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About this publication

This user's guide provides the latest information about Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator .vmoapp plug-in, a plug-in to the VMware vRealize Orchestrator that provides workflows that interact with Lenovo XClarity Administrator (LXCA).

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Frequently used terms

Table 1. Frequently used terms and acronyms

Term/acronym	Definition
LXCA	Lenovo XClarity Administrator
LXCI	Lenovo XClarity Integrator
vRO	VMware vRealize Orchestrator

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You can find additional information about Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator in the product documentation and on the World Wide Web.

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• Lenovo XClarity Integrators site

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VMware vRealize Orchestrator Documentation page

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter site

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· Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter

System Management with Lenovo XClarity Solution

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• Lenovo XClarity site

VMware vCenter product family site

This website provides general information about the VMware family of products.

• VMware vCenter Products page

Chapter 1. Overview of the Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator

The Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator .vmoapp plug-in is a plug-in to the VMware vRealize Orchestrator.

It provides workflows that interact with Lenovo XClarity Administrator (LXCA) to automate management, such as server configuration and OS deployment, of Lenovo Flex System and System x servers.

Software requirements

This section describes software requirements for Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator.

Supported versions of VMware vRealize Orchestrator

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator supports the following VMware vRealize Orchestrator releases:

• VMware vRealize Orchestrator 6.0

Supported versions of Lenovo XClarity Administrator

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator leverages Lenovo XClarity Administrator for server management and supports the following Lenovo XClarity Administrator releases:

• Lenovo XClarity Administrator 1.0

Supported versions of Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator has a dependency on Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter. The following versions of Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter are supported:

• Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter 4.1

Hardware requirements

The following table lists the minimum and the recommended hardware requirements for Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter.

Component	Specification
Memory	• Minimum: 1 GB of RAM
	Recommended: 2 GB of RAM
Disk space	Minimum: 1 GB of available disk space
Processor	Minimum: one processorRecommended: two processors

Table 2. Hardware requirements for Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter

Supported hardware

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator supports all Flex System and System x servers that Lenovo XClarity Administrator supports.

For a complete server list, refer to Supported endpoints.

Chapter 2. Getting started

This section covers the prerequisites and the installation procedure for the .vmoapp plug-in.

Installing the plug-in

This topic lists the prerequisites for installing the .vmoapp plug-in and the steps for installing the plug-in.

Before you begin

You must install VMware vRealize Orchestrator. For instructions on installing VMware vRealize Orchestrator, see the VMware vRealize Orchestrator Documentation.

Procedure

- 1. Log on to the VMware vRealize Orchestrator Configuration page.
- 2. On the left pane, click Plug-ins.
- 3. In the Install new plug-in area, click on the browse icon.
- 4. Navigate to the folder where you have saved the .vmoapp file and select the .vmoapp file.
- 5. Click Open.
- 6. Click Upload and Install.
- 7. On the Startup Options tab, click **Restart service** to complete the plug-in installation.

Chapter 3. Using the plug-in

The plug-in runs via the vRealize Orchestrator client, which is automatically installed with the VMware vRealize Orchestrator package.

The client enables you to:

- Run workflows
- Schedule workflows
- Manage user permissions
- Develop workflows and actions

Ensure that you have met the "Prerequisites" for using the plug-in.

For more information about using vRealize Orchestrator client, refer to the "Using the VMware vRealize Orchestrator Client" document on the VMware vRealize Orchestrator Documentation page.

Prerequisites

This topic lists prerequisites for using the plug-in.

- Install VMware vRealize Orchestrator
- Ensure that VMware vCenter is available and has been added to vRealize Orchestrator.

You can do this from the Library tab by clicking **Library** > **vCenter** > **configuration** > **Add a vCenter server instance workflow**.

- Ensure that Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter is installed and registered as the plug-in for VMware vCenter.
- Ensure that Lenovo XClarity Administrator instances are available and are registered within Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter.

Refer to the "Configuring Lenovo XClarity Administrator" section in the *Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter Installation and User's Guide* for detailed steps. You can download the user's guide from the Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vCenter.

Using the plug-in Inventory

Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator shows all servers in Lenovo XClarity Administrator instances that are connected in the Inventory view.

About this task

You can use the Inventory view to add authorization elements or to run workflows on LXCA managed server objects.

You can enable the Use contextual menu in the Inventory option to display the workflows that are available for an Inventory object. When the option is enabled and you right-click an object in the Orchestrator inventory, all available workflows for the object are displayed.

Procedure

- 1. Run and log into the vRealize Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2. Click the Inventory view in the vRealize Orchestrator client.
- **3**. In the hierarchical list, select **Library** > **Lenovo XClarity Integrator** and expand the selection.

Note: You must select and run the "Get XClarity Administrators associated to a vCenter" workflow in order to view registered LXCA instances and LXCA managed servers in the Inventory view. Follow the prompts on the wizard to run the workflow.

Using the plug-in Workflow library

This section describes the Workflow library that the plug-in provides.

About this task

The Workflow library contains workflows that allow you to run automated processes related to the management of Lenovo XClarity Administrator instances.

Procedure

- 1. Run and log into the vRealize Orchestrator client as an administrator.
- 2. Click the Workflows view in the Orchestrator client.
- **3**. In the hierarchical list, select **Library** > **Lenovo XClarity Integrator** and expand the selection.
- Right-click the workflow you want to run, click **Run**, and follow the prompts on the wizard. For a list of workflows and their descriptions, refer to "Workflows."

Workflows

This topic lists workflows that combine multiple actions to perform a task.

You can use the workflows as building blocks for creating complex custom solutions. By combining standard workflows, you can automate multistep processes.

Workflow name	Description
Get XClarity Administrators associated to a vCenter	Retrieve a list of LXCAs that have been associated with a vCenter.
Get available servers	Retrieve a list of servers that have not been added to the vCenter.
Get server patterns	Retrieve all server patterns that have been created in LXCAs.
Assign a configuration pattern	Assign a configuration pattern to a server.
Deassign a configuration pattern	Unassign a configuration pattern from a server.
Deploy EXSi server	Install EXSi on the server.
Deploy EXSi server with static IP	Install EXSi on the server with specified IP address.
Get server MAC addresses	List a server's MAC addresses.

Table 3. Standard workflow names and descriptions

Table 4. Sample workflow names and descriptions

Workflow name	Description
Provision a new server	Deploy a server pattern and then deploy EXSi on the server.
Provision a new server and add to vCenter	Deploy a server pattern on the server, then deploy EXSi and add it to a vCenter cluster.

Chapter 4. Troubleshooting

This section provides troubleshooting information that will help you to resolve problems with Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator.

Logging

vRealize Orchestrator provides an extensive logging facility for troubleshooting issues.

Refer to the following document on the VMware vRealize Orchestrator Documentation page for details on how to enable logging, how to change log levels, and where to access the log files: *Installing and Configuring VMware vRealize Orchestrator*.

The Lenovo XClarity Integrator for VMware vRealize Orchestrator supports the following log levels:

- INFO
- DEBUG
- ERROR

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