

# CX Cloud Agent Overview v2.2

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# Introduction

This document describes Cisco's Customer Experience (CX) Cloud Agent.

## Prerequisites

CX Cloud Agent runs as a Virtual Machine (VM) and is available for download as an Open Virtual Appliance (OVA) or a Virtual Hard Disk (VHD).

## Requirements

Requirements to deploy:

- Any of these hypervisors:
  - VMware ESXi version 5.5 or later
  - Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 or later
  - Windows Hypervisor version 2012 to 2022
- The hypervisor can host a VM which requires:
  - 8 Core CPU
  - 16 GB Memory/RAM
  - 200GB Disk Space
- For customers using designated US data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data, the CX Cloud Agent must be able to connect to the servers shown here, using the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN), and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
  - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
  - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com
- For customers using designated Europe data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data: the CX Cloud Agent must be able to connect to both of the servers shown here, using the FQDN, and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
  - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: agent.emea.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
  - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com

- For customers using designated Asia Pacific data centers as the primary data region to store CX Cloud data: the CX Cloud Agent must be able to connect to both of the servers shown here, using the FQDN, and using HTTPS on TCP port 443:
  - FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: agent.apjc.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud
  - FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com
  - FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com
- For customers using designated Europe and Asia Pacific data centers as their primary data region, connectivity to FQDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud is required only for registering the CX Cloud Agent with CX Cloud during initial setup. After the CX Cloud Agent is successfully registered with CX Cloud, this connection is no longer required.
- For local management of the CX Cloud Agent, port 22 must be accessible.
- This table provides a summary of the ports and protocols that must be opened and enabled for CX Cloud Agent to function correctly:

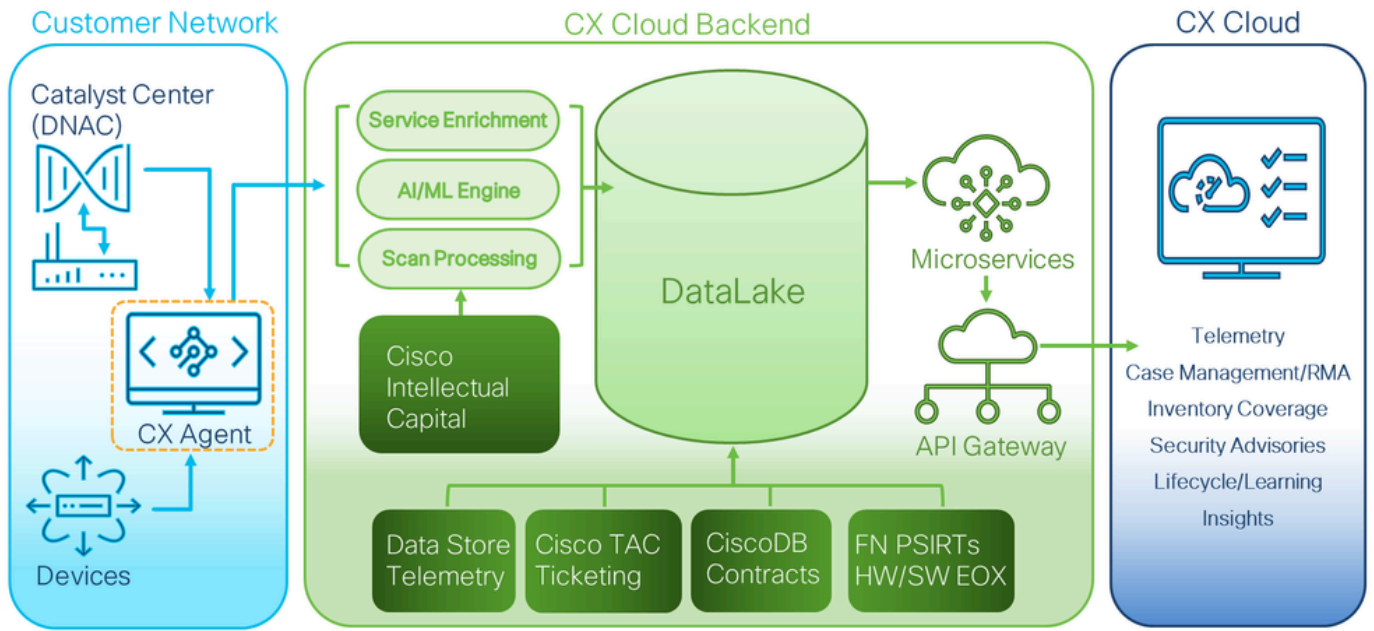
| Source   |   | Destination  |  | Protocol | Port     | Purpose  | Type  |
|--|---|--|--|----------|----------|--|---|
| IP Address   | Hostname  |  |  |          |          |  |   |
| <b>CX Cloud Agent Traffic</b>  |   |  |  |          |          |  |   |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 60%;"></div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">Required for both Cisco DNA Center and Other Assets collected by CX Cloud Agent support</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">Mandatory TCP/7 Echo (ICMP) port must be combined with one of the other two ports (for device discovery process)</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">Mandatory for other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent support</p> </div> </div> |   |  |  |          |          |  |   |
| <b>Data Collection and Transfer</b>  |   |  |  |          |          |  |   |
| Agent IP   | Dynamic IPs<br>Cisco DNA<br>Center Server<br>IP | For All regions,<br>FQDN: cloudsso.cisco.com<br>FQDN: api-cx.cisco.com<br>QDN: agent.us.cisco.cloud<br>DNAC Servers<br><br>Additionally,<br>For Americas region, FQDN: ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud<br>For EMEA region, FQDN: agent.emea.cisco.cloud, and FQDN: ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud<br>For APJC region, FQDN: agent.apjc.cisco.cloud, and FQDN: ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud |  | HTTPS    | TCP/ 443 | Data collection via DNAC servers, Data transfer to CX Cloud, including upgrade functionality | Outbound connection to DNAC servers + Outbound to Cisco AWS regional data centers |
| Agent IP   |   | Customer Device  |  | SNMP     | UDP/161  | Collect OIDs and MIBs for other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent                           | Outbound to LAN   |
| Devices  |   | Agent IP   |  | SYSLOG   | UDP/514  | Stream Syslog messages from Device to Agent  | Inbound from LAN  |
| Agent IP   |   | Customer Device  |  | SSH      | TCP/22   | Collect CLI commands   | Outbound to LAN   |
| Agent IP   |   | Customer Device  |  | Echo     | TCP/7    | Check the device reachability  | Outbound to LAN   |
| Agent IP   |   | Customer Device  |  | Telnet   | TCP/23   | Collect CLI commands   | Outbound to LAN   |
| <b>Agent Administration Access</b>   |   |  |  |          |          |  |   |
| Support VM   |   | Agent IP   |  | SSH      | TCP/22   | Agent Maintenance  | Inbound from LAN  |

## Background Information

Cisco's (CX) Cloud Agent is a highly-scalable platform that collects telemetry data from customer network devices to deliver actionable insights for customers. CX Cloud Agent enables the Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) transformation of active running configuration data into proactive and predictive insights displayed in CX Cloud.

This guide is specific to CX Cloud Agent v2.2 and onwards. Refer to the [Cisco CX Cloud Agent](#) page to access prior versions.

# CX Cloud Architecture



CX Cloud Architecture



**Note:** Images (and the content within) in this guide are for reference purpose only. Actual content can vary.

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- An IP is automatically detected if the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is enabled in the VM environment; Otherwise, a free IPv4 address, Subnet mask, Default Gateway IP address, and Domain Name Service (DNS) server IP address must be available.
  - Only IPv4 is supported.
  - The certified single node and High Availability (HA) Cluster Cisco DNA Center versions are 2.1.2.x to 2.2.3.x, 2.3.3.x, 2.3.5.x and Cisco Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance and Cisco DNA Center Virtual Appliance.
  - If the network has SSL interception, permit-list CX Cloud Agent's IP address.
  - For all directly connected assets, SSH privilege level 15 is required.
  - Use only the provided hostnames; static IP addresses cannot be used.

## Critical Domains Access


To start the CX Cloud journey, users require access to these domains. Use only the hostnames provided; do not use static IP addresses.

## Domains Specific to the CX Cloud Agent Portal

| Major Domains | Other Domains       |
|---------------|---------------------|
| cisco.com     | mixpanel.com        |
| cisco.cloud   | cloudfront.net      |
| split.io      | eum-appdynamics.com |
|               | appdynamics.com     |
|               | tiqcdn.com          |
|               | jquery.com          |

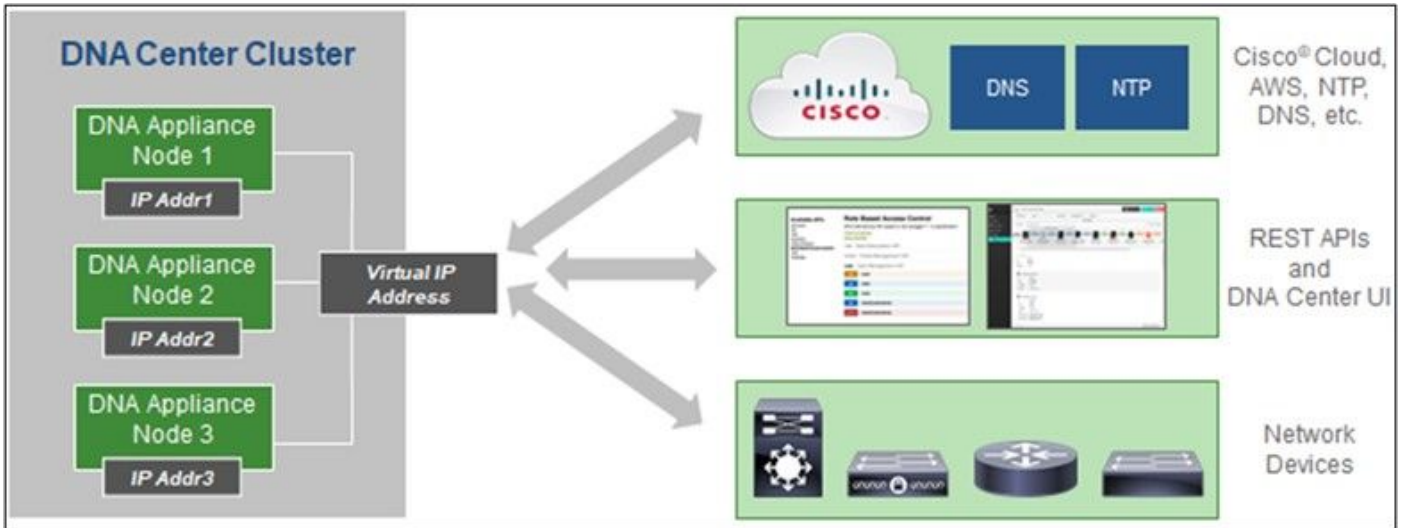
## Domains Specific to CX Cloud Agent OVA

| AMERICAS                    | EMEA                          | APJC                          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| cloudsso.cisco.com          | cloudsso.cisco.com            | cloudsso.cisco.com            |
| api-cx.cisco.com            | api-cx.cisco.com              | api-cx.cisco.com              |
| agent.us.cisco.cloud        | agent.us.cisco.cloud          | agent.us.cisco.cloud          |
| ng.acs.agent.us.cisco.cloud | agent.emea.cisco.cloud        | agent.apjc.cisco.cloud        |
|                             | ng.acs.agent.emea.cisco.cloud | ng.acs.agent.apjc.cisco.cloud |

 **Note:** The outbound access must be allowed with redirection enabled on port 443 for the specified FQDN's.

## Cisco DNA Center Supported Version

Supported single node and HA Cluster Cisco DNA Center versions are 2.1.2.x to 2.2.3.x, 2.3.3.x, 2.3.5.x and Cisco Catalyst Center Virtual Appliance and Cisco DNA Center Virtual Appliance.



Multi-Node HA Cluster Cisco DNA Center

## Supported Browsers

For the best experience on Cisco.com, the latest official release of these browsers is recommended:

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox

## Supported Product List

To view the list of products supported by CX Cloud Agent, refer to the [Supported Product List](#).

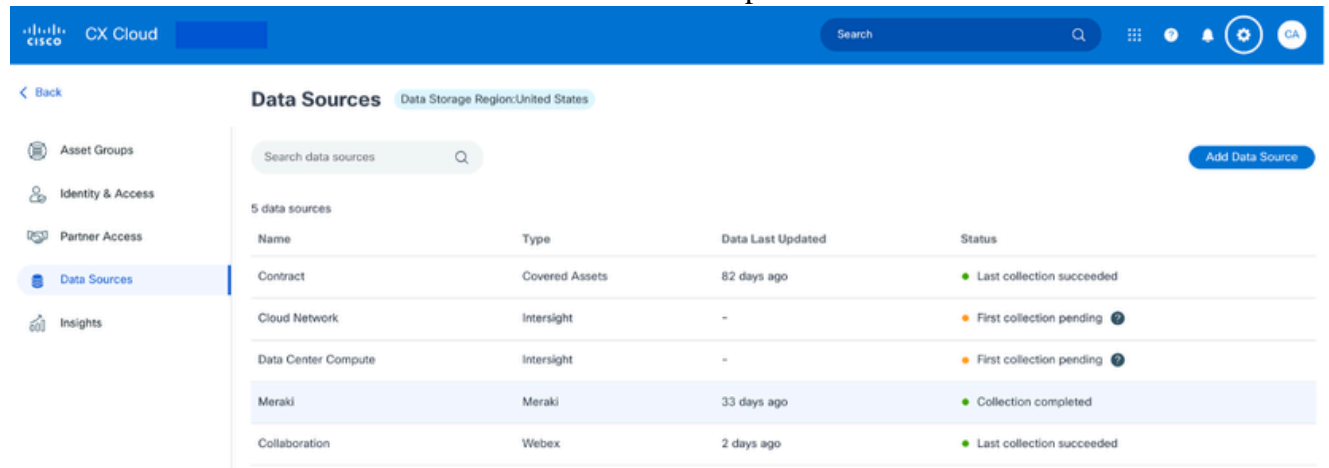
## Connecting Data Sources

To connect data sources:

1. Click [cx.cisco.com](https://cx.cisco.com) to log in to CX Cloud.

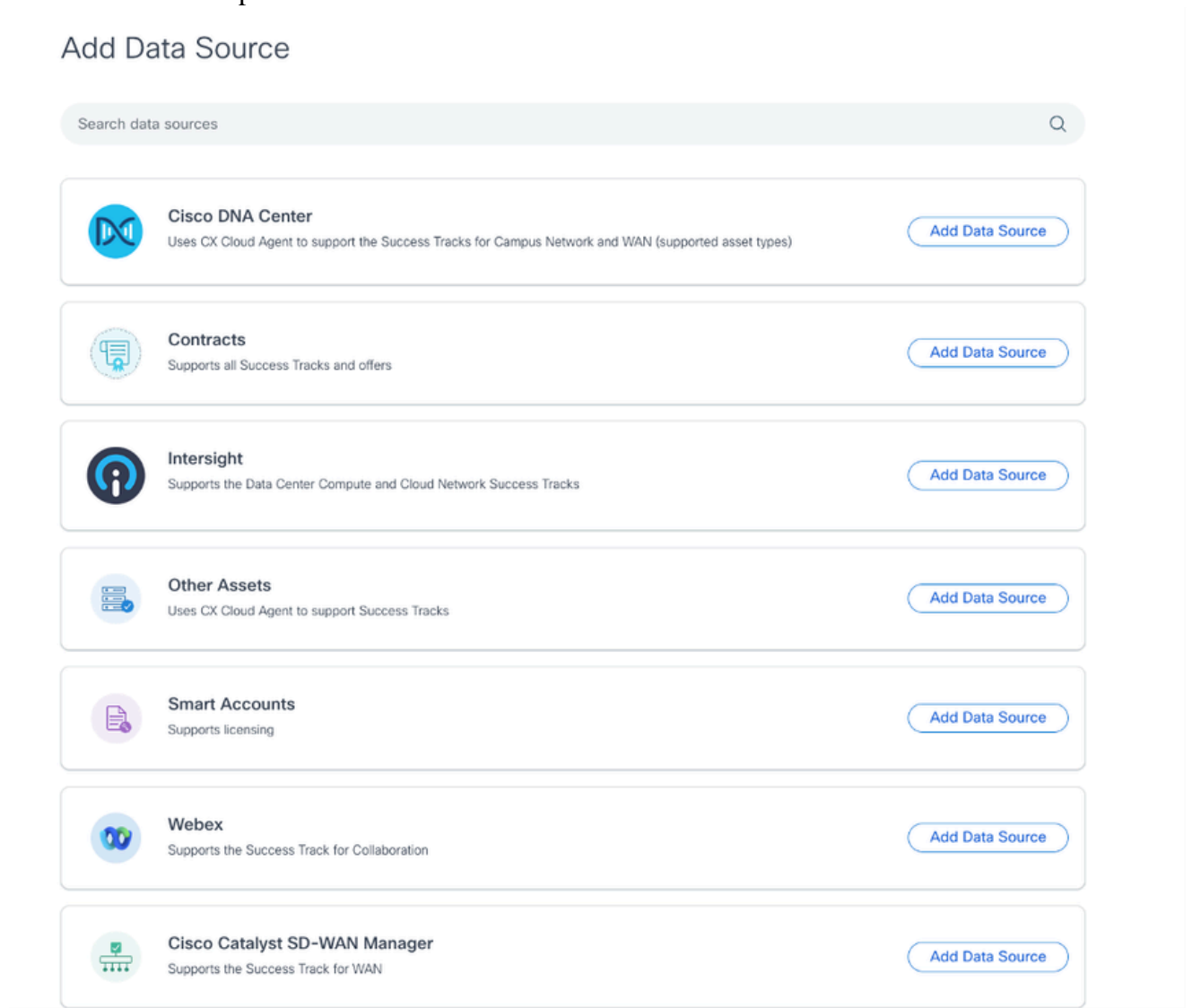
| Asset Name  | Product ID    | Product Type            | Location       |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 01027472484 | CS-DESKPRO-K9 | Collaboration Endpoints | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 01027472485 | CS-DESKPRO-K9 | Collaboration Endpoints | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621595 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621665 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621735 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621805 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621875 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |
| 03073621945 | C9407R        | Switches                | FREMONT,CA,USA |

2. Select **Admin Center** icon. The **Data Sources** window opens.



Data Sources

3. Click **Add Data Source**. The **Add Data Source** window opens. The displayed options can vary based on customer subscriptions.



Add Data Source




4. Click **Add Data Source** to select the applicable data source. If the CX Cloud Agent was not previously set up, the [Setting Up CX Cloud Agent](#) window opens where set up must be completed. If set up is complete, connection continues. Refer to one of these sections to continue:

## [Setting up CX Cloud Agent](#)

### [Adding Cisco DNA Center as Data Source](#)

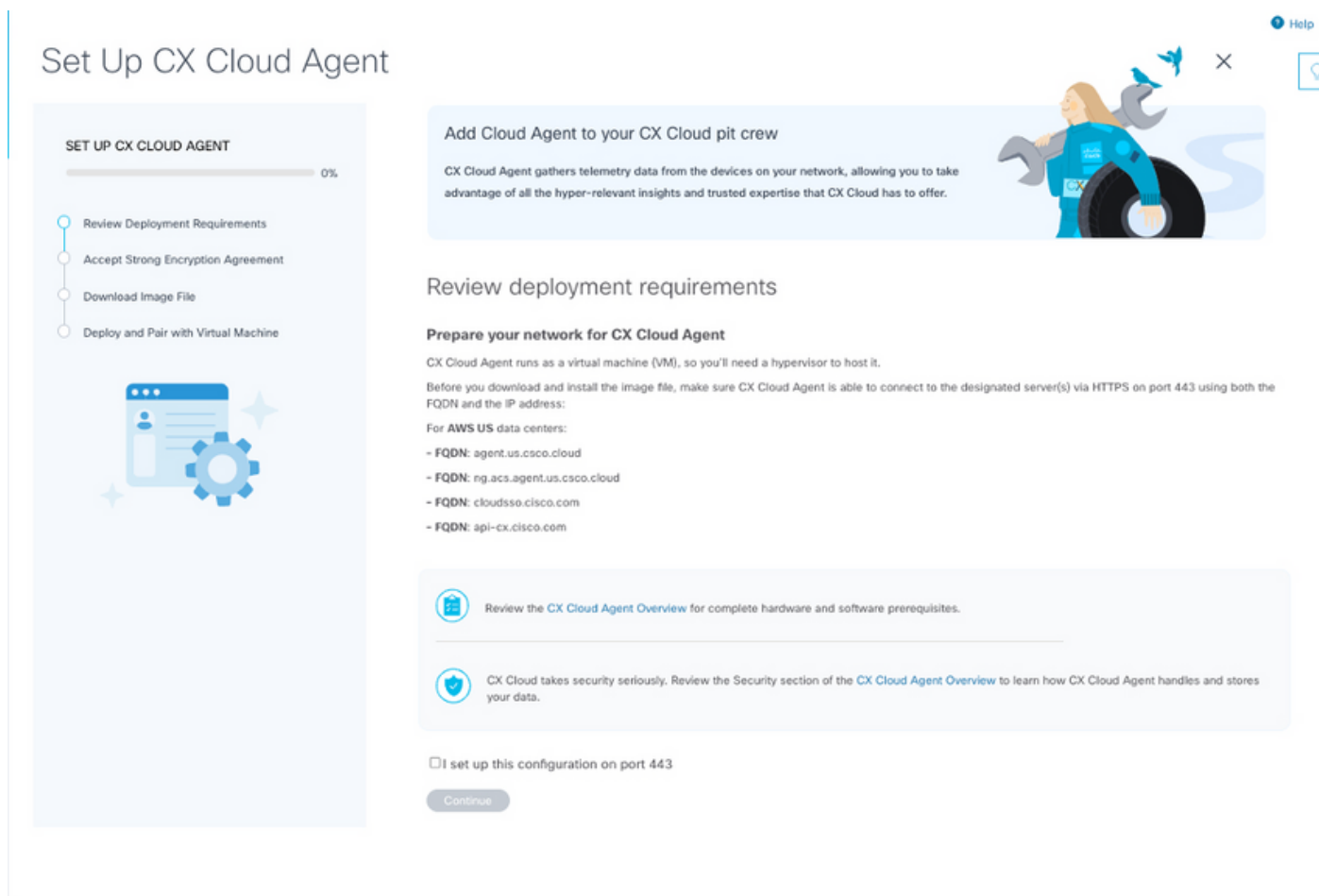
### [Adding Other Assets as Data Sources](#)

 **Note:** The Other Assets option is only available if direct-device connectivity has not previously been configured.

## Setting Up CX Cloud Agent

CX Cloud Agent set up is prompted when connecting data sources if it has not previously been completed.

To set up CX Cloud Agent:



### *Review Deployment Requirements*

1. Review the **Review deployment requirements** and select the **I set up this configuration on port 443** check box.
2. Click **Continue**. The Set Up CX Cloud Agent - **Accept the strong encryption agreement** window opens.

# Set Up CX Cloud Agent

SET UP CX CLOUD AGENT

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- Review Deployment Requirements
- Accept Strong Encryption Agreement
- Download Image File
- Deploy and Pair with Virtual Machine

## Accept the strong encryption agreement

Then you can download the image file for the CX Cloud Agent virtual machine.

Instructions

To apply for eligibility to download strong encryption software images:

1. Ensure the address listed in your [Cisco.com User Profile](#) is correct and complete.
2. Read each of the conditions below carefully prior to selecting your answer.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| First Name         | Last Name         |
| Samuel             | Deckard           |
| Email              | Cisco User Id     |
| tadeckar@cisco.com | CXSuperAdmin38333 |

**Business Division's Function:**

Commercial/Civilian entity

Government entity, a Military entity or Defense Contractor

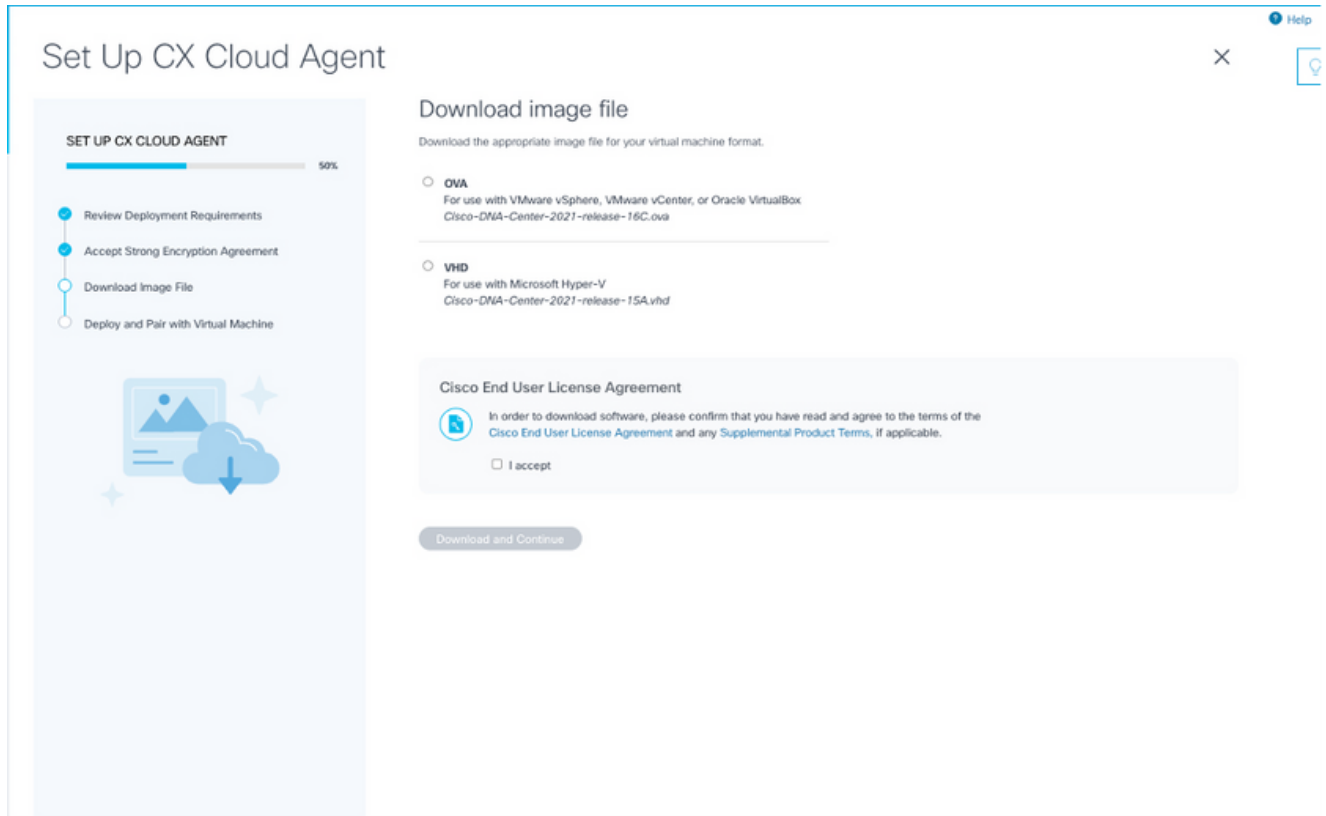
If Government entity, a Military entity or Defense Contractor, Are you in

Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom or the United States.

Yes  No

### Encryption Agreement

3. Verify the pre-populated information in the **First Name**, **Last Name**, **E-mail**, and **Cisco User Id** fields.
4. Select the appropriate **Business Division's Function**.
5. Select the **Confirmation** check box to agree to the usage conditions.
6. Click **Continue**. The Set Up CX Cloud Agent - **Download image file** window opens.



*Download Image*

7. Select the appropriate file format to download the image file required for installation.
8. Select the **I accept** check box to agree to the Cisco End User License Agreement.
9. Click **Download and Continue**. The Set Up CX Cloud Agent - **Deploy and pair with your virtual machine** window opens.
10. Refer to [Network Configuration](#) to obtain the pairing code required in the next section.

## Connecting CX Cloud Agent to CX Cloud

Connecting CX Cloud Agent to CX Cloud is required for telemetry collection to begin so information in the UI can be updated to display the current assets and insights. This section provides details to complete the connection and troubleshooting guidelines.

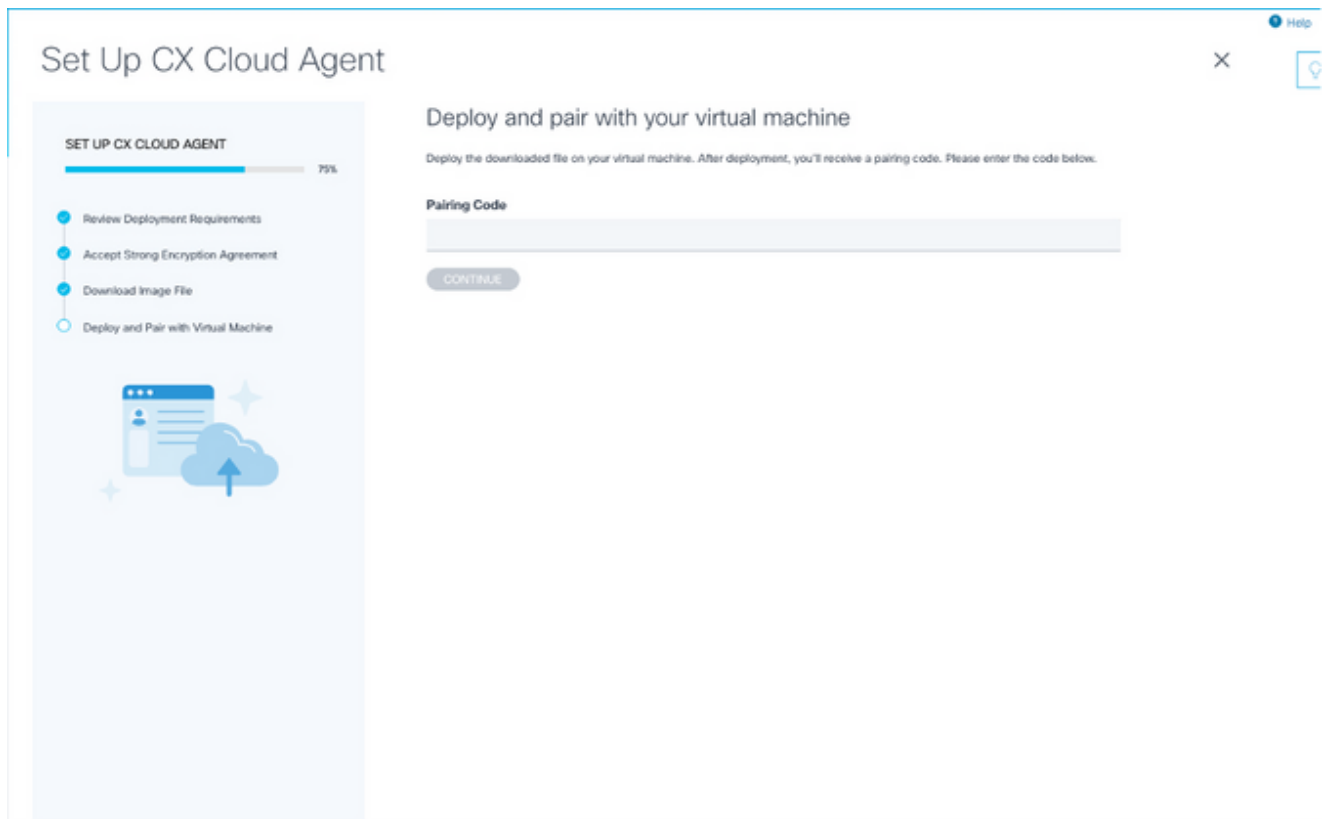
To connect CX Cloud Agent to CX Cloud:

1. Enter the **Pairing Code** provided in the console dialog or Command Line Interface (CLI) of the Virtual Machine connected via Agent.

