Oracle VM Administration 3.3.2 Training Notes

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1 Training Program Overview

This training program structured under ten sessions. Each session includes workshop activities, allowing participant to undertake specific management activities and to experience the interaction with the OVM manager, the core tool for administering OVM environments. The sessions start with an overview of Oracle's Virtualisation technologies, covering concepts and terminology. These sessions move through the core activities required to manage virtual server environments on a daily basis, to create and deploy new servers and to manage environments through their life.

The eight sessions are,

Session 1, Introduction to Oracle Virtual Machine technology

Session 2, Installing OEL 6.5 on Virtual Box for OVM Manager

Session 3, Overview of OVM Manager

Session 4, Physical Server Discovery

Session 5, Starting and stopping virtual servers

Session 6, Networking

Session 7, Storage and Repositories

Session 8, Cloning and creating new virtual servers

Session 9, Events and Errors

Session 10, Backup and Recovery

2 What you will learn

At the completion of these two sessions you will have a clear understanding of the installation of Oracle Linux 6.5 on top of an Oracle Virtual Box Virtual Machine Client, the installation of OVM Manager, its layout and use in the administration of Virtual machines.

3 Installation of Oracle Enterprise Linux 6.5 on Virtual Box.

During this session we will create a blank Virtual Box client and install OEL 6.5 for use in the installation of Oracle Virtual Machine Manager. We will use this same Virtual Machine provisioning process, covered in this second session, to create a single Oracle Virtual Server that will be discovered for use in session 4.

The following provides the steps to create a new Virtual Machine Client using Virtual Box.

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Hands on OVM build using Oracle Virtual







Start Oracle Virtual Box and press the New Virtual Machine icon on the top menu.

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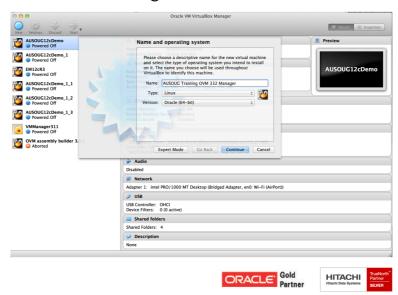
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In the pop up box, enter a name for the Virtual Machine, Select an OS type of Linux and a Linux version 6 type installation.

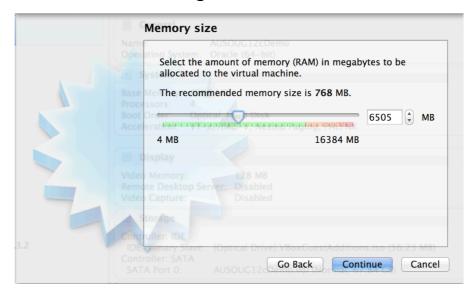
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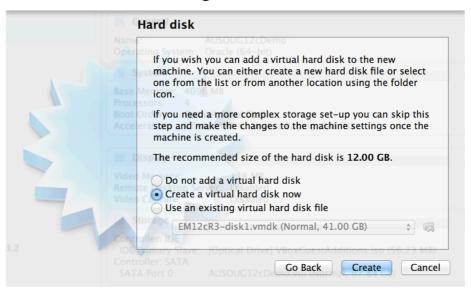
Select as close to 8GB of memory as you can on your machine. You should note that Oracle, specify a minimum memory requirement for OVM Manager of 8GB. It will however start with as little as 6GB on our test systems.

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Create a virtual disk for the new Linux server installation of 80 to 100 GB. As a guide, Oracle and RedHat recommend 100 GBs as a base with 30 GB per Oracle Home being installed on the machine. Therefore, a RAC environment with Grid Infrastructure and Database requires a total of 160 GBs of disk space. We do however recommend these be split across two virtual disks, rather than creating a single 160GB disk.

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A variety of different Virtual Disk types are available, offering compatibility across different virtual machine technologies. We will select VDI, the native Virtual Box disk image, but we could select VMDK if we wish to use these systems on VMWare as well.

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Select Dynamic allocation. In this mode space is used as it is required rather than pre-allocating space right up front. We will discuss the benefits of this later in the course, particularly when we look at OVM in enterprise deployments.

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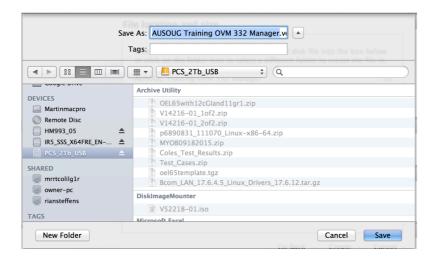
Allocate enough space for general use, between 80 and 100GB to start.

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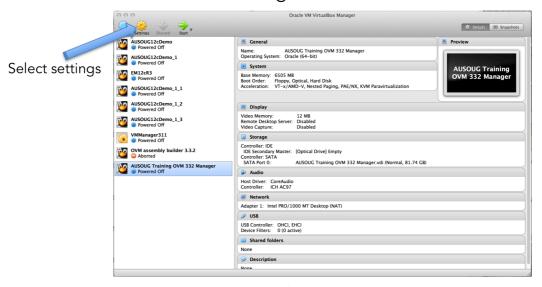
Identify the location of the VDI file, the virtual disk file used for the operating system installation.

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Before starting the new Virtual Machine Client, open the settings and set up network access and other general settings to accommodate the normal operation of the virtual machine.

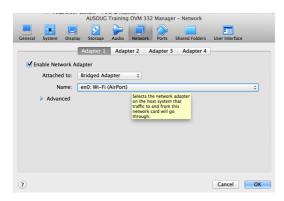
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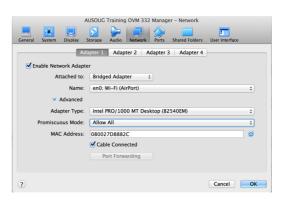


Ensure the new virtual machine is highlighted in the list of virtual machines and press the Settings button on the menu bar.

Select the Network Tab, and select a Bridged Adaptor.

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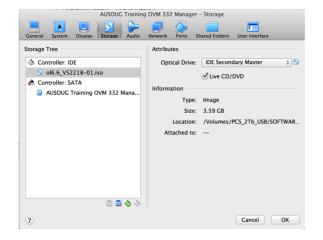


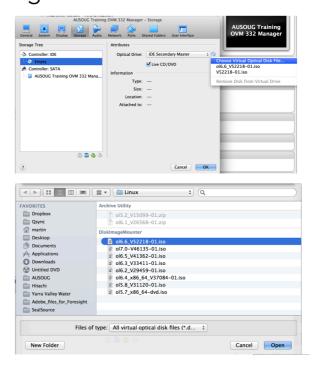


For the Bridged Adaptor to work the PS or Laptop must be physically plugged into a switch, router or Hub. The Wireless network will not work as a bridged network. Select the local physical network card from the drop down list and select the Allow All mode and ensure the cable connected tick box is selected.

