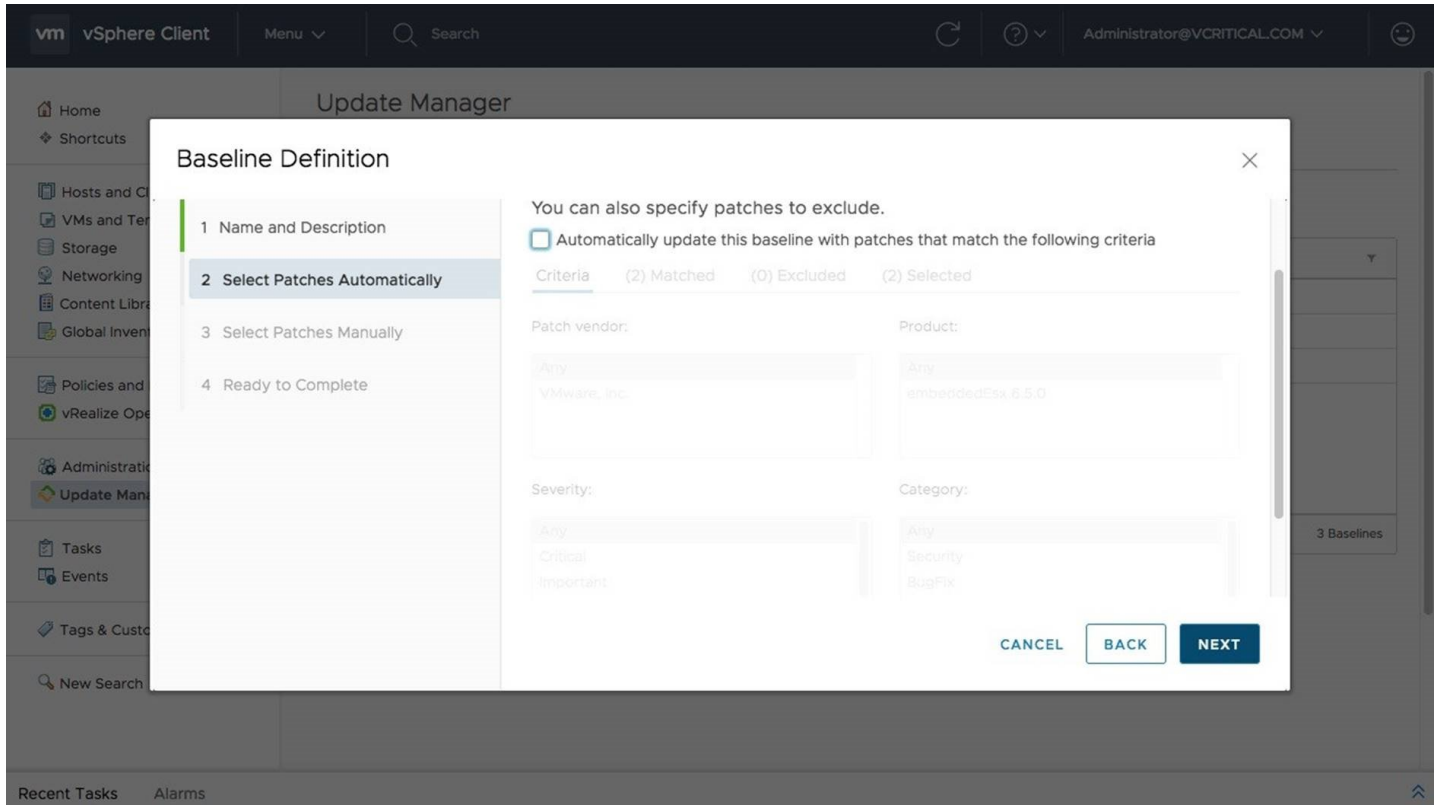
New Baseline

On the Baselines tab, the "New" menu item has two sub-entries, choose "New Baseline"



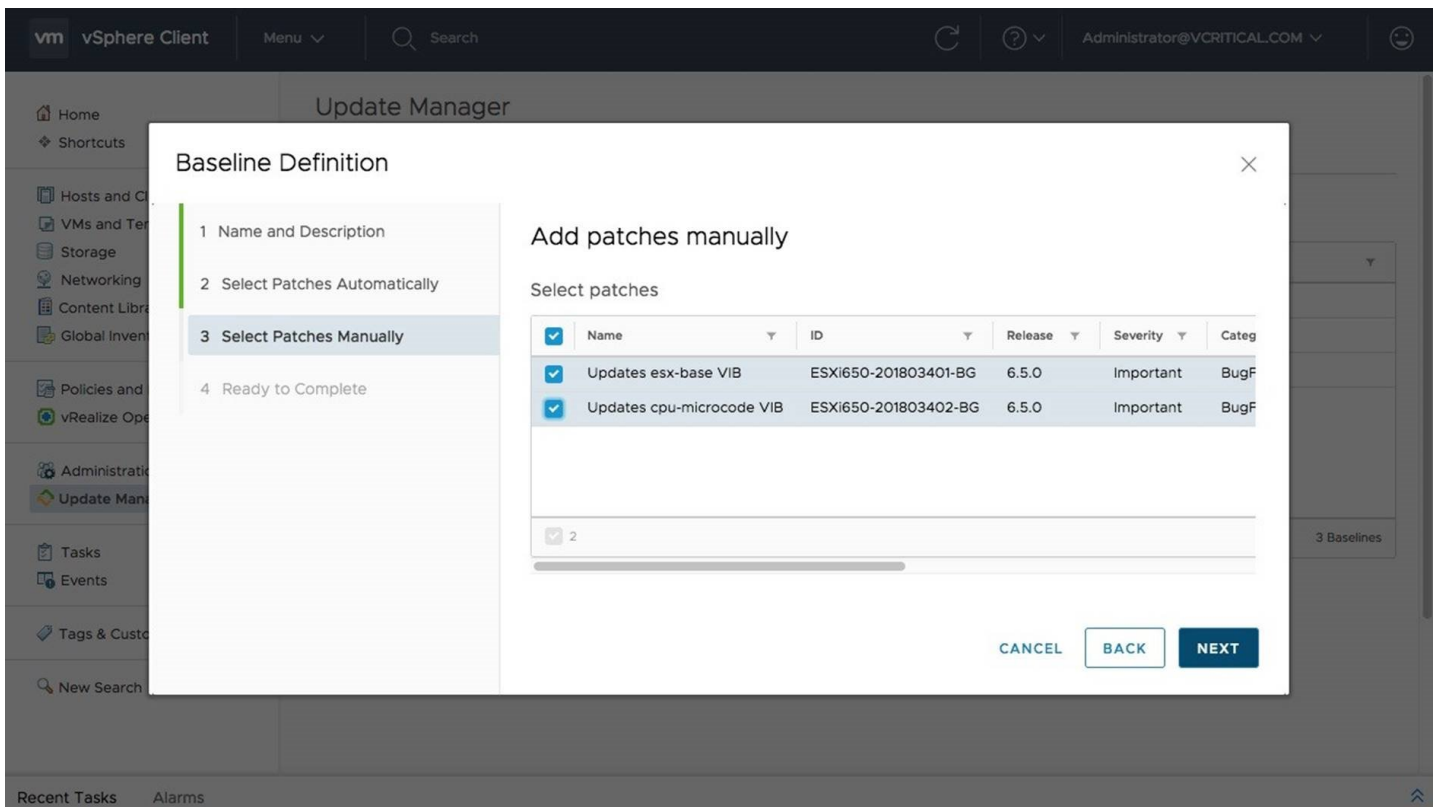
Baseline Definition Wizard

To create a new baseline, we need to supply a name and an optional description. Since our goal is to apply a patch to VMware ESXi 6.5 hosts, select the Patch option and click next.



