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# Installation and Configuration Guide for Microsoft Exchange Server 2013

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# 1 Introduction

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This document provides information on how to implement the solution as described in the paper “Reference Architecture: Microsoft Exchange Server 2013” which is available from:

<https://lenovopress.com/tips1308-microsoft-exchange-server-2013-ra>

Whereas the reference architecture provides the planning, design considerations, and best practices for creating a Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 architecture, this document provides the steps necessary to configure and install the solution using Lenovo products.

The intended audience of this document is IT professionals, technical architects, and consultants to assist in planning, designing, and implementing the solution as described in the reference architecture.

## 2 Installation and configuration

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Using a set of test-proven planning and deployment techniques can contribute significantly to the successful deployment and operation of a virtualized Exchange Server 2013 environment that uses Windows Server Failover Clustering (WSFC) and Microsoft Hyper-V. Proper planning includes sizing resource requirements for servers (CPU and memory), storage (capacity and IOPS), and networking (bandwidth and VLAN assignment) to support the infrastructure. The sizing information, combined with industry-standard best practices, can be used to achieve optimal performance and growth headroom necessary for the life of the solution.

Configuration best practices and implementation guidelines, which aid in planning and configuration of the solution, are described in the following topics:

- 3 Server installation
- 4 Networking
- 5 Storage networking
- 6 Storage partitioning
- 7 Creating a Windows cluster
- 8 Microsoft Hyper-V configuration
- 9 Creating a highly available VM for Exchange
- 10 Installing and configuring Exchange

## 3 Server installation

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Dual-socket Lenovo Flex System x240 M5 servers with the following configuration:

- 384 GB RAM
- Two Intel Xeon E5-2697 v3 (Haswell) 2.6 GHz 14-core processors
- One Flex System CN4052 2-port Virtual Fabric Adapter 5
- One Flex System FC3052 2-port 8gb Fibre Channel HBA

Setup of the server involves the installation and configuration of the following items:

- Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter edition
- Networking
- Storage

Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter edition allows unlimited Windows virtual machine (VM) rights on the host servers and is the preferred version for building private cloud configurations. Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard edition supports clustering as well, but provides licensing rights for only up to two Windows VMs and is intended for physical servers that are hosting few or no VMs.

### 3.1 Hardware configuration

Before installing the Windows Server operating system, verify the following on each of the servers:

- Confirm that the Emulex network adapter and HBA are installed
- Validate that firmware levels are consistent across all servers
- Verify that the two local drives are configured as a RAID-1 array for the operating system

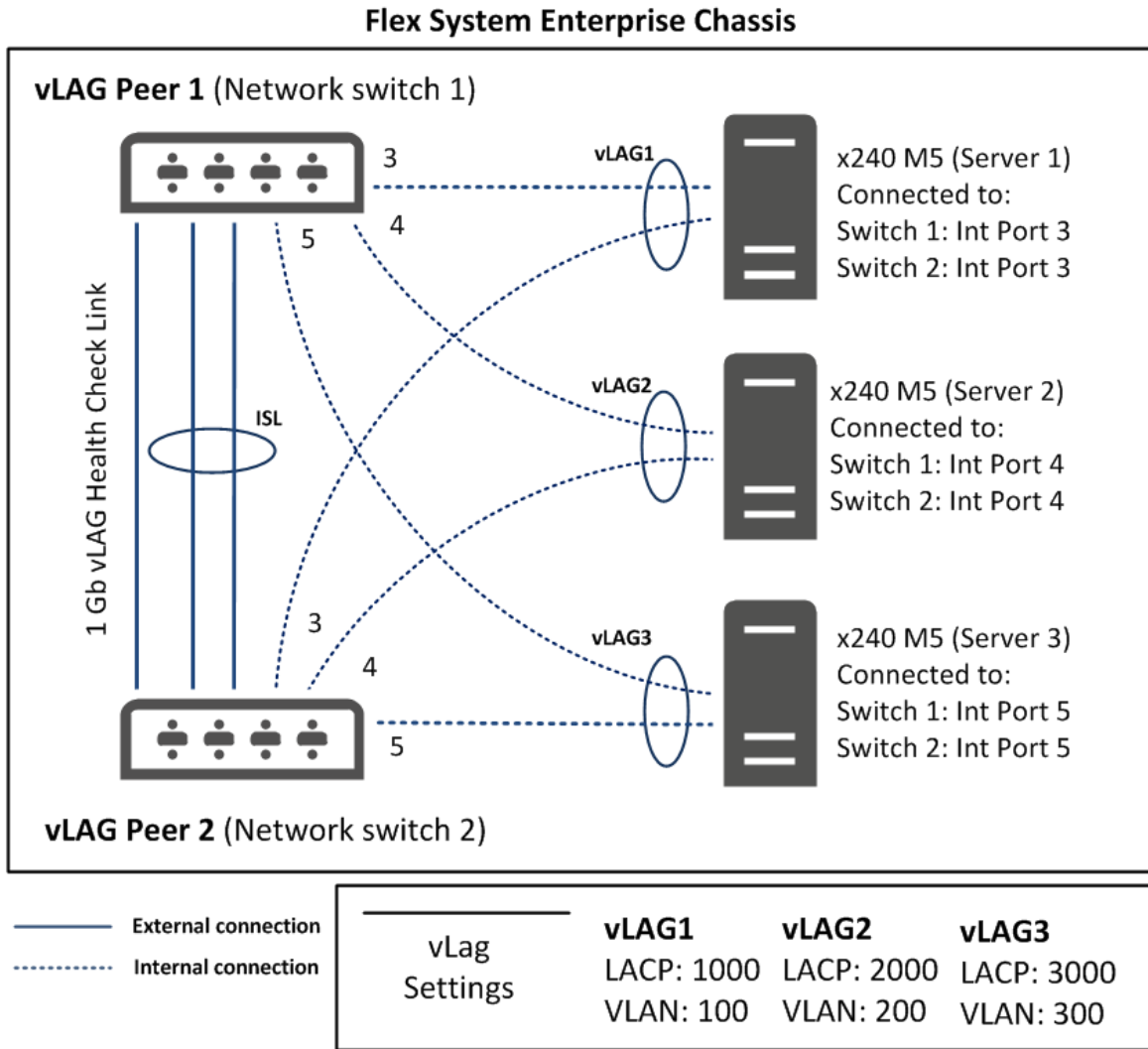
### 3.2 Windows OS installation and configuration

Install Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter edition on the servers and then perform the following on each of the servers:

- Set your server name.
- Run Windows Update to ensure that any new patches are installed. All the servers in a Windows Server failover cluster (WSFC) should have the same software updates (patches) and service packs.
- Download and install the latest chipset driver.
- Download and install the latest network adapter and HBA drivers from the Lenovo Support portal: <http://support.lenovo.com/us/en/products>
- Install the Emulex OneCommand Manager utility to provide additional insight to the converged infrastructure. This utility is available from: <http://emulex.com/downloads/emulex/drivers/windows/windows-server-2012-r2/management/>
- Install the Hyper-V role on the servers. Because the servers use a virtual switch, this step is a prerequisite for configuring networking.
- Install the Failover Clustering feature.
- After network configuration is complete, join the servers to the domain.

# 4 Networking

This section describes the networking topology, virtual LAN (VLAN) definitions and includes instructions to correctly configure the network environment, as shown in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1. Network configuration**

VLANs are used to provide logical isolation between the various data traffic.

All data traffic is over a single NIC team built using the Flex System CN4052 2-port Virtual Fabric Adapter 5 installed in each of the servers. The NIC team is created using the Windows Server 2012 R2 in-box NIC teaming feature, which provides fault tolerance and load balancing for the networks. The VLANs described in this section share the bandwidth of the single NIC team. Therefore, Quality of Service (QoS) will be applied from Windows to ensure each VLAN has available bandwidth.

The suggested VLANs are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. VLAN Definitions**

VLAN ID	Name	Description
VLAN 70	Management Network	A network used for host management, storage management, and out-of-band communication to IMM devices.
VLAN 60	Cluster Private Network	A network reserved for cluster private (heartbeat and cluster shared volume) communication between the clustered Hyper-V host servers. There should be no IP routing or default gateways for cluster private networks.
VLAN 50	Live Migration Network	A network to support Live Migration for the management cluster. There should be no routing on the live migration VLAN.
VLAN 40	Cluster Public (Corporate Network) / MAPI Traffic	A network reserved for connecting to the domain controller and to the corporate network. MAPI traffic will use this network.
VLAN 30	Exchange (Replication Network)	A network for Exchange database replication.
VLAN 100	vLAG (Virtual Link Aggregation Group)	A dedicated VLAN to support communication between Server 1 and the switch ports that are configured as vLAG/LACP (Link Aggregation Control Protocol) teams.
VLAN 200	vLAG	A dedicated VLAN to support communication between Server 2 and the switch ports that are configured as vLAG/LACP teams.
VLAN 300	vLAG	A dedicated VLAN to support communication between Server 3 and the switch ports that are configured as vLAG/LACP teams.
VLAN 4094	Inter-Switch Link (ISL)	A dedicated VLAN to support the ISL trunk group between the two switches. The spanning tree protocol should be disabled on the trunk group VLAN.



## 4.1 Using ISCLI to configure the CN4093 10 Gb Scalable Switch module

Below are some examples of the ISCLI commands to setup and configure the Flex Fabric CN4093 10 Gb Converged Scalable Switch module. The commands below are for use with switches running Networking OS 7.2.2.0 software. If your switch has a different version, please refer to the applicable Application Guide for the appropriate commands. To download the CN4093 Application Guide, visit the following website:

[http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.lenovo.acc.cn4093.doc/CN4093\\_AG\\_8-2.pdf](http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information/topic/com.lenovo.acc.cn4093.doc/CN4093_AG_8-2.pdf)

Changes to the running configuration on the switch must be made from Global Configuration Mode. Global Configuration Mode is accessed from Privileged EXEC mode, which in turn is accessed from User Exec Mode.

1. After entering the appropriate password to enter User Exec Mode, run the following command to access Privileged EXEC Mode:

```
Router> enable
```

2. To access Global Configuration Mode from Privileged Exec Mode, enter the following command:

```
Router# configure terminal
```

The CN4093 switch module can accept abbreviated commands. For example, *conf t* can be used instead of *configure terminal*.

The commands shown in the remainder of this section are run in Global Configuration Mode.

## 4.2 Configuring the ISL and VLAG peer relationship

This section covers the creation of an inter-switch link (ISL) between the two network switches that allows traffic to flow between the two switches as if they were one logical entity. A vLAG is then enabled to utilize the full bandwidth of the two ports being used in the ISL.

The commands in this section should be run in the order shown.

Comments are provided in italic blue. Comments are for informational purposes only and are not typed in the command line.

1. If Spanning-Tree Protocol (STP) is desired on the switch, use PVRST or MSTP mode only. To configure STP to run in PVRST mode run the following command on each switch before continuing:

```
Router(config)# spanning-tree mode pvrst
```

2. Enable vLAG globally by running the following command on each switch before continuing:

```
Router(config)# vlag enable
```

3. Place the ISL into a dedicated VLAN (VLAN 4094 is recommended) by running the following commands on each switch before continuing:

```
Router(config)# vlan 4094
```

The output of the previous command will be similar to the output shown below:

```
Router(config)# vlan 4094 was assigned to STG 126
```

*Take note of the number immediately following STG as it will be used in a later command (in the example this is the number 126).*

Run the remaining commands to enable the VLAN:

```
Router(config-vlan)# enable  
Router(config-vlan)# member ext1-ext2 Adds to two external ports to the VLAN  
Router(config-vlan)# exit
```

4. Configure the ISL ports on each switch and place them into a port trunk group by running the following commands on each switch before continuing:

```
Router(config)# interface port ext1-ext2  
Router(config-if)# tagging  
Router(config-if)# lacp mode active  
Router(config-if)# lacp key 200  
Router(config-if)# exit
```

5. Configure the vLAG Tier ID. This is used to identify the vLAG switch in a multitier environment:

```
Router(config)# vlag tier-id 10
```

6. If STP is used on the switch, turn spanning-tree off for the ISL by running the following commands on each switch before continuing. Use the spanning tree number that was assigned to VLAN 4094 in step 3, above:

```
Router(config)# spanning-tree stp 126 vlan 4094  
Router(config)# no spanning-tree stp 126 enable
```

Although STP is disabled on the ISL, STP should be enabled on all switches on other networks, according to your organization's requirements.

7. Define the vLAG peer relationship by running the following commands on each switch before continuing:

```
Router(config)# vlag isl vlan 4094  
Router(config)# vlag isl adminkey 200  
Router(config)# exit
```

8. Save the configuration changes by running the following command on each switch:

```
Router# write
```

## 4.2.1 Configure vLAG peer health checks

Lenovo recommends configuring the CN4093 to check the health status of its vLAG peer. Although the operational status of the vLAG peer is generally determined via the ISL connection, configuring a network health check provides an alternative means to check peer status in case the ISL links fail. Use an independent link (such as the 1 Gb management port) between the vLAG peer switches for the health check.

Comments are provided in italic blue. Comments are for informational purposes only and are not to be typed in the command line. Run the following commands from the ISCLI on each switch:

```
Router(config)# interface ip 128
Router(config-if-ip)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.0
Use 10.10.10.2 on the second CN4093 switch
Router(config-if-ip)# enable
Router(config-if-ip)# exit
```

After the previous set of commands has been run from each of the network switches, run the following command from the ISCLI on each of the switches to its vLAG peer.

```
Router(config)# vlag hlthchk peer-ip 10.10.10.2
Use 10.10.10.1 on the second CN4093 switch
```

## 4.2.2 Enable tagging on host ports

Before creating VLANs, tagging should be enabled on the host ports (internal ports 3, 4, and 5 in our example environment) on each switch.

The commands in this section should be run in the order shown and after the commands in previous sections have been run.

Run the following commands from the ISCLI on each switch:

```
Router(config)# interface port inta3-inta5
Router(config-if)# tagging
Router(config-if)# exit
```

## 4.2.3 Configure the VLANs

Define and assign the VLANs before the vLAGs are formed on the host ports.

1. Run the following commands from the ISCLI on each of the switches to configure the VLANs. (Each VLAN includes the ports ext1 and ext2 used in the ISL.)

```
Router(config)# vlan 70
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member inta3-inta5,ext1-ext2
Router(config-vlan)# exit
```

```

Router(config)# vlan 60
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member inta3-inta5,ext1-ext2
Router(config-vlan)# exit

Router(config)# vlan 50
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member inta3-inta5,ext1-ext2
Router(config-vlan)# exit
Router(config)# vlan 40
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member inta10-inta12,ext1-ext2
Router(config-vlan)# exit

Router(config)# vlan 30
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member inta3-inta5,ext1-ext2
Router(config-vlan)# exit

```

- To verify that the VLANs have been configured correctly, run the following command:

```
Router(config)# show vlan
```

Figure 2 shows the example output from this command.