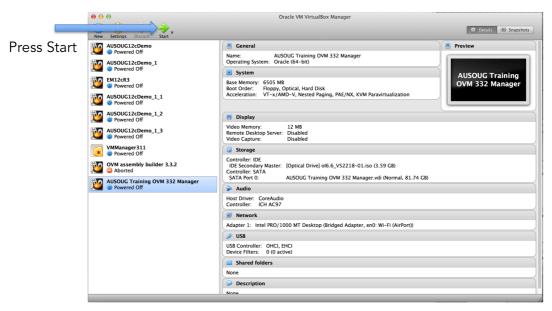
Now mount the Operating System ISO as a Live CD type and as the secondary master disk. This will allow the system to boot from the OEL 6.5 media to install the operating system, and to boot from the installed Linux operating system at the completion of the installation.

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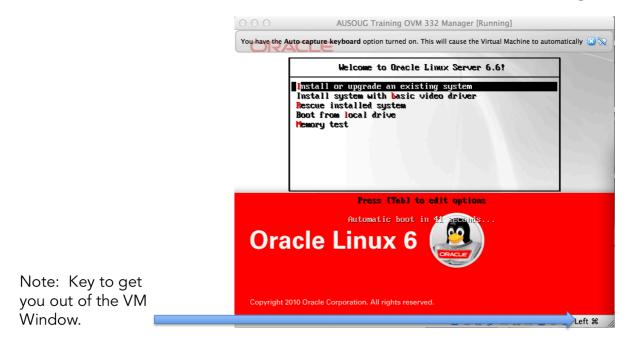


Navigate to the location of the downloaded ISO and select it as shown. Start the virtual machine and commence the operating system installation.

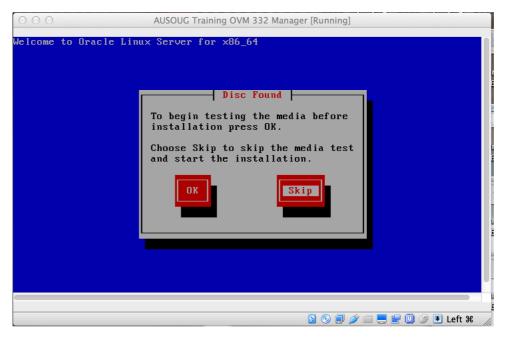


The system will display the Oracle Enterprise Linux installation screen. Select the Install or upgrade an existing system option and note the key option to exit the installation windows in the bottom right corner.

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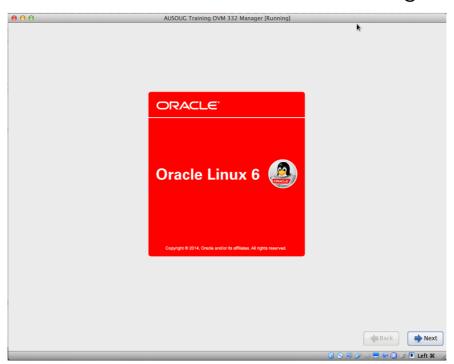


Select the Skip option to start the installation. Note: if you select the OK button the system will verify the installation ISO media, requiring a reboot to start the installation.

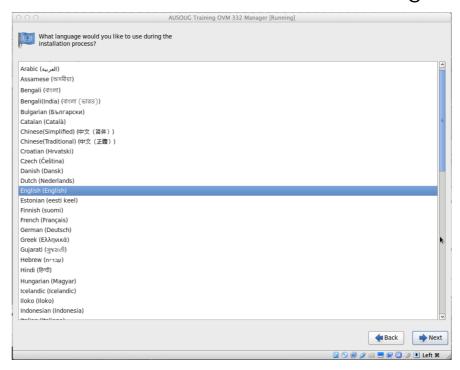


Simply press the next button on the first screen.

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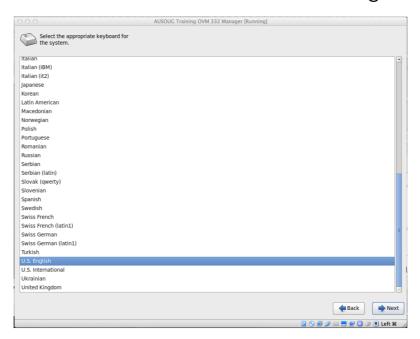


Select English, or the required language. Press the Next button.



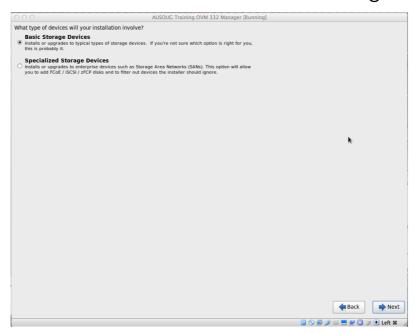
Select the Keyboard type, US English in our case. Note: selecting the United Kingdom keyboard type can have some strange key mappings, particularly the Pond key which will be mapped to the @ symbol. If this is selected, you may need to switch back to the US English to get the character set you need in a day to day environment.

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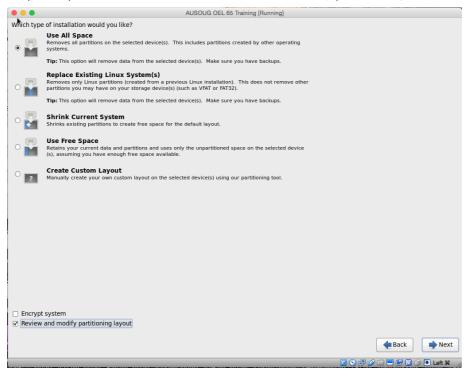


Select the Basic Disk type for a virtual machine environment build.

