

VMware vSphere PowerCLI 4.1.1



Guest OS

```
Get-VMGuestNetworkInterface
Set-VMGuestNetworkInterface
Get-VMGuestRoute
New-VMGuestRoute
Remove-VMGuestRoute
Get-VMGuest
Restart-VMGuest
Shutdown-VMGuest
Suspend-VMGuest
Invoke-VMScript
Dismount-Tools
Mount-Tools
Update-Tools
Wait-Tools
Copy-VMGuestFile
```

Network Operations

```
Get-iScsiHbaTarget
New-iScsiHbaTarget
Remove-iScsiHbaTarget
Set-iScsiHbaTarget
Get-NicTeamingPolicy
Set-NicTeamingPolicy
Get-OSCustomizationNicMapping
New-OSCustomizationNicMapping
Remove-OSCustomizationNicMapping
Set-OSCustomizationNicMapping
Get-ScsiController
New-ScsiController
Set-ScsiController
Get-ScsiLun
Set-ScsiLun
Get-ScsiLunPath
Set-ScsiLunPath
Get-VirtualPortGroup
New-VirtualPortGroup
Remove-VirtualPortGroup
Set-VirtualPortGroup
Get-VirtualSwitch
New-VirtualSwitch
Remove-VirtualSwitch
Set-VirtualSwitch
```

Logs/Reporting/Configuration

```
Get-ErrorReport
Get-Log
Get-LogType
Get-OSCustomizationSpec
New-OSCustomizationSpec
Remove-OSCustomizationSpec
Set-OSCustomizationSpec
Get-Stat
Get-StatType
Get-VIEvent
Get-StatInterval
New-StatInterval
Remove-StatInterval
Set-StatInterval
Get-VICredentialStoreItem
New-VICredentialStoreItem
Remove-VICredentialStoreItem
Set-VICredentialStoreItem
Get-VMHostSysLogServer
Set-VMHostSysLogServer
Get-VMResourceConguration
```

Datacenter Operations

```
Get-Datacenter
Set-Datacenter
New-Datacenter
Move-Datacenter
Remove-Datacenter
```

Cluster Operations

```
Get-Cluster
New-Cluster
Move-Cluster
Remove-Cluster
```

Resource Pool Operations

```
Get-ResourcePool
Set-ResourcePool
New-ResourcePool
Move-ResourcePool
Remove-ResourcePool
```

vCenter Update Manager

```
Attach-Baseline
Detach-Baseline
Get-Baseline
Remove-Baseline
Get-Compliance
Download-Patch
Get-Patch
Stage-Patch
Get-PatchBaseline
New-PatchBaseline
Set-PatchBaseline
Remediate-Inventory
Scan-Inventory
```

For latest documentation, sample code, and information, visit:
<http://vmware.com/go/powercliupdate>

VMware vSphere Client

Scripts/Third Party Code

- vSphere Web Services SDK
- vSphere SDK for Perl
- vSphere PowerCLI
- vSphere vCLI

VMware vSphere API

VMware ESXi™ and ESX

VMware ESXi and ESX

VMware ESXi and ESX

VMware vSphere Server

```
Get-AdvancedSetting
New-AdvancedSetting
Remove-AdvancedSetting
Set-AdvancedSetting
Get-AlarmAction
New-AlarmAction
Remove-AlarmAction
Set-AlarmActionTrigger
Remove-AlarmActionTrigger
Get-AlarmDefinition
Set-AlarmDefinition
Get-Annotation
Set-Annotation
Get-CustomAttribute
New-CustomAttribute
Remove-CustomAttribute
Set-CustomAttribute
New-Datastore
Remove-Datastore
Set-Datastore
Get-Datastore
Copy-DatastoreItem
Apply-DrRsRecommendation
Get-DrRsRecommendation
Get-DrRsRule
Remove-DrRsRule
Set-DrRsRule
Move-Folder
New-Folder
Remove-Folder
Set-Folder
Get-Folder
Get-Inventory
Move-Inventory
Remove-Inventory
Get-Task
Stop-Task
Wait-Task
Get-VIObjectByVIView
Connect-VIServer
Disconnect-VIServer
Set-VIPermission
Get-VIProperty
New-VIProperty
Remove-VIProperty
Get-VIRole
New-VIRole
Remove-VIRole
Set-ESXCLI
Get-ESXTOP
Get-View
Get-VIObjectByVIView
Connect-VIServer
Disconnect-VIServer
```