VLAN	Name	Status	MGT	Ports
1	Default VLAN	ena	dis	INTA1 INTA3-INTC14 EXT3-EXT22
30	VLAN 30	ena	dis	INTA3-INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
40	VLAN 40	ena	dis	INTA3-INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
50	VLAN 50	ena	dis	INTA3-INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
60	VLAN 60	ena	dis	INTA3-INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
70	VLAN 70	ena	dis	INTA3-INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
100	VLAN 100	ena	dis	INTA3 EXT1 EXT2
200	VLAN 200	ena	dis	INTA4 EXT1 EXT2
200	VLAN 300	ena	dis	INTA5 EXT1 EXT2
4094	VLAN 4094	ena	dis	EXT1 EXT2
4095	Mgmt VLAN	ena	ena	EXTM MGT1

**Figure 2. Results from the “show vlan” command**

- Save the configuration changes by running the following command on each switch:

```
Router(config)# write
```

## 4.2.4 Configure LACP teams and enable vLAG on the host connections

This section describes the steps required to create an LACP team using the two 10 GbE connections from each host server to each of the switches. After the LACP team has been created, vLAG is enabled on the team to provide active-active usage of the connections.

The commands in this section should be run in the order shown and after the commands in previous sections have been run. Comments are provided in italic blue are for informational purposes only and are not typed in the command line.

1. Configure the LACP team for server 1. Run the following commands on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlan 100          Create VLAN 100 for vLAG communication
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member ext1,ext2,inta3 Adds the ISL and host ports to the
VLAN
Router(config-vlan)# exit
Router(config)# interface port inta3 Select the host port server 1
Router(config-if)# lacp mode active Activates LACP for the host port
Router(config-if)# lacp key 1000 Assigns a unique admin key for the LACP team
Router(config-if)# exit
```

2. Enable vLAG for the LACP team on each switch. This allows the LACP teams to be formed across the two CN4093 switches. Run the following command on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlag adminkey 1000 enable
```

3. Configure the LACP team for server 2. Run the following commands on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlan 200          Create VLAN 200 for vLAG communication
Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member ext1,ext2,inta4 Adds the ISL and host ports to the
VLAN
Router(config-vlan)# exit
Router(config)# interface port inta4 Select the host port for server 2
Router(config-if)# lacp mode active Activates LACP for the host port
Router(config-if)# lacp key 2000 Assigns a unique admin key for the LACP team
Router(config-if)# exit
```

4. Enable vLAG for the LACP team on each switch. This allows LACP teams to be formed across the two CN4093 switches. Run the following command on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlag adminkey 2000 enable
```

5. Configure the LACP team for server 3. Run the following commands on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlan 300          Create VLAN 300 for vLAG communication
```

```

Router(config-vlan)# enable
Router(config-vlan)# member ext1,ext2,inta5  Adds the ISL and host ports to the
VLAN
Router(config-vlan)# exit
Router(config)# interface port inta5      Select the host port for server 3
Router(config-if)# lacp mode active      Activates LACP for the host port
Router(config-if)# lacp key 3000      Assigns a unique admin key for the LACP team
Router(config-if)# exit

```

6. Enable vLAG for the LACP team on each switch. This allows LACP teams to be formed across the two CN4093 switches. Run the following command on *both* switches before continuing.

```
Router(config)# vlag adminkey 3000 enable
```

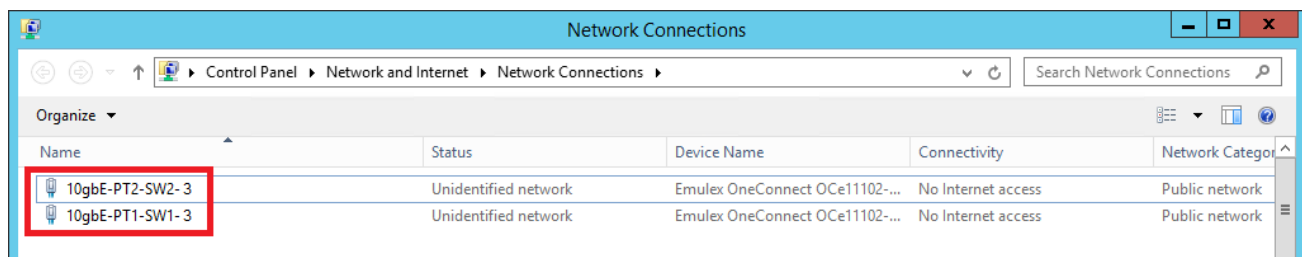
7. Write the running configuration to the startup configuration by running the following command:

```
Router(config)# write
```

The LACP teams have been created and vLAG has been enabled. However, the vLAGs will show as “not formed” in the ISCLI of each of the switches until the NIC teaming has been configured on each of the servers from within Windows Server 2012 R2.

### 4.3 Creating the NIC team and network adapters

Lenovo recommends renaming the network interface ports in Windows to better document the network topology. In the example shown in Figure 3, the ports are renamed to identify the ports as 10 Gb Ethernet (10 GbE). Assign each port with an identifier (PT1 =Port 1) and document the switch and port to which it is connected (SW1-3 = Switch 1:Port 3).



**Figure 3. Renamed 10 GbE network ports in Windows Server 2012 R2**

After the network adapter ports have been renamed, the NIC team, virtual switch, and virtual network adapters can be created using Windows PowerShell commands.

#### 4.3.1 Creating the NIC team and network adapters for the Hyper-V cluster servers

As a prerequisite, the Hyper-V role must be installed on each of the servers. Run the following commands from each of the servers:

1. Run the following command from PowerShell to form a NIC team named "ClusterTeam" using the two 10 GbE network ports:

```
PS> New-NetLbfoTeam -name "ClusterTeam" -TeamMembers "10GbE-PT1-SW1-3",  
"10GbE-PT2-SW2-3" -TeamingMode LACP
```

When running this command on the second and third servers, the adapter names used in the command should be changed to match the name of the adapter ports in the server. For example, this guide uses "10GbE-PT1-SW1-4" and "10GbE-PT2-SW2-4" as the adapter port names on the second server.

2. Run the following command to create a virtual switch, named "ClusterSwitch", which uses the newly formed NIC team:

```
PS> New-VMSwitch -Name "ClusterSwitch" -NetAdapterName "ClusterTeam"  
-MinimumBandwidthMode Weight -AllowManagementOS $true
```

3. To fulfill the networking requirements, four virtual network adapters must be created. Run the following command to create the virtual network adapters ("ClusterPublicAdapter", "ClusterPrivateAdapter", "ManagementAdapter", and "LiveMigrationAdapter"):

```
PS> Add-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ClusterPublicAdapter" -SwitchName  
"ClusterSwitch"  
PS> Add-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ClusterPrivateAdapter" -SwitchName  
"ClusterSwitch"  
PS> Add-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ManagementAdapter" -SwitchName  
"ClusterSwitch"  
PS> Add-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "LiveMigrationAdapter" -SwitchName  
"ClusterSwitch"
```

4. Because the various virtual network adapters will communicate over a single 10 GbE pipe, quality of service (QoS) must be configured to ensure each network has available bandwidth. The commands below will guarantee that the "ClusterPublicAdapter" virtual network adapter and the "ClusterPrivateAdapter" virtual network adapter each have a minimum bandwidth of 10% of the total bandwidth available. The "LiveMigrationAdapter" virtual network adapter may require more bandwidth to migrate VMs; therefore it is assigned a minimum bandwidth of 20%.

```
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ClusterPublicAdapter"  
-MinimumBandwidthWeight 5  
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ClusterPrivateAdapter"  
-MinimumBandwidthWeight 2  
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "ManagementAdapter"  
-MinimumBandwidthWeight 1  
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapter -ManagementOS -Name "LiveMigrationAdapter"  
-MinimumBandwidthWeight 3
```

- To logically isolate the various networks, run the following commands to assign VLANs to the virtual network adapters:

```
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapterVLAN -ManagementOS -VMNetworkAdapterName
"ClusterPublicAdapter" -Access -VlanId 40
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapterVLAN -ManagementOS -VMNetworkAdapterName
"ClusterPrivateAdapter" -Access -VlanId 60
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapterVLAN -ManagementOS -VMNetworkAdapterName
"ManagementAdapter" -Access -VlanId 70
PS> Set-VMNetworkAdapterVLAN -ManagementOS -VMNetworkAdapterName
"LiveMigrationAdapter" -Access -VlanId 50
```

- When configuring the IP addresses on the virtual network adapters, it is important for the ClusterPublicAdapter's IP address to be on the same subnet as the domain controllers and DNS servers in your environment. In most cases this network adapter should be set to obtain an IP address through DHCP. However, for this guide a static IP address is assigned. Also, to prevent a warning during cluster validation, you should configure a gateway IP address on the ClusterPublicAdapter.

To configure the network IP address on the virtual network adapters, run the following commands:

When running these commands on the second server, increment the last octet by 1. For example, rather than 192.168.70.10, use 192.168.70.11 on the second host server.

```
PS> New-NetIPAddress -InterfaceAlias "vEthernet (ClusterPublicAdapter)"
-IPAddress 192.168.40.10 -PrefixLength 24
PS> New-NetIPAddress -InterfaceAlias "vEthernet (ClusterPrivateAdapter)"
-IPAddress 192.168.60.10 -PrefixLength 24
PS> New-NetIPAddress -InterfaceAlias "vEthernet (ManagementAdapter)" -IPAddress
192.168.70.10 -PrefixLength 24
PS> New-NetIPAddress -InterfaceAlias "vEthernet (LiveMigrationAdapter)"
-IPAddress 192.168.50.10 -PrefixLength 24
```

- Finally, if the DNS is not being set by the DHCP server, set the DNS server on the "ClusterPublicAdapter" by running the following command:

```
PS> Set-DnsClientServerAddress -Interfacealias "vEthernet
(ClusterPublicAdapter)" -ServerAddress <IP Address of your DNS server>
```

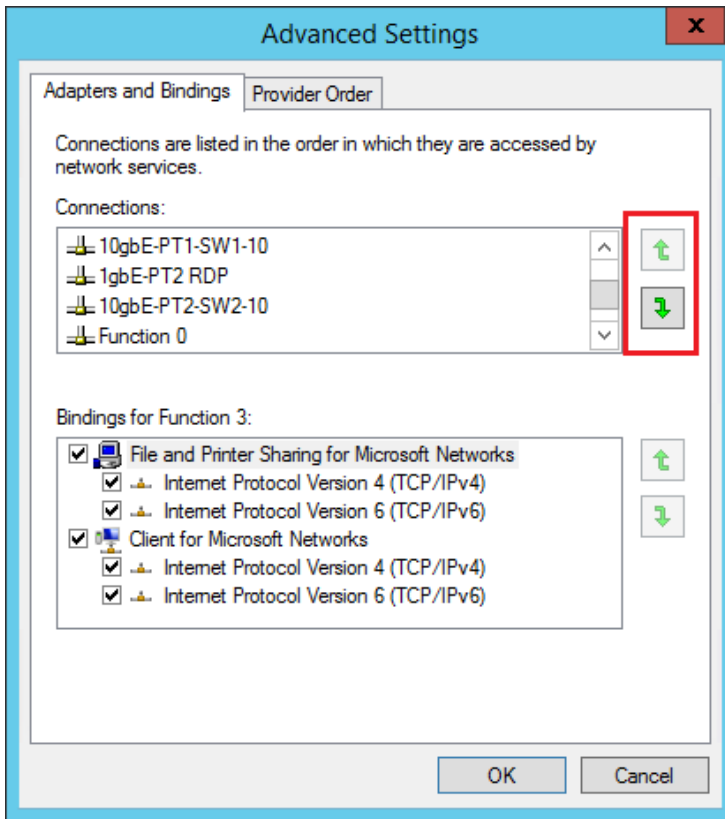
The DNS server should be on the same subnet as the "ClusterPublicAdapter" virtual network adapter.

- Cluster nodes are multihomed systems. Network priority affects DNS Clients for outbound network connectivity. Network adapters used for client communication should be at the top in the binding order. Non-routed networks can be placed at lower priority. Windows Server 2012 R2 automatically places the Cluster Network Driver (NETFT.SYS) adapter at the bottom of the binding order list.

Set the network binding order so the cluster public network (ClusterPublicAdapter - VLAN 40) is at the top.



This can be accomplished from the Network Connections window in the server's operating system. Click **Alt** to make the command ribbon visible and click **Advanced**. Click **Advanced Settings** to open the Advanced Settings window shown in Figure 4. The available connections are listed under Connections. Use the arrows to move ClusterPublicAdapter to the top of the list. Click **OK**. Do this on each server.



**Figure 4. Changing the network binding order**

Before continuing, test the network implementation thoroughly to ensure correct failover when a network switch is down or a connection is broken.

# 5 Storage networking

This section describes the storage networking topology and includes instructions to correctly configure the storage environment.

The IBM Subsystem Device Driver Specific Module (SDDDSM) multipath driver, in conjunction with the Windows Server 2012 R2 Multipath I/O (MPIO) feature, is used to provide fault tolerance and path management between the servers and the storage (see section *Enabling multipathing*). In the event one or more hardware components fail, causing a path to fail, multipathing logic chooses an alternate path for I/O so applications can still access their data. Multipath driver details and installation are covered in more depth in the section, "Enabling multipathing".

At the logical layer, zoning is used to provide isolation between the various streams of data traffic. Figure 5 shows the fiber connections and zoning configuration between the servers, the switches, and the Storwize V3700.

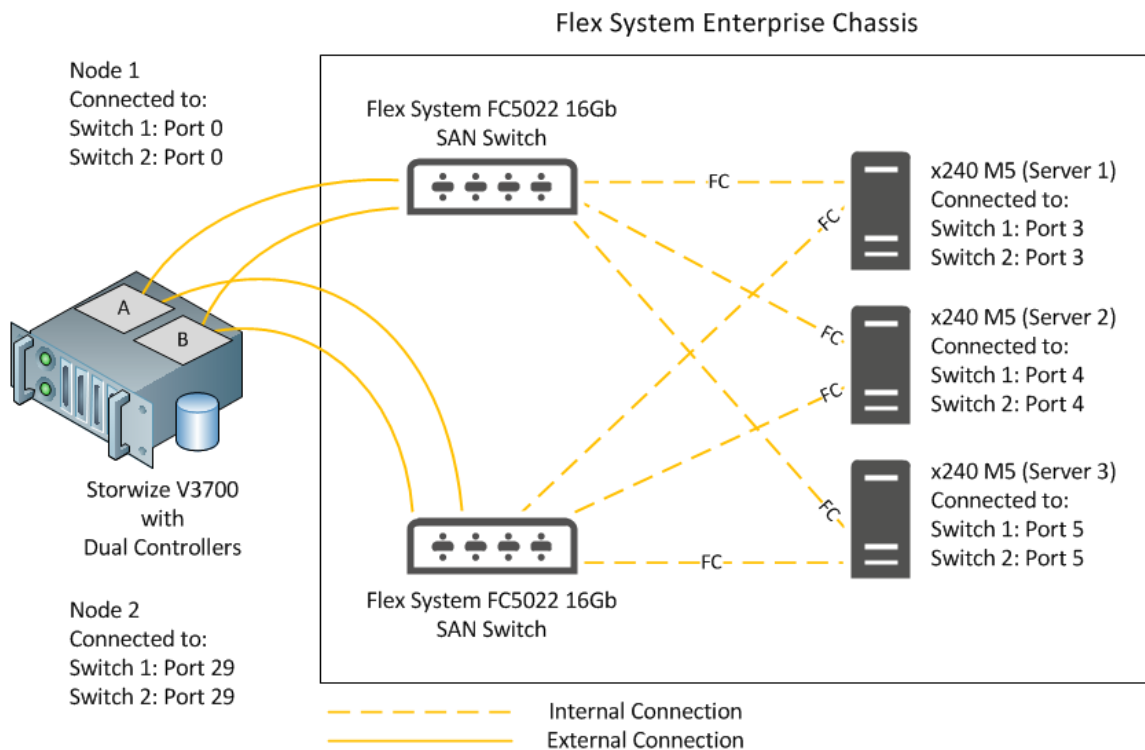


Figure 5. SAN configuration

## 5.1 Storage zoning

When creating a WSFC cluster to host virtual machines (VMs) on Flex System, Lenovo recommends using port-based zoning (hardware zoning) rather than WWN-based zoning (software zoning) on the fiber switches. In port-based zoning, a port is placed into a zone and anything connecting to that port is included in the zone (or zones).

Lenovo recommends using single-initiator zoning for path isolation. In single-initiator zoning, zones are created based on a single initiator. This means that each zone contains a single HBA port, or initiator. Multiple storage array ports can be added to the zone without violating the single initiator rule as storage arrays are the targets.

Zoning can be configured from the switch's command-line interface or from the management web interface. This guide focuses on the command-line interface.

Table 2 lists the port definitions with connected devices, as well as the aliases that are defined on each of the SAN Switches. The WWNs in Table 2 are unique to the test environment; the WWNs for your environment will be different from those shown here.

**Table 2. Port definitions on the Flex System FC3171 8Gb SAN Switches**

<b>Flex System FC5022 16 SAN Switch 1</b>			
<b>Port</b>	<b>Connected To</b>	<b>Alias</b>	<b>Zones</b>
3	HBA Port-1 of Server 1	S1PORT1	ZONE1
4	HBA Port-1 of Server 2	S2PORT1	ZONE2
5	HBA Port-1 of Server 3	S3PORT1	ZONE3
0	V3700 Node-1 Port-1	N1PORT1	ZONE1, ZONE2, ZONE3
29	V3700 Node-2 Port-1	N2PORT1	ZONE1, ZONE2, ZONE3
<b>Flex System FC5022 16 SAN Switch 2</b>			
<b>Port</b>	<b>Connected To</b>	<b>Alias</b>	<b>Zones</b>
3	HBA Port-2 of Server 1	S1PORT2	ZONE1
4	HBA Port-2 of Server 2	S2PORT2	ZONE2
5	HBA Port-2 of Server 3	S3PORT2	ZONE3
0	V3700 Node-1 Port-2	N1PORT2	ZONE1, ZONE2, ZONE3
29	V3700 Node-2 Port-2	N2PORT2	ZONE1, ZONE2, ZONE3

To create the necessary zoning, Lenovo recommends following the steps below:

1. Create aliases for the HBA ports and the V3700 ports.
2. Create zones using the aliases created in step 1. Each zone should consist of a single initiator (HBA port), and two V3700 ports, as shown in Table 2 above.
3. Create the zone configuration and add the zones created in step 2.
4. Save the zone configuration.
5. Enable the zone configuration.

To define the zones on the switches, perform the following steps:

1. Using SSH (Secure Shell), log in to the CLI of the first switch using the management IP address of the switch.
2. Run the following commands on SAN Switch 1 to create the zone configuration.

