

UCS Director Baremetal Agent Installation

The purpose to this document is to illustrate the steps to install the UCS Director Baremetal Agent (PXE Server) which can be used to write/use workflows that require a PXE Server such as the 'BMA + UCSM + MDS + NetApp Example' workflow located on the UCS Directors Communities site. This example workflow can be found at the following link: <https://communities.cisco.com/docs/DOC-52546>

Before you implement the Baremetal Agent, make sure your UCS Director is fully installed, functional and upgraded to 5.3. If this isn't the case, then you should upgrade before implementing the BMA and integrating with UCS Director. You cannot go directly to 5.3 so you must first install BMA 5.2 then upgrade to 5.3.

Useful Documents:

Cisco UCS Director Baremetal Agent Installation and Configuration Guide, Release 5.2

Cisco UCS Director Baremetal Agent Installation and Configuration Guide, Release 5.3

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1. Download Baremetal Agent 5.2 and Patch 5.3.0.0

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Cisco UCS Director Baremetal Agent 5.2 (VMWare vSphere OVF Appliance MD5 Checksum - a0c34c4c924720dc9d2f9b099c5b9b5c) CUCSD_BMA_5_2_0_0_VMWARE_GA.zip	20-DEC-2014	1857.43 MB	<input type="button" value="Download"/> <input type="button" value="Add to cart"/> <input type="button" value="Publish"/>

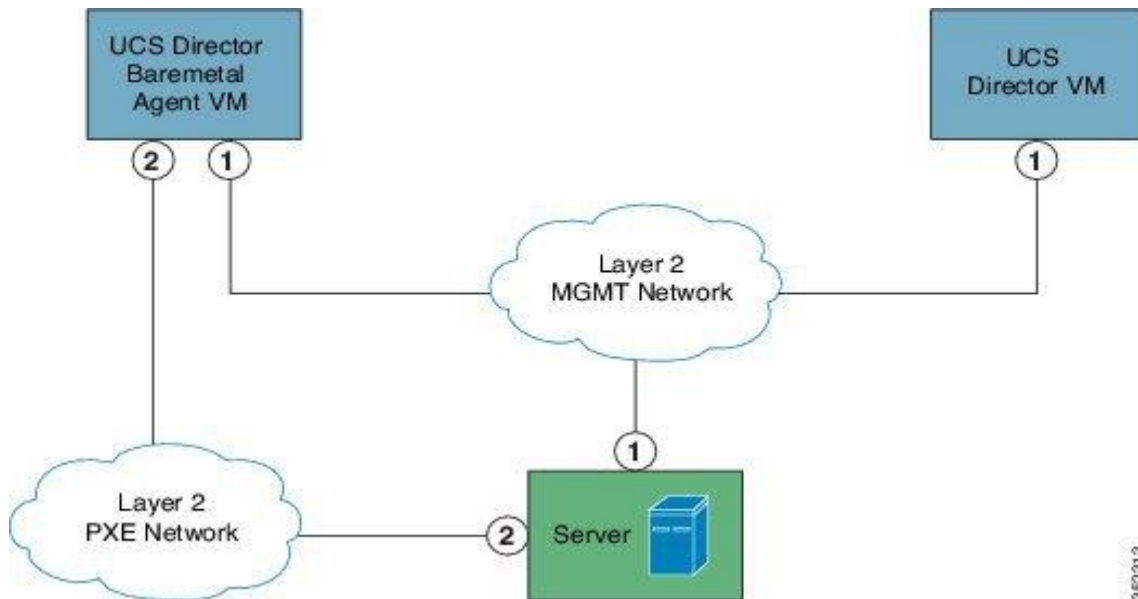
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2. PXE/Management Network setup

