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Quest[®] NetVault[®] Backup Plug-in *for VMware* 12.1 Release Notes

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These release notes provide information about the $Quest^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ NetVault^{$\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$} Backup Plug-in *for VMware* release.

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About this release

Quest NetVault Backup (NetVault Backup) Plug-in *for VMware* (Plug-in *for VMware*) 12.1 is a minor release, with enhanced features and functionality. For complete product documentation, visit https://support.quest.com/technical-documents.

New features

New feature in Plug-in *for VMware* 12.1: Added support for inclusion and exclusion configuration of virtual machine names with image-level backups. (DNVMWARE-1789)

Enhancements

The following is a list of enhancements implemented in Plug-in for VMware 12.1.

Table 1. General enhancements

Enhancement

Issue ID

For image-level jobs, improved the Distributed Jobs feature to support reading the list of DNVMWARE-1834 clients from each proxy server and to enable setting the transport mode at the job level.

Resolved issues

The following is a list of issues addressed in this release.

Table 2. General resolved issues

Resolved issue	Issue ID
Corrected an issue that caused the encoding of a name to be scrambled or not display at all. This issue occurred when you browsed a localized virtual machine from an X11 or Motif GUI.	DNVMWARE-664 (13679, VMW-157)
Corrected an issue that prevented a restore job from targeting an alternate Datacenter.	DNVMWARE-1425
Corrected an issue that prevented the renaming of a Chinese virtual machine during a restore job.	DNVMWARE-1543
Corrected an issue that caused backups to stop working when the default VMware path- format was not used.	DNVMWARE-1710
Corrected an issue that prevented backups from succeeding when a portion of the virtual machines or folders under a parent node were excluded from the saveset for a backup job	DNVMWARE-1832
Corrected an issue in which restoring a virtual machine on a VMware Virtual Volume (VVol) datastore used the storage policy associated with the VVol instead of using the storage policy associated with the backup.	DNVMWARE-1871
Corrected an issue that prevented restoring a virtual machine from a VMware vCenter Server 6.7 to an alternate vCenter Server 6.0, vCenter Server 6.5, VMware ESXi Server 6.0, or ESXI Server 6.5. Although the hardware version was compatible, the following error was displayed: "Failed to add virtual machine to target server's inventory."	DNVMWARE-1851, DNVMWARE-1853, DNVMWARE-1854, DNVMWARE-1858, DNVMWARE-1859, DNVMWARE-1860

Known issues

The following is a list of issues, including those issues attributed to third-party products, known to exist at the time of release.

Table 3. General known issues

Known issue	Issue ID
When restoring data to an alternate datastore, the plug-in does not verify whether the datastore is available. Verify that the datastore is valid and has sufficient disk space to accommodate the virtual machine.	DNVMWARE-18 (1714)
Raw Device Mapping (RDM) disks in virtual compatibility mode are restored to flat " .vmdk " files and not to the original RDM. The alternative is to omit these disks during a restore.	DNVMWARE-332 (2371)

