Release notes

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Release notes

What's new with NetApp Workload Factory for VMware

Learn what's new with the VMware migration advisor component of Workload Factory.

01 February 2026

Well-architected analysis for Amazon Elastic VMware Service

Workload Factory now provides automated well-architected analysis for your Amazon Elastic VMware Service (EVS) environments. Daily scans identify configuration misalignments and offer detailed remediation recommendations to help you maintain optimal operations, security, and cost efficiency.

Scans are performed using AWS APIs—no vSphere credentials or vCenter connectivity required. Results are available in the new **Well-architected status** tab within your EVS environment details.

This release includes insights for:

- **Instance stop/termination protection status**: Identifies EVS nodes without EC2 stop or termination protection. Stopping or terminating EVS nodes from the EC2 console can lead to virtual machine data unavailability or data loss.
- **Cluster node partition placement alignment**: Detects partitioning misalignments that could result in significant processing power loss or downtime if a partition fails within an AWS Availability Zone. Each insight includes severity levels, detailed findings with impacted resource information, and step-by-step remediation procedures based on AWS best practices.

Implement well-architected configurations

04 January 2026

Ask me AI assistant home page integration

The Workload Factory console home page embeds the Ask me AI assistant, enabling you to ask questions about your own storage estate, get personalized insights directly from your environment, and refer to previous conversations. You can interact with Ask me to understand your workloads, troubleshoot issues, and learn more about Workload Factory — all without leaving the console.

27 November 2025

Calculate cost savings of migrating to Amazon Elastic VMware Service for specific regions

You can now explore the value of different deployment options for your cloud migration, optimize the efforts invested in solution evaluation, and deep dive into solutions that have the potential to deliver value and savings in the cloud.

You can also review the vCPU core savings that can be achieved by using FSx for ONTAP for an EVS deployment.

Explore savings for Amazon Elastic VMware Service with NetApp Workload Factory

2 November 2025

Introducing the Amazon Elastic VMware Service preferences in the FSx for ONTAP file system deployment wizard

When you deploy an FSx for ONTAP file system to be used as external NFS datastores for Amazon Elastic VMware Service, you can now select the EVS environment where the datastores will be connected. This auto-populates several fields in the deployment wizard to simplify the deployment process.

Deploy the recommended FSx for ONTAP file system

Permissions changes for VMware workloads

VMware workloads provides more clarity about the permissions it requires for specific actions and granularity for selecting only the permissions you need. When you add credentials, you'll have two permissions options to choose from instead of the previous permissions model which was *read-only* and *read/write*. The new permissions model breaks up the permission policies as follows:

- *View, planning, and analysis*: View the inventory of EVS virtualization environments, get the well-architected analysis for your systems, and explore savings.
- *Datastore deployment and connectivity*: Deploy recommended VM layouts to Amazon EVS, Amazon EC2, or VMware Cloud on AWS vSphere clusters and use customized Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file systems as external datastores.

When adding credentials, you can select one or more of these permission policies based on the level of access you want to provide to VMware workloads.

Workload Factory permissions reference

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of NetApp Workload Factory for VMware features several improvements to the migration advisor experience:

- **Save or download a migration plan**: You can now save or download a migration plan as either a PDF or CSV file. When you save a migration plan, the plan is saved with your Workload Factory account.

5 October 2025

BlueXP workload factory now NetApp Workload Factory

BlueXP has been renamed and redesigned to better reflect the role it has in managing your data infrastructure. As a result, BlueXP workload factory has been renamed to NetApp Workload Factory.

Introducing the VMware workloads planning center

The VMware workloads planning center enables you to view and manage your VM inventory and migration plans from one place. You can upload and save multiple VM inventories from different environments, and start planning a migration to AWS EC2 or Amazon Elastic VMware service for any of them. You can also create and save AWS EC2 or EVS migration plans.