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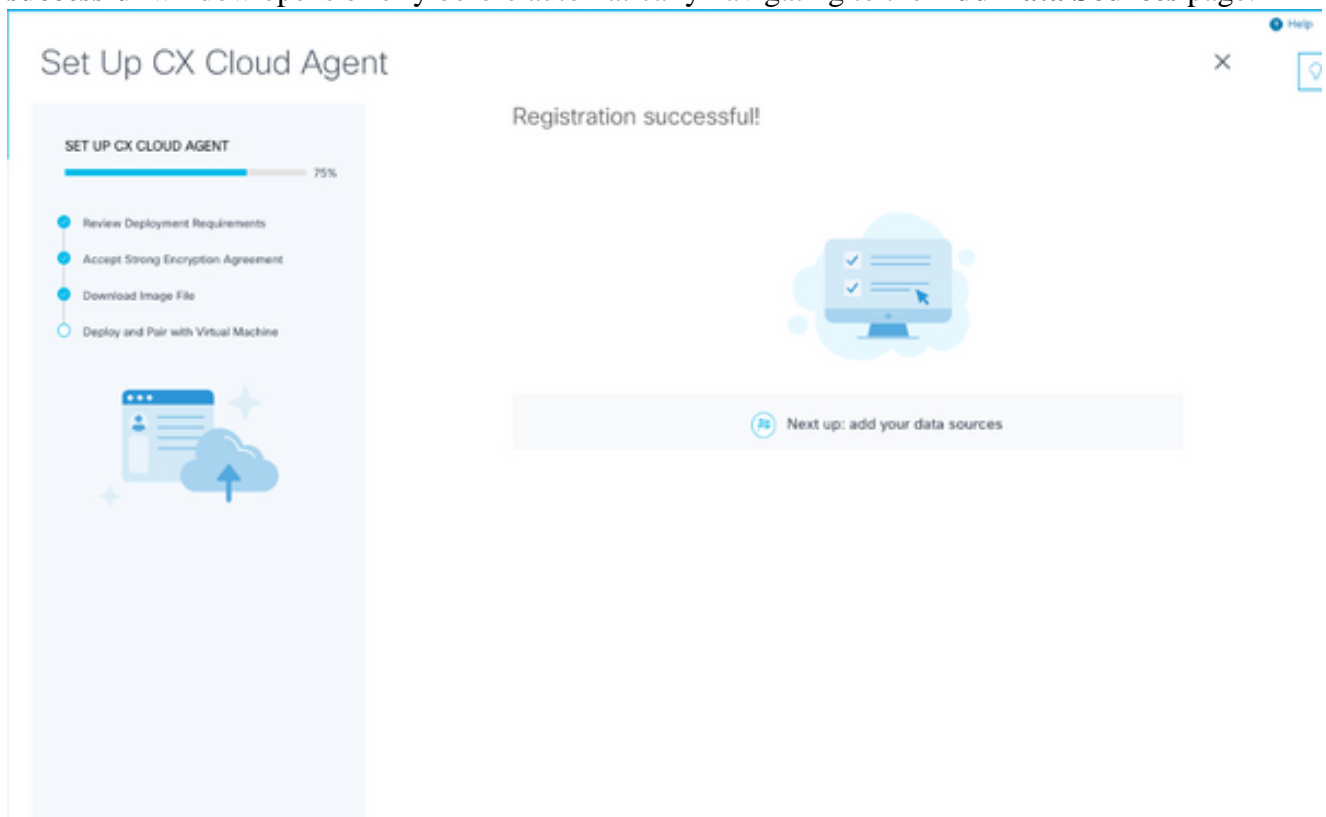
 **Note:** The pairing code is received after deployment of downloaded OVA file.

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*Pairing Code*

2. Click **Continue** to register the CX Cloud Agent. The **Set Up CX Cloud Agent - Registration successful** window opens briefly before automatically navigating to the **Add Data Sources** page.



*Registration Successful*

## Adding Cisco DNA Center as a Data Source

When **Cisco DNA Center** is selected from the data sources connection window (refer to Connect Data Sources image in Connecting Data Sources section), this window opens:

Connect to CX Cloud

Connect a Cisco DNA Center

IP Address or FQDN City

Username Password

Schedule inventory collection

Frequency Time IST

Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)


Connect

*Connect to CX Cloud*

To add Cisco DNA Center as data source:

1. Enter the Cisco DNA Center IP Address or virtual **IP Address or FQDN**, **City** (location of Cisco DNA Center), **Username** and **Password**.

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 **Note:** Do not use an individual cluster node IP.

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2. Schedule an inventory collection by entering a **Frequency and Time** to indicate how often the CX Cloud Agent can perform network scans and update information on connected devices.

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 **Note:** The first inventory collection can take up to 75 minutes.

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3. Click **Connect**. A confirmation displays with the Cisco DNA Center IP address.

### Connect to CX Cloud

Connected

**Cisco DNA Center 10.122.58.165**  
Inventory collection runs every day At 02:00 AM IST  
First collection will run immediately after data sources are added!

Connect another data source to CX Cloud Agent?

+ Add Another Cisco DNA Center

Done

*Successfully Connected*

4. Click **Add Another Cisco DNA Center**, **Done** or **Back to Data Sources** to navigate back to the **Data Sources** window.


## Adding Other Assets as Data Sources

### Overview


Telemetry collection has been extended to devices not managed by the Cisco DNA Center, enabling customers to view and interact with telemetry-derived insights and analytics for a broader range of devices. After the initial CX Cloud Agent setup, users have the option to configure CX Cloud Agent to connect to 20 additional Cisco DNA Centers within the infrastructure monitored by CX Cloud. Users can also connect CX Cloud Agent directly to other hardware assets in their environment, up to 10,000 directly connected devices.

Users can identify devices to incorporate into CX Cloud by uniquely identifying such devices using a seed file or by specifying an IP range, which can be scanned by CX Cloud Agent. Both approaches rely on Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) for the purpose of discovery (SNMP) and on Secure Shell (SSH) for connectivity. These must be properly configured to enable successful telemetry collection.

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 **Note:**  
Either the seed file or IP range can be used. It is not possible to change this selection after the initial set-up.

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 **Note:**  
An initial seed file can be replaced with another seed file while an initial IP range can be edited to a new IP range.

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When **Other Assets** is selected from the data sources connection window, this window opens:



## Connect to CX Cloud

How would you like to connect these assets?

Upload a seed file (recommended)

Add your devices to a [Seed File Template](#). You can reupload this file later if you need to make changes.

Provide an IP Address range

Select any connection method(s). At least one SNMP and SSH are required.

SNMP v3

SNMP v2c

SSH v2

[More](#)

These options support legacy products

SSH v1

Telnet

[Continue](#)



### *Configure Connection to CX Cloud*

To add other assets as data sources:

- Upload a seed file using a seed file template.
- Provide an IP address range.

## Discovery Protocols

Both seed file-based direct device discovery and IP range-based discovery rely on SNMP as the discovery protocol. Different versions of SNMP exist, but CX Cloud Agent supports SNMPV2c and SNMP V3 and either or both versions can be configured. The same information, described next in complete detail, must be provided by the user to complete configuration and to enable connectivity between the SNMP-managed device and SNMP service manager.

SNMPV2c and SNMPV3 differ in terms of security and remote configuration model. SNMPV3 uses an enhanced cryptographic security system supporting SHA encryption to authenticate messages and ensure their privacy. It is recommended that SNMPv3 be used on all public and internet-facing networks to protect against security risks and threats. On CX Cloud, it is preferred that SNMPv3 be configured and not SNMPv2c, except for older legacy devices that lack built-in support for SNMPv3. If both versions of SNMP are configured by the user, CX Cloud Agent can, by default, attempt to communicate with each respective device using SNMPv3 and revert to SNMPv2c if the communication cannot be successfully negotiated.

## Connectivity Protocols

As part of the direct device connectivity setup, users must specify details of the device connectivity protocol: SSH (or, alternatively, telnet). SSHv2 can be used, except in the cases of individual legacy assets which lack the appropriate built-in support. Be aware that SSHv1 protocol contains fundamental vulnerabilities. Absent additional security, telemetry data and the underlying assets can be compromised due to these vulnerabilities when relying on SSHv1. Telnet is also insecure. Credential information (usernames and passwords) submitted through telnet are not encrypted and therefore vulnerable to compromise, absent additional security.

## Add Devices Using a Seed File

## About Seed File


A seed file is a comma-separated values (csv) file where each line represents a system data record. In a seed file, every seed file record corresponds to a unique device from which telemetry can be collected by CX Cloud Agent. All error or information messages for each device entry from the seed file being imported are captured as part of job log details. All devices in a seed file are considered managed devices, even if the devices are unreachable at the time of initial configuration. In the event a new seed file is being uploaded to replace a previous one, the date of last upload is displayed in CX Cloud.

CX Cloud Agent can attempt to connect to the devices but cannot be able to process each one to show in the Assets pages in cases where it is not able to determine the PIDs or Serial Numbers. Any row in the seed file that starts with a semicolon is ignored. The header row in the seed file starts with a semicolon and can be kept as is (recommended option) or deleted while creating the customer seed file.

It is important that the format of the sample seed file, including column headers, not be altered in any way. Click the link provided to view a seed file in PDF format. This PDF is for reference only and can be used to create a seed file that needs to be saved in .csv format.

Click this [link](#) to view a seed file that can be used to create a seed file in .csv format.

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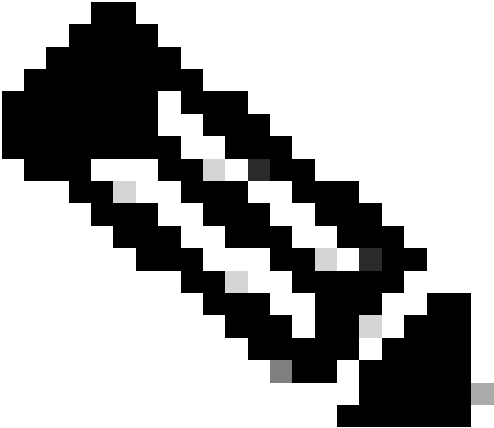
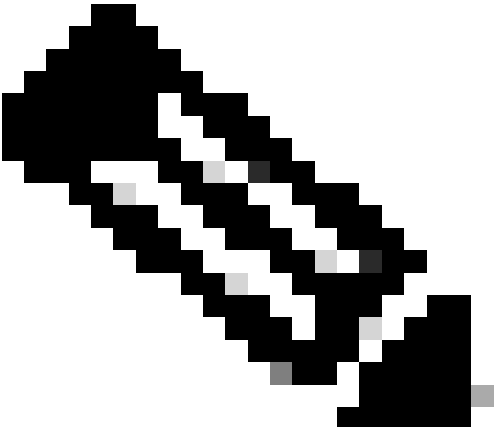
 **Note:** This PDF is for reference only and can be used to create a seed file that needs to be saved in .csv format.

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This table identifies all necessary seed file columns and the data that must be included in each column.

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier                                | Purpose of the Column  |
|------------------|---|--|
| A                | IP Address or hostname                                    | Provide a valid, unique IP Address or hostname of the device.  |
| B                | SNMP protocol version                                     | The SNMP protocol is required by CX Cloud Agent and is used for device discovery within the customer network. Values can be snmpv2c or snmpv3, but snmpv3 is recommended due to security considerations. |
| C                | snmpRo : Mandatory if col#=3 selected as 'snmpv2c'        | If the legacy variant of SNMPv2 is selected for a specific device, then snmpRO (read only) credentials for the device SNMP collection must be specified. Otherwise, entry can be blank.                  |
| D                | snmpv3UserName : Mandatory if col#=3 selected as 'snmpv3' | If SNMPv3 is selected to communicate with a specific device, then the respective login username must be provided.  |
| E                | snmpv3AuthAlgorithm : values can be MD5 or SHA            | SNMPv3 protocol permits Authentication via either the MD5 or SHA Algorithm. If the device is configured with secure Authentication, then the   |



| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier                     | Purpose of the Column   |
|------------------|--|---|
|                  |  | <p>respective Auth Algorithm must be provided.</p> <hr/>  <p><b>Note:</b> MD5 is considered insecure, and SHA can be used on all devices that support it.</p>   |
| F                | snmpv3AuthPassword : password                  | <p>If either a MD5 or a SHA cryptographic algorithm is configured on the device, then the relevant Authentication password needs to be provided for device access.</p>  |
| G                | snmpv3PrivAlgorithm : values can be DES , 3DES | <p>If the device is configured with the SNMPv3 privacy algorithm (this algorithm is used to encrypt the response), then the respective Algorithm needs to be provided.</p> <hr/>  <p><b>Note:</b> 56-bit keys used by DES are</p> |

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier  | Purpose of the Column  |
|------------------|---|--|
|                  |   | <p>considered too short to provide cryptographic security, and that 3DES can be used on all devices that support it.</p>   |
| H                | snmpv3PrivPassword : password   | If the SNMPv3 privacy algorithm is configured on the device, then its respective privacy password needs to be provided for device connection.  |
| I                | snmpv3EngineId : engineID, unique ID representing device, specify engine ID if manually configured on device                                    | The SNMPv3 EngineID is a unique ID representing each device. This engine ID is sent as a reference while collecting the SNMP datasets by CX Cloud Agent. If the customer configures the EngineID manually, then the respective EngineID needs to be provided.  |
| J                | cliProtocol: values can be 'telnet', 'sshv1', 'sshv2'. If empty can set to 'sshv2' by default   | The CLI is intended to interact with the device directly. CX Cloud Agent uses this protocol for CLI collection for a specific device. This CLI collection data is used for Assets and other Insights Reporting within CX Cloud. SSHv2 is recommended; absent other network security measures, in themselves SSHv1 and Telnet protocols do not provide adequate transport security. |
| K                | cliPort : CLI protocol port number  | If any CLI Protocol is selected, its respective port number needs to be provided. For example, 22 for SSH and 23 for telnet.   |
| L                | cliUser : CLI User name (either CLI username/password or BOTH can be provided, BUT both columns (col#=12 and col#=13) cannot be empty.)         | The respective CLI username of the device needs to be provided. This is used by CX Cloud Agent at the time of connecting to the device during CLI collection.  |
| M                | cliPassword : CLI user password (either CLI username/password or BOTH can be provided, BUT both columns (col#=12 and col#=13) cannot be empty.) | The respective CLI password of the device needs to be provided. This is used by CX Cloud Agent at the time of connecting to the device during CLI collection.  |

| Seed File Column | Column Header / Identifier          | Purpose of the Column   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| N                | cliEnableUser                       | If enable is configured on the device, then the device's enableUsername value needs to be provided. |
| O                | cliEnablePassword                   | If enable is configured on the device, then the device's enablePassword value needs to be provided. |
| P                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use   |
| Q                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use   |
| R                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use   |
| S                | Future Support (No Inputs required) | Reserved for Future Use   |

### Telemetry Processing Limitations for Devices

These are limitations when processing telemetry data for devices:

- Some devices can show as reachable in the Collection Summary but are not visible in the CX Cloud Assets page. Device instrumentation limitations prevent the processing of such device telemetry.
- Telemetry attributes can be inaccurate or missing in the CX Cloud Assets page for devices that are not part of the Campus Success Track.
- If a device from the seed file or IP range collections is also part of the Cisco DNA Center inventory, the device is reported only once for the Cisco DNA Center entry. The seed file/ IP range entry is not collected or processed to avoid duplication.

### Add Devices Using a New Seed File

To add devices using a new seed file:

1. Download the seed file template (PDF) using the embedded link in this document (refer to About the Seed File) or through a link in the Configure Connection to CX Cloud window.

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 **Note:** The link in the Configure Connection to CX Cloud window is no longer available once the initial seed file has been downloaded.

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## Configure connection to CX Cloud

Upload your seed file

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Download the [seed file template](#) and add your device info. Then attach the file below.



Collection Frequency

Frequency

Time

Time

VET



Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)


Connect This Data Source

*Configure Connect to CX Cloud Window*


2. Open an Excel spreadsheet (or any preferred spreadsheet) and enter the headings as shown in the template.
3. Enter data manually or import data into the file.
4. Once complete, save the template as a .csv file to import the file into CX Cloud Agent.

## Configure connection to CX Cloud

Upload your seed file ✕







You've reached your file limit.  
To upload a new file, please remove an existing file.

|   |                                    |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|  | nextgen_seedfile.csv<br>Completed. | <a href="#">Delete</a> |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|

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### Schedule Inventory Collection

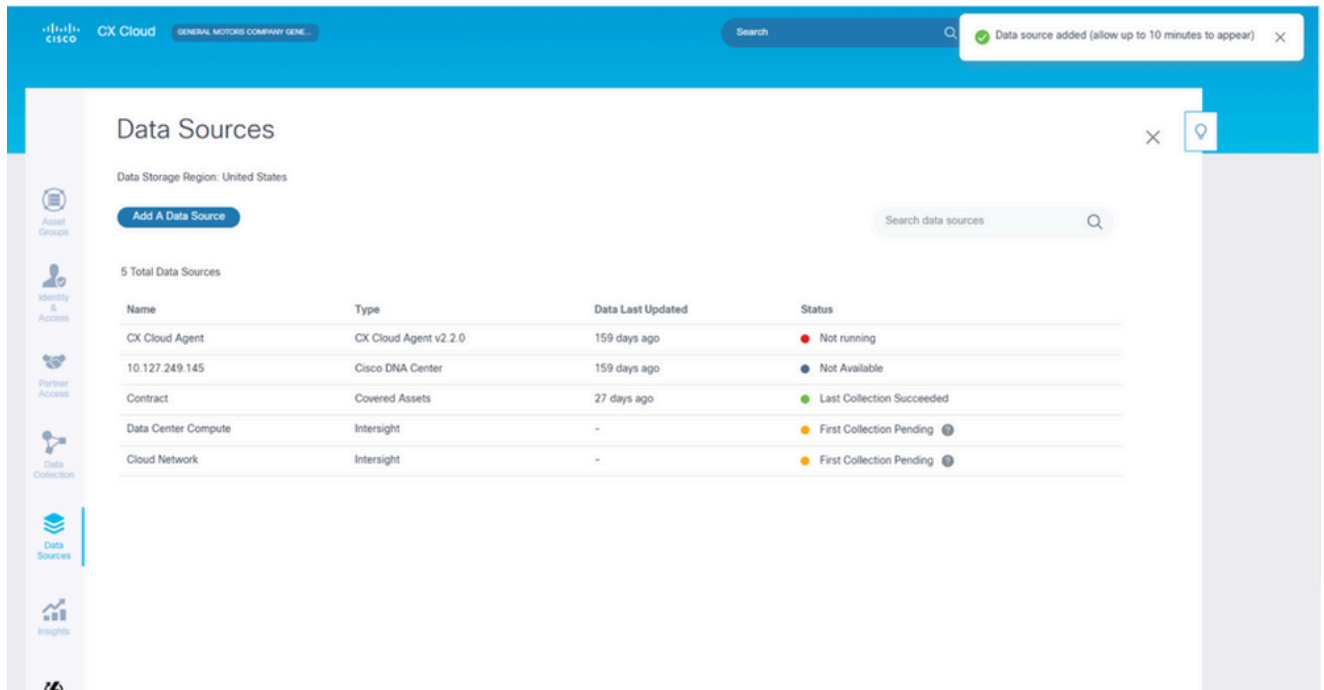
|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Collection Frequency   | Time  | Day   |
| Weekly    | 12:00am  | VET  |
| Day  |   |   |
| Sunday  |   |   |

Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)

[Connect](#)

### Upload Seed File Window

5. In the **Upload your seed file** window, drag-and-drop the newly created .csv file or click **browse files** and navigate to the **.csv file**.
6. Complete the **Schedule Inventory Collection** section and click **Connect**. The Data Sources window opens, displaying a confirmation message.
7. Before initial configuration of CX Cloud is completed, CX Cloud Agent must perform the first telemetry collection by processing the seed file and establishing connection with all identified devices. Collection can be initiated on-demand or run according to a schedule defined here. Users can perform the first telemetry connection by selecting the **Run the first collection now** check box. Depending on the number of entries specified in the seed file and other factors, this process can take a considerable amount of time.




Confirmation Message

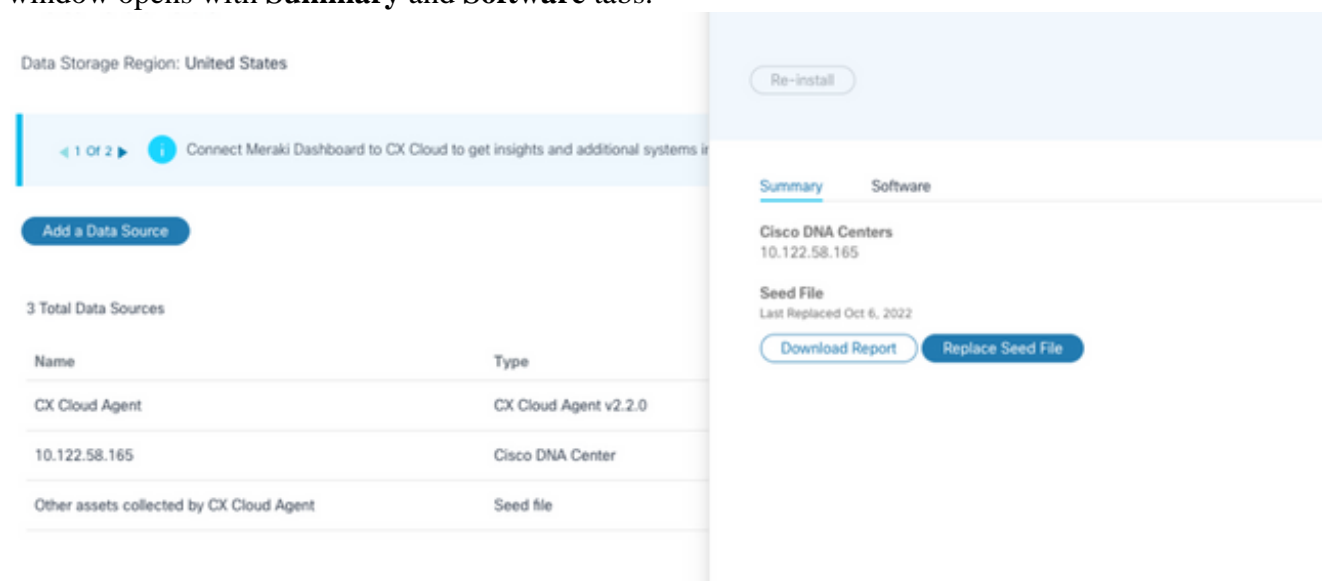
## Add Devices Using a Modified Seed File

To add, modify, or delete devices using the current seed file:

1. **Open** the previously created seed file, make required changes, and **save** the file.

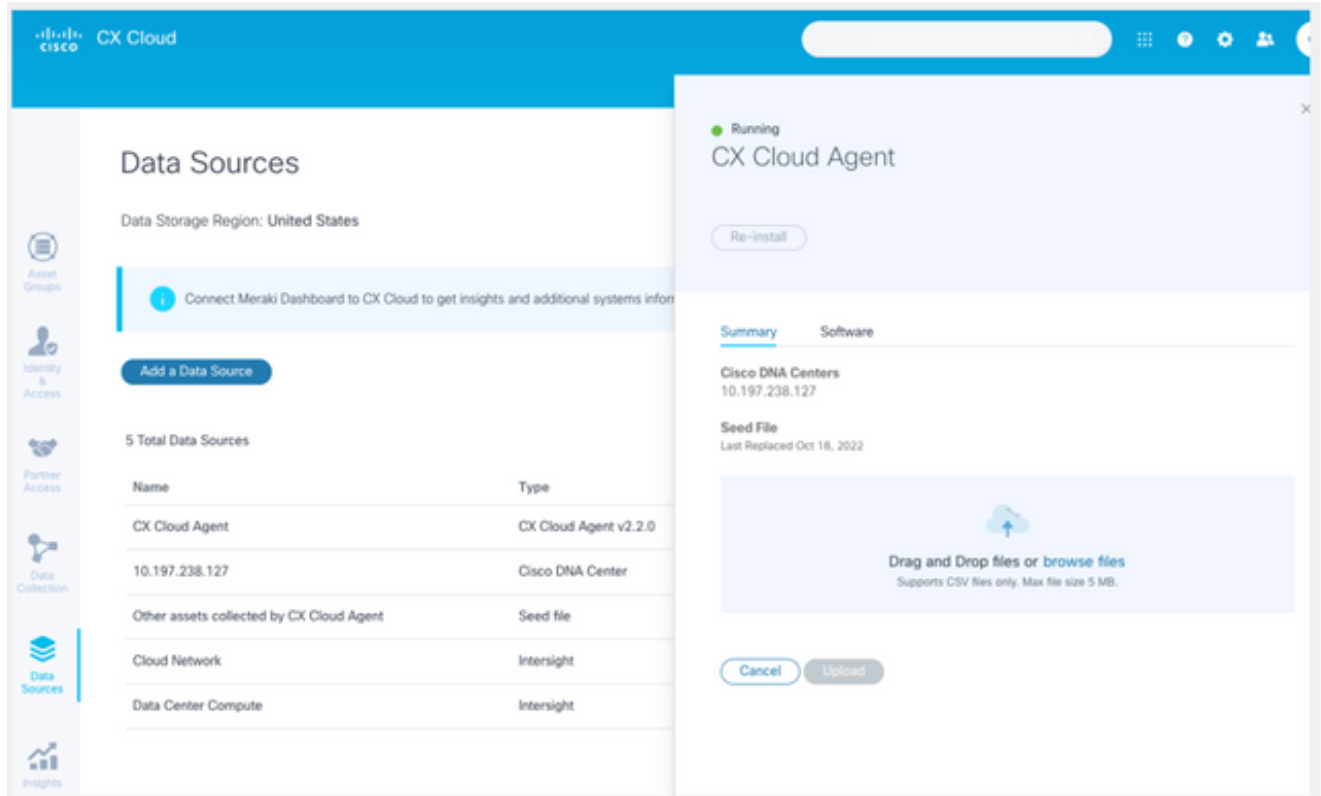
 **Note:** To add assets to the seed file, append those assets to the previously created seed file and reload the file. This is necessary since uploading a new seed file replaces the current seed file. Only the latest uploaded seed file is used for discovery and collection.

2. From the **Data Sources** page, select a **data source** that has a Type of CX Cloud Agent. A details window opens with **Summary** and **Software** tabs.



Details Window

3. Click **Download Report** to generate a report on all assets for the selected data source. The report provides information on the device IP Address, Serial Number, Reachability, Command Type, Command Status, and Command Error, if applicable.
4. Click **Replace Seed File**. The CX Cloud Agent window opens.



*CX Cloud Agent Window*

5. Drag and drop the modified seed file into the window or browse to the file and add it in the window.
6. Click **Upload**.

## Add Devices Using IP Ranges

IP ranges allow users to identify hardware assets and, subsequently, collect telemetry from those devices based on IP addresses. The devices for telemetry collection can be uniquely identified by specifying a single network-level IP range, which can be scanned by CX Cloud Agent using the SNMP protocol. If the IP range is chosen to identify a directly connected device, the IP addresses that are referenced can be as restrictive as possible, while allowing coverage for all required assets.


- Specific IPs can be provided, or wildcards can be used to replace octets of an IP to create a range.
- If a specific IP address is not included in the IP range identified during setup, CX Cloud Agent does not attempt to communicate with a device that has such an IP address, nor does it collect telemetry from such a device.
- Entering \*.\*.\* allows CX Cloud Agent to use the user-supplied credential with any IP. For example: 172.16.\*.\* allows the credentials to be used for all devices in the 172.16.0.0/16 subnet.
- If there are any changes to the network or Installed Base (IB), the IP range can be modified. Refer to section [Editing IP Ranges](#)

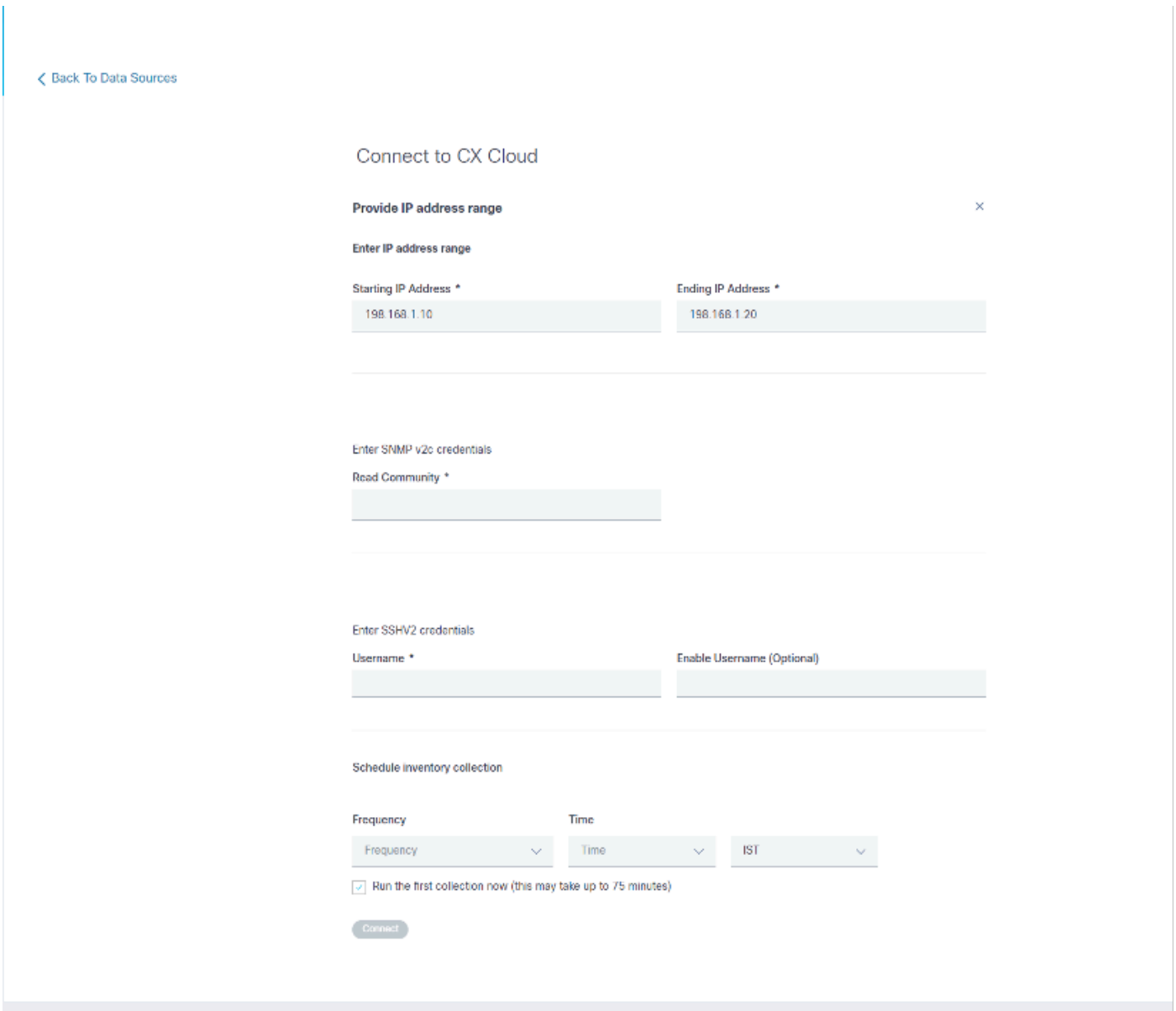
CX Cloud Agent can attempt to connect to the devices but is not able to process each one to show in the **Assets** view in cases where it is not able to determine the PIDs or Serial Numbers.

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### Notes:

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 Clicking **Edit IP Address Range** initiates on-demand device discovery. When any new device is added or deleted (within or outside) to a specified IP-range, customer must always click **Edit IP Address Range** (refer to section [Editing IP Ranges](#)) and complete the steps required for initiating the on-demand device discovery to include any newly added device to the CX Cloud Agent collection inventory.



*Initial IP Address Range Window*

Adding devices using an IP range requires users to specify all applicable credentials through the configuration UI. The fields visible vary depending on the protocols selected on the previous windows. If multiple selections are made for the same protocol, for example, selecting both SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 or selecting both SSHv2 and SSHv1, CX Cloud Agent automatically auto-negotiates the protocol selection based on the individual device capabilities.

When connecting devices using IP addresses, customer can ensure all relevant protocols in the IP range along with SSH versions and Telnet credentials are valid or the connections can fail.

To add devices using the IP range:

1. In the **Configure connection to CX Cloud** window, select the **Provide an IP Address range** option.



## Configure connection to CX Cloud

Provide IP address range

✕

Enter IP address range

Starting IP Address \*

Ending IP Address \*

Enter SNMP v3 credentials

Username

Engine ID

Authorization Algorithm

Authorization Password

Privacy Algorithm

Privacy Password

*Add Devices Using IP Addresses Form*

2. Complete the form with the relevant information.
3. Several connection options can be selected. These screens display the configuration credentials for the options. Refer to [About the Seed File](#) for a description of the credential fields for each connection option.