```

switch:admin> alicreate "S1PORT1", "1,3"
switch:admin> alicreate "S2PORT1", "1,4"
switch:admin> alicreate "S3PORT1", "1,5"
switch:admin> alicreate "N1PORT1", "1,0"
switch:admin> alicreate "N2PORT1", "1,29"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE1", "S1PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE2", "S2PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE3", "S3PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> cfgcreate "Exch_cfg", "ZONE1; ZONE2; ZONE3"
switch:admin> cfgsave
switch:admin> cfgenable Exch_cfg

```

3. Repeat this process on SAN Switch 2 to complete the zoning.

```

switch:admin> alicreate "S1PORT2", "1,3"
switch:admin> alicreate "S2PORT2", "1,4"
switch:admin> alicreate "S3PORT2", "1,5"
switch:admin> alicreate "N1PORT2", "1,0"
switch:admin> alicreate "N2PORT2", "1,29"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE1", "S1PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE2", "S2PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> zonecreate "ZONE3", "S3PORT1; N1PORT1; N2PORT1"
switch:admin> cfgcreate "Exch_cfg", "ZONE1; ZONE2; ZONE3"
switch:admin> cfgsave
switch:admin> cfgenable Exch_cfg

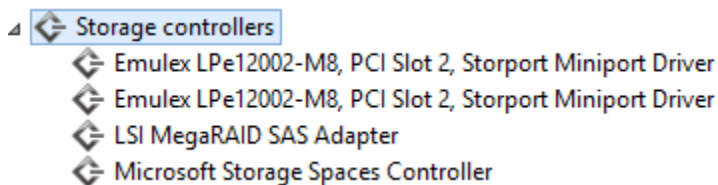
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## 5.2 Configuring the host bus adapters

After you install the Emulex HBA and the Emulex driver for Windows Server, you must configure the HBA. Lenovo recommends using the latest supported driver for the Emulex HBA when connecting to the Storwize V3700.

To check your driver version, open Microsoft Windows Device Manager and expand the Storage Controllers section.

Figure 6 shows the current driver using Microsoft Windows Device Manager.

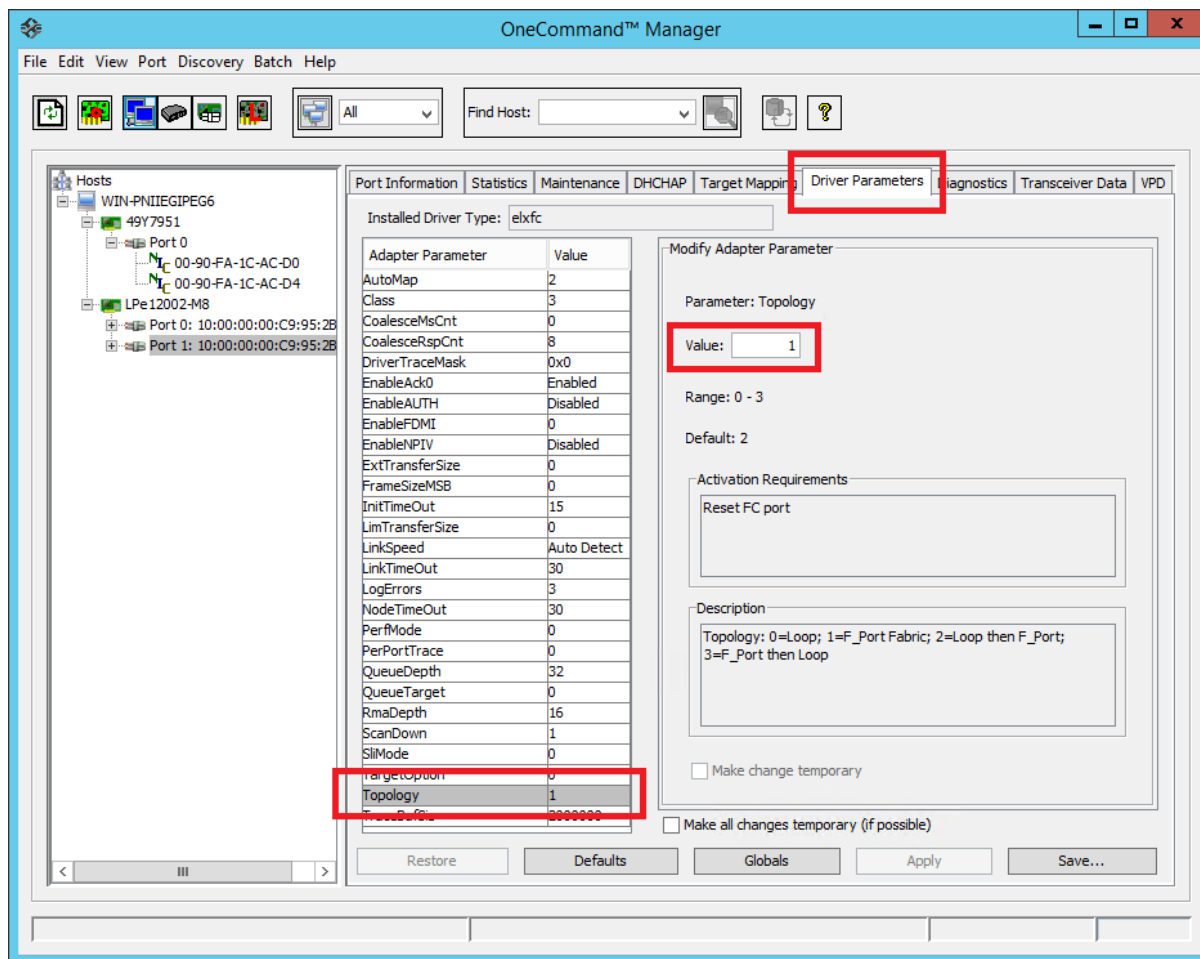


**Figure 6. Storport driver for the Emulex 8 Gb FC HBA, as shown in Windows Device Manager**

For the Emulex HBA StorPort driver, accept the default settings and set topology to 1 (1=F\_Port Fabric) using

the Emulex utility OneCommand Manager (default is 2). Reset the port using OneCommand Manager after making the change (the option to reset the port is located under Port in the main menu).

Figure 7 shows the location of the topology setting in OneCommand Manager.



**Figure 7. Changing the topology of the HBA ports using OneCommand Manager**

Modify the topology setting to “1” for each of the HBA ports on each of the servers before continuing.

### 5.3 Enabling multipathing

The IBM Subsystem Device Driver Device-Specific Module (SDDDSM) is a multipath driver that is required when multiple connections to storage are present. When you use SDDDSM for multipathing with the Storwize V3700, it is important to use the latest HBA driver provided by IBM.

For this document, we used SDDDSM version 2.4.4.0 for Windows Server 2012 R2.

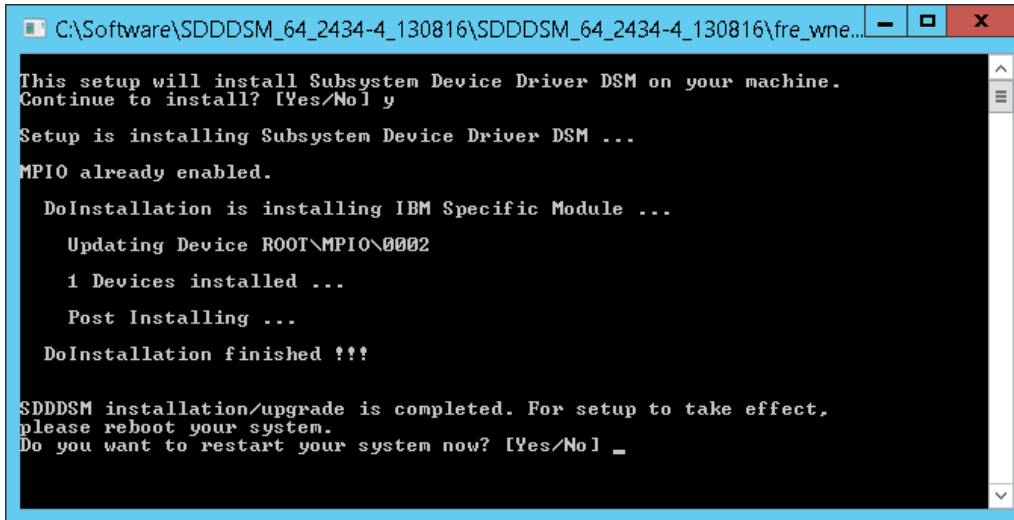
SDDDSM works in conjunction with the Microsoft Multipath I/O (MPIO) feature to support dynamic multipathing. Dynamic multipathing automatically configures and updates available paths to a storage volume. SDDDSM uses a load-balancing policy to equalize the load across all preferred paths. No user intervention is required, other than the typical new device discovery on a Windows Server operating system. SDDDSM is dependent on

the Microsoft MPIO feature and will install it along with SDDDSM if not already installed.

You can download SDDDSM from: <http://ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ssg1S4000350>

To install SDDDSM, download SDDDSM from the IBM website (using the link above) and extract the zip file onto each of the x240 servers. Run the setup.exe file to install SDDDSM. After the installation completes, reboot the server.

Figure 8 shows the SDDDSM during the install process.

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "CA\Software\SDDDSM\_64\_2434-4\_130816\SDDDSM\_64\_2434-4\_130816\fre\_wne...". The window contains the following text:

```
This setup will install Subsystem Device Driver DSM on your machine.
Continue to install? [Yes/No] y

Setup is installing Subsystem Device Driver DSM ...

MPIO already enabled.

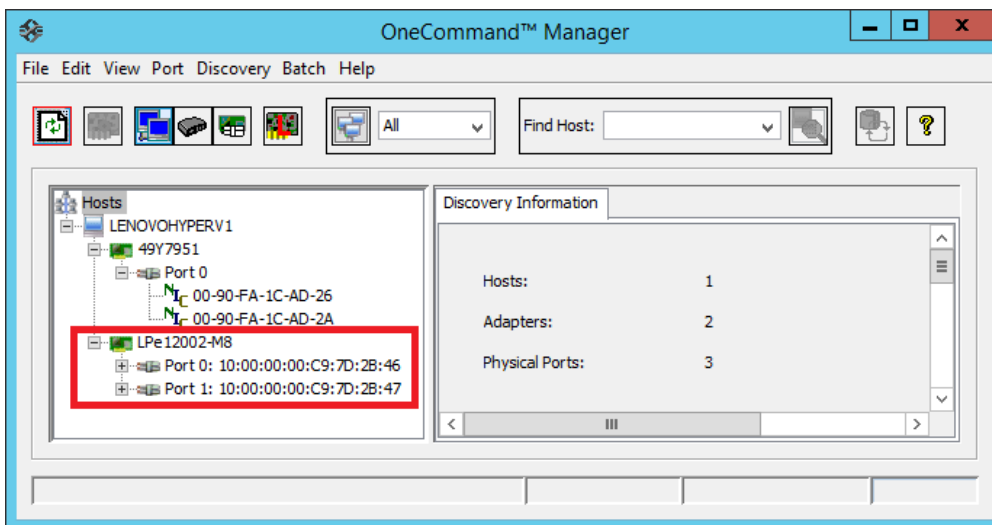
  DoInstallation is installing IBM Specific Module ...
    Updating Device ROOT\MPIO\0002
    1 Devices installed ...
    Post Installing ...
  DoInstallation finished !!!

SDDDSM installation/upgrade is completed. For setup to take effect,
please reboot your system.
Do you want to restart your system now? [Yes/No] _
```

*Figure 8. SDDDSM install progress*

## 5.4 Host definition on the Storwize V3700

Before performing the storage partitioning, define the hosts on the Storwize V3700. To do so, first obtain the WWNs of the HBA ports installed in each of the servers by opening Emulex OneCommand Manager to view the WWNs, as shown in Figure 9.