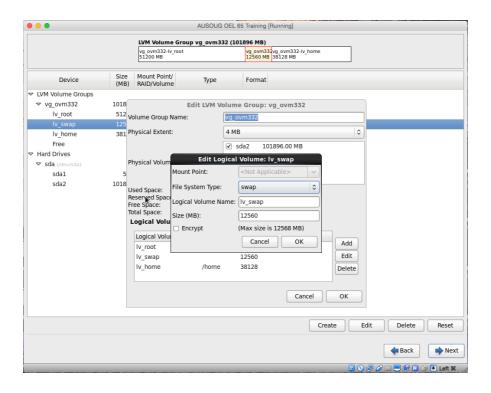
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Select the use all space option and tick the box to Review and Modify partition layout.



Change the partition layout, especially verify there is enough swap space for the memory allocated to the virtual machine. Rules are reasonably simple, up to 16GB of memory match the memory and swap space and over 16GB of memory, set the swap space to 16GB.



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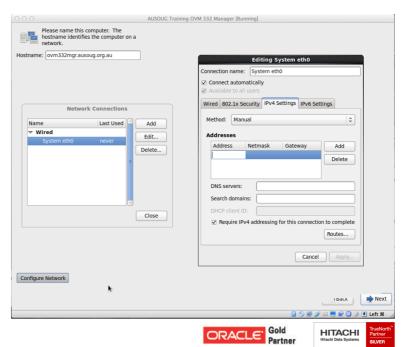
Select Yes, Discard any data.

Now set up the basic network connectivity for the virtual machine, its IP Address, net mask and gateway settings. Include the DNS settings so you can get to the internet for YUM updates and the VM Manager software download.

Identify from your host, Its,

- IP Address
- Subnet Mask
- Default Gateway
- And DNS details.





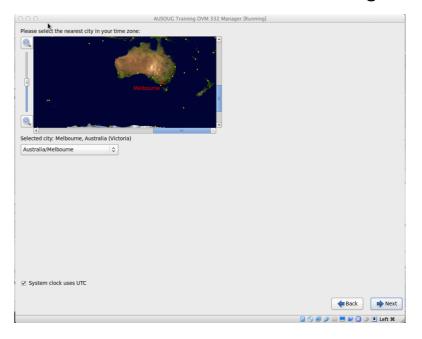
The DNS settings in my case are provided by my ISP. We can see these on the router or in the network settings, as I use DHCP to connect to the internet. They are as follows,

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211.29.132.12

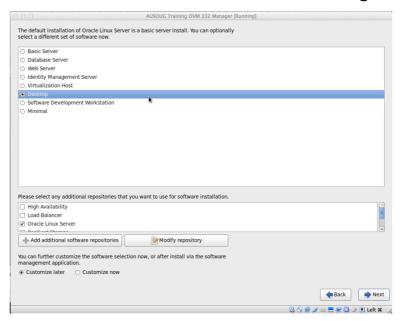
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Select the location of the server. In my case this is Melbourne Australia and this sets the local time, day light savings operation and regional settings.



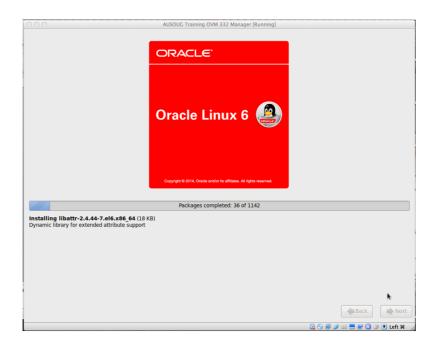
Select the Server type, for this instance we will choose a Desktop mode that allows the Oracle Universal Installer to operate and the OVM manager to e viewed on the server itself.

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Select the Customise Now option at the bottom of the screen if you wish to identify the remaining settings for the installation.

Press the Next button and the installation will now start.

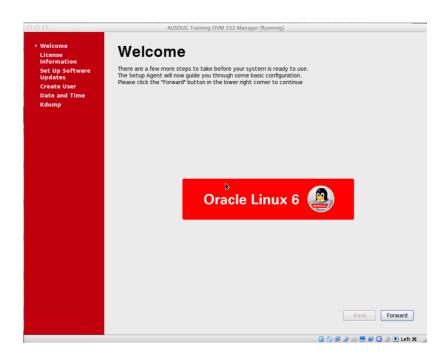


At the completion of the installation a Reboot will be requested. The system will shut down and restart.

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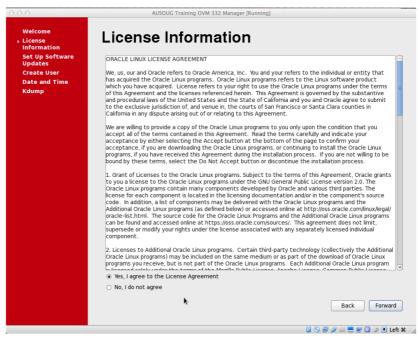
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AUSOUG Training OVM 332 Manager [Running]
Rebuilding /boot/initrd-3.8.13-44.1.1.el6uek.x86_64kdump.img
Starting kdump:
                                                                                                          OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
OK
Starting system message bus:
Setting network parameters...
Starting NetworkManager daemon:
 tarting NFS statd:
Starting cups:
 lounting filesystems:
 starting acpi daemon:
Starting HAL daemon:
Setrigger failed udev events
Adding udev persistent rules
Loading autofs4:
Starting automount:
Enabling Bluetooth devices:
Generating SSH2 RSA host key:
Generating SSH1 RSA host key:
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 tarting crond:
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  tarting certmonger:
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At the completion of the restart the Welcome screen is displayed. Press the Forward button.

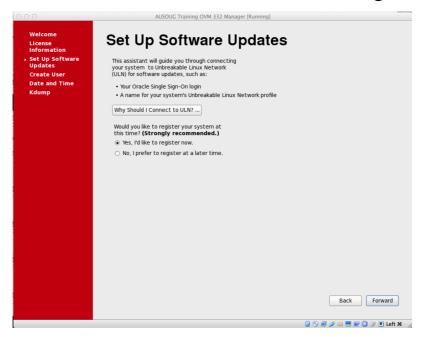


Select the Yes tick box and press the Forward button.

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Select the No, I prefer to register at a later time button and press the Forward button.

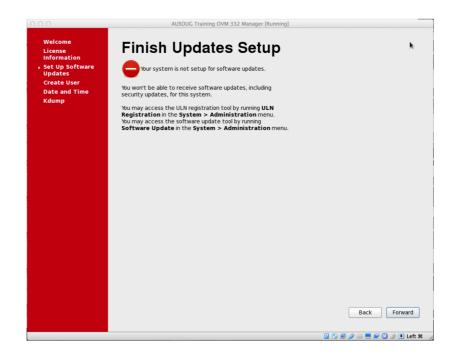


You will be prompted to rethink this decision, simply press the No Thanks button.

