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# VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack Release Notes

Version 208

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## Overview

VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208 introduces a Credential Test that enables you to validate that a VMware credential works as expected. Version 208 also includes updates to several of the PowerPack's Dynamic Applications, Event Policies, and Device Classes.

- **Minimum Required Platform Version:** 8.4.0
- **Support Status:** GA

This document describes:

- [Pre-install or pre-upgrade information](#)
- The [new installation process](#)
- The [upgrade process](#)
- The [features](#) in version 208
- The [issues addressed](#) in version 208

**CAUTION:** The Dynamic Applications that collect VSAN configuration information and statistics are not supported on CentOS 5 Data Collectors. These Dynamic Applications require Python version 2.7 or later, which is not supported on CentOS 5. See the latest 8.x ScienceLogic Release Notes for information about CentOS 5 compatibility and migration.

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## Before You Install or Upgrade

Ensure that you are running version 8.4.0 or later of the ScienceLogic platform before installing or upgrading to the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208.

**NOTE:** For details on upgrading the ScienceLogic platform, see the appropriate ScienceLogic [Release Notes](#).

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## Installing the VMware: vSphere Base Pack version 208

If you are installing the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack **for the first time** (that is, if you have never installed a VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack before), perform the following steps to install the PowerPack:

1. See the [Before You Install or Upgrade](#) section.
2. Download the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208 to a local computer.
3. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks). Click the **[Actions]** menu and choose *Import PowerPack*. Import VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208. For details on importing PowerPacks, see the chapter on *Installing a PowerPack* in the **PowerPacks** manual.

4. Click the **[Install]** button. For details on installing PowerPacks, see the chapter on *Installing a PowerPack* in the **PowerPacks** manual.
5. See the manual **Monitoring VMware** for instructions on using the new VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack.

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## Upgrade Process

If you are upgrading from versions of the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack prior to version 203, follow the upgrade steps in the release notes for VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 203 and upgrade to version 203. After performing those steps, perform the steps in this section.

**TIP:** By default, installing a new version of a PowerPack will overwrite all content in that PowerPack that has already been installed on the target system. You can use the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** setting in the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior) to prevent the new PowerPack from overwriting the local changes for some commonly customized fields.

**NOTE:** If you are currently using the Dynamic Applications in the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack to monitor devices, collection errors might occur for one or two polling cycles during the installation of a new version. To prevent collection errors during an upgrade, you can optionally disable collection for monitored devices before performing the following steps and re-enable collection after the upgrade.

**CAUTION:** If you want to delete and reinstall version 203 or higher of the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack, you should first delete any existing copies of the Device Template included in the PowerPack and then create new versions of them after reinstalling the PowerPack. Doing so ensures that any copies of the Device Template included in the PowerPack will work properly after reinstallation. You should then assign the new Device Template(s) to any existing Discovery Sessions that were linked to the previous versions of the template(s).

1. If necessary, upgrade to VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 203.
2. See the [Before You Install or Upgrade](#) section. If you have not done so already, upgrade your system to the 8.4.0 or later release.
3. Go to the Customer Portal and download version 208 of the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack to a local computer.
4. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks). Click the **[Actions]** menu and choose *Import PowerPack*. Import the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208. For details on importing PowerPacks, see the chapter on *Installing a PowerPack* in the **PowerPacks** manual.
5. Click the **[Install]** button. For details on installing PowerPacks, see the chapter on *Installing a PowerPack* in the **PowerPacks** manual.
6. See the manual **Monitoring VMware** for instructions on using the new VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack.

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## Features

VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack version 208 includes the following features:

- Dynamic Applications that discover and collect data from all VMware objects and their children
- Events that address all actions and statuses on VMware objects
- Device Classes for all types of VMware objects
- Device Dashboards for all types of VMware devices
- Sample Credentials for discovering VMware servers and VMware vCenter 6
- A Device Template that helps align Dynamic Applications to devices

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## Enhancements and Issues Addressed

The following enhancements and addressed issues are included in version 208 of the VMware: vSphere Base Pack PowerPack:

- A new Credential Test was added to the PowerPack. This Credential Test enables you to validate that a VMware credential works as expected.

**NOTE:** If a VMware Credential Test fails to complete, the most likely cause is that an invalid IP address was entered in the **Hostname/IP Address** field. For instructions on using the Credential Test, see the **Monitoring VMware** manual.

- The following Device Classes were added to the PowerPack:
  - vCenter Server Appliance (Tier 5)
  - VCSA SSO Appliance (Tier 1)
- All physical ESX Device Classes were updated to Tier 1.
- The "VMware: Datastore Cluster Storage Performance" Dynamic Application was updated to correct the collection of datastore cluster space allocated/used metrics.
- The "VMware: HostSystem Configuration" Dynamic Application was updated to more accurately indicate if the device is in maintenance mode.
- The "VMware: Inventory Cache" Dynamic Application was updated to address an issue that was preventing it from collecting or displaying configuration data.
- The following Event Policies were added to handle the new "AlarmStatusChangedEvent" format that the VMware API returns to the "VMware: Events" Dynamic Application:
  - VMware: AlarmStatusChangedEventToGray (Notice)
  - VMware: AlarmStatusChangedEventToGreen (Healthy)

- VMware: AlarmStatusChangedEventToRed (Major)
- VMware: AlarmStatusChangedEventToYellow (Minor)

These Event Policies record when an entity such as a host or a virtual machine has changed its overall status because an alarm was triggered.

- The "VMware: vSphere PowerPack - vSphere server unexpected response" Event Policy was updated to match more generic unexpected events.
- The PowerPack was updated to better support Unicode characters and NoneType collected values.

**NOTE:** This enhancement does not update previously discovered data values to match the new Unicode character conventions.

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