## Configure connection to CX Cloud

**Provide IP address range**

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**Enter IP address range**

Starting IP Address \*

Ending IP Address \*

Enter SNMP v3 credentials

Username

Engine ID

Authorization Algorithm

Authorization Password

Privacy Algorithm

Privacy Password

*SNMP v3 Credentials*

Enter SNMP v2c credentials

Read Community \*

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Enter SSHV2 credentials

Username

Enable Username (Optional)

Password

Enable Password (Optional)

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Enter SSHV1 credentials

Username

Enable Username (Optional)

Password

Enable Password (Optional)

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*SNMP v2, SSHV2, and SSHV1 Credentials*

Enter Telnet credentials

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Username             | Enable Username (Optional) |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>       |
| Password             | Enable Password (Optional) |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>       |

### Schedule Inventory Collection

|                                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Collection Frequency           | Time                      |                          |
| Frequency <input type="text"/> | Time <input type="text"/> | IST <input type="text"/> |

Run the first collection now (this may take up to 75 minutes)

Connect

*Telnet Credentials and Network Scan Scheduling*

4. Click **Connect**. The Data Sources window opens, displaying a confirmation message.

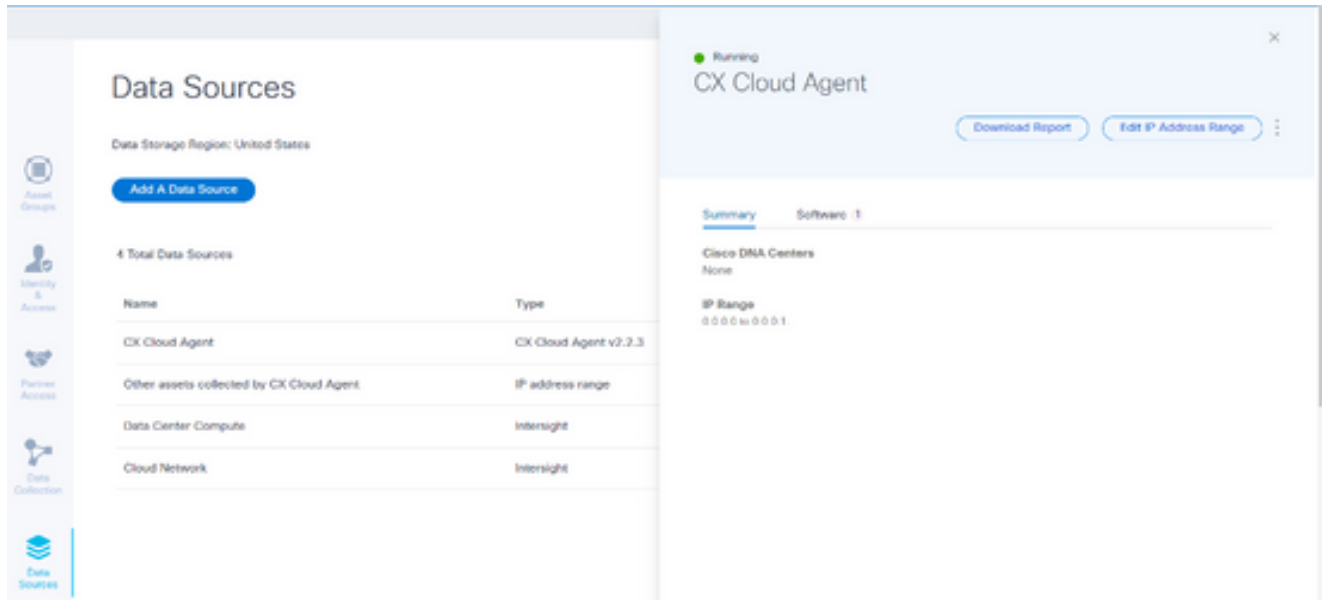
| Name                | Type                  | Data Last Updated | Status                    |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| CX Cloud Agent      | CX Cloud Agent v2.2.0 | 159 days ago      | Not running               |
| 10.127.249.145      | Cisco DNA Center      | 159 days ago      | Not Available             |
| Contract            | Covered Assets        | 27 days ago       | Last Collection Succeeded |
| Data Center Compute | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending  |
| Cloud Network       | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending  |

*Confirmation*

## Editing IP Ranges

To edit an IP range;

1. Navigate to the **Data Sources** window.



*Data Sources*

2. Click the **CX Cloud Agent** that requires IP range edit in Data Sources. The details window opens.
3. Click **Edit IP Address Range**. The Connect to CX Cloud window opens.

[← Back To Data Sources](#)

## Connect to CX Cloud

Provide an IP address range

[Edit The Protocols](#)

Enter IP address range

Starting IP address \*

0.0.0.0

Ending IP address \*

0.0.0.1

Cancel

Continue

*Provide an IP Range*

4. Update the new IPs in the **Starting IP address** and **Ending IP address** fields.
5. Click the **Edit the Protocols** link. The Connect to CX Cloud – Select a protocol window opens.

[← Back To Data Sources](#)

## Connect to CX Cloud

### Select a protocol

At least one discovery and collection method are required.

#### Discovery options

- SNMP v3 (recommended)
- SNMP v2c

#### Collection options

- SSH v2 (recommended)
- SSH v1
- Telnet

Cancel

Continue

*Select a Protocol*

6. Select the applicable protocols by clicking the appropriate check boxes.
7. Click **Continue**. The Provide an IP address range window opens.

Provide an IP address range

[Edit The Protocols](#)

Enter IP address range

Starting IP address \*

0.0.0.0

Ending IP address \*

0.0.0.2

Enter SNMP v2c credentials

Read community \*

Enter SSH v1 credentials

Username \*

Enable Username (Optional)

Password \*

Enable Password (Optional)

Cancel

Connect

*Enter Credentials*

8. Enter configuration credentials.

9. Click **Connect**. The Data Sources window opens, displaying a confirmation message.

The screenshot shows the Cisco CX Cloud interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Cisco logo, 'CX Cloud', and 'FEDERAL UNITED STATES'. A search bar is visible. A notification bubble in the top right corner states 'IP address range updated'. The main content area is titled 'Data Sources' and includes a search bar for data sources. Below this, it indicates '4 Total Data Sources'. A table lists the data sources with columns for Name, Type, Data Last Updated, and Status.

| Name                                     | Type                  | Data Last Updated | Status                   |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| CX Cloud Agent                           | CX Cloud Agent v2.2.3 | 3 minutes ago     | Running                  |
| Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent | IP address range      | 3 minutes ago     | 1 unreachable            |
| Data Center Compute                      | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending |
| Cloud Network                            | Intersight            | -                 | First Collection Pending |



**Note:** The confirmation message does not ensure that the devices in the edited range are reachable, and credentials have been accepted.

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### About Devices Discovered from Multiple Controllers

It is possible that some devices could be discovered by both the Cisco DNA Center and direct device connection to CX Cloud Agent causing duplicate data to be collected from those devices. To avoid collecting duplicate data and having only one controller manage the devices, a precedence for which CX Cloud Agent manages the devices needs to be determined.

- If a device is first discovered by Cisco DNA Center and then rediscovered by direct device connection (using a seed file or an IP range), Cisco DNA Center takes precedence in controlling the device.
- If a device is first discovered by direct device connection to CX Cloud Agent and then rediscovered by Cisco DNA Center, Cisco DNA Center takes precedence in controlling the device.

### Scheduling Diagnostics Scans

Customers can schedule on demand diagnostic scans in CX Cloud.





**Note:** Cisco recommends scheduling diagnostic scans or initiating on-demand scans at least 6-7 hours apart from inventory collection schedules so they do not overlap. Executing multiple diagnostic scans simultaneously can slow the scanning process and potentially result in scan failures.

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To schedule diagnostic scans:

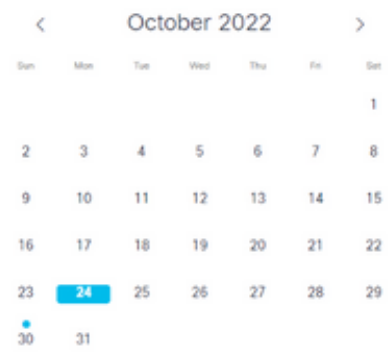
1. On the **Home** page, click the **Settings** (gear) icon.
2. On the **Data Sources** page, select **Data Collection** in the left pane.
3. Click **Schedule Scan**.

## Data Collection

Diagnostic Scans 3

Schedule Scan

No Diagnostic Scans Found



Inventory Collection 3

3 Collections

| Source                                   | Schedule                            |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent | Monthly on the 30th at 05:30 PM EDT | ⋮ |
| 10.197.238.127                           | Monthly on the 30th at 05:00 PM EDT | ⋮ |
| 22.1.90.1                                | Monthly on the 30th at 09:00 PM EDT | ⋮ |

Rapid Problem Resolution

Automate data collection and diagnostics when a support case is opened. This helps Cisco experts diagnose and troubleshoot problems faster.

Enable for Campus Network

Data Collection

4. Configure a schedule for this scan.

### Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent Inventory Collection Details ×

Schedule History

Weekly ▾ on Sunday ▾ at 12:00 am ▾ EDT

Created: Oct 3, 2022

Save Scheduled Collection

Configure Scan Schedule

5. In the devices list, select all devices for the scan and click **Add**.

## New Scheduled Scan

**Data Sources**  
Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent

**Schedule**  
Frequency at Time IST [Save Changes](#)

Description (Optional)

| Device                                    | Source IP      | IP Address |
|---|----------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_2_1  | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.2.1   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_32_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.32.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_36_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.36.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_41_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.41.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_51_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.51.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_55_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.55.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_61_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.61.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_63_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.63.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_64_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.64.1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Device_22_0_70_1 | 10.127.249.156 | 22.0.70.1  |

[Add](#) [Remove](#)

| Device                            | Source IP | IP Address |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Devices are part of selected list |           |            |

1 2 Next

### Schedule a Scan

6. Click **Save Changes** when the scheduling is complete.

The Diagnostic Scans and the Inventory Collection schedules can be edited and deleted from the Data Collection page.

**Data Collection**

**Diagnostic Scans** [Schedule Scan](#)

| Asset Count | Source         | Schedule              |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | 10.127.249.152 | Not scannable         |
| 10          | 10.127.249.152 | Daily at 07:00 PM IST |

**Inventory Collection**

| Source                                   | Schedule                           |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent | Daily at 04:00 AM IST              |
|  | Daily at 12:30 AM IST              |
| 172.20.224.70/live.cisco.com             | Monthly on the 9th at 11:30 PM IST |
| 10.127.249.152                           | Daily at 02:00 AM IST              |

**Rapid Problem Resolution**  
Automate data collection and diagnostics when a support case is opened. This helps Cisco experts diagnose and troubleshoot problems faster.

Enable for Campus Network

[View detailed instructions](#)

Data Collection with Edit and Delete Schedule Options

## Deployment and Network Configuration

Select any of these options to deploy the CX Cloud Agent:

- To select VMware vSphere/vCenter Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0 go to [Thick Client](#)
- To select VMware vSphere/vCenter Web Client ESXi 6.0 go to [Web Client](#) or [vSphere Center](#)
- To select Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 go to [Oracle VM](#)
- To select Microsoft Hyper-V go to [Hyper-V](#)

## OVA Deployment

### Thick Client ESXi 5.5/6.0 Installation

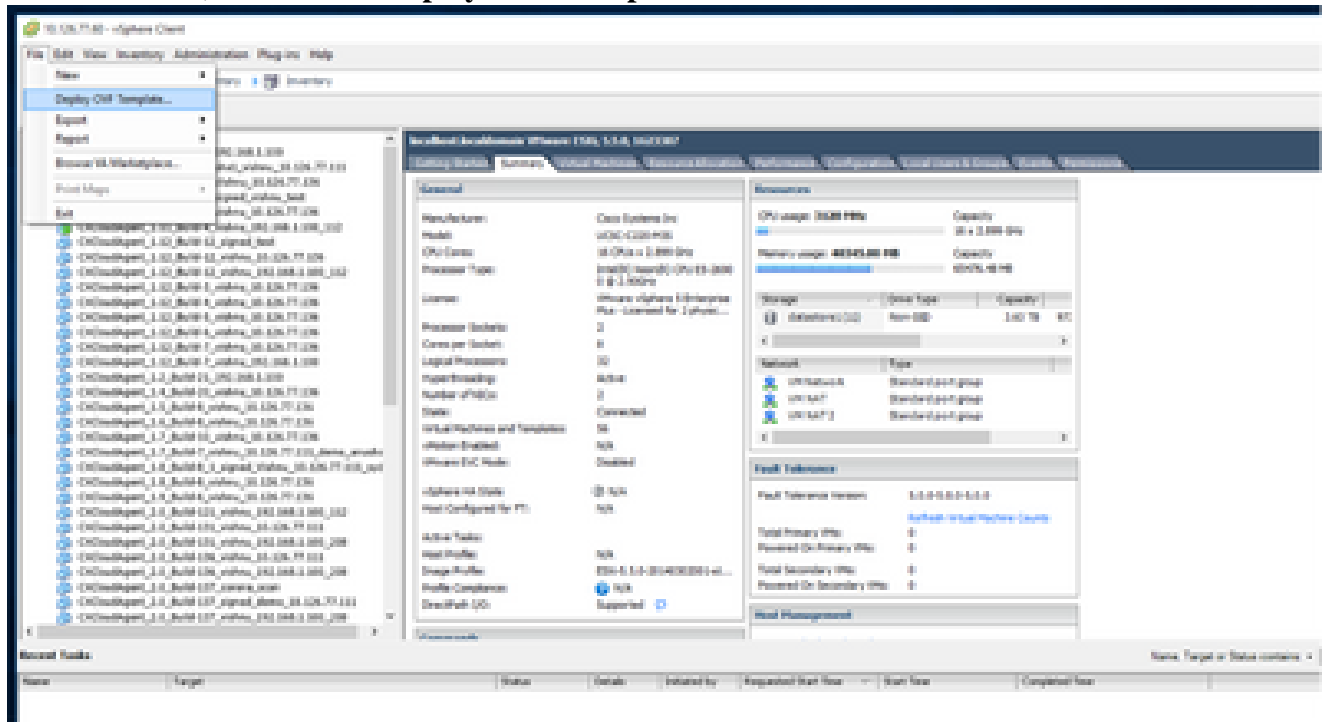
This client allows deployment of CX Cloud Agent OVA by use of the vSphere thick client.

1. After downloading the image, launch the **VMware vSphere Client** and log in.



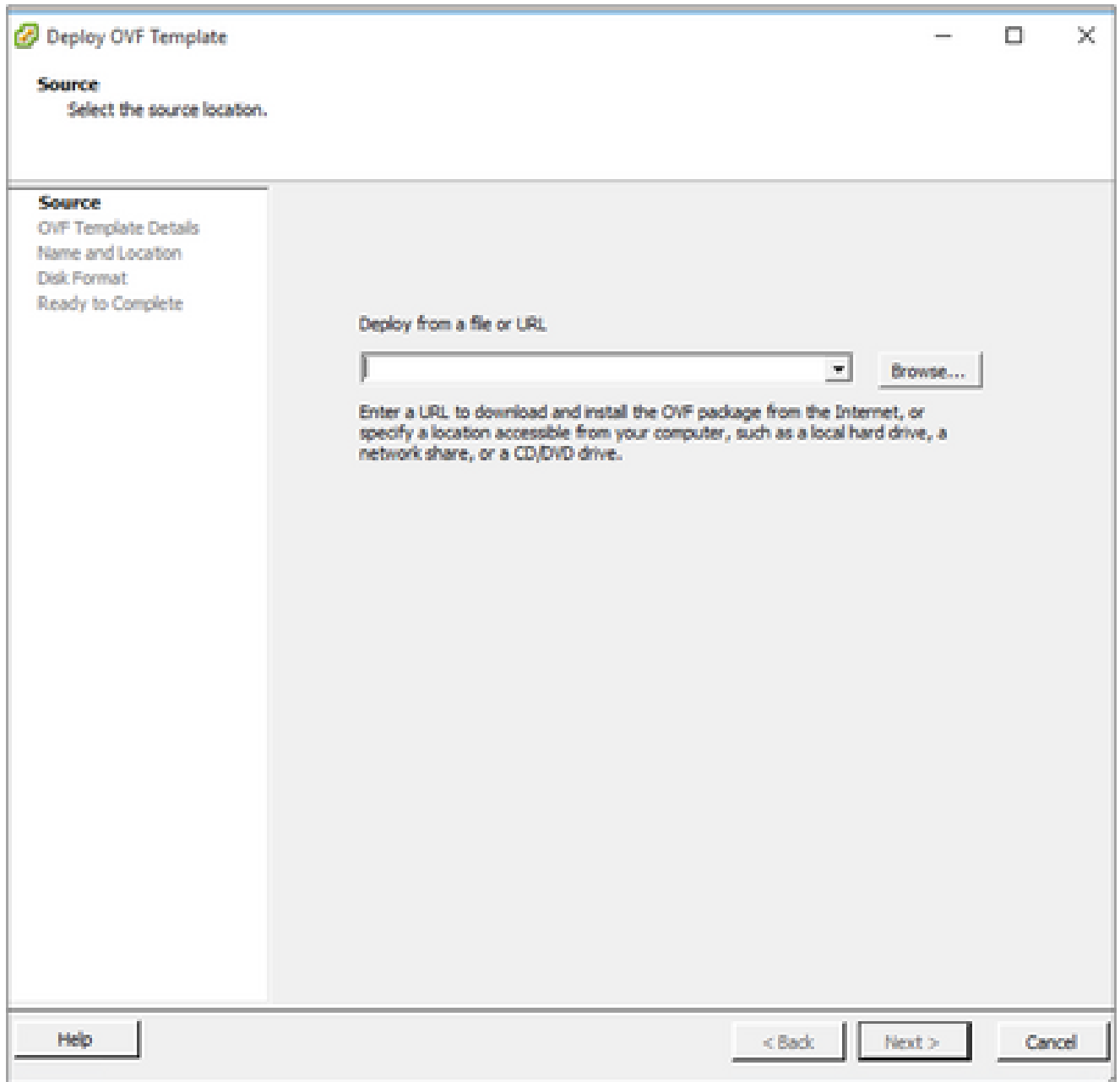
Login

2. From the menu, select **File > Deploy OVF Template**.



vSphere Client

3. Browse to select the **OVA file** and click **Next**.



*OVA Path*

4. Verify the **OVF Details** and click **Next**.

### OVF Template Details

Verify OVF template details.

**SOURCE**

**OVF Template Details**

Name and Location  
Disk Format  
Network Mapping  
Ready to Complete

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Product:       | CxCloudAgent_2.0_Build-144                                |
| Version:       | 2.0   |
| Vendor:        | Cisco Systems, Inc  |
| Publisher:     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.   |
| Download size: | 1.1 GB  |
| Size on disk:  | 3.1 GB (thin provisioned)<br>200.0 GB (thick provisioned) |
| Description:   | CxCloudAgent_2.0_Build-144                                |

Help < Back Next > Cancel

Template Details

5. Enter a **Unique Name** and click **Next**.

**Name and Location**

Specify a name and location for the deployed template

**Source**  
[OVF Template Details](#)  
**Name and Location**  
Disk Format  
Network Mapping  
Ready to Complete

Name:  
C:\CloudAgent\_2.0\_Build-144\_202003

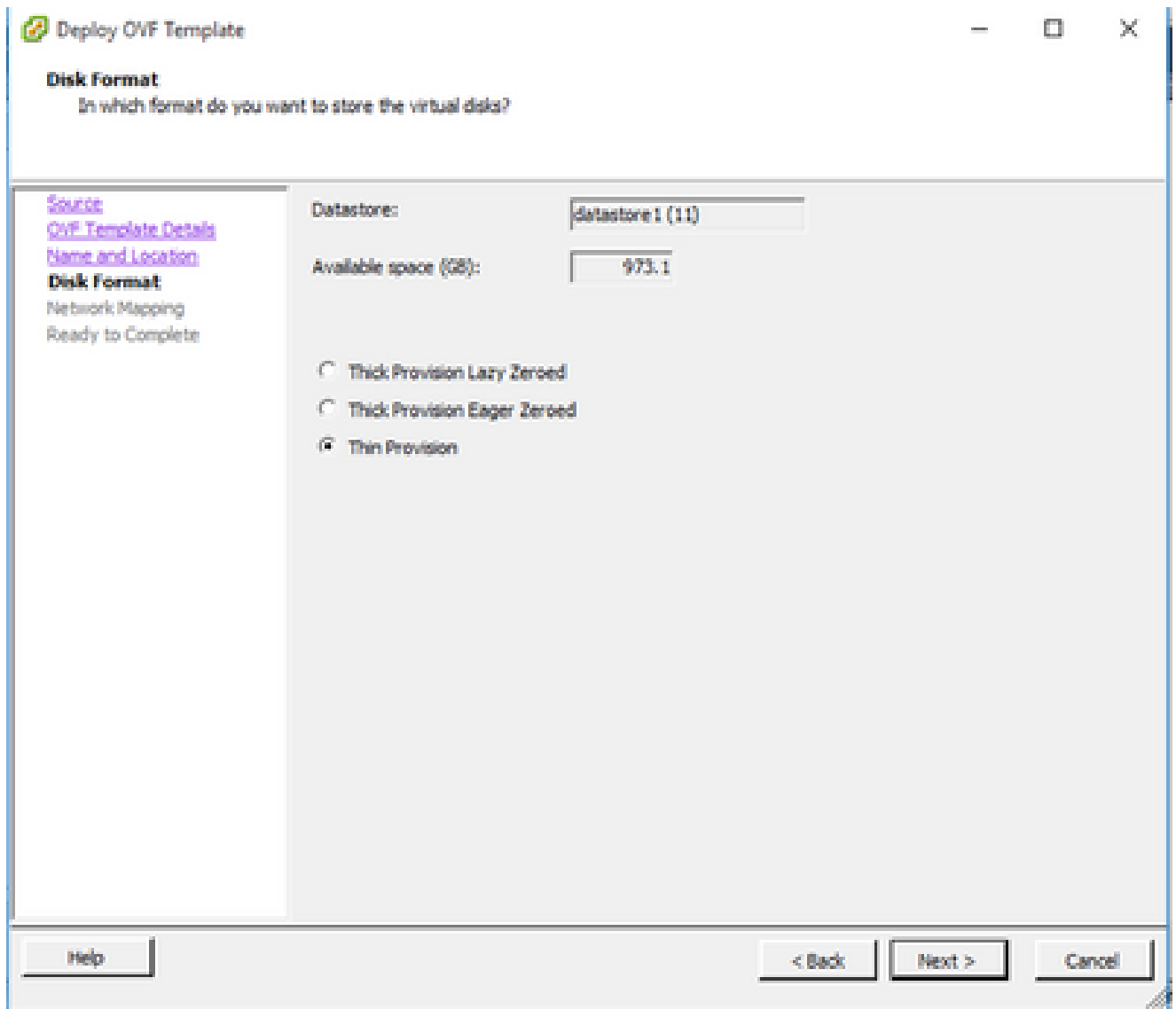
The name can contain up to 80 characters and it must be unique within the inventory folder.

Help < Back Next > Cancel

*Name and Location*

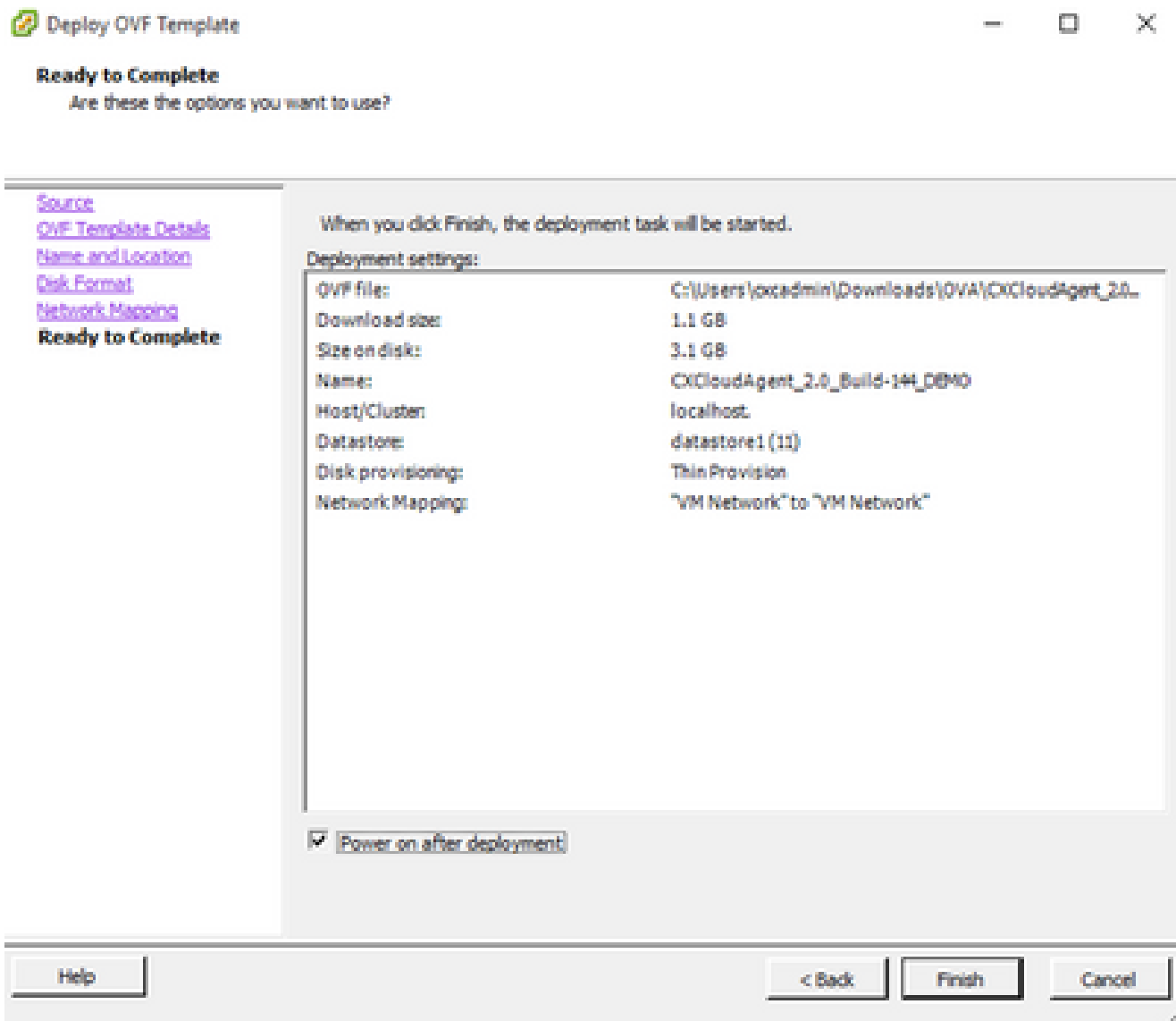
6. Select a **Disk Format** and click **Next** (Thin Provision is recommended).





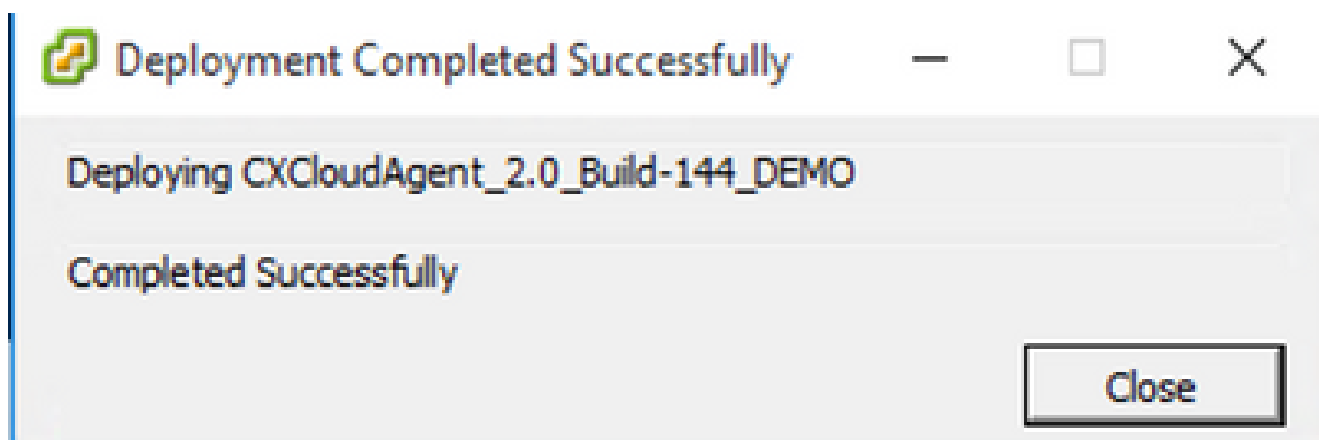
*Disk Format*

7. Select the **Power on after deployment** check box and click **Close**.



Ready to Complete

Deployment can take several minutes. Confirmation displays upon successful deployment.



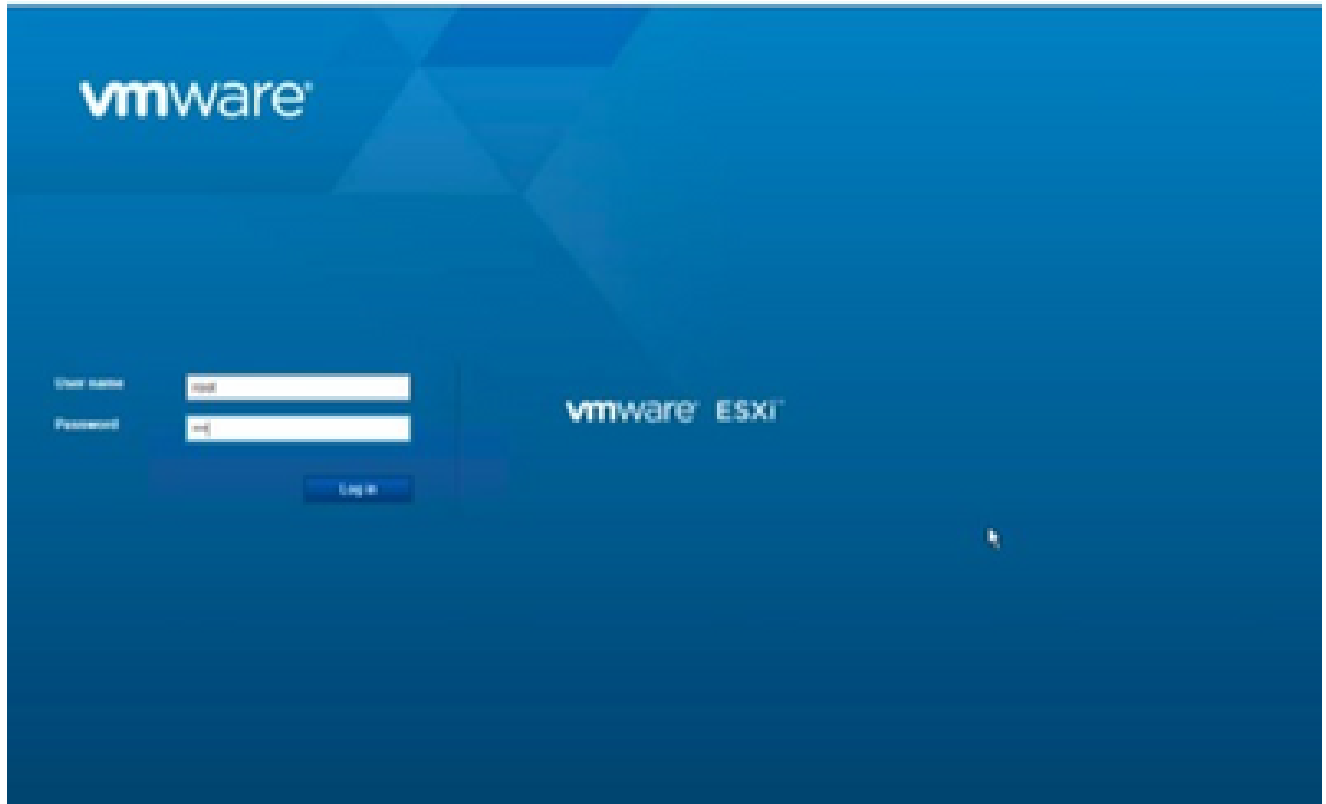
Deployment Complete

8. Select the deployed VM, open the console, and go to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Web Client ESXi 6.0 Installation

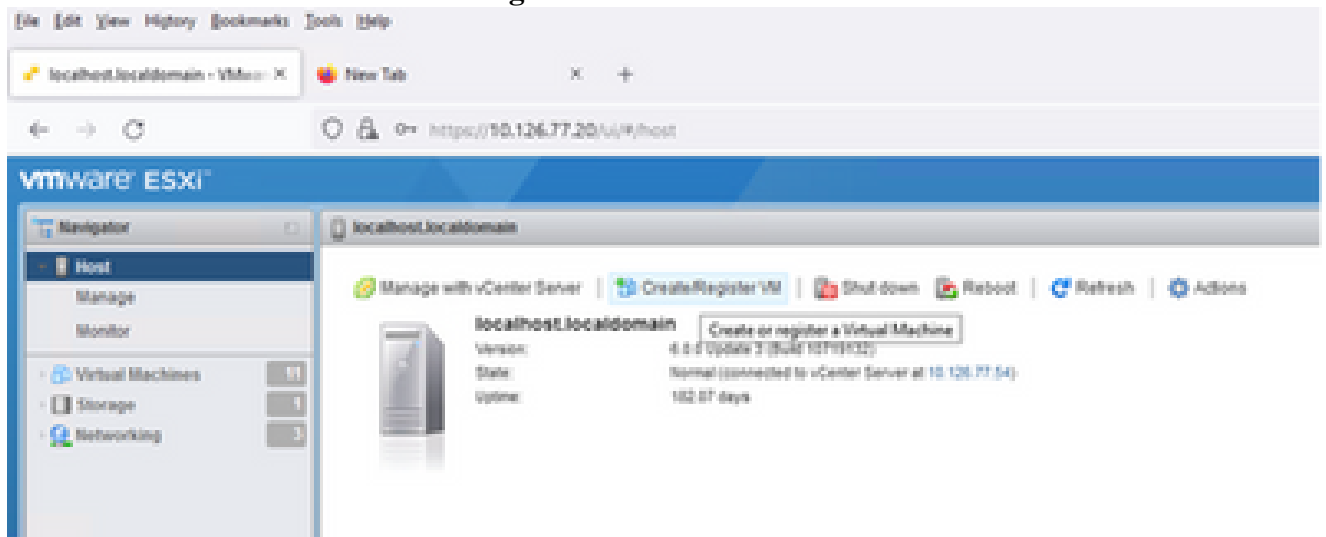
This client deploys CX Cloud Agent OVA by use of the vSphere web.