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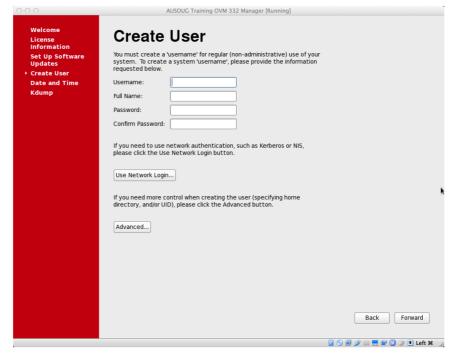


Press the Forward button.

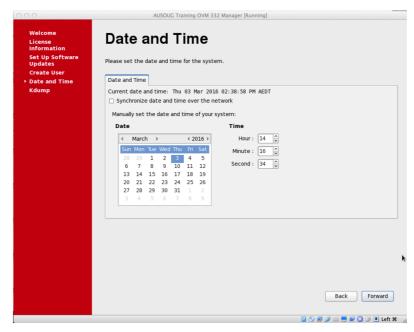


Leave the setup of other users to the script supplied with the OVM Manager software, Press the Forward button.

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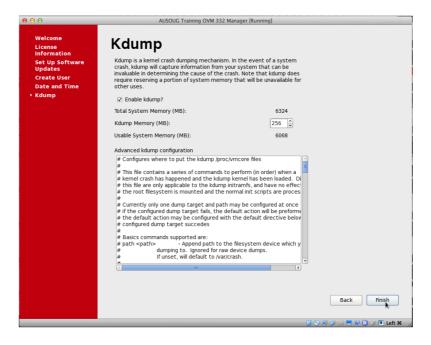


The system will ask you to confirm the decision not to create another user. Confirm this decision.



Press the Forward button, unless you know the values for a time server in your environment. If you do, tick the box to Synchronise date and time over the network and fill in the time server IP address.

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Press the Finish button.

The system will once again reboot and allow you to log into the new server.

Linux Installation finished.

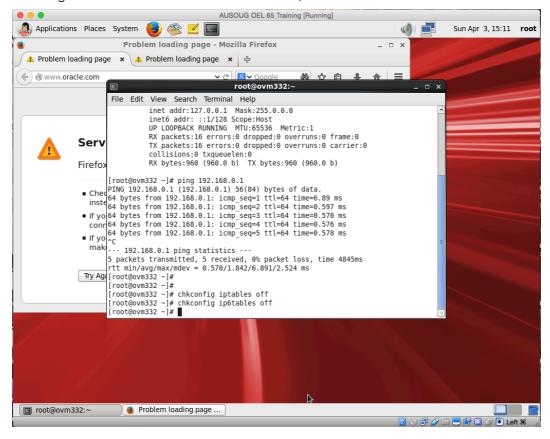
System Reboots and you log in

4 Session 4, Installation of VM Manager

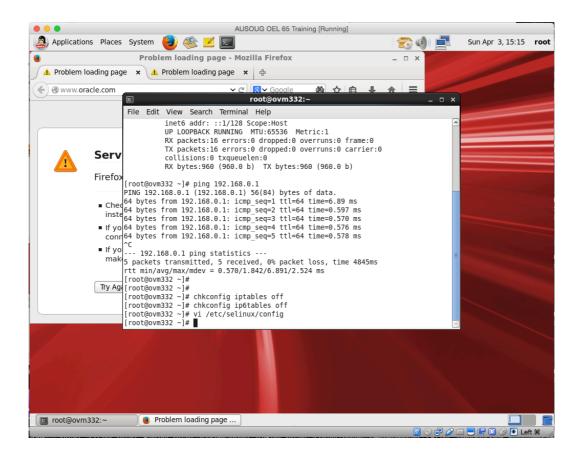
The first things to complete after the reboot are,

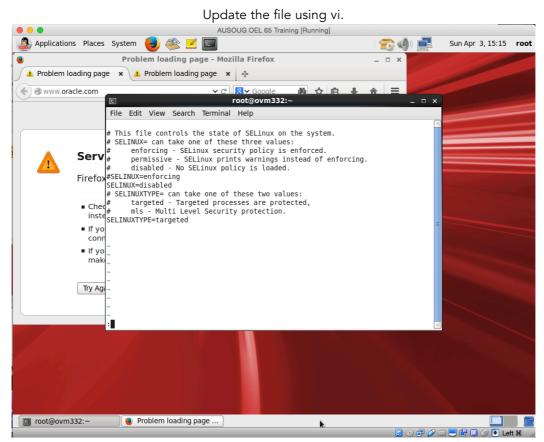
- 1. Setup details in the /etc/hosts file for the server and environment.
- 2. Disable iptables and ip6tables, the Linux Firewall.
- 3. Update the /etc/selinux/config file to disable selinux.
- 4. Verify the /etc/sysconfig/network and /etc/resolv.conf files are correctly set up for the hostname and DNS settings.

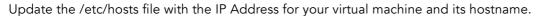
Use the chkconfig command to disable the Linux Firewall, as shown in the next screen shot.

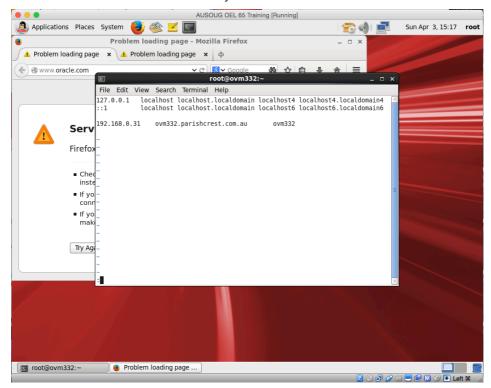


Update the /etc/selinux/config file to disable selinux.