**Figure 9. Finding WWPNs using OneCommand Manager**

After you have listed the HBA port WWNs, open the Storwize V3700 web interface and authenticate. The web interface is shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 10. Storwize V3700 Web UI**

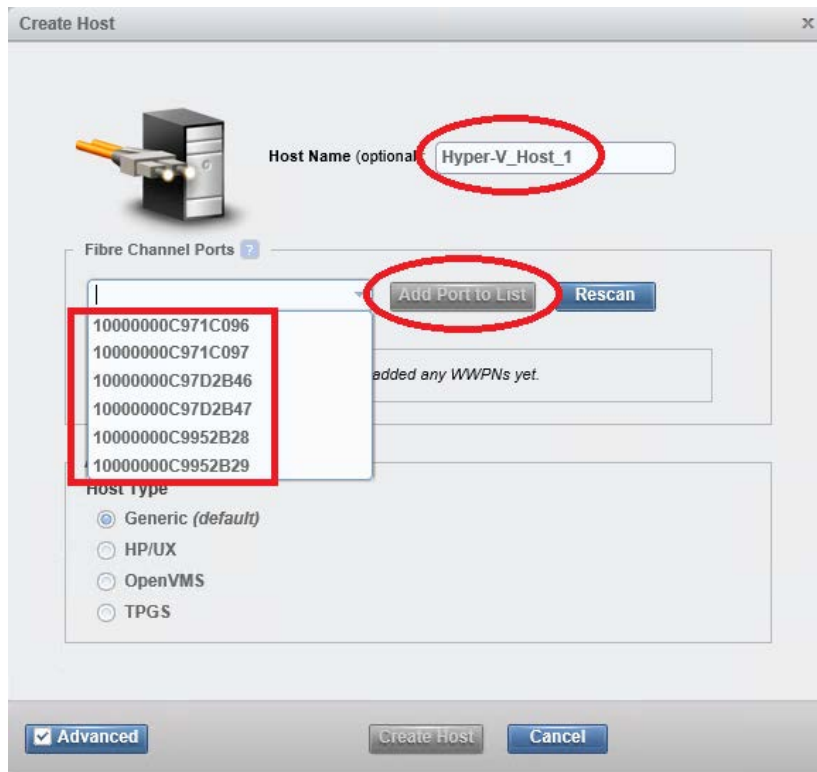
To define the hosts, follow the steps below:

1. Open the Hosts window by clicking the icon illustrated by a disk-group attached to a server (highlighted in Figure 11) and then click **Hosts**.



**Figure 11. Host menu option on the Storwize V3700**

2. Click **New Host** and then click **Fibre Channel Host** on the Create Host window.
3. Type a name for the host, then select one of the WWNs from the dropdown list and click the **Add Port to List** button. Select the second WWN associated to the server and click the **Add Port to List** button.



**Figure 12. Entering the WWNs of the HBAs installed in the servers**

4. Click the **Create Host** button to create the host.



5. Repeat the process for the HBA ports on the remaining servers.

## 6 Storage partitioning

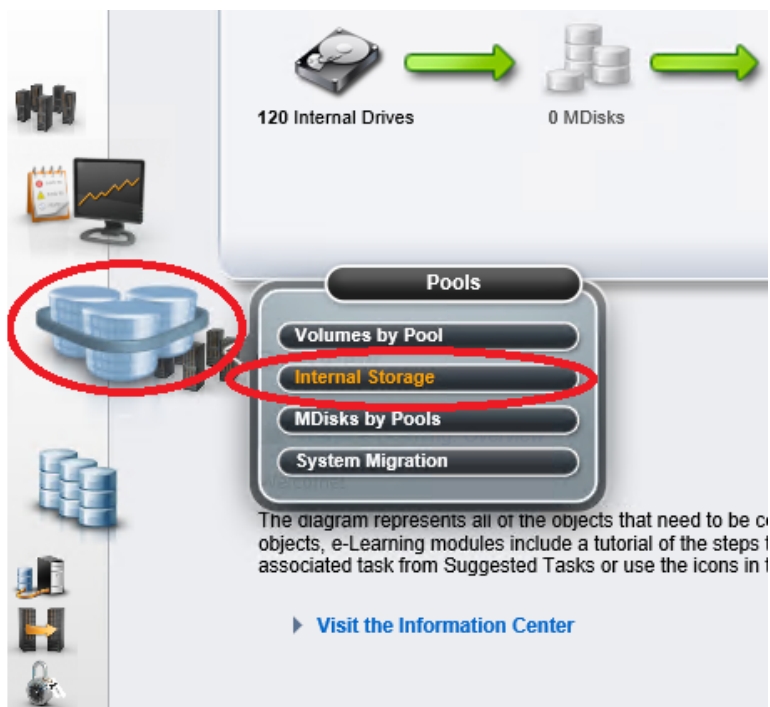
This section provides details on storage partitioning using the Storwize V3700 management interface.

First, a storage pool is created. Then the storage pool is split into two logical drives: a 5 GB logical drive for the cluster quorum drive and a larger drive for the cluster-shared volume (CSV), which houses the Hyper-V VHDX files for the VM system files.

### 6.1 Create storage pool

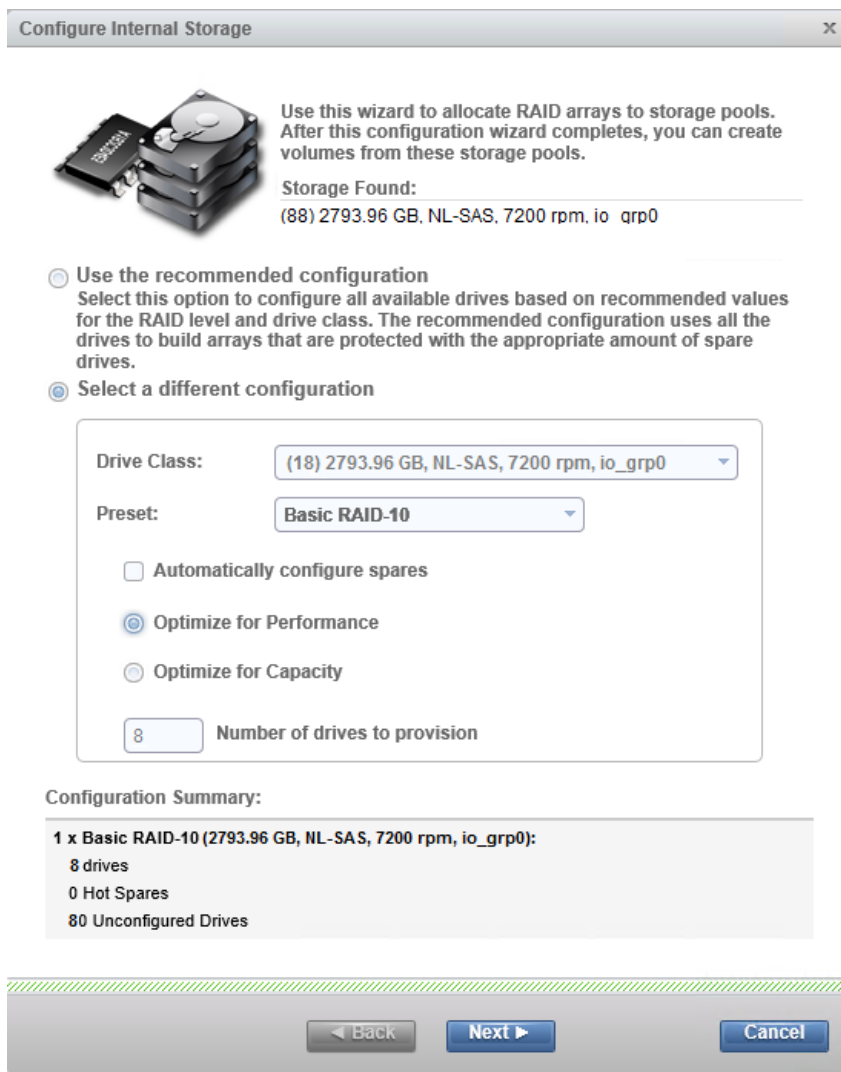
To create a storage pool, follow the steps below:

1. Open the Internal Storage window by clicking the graphic shown in Figure 13 and then clicking **Internal Storage** from the pop-up menu.



**Figure 13. Internal Storage menu option**

2. On the Internal Storage window, click the **Configure Storage** button to open the Configure Internal Storage dialogue box.
3. On the Configure Internal Storage dialogue box select the radio button labelled **Select a different configuration**. Next, select the appropriate drive class from the Drive Class drop-down (the drive class will vary depending on the type of drives you have installed). In this example, 3 TB large form factor (LFF) 7.2k NL-SAS drives are used for the cluster volumes. Next, select the type of RAID to use for the MDisk; in this case it is RAID-10 for the cluster pool. Next select **optimize for performance**. Finally, enter the number of drives you want defined as MDisks. Figure 14 shows that 8 disks have been selected to create the MDisk.



**Figure 14. Configuring internal storage**

4. Click **Next** after you have configured the internal storage.
5. On the next page of the dialogue box, select the radio button labelled **Create one more new pools**. Finally, type a name for the new storage pool and click **Finish**.

## 6.2 Create logical volumes

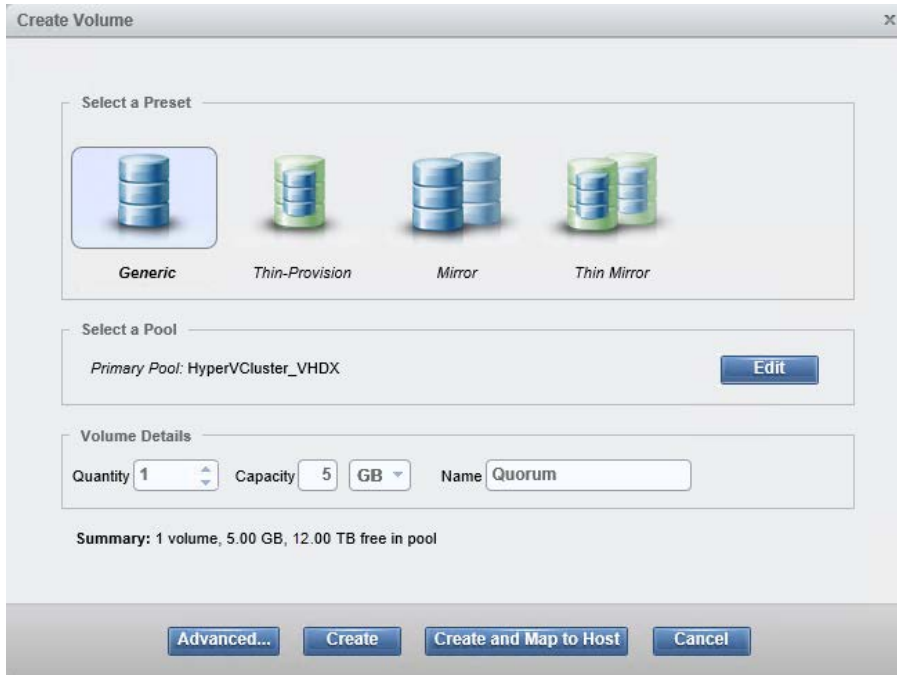
The next step is to define logical volumes from the storage pool that you just created and map the volumes to the hosts that were defined in a previous section. To define the logical volumes and map them to the hosts follow the steps below:

1. Open the Volumes by Pool window by clicking the graphic shown in Figure 15 and then clicking **Volumes by Pool**.



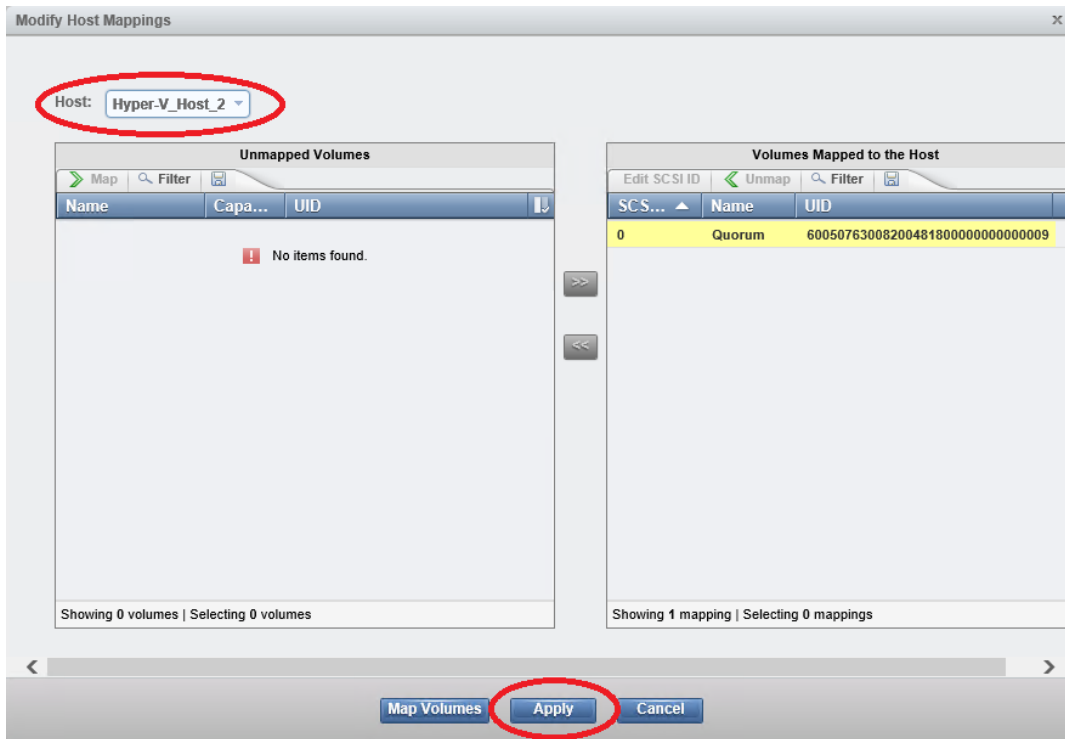
**Figure 15. Volumes by Pool menu option**

2. On the Volumes by Pool window, click the **Create Volume** button.
3. When the Create Volume window opens, click the volume type you would like to use. Click **Generic** to continue.
4. Once you click **Generic**, the window expands with a list of available Storage Pools. Click the **Storage Pool** you created earlier.
5. Enter the size of the size of the logical volume (in GB) and then type a name. Click the **Create and Map to Host** button. The example shown in Figure 16 defines a 5 GB cluster quorum logical drive.



**Figure 16. Defining the size and name of a logical volume**

6. After the task completes, click the **Continue** button.
7. On the next window, select a host from the drop-down to open the Modify Host Mappings window.
8. Click the **Apply** button to apply the current mapping, then using the Host drop-down select the second server, as shown in Figure 17.



**Figure 17. Modify Host Mappings window**

9. Click the **Apply** button again, to apply the same mapping to the second host. At this point, a warning dialogue will appear informing you a logical volume has been mapped to multiple hosts. Click **Map All Volumes** to continue.
10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 to map the quorum volume to the third server.

Next, follow the steps outlined above to create a volume to house the VHDX files for the VMs. This guide uses 4 VMs per data center. Each VM will be assigned a 127 GB VHDX file for the VM's system files. Therefore, a 508 GB volume is required to house the VHDX files. However, extra space should be allowed for additional VMs that might be needed in the future. Therefore, create a single volume using the storage pool's remaining capacity and map it to the three servers that comprise the Hyper-V cluster.