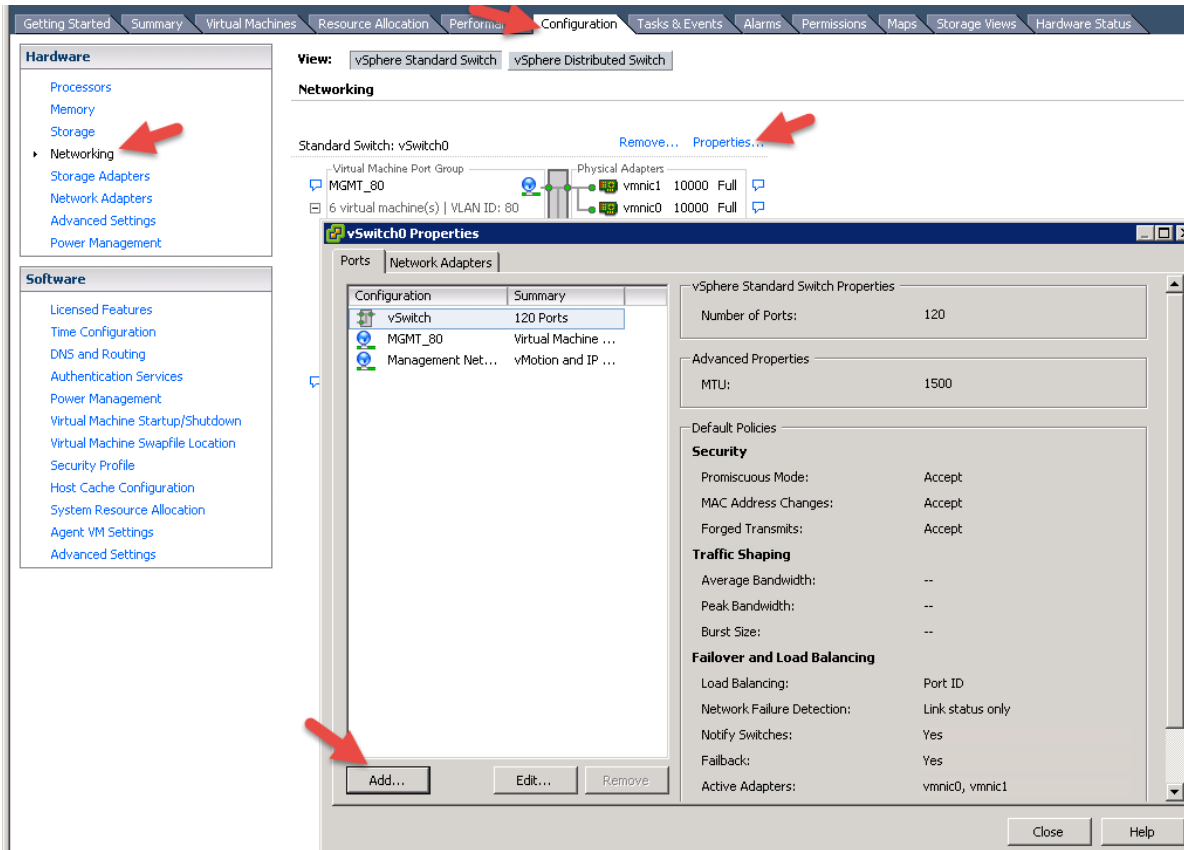
Determine if you want to use a Single or Separate Networks for Management and PXE. I have chosen to use Separate networks for PXE and Management so we need to configure PXE VLAN in vCenter and UCS.



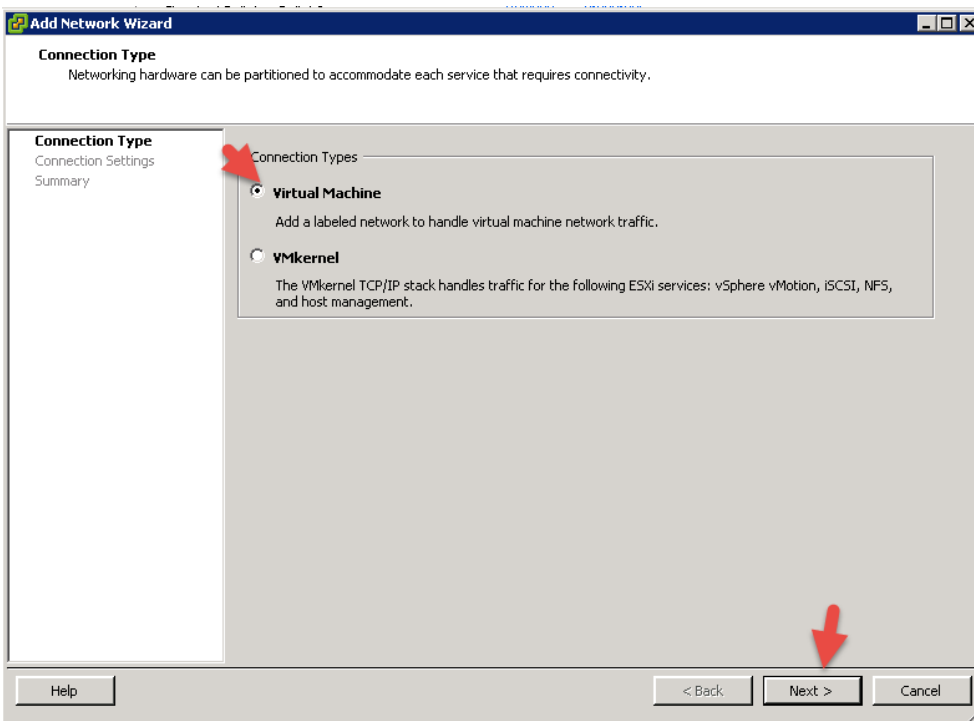
2.1. Create PXE VLAN/Port Group in vCenter

Log into vCenter and create a Port-Group/VLAN for PXE on the host where UCS Director BMA will reside.