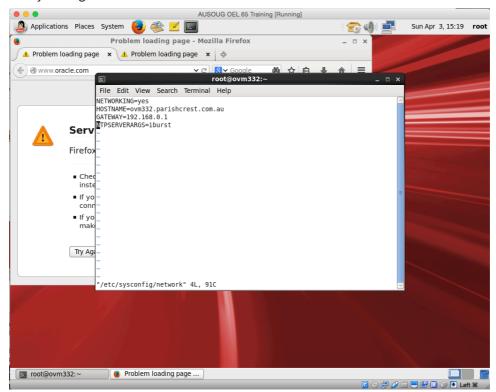




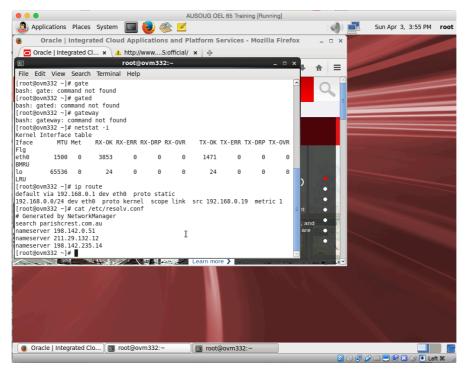




Update the /etc/sysconfig/network file to ensure the correct domain name is set.



Verify the correct settings in the /etc/resolv.conf file.



Restart the network services by typing service network restart.

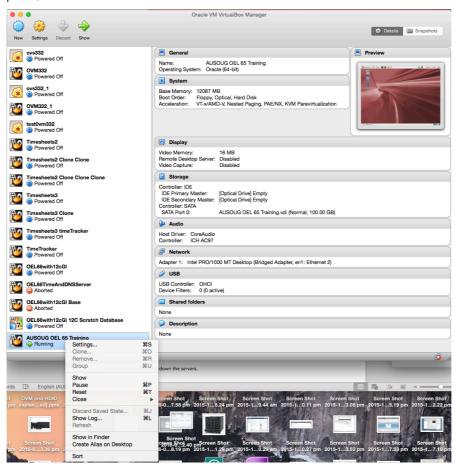
The final test is to open a web browser and see if you can get to the internet.

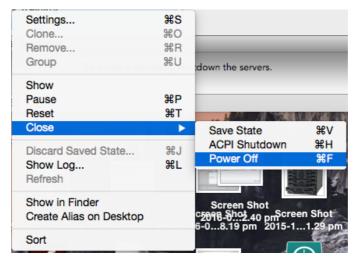


Download the OVM Manager from edelivery.oracle.com or from metalink.oracle.com.

Before installing it, create an export template of the operating system. We will use this later in the course to install Oracle 12c GI and database.

To create a template, shutdown the servers.



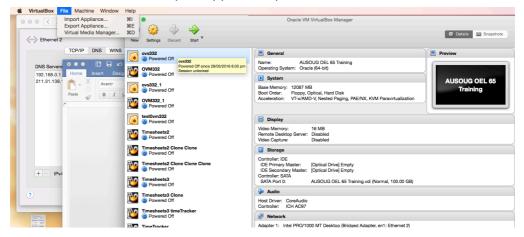


Select the Power Off to shut down the virtual machine.

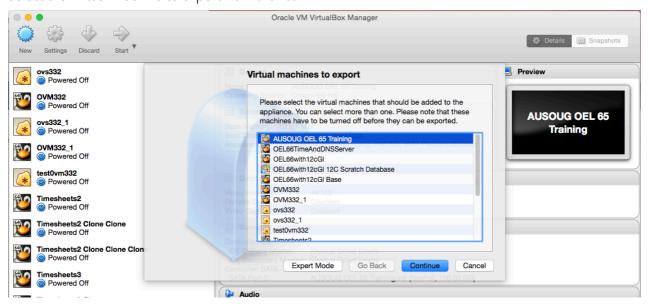
Confirm the Power Off.



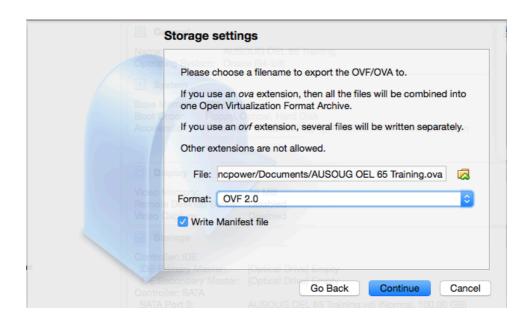
From the File menu item, select the Export Appliance option.



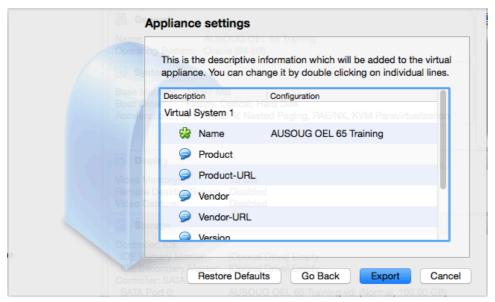
Select the Virtual Machine to export from the list.

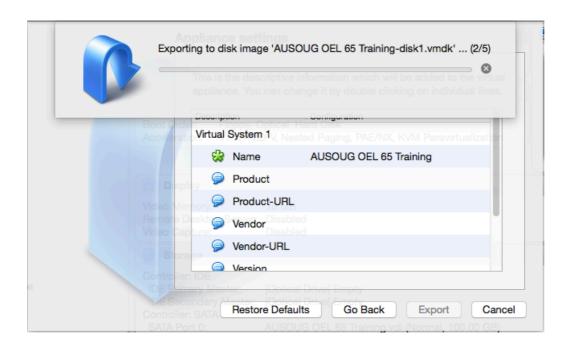


Select the Format from the drop down list and tick the Write Manifest file.

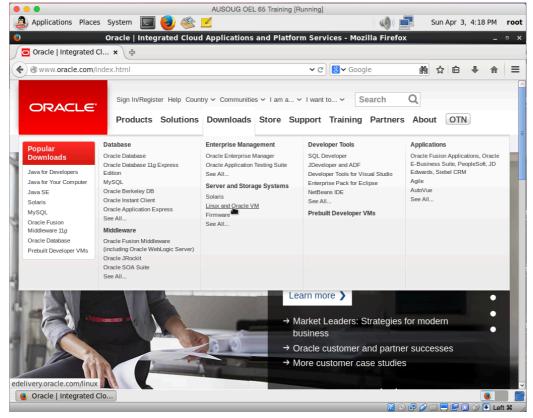


Press the Continue button and then press the Export button to start the process of creating the ova appliance file.