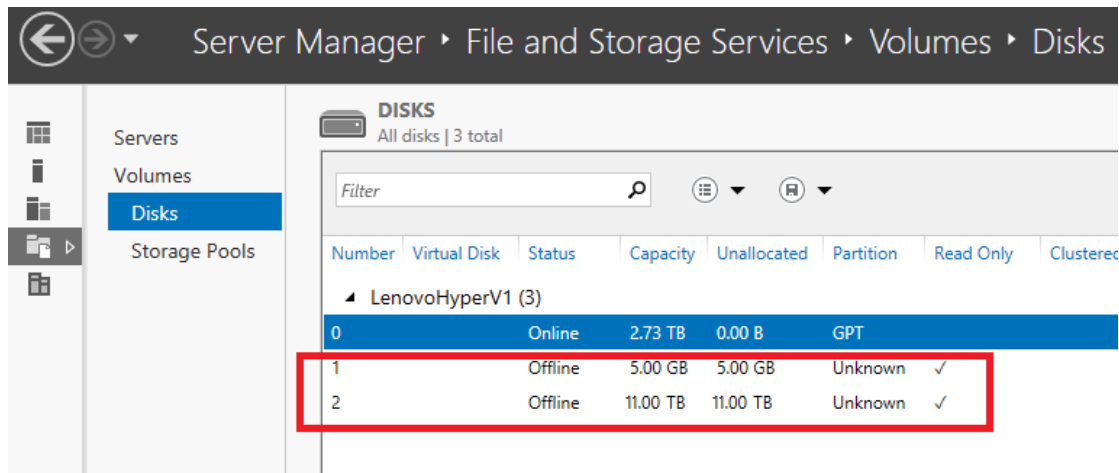
Microsoft recommends the following minimum free space on CSV volumes containing Hyper-V VM VHD and/or VHDX files:

- 15% free space if the partition size is less than 1 TB
- 10% free space if the partition size is between 1 TB and 5 TB
- 5% free space if the partition size is greater than 5 TB

# 7 Creating a Windows cluster

This section describes how to configure the Windows servers for clustering and connect them to the shared storage volumes used for the cluster shared volume (CSV) and for the cluster quorum.

The logical volumes created in the previous section should now be visible to the servers. Before continuing, verify that the logical volumes are visible in the Disks section of Windows Disk Manager on all the servers, as shown in Figure 18. It may be necessary to perform a disk rescan to refresh the list.



**Figure 18. Windows Disk Manager showing the new logical volumes on a Hyper-V cluster server**

At this stage, only one server can have a disk online at a time, until they have been added to CSV using the Failover Cluster Manager.

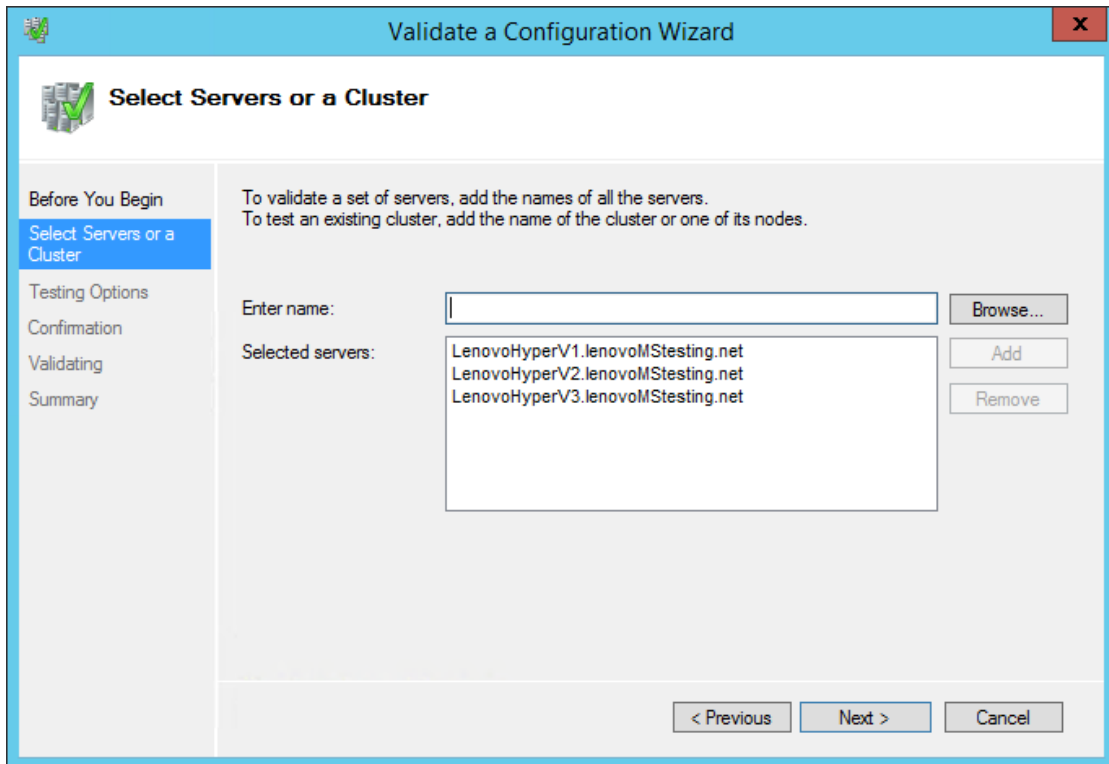
Verify that the drives can be brought online from a single server. Once the drives are online, initialize the drives as GPT (GUID Partition Table) disks and then create a new Windows volume on each of the drive using the entire available capacity. It is not necessary to assign drive letters because the volumes will be used for specific clustering roles such as CSV and cluster quorum. Format the new volumes using NTFS. Volumes used for VHD/VHDx files, including CSV's, should use an allocation size of 64K.

## 7.1 Create the WSFC cluster

To create the WSFC cluster on Windows Server follow the steps outlined below:

1. If the Failover Clustering feature has not been installed on the servers, install the feature using Windows Server Manager.
2. After the Failover Clustering feature is installed, open the Failover Cluster Manager.
3. Validate the server configuration by running the Validate a Configuration Wizard from the Failover Cluster Manager. Because the cluster has not yet been formed, add the servers to the validation, as shown in Figure 19. The cluster validation wizard checks for available cluster-compatible servers, and validates storage and networking. To ensure a successful test, verify that the intended cluster storage is online to only one of the cluster nodes.

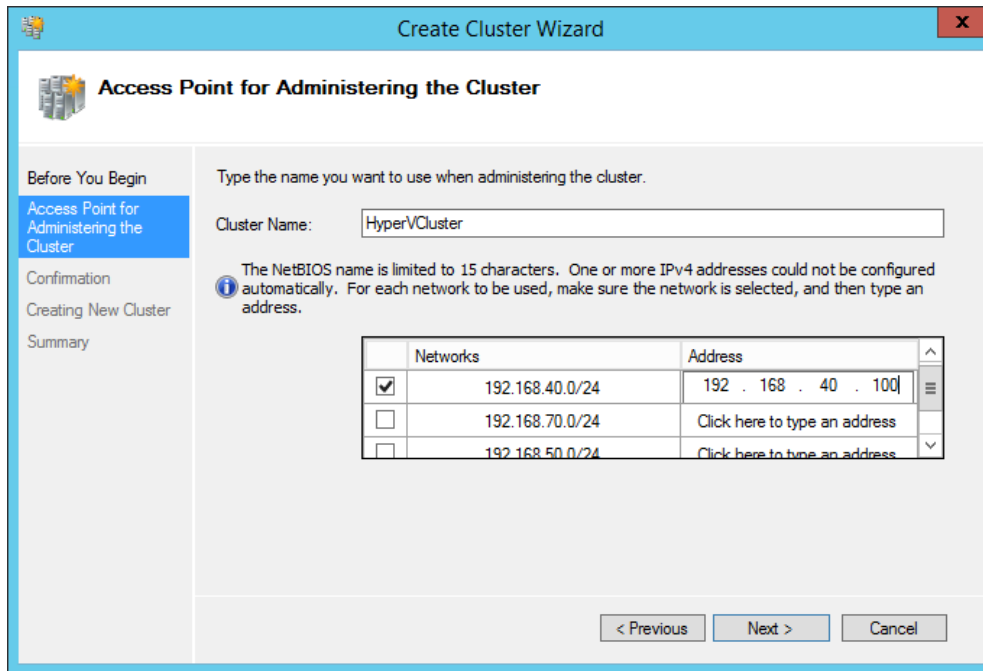
It is important to temporarily disable the default IBM USB Remote NDIS Network Device on all cluster nodes. This is because it causes the validation to issue a warning during network detection, due to all nodes sharing the same IP address.



**Figure 19. Validate a Configuration Wizard**

4. Address any issues flagged during the validation before continuing.
5. After the validation passes, leave the checkbox labelled **Create the cluster now using the validated nodes...** checked and click the **Finish** button to open the Create Cluster Wizard.
6. In the Create Cluster Wizard type a name for the cluster, then uncheck all networks except for the public one (192.168.40.0/24). Type an IP address to be used as the administrative access point for the cluster, as shown in Figure 20. Click **Next** to continue.





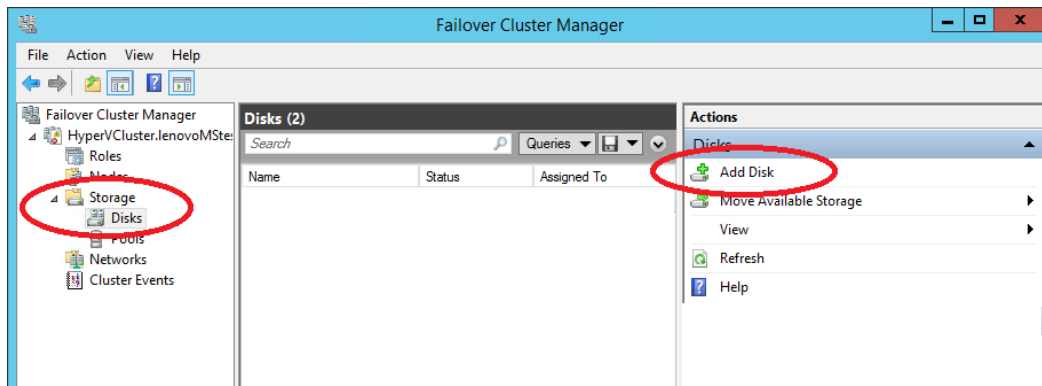
**Figure 20. Defining the administrative access point for the cluster**

7. On the Confirmation page, uncheck the checkbox labelled **Add all eligible storage to the cluster** and click **Next**.
8. After the cluster has formed, click the **Finish** button to exit the wizard and return to the Failover Cluster Manager.

## 7.2 Adding the cluster shared volumes

After the cluster has been created, the storage volumes need to be assigned as disks under Windows. Follow the steps below to assign the disks.

1. Using Failover Cluster Manager, select the cluster from the navigation pane and expand the Storage section. Click **Add Disk** in the Actions pane, as shown in Figure 21.

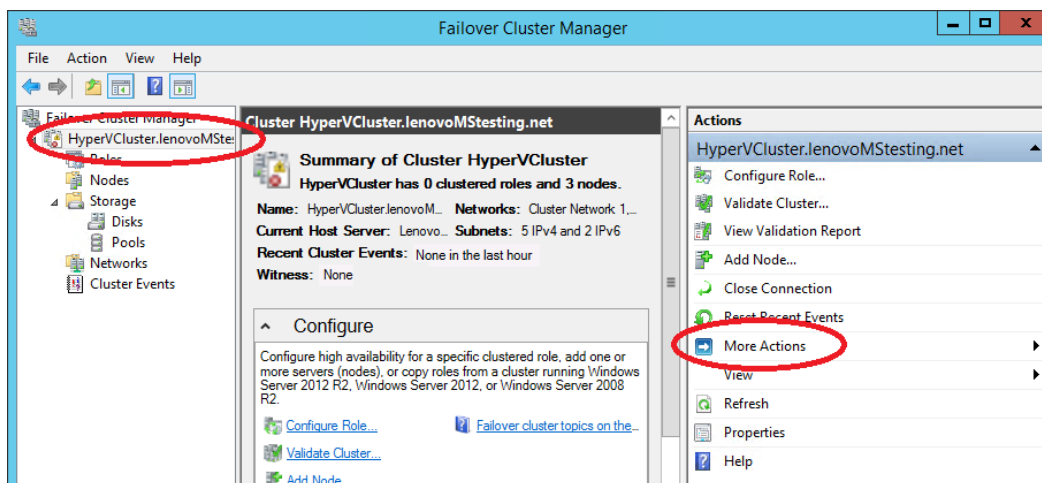


**Figure 21. Adding a disk to the cluster**

2. Confirm that both the cluster quorum volume and the VHDx volume are checked and then click **OK** to continue.
3. Lenovo recommends renaming the disks within the Failover Cluster Manager for better documentation. After the disks have been added, you can right-click a disk and click **Properties**. Type a new name for the disk and click the **OK** button. The names used in this guide are *Quorum* and *CSV\_VHDx*.
4. Right-click the disk named **CSV\_VHDx** (the 11.00 TB disk), and click **Add to Cluster Shared Volumes** from the right-click menu. The *Assigned To* column will update from *Assigned Storage* to *Cluster Shared Volume*.

Next the quorum disk needs to be assigned. To manually assign the quorum disk, follow the steps below:

1. With the cluster selected, on the Actions pane click **More Actions** (shown in Figure 22), and then click **Configure Cluster Quorum Settings**. The Configure Cluster Quorum Wizard appears. Click **Next**.

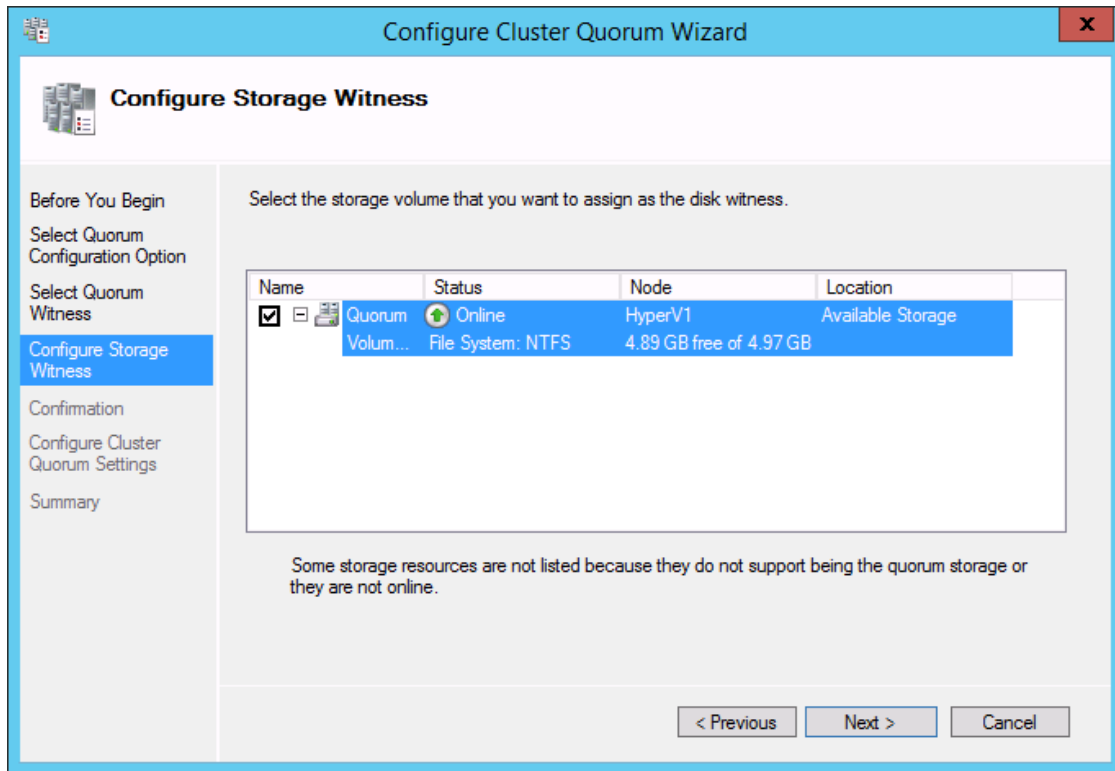


**Figure 22. Failover Cluster Manager - More Actions menu option**

2. On the Select Quorum Configuration Options page, select the radio button labelled **Select the**

**quorum witness.** Click **Next**.

3. On the Select Quorum Witness page, select the radio button labelled **Configure a disk witness**. Click **Next**.
4. On the Configure Storage Witness page, check the drive you would like to use for the cluster quorum, as shown in Figure 23. Click **Next**.