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The configuration setting [Custom:MountOperationTimeoutSecs] , which is stored in the vmware.cfg file, determines how long the plug-in process waits for the mount daemon to respond to a request. The default value is set to 600 seconds during a fresh install and 300 seconds during an upgrade. If the mount daemon is unable to complete a request within the specified interval, the virtual machine is left in a mounted state. If you have many backups running simultaneously or your server is running under heavy load, modify the value for the [Custom:MountOperationTimeoutSecs] setting to avoid	DNVMWARE-505 (3131)
this issue.	
Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK) does not support non-UTF8 locales. On Linux-based clients that use non-UTF8 locales, the plug-in reports the error "Child Process died unexpectedly" and exits abnormally.	DNVMWARE-584 (3340)
When you use the NetVault Backup Plug-in <i>for Consolidation</i> , the image-level backups of virtual machines are displayed on the Create Selection Set page, but you cannot consolidate these savesets.	NVBU-3785 (6598, NVG-5474)
You cannot back up virtual machine templates using the Plug-in for VMware.	DNVMWARE-713
Workaround: Convert the template to a virtual machine.	(13728, VMW-202)
To avoid file fragmentation, the Plug-in <i>for VMware</i> preallocates disk space before restoring files to disk. On Linux-based systems, files that are larger than 50 MB in size are not pre-allocated full disk space. Such files are handled similar to sparse files and allocated disk space as needed during restore. If the disk does not have sufficient space to fully restore files that are larger than 50 MB in size, the job fails when the disk runs out of space.	DNVMWARE-961 (21755)
The file-level indexing process does not generate indexes for symlinks.	DNVMWARE-977 (21793)
The file-level indexing process does not treat hard links in any special way and generates index entries for them as if they are separate entities. When you restore a saveset that includes a hard link, the plug-in stops responding.	DNVMWARE-978 (21794)
When restoring NTFS sparse files, if the actual allocated size of a data run is smaller than the total size of the data run, the restored file might be corrupted.	DNVMWARE-1456 (29043)
If the Diagnose Virtual Machine method is unable to return any result within the timeout interval (five minutes), the Web Service process displays the following message: "Error: The remote machine: <name backup="" netvault="" of="" server="" the=""> is unavailable"</name>	DNVMWARE-1528 (29795)
You can close this dialog box to continue the current operation. In the background, the Diagnose Virtual Machine method runs the cleanup process to remove any snapshot that it has created.	
Backups that have Active Block Mapping (ABM) enabled might stop working when memory is exceeded.	DNVMWARE-1584
Backing up a virtual machine succeeds if the Virtual Machine Disk (VMDK) fails to open and the Exclude data disks option is selected.	DNVMWARE-1696
The plug-in is unable to restore a virtual machine protected by VMware vSphere Fault Tolerance (vSphere FT) to an alternate VMware vCenter Server.	DNVMWARE-1691 (32398)

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Known issue	Issue ID
Installing an update of the plug-in puts the VMware Vstor2 MntApi driver into an inconsistent state.	DNVMWARE-1697 (32473)
Workarounds:	
If you are using a Windows-based proxy server, restart the server after you remove a VDDK. If you try to install or remove the VMware Vstor2 MntApi driver without restarting the server, you might encounter an error. For more information, see http://pubs.vmware.com/Release_Notes/en/developer/vddk/65/vsphere-vddk-65-release-notes.html . Before installing the latest version of the plug-in, complete the following steps:	
1 Remove the existing version of the plug-in.	
2 Check the status of VMware Vstor2 MntApi driver.	
3 If the driver is present, delete it.	
4 Install the latest version of the plug-in.	
Support of virtual-machine encryption became available starting with vSphere 6.5; however, the plug-in does not support backup and restore of encrypted disks.	DNVMWARE-1773
If you are using the Distributed Jobs feature for load balancing, be aware that the plug-in excludes NetVault Backup Clients that are using Plug-in <i>for VMware</i> 12.0 and NetVault Backup Clients that are managed by a server that is using NetVault Backup Server 12.0. Workaround: Update the NetVault Backup Server and all applicable NetVault Backup Clients to 12.1.	DNVMWARE-1901, DNVMWARE-1903

Table 4. Third-party known issues

Known issue	Issue ID
When backing up a powered on virtual machine through a VMware vCenter Server, the plug-in may fail to back up the " .nvram ", " .vmx ", and " .log " files. For more information, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1019286.	
When a snapshot is created on a virtual machine that uses thin-provisioned disks, VMware vSphere (the client and the underlying disk library) identifies the disk as thick. For more information, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1020137.	
At the time of enabling CBT for a virtual machine, no snapshots must exist on it. For more information, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1033816.	
If an ESXi 5.x host is managed by a vCenter Server, the virtual machines should not be restored when connected directly to the ESXi host. This restriction is due to a feature introduced in vSphere 5. For more information, see http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vddk/VDDK-500-	

ReleaseNotes.html#knownissues.