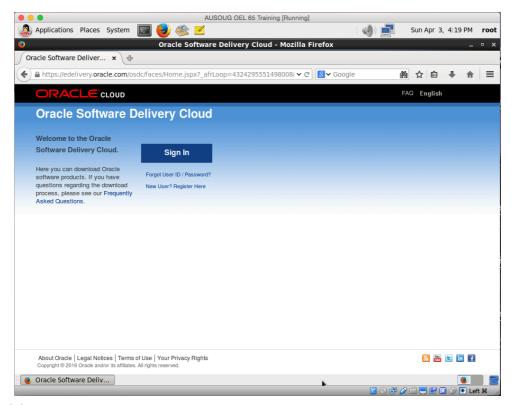




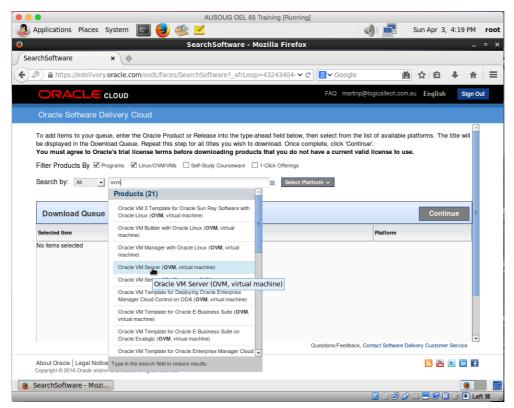
Once the file is created we can restart the virtual machine and download the OVM manager software.



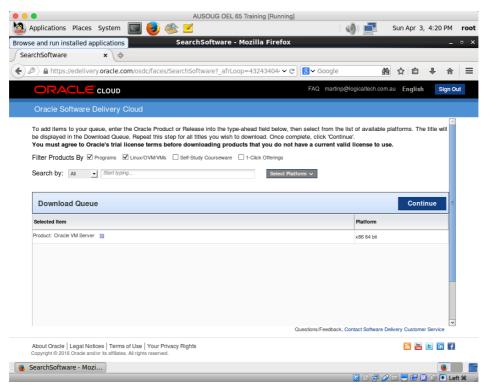
From www.oracle.com select the Downloads, Linux and Oracle VM link.



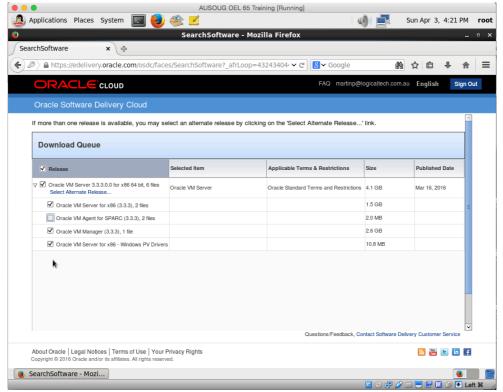
Sign into edelivery.



Enter own in the first box and select Oracle VM Server and then select the x86_64 bit option from the drop down list.



Press the continue button and then select the expose details icon on the left hand side of the listed product.



Download the OVM Manager file and the Para virtualized drivers disk.

Once the software has been downloaded onto the virtual server, we will mount it as a CDROM and work through the two part installation process.

I choose to change the names of the files to allow easy identification of the software later. So I have changed the name of the manager software to ovmm-3.3.2-installer-OracleLinux-b1072.iso.

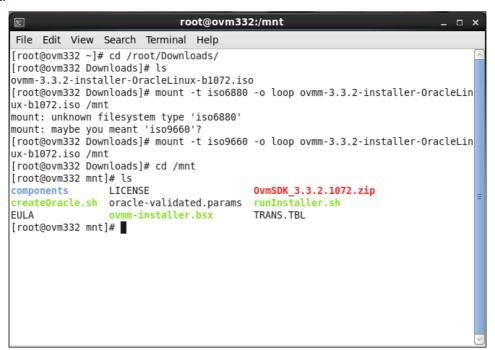
To mount the disk run the following as the root user.

mount -t iso9660 -o loop /root/Downloads/ ovmm-3.3.2-installer-OracleLinux-b1072.iso /mnt

This will mount the software under the /mnt mount point. You can cd to this mount and view the files by typing,

cd/mnt

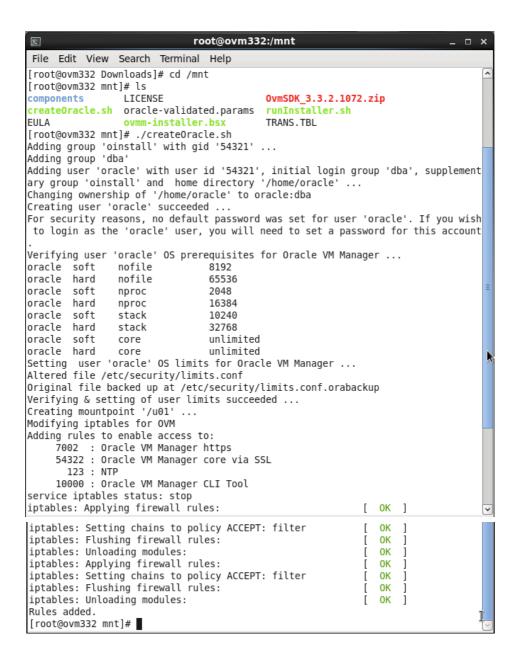
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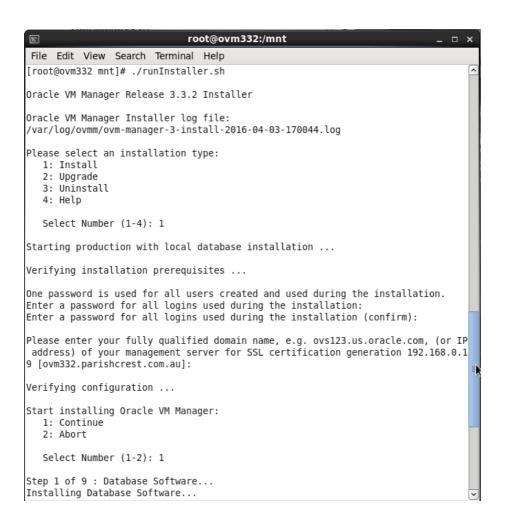
Two setup file are run to complete the OVM manager installation. The first, createOracle.sh creates the oracle user, group and base settings for the manager installation. Run this file as the root user using the following command in the /mnt directory.

./createOracle.sh

Note: the ./ tells Linux to execute a file in the local directory. Depending on you environment setup this may of may not be necessary.