**Figure 23. Select a disk to use as the quorum**

5. Click **Next** on the Confirmation page. Once it completes click **Finish** to close the wizard.
6. Verify that the disk has successfully been added as a cluster quorum disk witness by navigating to *Disks* and checking the *Assigned To* column. The cluster quorum disk should be assigned to *Disk Witness in Quorum*.

Once you have assigned the cluster shared volume and the cluster quorum disk, the storage section should look similar to that shown in Figure 24.

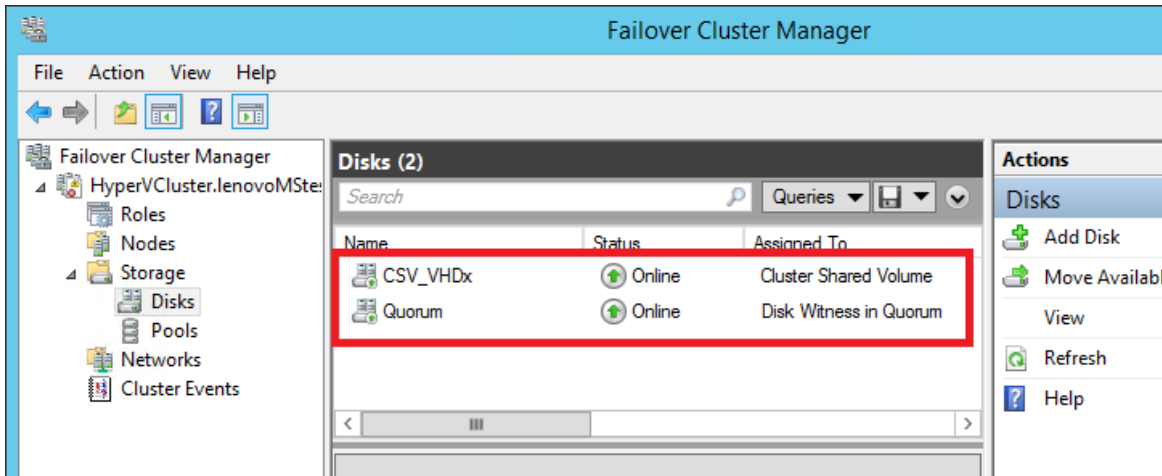
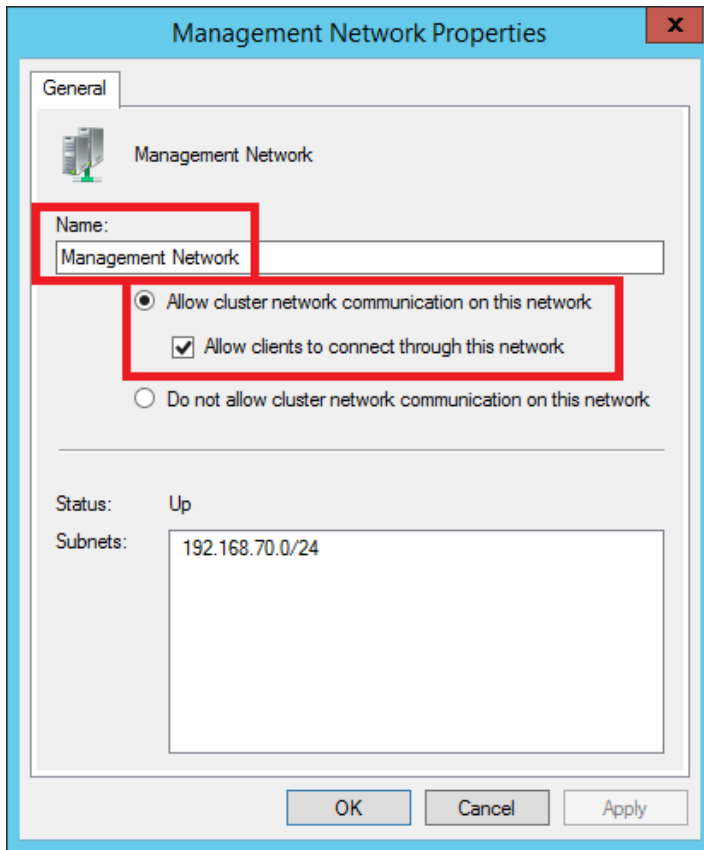


Figure 24. The Storage section of Failover Cluster Manager

### 7.3 Configuring the cluster network

Lenovo recommends renaming the cluster networks for better documentation. The networks should also be configured to limit the scope of network traffic to its intended use. To change the name and scope of the network follow the steps below:

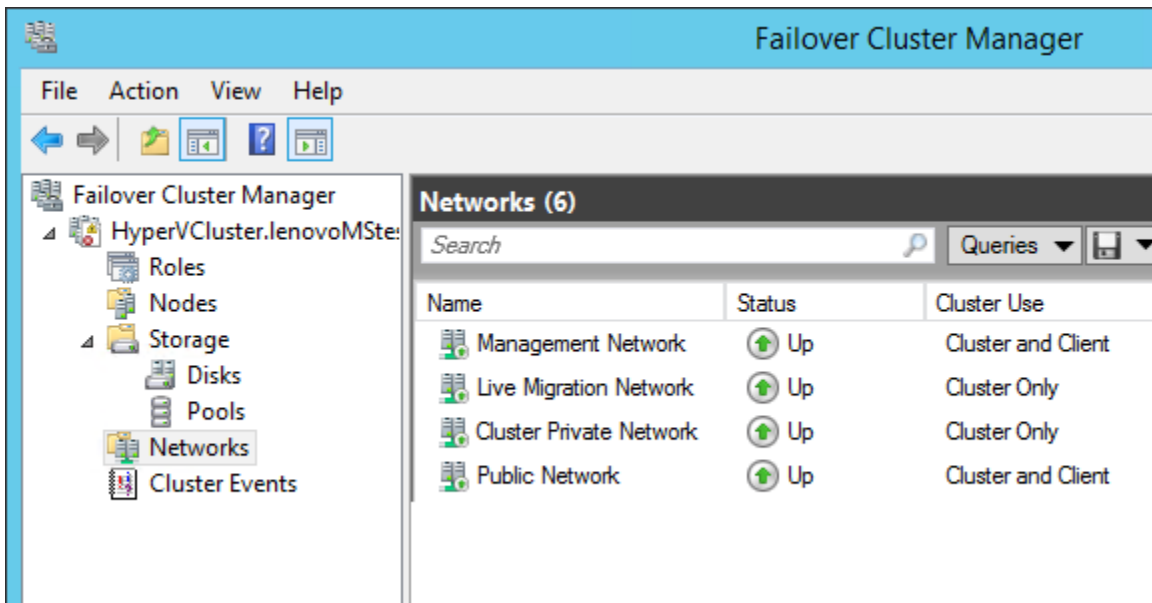
1. Expand the Networks section in the Navigation pane and right-click each of the listed networks. Click **Properties** from the right-click menu.
2. Rename the network using Table 1 (from page 8) to determine the name and scope of the network. The Live Migration network and the Cluster Private network should be **Cluster Only**. The Management network and the Public network should include the clients. If a network requires client access, check the box labeled **Allow clients to connect through this network**, as shown in Figure 25.



**Figure 25. Network properties**

3. After you have renamed the network and correctly configured the scope, click **OK**.

Figure 26 shows the renamed networks.



**Figure 26. Renamed networks on the Hyper-V cluster**

The last step is to configure Live Migration:

1. Click **Live Migration Settings** in the Actions pane to open the Live Migration Settings window.
2. Uncheck all networks except the 192.168.50.0 network (named Live Migration Network). Click **OK**.

## 8 Microsoft Hyper-V configuration

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This section covers the Hyper-V configuration for the Hyper-V cluster servers.

Using Hyper-V Manager, set the default paths for VM creation to use the CSV. The CSV disks are identified by a path name and each path appears to be on the system drive of the host server as a numbered volume under the `\ClusterStorage` folder. This path is the same when viewed from any node in the cluster. For example, the CSV created earlier will appear to each node in the cluster as `C:\ClusterStorage\Volume1`.

To configure Hyper-V to use the CSV follow the steps outlined below:

1. Using Hyper-V Manager, select the Hyper-V server and click **Hyper-V Settings...** from the Actions pane.
2. In the Server section, select the first option, **Virtual Hard Disks**. Type a new path for the VHDX files that points to the CSV.
3. Repeat the process to change the path for the VM configuration settings by selecting VMs and typing a new path that points to the CSV.
4. Repeat this process on the remaining cluster nodes.

At this point the Hyper-V cluster is operational and ready to host active roles.

# 9 Creating a highly available VM for Exchange

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After the Hyper-V cluster is up and running, the Exchange virtual infrastructure can be created. The first step is to build the VMs that will provide the virtual infrastructure for the Exchange environment.

For this guide, four VMs are required in each data center. The VMs have the following configuration:

- 160 GB memory
- 13 virtual processors
- 1 SCSI controller with two VHDX files
  - 127 GB VHDX for the system files and operating system
  - 80 GB VHDX for the Exchange installation
- 2 network adapters
  - Network adapter 1 = Public network 192.168.40.x
  - Network adapter 2 = Exchange database replication network 192.168.30.x

## 9.1 Creation of Exchange VMs

Follow the steps below to create the highly available VMs:

1. In Failover Cluster Manager, with the cluster selected, click **Roles** in the Navigation pane.
2. In the Actions pane, click **Virtual Machines...**, and then click **New Virtual Machine**. The New Virtual Machine Wizard appears. Select one of the cluster nodes and click **OK**.  
  
It is important to spread the VMs among the cluster nodes. Don't place all the VMs on the same node.
3. Click **Next** to bypass the Before You Begin page.
4. On the Specify Name and Location page, type a name for the VM. Verify that the location to store the VM files is the path to the cluster shared volume. Click **Next**.
5. On the Specify Generation page, select **Generation 2**. Click **Next**.
6. On the Assign Memory page, specify the amount of memory required for the operating system that will run on this VM. Click **Next**.  
  
Do *not* select dynamic memory as it is not supported by Exchange Server 2013.
7. On the Configure Networking page, connect the network adapter to the virtual switch that is associated with the physical network adapter (*ClusterSwitch* in this guide). Click **Next**.
8. On the Connect Virtual Hard Disk page, select **Create a virtual hard disk**. If you want to change the name, type a new name for the virtual hard disk. The default location of the VM files is located on the CSV and was configured in section *Microsoft Hyper-V configuration*. Click **Next**.
9. On the Installation Options page, click **Install an operating system from a bootable image file**. Navigate to the location of your installation media and select the appropriate file. Click **Open** to select the file, and then click **Finish**.



10. After the Windows installation completes, install Windows updates and the Exchange Server 2013 prerequisites as described here:

<http://social.technet.microsoft.com/wiki/contents/articles/16730.installing-microsoft-exchange-server-2013-prerequisites-on-windows-server-2012.aspx>

After the VM is created, the High Availability Wizard in Failover Cluster Manager automatically configures the VM for high availability.

Before the VM is powered on, assign the correct number of virtual processors using the following steps:

1. In Failover Cluster Manager, select the cluster and click **Roles** in the Navigation pane.
2. In the Details pane, right-click the VM that was just created and click **Settings**.
3. Under the Hardware section of the Settings window, click **Processor**.

In the Details pane of the Settings window, use the drop-down labelled **Number of virtual processors** to assign the correct number of processors.

4. Click **OK**.

The VM configuration is now complete. Repeat the configuration process on the remaining VMs.

## 9.2 Changing the VM save state on shutdown for migration

For each VM you can configure automatic stop and start behavior if a physical computer shuts down. The options for stop are as follows:

- **Save State.** The current state of the VM is saved. When the VM is started, Hyper-V restores the VM to the saved state.
- **Turn Off.** This is the equivalent of pulling the power plug on a server.
- **Shut Down the Guest OS.** This is the equivalent of shutting down a computer by using the Windows Shut down option.

VMs that start from a saved state will be out of sync with the other servers. Therefore, Microsoft recommends that you configure the Exchange VMs to use shutdown as the migration method (rather than save state), because it minimizes that chances that the VM can be corrupted. When a shutdown happens, all timer jobs that are running can finish, and there will be no synchronization issues when the VM restarts.

Therefore, all failover activity occurring at the hypervisor level must result in a cold boot when the VM is activated on the target node. All planned migrations must result in either a shutdown and cold boot, or an online migration that makes use of a technology such as Hyper-V Live Migration.

The opposite of an automatic stop is an automatic start. Hyper-V provides the following startup options when the physical server restarts:

- **Do nothing.** You have to start the VM manually regardless of its state when the physical server shut down.
- **Automatically start if the VM was running when the service stopped.**

- **Always start this VM automatically.** Hyper-V starts the VM regardless of its state when the physical server shut down.

Microsoft recommends you select either of the first two options. Both options are acceptable. In addition to the previous start options, you can configure a startup time delay for a VM. Microsoft recommends you do this to reduce resource contention on a virtualization host. However, if your start option is to do nothing, this is not an issue.

To configure the VMs to shut down rather than save state upon a migration, follow the steps below:

1. In Failover Cluster Manager, select the cluster and click **Roles** in the Navigation pane.
2. In the Details pane, right-click the VM that was just created in the section *Creation of Exchange VMs*. Click **Settings**.
3. In the Navigation pane, scroll down to the Management section. Click **Automatic Stop Action**.
4. In the Details pane, select the radio button to shut down the guest operating system. Click **OK**.

To configure the VMs to automatically start, follow the steps below:

1. In Failover Cluster Manager, select the cluster and click **Roles** in the Navigation pane.
2. In the Details pane, right-click the VM that was just created and click **Settings**.
3. In the Navigation pane, scroll down to the Management section. Click **Automatic Start Action**.
4. In the Details pane, select the radio button to automatically start if it was running when the service stopped.
5. Under the section labeled **Automatic Start Delay** enter the startup delay in seconds to stagger the start of the VMs. (For example the first VM might have a 0 second start delay, while the second VM has a 20 second start delay.) Click **OK**.

### 9.3 VM preferred owners

To help prevent situations where all VMs migrate to a single cluster node when others are available, you can configure a highly available VM with degrees of affinity for available nodes in the cluster. This affinity is called *preferred owners*. For example, a VM that is hosted on node-1 of the cluster and has preferred owners configured as node-1, node 2, and node-3 in descending priority order would failover to node-2 if node-1 were to fail. If node-2 failed, or was offline, the VM would failover to node-3.

