

Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, ...



[Peter_vm](#) 9,058 posts since

Feb 1, 2006 So on July 15th, 2008 you won't be able to start any virtual machines.
Get VMware Server 2.0 Release Candidate 1, which will work till October 30th, 2008.



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Dec 26, 2007 **1. Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 14, 2008 11:39 PM

Thanks. But I thought that RC1 has had no expiration date. Really ?



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Jul 15, 2008 **2. Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 12:48 AM

I encountered the expiration of the Beta 2 today. How can I upgrade to the RC1 version.

In the User's Guide(p 69) there are instructions:

Upgrading the Virtual Machine Version;

To upgrade the virtual machine version

- 1 Select the virtual machine.
- 2 Make sure the virtual machine is powered off.
- 3 Click Upgrade Virtual Machine in the Status section of the workspace.
- 4 Click OK to confirm that you want to upgrade the virtual machine.


But I could not find the "Upgrade Virtual Machine" tab in the Status section.

Let me know how to or where to go.



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Dec 26, 2007 **3. Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 1:25 AM

 in response to: [yware](#) I am not sure to understand your actions... You need to upgrade the host VMware software, not the Virtual Machines.

For me, as I am under a CentOS host 64 bits, and as I have installed VMware with its RPM, it is quite simple :

- 1) stop all VMs,
- 2) stop the vmware software (`/etc/init.d/vmware stop`),
- 3) upgrade it (`rpm -Uvh <path>/VMware-server-2.0.0-101586.x86_64.rpm`)
- 4) reboot
- 4bis) (I forgot it) : reapply configurator `:/usr/bin/vmware-config.pl`

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5) restart all VMs



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Jul 15, 2008 4. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 27, 2008 7:51 PM

in response to: [sdonnet](#) Thanks for quick response. I will try to do so.

-----Added on July 28, 2008

I followed your instructions as

Server Host OS: Scientific Linux 5.1 x86_64bit(RHEL compatible)

- 1) stop all VMs,
- 2) stop the vmware software (/etc/init.d/vmware stop),
- 3) upgrade it (rpm -Uvh <path>/VMware-server-2.0.0-101586.x86_64.rpm)
- 4) reapply configurator :/usr/bin/vmware-config.pl
- 5) reboot host os
- 6) restart all VMs

The VMware server had run successfully. But I encountered the trouble of Remote Console Plug-in installation into the web browser. I surveyed the related discussion thread and found the solution.

Now the RC1 is running well. Thank you.

Message was edited by: yware



[OChiatto](#) 4 posts since

Jul 15, 2008 5. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 4:26 PM

Hi.

I tried to run the installer for RC1, but keep getting the same installer failure (see attached jpeg). Tried downloading the package several times, but no luck, same issue every time.

Any ideas?

Attachments:

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[VMWare-Server2beta-install-issue.jpg](#) (107.8 K)



[asatoran](#) 2,926 posts since

Jun 23, 2006 6. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 5:31 PM

in response to: [OChiatto](#) OChiatto wrote:

...Tried downloading the package several times, but no luck, same issue every time.

Did you check the MD5 checksum of the download?

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Jul 15, 2008 7. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 5:31 PM

↑ in response to: [asatoran](#)

Sorry, yes, MD5 is ok. Downloaded file size is 560,173,056 bytes.

Host machine is W2003 R2 with all the latest windows updates applied.

Do I need to uninstall the old beta 2 VMWare Server before trying to install the RC1 package?



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Jun 23, 2006 8. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 5:34 PM

↑ in response to: [OChiatto](#) I'm not sure if you need to uninstall first. Probably worth a shot. And run the setup with the /c switch to cleanup previous installation.

And try just rebooting the host first. This is Windows, after all. 😊



OChiatto 4 posts since

Jul 15, 2008 9. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 5:50 PM

↑ in response to: [asatoran](#)

No server/windows reboot required at all - but the VM Server beta 2 had to be completely uninstalled before the RC1 installer would work.

Just finished installing the RC1 now, will have to redo all of the settings ... but hopefully it is installed ok now ...



johnhc 258 posts since

May 23, 2008 10. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 5:57 PM

↑ in response to: [OChiatto](#)

OChiatto,

Did you see the Release Note about removing old IE plugin? It does not say what error, if any, you will get but gives a procedure for removing:

When you have an earlier version of the VMware Remote Console add-on installed in Internet Explorer 6 or 7 and you upgrade to RC 1, you must uninstall the earlier add-on before you can install the RC1 version.

Workaround:

If you are using Internet Explorer 7, uninstall the earlier version of the add-on as follows:

1. Open Internet Explorer. Make sure that only one instance of Internet Explorer is open.
2. Select **Tools > Manage Add-ons > Enable or Disable Add-ons** to display the Manage Add-ons dialog box.
3. From the **Show** drop-down menu, select **Add-ons that have been used by Internet Explorer**.
4. Select the **VMwareRemoteConsole Class** add-on.
5. In the **Delete ActiveX** section of the dialog box, click **Delete**.

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6. Click **OK**.
7. Restart Internet Explorer.
8. Return

I'm not sure if this has anything to do with your error, but you might consider it. The Release Notes have more information.

Good luck, John.

Host and Guest Systems:

Windows XP Pro x64 Edition;

VMware 2.0.0RC1, Build 101586



OChiatto 4 posts since

Jul 15, 2008 11. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 15, 2008 6:21 PM

in response to: [johnhc](#)

Yes, I believe the plug-in was removed. But it appears to have installed ok once it was uninstalled.

Thanks for all the advice.

BTW, RC1 seems to be much better behaved than the beta 2. Stuff seems to be working quite well now in the GUI.



jitterysquid 1 posts since

Jul 16, 2008 12. **Re: Server 2.0 Beta 2 expires on July 15, 2008** Jul 16, 2008 7:26 AM

Never mind. I am the world's biggest idiot. I had both the Beta 2 and RC1 tarballs exploded in similar paths. I was continually re-installing the Beta 2 server.

I must go to my shame closet and hide now.

Well, I was caught unawares and my Server 2.0 Beta 2 installation (on linux) expired. Now I seem to be well and truly hosed. I ran the 2.0RC1 installer over my existing installation and it worked, but I can't start any VMs because it says the license has expired. So I ran the uninstaller, then destroyed all vestiges (/etc/vmware, /usr/lib/vmware, /var/run/vmware, etc, etc). I started from scratch, installed vmware, added my existing VM to the inventory. Still no luck. I get an "unknown error" in the web gui and the vmware.log proclaims that I have an expired version. I've tried creating new VMs, no joy there either.

Is there any way out of this pit? I'm using the serial number I got when I downloaded 2.0RC1. Is there a new one somewhere?

Thanks.

Here's the message in the VM's vmware.log:

vmx| <http://msg.License.product.expired> This product has expired.

vmx| Be sure that your host machine's date and time are set correctly.

vmx| There is a more recent version available at the VMware Web site: "<http://www.vmware.com/info?id=4>".

Message was edited by: jitterysquid