1. Log in to the VMWare UI with the ESXi/hypervisor credentials used for deploying VM.



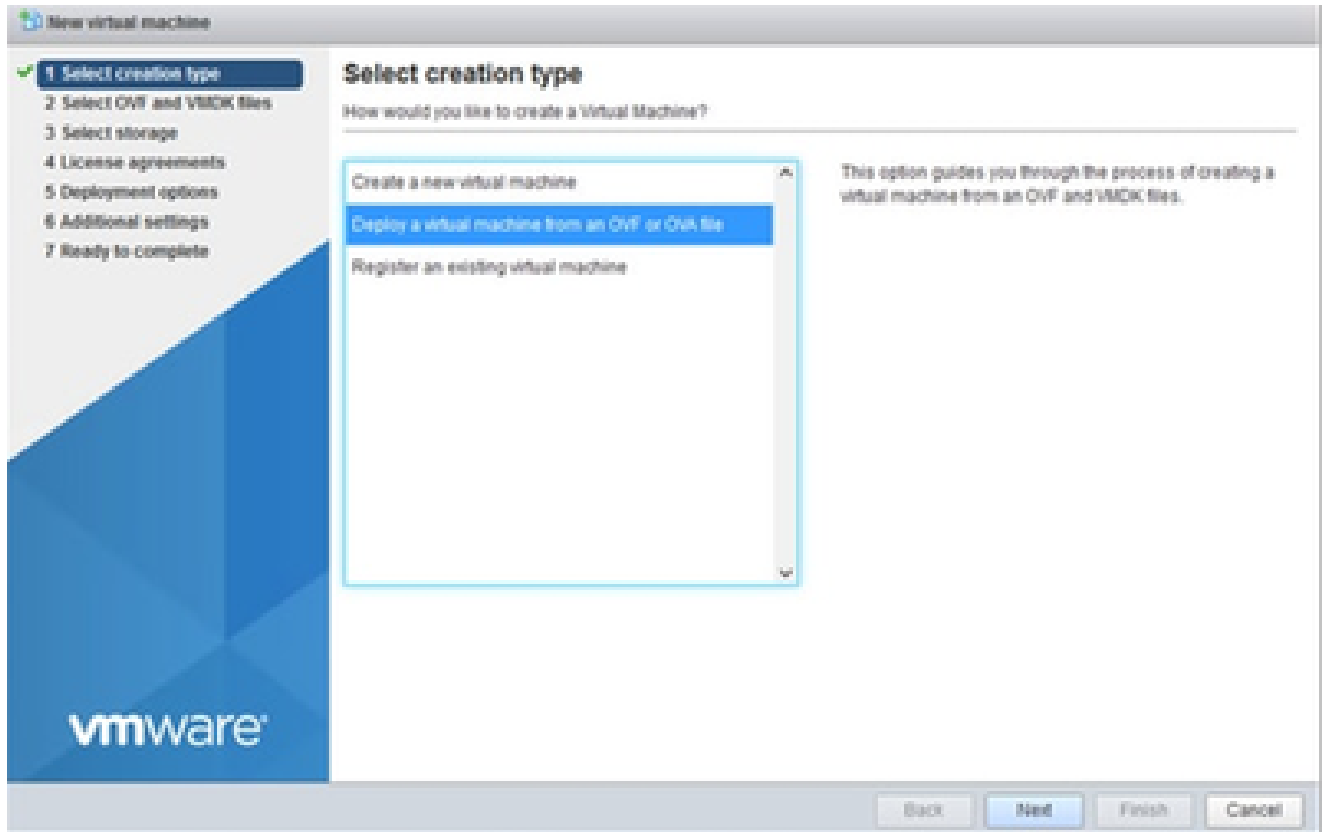
VMWare ESXi Login

2. Select **Virtual Machine > Create / Register VM.**



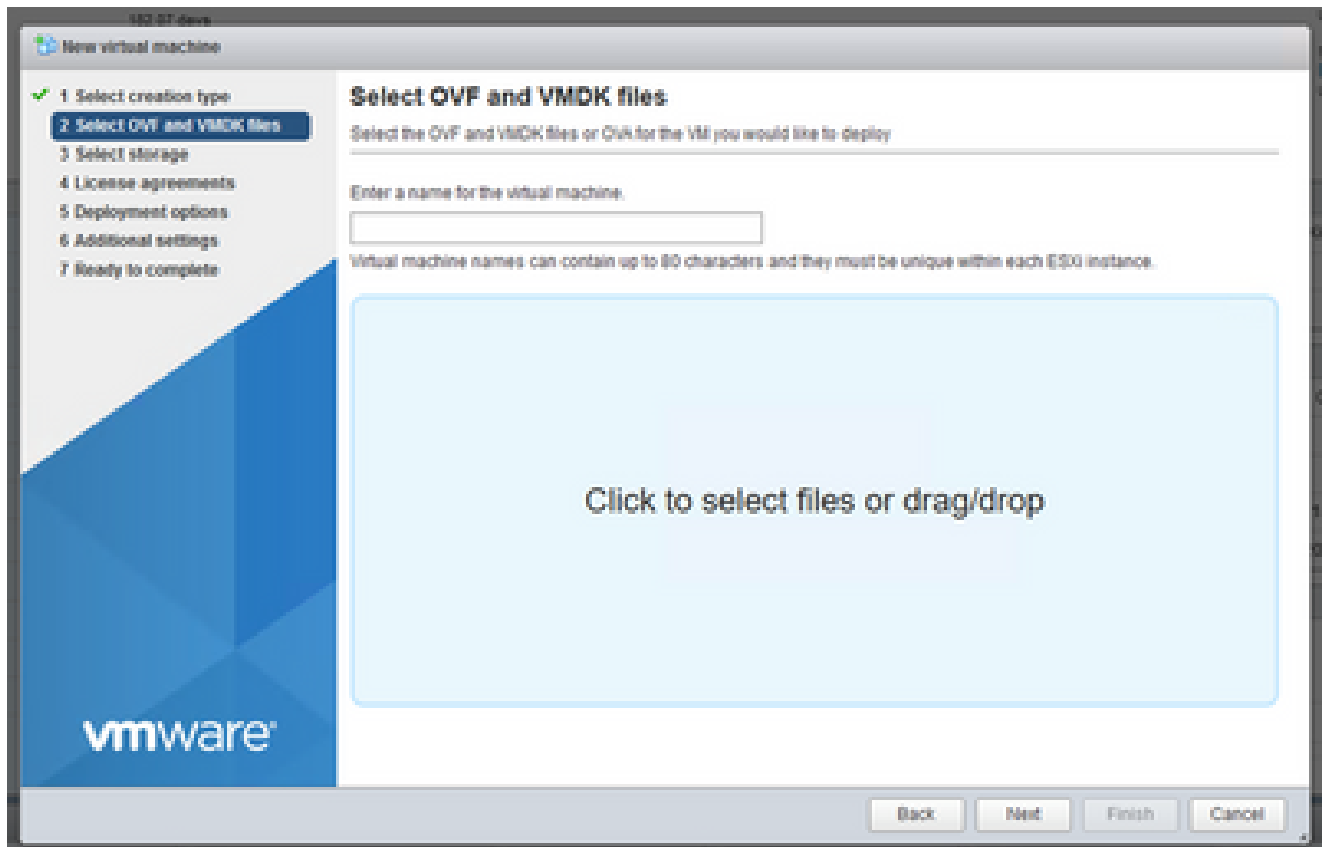
Create VM

3. Select **Deploy a virtual machine from an OVF or OVA file** and click **Next**.



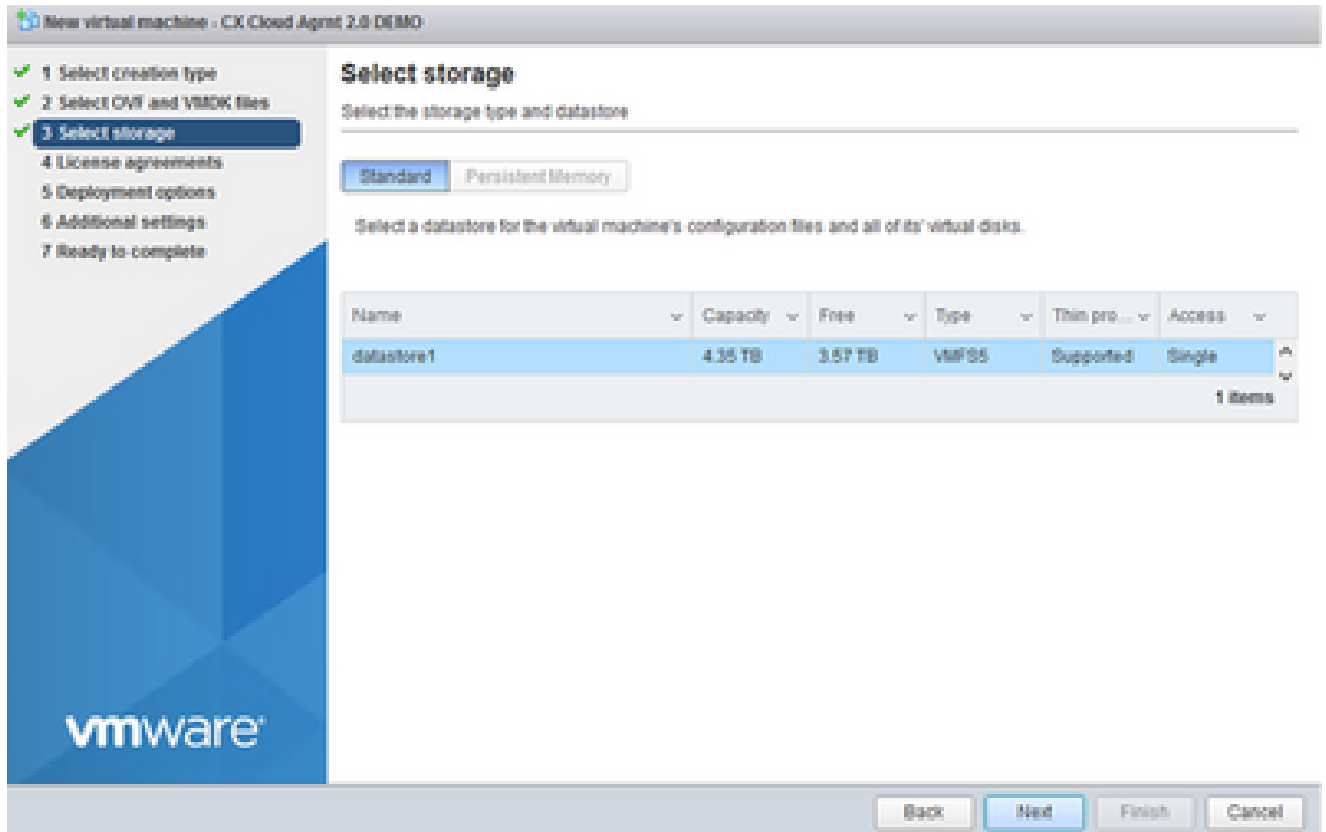
*Select Creation Type*

4. Enter the name of the VM, browse to select the file, or drag-and-drop the downloaded OVA file.
5. Click **Next**.



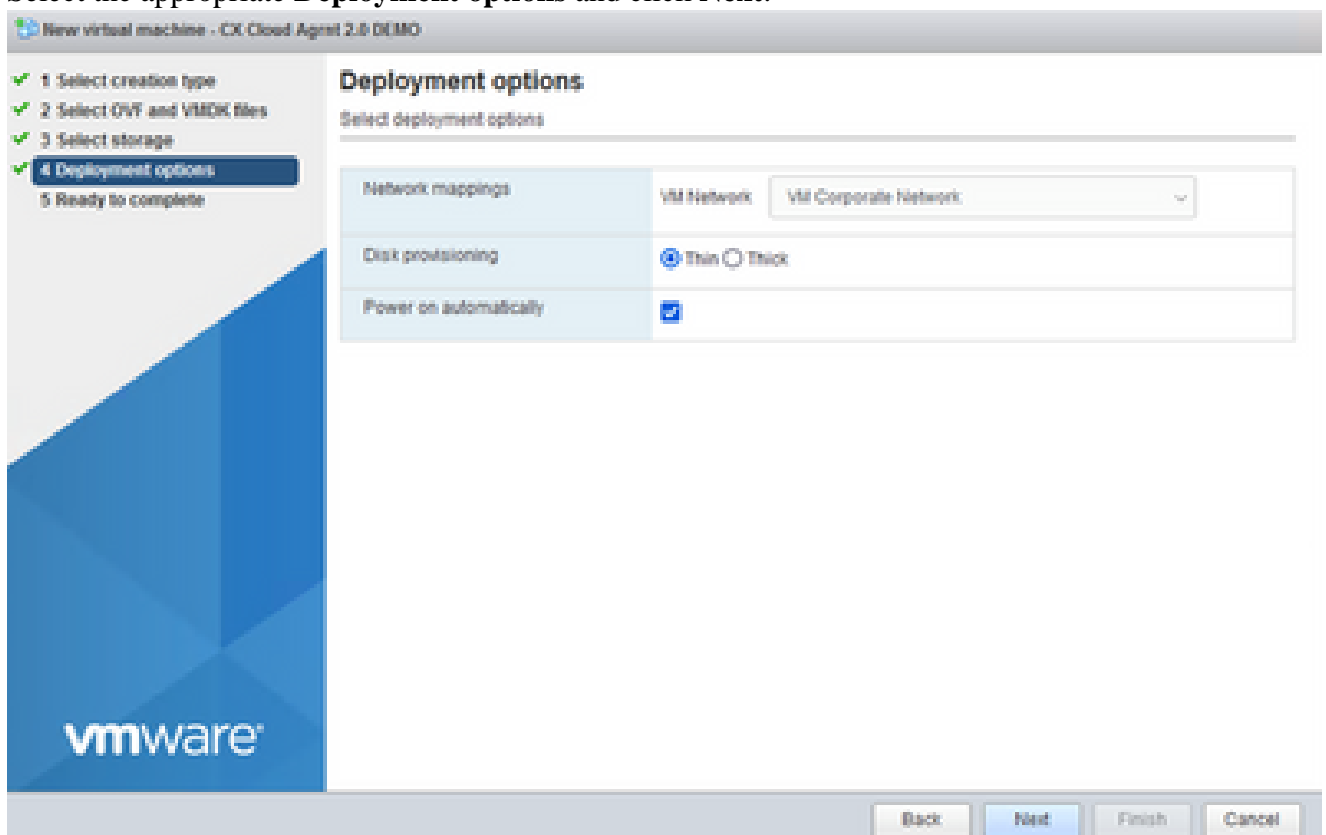
*OVA Selection*

6. Select **Standard** storage and click **Next**.



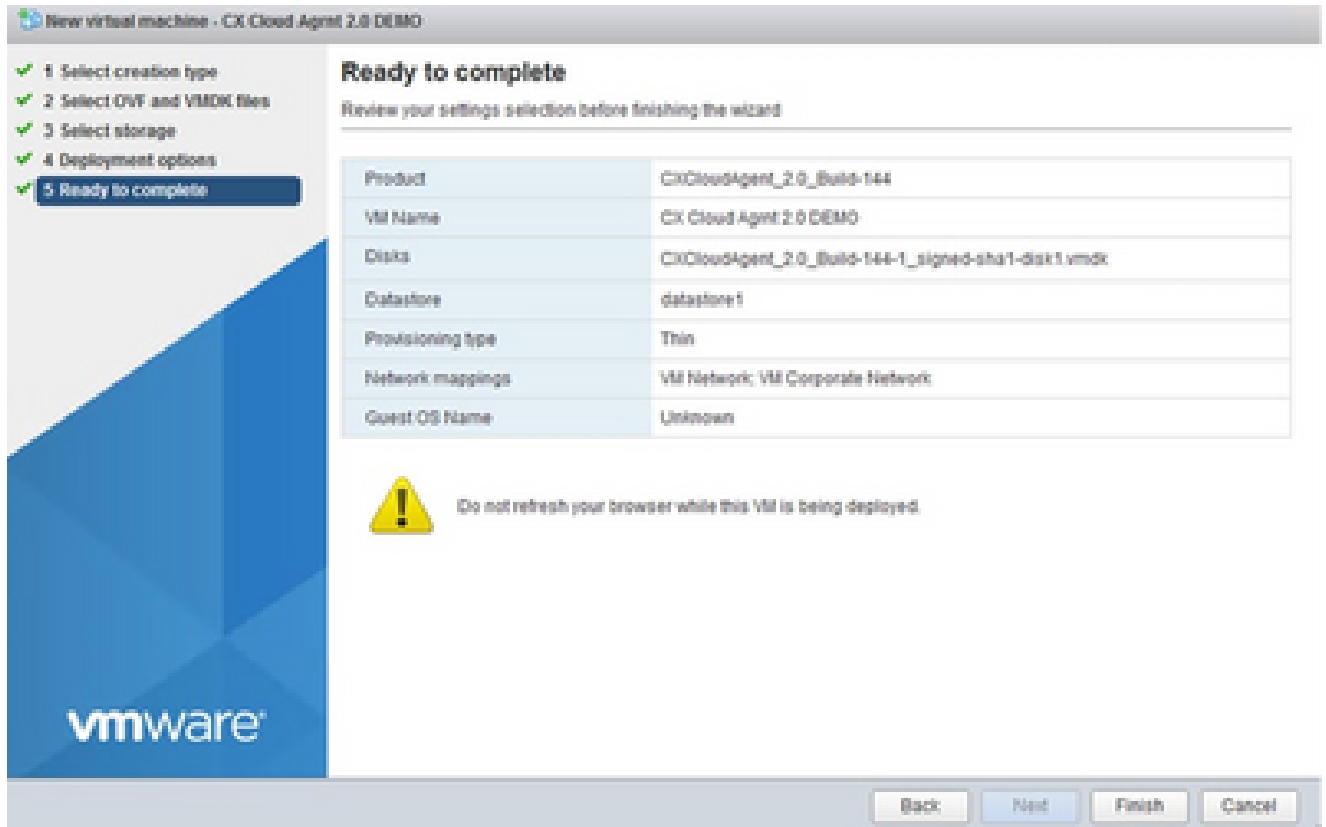
Select Storage

7. Select the appropriate **Deployment options** and click **Next**.

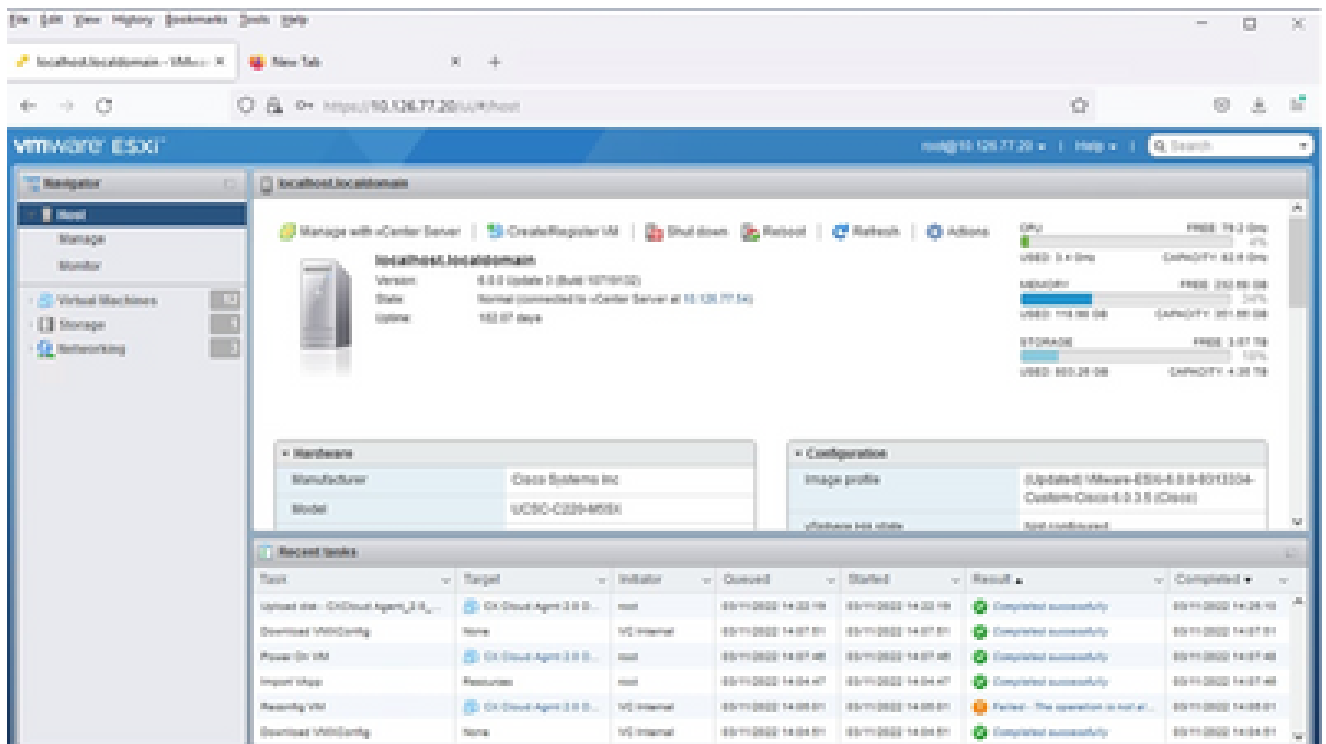


Deployment Options

8. Review the settings and click **Finish**.

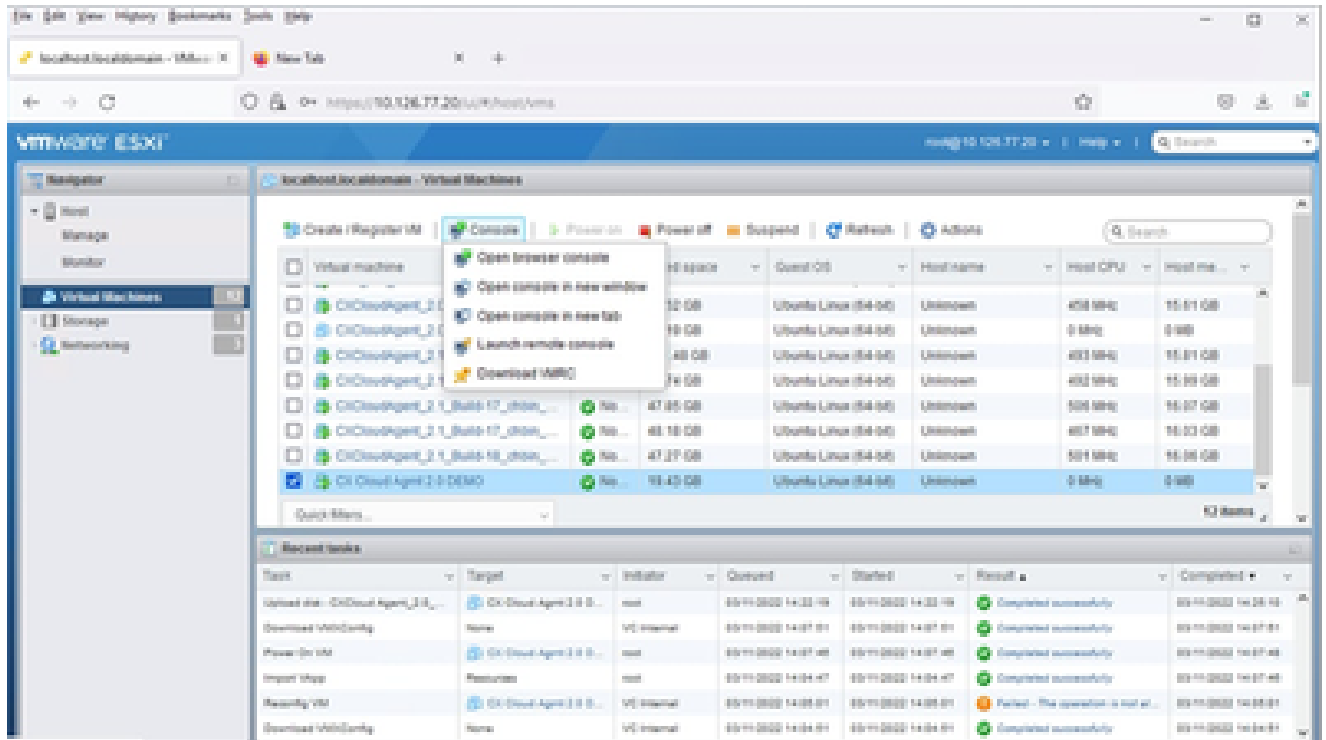


Ready to Complete



Successful Completion

9. Select the VM just deployed and select **Console > Open browser console**.



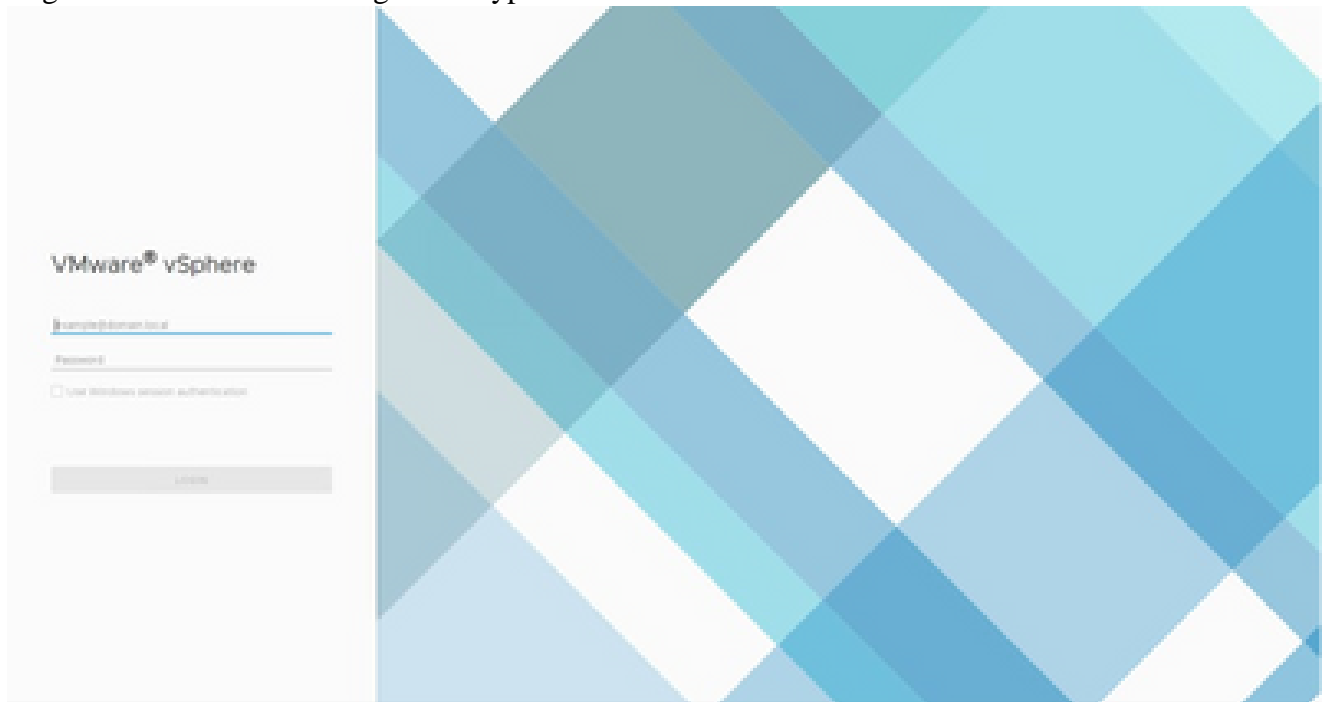
Console

10. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Web Client vCenter Installation

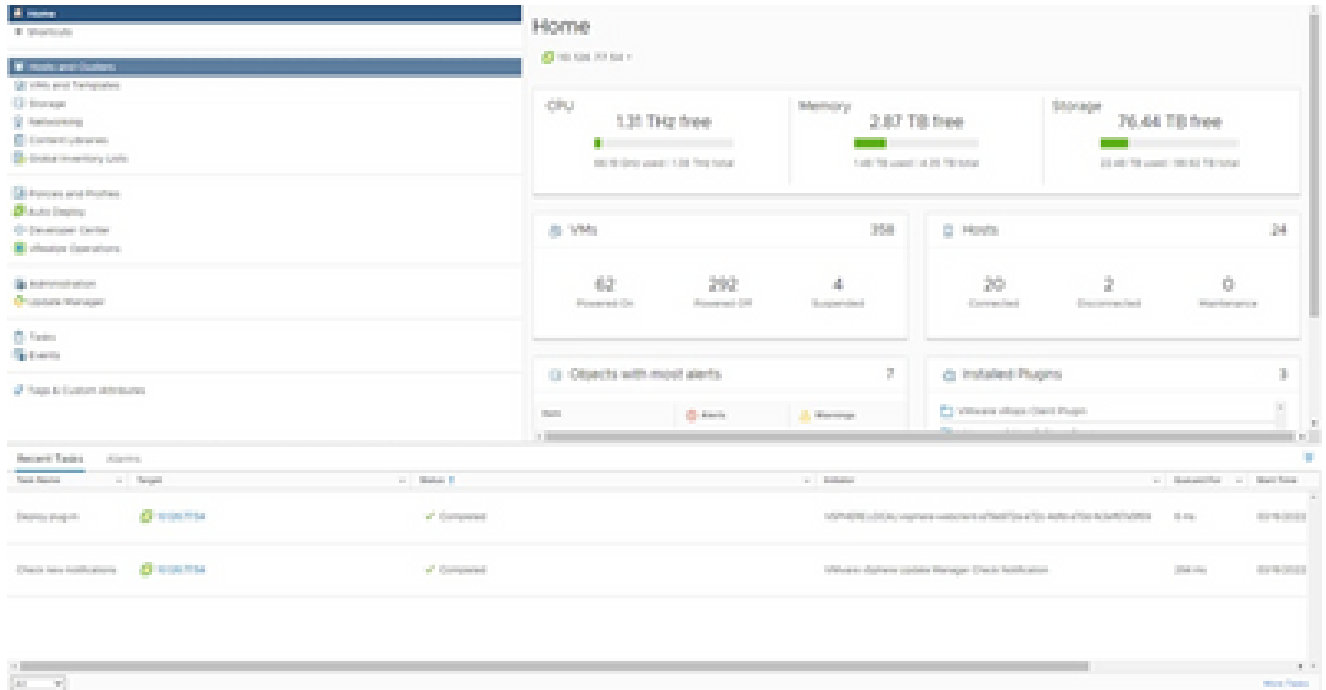
Perform these steps:

1. Log into vCenter Client using ESXi/hypervisor credentials.



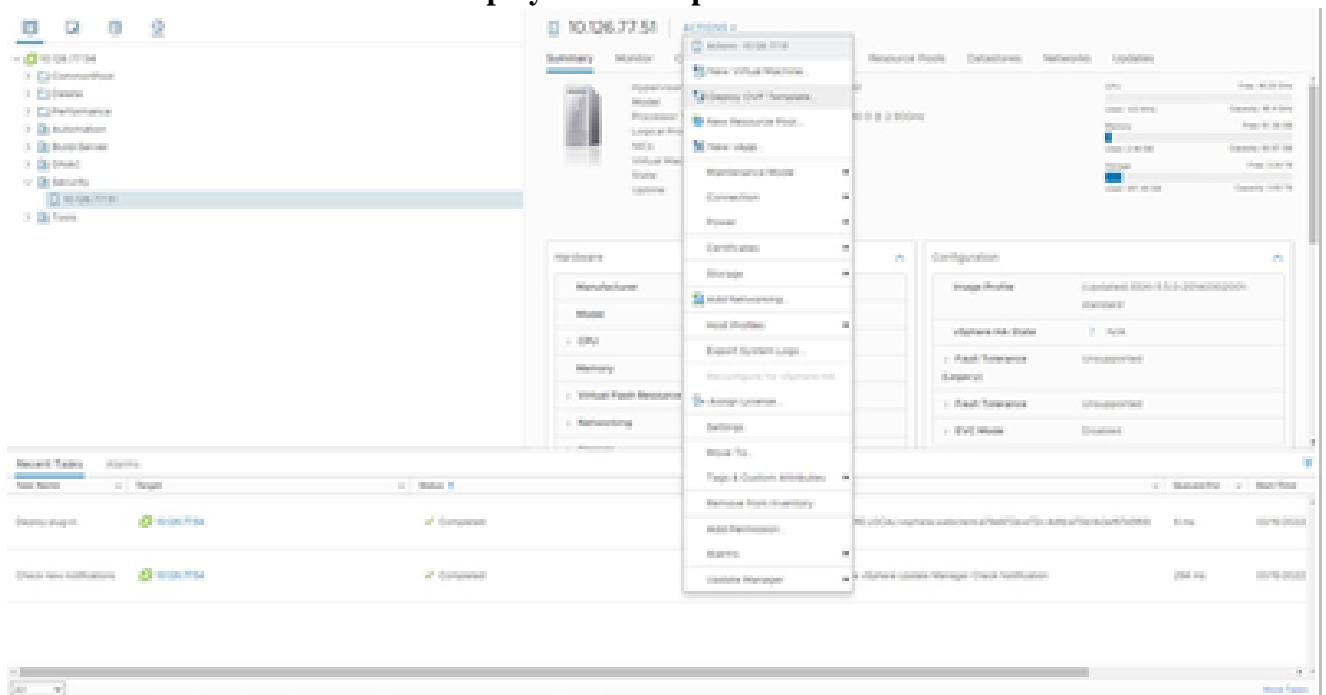
Log In

2. From the **Home** page, click **Hosts and Clusters**.



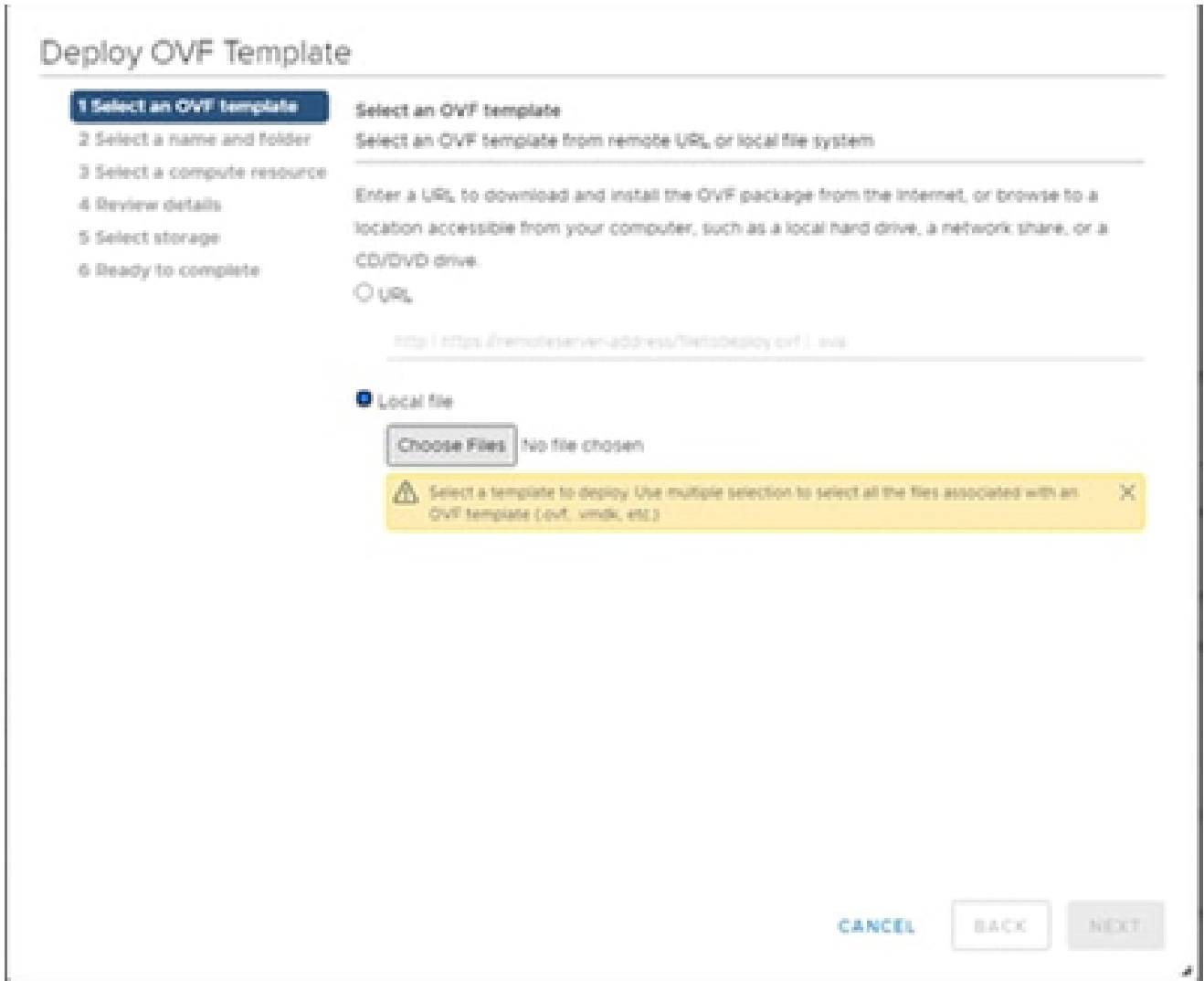
Home Page

3. Select the VM and click **Action > Deploy OVF Template**.



Actions





*Select Template*

4. Add the URL directly or browse to select the OVA file and click **Next**.
5. Enter a unique name and browse to the location if required.
6. Click **Next**.

# Deploy OVF Template

✓ 1 Select an OVF template

2 Select a name and folder

3 Select a compute resource

4 Review details

5 Select storage

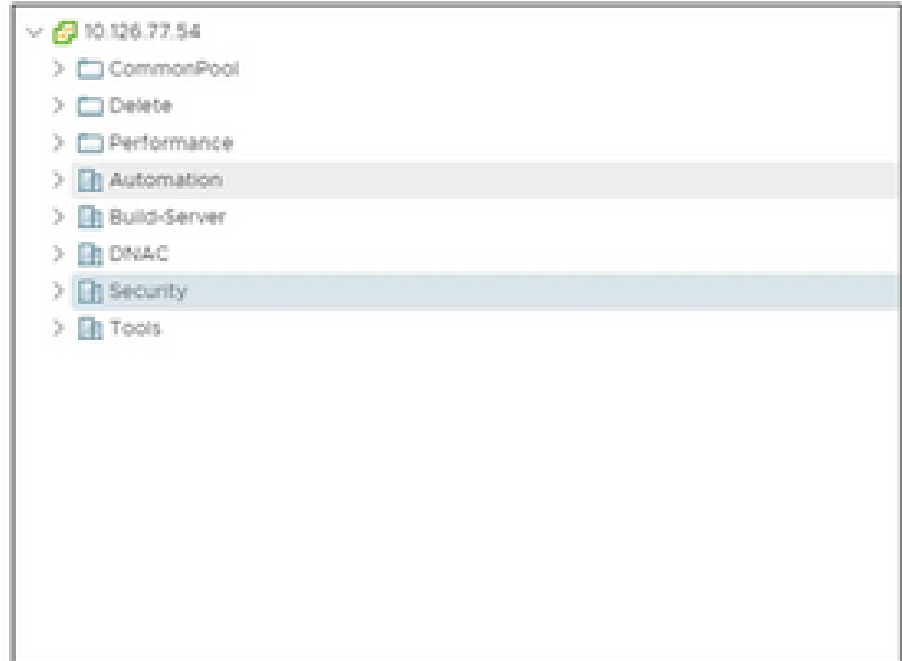
6 Ready to complete

Select a name and folder

Specify a unique name and target location

Virtual machine name: CXCloudAgent\_2.0\_Build-144-demo

Select a location for the virtual machine.



CANCEL

BACK

NEXT

*Name and Folder*


7. Select a compute resource and click **Next**.

## Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- 3 Select a compute resource**
- 4 Review details
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Ready to complete

### Select a compute resource

Select the destination compute resource for this operation

▼  Security

>  10.126.77.51

### Compatibility

✓ Compatibility checks succeeded.

CANCEL

BACK

NEXT

*Select Computer Resource*

8. Review the details and click **Next**.

## Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details**
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete

### Review details

Verify the template details.

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Publisher     | DigiCert SHA2 Assured ID Code Signing CA (Trusted certificate) |
| Product       | CxCloudAgent_3.0_Build-144                                     |
| Version       | 2.0  |
| Vendor        | Cisco Systems, Inc   |
| Description   | CxCloudAgent_3.0_Build-144                                     |
| Download size | 1.1 GB   |
| Size on disk  | 3.1 GB (thin provisioned)                                      |
|               | 200.0 GB (thick provisioned)                                   |

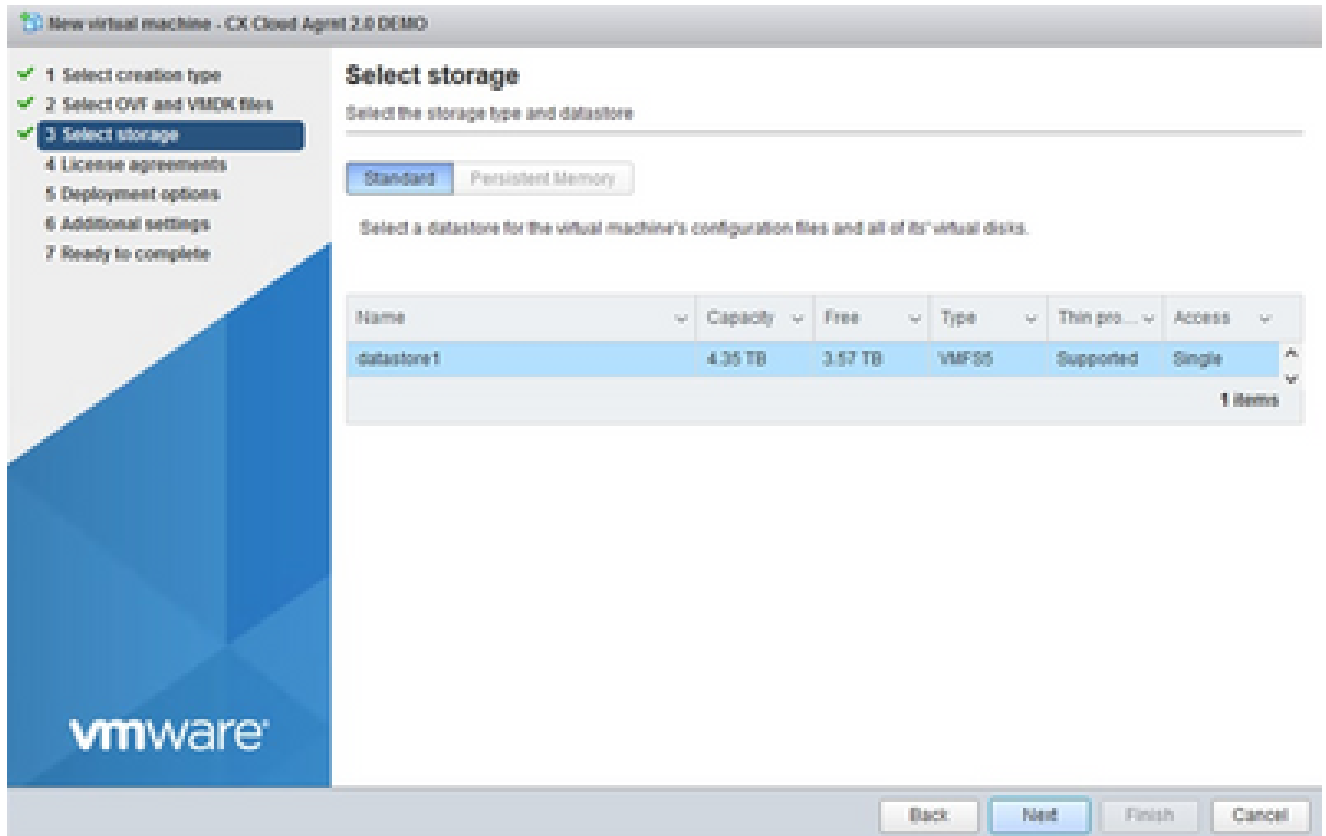
CANCEL

BACK

NEXT

*Review Details*

9. Select the **virtual disk format** and click **Next**.



Select Storage

10. Click **Next**.

## Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Review details**
- 5 Select storage
- 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete

### Review details

Verify the template details.

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Publisher     | DigiCert SHA2 Assured ID Code Signing CA (Trusted certificate) |
| Product       | CxCloudAgent_3.0_Build-144                                     |
| Version       | 2.0  |
| Vendor        | Cisco Systems, Inc   |
| Description   | CxCloudAgent_3.0_Build-144                                     |
| Download size | 1.1 GB   |
| Size on disk  | 3.1 GB (thin provisioned)                                      |
|               | 200.0 GB (thick provisioned)                                   |

CANCEL

BACK

NEXT

*Select Network*

11. Click **Finish**.

# Deploy OVF Template

- ✓ 1 Select an OVF template
- ✓ 2 Select a name and folder
- ✓ 3 Select a compute resource
- ✓ 4 Review details
- ✓ 5 Select storage
- ✓ 6 Select networks
- 7 Ready to complete**

Ready to complete  
Click Finish to start creation.

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Provisioning type      | Deploy from template                               |
| Name                   | CxCloudAgent_2.0_Build-144-demo                    |
| Template name          | CxCloudAgent_2.0_Build-144-1_signed-sha1           |
| Download size          | 11 GB  |
| Size on disk           | 3.1 GB   |
| Folder                 | Security   |
| Resource               | 10.126.77.51                                       |
| Storage mapping        | 1  |
| All disks              | Datastore: datastore1 (23); Format: Thin provision |
| Network mapping        | 1  |
| VM Network             | VM Network   |
| IP allocation settings |  |
| IP protocol            | IPv4   |
| IP allocation          | Static - Manual                                    |

CANCEL BACK FINISH

Ready to Complete

12. Click the name of the newly added VM to view the status.

The screenshot shows the vSphere interface with the VM 'CxCloudAgent\_2.0\_Build-144-demo' selected. The main panel displays the VM's status as 'Powered Off' and provides details on its hardware configuration:

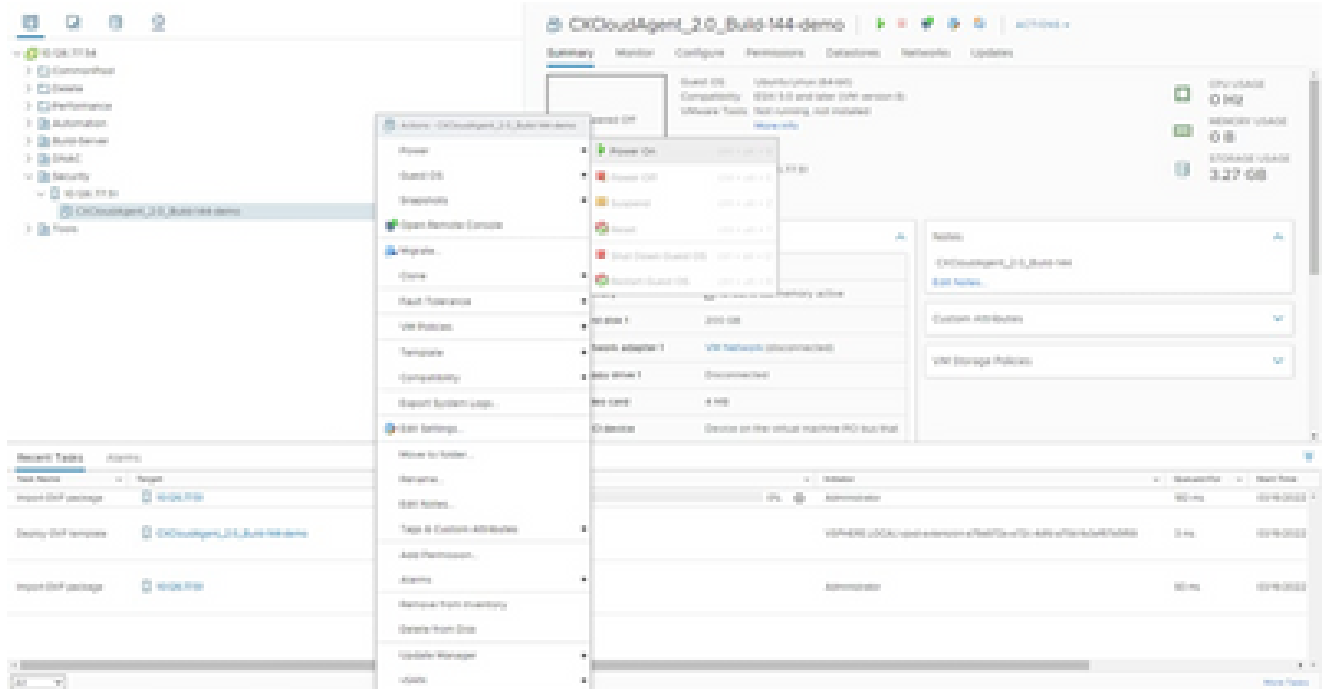
- Summary:** Shows 'Powered Off' status, OS (Ubuntu (64-bit)), and various system details.
- VM Hardware:**
  - CPU: 0 CPUs
  - Memory: 4 GB, 0 GB memory active
  - Hard disk 1: 200 GB
  - Network adapter 1: VM Network (disconnected)
  - Floppy disk 1: Disconnected
  - Video card: 4 MB
  - VMX device: Device on the virtual machine (0) not found
- Notes:** A note is present with the title 'CxCloudAgent\_2.0\_Build-144'.

At the bottom, the 'Recent Tasks' table shows the completion of the VM creation process:

| Task Name           | State     | Message | Success/Fail | Start Time |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Import OVF package  | Completed |         | Success      | 12/19/2023 |
| Deploy OVF template | Completed |         | Success      | 12/19/2023 |
| Import OVF package  | Completed |         | Success      | 12/19/2023 |

VM Added

13. Once installed, power on the VM and open the console.



Open Console

14. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Oracle Virtual Box 5.2.30 Installation

This client deploys CX Cloud Agent OVA though the Oracle Virtual Box.

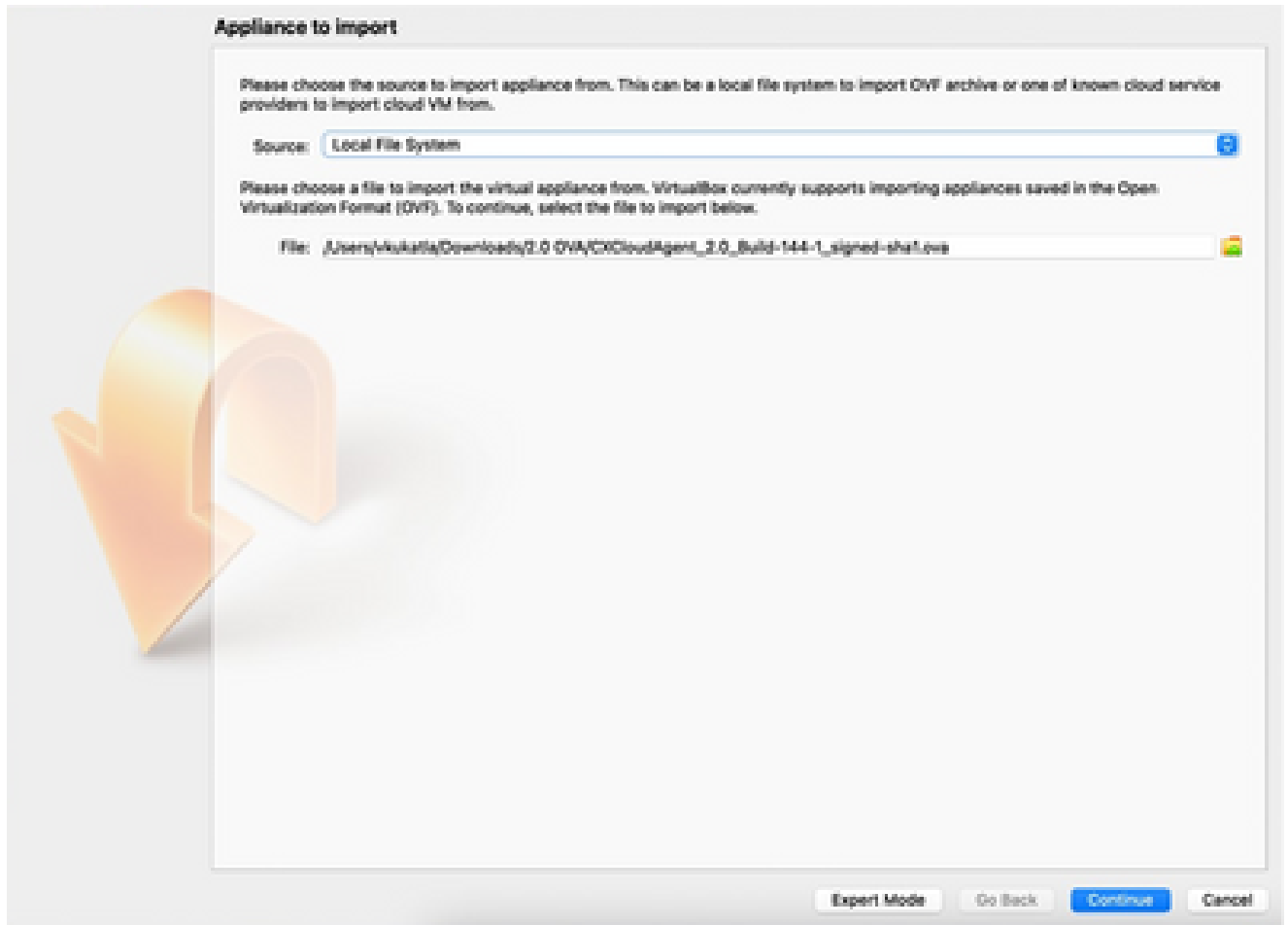
1. Open the Oracle VM UI and select **File> Import Appliance**.



Oracle VM

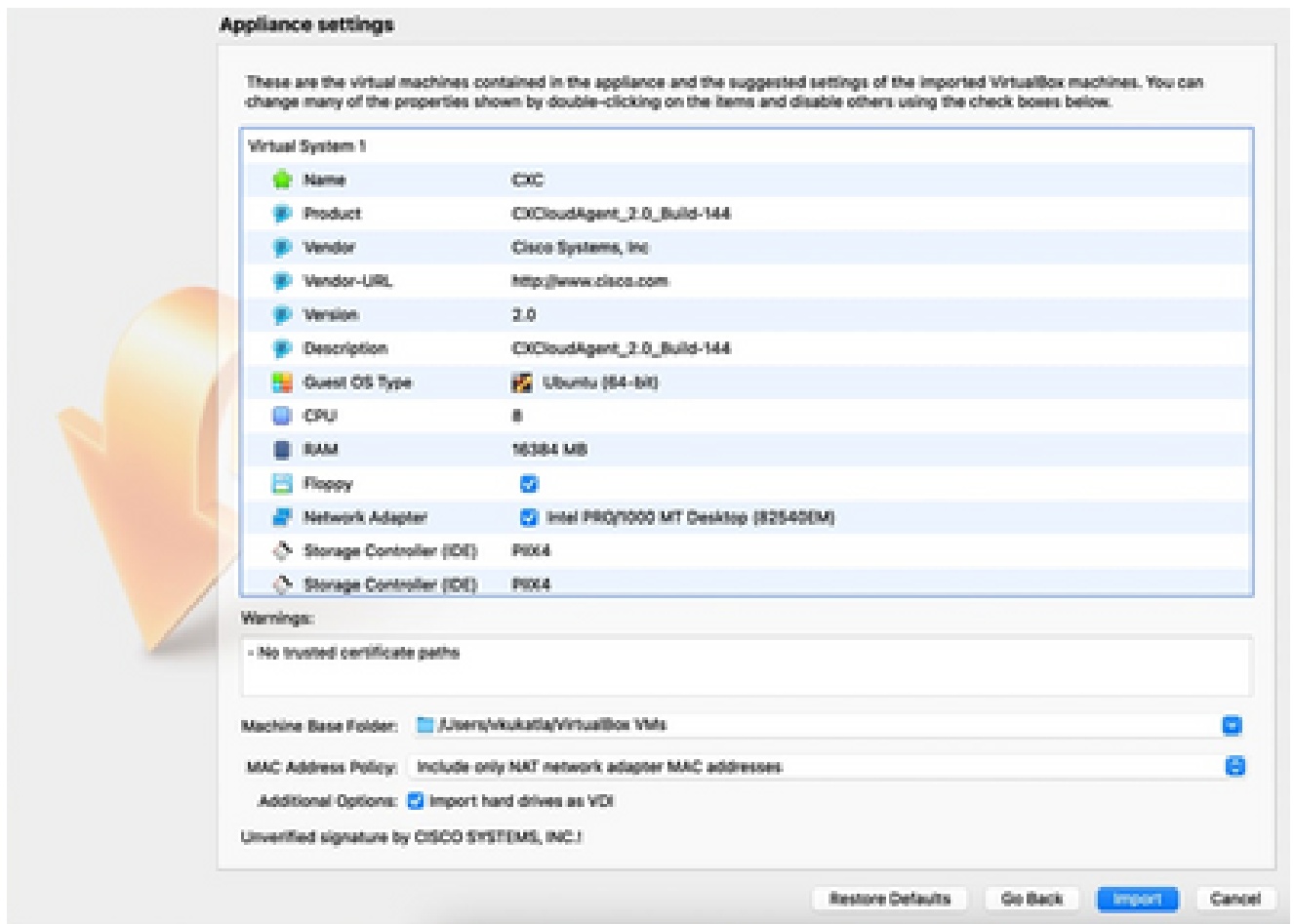
2. Browse to import the OVA file.