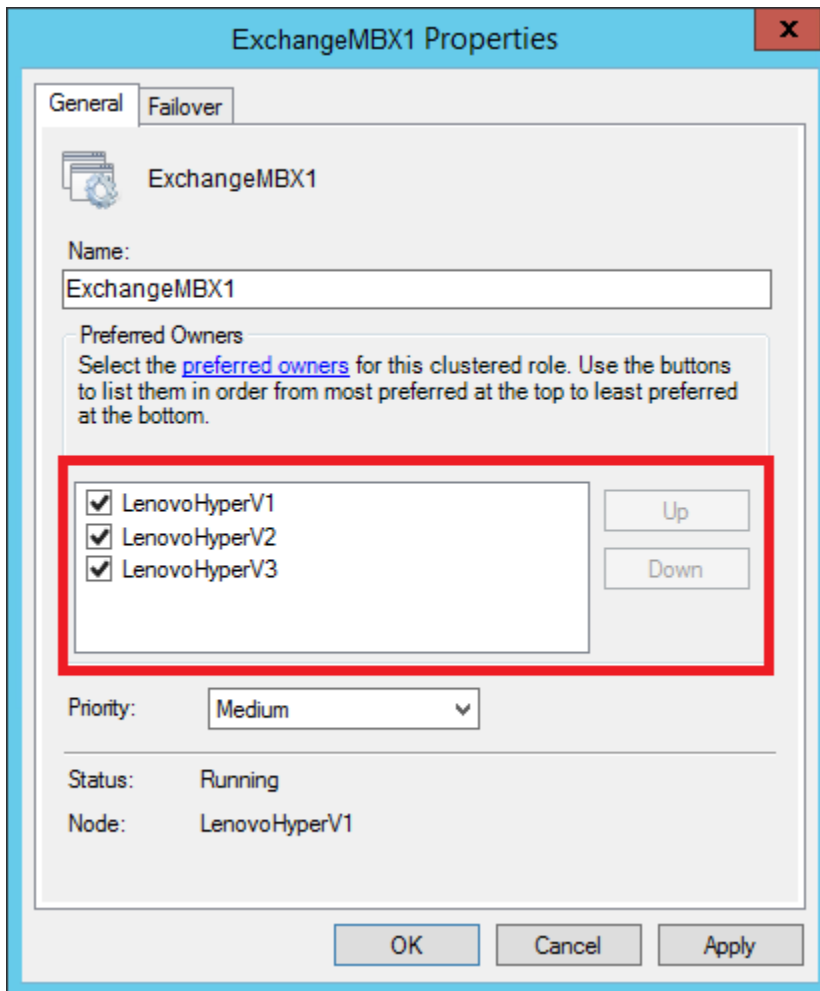
The VMs are configured as shown below in Table 3.

**Table 3. VM cluster node preferred ownership**

VMs	Hyper-V Cluster Node1	Hyper-V Cluster Node 2	Hyper-V Cluster Node 3
Exchange VM 1	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority
Exchange VM 2	3rd Priority	1st Priority	2nd Priority
Exchange VM 3	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	1st Priority
Exchange VM 4	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority

To configure preferred ownership follow the steps below:

1. In Failover Cluster Manager, select the cluster and click **Roles** in the Navigation pane.
2. In the Details pane, double-click the VM you wish to configure to open its Properties window.
3. In the Properties window, click the checkbox next to the Hyper-V host servers and use the arrow keys to change the priority with the highest priority on top, as shown in Figure 27. Click **OK**.



**Figure 27. Changing host server preferred ownership**

4. Repeat this process to configure the preferred owner of the remaining virtual machines.

## 9.4 VM network configuration

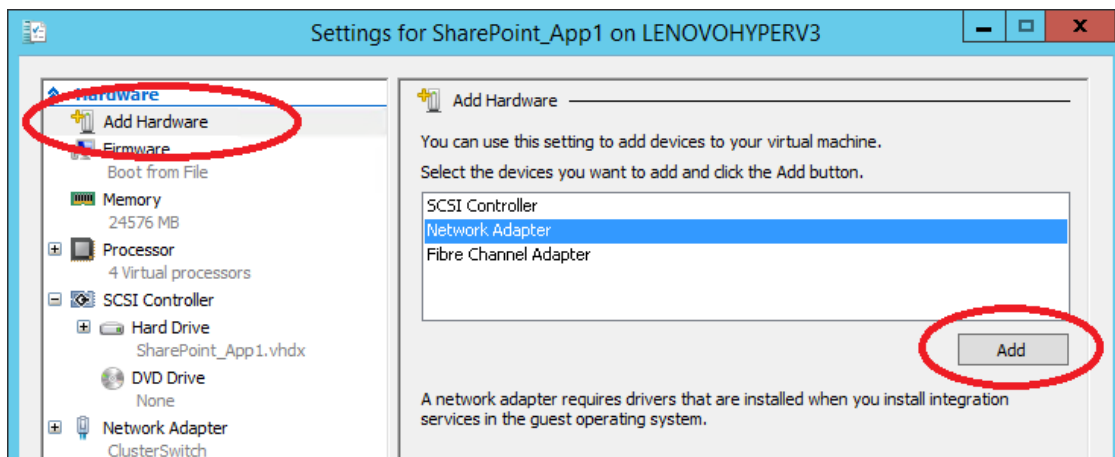
The VMs are each assigned two virtual network adapters. The first network adapter is on the public network (VLAN 40) so the VM can join the domain. The second network adapter is on the Exchange database replication network (VLAN 30) so the Exchange mailbox databases have an isolated network to use for replication.

To add and assign the VM's network adapters, follow the steps below:

1. After a VM has been created, from within Failover Cluster Manager, click **Roles** from the navigation pane.
2. Right-click the VM and click **Settings**.
3. Click **Add Hardware** from the Hardware section.

If you added a virtual switch during the creation of the VM, there will be an existing network adapter under the Hardware section. Therefore, only one additional adapter should be created. The existing adapter will need a VLAN assigned.

4. Select Network Adapter from the Hardware section and click **Add**, as shown in Figure 28.



**Figure 28. Adding a virtual network adapter**

5. On the next page, select ClusterSwitch (or the name you defined for the virtual switch) from the drop-down labelled **Virtual switch**. Check the checkbox labelled **Enable virtual LAN identification** and type **40** as the VLAN identifier (or **30**, if you are creating the adapter for the database replication network). Click **OK**.
6. Repeat this process until each VM has two network adapters: one on VLAN 40 and one on VLAN 30.

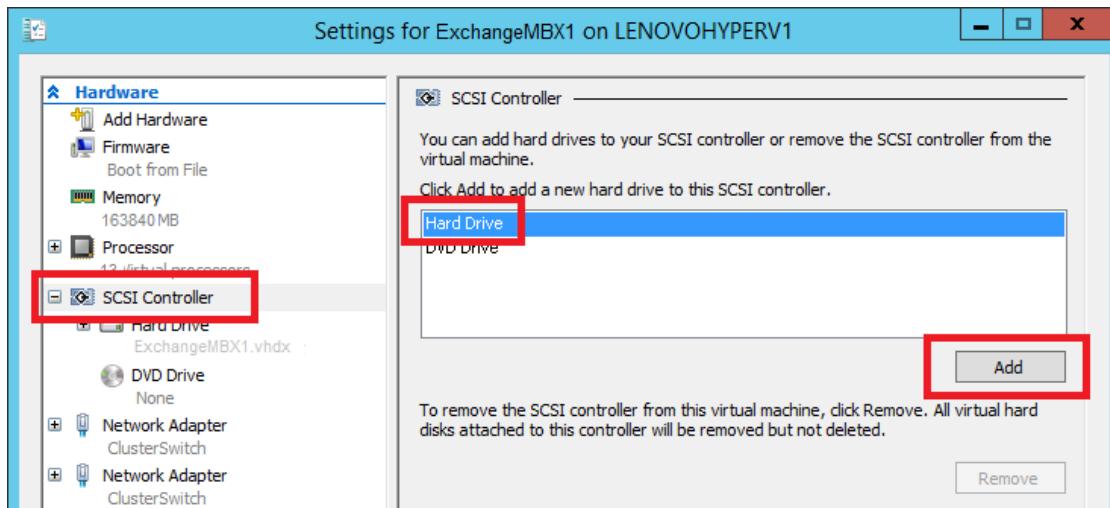
After the network adapters have been added and assigned to VLANs, start the VMs and assign IP addresses from within Windows Server and join the VMs to the domain.

## 9.5 Adding an additional drive for the Exchange install files

As a best practice, Lenovo recommends installing Exchange on a drive other than the VM's system drive. For the purposes of this guide, a second 80 GB drive is created and assigned to each VM for the Exchange installation.

To add a second VHDX file to the VMs, follow the steps below:

1. From within Failover Cluster Manager, click **Roles** from the navigation pane.
2. Right-click one of the VMs in the detail pane, and click **Settings** in the right-click menu.
3. Click **SCSI Controller** in the Hardware section. In the details pane select **Hard Drive** and click the **Add** button, as shown in Figure 29.



**Figure 29. Adding a hard drive to an existing VM**

4. In the Hard Drive section, ensure that **Virtual hard disk** is selected and click the **New** button to open the New Virtual Hard Disk Wizard.
5. Click **Next** to bypass the Before you begin page.
6. Select the **Fixed size** radio button and click **Next**.
7. On the Name and Location page, type a meaningful name for the virtual hard drive and verify that the location is correct. Click **Next** to continue.
8. On the Configure Disk page, verify that the **Create a new blank hard disk** radio button is selected and enter a size for the virtual hard drive. Lenovo recommends 80 GB for the Exchange install drive. Click **Finish** to create the drive.
9. Repeat this process for the remaining VMs.

# 10 Installing and configuring Exchange

This section covers the steps required to install and configure Exchange Server 2013.

Once Windows Server 2012 has been installed on the VMs and they have been joined to the domain and fully updated, a number of prerequisite software must be installed.

## 10.1 Active Directory requirements

The minimum requirement for Active Directory is that the forest functionality mode must be at Windows Server 2003 or higher. The following article describes how to raise the forest functional level:

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc730985.aspx>

## 10.2 Installing software prerequisites

Exchange Server 2013 has two roles, the Mailbox role and the Client Access Server (CAS) role. These roles can be deployed separately on different VMs or combined onto a single VM in what is called a *multi-role assignment*. Microsoft recommends deploying Exchange Server 2013 in a multi-role assignment.

To install the Exchange prerequisites follow the steps below:

1. Run Windows PowerShell as Administrator and run the following command:

```
Install-WindowsFeature AS-HTTP-Activation, Desktop-Experience,
NET-Framework-45-Features, RPC-over-HTTP-proxy, RSAT-Clustering,
RSAT-Clustering-CmdInterface, RSAT-Clustering-Mgmt,
RSAT-Clustering-PowerShell, Web-Mgmt-Console, WAS-Process-Model,
Web-Asp-Net45, Web-Basic-Auth, Web-Client-Auth, Web-Digest-Auth,
Web-Dir-Browsing, Web-Dyn-Compression, Web-Http-Errors, Web-Http-Logging,
Web-Http-Redirect, Web-Http-Tracing, Web-ISAPI-Ext, Web-ISAPI-Filter,
Web-Lgcy-Mgmt-Console, Web-Metabase, Web-Mgmt-Console, Web-Mgmt-Service,
Web-Net-Ext45, Web-Request-Monitor, Web-Server, Web-Stat-Compression,
Web-Static-Content, Web-Windows-Auth, Web-WMI, Windows-Identity-Foundation,
RSAT-ADDS
```

2. Once the PowerShell command finishes as shown in Figure 30, reboot the VM.

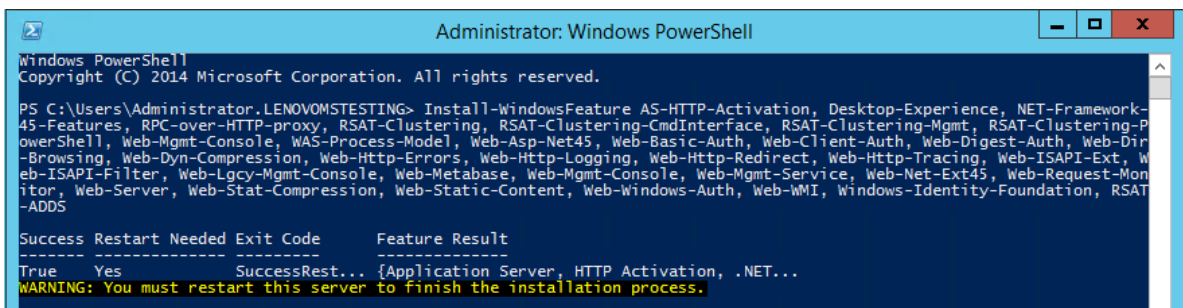


Figure 30. Installing Exchange prerequisites

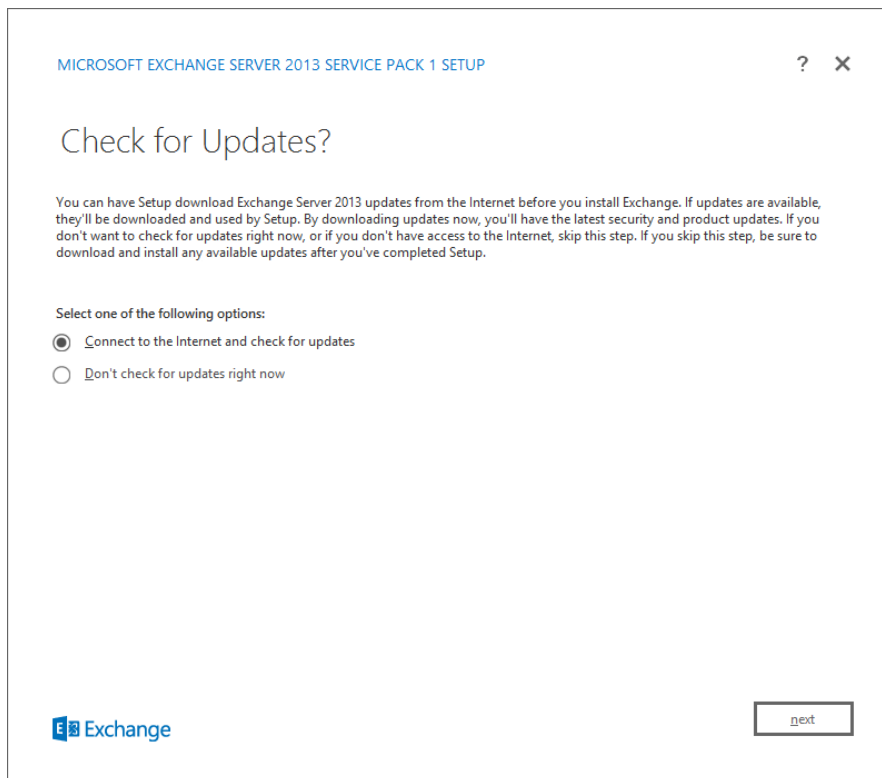
3. Next, download and install the Microsoft Unified Communications Managed API 4.0, Core Runtime 64-bit. The download can be obtained at the following website:  
<http://microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=34992>
4. Then, download and Install Microsoft Office 2010 Filter Packs 64-bit. The download can be obtained at the following website:  
<http://microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17062>
5. Finally, once the filter pack has been installed, download and install SP1 for the filter pack. Service Pack 1 for Microsoft Office Filter Pack 2010 64-bit Edition can be downloaded from the following website:  
<http://microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=26604>

Once the prerequisite software has been installed, Exchange server 2013 can be installed on the VM.

## 10.3 Installing Exchange

Once the prerequisites have been installed, install Exchange on the VMs.