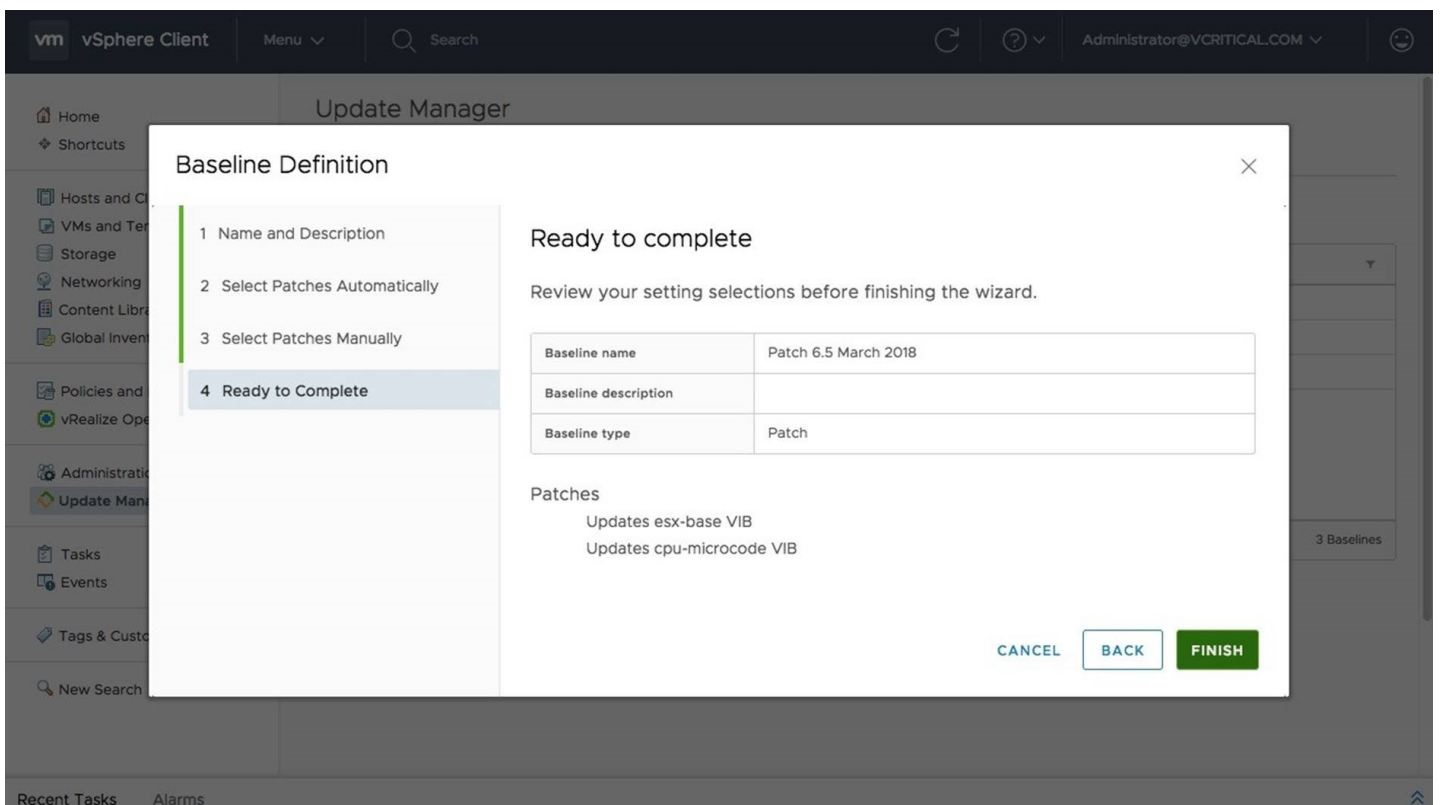
Manual Patch Baseline

In this environment, there are tight controls for compliance reasons - we will specify the exact patches to install instead of dynamically matching patterns through the automatic feature - uncheck that option and click next.



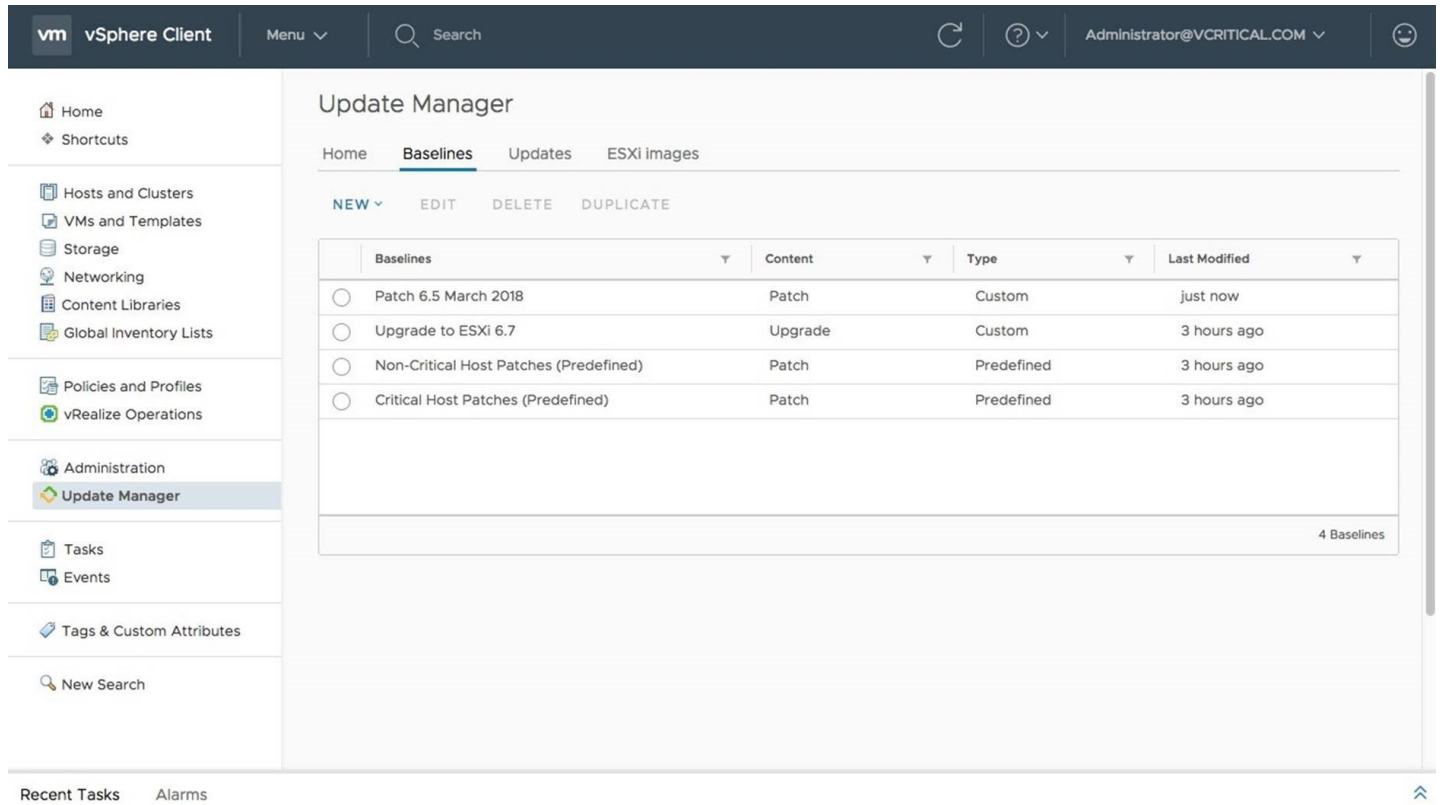
Select Patches

For this baseline, we will select the two patch bulletins that are part of the bundle we just uploaded. Since this environment does not have Internet access, only the patches that we import to the repository appear in this list. In a less restrictive datacenter, this list would include all possible patch releases and could be filtered as needed by clicking the column headings. Click Next.



Verify Baseline

One final check of the patch baseline... Everything looks good, so click Finish.



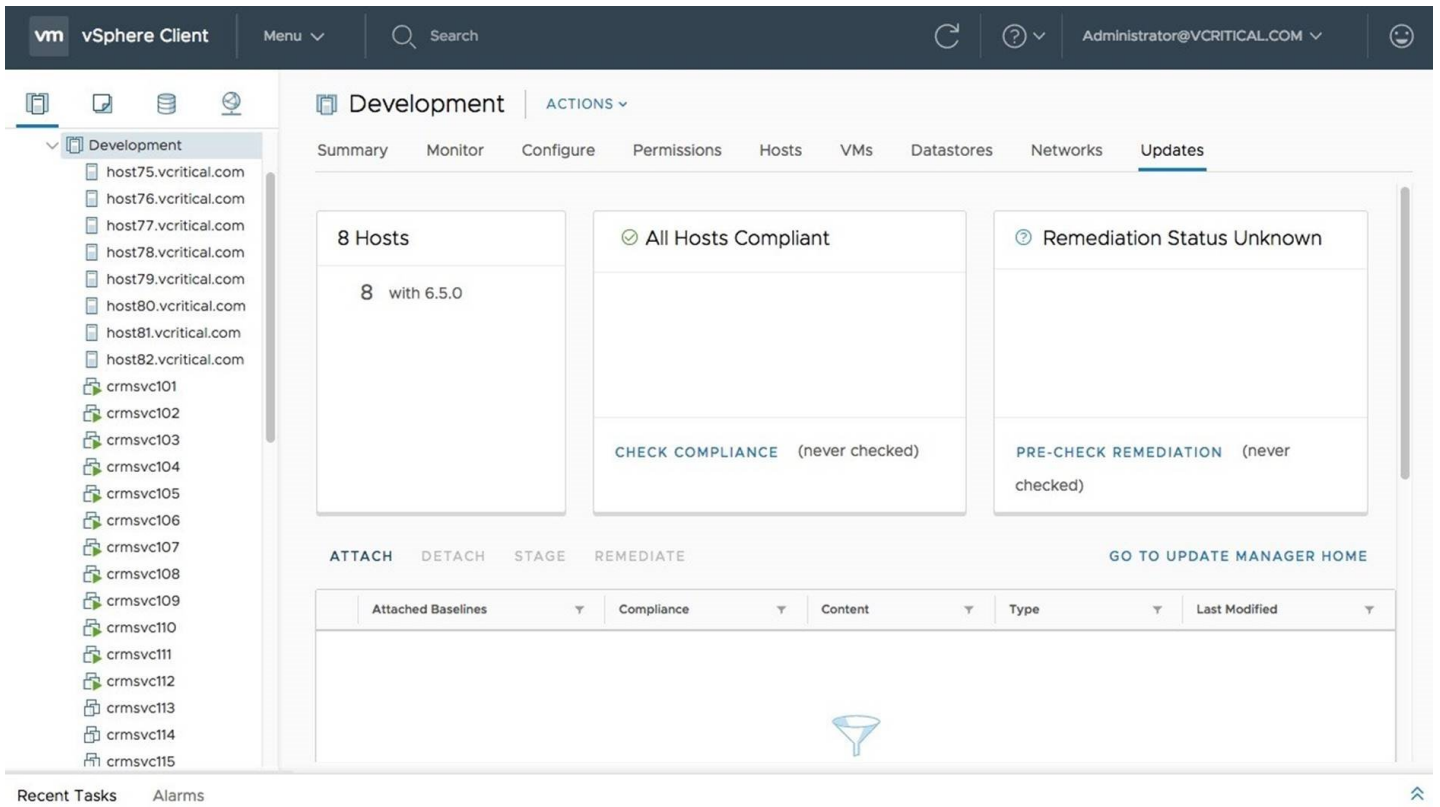
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Baselines	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="radio"/> Patch 6.5 March 2018	Patch	Custom	just now
<input type="radio"/> Upgrade to ESXi 6.7	Upgrade	Custom	3 hours ago
<input type="radio"/> Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	3 hours ago
<input type="radio"/> Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	3 hours ago