Virtual Machine Host Operations

```
Get-HAPrimaryVMHost
Add-VMHost
Get-VMHost
Move-VMHost
Remove-VMHost
Restart-VMHost
Set-VMHost
Start-VMHost
Stop-VMHost
Suspend-VMHost
Get-VMHostAccount
New-VMHostAccount
Remove-VMHostAccount
Set-VMHostAccount
Get-VMHostAdvancedConfiguration
Set-VMHostAdvancedConfiguration
Get-VMHostAvailableTimezone
Set-VMHostAvailableTimezone
Get-VMHostDiagnosticPartition
Set-VMHostDiagnosticPartition
Get-VMHostDisk
Format-VMHostDiskPartition
Set-VMHostDiskPartition
Get-VMHostFirmware
Set-VMHostFirmware
Get-VMHostModule
Set-VMHostModule
Get-VMHostPatch
Install-VMHostPatch
Get-VMHostRoute
New-VMHostRoute
Remove-VMHostRoute
Set-VMHostRoute
Get-VMHostStorage
Set-VMHostStorage
Get-VMHostService
Restart-VMHostService
Set-VMHostService
Start-VMHostService
Stop-VMHostService
Get-VMHostStartPolicy
Set-VMHostStartPolicy
Get-VMHostSysLogServer
Set-VMHostSysLogServer
```

Resources

PowerGUI a graphical user interface and script editor for Microsoft Windows Powershell - <http://powergui.org>

For more information and help with the VMware vSphere PowerCLI, use the following cmdlets:

- Get-VICommand**
- Get-PowerCLIHelp**
- Get-PowerCLICommunity**

Important third party Web sites:

- <http://virtu-al.net>
- <http://www.lucid.info>
- <http://get-scripting.blogspot.com>
- <http://powerscripting.net>
- <http://ict-freak.nl>
- <http://www.van-lieshout.com>

VMware scripting support - <http://vmware.com/go/sdksupport>

VMware PowerCLI training - <http://vmware.com/go/vsphereautomation>

Third-Party PowerCLI Training from Trainsignal: <http://trainsignal.com>

Special Thanks to our PowerCLI VIP Community members for helping us improve PowerCLI.

PowerCLI Settings

```
Get-ErrorReport
Get-PowerCLICommunity
Get-PowerCLIConfiguration
Get-PowerCLIDocumentation
Get-PowerCLIVersion
```

PowerCLI Books

Automating vSphere Administration
ISBN-10: 0470890797

vSphere 4.0 Quick Start Guide
ISBN-10: 1439263450

Managing VMware Infrastructure with Windows PowerShell
ISBN-10: 0982131402

vApps

```
Export-vApp
Get-vApp
Import-vApp
New-vApp
Remove-vApp
Set-vApp
Start-vApp
Stop-vApp
```

Host Profiles

```
Get-VMHostProfile
Set-VMHostProfile
New-VMHostProfile
Apply-VMHostProfile
Remove-VMHostProfile
Import-VMHostProfile
Export-VMHostProfile
Test-VMHostProfileCompliance
```

VMware vSphere PowerCLI is a powerful, easy-to-use scripting interface to manage the vSphere platform. Administrators can leverage more than 230 commandlets to simplify everyday tasks.