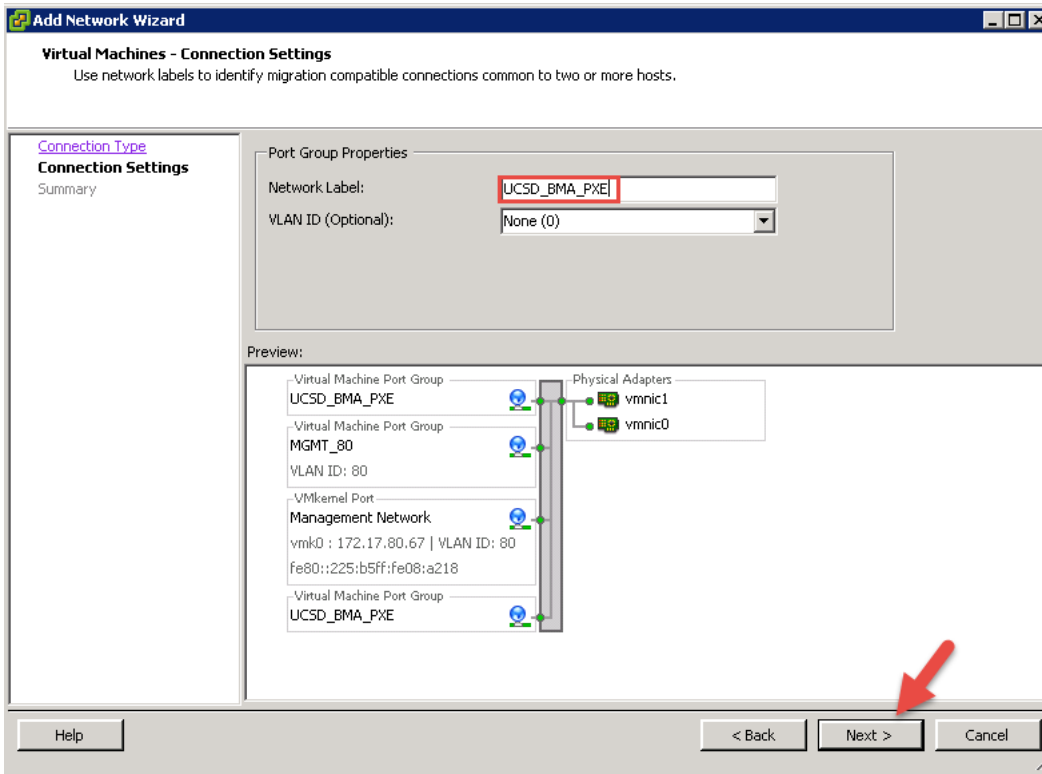
Select the ESXi host then do the following.



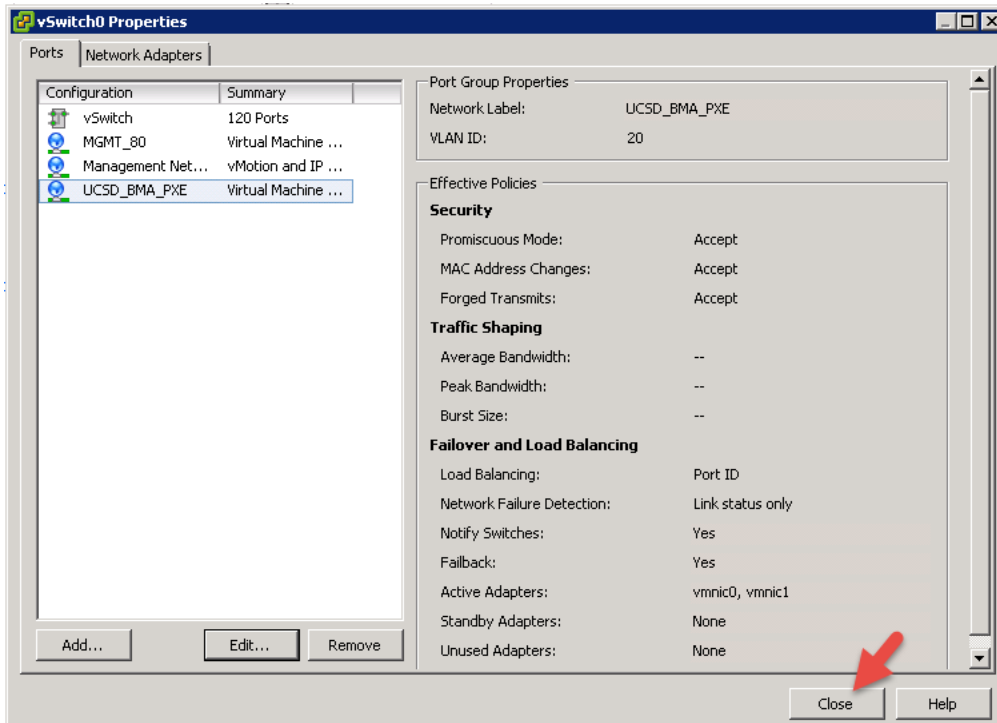
Select Virtual Machine and click Next.