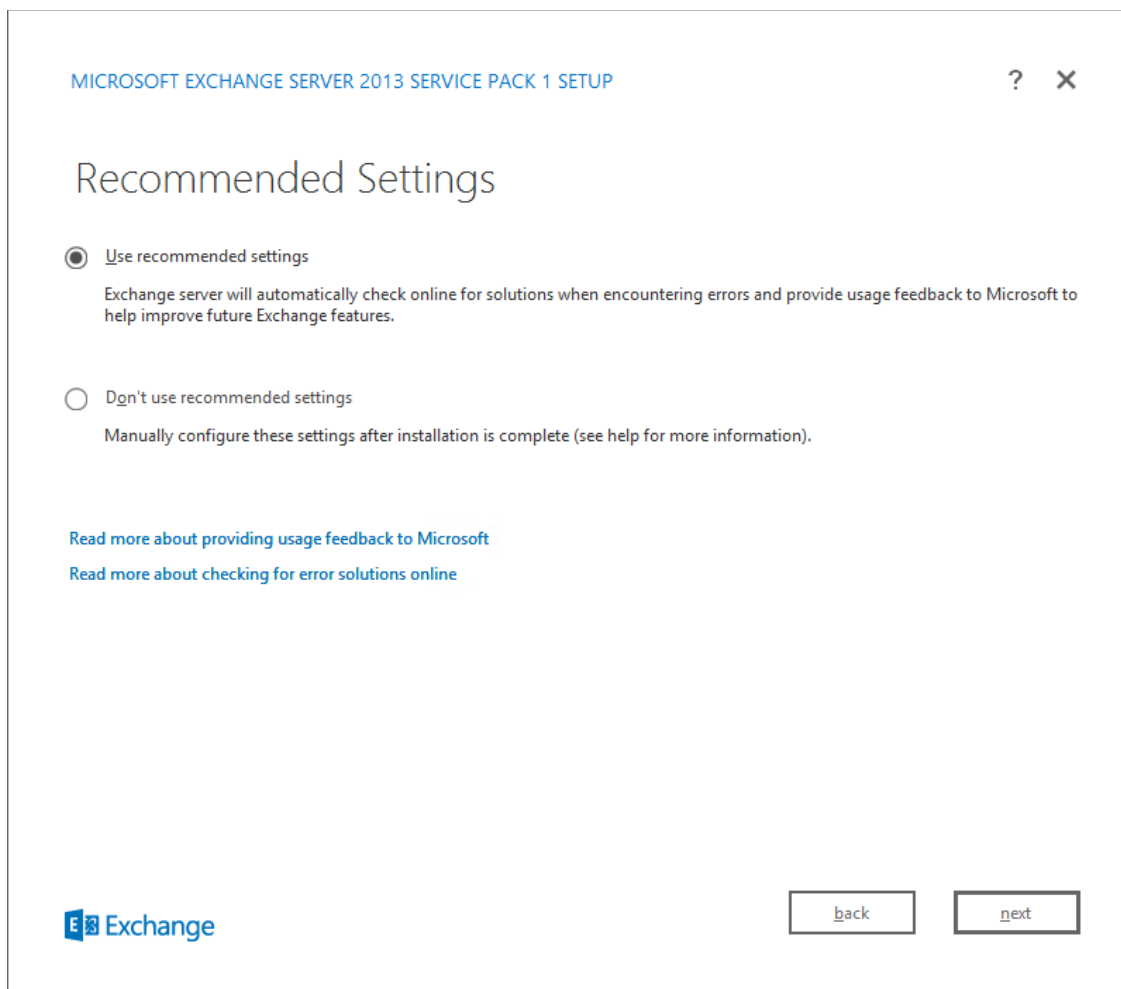
1. On the Exchange installation splash screen select the appropriate radio button (see Figure 31) depending on whether you want the installation to check for Windows Updates or not and then click **Next**.



**Figure 31. Exchange Installation Check for Updates page**

2. On the Windows Update page, click **Next** to continue.

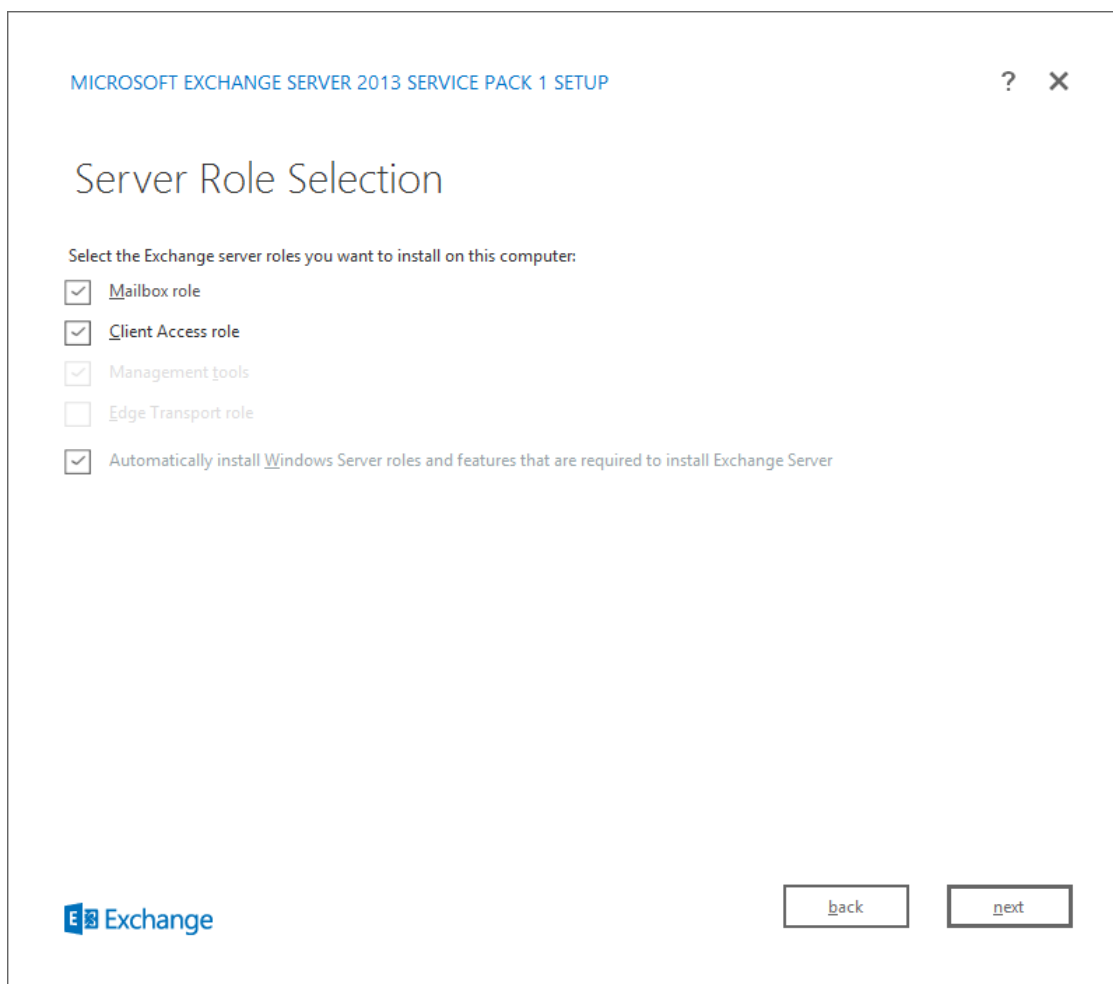
3. Click **Next** to bypass the Introduction page.
4. Accept the License Agreement and click **Next**.
5. On the Recommended Settings page, select **Use recommended settings** and click **Next**. See Figure 32.



**Figure 32. Exchange installation Recommended Settings page**

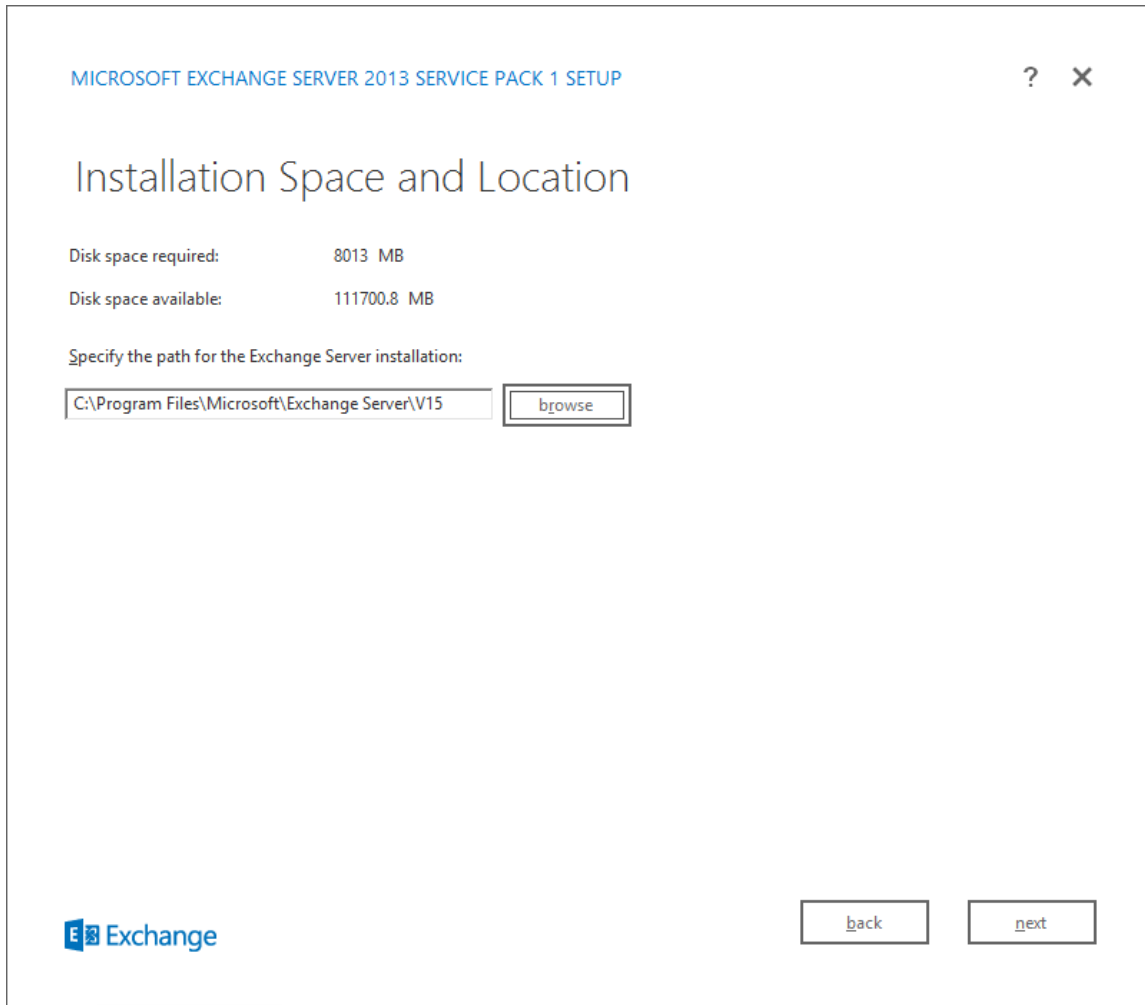
6. On the Server Role Selection page, check the **Mailbox role** as shown in Figure 33 and the **Client Access role**. Click **Next** to continue.





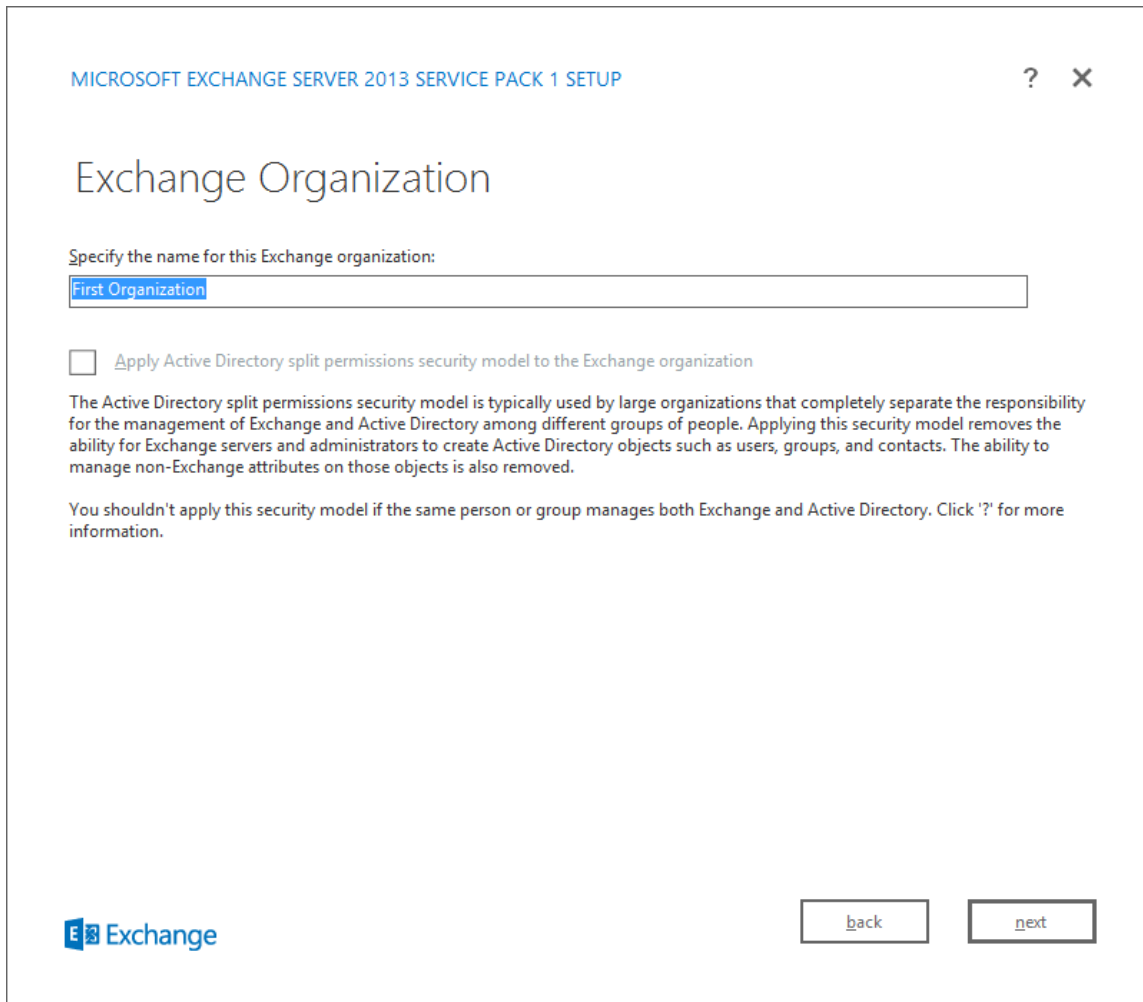
**Figure 33. Exchange installation Server Role Selection page**

6. On the Installation Space and Location page, browse to a location (see Figure 34) to install Exchange and click **Next**.



**Figure 34. Exchange installation Installation Space and Location page**

7. On the Exchange Organization page type a name for your organization as shown in Figure 35 and click **Next**.



**Figure 35. Exchange installation Exchange Organization page**

8. On the Malware Protection Settings page determine whether you want to disable malware scanning by selecting the appropriate radio button. Click **Next** to initiate readiness checks.
9. After the readiness check completes, address any issues and click **Install**.
10. Once the installation completes, click **Finish**.

## 10.4 Exchange 2013 post-installation configuration tasks

For a list of common post-installation configuration tasks review the following TechNet article:

[http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb124397\(v=exchg.150\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb124397(v=exchg.150).aspx)

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