For latest documentation, sample code, and information, visit:
<http://vmware.com/go/powercli>

Official VMware PowerCLI Blog:
<http://blogs.vmware.com/vipowershell>

* Indicated new Commandlets for 4.1.1 Release

VMware vSphere PowerCLI Quick Reference

Virtual Machine Operations

To list all VMs on the connected VMware vSphere server and some of their properties: **Get-VM**

```
$esxhost = Get-VMHost "ESXHost01.mydomain.com"
New-VM -Name XPVM -VMHost $esxhost -DiskMB 4000 -MemoryMB 256
Remove-VM -VM myVM -DeleteFromDisk
```

To move a VM:

```
Get-VM -Name XP_VC_Tech | Move-VM -Destination (Get-VMHost 192.168.0.10)
```

To change the configuration of a VM:

```
Set-VM -VM "Win XP SP2" -Name "Win XP SP2" -GuestId "winXP-ProGuest" -Description "My updated Win XP virtual machine."
```

To run a script or command inside a VM:

```
Invoke-VMScript -VM myVM -ScriptText "dir"
```

Other VM-specific cmdlets include:

```
Start-VM Suspend-VM
Stop-VM Restart-VM
```

The following is a list of all other VM-related cmdlets; use the Get-Help function with the -Examples switch for example use:

```
Get-CDDrive
Remove-CDDrive
New-FloppyDrive
Set-FloppyDrive
Get-HardDisk
Set-HardDisk
Get-NetworkAdapter
Set-NetworkAdapter
Restart-VMGuest
Suspend-VMGuest
Get-VMResourceConfiguration
Set-VMStartPolicy
Set-VMGuestNetworkInterface
Set-VMQuestion
Copy-VMGuestFile
Get-VMGuestRoute
```

```
New-CDDrive
Set-CDDrive
Get-FloppyDrive
Remove-FloppyDrive
New-HardDisk
New-NetworkAdapter
Remove-NetworkAdapter
Get-VMGuest
Shutdown-VMGuest
Set-VMResourceConfiguration
Get-VMStartPolicy
Set-VMGuestRoute
Remove-VMGuestRoute
Set-VMQuestion
Get-VMGuestNetworkInterface
New-VMGuestRoute
```

Virtual Switch Operations

To list all virtual switches attached to a VM and some of their properties, use: **Get-VirtualSwitch -VM (Get-VM -Name "MS Win XP SP2")**

To create a new virtual switch:

```
New-VirtualSwitch -VMHost (Get-VMHost -Name 192.168.0.10) -Name Switch02
```

To remove a virtual switch:

```
$vs = Get-VirtualSwitch -VMHost 192.168.0.10 -Name VS23
Remove-VirtualSwitch -VirtualSwitch $vs
```

To change the configuration of a virtual switch:

```
$vs = New-VirtualSwitch -Host 192.168.0.10 -Name VirtSwitch
```

```
Set-VirtualSwitch -VirtualSwitch $vs -MTU 500
```

Port Group Operations

To list all the port groups and some of their properties:

```
$vs = Get-VirtualSwitch -VMHost 192.168.0.10 -Name Switch02
Get-VirtualPortGroup -VirtualSwitch $vs
```

To add a new port group to a virtual switch:

```
$vppg = New-VirtualPortGroup -VirtualSwitch $vs -Name VP01
```

Other cmdlets include:

```
Remove-VirtualPortGroup
Set-VirtualPortGroup
```

Resource Pool Operations

To list all resource pools on the connected VMware vSphere server and some of their properties: **Get-ResourcePool**

To create a new resource pool:

```
$clusterRootRP = Get-ResourcePool -Location $clusterRootRP -Name Resources
New-ResourcePool -Location $clusterRootRP -Name DevelopmentResources -CpuExpandableReservation $true -CpuReservationMhz 500 -CpuSharesLevel high -MemExpandableReservation $true -MemReservationMB 500 -MemSharesLevel high
```

Other resource pool cmdlets:

```
Move-ResourcePool
Remove-ResourcePool
Set-ResourcePool
```