4 Baselines

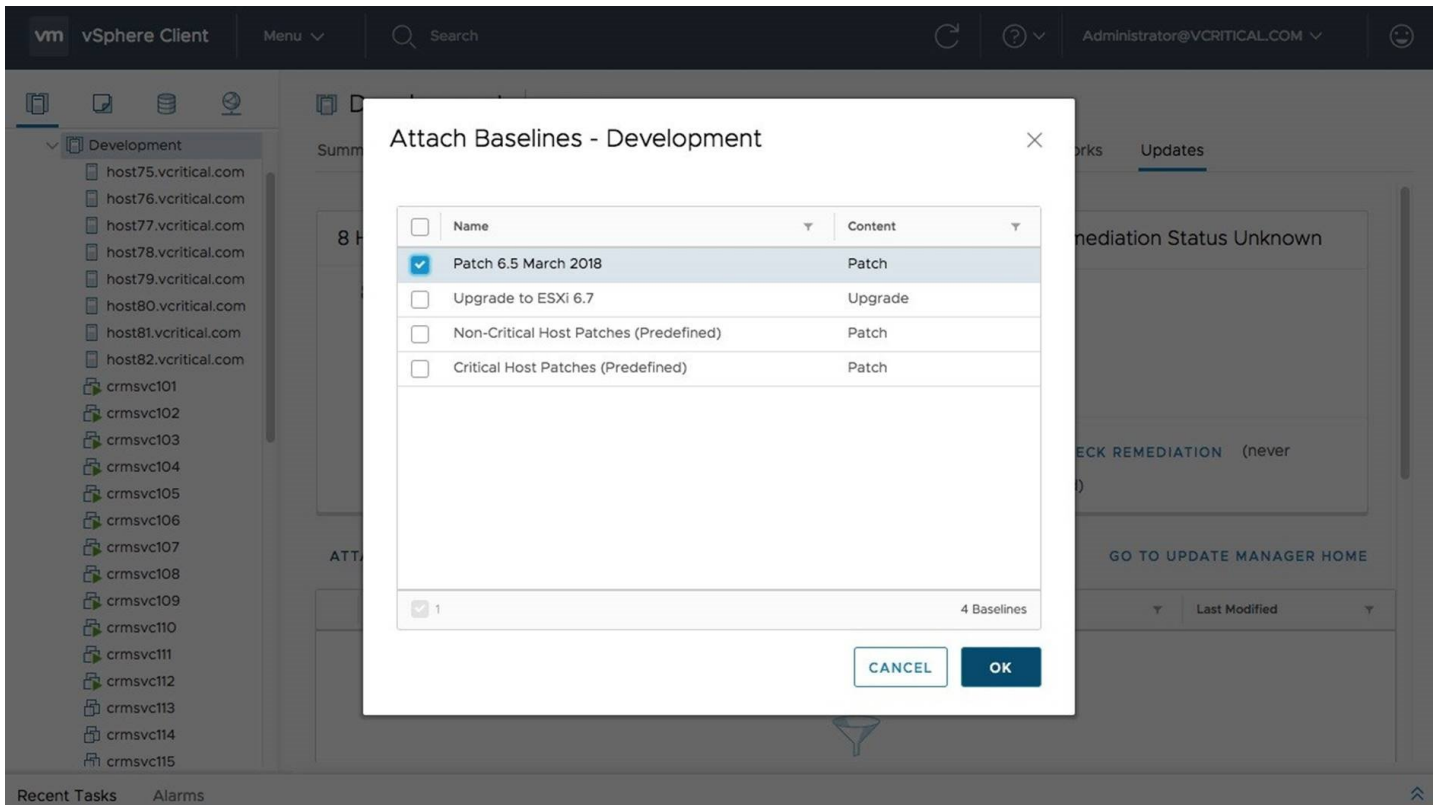
Confirm Patch Baseline

After creating the new baseline, it appears in the list. Click Hosts and Clusters



Prepare to Patch the Cluster

With the target cluster selected, click Attach to select the patch baseline we just created.



Select Patch Baseline

We can attach the new patch baseline by checking the corresponding box. Click OK

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for the 'Development' cluster. The 'Updates' tab is active, displaying the following information:

- 8 Hosts**: 8 with 6.5.0
- All Hosts Unknown**: Compliance status.
- Remediation Status Unknown**: Remediation status.
- CHECK COMPLIANCE** (never checked)
- PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION** (never checked)

Below the summary cards, there are buttons for **ATTACH**, **DETACH**, **STAGE**, and **REMIEDIATE**. A **GO TO UPDATE MANAGER HOME** link is also present.

Attached Baselines	Compliance	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="radio"/> Patch 6.5 March 2018	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Patch	Custom	32 seconds ago

Recent Tasks Alarms

Check Baseline Compliance

Now that the baseline is attached to the cluster, Update Manager will check each host to see if action is required in order for that host to be considered compliant. Click Check Compliance

vm vSphere Client | Menu | Search | Administrator@VCRITICAL.COM

Development | ACTIONS

Summary | Monitor | Configure | Permissions | Hosts | VMs | Datastores | Networks | **Updates**

8 Hosts
8 with 6.5.0

Hosts Need Attention
8 hosts have non-compliant software
0 hosts have unknown compliance

Remediation Status Unknown

CHECK COMPLIANCE (last check 36 seconds ago) | PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (never checked)

ATTACH | DETACH | STAGE | REMEDIATE | GO TO UPDATE MANAGER HOME

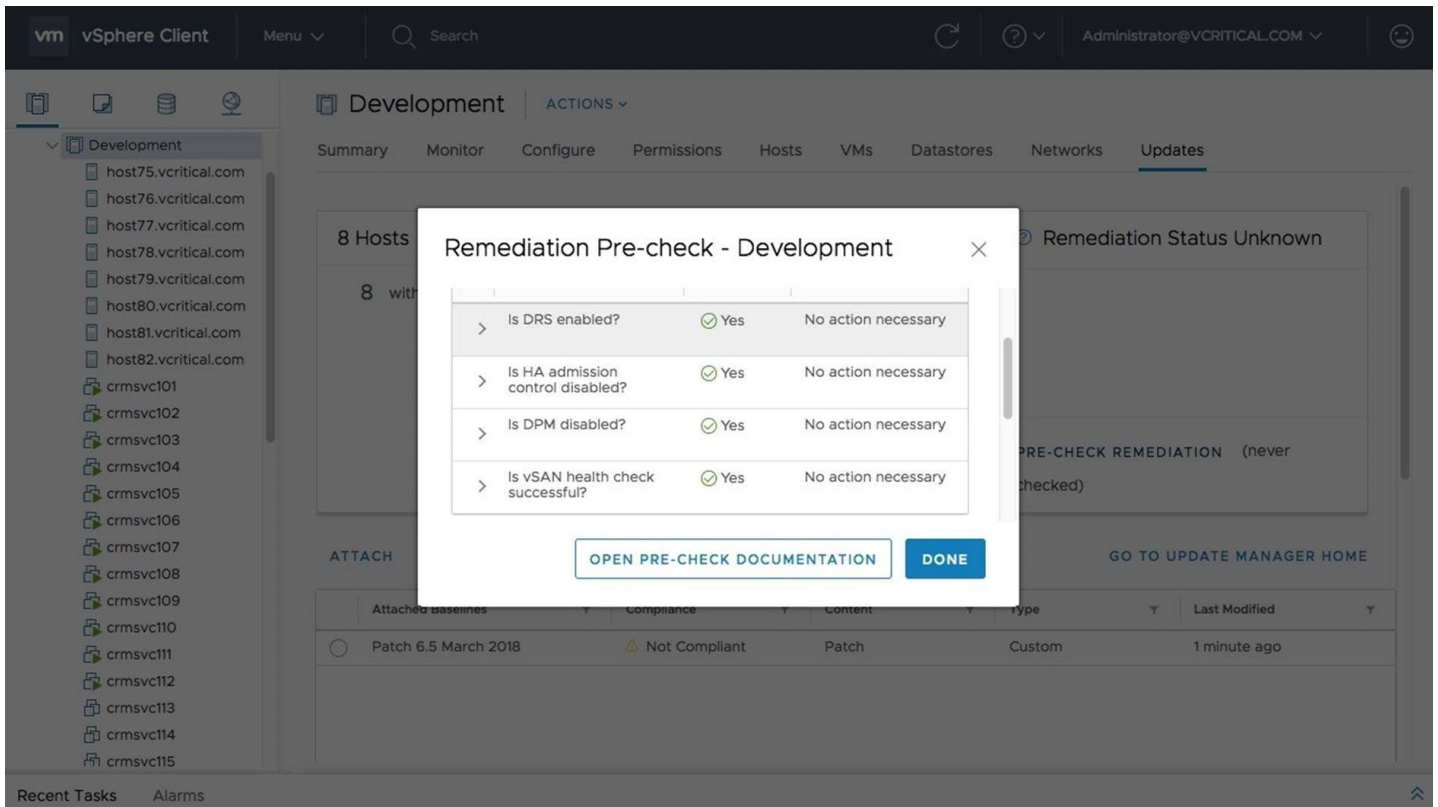
Attached Baselines	Compliance	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="radio"/> Patch 6.5 March 2018	⚠ Not Compliant	Patch	Custom	1 minute ago

