



# **Migrate from Windows-based SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere**

## **SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere 4.4**

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# Migrate from Windows-based SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere

If you are using the Windows-based SnapCenter VMware plug-in and want to use the features provided by the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere virtual appliance, you must deploy the virtual appliance and migrate your backup metadata.

## Before you begin

- Your backups of virtualized databases and filesystems must be integrated with SnapCenter.
- If the SnapCenter server is a VM, then it is a best practice to take a VMware-based snapshot before upgrading.
- Make sure the SnapCenter server is upgraded. See the [SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere Release Notes](#) for information on supported upgrade paths.

## About this task

There are four basic steps:

1. Download the upgrade `.iso` file.
2. Suspend backup jobs for the Windows-based SnapCenter VMware plug-in.
3. Deploy the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere OVA.
4. Migrate the Windows-based VMware backup metadata.

## Steps

1. Download the upgrade `.iso` file.
  - a. Log in to the NetApp Support Site (<https://mysupport.netapp.com/products/index.html>).
  - b. From the list of products, select **SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere**, then click the **DOWNLOAD LATEST RELEASE** button.
  - c. Download the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere upgrade `.iso` file to any VM.

2. Suspend backup jobs.

In the SnapCenter GUI, suspend all jobs for the Windows-based SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere.

[Disable and enable SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere](#)

3. Deploy the SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere OVA.

Because this is a new installation of the Linux-based SnapCenter VMware plug-in, follow the steps for deploying the OVA.

[Deploy SnapCenter Plug-in for VMware vSphere](#)

[Post deployment required operations and issues](#)

4. Migrate the Windows-based VMware backup metadata.

[Migrate Windows-based SnapCenter VMware backup metadata](#)

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