Task Information

To list all tasks for a VMware vSphere server and some of their properties: **Get-Task -Server (Connect-VIServer -Server 192.168.0.10) -Status Error**

To stop a task (example: stops the task of removing the VM):

```
Stop-Task -Task (Remove-VM -VM "MS Win XP SP2" -Confirm -RunAsync)
```

To wait until a task is completed before continuing:

```
Wait-Task -Task (Remove-VM -VM "MS Win XP SP2" -Confirm -RunAsync)
```

Snapshot Operations

To list all the snapshots for all virtual machines:

```
Get-VM | Get-Snapshot
```

To snapshot a VM:

```
New-Snapshot -VM "XP SP2" -Name BeforePatch1
```

To remove a snapshot:

```
Remove-Snapshot -Snapshot $snapshot1 -RemoveChildren
```

Other cmdlets include:

```
Set-Snapshot
```

Cluster Operations

To list all the clusters on the connected VMware vSphere server and some of their properties: **Get-Cluster**

To add a new cluster:

```
New-Cluster -Name MyCluster -DRSEnabled -DRSMODE FullyAutomated
```

Other cluster cmdlets include:

```
Move-Cluster Remove-Cluster Set-Cluster
```

API Operations

Returns a VMware vSphere.Net view object by specified search criteria.

```
$vm = Get-View -ViewType VirtualMachine -Filter @"(Name" = "MS Win XP SP2")"
```

Another example:

```
(Get-View (Get-VMHost "ESX1" | get-view).ConfigManager.VmotionSystem).SelectVnc("vmsk0")
```

API Reference:
<http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vcsdk/vsidx41pubs/ApIReference/index.html>

Virtual Machine Host Operations

To list all the VMware vSphere servers (VMHost) on the connected vSphere server and some of their properties:

```
Get-VMHost
```

To add a new VMHost:

```
Add-VMHost 192.168.0.10 -Location (Get-Datacenter Main) -User $svr -Password MyPass
```

To remove a VM Host:

```
$myVMHost = Get-VMHost 192.168.0.10
Remove-VMHost $myVMHost
```

To move a VM Host:

```
Move-VMHost 192.168.0.10 -Destination (Get-Datacenter MyDatacenter)
```

To change the state of a VMHost:

```
Set-VMHost -VMHost Host01 -State "Disconnected"
```

The following is a list of all other VMHost-related cmdlets; use the Get-Help function for example uses:

```
Get-VMHostAccount
Remove-VMHostAccount
Set-VMHostAccount
Get-VMHostAdvancedConfiguration
Get-VMHostDiagnosticPartition
Set-VMHostDiagnosticPartition
Get-VMHostFirewallDefaultPolicy
Set-VMHostFirewallDefaultPolicy
Get-VMHostFirmware
Set-VMHostFirmware
Add-VMHostNetworkAdapter
Remove-VMHostNetworkAdapter
Restart-VMHostService
Start-VMHostService
Set-VMHostStartPolicy
Get-VMHostStorage
Set-VMHostStorage
Get-VMHostTftpServer
Remove-VMHostTftpServer
Get-VMHostStartPolicy
Set-VMHostStartPolicy
Stop-VMHost
Suspend-VMHost
* -VMHostRoute
* -VMHostPatch
```

vApp Operations

The following is a list of vApp cmdlets; use the Get-Help function for example uses:

```
New-vApp -Name MyvApp -CpuLimitMhz 4000 -CpuReservationMhz 1000 -Location (Get-VMHost MyHost)
```

Other vApp cmdlets:

```
Remove-vApp
Set-vApp
Start-vApp
Stop-vApp
Export-vApp
Get-vApp
Import-vApp
```

Getting Started

<http://communities.vmware.com/docs/DOC-13700>

VMware vSphere PowerCLI frequently asked questions (FAQs) link:
<http://communities.vmware.com/docs/DOC-13700>