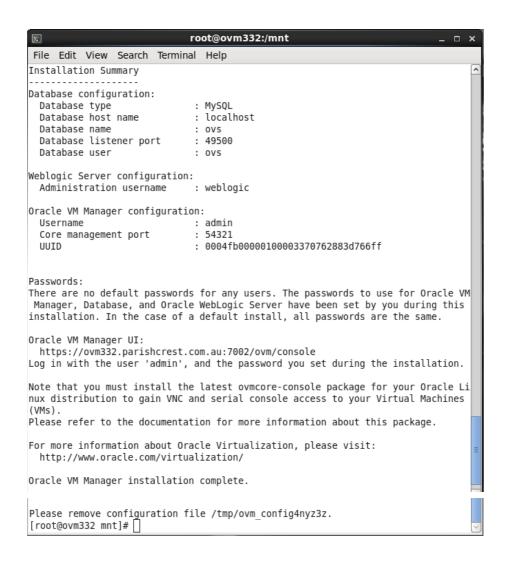


Once this has run, execute the runInstaller.sh to install the manager software and database.



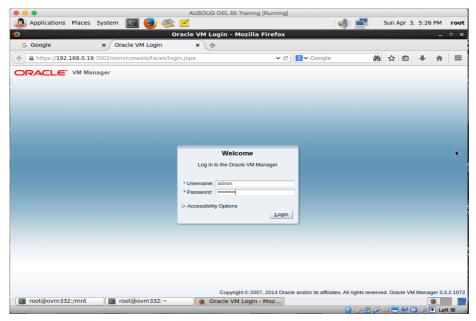
The installation process will install 9 components. It tests for basic network access and requests a password that will be used moving forward for access to the manager. The username defaults to admin and we enter a password of Welcome 123 in this instance.

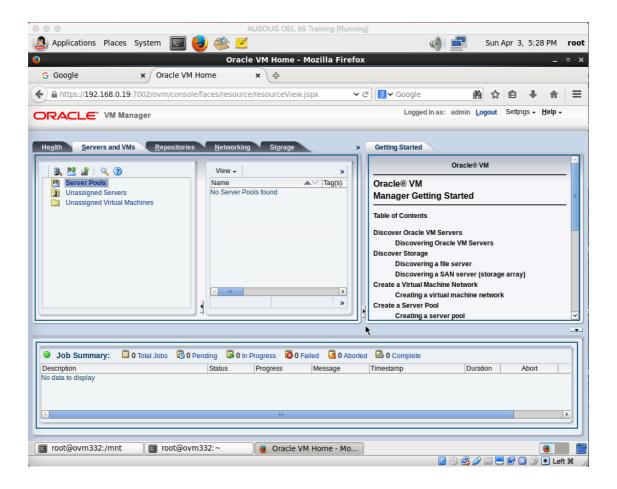
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root@ovm332:/mnt
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Step 1 of 9 : Database Software...
Installing Database Software...
Retrieving MySQL Database 5.6 ...
Unzipping MySQL RPM File ..
Installing MySQL 5.6 RPM package ...
Configuring MySQL Database 5.6 ..
Installing MySQL backup RPM package ...
Step 2 of 9 : Java ...
Installing Java ...
Step 3 of 9 : Database schema ...
Creating database 'ovs'
Creating database 'appfw'
Creating user 'ovs' for database 'ovs'.
Creating user 'appfw' for database 'appfw'
Step 4 of 9 : WebLogic and ADF...
Retrieving Oracle WebLogic Server 12c and ADF ...
Installing Oracle WebLogic Server 12c and ADF ...
Applying patches to Weblogic ...
Step 5 of 9 : Oracle VM ...
Installing Oracle VM Manager Core ..
Retrieving Oracle VM Manager Application ...
Extracting Oracle VM Manager Application ...
Retrieving Oracle VM Manager Upgrade tool ...
Extracting Oracle VM Manager Upgrade tool ...
Installing Oracle VM Manager Upgrade tool ...
Step 6 of 9 : Domain creation ..
Creating Oracle WebLogic Server domain ...
Starting Oracle WebLogic Server 12c ..
Creating Oracle VM Manager user 'admin' ...
Extracting Oracle VM Manager CLI tool...
Installing Oracle VM Manager CLI tool ...
Step 7 of 9 : Deploy ..
Configuring Https Identity and Trust...
Deploying Oracle VM Manager Core container ...
Configuring Client Cert Login..
Deploying Oracle VM Manager UI Console ...
Deploying Oracle VM Manager Help ...
Disabling HTTP access ..
Step 8 of 9 : Oracle VM Tools ...
Retrieving Oracle VM Manager Shell & API ...
Extracting Oracle VM Manager Shell & API ...
Installing Oracle VM Manager Shell & API ...
Retrieving Oracle VM Manager Wsh tool ...
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Installing Oracle VM Manager Wsh tool ...
Retrieving Oracle VM Manager Tools ...
Extracting Oracle VM Manager Tools ...
Installing Oracle VM Manager Tools ...
Copying Oracle VM Manager shell to '/usr/bin/ovm_shell.sh'
Installing ovm_admin.sh in '/u01/app/oracle/ovm-manager-3/bin'
Installing ovm_upgrade.sh in '/u01/app/oracle/ovm-manager-3/bin' ...
Step 9 of 9 : Start OVM Manager ...
Enabling Oracle VM Manager service ...
Shutting down Oracle VM Manager instance ...
Starting Oracle VM Manager instance
Waiting for the application to initialize ...
Oracle VM Manager is running ...
Please wait while WebLogic configures the applications...
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It is now possible to log into the OVM Manager by entering the following URL in a web browser.

https://192.168.0.19:7002/ovm/console





That completes the installation of the OVM Manager. The next session covers the OVM Manager and its sections. This will then be followed by the build of an Oracle Virtual Server and the discovery of this server in the manager.

Session 4, An overview of VM Manager

4.1 What is covered in this section?

In this session we will discuss the Oracle Virtual Manager, its components and functions. We will explore the GUI, its basic tabs and functions along with a discussion on the process of importing templates and ISO image files for use in the assembly of new virtual servers. We will look at the basic network and storage options and the workflow interface and error management functions. By the end of this session you will understand how to log into the OVM Manager and navigate its functions.

4.2 What Features Does Oracle VM Provide?

The VM Manager is a combination of command line interface commands, APIs and a graphic user interface applications used to control and administer OVM environments. The APIs and command line interface allow scripting of repetitive functions as well as the development of custom interfaces within third party tools such as HP Open View, whilst the GUI delivers a structured set of management functions for the creation, amendment and management of virtual machines and their interaction within a highly availability environment.