Name the Port Group and leave VLAN default and click Next.



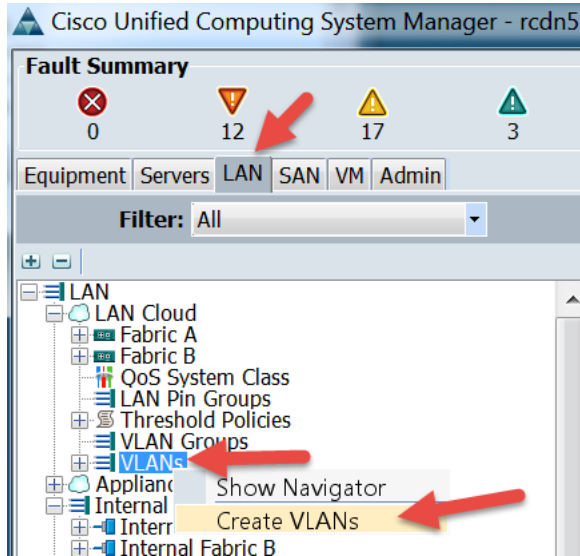
Finally Click Close.



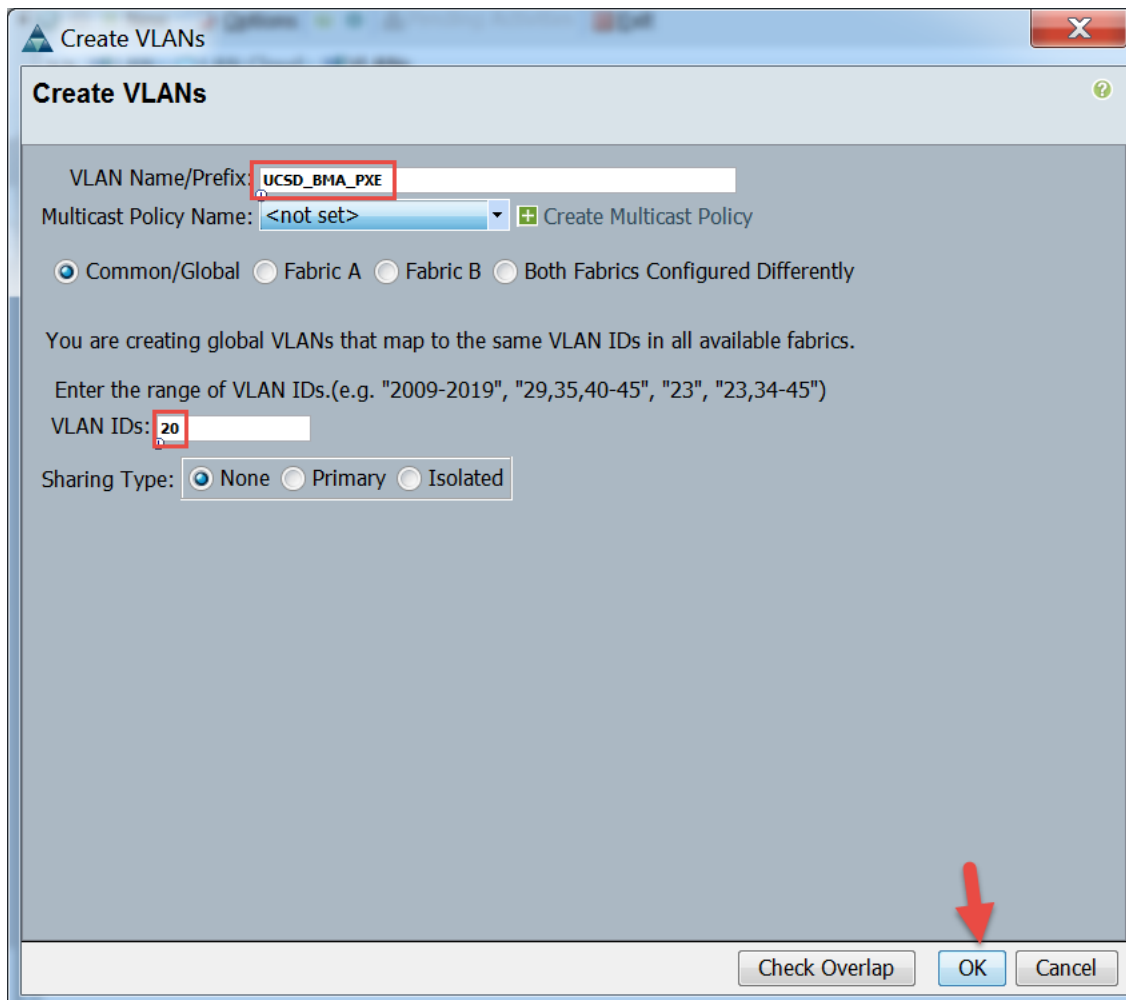
2.2. Create PXE VLAN in UCS Manager

Log into UCS Manager and Create the PXE VLAN.

