

## Change the Parallel Port Configuration in the vSphere Web Client

You can change the output file for peripheral device output and schedule the parallel port to connect when the virtual machine powers on.

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**NOTE** If you are changing the parallel port on a virtual machine that runs on an ESXi 4.1 or earlier host, you can send output to a physical parallel port on the host or to an output file on the host. This option is not available with ESXi 5.0 and later.

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### Procedure

- 1 Right-click the virtual machine and select **Edit Settings**.
  - a To locate a virtual machine, select a datacenter, folder, cluster, resource pool, host, or vApp.
  - b Click the **Related Objects** tab and click **Virtual Machines**.
- 2 On the **Virtual Hardware** tab, expand **Parallel port**.
- 3 For virtual machines running on ESXi 4.1 and earlier hosts, select the type of media for the parallel port to access.
- 4 Click **Browse** to navigate to the file location.
- 5 Type a name for the file in the **Save As** text box and click **OK**.  
The file path appears in the **Connection** text box.
- 6 Select whether to connect the device whenever you power on the virtual machine.  
You can change this setting when the virtual machine is either powered on or powered off.
- 7 Click **OK**.

## Add a Parallel Port to a Virtual Machine in the vSphere Web Client

To connect peripheral devices to virtual machines, such as printers or scanners, you can use a parallel port. You send the output of such devices to a file on the host computer.

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**NOTE** If you are adding a parallel port to a virtual machine that runs on an ESXi 4.1 or earlier host, you can also select to send output to a physical parallel port on the host. This option is not available with ESXi 5.0 and later host versions.

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### Prerequisites

Verify that the virtual machine is turned off. You cannot add or remove parallel ports if the virtual machine is turned on.

### Procedure

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  - a To locate a virtual machine, select a datacenter, folder, cluster, resource pool, host, or vApp.
  - b Click the **Related Objects** tab and click **Virtual Machines**.
- 2 On the **Virtual Hardware** tab, select **Parallel Port** from the **New device** drop-down menu, and click **Add**.  
The parallel port appears at the bottom of the virtual device list.
- 3 Expand **New Parallel port**, and click **Browse** to locate a folder to create the file in.