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To prevent the migration of a virtual machine while its disks are being accessed for a backup or restore, the plug-in uses VDDK APIs to lock and unlock a virtual machine. This functionality is disabled by default. To enable it, see the user's guide for the plug-in. Currently, the locking functionality has the following known issues:	
 Locking a virtual machine may not always succeed even though API indicates success. This issue is under review with VMware. You can usually ignore this failure. 	
 Unlocking is known to fail occasionally. This issue has been documented in the VDDK 5 release notes. For details, review the "EndAccess sometimes does not reenable migration after PrepareForAccess" section in the VDDK 5.0 Release Notes. 	
• If the plug-in exits unexpectedly after locking a virtual machine, the virtual machine may be left in a locked state so that it is disabled for migration.	
For information about removing the lock and enabling migration for the virtual machine, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/2008957.	
VDDK 5 issues:	
 Backup fails on a Linux-based client if any other virtual machine is in a powered on state on the same datastore. 	
 Backup fails on a Linux-based client if parallel backup jobs (performed from different clients) access the same datastore. 	
On a Windows 2012 virtual machine, data corruption may occur during or after a network copy operation. For more information, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/2058692.	
When a virtual machine is cloned outside the vCenter Server, it may have the same UUID as the original virtual machine. If this cloned virtual machine is selected for a backup, the plug-in may back up the original virtual machine instead of the clone. To correct this issue, you must change the UUID of the cloned virtual machine. For more information about changing the UUID of a virtual machine, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1002403.	DNVMWARE-1443 (28921)
To back up virtual machines that are protected by VMware vSphere Fault Tolerance (vSphere FT) with plug-in version 11.2 or later, your environment must use VMware ESXi 6.0 build number 4192238 or later. If you use an ESXi host with an unsupported build, vSphere FT protection might become disabled during the snapshot process. This issue occurs because of an issue in earlier versions of the VMware ESXi host. This issue is more likely to occur when the virtual machine uses Windows 2008 or later as the guest OS <i>and</i> it uses the VMware KB article 2145664.	DNVMWARE-1623, DNVMWARE-1671 (31423, 32123)
If you use VMware Virtual Volumes (VVols) with a storage array that does not support thick-provisioned disks by default, you might receive the following error message: Error creating disk Error creating VVol Object. This may be due to insufficient available space on the datastore or the datastore's inability to support the selected provisioning type.	DNVMWARE-1712 (32714)
Workaround: To allow VVols to create thick-provisioned disks, enable thick provisioning on the storage array. For more information, see http://pubs.vmware.com/Release_Notes/en/horizon-6-view/horizon-62-view-release-notes.html.	
CentOS and Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.x:	DNVMWARE-1777
If you are using either of these operating systems and versions and the Fallback Transport Mode is set to none , a VMware issue prevents the backup proxy from opening in HotAdd Transport Mode and causes it to open in network block device (NBD) mode instead.	

System requirements

Before installing Plug-in *for VMware*, ensure that your system meets the requirements outlined in the following table and in the *Quest NetVault Backup Compatibility Guide* available at https://support.quest.com/technical-documents.

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Requirement	Details
Operating systems	For a list of supported OS distributions and versions, see the VDDK 6.7 Release Notes.
NetVault Backup versions	The Plug-in for VMware 12.1 requires NetVault Backup 12.1 or later.
	For complete supported-platform information, see the Quest NetVault Backup Compatibility Guide available at https://support.quest.com/technical-documents.

NOTE: To use the Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK) with OEM ESXi, you require VMware ESXi Foundation, Standard, or Enterprise license. This license can be obtained from OEM or VMware directly.

Upgrade and compatibility

Plug-in for VMware 12.1 requires NetVault Backup 12.1 or later. For complete supported-platform information, see the Quest NetVault Backup Compatibility Guide.

- Cannot browse mounted virtual machines after upgrading NetVault Backup: After installing the
 plug-in, if you upgrade the NetVault Backup software, you must reinstall the plug-in on that machine.
 Otherwise, you cannot open the Drives node of a mounted virtual machine for any new file-level backups.
- Restart the NetVault Backup Service if "nvvmwmount.exe" was running during upgrade: If the mount process "nvvmwmount.exe" was running during an upgrade from 2.x, restart the NetVault Backup Service on the client.