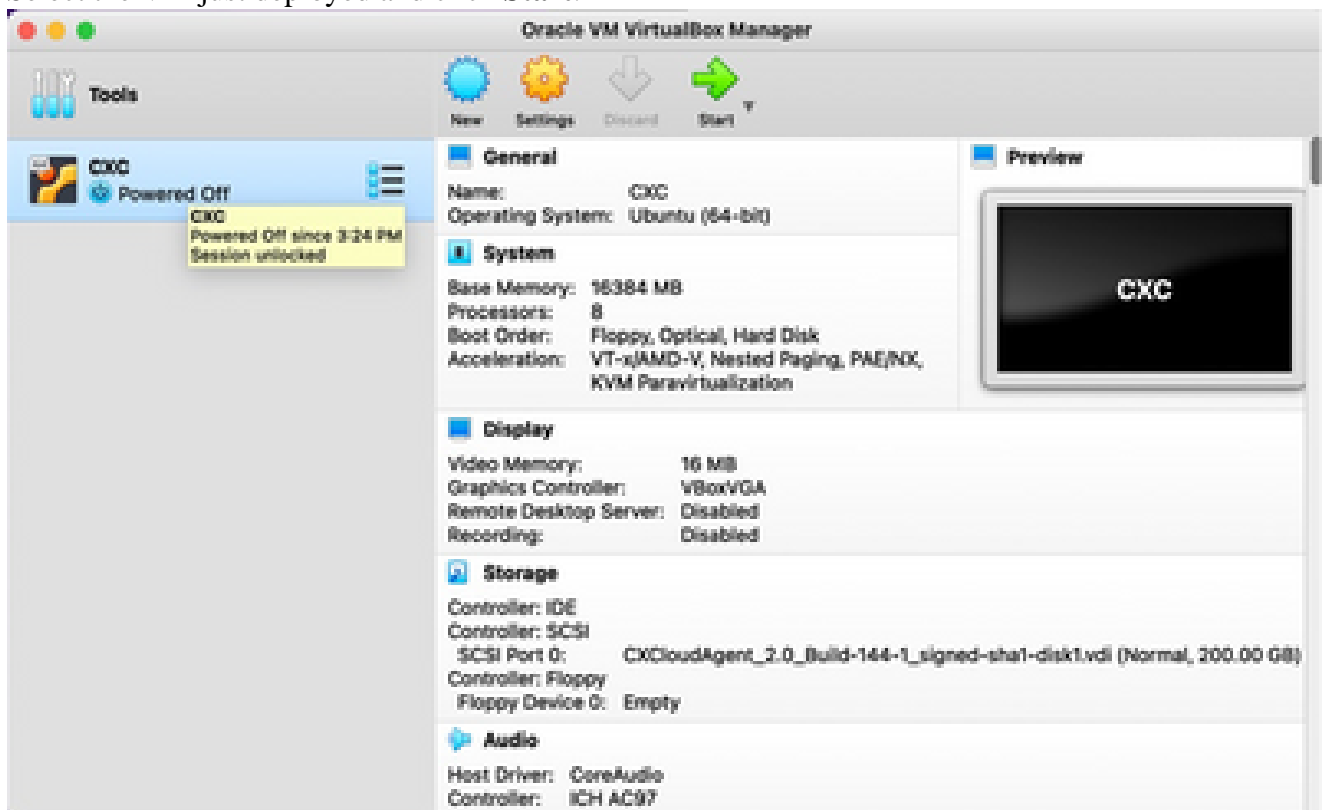
*Select File*

3. Click **Import**.

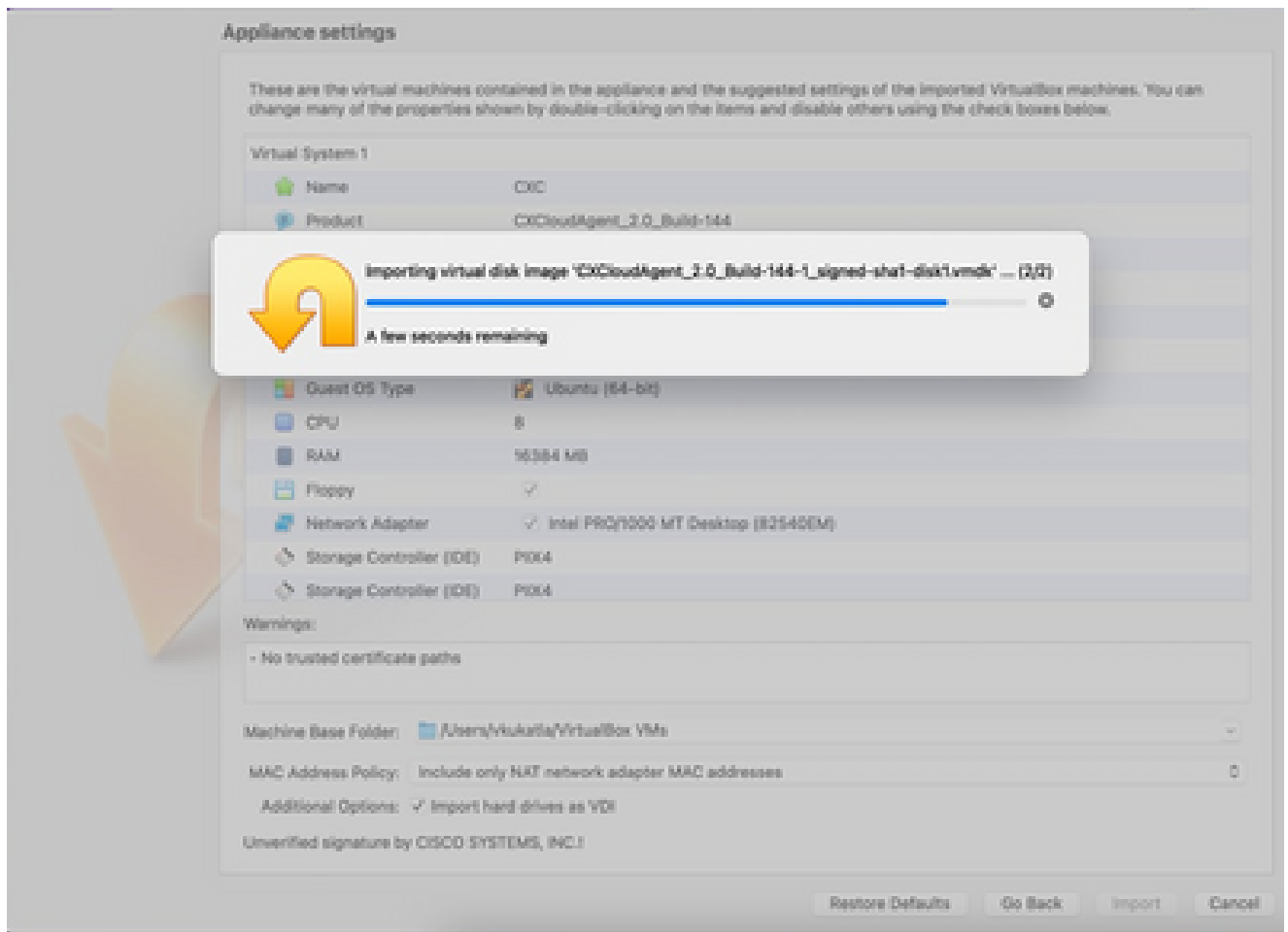


*Import File*

4. Select the VM just deployed and click **Start**.



*VM Console Startup*



*Import in Progress*

5. Power on the VM. The console displays.



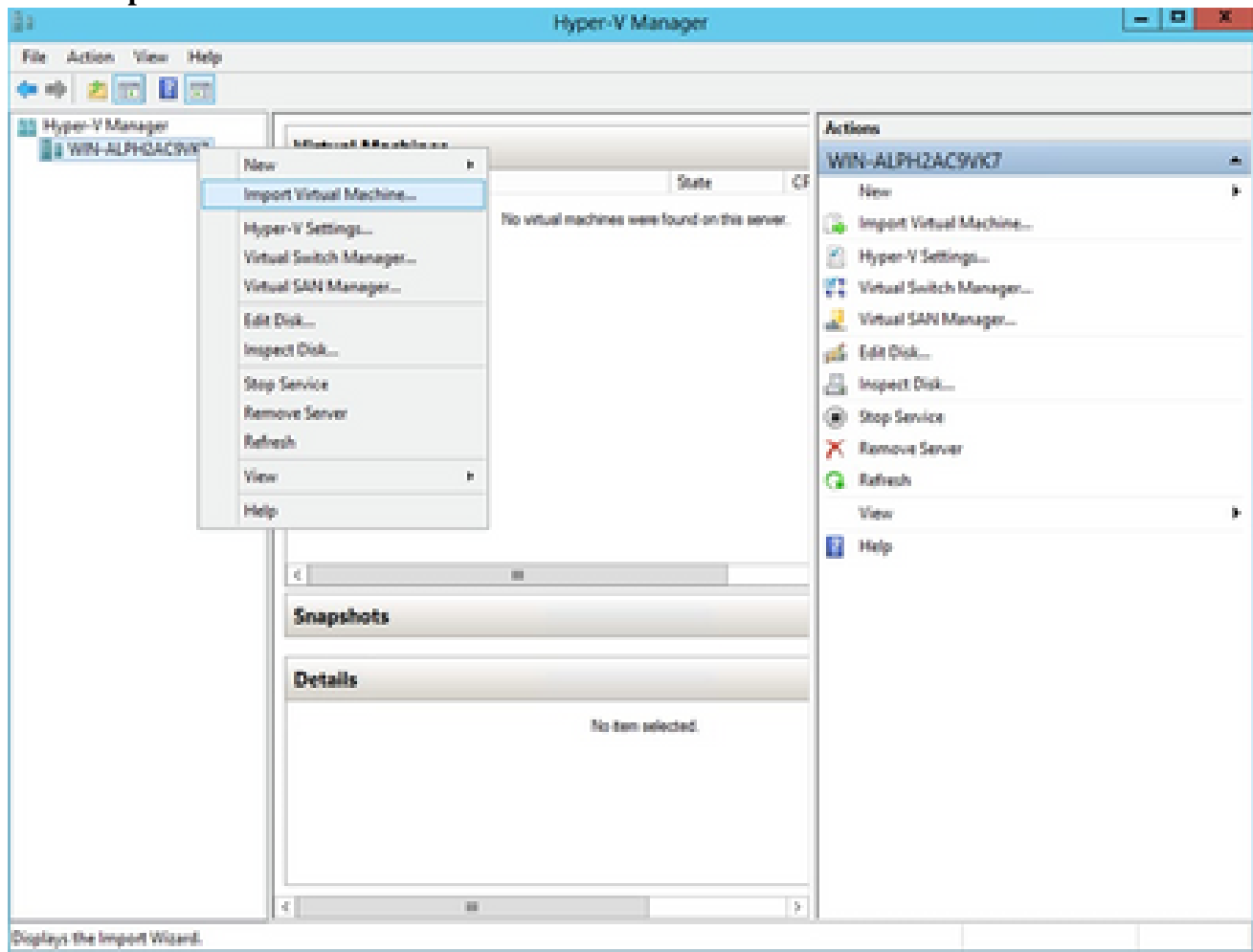
*Open Console*

6. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

## Microsoft Hyper-V Installation

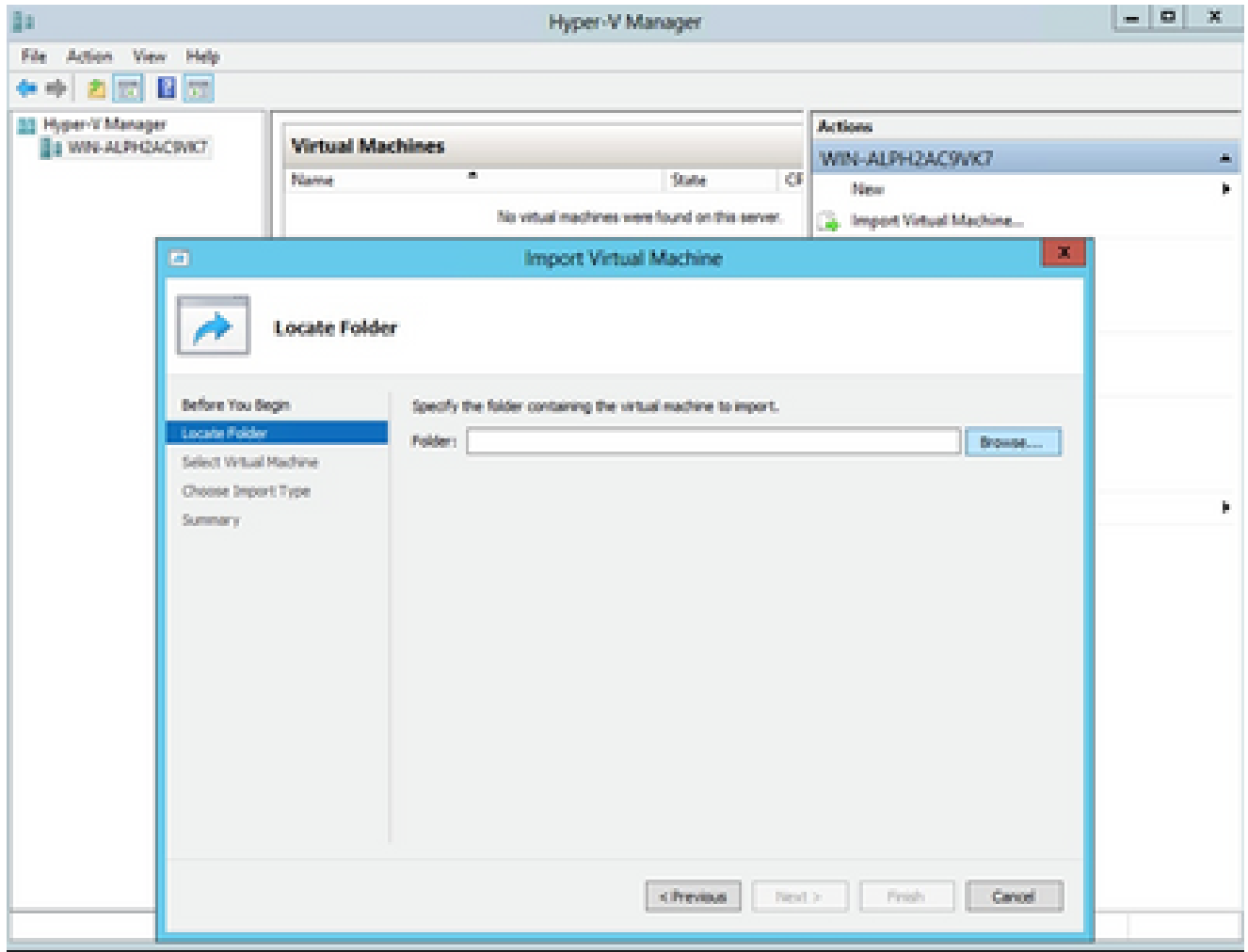
Perform these steps:

1. Select **Import Virtual Machine**.



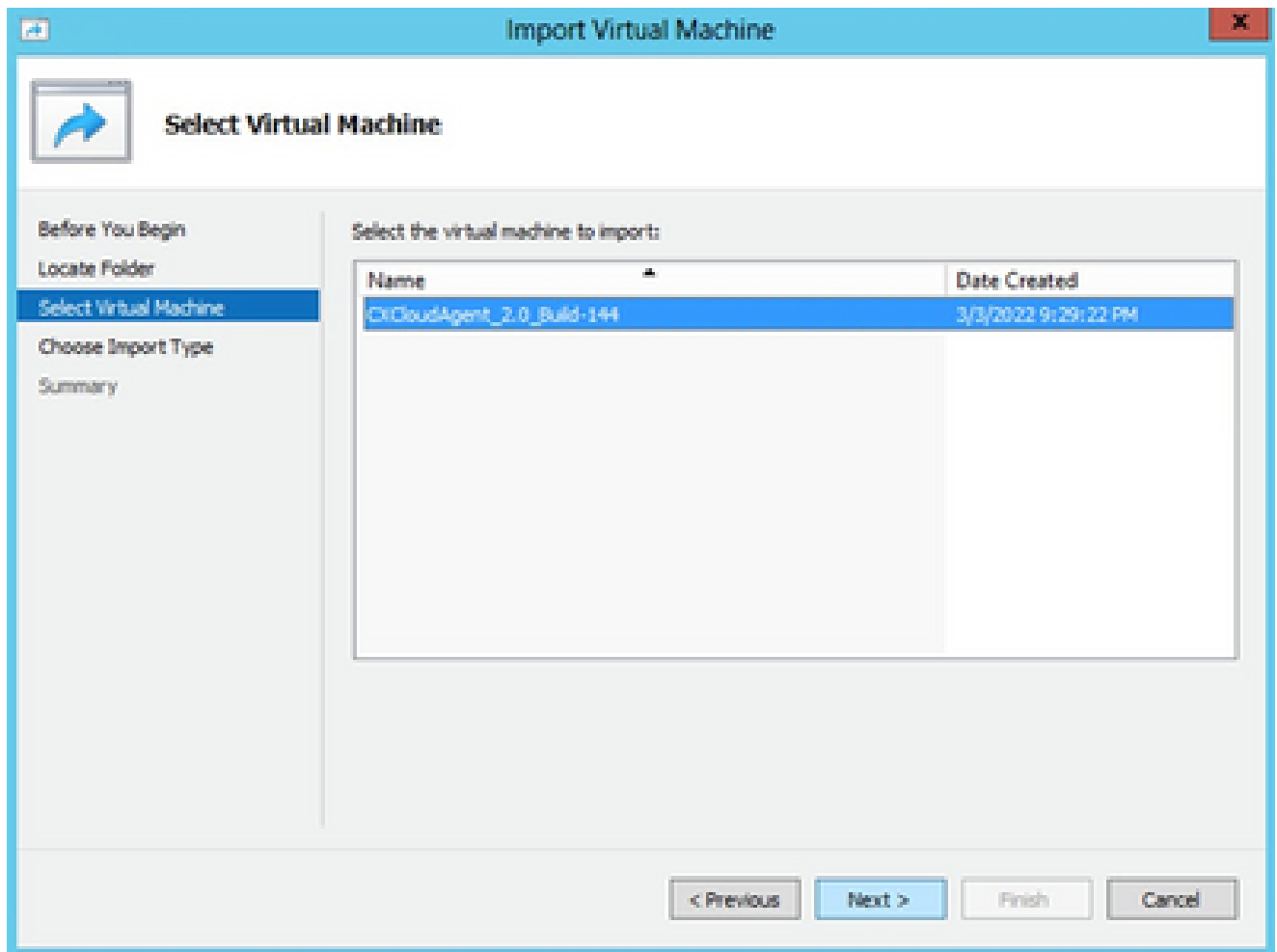
*Hyper V Manager*

2. Browse and select the **download folder**.
3. Click **Next**.



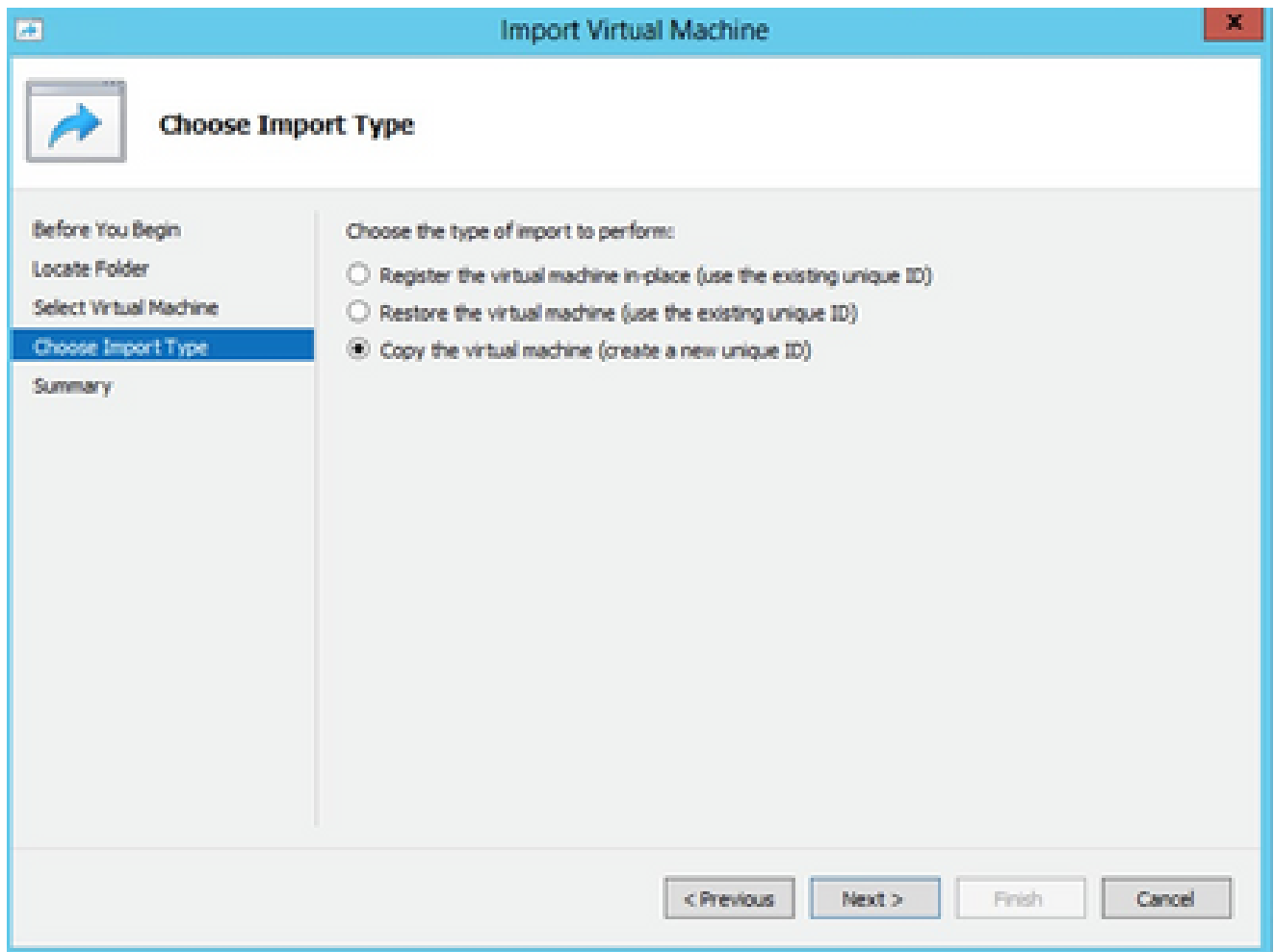
*Folder to Import*

4. Select the **VM** and click **Next**.



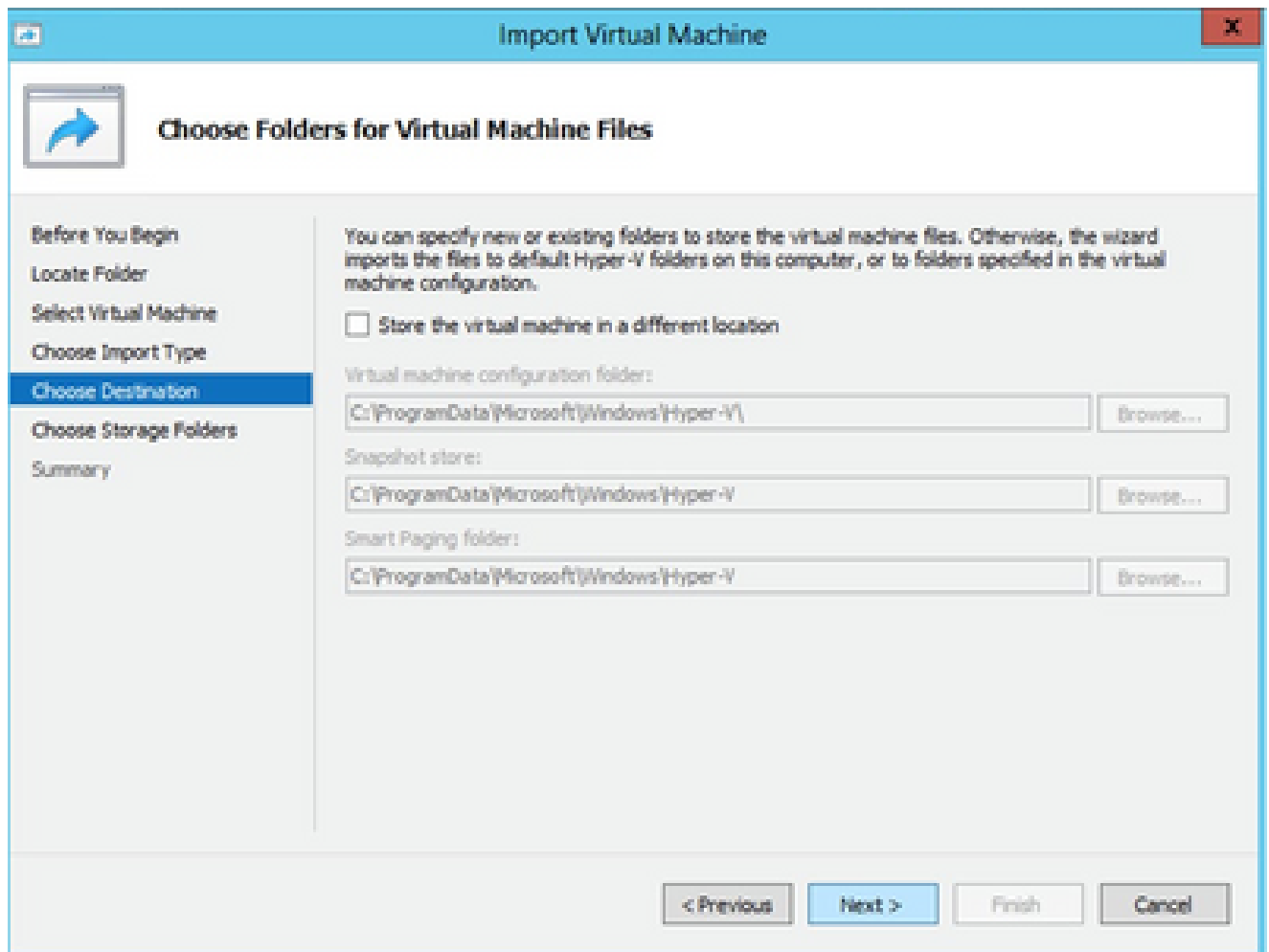
*Select VM*

5. Select the **Copy the virtual machine (create a new unique ID)** radio button and click **Next**.



*Import Type*

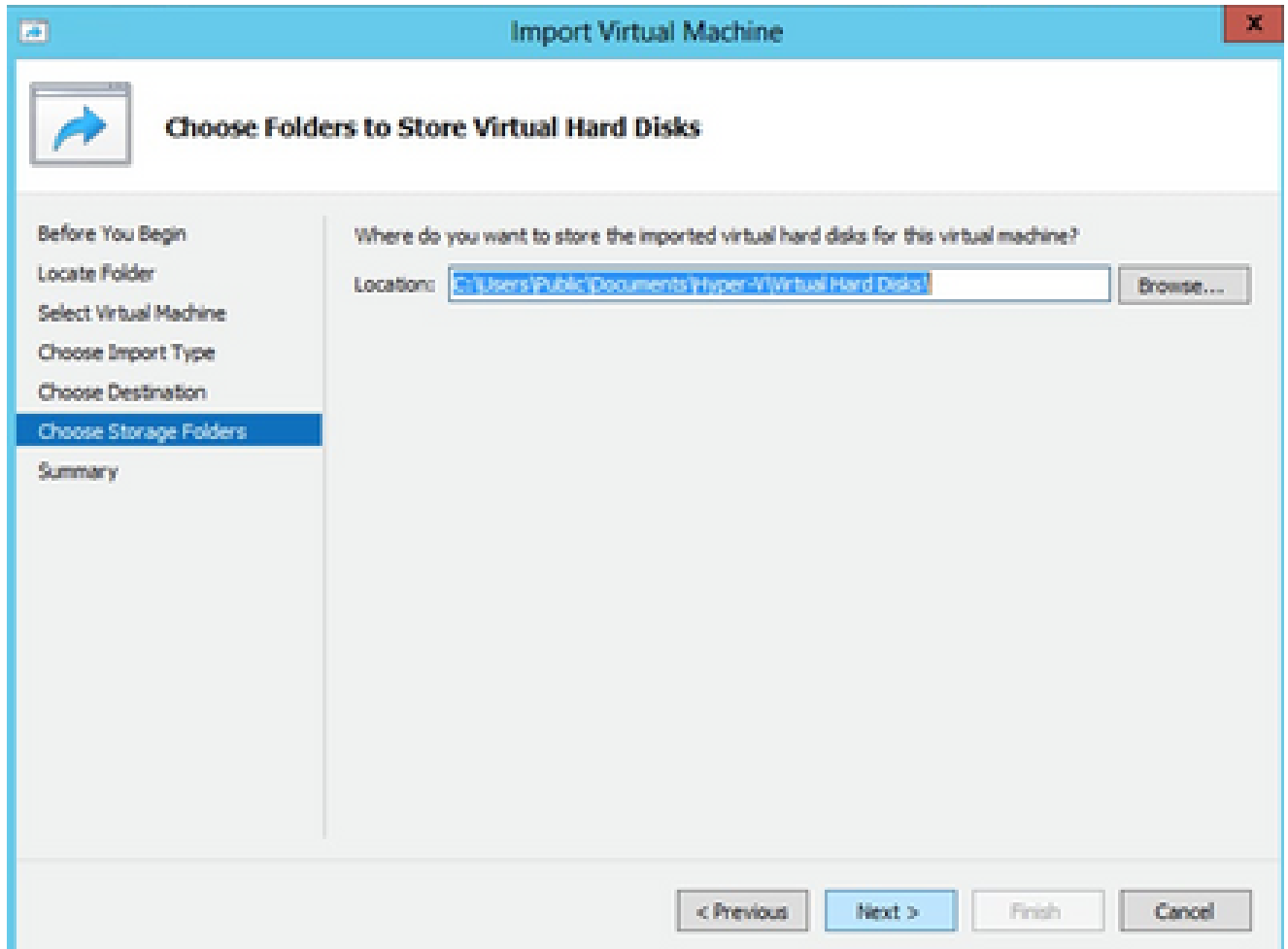
6. Browse to select the folder for VM files. It is recommended to use the default paths.
7. Click **Next**.



*Choose Folders for Virtual Machine Files*

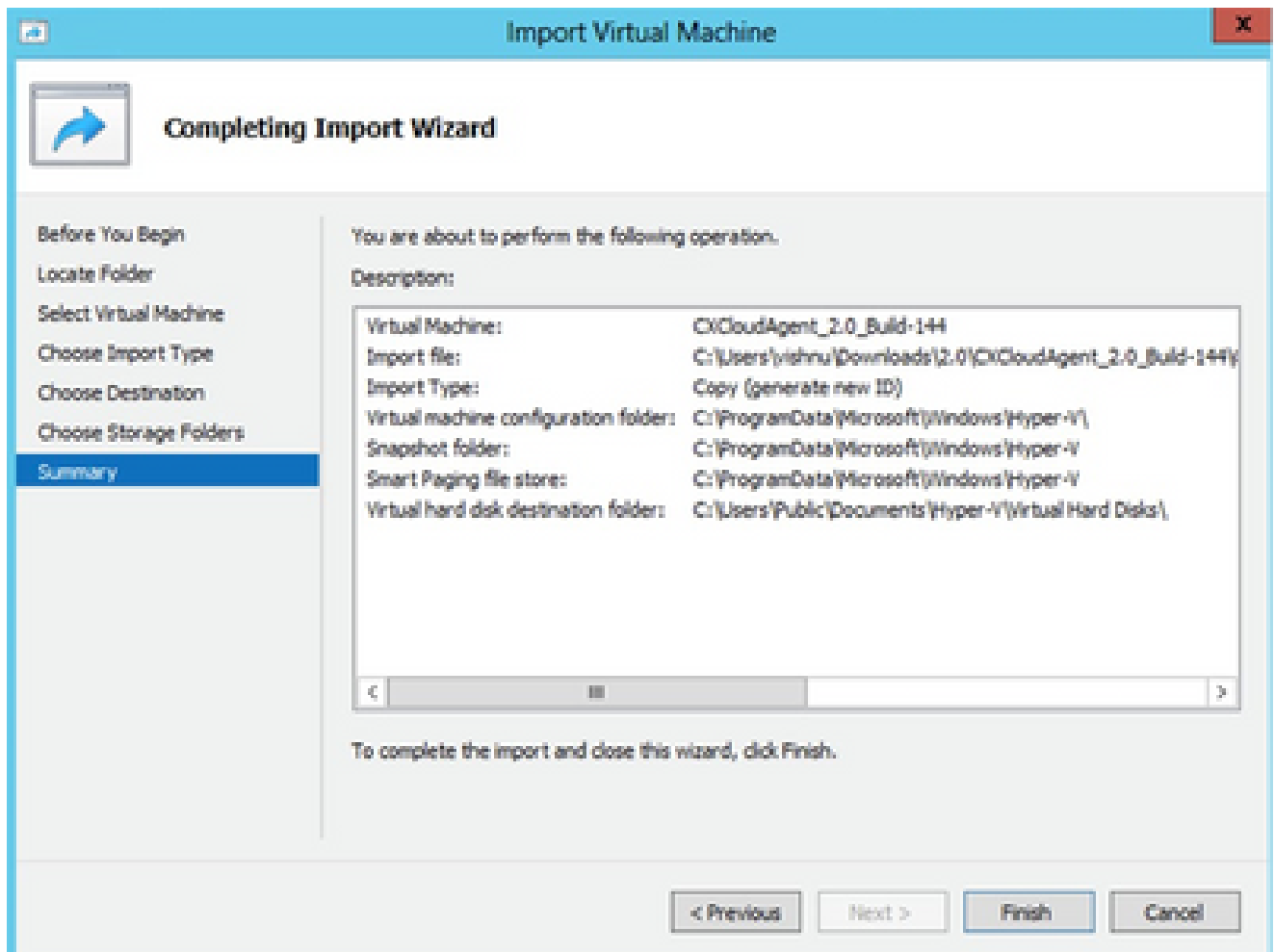
8. Browse and select the folder to store the VM hard disk. It is recommended to use default paths.
9. Click **Next**.





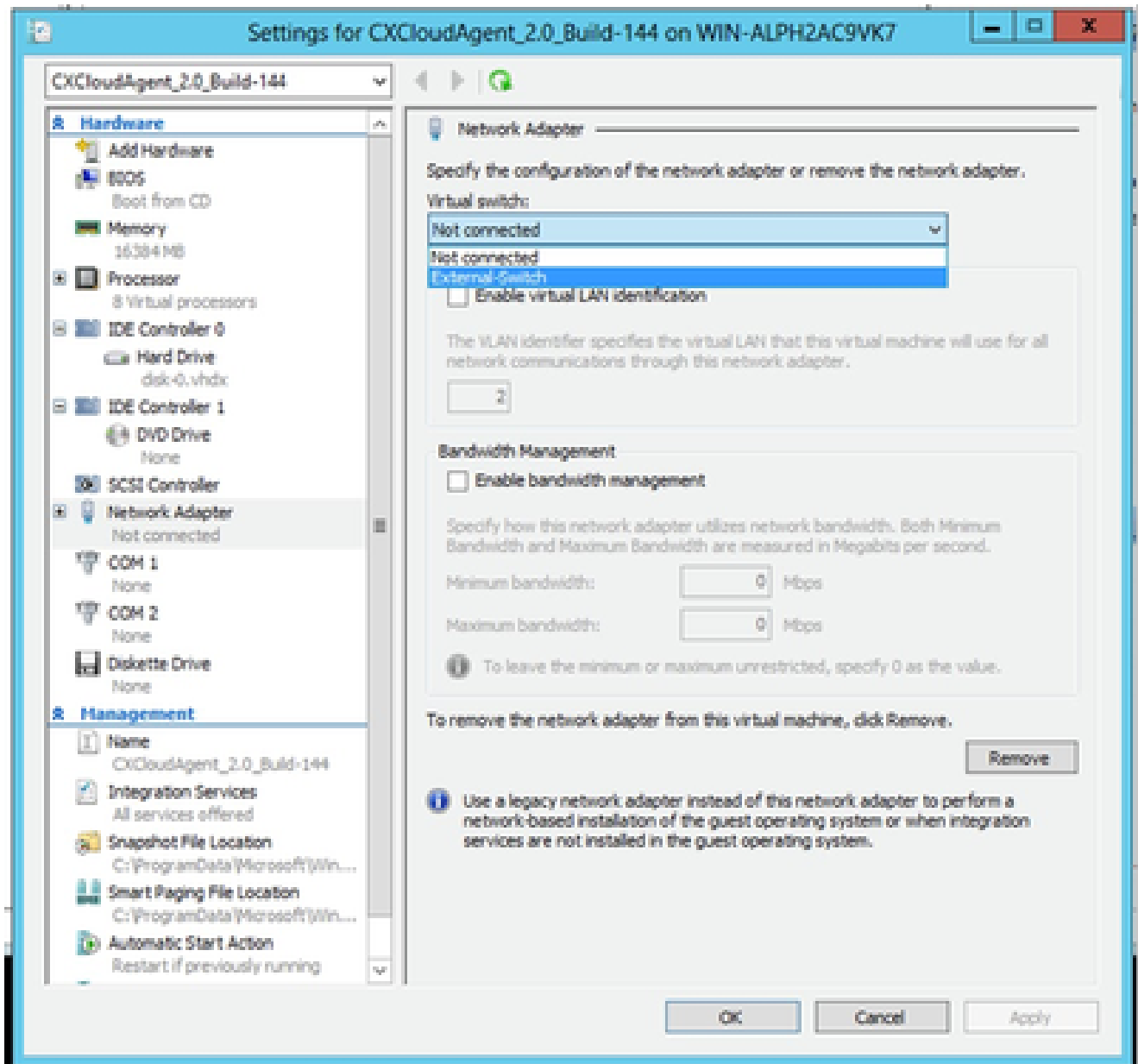
*Folder to Store the Virtual Hard Disks*

10. The VM summary displays. Verify all inputs and click **Finish**.



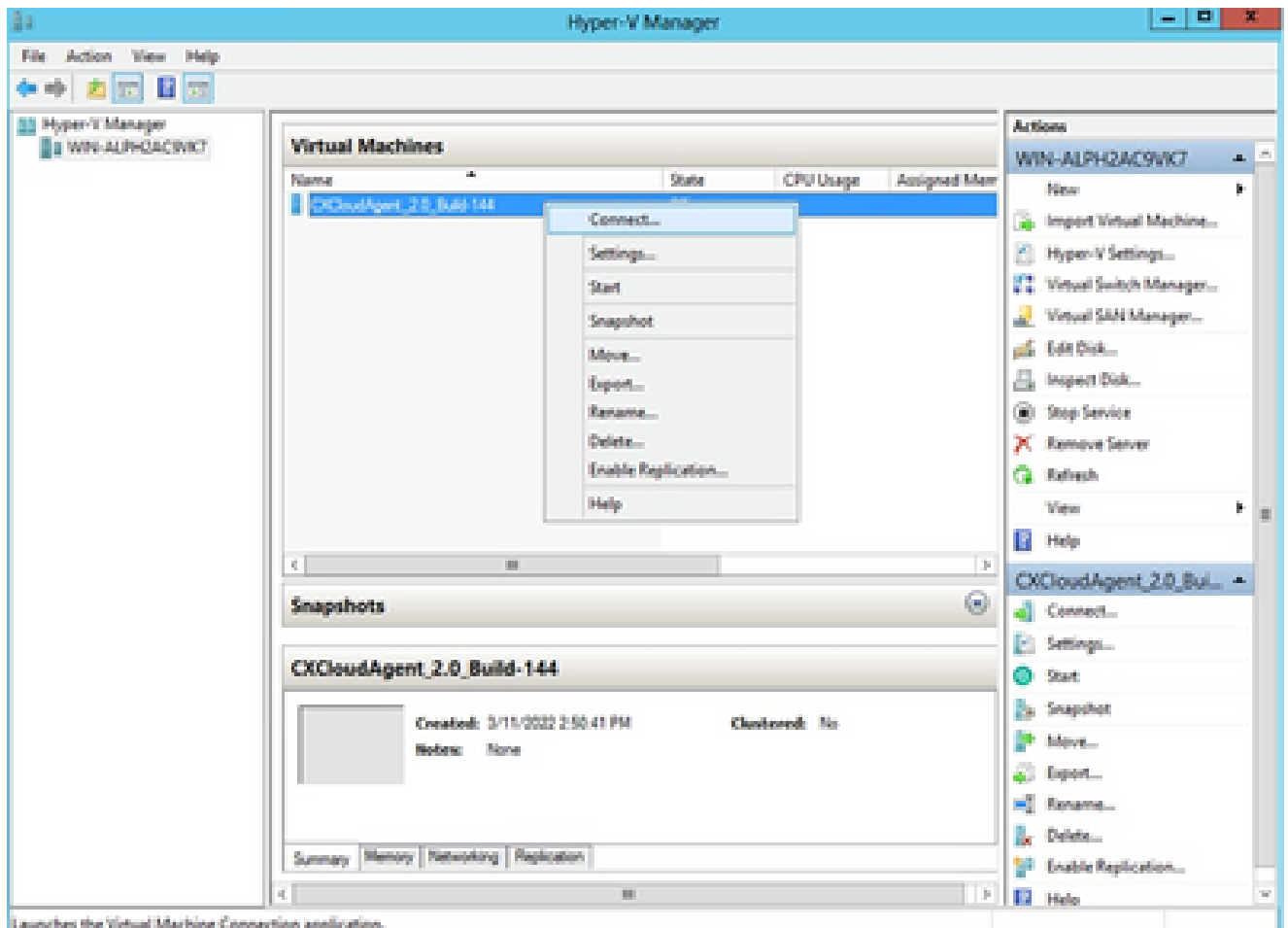
#### Summary

11. Once the import is completed successfully, a new VM is created on Hyper-V. Open the VM setting.
12. Select the **network adaptor** on the left pane and choose the available **Virtual Switch** from the drop-down.