Recent Tasks | Alarms

Cluster Not Compliant

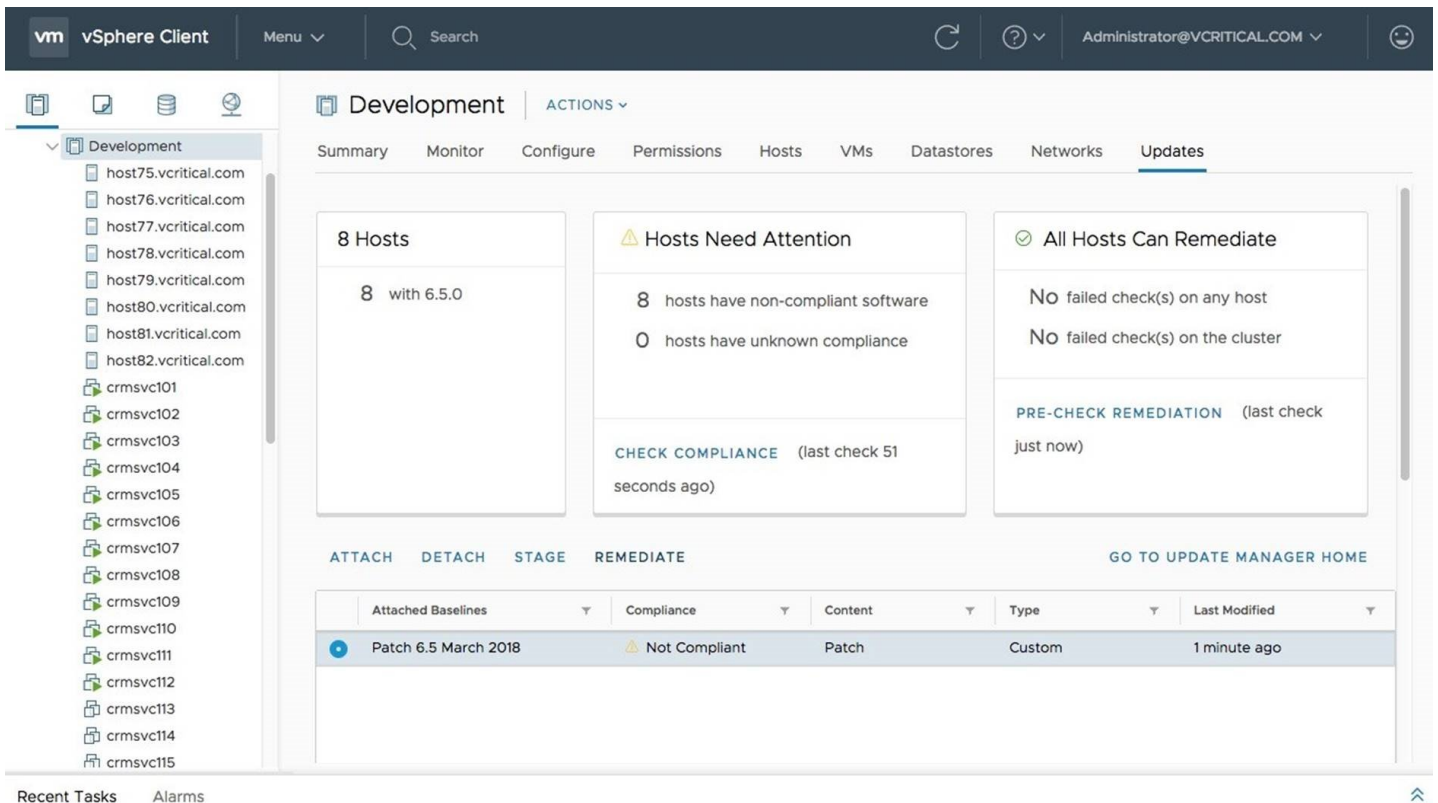
Once the compliance check is finished, Update Manager will indicate the status of each host in the cluster. In this case, all of the hosts are out of compliance and need to have the patch installed, as expected. Before we begin, we will first check the cluster for any potential blocking issues by using the

pre-check. Click Pre-Check Remediation.



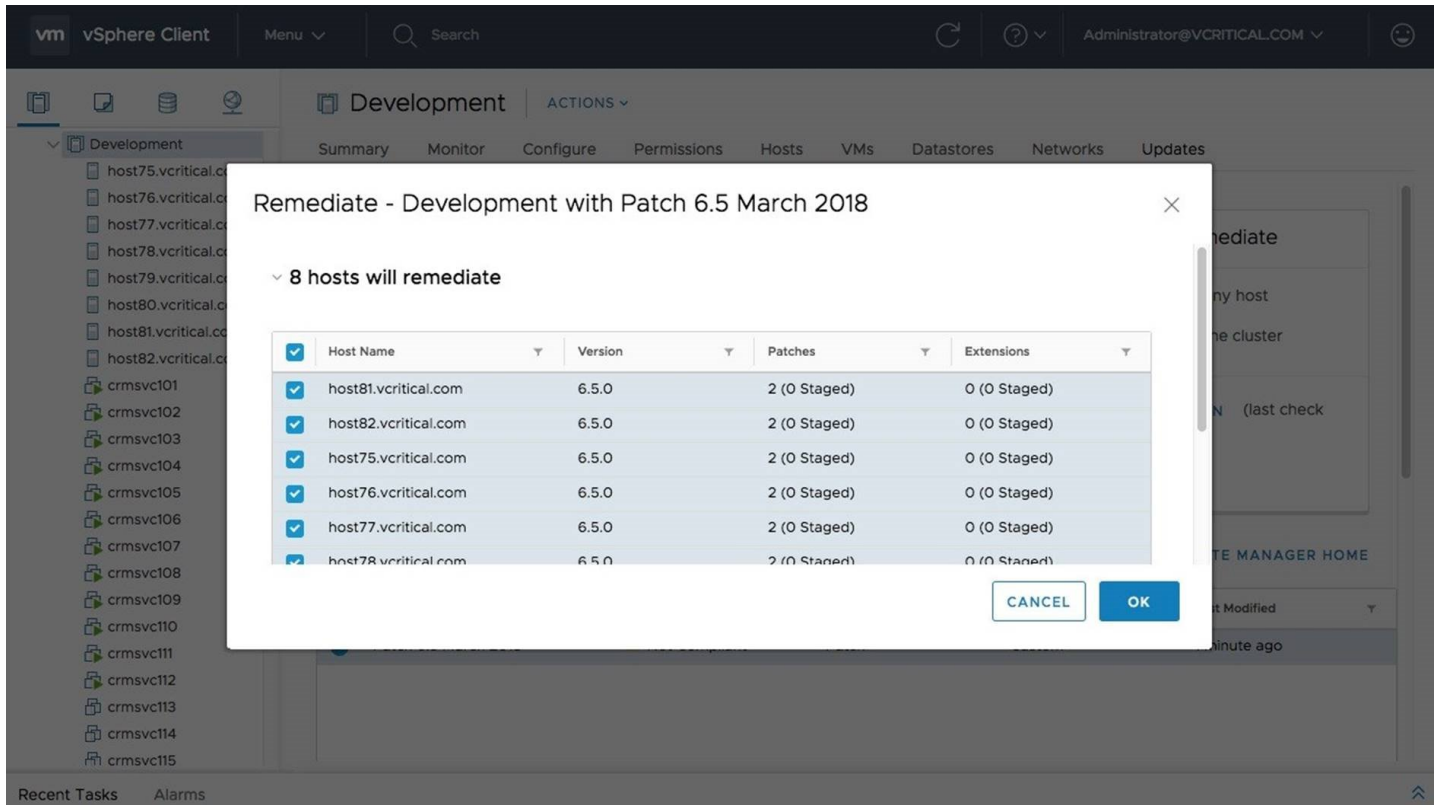
Pre-Check Finished

The pre-check dialog box will show the status of individual items, such as confirming DRS is enabled. Everything is ready for remediation, so click Done.



Begin Remediation

Now that the pre-check is finished, we can proceed with cluster remediation. Click Remediate



New Remediate Interface

Update Manager 6.7 features a new interface with a streamlined flow, and no longer uses the multi-step wizard when remediating. After reviewing the actions that will be taken, click OK.

Recent Tasks Alarms

Task Name	Target	Status	Initiator	Queued For	Start Time	Completion...	Server
Install	host81v...	0%	com.vmware...	5 ms	03/21/2018, 2:52:26 PM		vcsa22.vcritic...
Migrate virtual machine	crmsvc110	Completed	System	8 ms	03/21/2018, 2:51:27 PM	03/21/2018, 2:51:42 PM	vcsa22.vcritic...
Migrate virtual	crmsvc1...	Completed	System	6 ms	03/21/2018,	03/21/2018,	vcsa22.vcritic...