Explore the VMware workloads planning center

Introducing migration advisor support for Amazon Elastic VMWare Service

BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware now enables you to use the Amazon Elastic VMware Service migration advisor to rapidly migrate your on-premises VMware workloads to Amazon Elastic VMware Service. After you create a migration plan using the migration advisor, it is automatically saved in the list of migration plans in the planning center.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EVS using the migration advisor

3 August 2025

Improved migration advisor support for Amazon Elastic VMWare Service

NetApp Workload Factory now supports automatic deployment and mounting of your Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP filesystem. This enables you to begin deploying your VMs on FSx for ONTAP filesystems when migration to the Amazon EVS environment is complete.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EVS using the migration advisor

Calculate cost savings of migrating to Amazon Elastic VMware Service

You can now explore the potential savings for migrating your VMware workloads to Amazon Elastic VMware Service (EVS). The savings calculator enables you to compare costs of using Amazon EVS with and without Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP as underlying storage. The calculator displays potential savings in real-time as you adjust characteristics of your environment.

Explore savings for Amazon Elastic VMware Service with BlueXP Workload Factory

29 June 2025

Introducing migration advisor support for Amazon Elastic VMWare Service

BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware now supports Amazon Elastic VMware Service. You can manually migrate your on-premises VMware workloads to Amazon Elastic VMware Service, optimizing cost and enabling more control over your VMware environment without needing to refactor or re-platform your applications.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EVS using the migration advisor

4 May 2025

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware features the following improvement to the Amazon EC2 migration advisor experience:

NetApp Data Infrastructure Insights as a data source: Workload factory now connects directly with NetApp Data Infrastructure Insights to gather VMWare deployment information when you use the EC2 migration advisor data collector.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

Updated permissions terminology

The Workload Factory user interface and documentation now use "read-only" to refer to read permissions and

"read/write" to refer to automate permissions.

30 March 2025

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware features several improvements to the Amazon EC2 migration advisor experience:

- **Enhanced volume assignment guidance**: The volume assignment information in the EC2 migration advisor "Classify" and "Package" steps features enhanced readability and usability. More useful information is displayed about each volume, enabling you to better identify volumes and determine how to assign them.
- **Data collector script efficiency improvements**: The EC2 migration advisor data collector script optimizes CPU usage when collecting data for smaller VM deployments.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

2 March 2025

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware features several improvements to the Amazon EC2 migration advisor experience:

- **Estimated instance type**: Migration advisor can now examine requirements of your environment and provide an estimated Amazon EC2 instance type for each VM. You can choose to include the estimated instance type for each VM during the Scope step of the migration advisor.
- **Ability to recommend Amazon EBS volumes**: The migration advisor can now recommend migrating data volumes to Amazon Elastic Block Store (EBS) instead of Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP due to specific capacity or performance needs of a certain region.
- **Enhanced filesystem auto assignment**: Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP filesystem assignment has been improved to better optimize cost and minimize throughput.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

5 January 2025

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware features several improvements to the migration advisor experience:

- **Save or download a migration plan**: You can now save or download a migration plan, and load the migration plan to populate the migration advisor. When you save a migration plan, the plan is saved with your Workload Factory account.
- **Improved VM selection**: BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware now supports filtering and searching the list of VMs that you want to include in your migration deployment.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

1 December 2024

Amazon EC2 migration advisor improvements

This release of NetApp Workload Factory for VMware features several improvements to the migration advisor experience:

- **Data collection**: BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware supports the ability to collect data for a specific time period when you use the migration advisor.
- **VM selection**: BlueXP Workload Factory for VMware now supports selecting VMs that you want to include in your migration deployment.
- **Quick vs. Advanced experience**: When you use the migration advisor, you can now choose a quick migration experience, using RVtools, or the advanced experience, which uses the migration advisor data collector.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

3 November 2024

VMware migration advisor data reduction ratio help

This release of Workload Factory for VMware features a data reduction ratio assistant. The data reduction ratio assistant helps you decide which ratio is best for your VMware inventory and storage estate when preparing for AWS cloud onboarding.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

19 September 2024

VMware migration advisor enhancements

This release of Workload Factory for VMware features functionality and stability enhancements as well as the ability to import and export migration plans when using the VMware migration advisor.

Create a deployment plan for Amazon EC2 using the migration advisor

1 September 2024

Migrate to Amazon EC2

Workload factory for VMware now supports migration to Amazon EC2 using the VMware migration advisor.

7 July 2024

Initial release of Workload Factory for VMware

The initial release includes the capability to use the VMware migration advisor to analyze your current virtual machine configurations in on-premises vSphere environments and generate a plan to deploy recommended VM layouts to VMware Cloud on AWS and use customized Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file systems as external datastores.

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