Navigate as shown below and select Create VLAN.



Define the VLAN as follows.



2.3. Disjoint Layer-2 configuration PXE VLAN UCS Manager

If you have Disjoint Layer 2 connectivity, ensure the PXE VLAN is only allowed on the correct uplinks.

Launch 'LAN Uplinks Manager'

The screenshot displays the Cisco Unified Computing System Manager interface. At the top, a 'Fault Summary' bar shows 0 critical, 12 warning, 17 minor, and 3 informational faults. Below this, a navigation menu includes 'Equipment', 'Servers', 'LAN', 'SAN', 'VM', and 'Admin'. The 'LAN' tab is selected, and a tree view on the left shows various LAN-related configurations such as 'LAN Cloud', 'Fabrics', 'QoS System Class', 'VLANs', and 'Pools'. A red arrow points to the 'LAN' tab in the navigation menu. Another red arrow points to the 'LAN' folder in the tree view. On the right side, the 'LAN Uplinks Manager' window is open, showing a table with columns for 'Name', 'Fabric ID', and 'Admini...'. The table contains one entry: 'Uplink'. Below the table are 'Enable' and 'Disable' buttons. A red arrow points to a message box at the bottom of the window that reads: 'To configure the LAN, launch the LAN Uplinks Manager.'

Add PXE VLAN to Fabric A Uplink Port-Channel.

LAN Uplinks Manager - rcdn5r44fix0802

LAN Uplinks | VLANs | Server Links | QoS | Global Policies | Faults | Events | FSM

All | Dual Mode | Fabric A | Fabric B | VLAN Manager | VLAN Groups | VLAN Optimization Sets

Fabric A | Fabric B

Port Channels and Uplinks

Name	Admin...
Port Channels	
Fabric A	
Port-Channel 13 (POD2-PC) ↑ Enab...	
Uplink Eth Interfaces	
Fabric A	

VLANs and VLAN Groups

Name	ID	VLAN Sharing	Native VLAN
VLAN OpenStack_Data_598 (:598)		None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_599 (:599)		None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_600 (:600)		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-ctrl-3001 (:3001)		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-mgmt (80) 80		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-pkt-3002 (:3002)		None	
VLAN Primary-vmkernel-80 (880)		None	
VLAN Secondary-vmkernel (889)		None	
VLAN TRAINING (82) 82		None	
VLAN UCSD_BMA_PXE (20) 20		None	
VLAN iSCSI (86) 86		None	
VLAN mgmt_80 (80) 80		None	
VLAN vMotion (87) 87		None	

Select one or more Port Channels and/or one or more Uplinks Interfaces from the **Ports Channels and Uplinks** panel and one or more VLANs from the **VLANs and VLAN Groups** panel and click **Add to VLAN** to assign the selected VLANs to the selected Port Channels and Uplink Interfaces

WARNING: A VLAN with no Uplink Interfaces or Port Channels will terminate in all Uplink Interfaces and Port Channels.

Add to VLAN/VLAN Group Remove from VLAN/VLAN Group

OK Apply Cancel Help

Add PXE VLAN to Fabric B Uplink Port-Channel.

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LAN Uplinks | VLANs | Server Links | QoS | Global Policies | Faults | Events | FSM

All | Dual Mode | Fabric A | Fabric B | VLAN Manager | VLAN Groups | VLAN Optimization Sets

Fabric A | Fabric B

Port Channels and Uplinks

Name	Admin...
Port Channels	
Fabric B	
Port-Channel 14 (POD2-PC) ↑ Enab...	
Uplink Eth Interfaces	
Fabric B	

VLANs and VLAN Groups

Name	ID	VLAN Sharing	Native VLAN
VLAN OpenStack_Data_598		None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_599		None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_600		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-ctrl-33001		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-mgm80		None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-pkt-33002		None	
VLAN Primary-vmkerna80		None	
VLAN Secondary-vmker89		None	
VLAN TRAINING (82) 82		None	
VLAN UCSD_BMA_PXE 20		None	
VLAN iSCSI (86) 86		None	
VLAN mgmt_80 (80) 80		None	
VLAN vMotion (87) 87		None	

Select one or more Port Channels and/or one or more Uplinks Interfaces from the **Ports Channels and Uplinks** panel and one or more VLANs from the **VLANs and VLAN Groups** panel and click **Add to VLAN** to assign the selected VLANs to the selected Port Channels and Uplink Interfaces

WARNING: A VLAN with no Uplink Interfaces or Port Channels will terminate in all Uplink Interfaces and Port Channels.