*Virtual Switch*

13. Select **Connect** to start the VM.

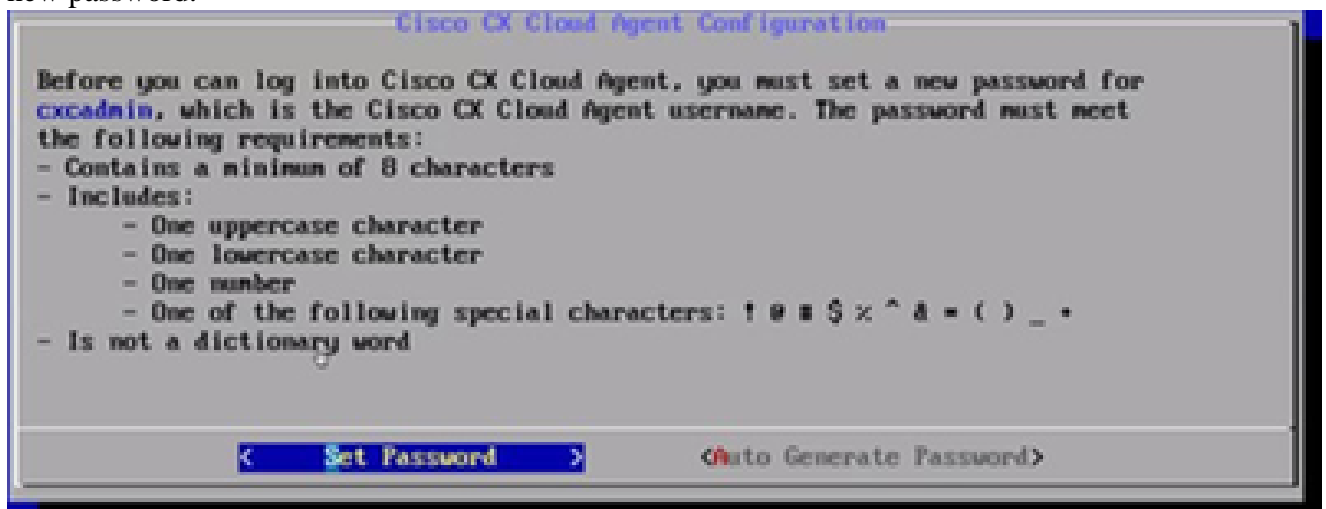


Starting VM

14. Navigate to [Network Configuration](#) to proceed with the next steps.

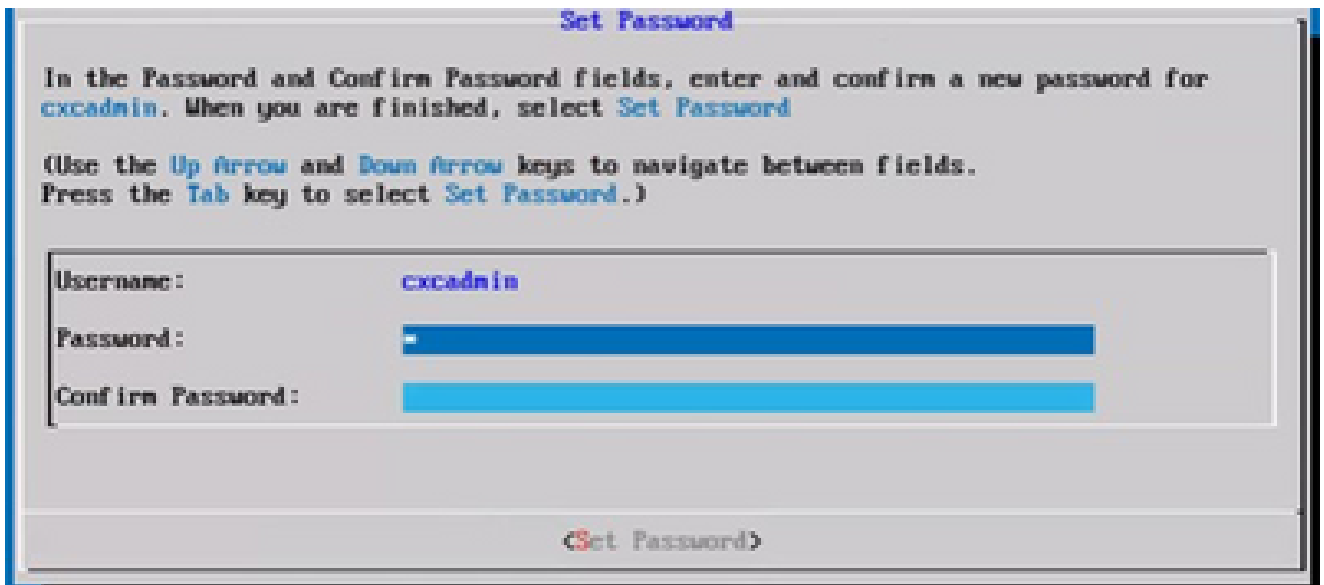
## Network Configuration

1. Click **Set Password** to add a new password for excadmin OR click **Auto Generate Password** to get a new password.



Set Password

2. If **Set Password** is selected, enter the password for excadmin and confirm it. Click **Set Password** and go to Step 3.



*New Password*

OR

If **Auto Generate Password** is selected, copy the password generated and store it for future use. Click **Save Password** and go to Step 4.



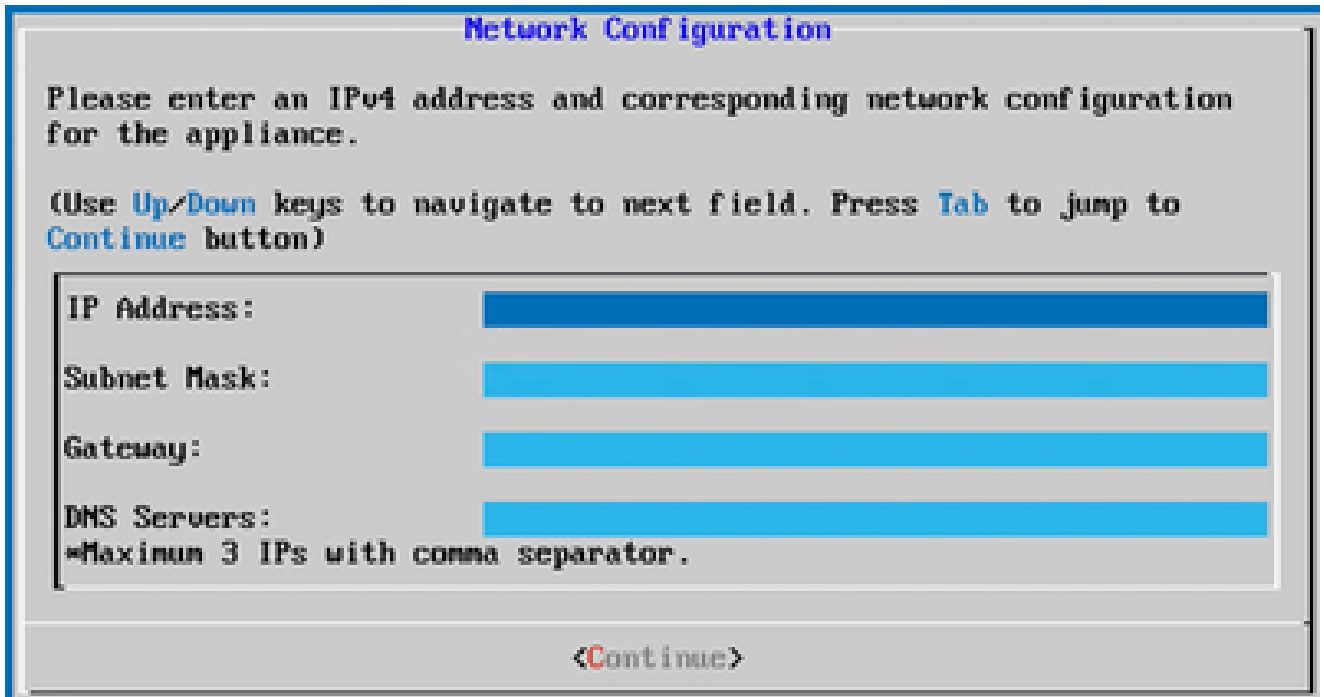
*Auto Generated Password*

3. Click **Save Password** to use it for authentication.



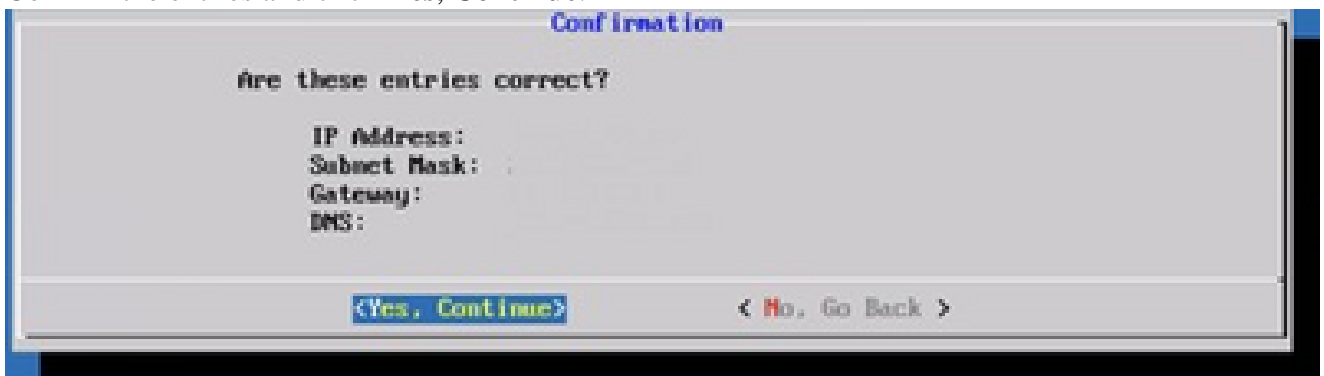
*Save Password*

4. Enter the **IP Address**, **Subnet Mask**, **Gateway**, and **DNS Server** and click **Continue**.



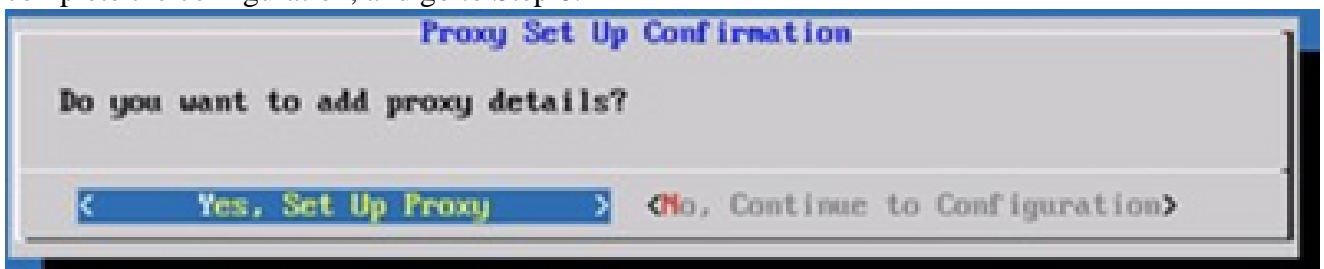
Network Configuration

5. Confirm the entries and click **Yes, Continue**.



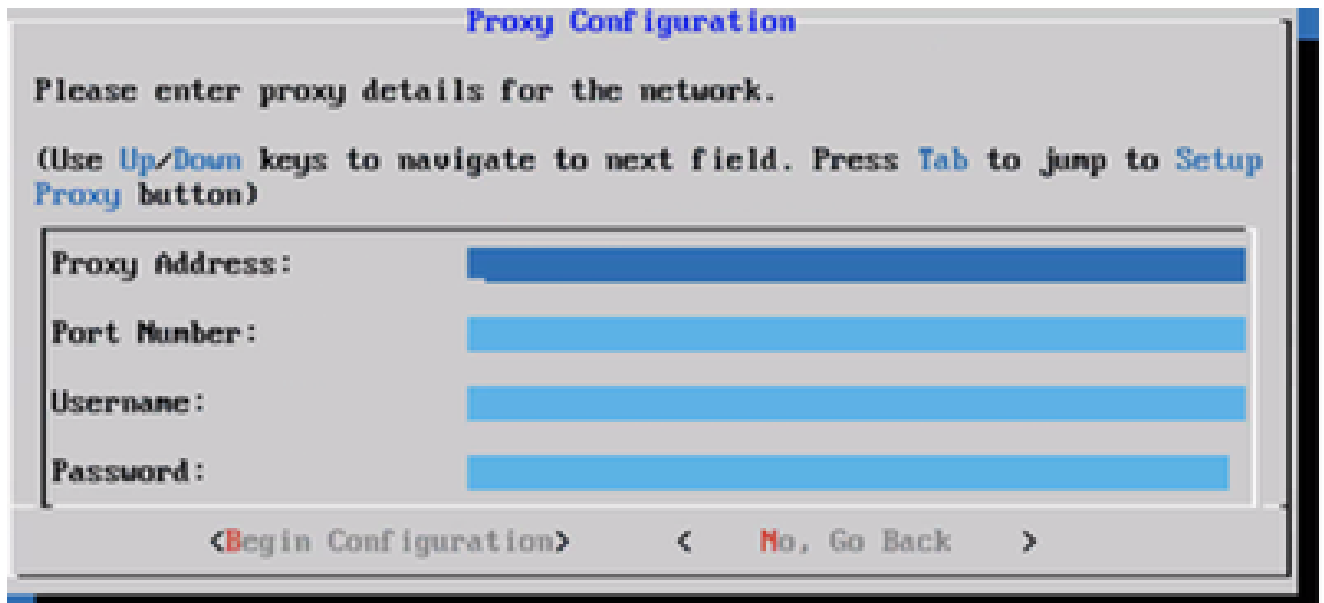
Confirmation

6. To set the proxy details, click **Yes, Set Up Proxy** or click **No, Continue to Configuration** to complete the configuration, and go to Step 8.



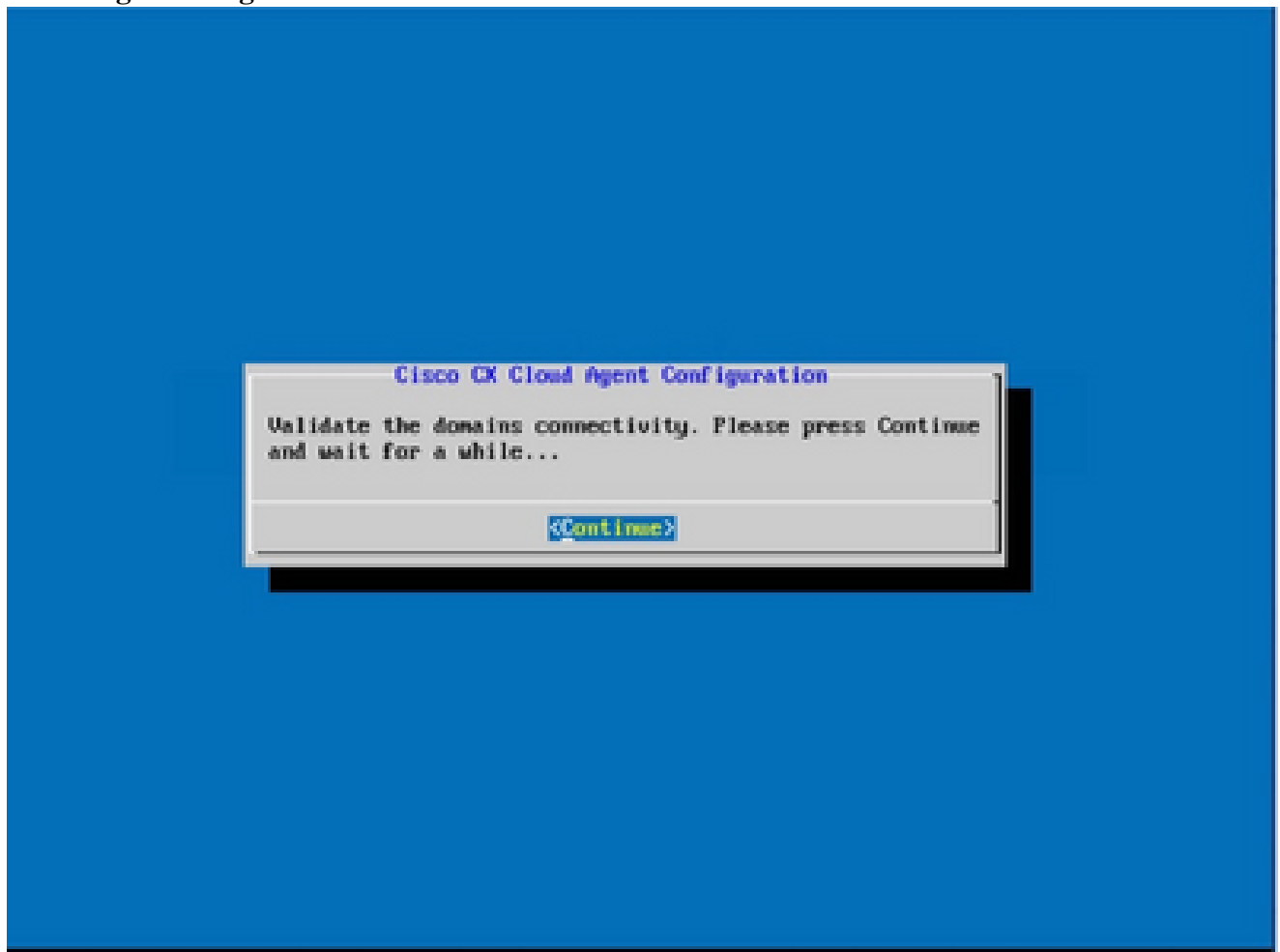
Proxy Setup

7. Enter the **Proxy Address, Port Number, Username, and Password**.



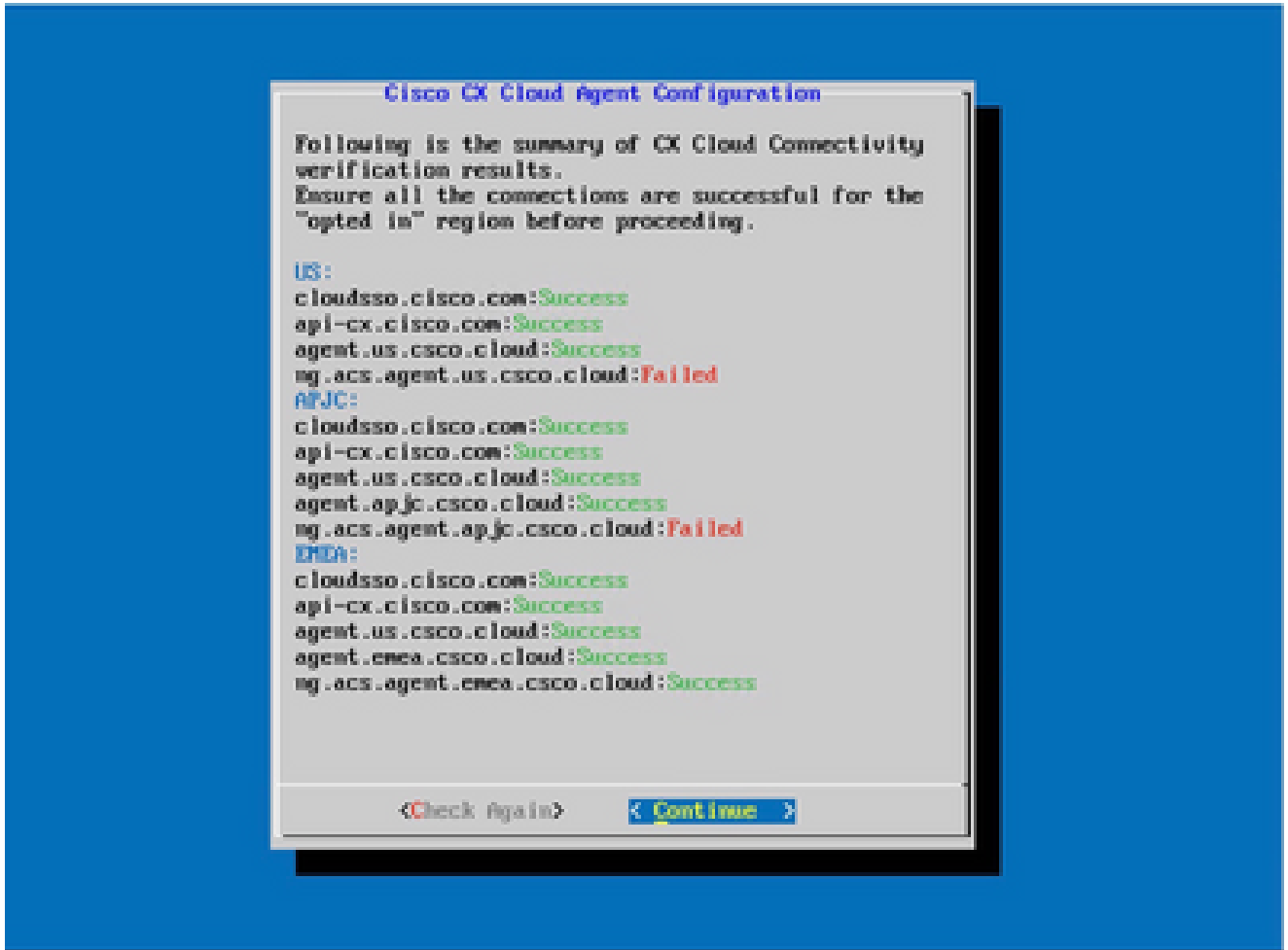
*Proxy Configuration*

8. Click **Begin Configuration**.




*Begin Configuration*

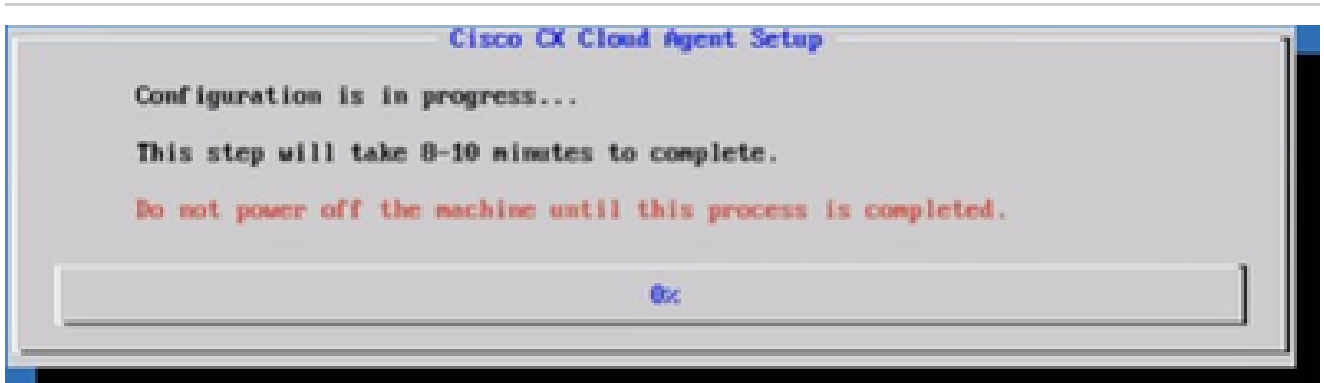
9. Click **Continue**.



*Configuration Continues*

10. Click **Continue** to proceed with the configuration for successful domain reach. The configuration can take several minutes to complete.

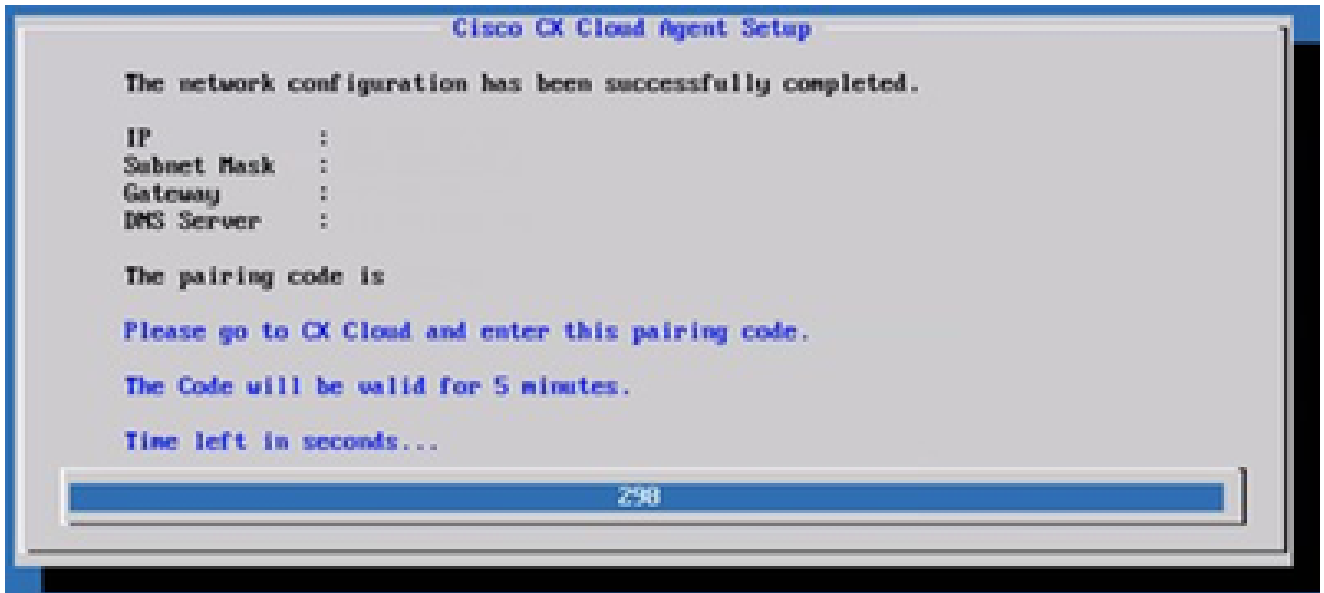
 **Note:** If the domains cannot be reached successfully, the customer must fix domain reachability by making changes in their firewall to ensure that domains are reachable. Click **Check Again** once the domains reachability issue is resolved.



*Configuration in Progress*

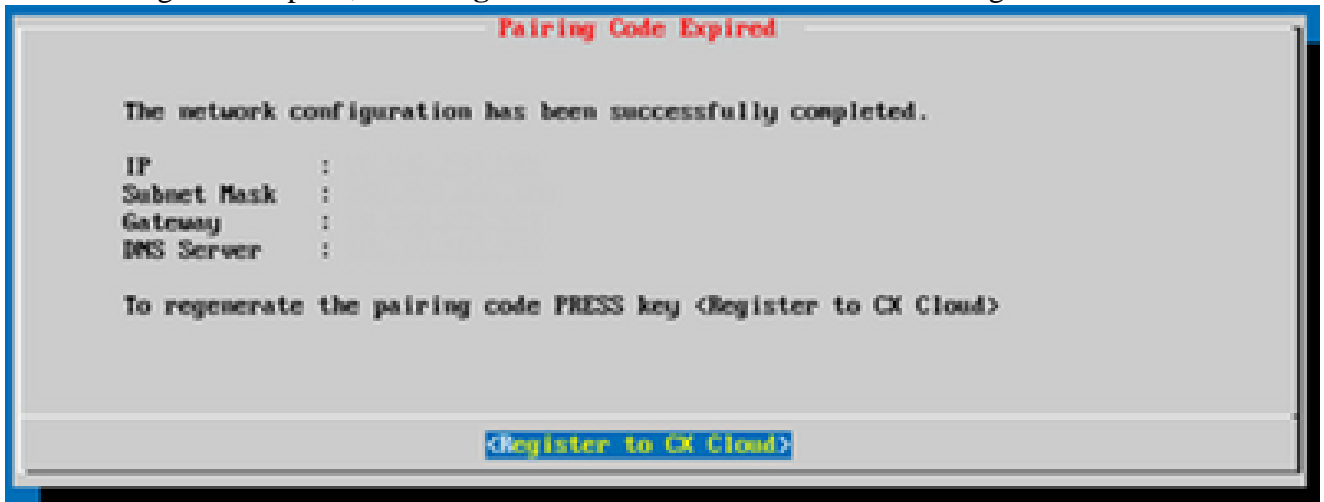
11. Copy the **Pairing Code** and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup.





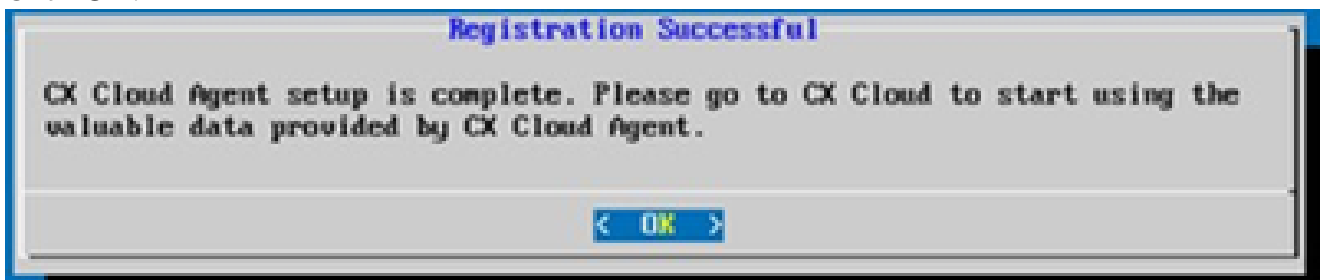
Pairing Code

- If the Pairing Code expires, click **Register to CX Cloud** to obtain the code again.



Code Expired

- Click **OK**.



Registration Successful

## Alternative Approach to Generate Pairing Code Using CLI

Users can also generate a pairing code by using CLI options.