Remediate With Zero Downtime

Update Manager evacuates hosts one at a time and places them into maintenance mode before applying the patches. Running VMs are moved to other hosts with vMotion. Click Refresh to check the cluster status.

Attached Baselines	Compliance	Content	Type	Last Modified
Patch 6.5 March 2018	Compliant	Patch	Custom	44 minutes ago

Patching Complete

After Update Manager is finished applying patches to all nodes in the cluster, the status will be updated to show that they are compliant with our chosen patch baseline. Update Manager 6.7 can upgrade hosts to the latest release of VMware ESXi, or it can keep hosts running older versions patched until the time comes to upgrade.

Faster Host Upgrades to vSphere 6.7

Faster Upgrades to vSphere 6.7

VMware vSphere 6.7 incorporates optimizations that speed up major version upgrades, so customers moving from 6.5 to 6.7 will spend less time waiting for hosts to upgrade.

Using the Update Manager 6.7 Interface to Patch VMware ESXi 6.7 Hosts



Using the Update Manager 6.7 Interface
to Patch VMware ESXi 6.7 Hosts

VMware vSphere Update Manager is capable of performing major version upgrades, applying patches and updates to supported versions of ESXi host, or installing drivers or other third-party components. In this example, we will walk through the procedure to patch a host running VMware ESXi 6.7 using existing baselines.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface. The top navigation bar includes the vSphere Client logo, a menu, a search bar, and the user's email address (Administrator@VSPHERE.LOCAL). The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with categories: Home, Shortcuts, Hosts and Clusters, VMs and Templates, Storage, Networking, Content Libraries, Global Inventory Lists, Policies and Profiles, Auto Deploy, Developer Center, vRealize Operations, Administration, Update Manager, Tasks, Events, and Tags & Custom Attributes. The main content area is divided into three sections: Shortcuts, Inventories, and Monitoring. The Administration section is visible at the bottom, containing a Licensing icon. The Update Manager icon is located in the Monitoring section.

Recent Tasks Alarms

Click the Update Manager icon to begin.

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left navigation pane shows a hierarchy: vcsa1.vmware.demo > Datacenter > vSAN > host1.vmware.demo. The main content area has tabs for Summary, Monitor, Configure, Permissions, VMs, Datastores, Networks, and Updates. The Updates page displays the following information:

- Host Updates:** Host Updates, VMware Tools, VM Hardware. A link for UPDATE MANAGER HOME is also present.
- Installed on Host:**
 - ESXi Version: 6.7.0
 - Hypervisor: VMware ESXi
 - Build: 8169922
- Non-compliant:**
 - Host Compliance: 1 non-compliant baseline(s) and baseline group(s), 0 unknown baseline(s) and baseline group(s), 2 patches, including 1 critical, 0 security.
 - Buttons: CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked 7 minutes ago), SCHEDULE
- Ready to remediate:**
 - Remediation Pre-check: 0 actions performed automatically, NO issues requiring user attention.
 - Button: PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (checked 11 hours ago)
- Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups:**
 - Buttons: ATTACH, DETACH, STAGE, REMEDIATE
 - Table:

ATTACH	DETACH	STAGE	REMEDiate		Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="checkbox"/>				Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups				
<input type="checkbox"/>				vSAN Cluster 'vSAN'	Non-compliant	Group	Recommendation	12 hours ago

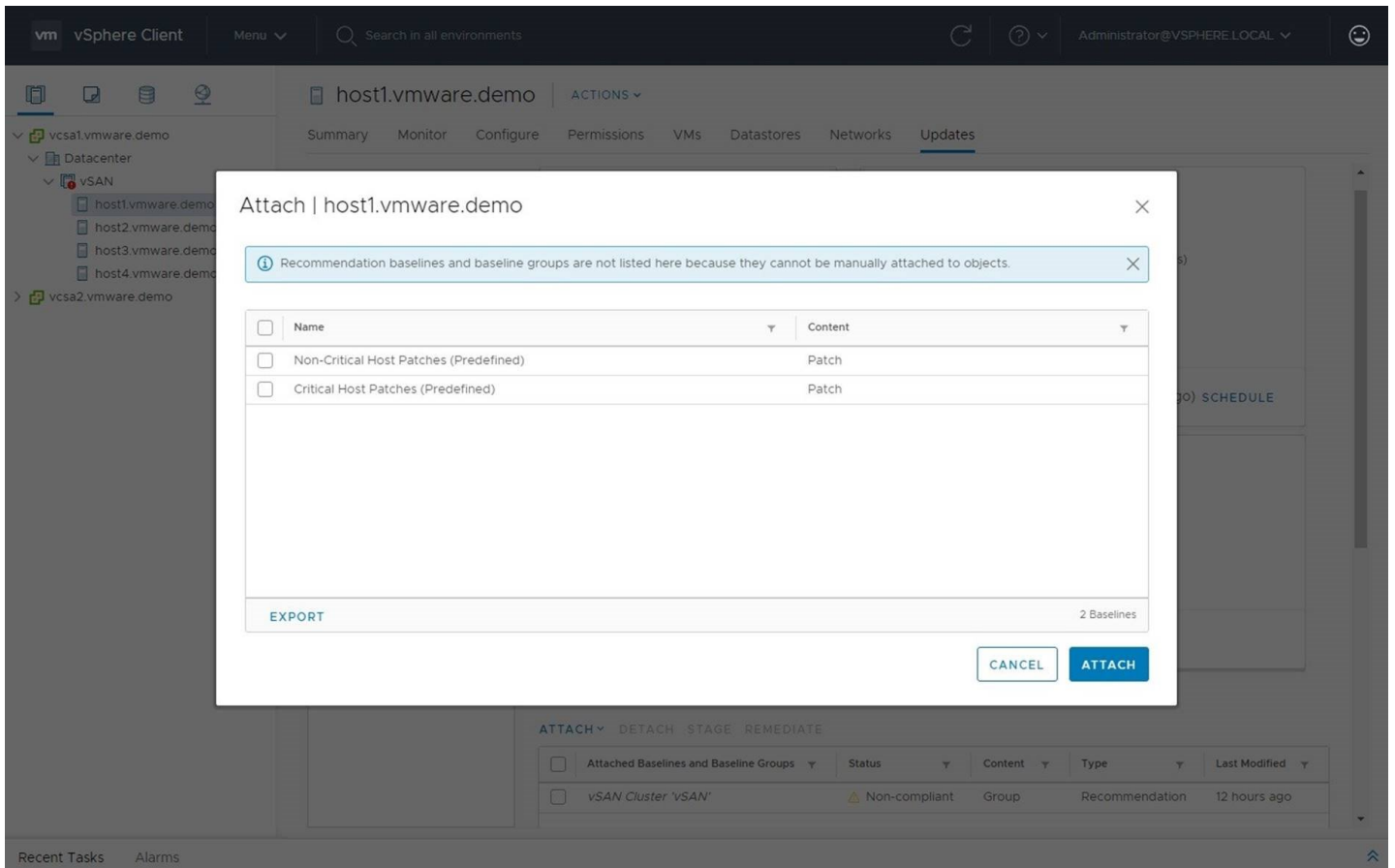
Recent Tasks Alarms

By default, there are no baselines attached to a cluster. Since we are using precreated baselines we will proceed to attach those baselines to the host for remediation.

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- Installed on Host:**
 - ESXi Version: 6.7.0
 - Hypervisor: VMware ESXi
 - Build: 8169922
- Non-compliant:**
 - Host Compliance: 1 non-compliant baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
 - 0 unknown baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
 - 2 patches, including 1 critical 0 security
- Ready to remediate:**
 - Remediation Pre-check: 0 actions performed automatically
 - No issues requiring user attention
- Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups:**
 - Attach Baseline or Baseline Group
 - Create and Attach Baseline

As we already have existing baselines, we will choose the option to Attach Baseline or Baseline Group. If we needed to create a custom baseline, we can choose the option to Create and Attach Baseline.



The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with the 'Updates' tab selected for host1.vmware.demo. A modal dialog titled 'Attach | host1.vmware.demo' is open, displaying a table of available baselines. The table has two columns: 'Name' and 'Content'. Two baselines are listed: 'Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)' and 'Critical Host Patches (Predefined)', both with a 'Patch' content type. The dialog also includes an 'EXPORT' button, a 'CANCEL' button, and an 'ATTACH' button. A message at the top of the dialog states: 'Recommendation baselines and baseline groups are not listed here because they cannot be manually attached to objects.'

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Content
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch

We will select all baseline we choose to attach to our host for remediation.

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with the 'Updates' tab selected for host1.vmware.demo. A modal dialog titled 'Attach | host1.vmware.demo' is open. At the top of the dialog, a message states: 'Recommendation baselines and baseline groups are not listed here because they cannot be manually attached to objects.' Below this, a table lists two selected baselines:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Content
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch

At the bottom of the dialog, there is an 'EXPORT' button with a '2' icon and '2 Baselines' text. The 'ATTACH' button is highlighted in blue. In the background, a table shows the attached baselines for the host:

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="checkbox"/> vSAN Cluster 'vSAN'	Non-compliant	Group	Recommendation	12 hours ago

Once all baselines have been selected we will proceed to choose Attach to associate them with our ESXi host.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left-hand navigation pane shows a tree view with 'vcsa1.vmware.demo' and 'vcsa2.vmware.demo' as root nodes, and 'Datacenter' and 'vSAN' as sub-nodes. Under 'Datacenter', there are four host entries: 'host1.vmware.demo', 'host2.vmware.demo', 'host3.vmware.demo', and 'host4.vmware.demo'. The 'Updates' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Host Updates' (with links for Host Updates, VMware Tools, and VM Hardware), 'UPDATE MANAGER HOME', 'Installed on Host' (showing ESXi Version 6.7.0, Hypervisor VMware ESXi, and Build 8169922), 'Non-compliant' (indicating 3 non-compliant baselines and 57 patches, including 8 critical and 3 security), and 'Ready to remediate' (with a 'PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION' button). At the bottom, there is a table titled 'Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups' with columns for Attach, Detach, Stage, Remediate, Status, Content, Type, and Last Modified.