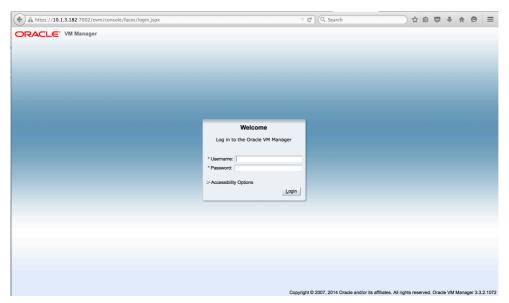
Oracle VM Manager provides the following main capabilities:

- Manages the physical Oracle VM Servers and can, for example, reboot or rediscover the physical hardware.
- Creates and configures server pools.
- Creates and manages Oracle VM Server logical networks, for example, NIC port bonding, and configuring network interfaces to operate within defined VLAN networks.
- Manages storage devices such as local disks, SAN storage and Network File Servers.
- Creates and manages storage repositories.
- Manages resources, including ISO files, virtual machine templates, virtual machine images, and virtual machine assemblies.
- Manages the virtual machines. This includes creating virtual machines from either installation media or from templates, starting, logging in, shutting down, and deleting virtual machines.
- Imports, clones and migration of virtual machines.

- Performs load balancing of virtual machines in server pools.
- Manages jobs in the Oracle VM environment.
- Manages policies such as High Availability, Distributed Resource Scheduling, and Distributed Power Management

A Web Services API is available for programmatic access to Oracle VM Manager, and therefore all the objects Oracle VM Manager has ownership of. See the Oracle VM Web Services API Developer's Guide for a description of all APIs for programmatic access to Oracle VM Manager functions. A command line interface is also available to access Oracle VM Manager, see the Oracle VM Manager Command Line Interface User's Guide for more information.

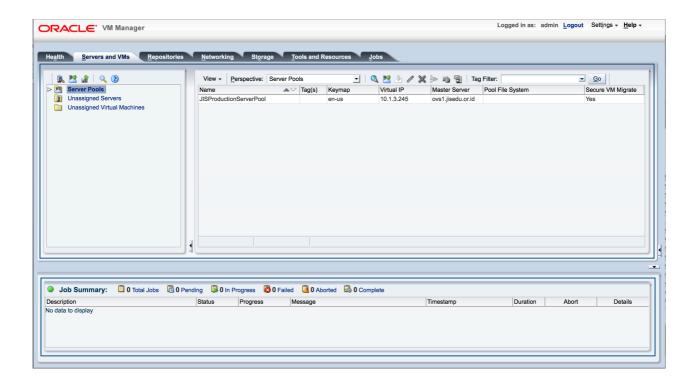
Access to the OVM manager is available from the following URL. https://192.168.0.19:7002/ovm/console/faces/login.jspx



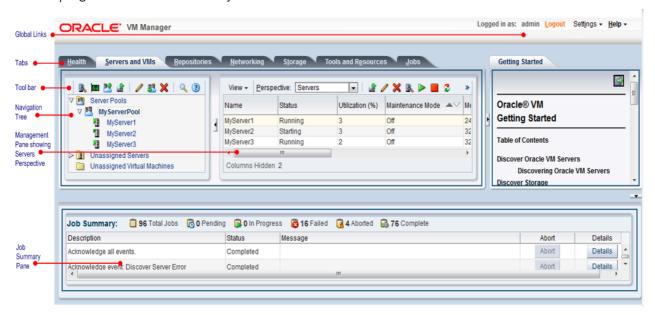
The login screen requires a user name and password. Enter the following,

Username = admin

Password = Welcome123

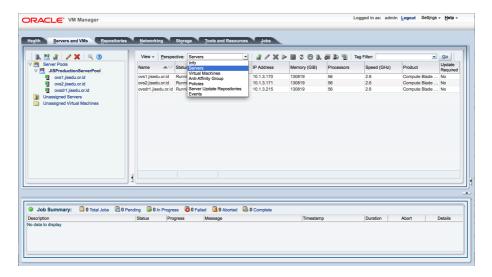


On entry to the Manager screen you will see Seven Tabs. Each tab contains access to distinct management functions or details of the health of the VM environment including jobs completed through the manager interface. Each tab is divided into three regions, the Navigation Tree top left, Management Panel top right and the Job Summary at the bottom.



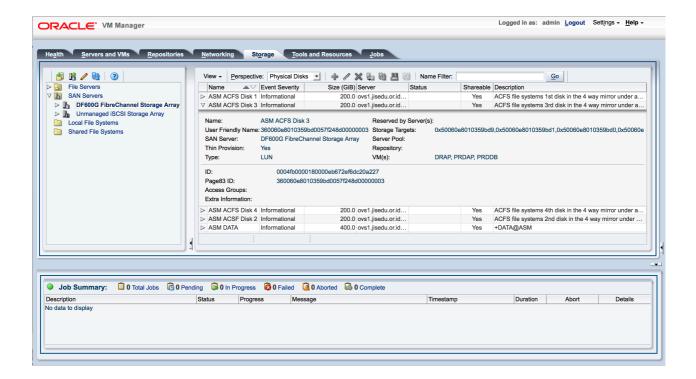
Each of the panels or regions can be collapsed or expanded by mouse clicking on the "expand" or "collapse" icon.

The Navigation Tree is used to display the details of high-level devices such as physical servers, server pools, network devices, storage or repositories. The Management panel displays the items owned by items displayed in the Navigation Tree. This panel has multiple views, described as perspectives. The drop down list allows the panel to display details of many services owned by a server, server pool of storage array as an example.



4.3 Exercise 1:

- 1. Log into the OVM Manager
- 2. Explore each of the tabs
- 3. From the Server and Virtual Machine tab, select the server pool and review the content of each of the perspectives by selecting each option from the drop down list.
- 4. Select one of the available servers and review the changes to the Management panel.



When a SAN is used with OVN, you will note the details of the presented LUN are available including the details of the Virtual machines accessing the LUN.

4.4 Review of Oracle Virtual Machine Overview

You should now be able to discuss the Oracle Virtual Manager, its components and functions. You will have the ability to log into the Manager console and to navigate its basic tabs and functions. You will be able to describe the process of importing templates and ISO image files for use in the assembly of new virtual servers along with the basic network and storage options available within the interface. Finally you will understand the role of the workflow interface and error management functions.