Product licensing

To obtain the license key for your NetVault Backup Server environment, determine the NetVault Machine ID of your main NetVault Backup Server. Also identify the machine IDs of any clients running application plug-ins, such as Oracle, MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, and Exchange.

You can use the NetVault Configuration Wizard to install the product license keys. Alternatively, you can install the license keys from the Manage Clients page.

- Obtaining a machine ID
- · Installing a license key using the configuration wizard
- Installing a license key from the Manage Clients page

Obtaining a machine ID

- 1 Start the NetVault Backup WebUI.
- 2 In the Navigation pane, click Manage Clients.

- 3 In the NetVault Backup Clients list, select the applicable machine, and click Manage.
- 4 On the View Client page, note the machine ID exactly as it is displayed in the Client Summary table.

Installing a license key using the configuration wizard

- 1 In the Navigation pane, click Guided Configuration.
- 2 On the NetVault Configuration Wizard page, click Install Licenses.
- 3 In the NetVault Backup Clients list, select the applicable machine, and click Next.
- 4 In the **Enter the license key string** box, type or copy and paste the license key, and click **Apply**. After the key is applied successfully, a message is displayed.

Installing a license key from the Manage Clients page

- 1 In the Navigation pane, click Manage Clients.
- 2 In the NetVault Backup Clients list, select the applicable machine, and click Manage.
- 3 On the View Client page, click Install License.
- 4 In the **Install License** dialog box, type or copy and paste the license key, and click **Apply**. After the key is applied successfully, a message is displayed.
- 5 To dismiss the dialog box, click Close.

Upgrade and installation instructions

The standard method for upgrading the plug-in is to install the latest version over the previous version of the plugin. For installation instructions, see the *Quest NetVault Backup Plug-in for VMware User's Guide*.

To use the plug-in for file-level backup operations when upgrading the hybrid version of the plug-in on Windows, complete the following tasks in the given order:

1 Verify that no virtual machine is mounted for a file-level browse or backup operation.

If any virtual is mounted in a browse session, unmount it, or if it is mounted for a backup, wait until the backup completes.

2 From the NetVault Backup Process Viewer, check if any instance of **NetVault VM mount daemon** or **NetVault VM mount CLI** is running on the client.

Alternatively, use the Windows Task Manager to see if any instance of **nvvmwmount.exe** is running. If so, restart the NetVault Backup Service.

3 Verify that the Working Directory configured for the plug-in does not contain any subfolders named after the display names of virtual machines. If the directory includes any mount folder, manually remove the folder. For more information, see the user's guide. If you fail to complete the cleanup routine, a subsequent mount operation fails with the error "A stale mount was found."

4 To ensure that a "Driver not found" error does not occur during the upgrade, follow the steps outlined in Upgrade procedure.

Upgrade procedure

VDDK uses a kernel-mode driver for mounting a virtual machine during file-level backup and browse operations. The Plug-in *for VMware* automatically starts a service for the driver when you install the plug-in, but it does not verify whether the service is running when you perform an upgrade or a reinstallation.

If this service is not running on the client, the plug-in fails to complete the mount request and reports the error "Driver not found."

To upgrade the hybrid version of the plug-in on Windows:

- 1 Open a command prompt window.
- 2 Stop the service, if it is running:

sc stop vstor2-mntapi20-shared

- 3 Delete the service:
 - sc delete vstor2-mntapi20-shared
- 4 Verify that the service has been deleted:
 - sc query vstor2-mntapi20-shared

If the service is stuck in a "stopping" state, restart the machine.

5 Install the plug-in.

For information about installing the plug-in, see the Quest NetVault Backup Plug-in for VMware User's Guide.

More resources

Additional information is available from the following:

- Online product documentation
- NetVault community

Globalization

This section contains information about installing and operating this product in non-English configurations, such as those needed by customers outside of North America. This section does not replace the materials about supported platforms and configurations found elsewhere in the product documentation.

This release supports any single-byte or multi-byte character set. It supports simultaneous operation with multilingual data. This release is targeted to support operations in the following regions: North America, Western Europe and Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Far-East Asia, Japan.

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