ATTACH	DETACH	STAGE	REMEDiate	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified	
<input type="checkbox"/>				Non-compliant	Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input type="checkbox"/>				Non-compliant	Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago

The next thing we need to do is Check Compliance of our host against Update Manager. Check Compliance does a check of currently installed patches, updates and upgrades installed on the ESXi host against what is within the Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups. If there are any missing patches, upgrades or updates the object will be in a Non-Compliant state.

host1.vmware.demo | ACTIONS

Summary Monitor Configure Permissions VMs Datastores Networks Updates

Host Updates
VMware Tools
VM Hardware

UPDATE MANAGER HOME

Installed on Host

ESXi Version 6.7.0
Hypervisor VMware ESXi
Build 8169922

SHOW INSTALLED

Non-compliant

Host Compliance
3 non-compliant baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
0 unknown baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
57 patches, including 8 critical 3 security

CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked 9 minutes ago) SCHEDULE

Ready to remediate

Remediation Pre-check
0 actions performed automatically
NO issues requiring user attention

PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (checked 11 hours ago)

Task Name	Target	Status	Details	Initiator	Queued For	Start Time	Completion Time	Server
Scan entity	host1.vmware...	Completed		Administrator@VS...	13 ms	03/27/2019, 8:27:11 AM	03/27/2019, 8:27:16 AM	vcsa1.vmware.de...
Scan entity	vSAN	Completed		com.vmware.vsan...	14 ms	03/27/2019, 8:17:46 AM	03/27/2019, 8:17:57 AM	vcsa2.vmware.de...
Scan entity	vSAN	Completed		com.vmware.vsan...	14 ms	03/27/2019, 8:17:39 AM	03/27/2019, 8:17:46 AM	vcsa1.vmware.de...

Once the Scan is complete, we can see the status of the Compliance check. We can see that this host has 57 patches that need to be applied with 8 critical and 3 security fixes. Let's minimize the Recent tasks to proceed.

host1.vmware.demo | ACTIONS

Summary Monitor Configure Permissions VMs Datastores Networks Updates

Installed on Host

ESXi Version 6.7.0
Hypervisor VMware ESXi
Build 8169922

SHOW INSTALLED

Non-compliant

Host Compliance
3 non-compliant baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
0 unknown baseline(s) and baseline group(s)
57 patches, including 8 critical 3 security

CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked just now) SCHEDULE

Ready to remediate

Remediation Pre-check ⓘ

actions performed automatically

NO issues requiring user attention

PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (checked 11 hours ago)

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups

ATTACH DETACH STAGE REMEDIATE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago

Recent Tasks Alarms

A new feature in 6.7 Update 1 and above is the ability to do a Pre-Check Remediation. This will detect and issues that may stop your remediation from completing successfully. Let's run the Pre-Check Remediation and see the results.

The screenshot shows the vSphere Client interface with a 'Remediation Pre-check' dialog box open for 'host1.vmware.demo'. The dialog box contains the following elements:

- Header: Remediation Pre-check | host1.vmware.demo
- Status: All clusters are ready to remediate (with an information icon)
- Table: A table with columns 'Issue' and 'Issue Status'. The table is empty, displaying a funnel icon and the text 'No Cluster issues found'.
- Action: An 'EXPORT' button with '0 Actions' next to it.
- Status: All hosts are ready to remediate (with an information icon)
- Navigation: 'HOST SUMMARY' and 'DETAILS' buttons.
- Table: A table with columns 'Host', 'Issue', 'Issue Status', and 'VM'. The table is empty.
- Footer: 'Open Documentation for Remediation Precheck' link, 'RE-RUN PRE-CHECK' button, and 'DONE' button.

The background interface shows a tree view on the left with 'Datacenter' and 'vSAN' folders, and a table at the bottom with columns for 'Critical Host Patches (Predefined)', 'Non-compliant', 'Patch', 'Predefined', and 'Modified'.

Our Remediation Pre-Check has passed, as we have no outstanding issues. Any errors that could impact remediation would be shown here such as DRS being deactivated or attached removable media devices. Let's close the Remediation Pre-Check to proceed.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left-hand navigation pane shows a tree structure with 'Datacenter' expanded to 'vSAN', where 'host1.vmware.demo' is selected. The top header includes the 'vSphere Client' logo, a search bar, and the user 'Administrator@VSPHERE.LOCAL'. The main content area has tabs for 'Summary', 'Monitor', 'Configure', 'Permissions', 'VMs', 'Datastores', 'Networks', and 'Updates'. The 'Updates' tab is active, showing a 'Host Updates' section with 'VMware Tools' and 'VM Hardware'. Below this, there are buttons for 'SHOW INSTALLED', 'CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked 15 seconds ago)', and 'SCHEDULE'. A 'Ready to remediate' status is shown with a green checkmark, indicating that remediation pre-check actions are performed automatically and no user attention is required. A 'PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (checked just now)' button is also present. The 'Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups' section includes a table with columns for 'Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups', 'Status', 'Content', 'Type', and 'Last Modified'. The table lists three items: 'Critical Host Patches (Predefined)', 'Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)', and 'vSAN Cluster vSAN', all with a 'Non-compliant' status.

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input type="checkbox"/> vSAN Cluster vSAN	Non-compliant	Group	Recommendation	12 hours ago

We are now ready to proceed with Remediation. Lets select All baselines we wish to apply to our host.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left-hand navigation pane shows a tree structure with 'Datacenter' expanded to 'vSAN', where 'host1.vmware.demo' is selected. The top header includes the 'vSphere Client' logo, a search bar, and the user 'Administrator@VSPHERE.LOCAL'. The main content area has tabs for 'Summary', 'Monitor', 'Configure', 'Permissions', 'VMs', 'Datastores', 'Networks', and 'Updates'. The 'Updates' tab is active, showing a 'Host Updates' section with 'VMware Tools' and 'VM Hardware'. Below this, there are buttons for 'SHOW INSTALLED', 'CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked 15 seconds ago)', and 'SCHEDULE'. A 'Ready to remediate' status is shown with a 'Remediation Pre-check' section indicating 'No issues requiring user attention'. At the bottom, the 'Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups' table is visible, with the 'ATTACH' button selected.

ATTACH	DETACH	STAGE	REMEDIATE					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				vSAN Cluster 'vSAN'	Non-compliant	Group	Recommendation	12 hours ago

With the baselines selected we can now choose Remediate.

Remediate | host1.vmware.demo with 3 baselines/groups

Cluster is ready to remediate

1 host will remediate

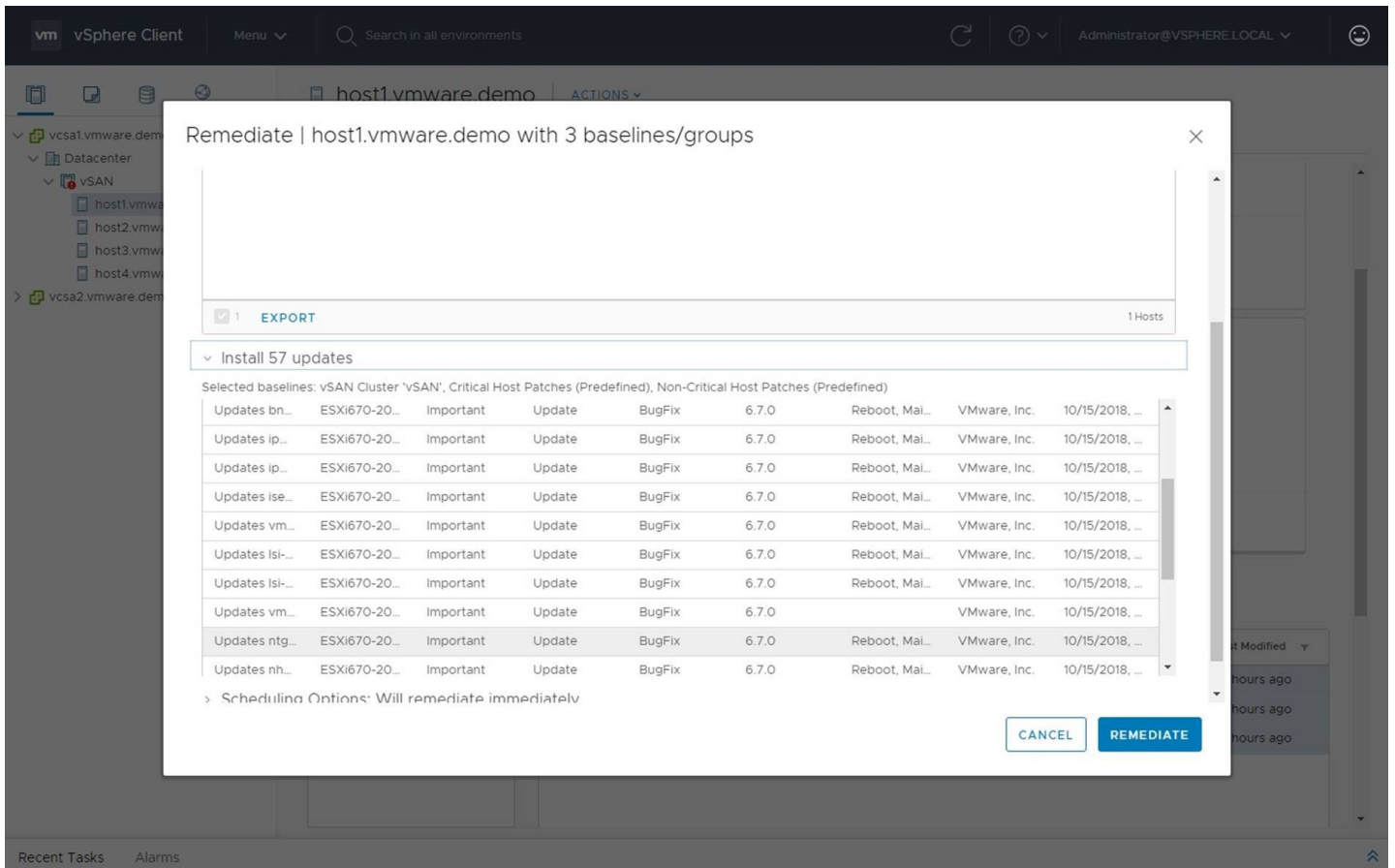
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host Name	Version	Patches	Extensions	Remediation Status	Boot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	host1.vmware.demo	6.7.0	57 (0 Staged)	0 (0 Staged)	✓ Ready	None