Add to VLAN/VLAN Group Remove from VLAN/VLAN Group

OK Apply Cancel Help

Finally Click OK to apply configuration.

LAN Uplinks Manager - rcdn5r44fix0802

LAN Uplinks | VLANs | Server Links | QoS | Global Policies | Faults | Events | FSM

All | Dual Mode | Fabric A | Fabric B | VLAN Manager | VLAN Groups | VLAN Optimization Sets

Fabric A | Fabric B

Port Channels and Uplinks | VLANs and VLAN Groups

Name	ID	VLAN Sharing	Native VLAN
VLAN OpenStack_Data_598 (598)	598	None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_599 (599)	599	None	
VLAN OpenStack_Data_600 (600)	600	None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-ctrl-3001 (3001)	3001	None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-mgmt (80)	80	None	
VLAN POD2-n1kv-pkt-3002 (3002)	3002	None	
VLAN Primary-vmkernel-80 (80)	80	None	
VLAN Secondary-vmkernel (89)	89	None	
VLAN TRAINING (82)	82	None	
VLAN UCSD_BMA_PXE (20)	20	None	
Port-Channel 13 (Fabric A)			
Port-Channel 14 (Fabric B)			
VLAN ISCSI (86)	86	None	
VLAN mgmt_80 (80)	80	None	

Select one or more Port Channels and/or one or more Uplinks Interfaces from the **Ports Channels and Uplinks** panel and one or more VLANs from the **VLANs and VLAN Groups** panel and click **Add to VLAN** to assign the selected VLANs to the selected Port Channels and Uplink Interfaces

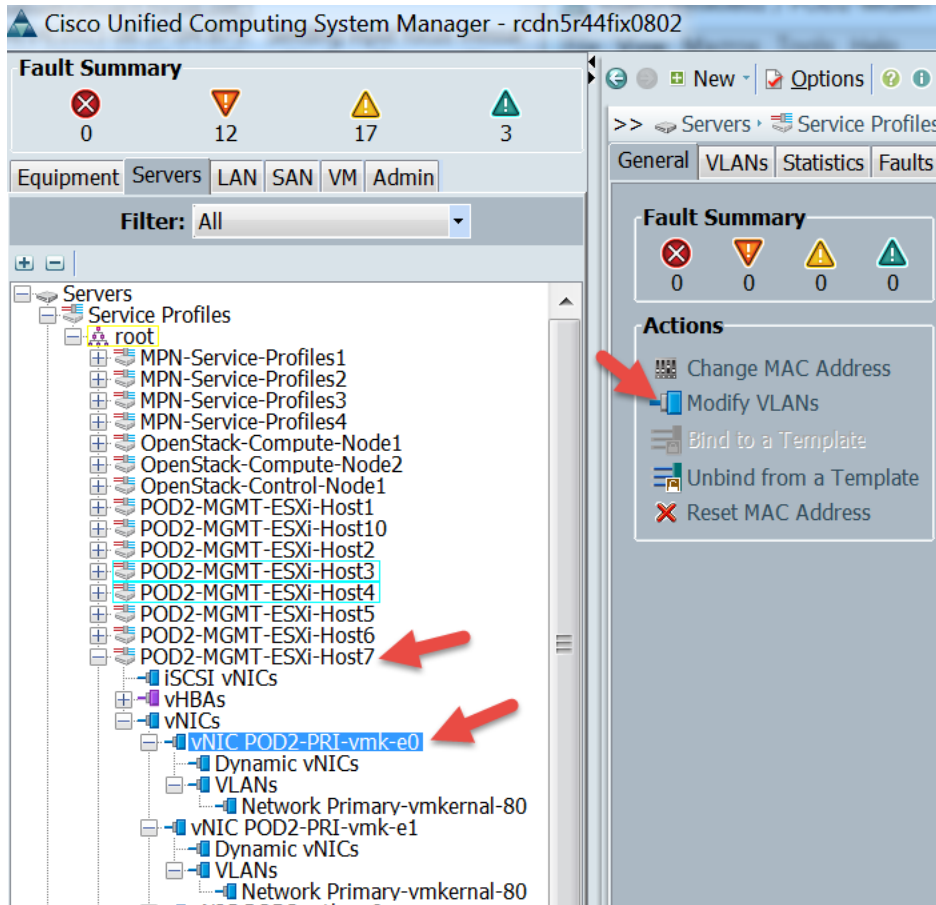
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Add to VLAN/VLAN Group | Remove from VLAN/VLAN Group