To find out what cmdlets are available: **Get-VICommand**

To show documentation for all available cmdlets: **Get-PowerCLIDocumentation**

For help with a cmdlet: **Get-Help cmdlet-name -Full | More**

How to Connect to vCenter Server or ESX and ESXi

To connect to a VMware vSphere server. Start a new session or reestablish a previous session with a VMware vSphere server:

```
Connect-VIServer -Server 192.168.0.10 -User Admin -Password Pass01
```

To disconnect from the connected vSphere server:

```
Disconnect-VIServer -Server $svr -Confirm:$false
```

Security Operations

The following is a list of security cmdlets; use the Get-Help function for example uses:

```
Get-VIPermission -Entity (Get-Datacenter) -Principal Administrator
```

Other security cmdlets:

```
Get-VIPrivilege
Get-VIRole
Set-VIRole
Set-VIPermission
New-VIRole
Remove-VIPermission
Remove-VIRole
```

Datacenter Operations

To list all datacenters from a VMware vSphere server:

```
Get-Datacenter
```

To add a new datacenter:

```
New-Datacenter -Name France
```

Other datacenter cmdlets:

```
Move-Datacenter
Remove-Datacenter
Set-Datacenter
```

ESXTOP through PowerCLI

```
Get-ESXTOP -Counter
```

View the fields available for VCPU counter:

```
(Get-ESXTOP -Counter -CounterName VCPU)Fields
```

Get-ESXTOP -TopologyInfo

View the entries of a specific topology:

```
(Get-ESXTOP -TopologyInfo -Topology $schedGroup).Entries | Format-Table
```

Retrieve the counter values for "VCPU" and "SchedGroup" counters:

```
Get-ESXTOP -CounterName VCPU | Format-Table * -AutoSize
```

```
Get-ESXTOP -CounterName SchedGroup | Format-Table * -AutoSize
```

Managing Events Alarms

```
Get-AlarmDefinition
```

Returns all the defined alarms on the servers you're connected to.

```
Get-AlarmDefinition -Name "virtual machine*" -Enabled $false
```

Returns all the disabled alarm definitions with names starting with "virtual machine"

```
Get-AlarmDefinition | Get-AlarmDefinition
```

Returns all alarms that apply to the host "hostname". Includes alarms defined on this host and alarms inherited from the parent entity, or from any ancestors in the inventory hierarchy.

Modify an alarm definition: **Get-AlarmDefinition "Host memory status"**

```
Set-AlarmDefinition -Name "Host memory" -Enabled $false
```

This will rename the alarm to "Host memory" and disable it

Datatastore Operations

For a list of datastores and other properties:

```
Get-Datastore
```

Other datastore cmdlets include:

```
New-Datastore
Set-Datastore
Remove-Datastore
```

Folder Operations

The following is a list of all folder-related cmdlets; use the Get-Help function for example uses:

```
Get-Cluster -Cluster "Production"
```

```
Get-Folder
Remove-Folder
Move-Folder
Set-Folder
New-Folder
```

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			18 Aug 11 Stuttgart / Fast Lane - Germany			
			01 Sep 11 Eschborn / Fast Lane - Germany			
			06 Jul 11 Köln (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			07 Sep 11 Berlin (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			07 Sep 11 Unterschleißheim (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			07 Sep 11 Boblingen (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			07 Sep 11 Dresden (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			07 Sep 11 Waldorf (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
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			21 Sep 11 Berlin / Fast Lane - Germany			
			04 Oct 11 Düsseldorf / Fast Lane - Germany			
			27 Oct 11 Hallbergmoos / Fast Lane - Germany			
			27 Oct 11 Hallbergmoos / Fast Lane - Germany			
			08 Nov 11 Hamburg / Fast Lane - Germany			
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			16 Nov 11 Boblingen (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
			16 Nov 11 Berlin (AddOn) / AddOn - GY			
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