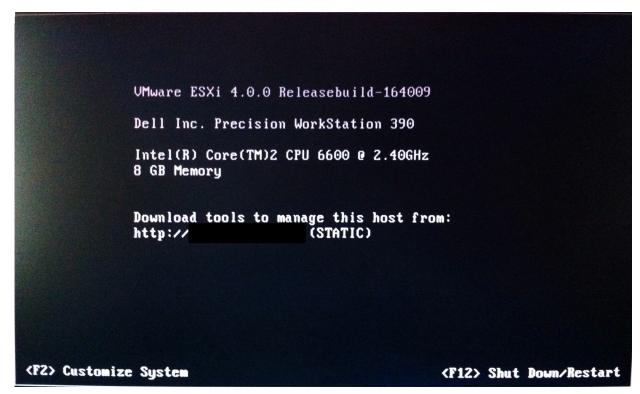
Upgrade EXSi 4.0 (Dell version) to ESXi 5.0 (GA release, non-Dell) on my Dell Precision 390

- I checked the HCL; my Dell Precision 390 was not on the HCL, but I proceeded anyway
- Downloaded vSphere 5 Update 0 (Build 469512) and vSphere 5 Client
- Burned the vSphere 5 iso to CD (not DVD)
- Installed vSphere 5 Client onto Win 7 (effectively upgrading the client from v4)
- Ran the vSphere 5 Client and confirmed everything looked good
- Updated /etc/resolv.conf on Mac Pro to use public DNS
- Updated Win 7 VM's NIC to use static IP address and public DNS
- Shut down the VMs on the ESXi 4 host (csdc01 (with DNS and DHCP) and csexch02 (Exchange))
- Attempted to copy the files for csdc01 and csexch02 from the data stores to the Mac Pro (via Fusion's shared folders), but this was unsuccessful (vSphere 5 Client kept crashing)

 Using the vSphere 5 Client, I put the ESXi host into Maintenance Mode (may not have been necessary)
- Inserted the vSphere 5 CD into the ESXi host and restarted the ESXi host
- Ran the "ESXi 5.0.0-469512-standard Installer"
- Installation was successful (per the installer)
- Rebooted



VMware ESXi 5.8.8 (VMKernel Release Build 469512)

Dell Inc. Precision WorkStation 398

Intel(R) Core(TM)2 CPU 6688 @ 2.48GHz
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VMыаге ESXi 5.0.0 Installer

Welcome to the VMware ESXi 5.0.0 Installation

VMware ESXi 5.0.0 installs on most systems but only systems on VMware's Compatibility Guide are supported.

Consult the VMware Compatibility Guide at: http://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility

Select the operation to perform.

(Esc) Cancel

Enter) Continue

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ESXi and VMFS Found

The selected storage device contains an installation of ESXi and a VMFS datastore. Choose whether to upgrade or install and overwrite the existing ESXi installation. Also choose whether to preserve or overwrite the existing VMFS datastore.

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* Your system has custom VIBs (shown on next screen).

Local: Proceeding with migration could cause it to not boot,

* ATA experience instability, or needed features may not be

* ATA present. You can use ImageBuilder to create an ISO with Remote VIBs that replace your custom VIBs.

() Install ESXi, preserve VMFS datastore () Install ESXi, overwrite VMFS datastore

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Use the arrow keys and spacebar to select an option.

Custom VIBs Harning Your system encountered following warnings during prechecks. C3RD_PARTY_SOFTHARE HARNING: Host contains third-party VIB(s) that have no substitute on the ISO. I'oem-dell-esxi'l) Use the arrow keys to scroll

Confirm Force Migrate The installer is configured to your system from ESXi 1.0.0 to ESXi 5.0.0 on: 10.ATA ST3320633AS 9HF0EEB2. Rollback to your previous ESXi instance is not supported.

VМыаге ESXi 5.0.0 Installer

Force Migrate Complete

This system has been suppossfully upgraded to ESXi 5.0.0.

ESXi 5.0.0 will operate in evaluation mode for 60 days. To use ESXi 5.0.0 after the evaluation period, you must re-apply your licenses to this server. To administer your server, use the vSphere Client or the Direct Control User Interface.

the installation disc before rebooting.

Reboot the server to start using ESXi 5.0.0.

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