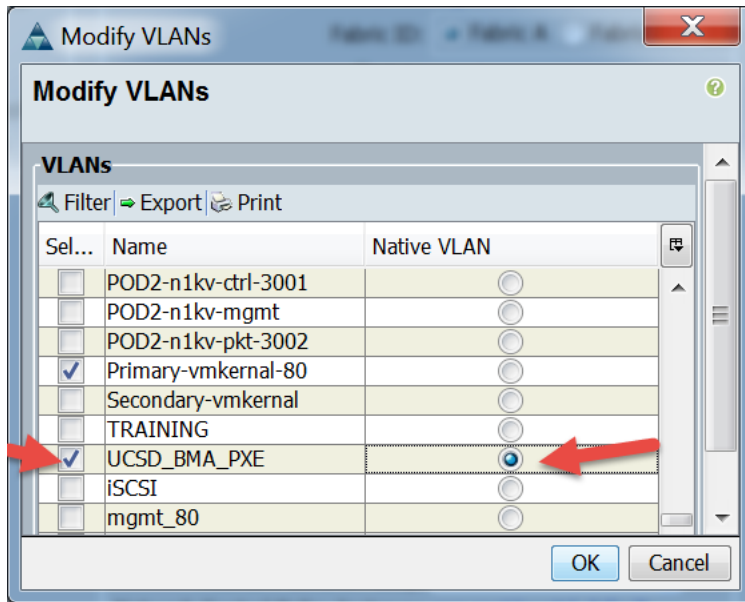
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2.4. Add PXE VLAN to Fabric A and Fabric B vNICs

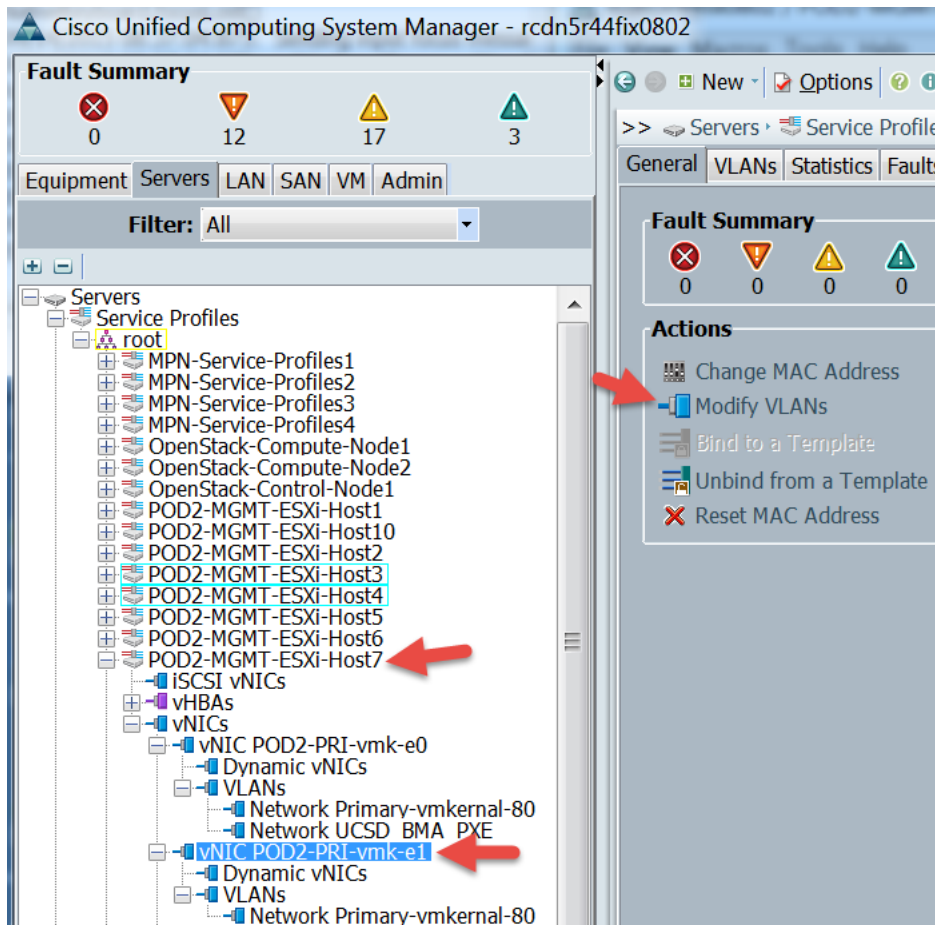
Add the PXE VLAN to the Fabric A vNIC and select Native for this VLAN. This needs to be completed for the Service Profiles that host the BMA Agent. Select Modify VLANs.