To generate a pairing code using CLI:

1. Log in to the Cloud Agent via SSH using the cxcadmin user credential.
2. Generate the pairing code using the command `cxcli agent generatePairingCode`.

```

cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$ cxcli agent generatePairingCode

Pairing Code : xJ710P
Expires in: 3 minutes
Please use the Pairing Code in the CX Cloud to proceed with CX Cloud Agent registration.

cxcadmin@cxcloudagent:~$

```

Generate Pairing Code CLI

3. Copy the Pairing Code and return to CX Cloud to continue the setup.

## Configure Cisco DNA Center To Forward Syslog to CX Cloud Agent

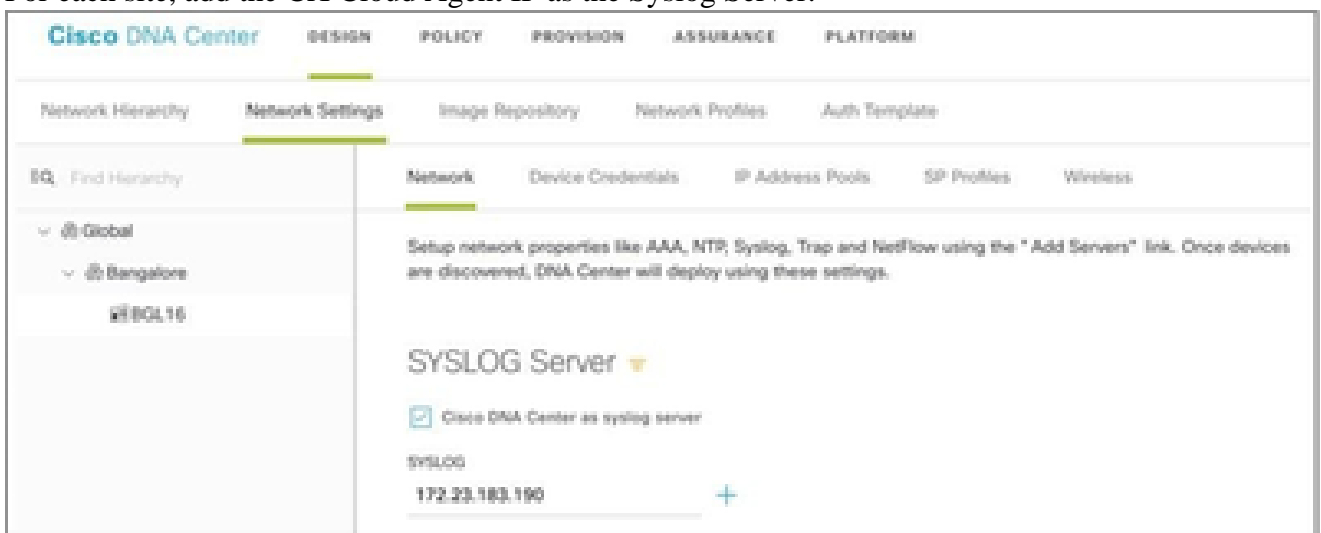
### Prerequisites

Supported Cisco DNA Center versions are 2.1.2.0 to 2.2.3.5, 2.3.3.4 to 2.3.3.6, 2.3.5.0, and Cisco DNA Center Virtual Appliance

### Configure Syslog Forward Setting

To configure Syslog Forwarding to CX Cloud Agent in the Cisco DNA Center, perform these steps:

1. Launch Cisco DNA Center.
2. Go to **Design > Network Settings > Network**.
3. For each site, add the CX Cloud Agent IP as the Syslog Server.




Syslog Server

### Notes:

Once configured, all devices associated with that site are configured to send syslog with level critical to CX Cloud Agent. Devices must be associated to a site for enabling the syslog forwarding from the device to CX Cloud Agent. When a syslog server setting is updated, all devices associated with that

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 site are automatically set to default critical level.

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## Configure Other Assets to Forward Syslog to CX Cloud Agent

Devices must be configured to send Syslog messages to the CX Cloud Agent to use the Fault Management feature of CX Cloud.

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 **Note:** Only Campus Success Track Level 2 devices are eligible to configure other assets to forward syslog.

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### Existing Syslog Servers with Forward Capability

Perform the configuration instructions for the syslog server software and add the CX Cloud Agent IP Address as a new destination.

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 **Note:** When forwarding syslogs, ensure that the source IP address of the original syslog message is preserved.

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### Existing Syslog Servers without Forward Capability OR without Syslog Server

Configure each device to send syslogs directly to the CX Cloud Agent IP Address. Refer to this documentation for specific configuration steps.

[Cisco IOS® XE Configuration Guide](#)

[AireOS Wireless Controller Configuration Guide](#)

## Enable Information Level Syslog Settings

To make Syslog Information level visible, perform these steps:

1. Navigate to **Tools>Telemetry**.



## TOOLS

**Discovery**

**Inventory**

**Topology**

**Image Repository**

**Command Runner**

**License Manager**

**Template Editor**

**Telemetry**

**Data and Reports**

2. Select and expand the **Site View** and select a **site** from site hierarchy.



Site View

3. Select the required site and select all devices using the **Device name** check box.

4. Select **Optimal Visibility** from the **Actions** drop-down.



Actions

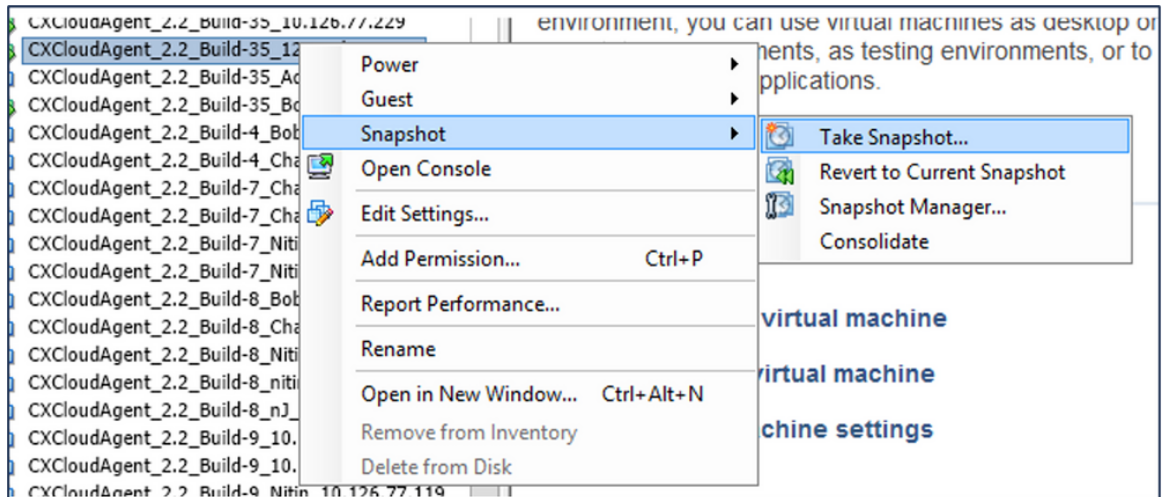
## Back Up and Restore the CX Cloud VM

It is recommended to preserve the state and data of a CX Cloud Agent VM at a specific point in time using the snapshot feature. This feature facilitates CX Cloud VM restoration to the specific time that the snapshot is taken.

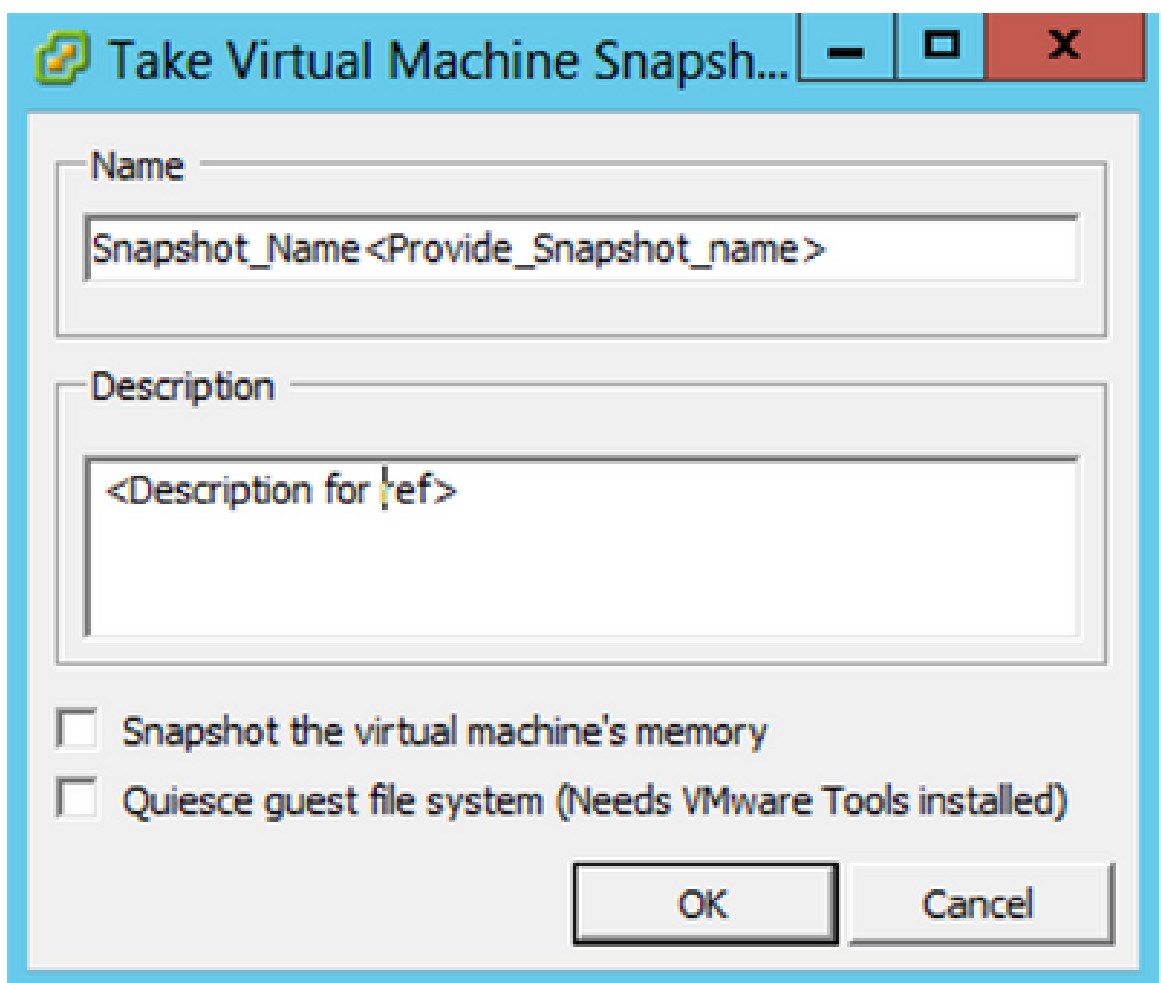
### Back Up

To back up the CX Cloud VM:

1. Right-click the **VM** and select **Snapshot > Take Snapshot**. The **Take Virtual Machine Snapshot** window opens.



Select VM



Take Virtual Machine Snapshot

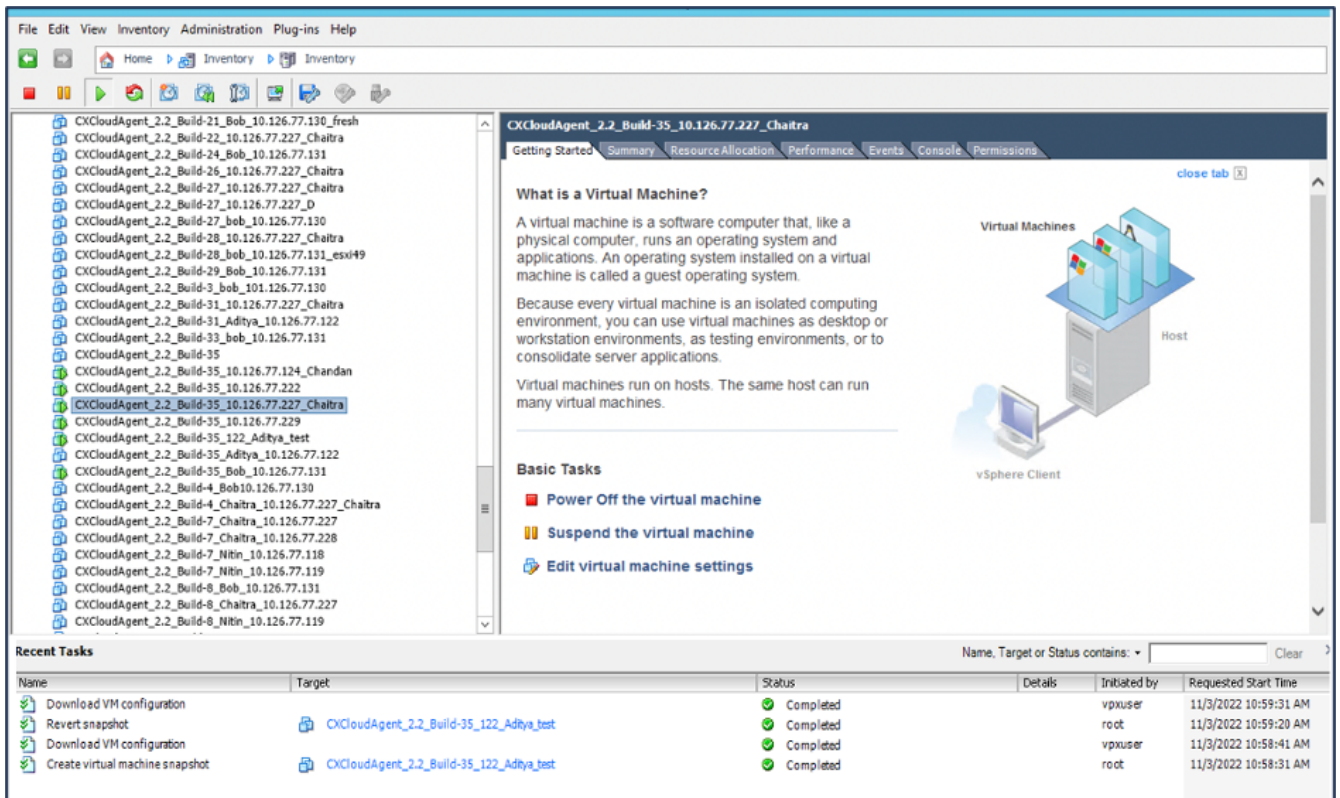
2. Enter **Name** and **Description**.

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 **Note:** Verify that the Snapshot the virtual machine's memory check box is cleared.

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3. Click **OK**. The **Create virtual machine snapshot** status displays as **Completed** in the Recent Tasks list.

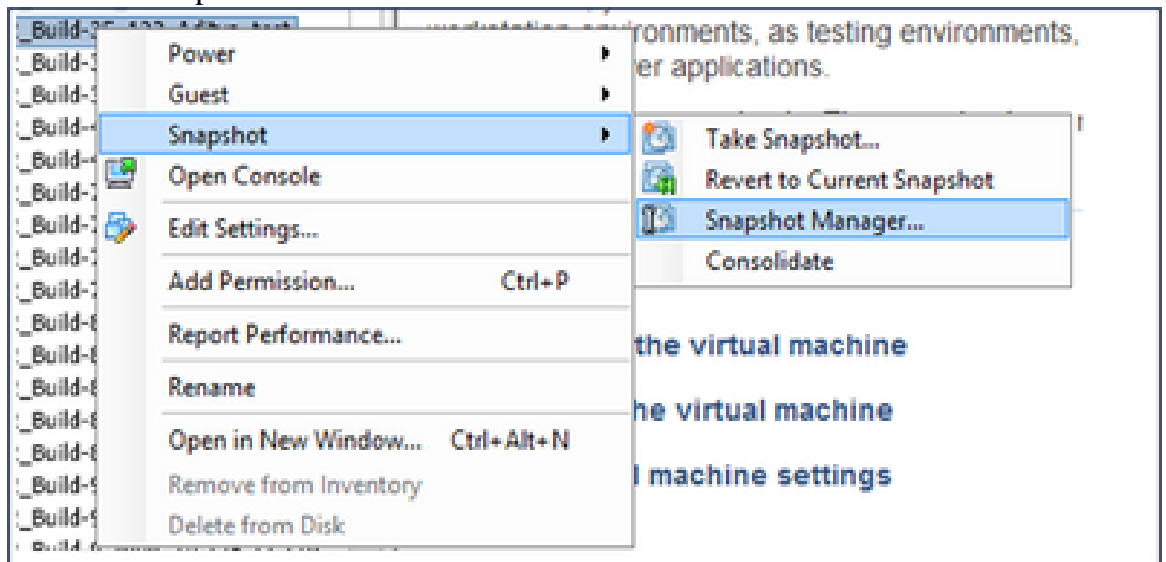


Recent Tasks

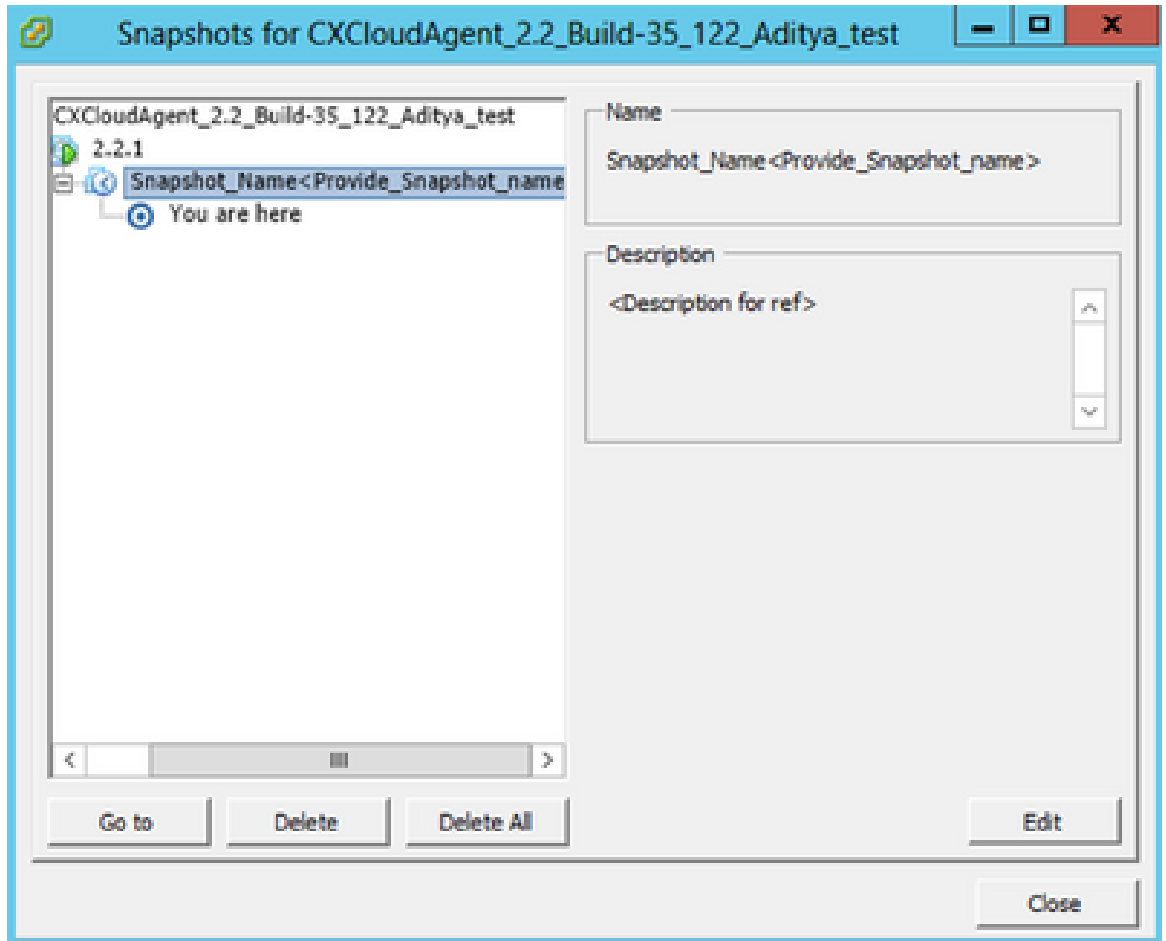
## Restore

To restore the CX Cloud VM:

1. Right-click the VM and select **Snapshot > Snapshot Manager**. The Snapshots of the VM window opens.

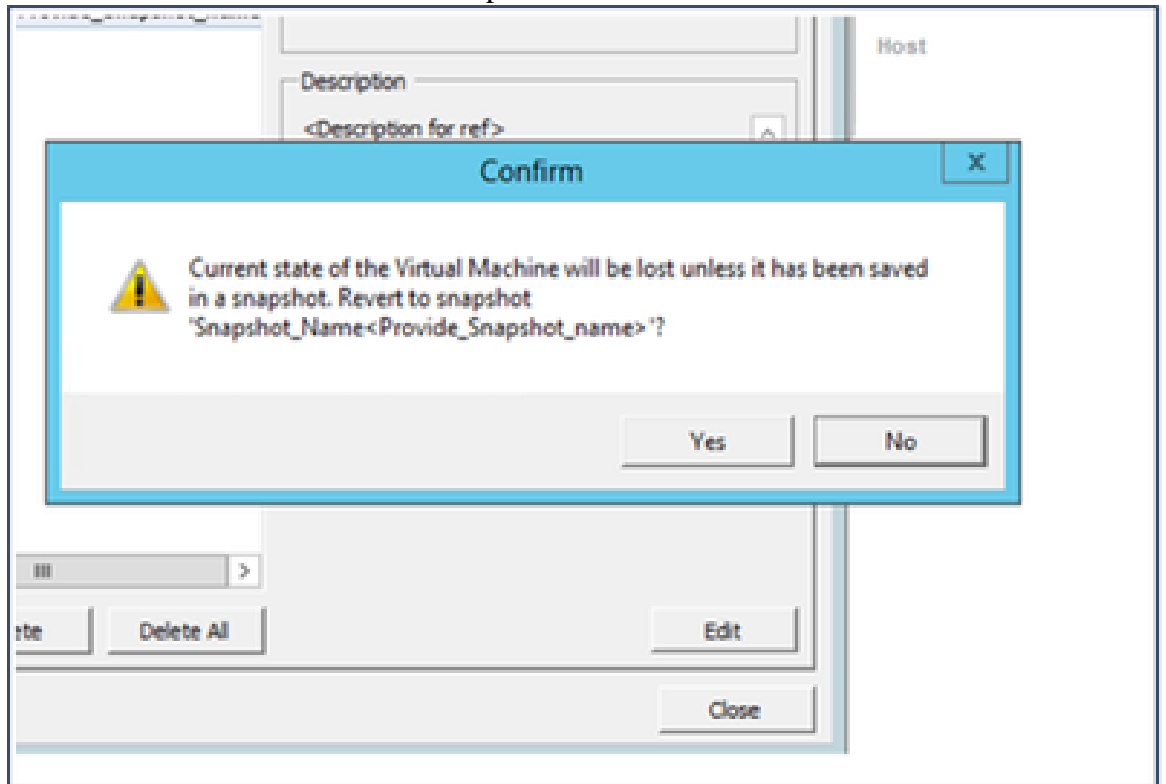


Select VM window



*Snapshots Window*

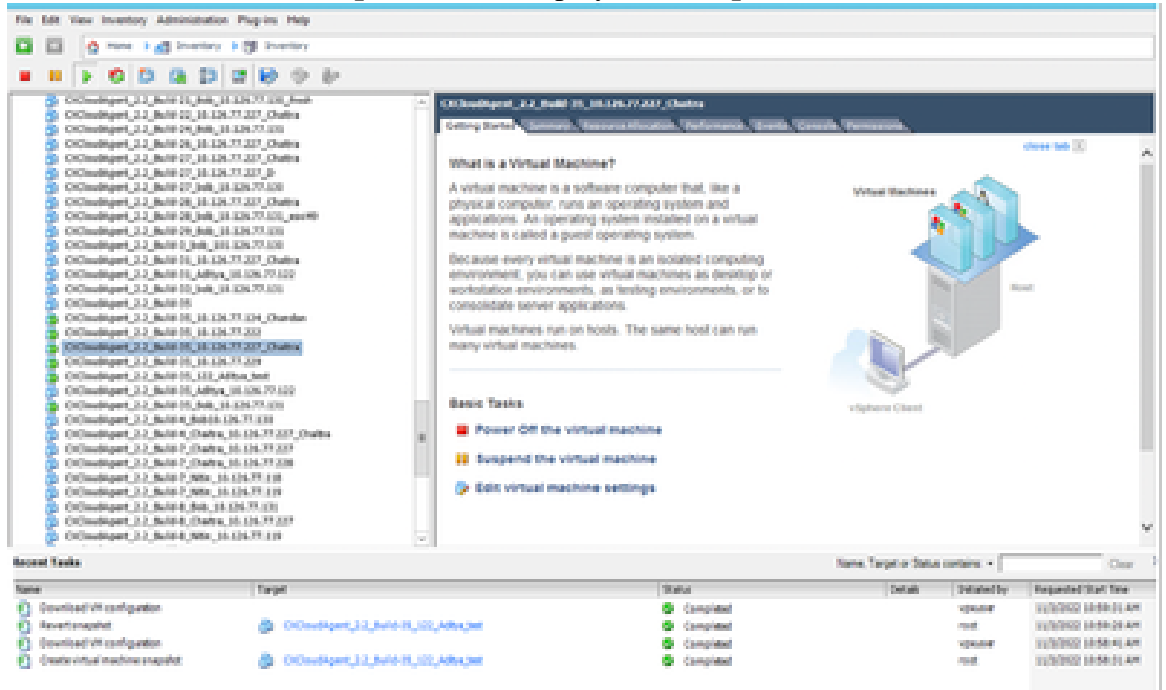
2. Click **Go to**. The **Confirm** window opens.



*Confirm Window*

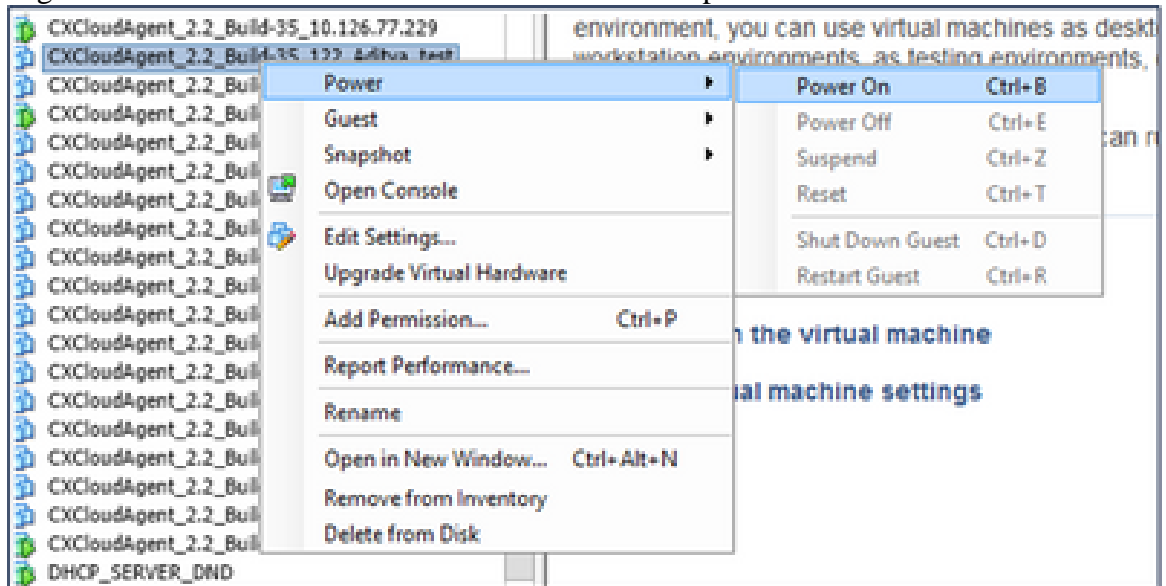


3. Click **Yes**. The **Revert snapshot** status displays as **Completed** in the Recent Tasks list.



Recent Tasks

4. Right-click the VM and select **Power > Power On** to power on the VM.



## Security

CX Cloud Agent assures the customer of end-to-end security. The connection between CX Cloud and CX Cloud Agent is TLS secured. Cloud Agent's default SSH user is limited to perform only basic operations.

## Physical Security

Deploy CX Cloud Agent OVA image in a secured VMware server firm. The OVA is shared securely through Cisco software download center. Bootloader (single user mode) password is set with a randomly unique password. Users must refer to this [FAQ](#) to set this bootloader (single-user mode) password.

## Account Security

During deployment, the cxcadmin user account is created. Users are forced to set a password during the initial configuration. cxcadmin user/credentials are used to access both the CX Cloud Agent APIs and to connect to the appliance over SSH.

cxcadmin users have restricted access with the least privileges. The cxcadmin password follows the security policy and is one-way hashed with an expiry period of 90 days. cxcadmin users can create a cxcroot user using the utility called remoteaccount. cxcroot users can gain root privileges.

## Network Security

The CX Cloud Agent VM can be accessed using SSH with cxcadmin user credentials. Incoming ports are restricted to 22 (SSH), 514(Syslog).

## Authentication

Password based authentication: Appliance maintains a single user (cxcadmin) which enables the user to authenticate and communicate with the CX Cloud Agent.

- Root privileged actions on the appliance using SSH.

cxcadmin users can create cxcroot user using a utility called remoteaccount. This utility displays an RSA/ECB/PKCS1v1\_5 encrypted password which can be decrypted only from the SWIM portal ([DECRYPT Request Form](#)). Only authorized personnel have access to this portal. cxcroot users can gain root privileges using this decrypted password. Passphrase is valid only for two days. cxcadmin users must recreate the account and obtain the password from the SWIM portal post password expiry.

## Hardening

CX Cloud Agent appliance follows Center of Internet Security hardening standards.

## Data Security

CX Cloud Agent appliance does not store any customer personal information. Device credential application (running as one of the pods) stores encrypted server credentials inside secured database. The collected data is not stored in any form inside the appliance except temporarily when it is being processed. Telemetry data is uploaded to CX Cloud as soon as possible after the collection is complete and is promptly deleted from local storage after it is confirmed that the upload was successful.

## Data Transmission

The registration package contains the required unique [X.509](#) device certificate and keys to establish secure connection with Iot Core. Using that agent establishes a secure connection using Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) over Transport Layer Security (TLS) v1.2

## Logs and Monitoring

Logs do not contain any form of Personal Identifiable Information (PII) data. Audit logs capture all security-sensitive actions performed on the CX Cloud Agent appliance.

## Cisco Telemetry Commands

CX Cloud retrieves asset telemetry using the APIs and commands listed in the [Cisco Telemetry Commands](#). This document categorizes commands based on their applicability to the Cisco DNA Center inventory,

Diagnostic Bridge, Intersight, Compliance Insights, Faults, and all other sources of telemetry collected by the CX Cloud Agent.

Sensitive information within asset telemetry is masked before being transmitted to the cloud. The CX Cloud Agent masks sensitive data for all the collected assets that send telemetry directly to the CX Cloud Agent. This includes passwords, keys, community strings, usernames, and so on. Controllers provide data masking for all controller-managed assets before transferring this information to the CX Cloud Agent. In some instances, controller-managed assets telemetry can be anonymized further. Refer to the corresponding [product support documentation](#) to learn more about anonymizing the telemetry (for example, the [Anonymize Data](#) section of the Cisco DNA Center Administrator Guide).

While the list of telemetry commands cannot be customized and the data masking rules cannot be modified, customers can control which assets' telemetry CX Cloud accesses by specifying data sources as discussed in the [product support documentation](#) for controller-managed devices or the Connecting Data Sources section of this document (for Other assets collected by CX Cloud Agent).

## Security Summary

| Security Features        | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Bootloader Password      | Bootloader (Single user mode) password is set with a randomly unique password. Users must refer to <a href="#">FAQ</a> to set his bootloader (single user mode) password.   |
| User Access              | SSH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to appliance using excadmin user requires credentials created during installation.</li> <li>Access to appliance using excroot user requires credentials to be decrypted using SWIM portal by authorized personnel.</li> </ul>  |
| User Accounts            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>excadmin: default user account created; User can execute CX Cloud Agent application commands using excli and has least privileges on the appliance; excroot user and its encrypted password is generated using excadmin user.</li> <li>excroot: excadmin can create this user using the utility remoteaccount; User can gain root privileges with this account.</li> </ul> |
| excadmin password policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Password is one-way hashed using SHA-256 and stored securely.</li> <li>Minimum eight (8) characters, containing three of these categories: uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and special characters.</li> </ul>   |
| excroot password policy  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>excroot password is RSA/ECB/PKCS1v1_5 encrypted</li> <li>The passphrase generated needs to be decrypted in SWIM portal.</li> <li>The excroot user and password is valid for two days and can be regenerated using excadmin user.</li> </ul>  |

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| ssh login password policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Minimum of eight characters that contains three of these categories: uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and special characters.</li><li>· Five failed log in attempts lock the box for 30 minutes; Password expires in 90 days.</li></ul> |
| Ports                     | Open Incoming Ports – 514(Syslog) and 22 (SSH)  |
| Data Security             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· No Customer information stored.</li><li>· No Device data stored.</li><li>· Cisco DNA Center server credentials encrypted and stored in the database.</li></ul>  |