1 EXPORT 1 Hosts

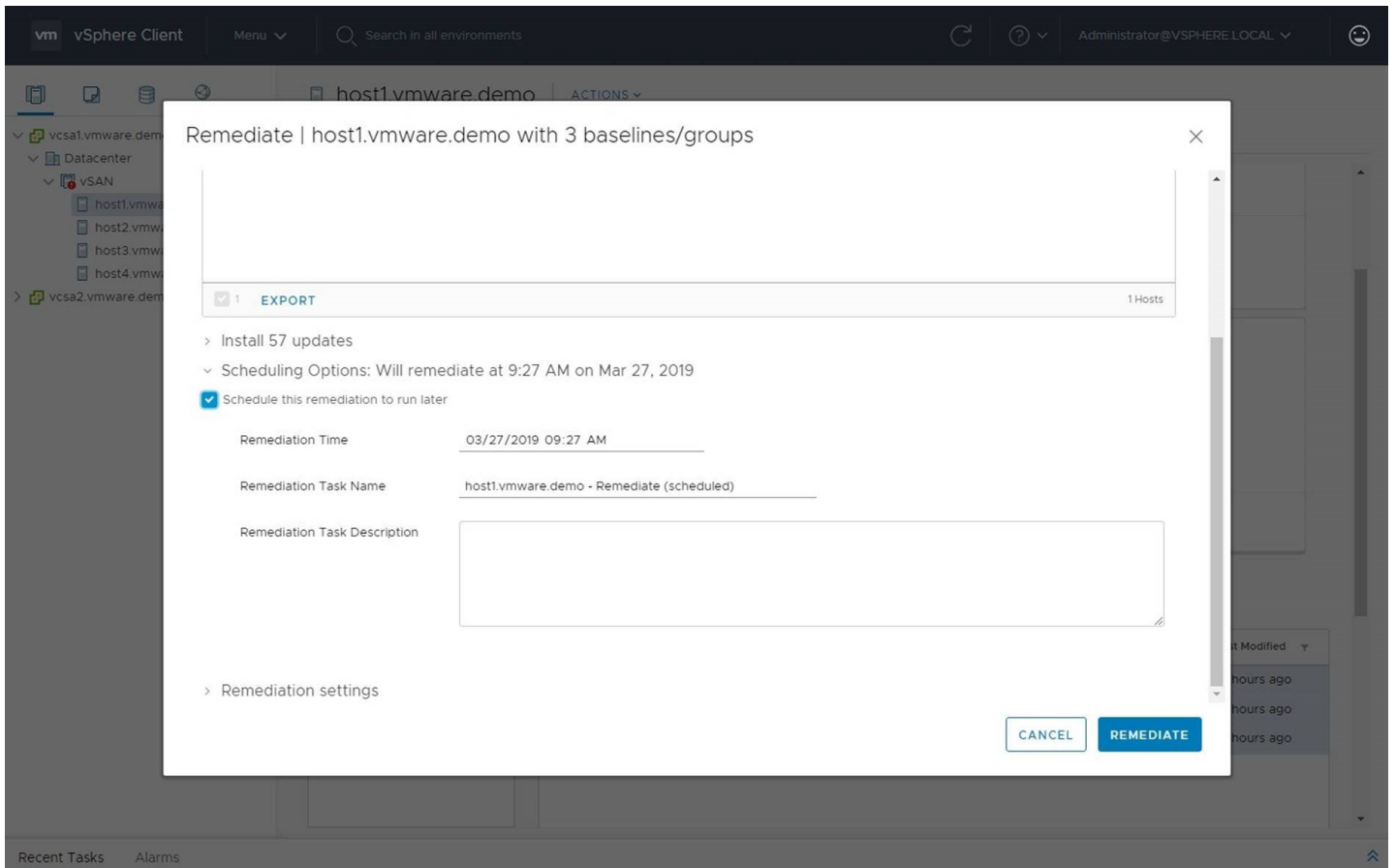
- > Install 57 updates
- > Scheduling Options: Will remediate immediately
- > Remediation settings

CANCEL REMEDIATE

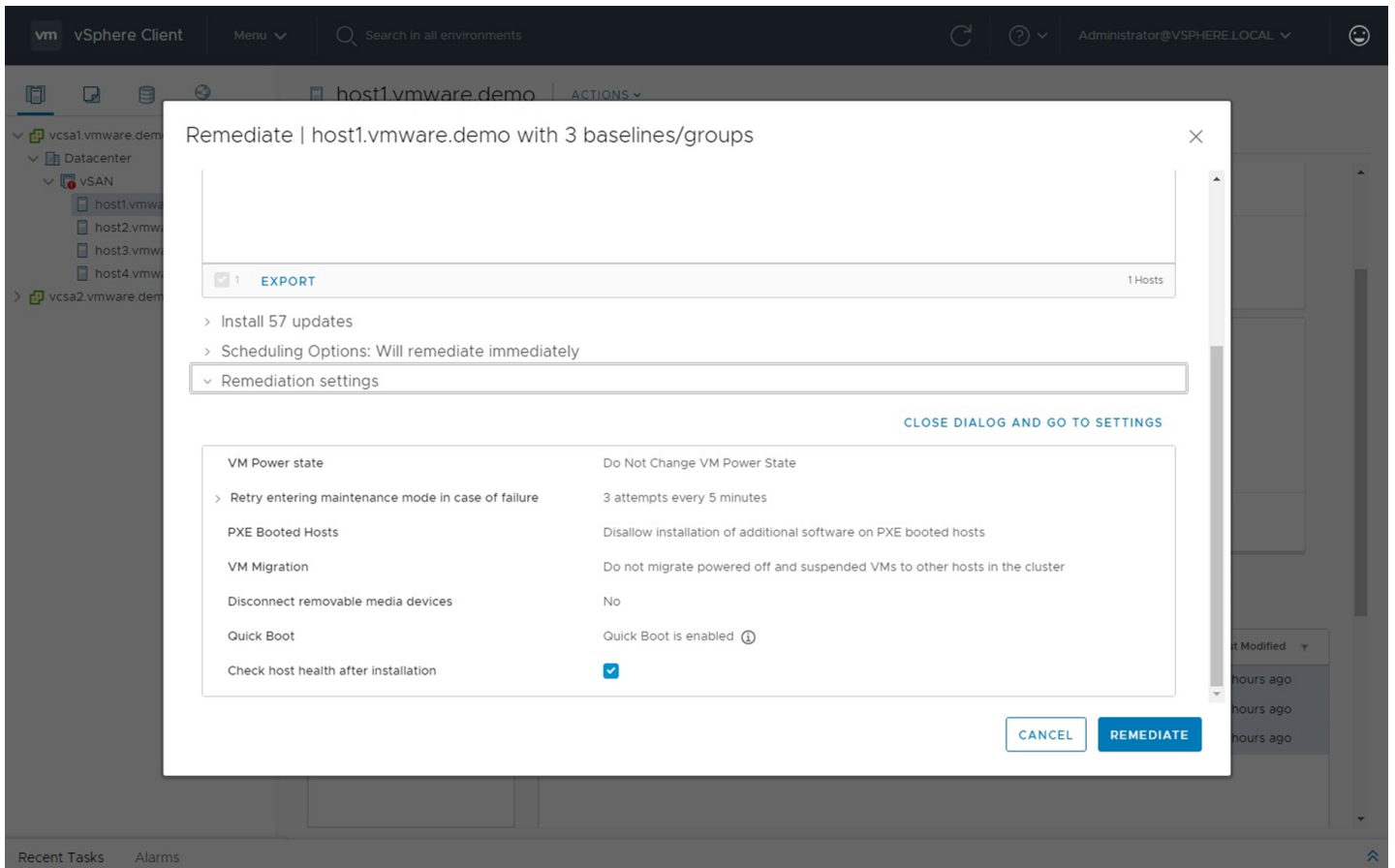
During Remediation the Pre-Check Remediation will also run if you did not manually choose it before. We have a few options below so let's explore them, starting with seeing which updates we are installing.



If we expand out the Install Updates, we can see all updates that will be applied to this object. The next section will cover whether or not you wish to remediate the object immediately or schedule for a future date or time.



If you choose to modify the scheduling options you can create a scheduled task to remediate the object at a later date or time. If you uncheck the option it will run immediately. Let's review the remediation settings.



Within this screen we can see the remediation options that have been chosen, these are configured at the vCenter Server level, so if you wish to modify them you need to Close Dialog and Go to Settings. Please note new features introduced with 6.7 Update 2 will allow you to deactivate Quick Boot as well as deactivate the Check Host health after installation for VSAN Hosts. Consult the Release Notes and Documentation for more information on these features.

Remediate | host1.vmware.demo with 3 baselines/groups

Cluster is ready to remediate

1 host will remediate

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host Name	Version	Patches	Extensions	Remediation Status	Boot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	host1.vmware.demo	6.7.0	57 (0 Staged)	0 (0 Staged)	✓ Ready	None

1 EXPORT 1 Hosts

> Install 57 updates

> Scheduling Options: Will remediate immediately

> Remediation settings

CANCEL REMEDiate

Once we have reviewed all the options, we can proceed to Remediate our ESXi host.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left-hand navigation pane shows a hierarchy: vcsa1.vmware.demo > Datacenter > vSAN > host1.vmware.demo (Maintenance Mode). The main content area is titled 'Updates' and includes a 'Host Updates' sidebar with 'VMware Tools' and 'VM Hardware'. The main panel shows a 'Ready to remediate' status with a remediation pre-check indicating 'No issues requiring user attention'. Below this, there is a table of 'Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups'.

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago

At the bottom of the interface, the 'Recent Tasks' section is visible, showing a list of tasks:

Task Name	Target	Status	Details	Initiator	Queued For	Start Time	Completion Time	Server
Enter maintenance mode	host1.vmware...	Completed		com.vmware.vcint...	4 ms	03/27/2019, 8:28:42 AM	03/27/2019, 8:28:47 AM	vcsa1.vmware.de...
Remediate entity	host1.vmware...	30%		Administrator@VS...	13 ms	03/27/2019, 8:28:33 AM		vcsa1.vmware.de...
Retrieve EVC	vSAN	Completed		com.vmware.vcint...	2 ms	03/27/2019,	03/27/2019,	vcsa1.vmware.de...

During an Update Manager remediation, if a host is not already in maintenance mode the first step is to put that host into maintenance mode, moving all running virtual machines to another host within the cluster. If DRS is deactivated you will need to manually migrate or power off VMs.

Host Updates

VMware Tools

VM Hardware

UPDATE MANAGER HOME

SHOW INSTALLED

CHECK COMPLIANCE (checked 1 minute ago) SCHEDULE

Ready to remediate

Remediation Pre-check

0 actions performed automatically

No issues requiring user attention

PRE-CHECK REMEDIATION (checked 46 seconds ago)

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups

Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups	Status	Content	Type	Last Modified
Critical Host Patches (Predefined)	Non-compliant	Patch	Predefined	21 hours ago

Recent Tasks

Task Name	Target	Status	Details	Initiator	Queued For	Start Time	Completion Time	Server
Initiate host reboot	host1.vmware...	Completed		com.vmware.vcint...	4 ms	03/27/2019, 8:29:12 AM	03/27/2019, 8:29:12 AM	vcsa1.vmware.de...
Check	host1.vmware...	Completed		com.vmware.vcint...	3 ms	03/27/2019, 8:29:11 AM	03/27/2019, 8:29:12 AM	vcsa1.vmware.de...
Install	host1.vmware...	Completed		com.vmware.vcint...	3 ms	03/27/2019,	03/27/2019, 8:29:11	vcsa1.vmware.de...

Once the host is put into maintenance mode, Update Manager will automatically Install the updates and reboot the host.

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for host1.vmware.demo. The left-hand navigation pane shows a tree structure with 'vcsa1.vmware.demo', 'Datacenter', 'vSAN', and four 'host' entries. The main area is titled 'host1.vmware.demo' and has tabs for 'Summary', 'Monitor', 'Configure', 'Permissions', 'VMs', 'Datastores', 'Networks', and 'Updates'. The 'Updates' tab is active, showing a 'Host Updates' sidebar with 'VMware Tools' and 'VM Hardware'. The main content area includes:

- Installed on Host:** ESXi Version 6.7.0, Hypervisor VMware ESXi, Build 11675023. A note indicates 'Quick Boot disabled on host'.
- Compliant:** Host Compliance is satisfied. Options for non-compliant, unknown, and patches (critical, security) are shown as disabled.
- Ready to remediate:** Remediation Pre-check shows 'actions performed automatically' and 'No issues requiring user attention'.
- Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups:** A table with columns for Attach, Detach, Stage, Remediate, Status, Content, Type, and Last Modified. One entry is shown: 'Critical Host Patches (Predefined)' with a status of 'Compliant' and a last modified time of '21 hours ago'.

When remediation is complete, a Check Compliance scan is automatically ran and the host will be removed from maintenance mode. Our remediation is now complete as our host is in Compliance with all the attached baselines.

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Thank you for reviewing our walkthrough on patching your VMware ESXi 6.7 host. For more information and walkthroughs please view our VMware Blogs.

vSphere Quick Boot Demo

VMware vSphere 6.7 Quick Boot

VMware vSphere 6.7 introduces a new technology that reduces the time required for hypervisor maintenance tasks. By using vSphere Quick Boot, VMware ESXi restarts without rebooting the underlying physical server. This eliminates the time-consuming device initialization and self-testing procedures, shortening the time required to patch or upgrade a host.

Upgrading a cluster with VUM

vSphere Update Manager Overview & Cluster Upgrade Walkthrough

VMware vSphere 6.5 Embedded Update Manager (VUM) Demo

Terminology Overview

Downloading Updates and Related Metadata

Downloading virtual appliance upgrades, host patches, extensions, and related metadata is a predefined automatic process that you can modify. By default, at regular configurable intervals, Update Manager contacts VMware or third-party sources to gather the latest information (metadata) about available upgrades, patches, or extensions.

VMware provides information about patches for ESXi hosts and virtual appliance upgrades.

Update Manager downloads the following types of information:

- Metadata about all ESXi 5.5 and ESXi 6.x patches, regardless of whether you have hosts of such versions in your environment or not.
- Metadata about ESXi 5.5 and ESXi 6.x patches as well as about extensions from third-party vendor URL addresses.
- Notifications, alerts, and patch recalls for ESXi 5.5 and ESXi 6.x hosts.
- Metadata about upgrades for virtual appliances.

Downloading information about all updates is a relatively low-cost operation in terms of disk space and network bandwidth. The availability of regularly updated metadata lets you add scanning tasks for hosts or appliances at any time.

Update Manager supports the recall of patches for hosts that are running ESXi 5.0 or later. A patch is recalled if the released patch has problems or potential issues. After you scan the hosts in your environment, Update Manager alerts you if the recalled patch has been installed on a certain host. Recalled patches cannot be installed on hosts with Update Manager. Update Manager also deletes all the recalled patches from the Update Manager patch repository. After a patch fixing the problem is released, Update Manager downloads the new patch to its patch repository. If you have already installed the problematic patch, Update Manager notifies you that a fix was released and prompts you to apply the new patch.

If Update Manager cannot download upgrades, patches, or extensions — for example, if it is deployed on an internal network segment that does not have Internet access — you must use UMDS to download and store the data on the machine on which UMDS is installed. The Update Manager server can use the upgrades, patches, and extensions that UMDS downloaded after you export them.

For more information about UMDS, see [Installing, Setting Up, and Using Update Manager Download Service](#).

You can configure Update Manager to use an Internet proxy to download upgrades, patches, extensions, and related metadata.

You can change the time intervals at which Update Manager downloads updates or checks for notifications. For detailed descriptions of the procedures, see [Configure Checking for Updates](#) and [Configure Notifications Checks](#).

Types of Software Updates and Related Terms

Update Manager downloads software updates and metadata from Internet depots or UMDS-created shared repositories. You can import offline bundles and host upgrade images from a local storage device into the local Update Manager repository.

VIB	A VIB is a single software package.
Bulletin	A grouping of one or more VIBs. Bulletins are defined within metadata.
Depot	A logical grouping of VIBs and associated metadata that is published online.
Host upgrade image	An ESXi image that you can import in the Update Manager repository and use for upgrading ESXi 5.5 or ESXi 6.0 hosts to ESXi 6.5.
Extension	A bulletin that defines a group of VIBs for adding an optional component to an ESXi host. An extension is usually provided by a third party that is also responsible for patches or updates to the extension.
Metadata	Extra data that defines dependency information, textual descriptions, system requirements, and bulletins.
Offline bundle ZIP	An archive that encapsulates VIBs and corresponding metadata in a self-contained package that is useful for offline patching. You cannot use third-party offline bundles or offline bundles that you generated from custom VIB sets for host upgrade from ESXi 5.5 or ESXi 6.0 to ESXi 6.5.
Patch	A bulletin that groups one or more VIBs together to address a particular issue or enhancement.
Roll-up	A collection of patches that is grouped for ease of download and deployment.
VA upgrade	Updates for a virtual appliance, which the vendor considers an upgrade.



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