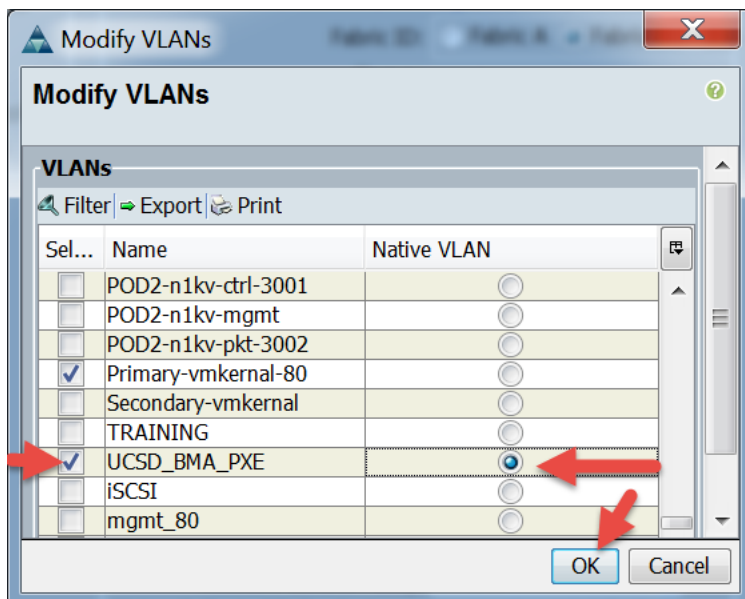
Select the PXE VLAN and Select Native and click OK.



Now complete this for Fabric B.



Select the PXE VLAN and Select Native VLAN then Click OK.



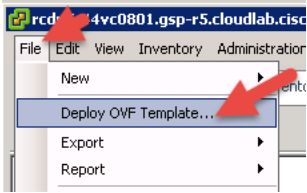
Verify the PXE VLAN is configured on the service profile.

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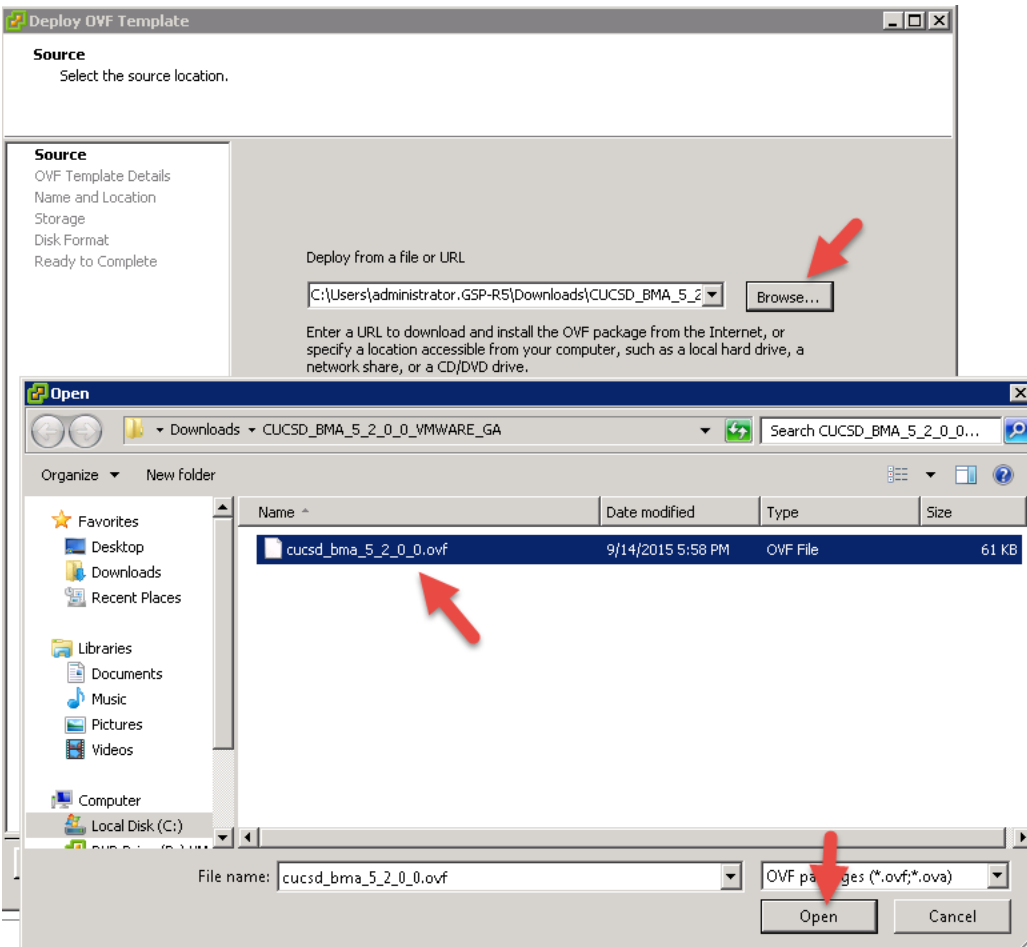
3. Deploy UCS Director BMA 5.2 OVF Template

Unzip the BMA 5.2 file that was downloaded from Cisco.com.

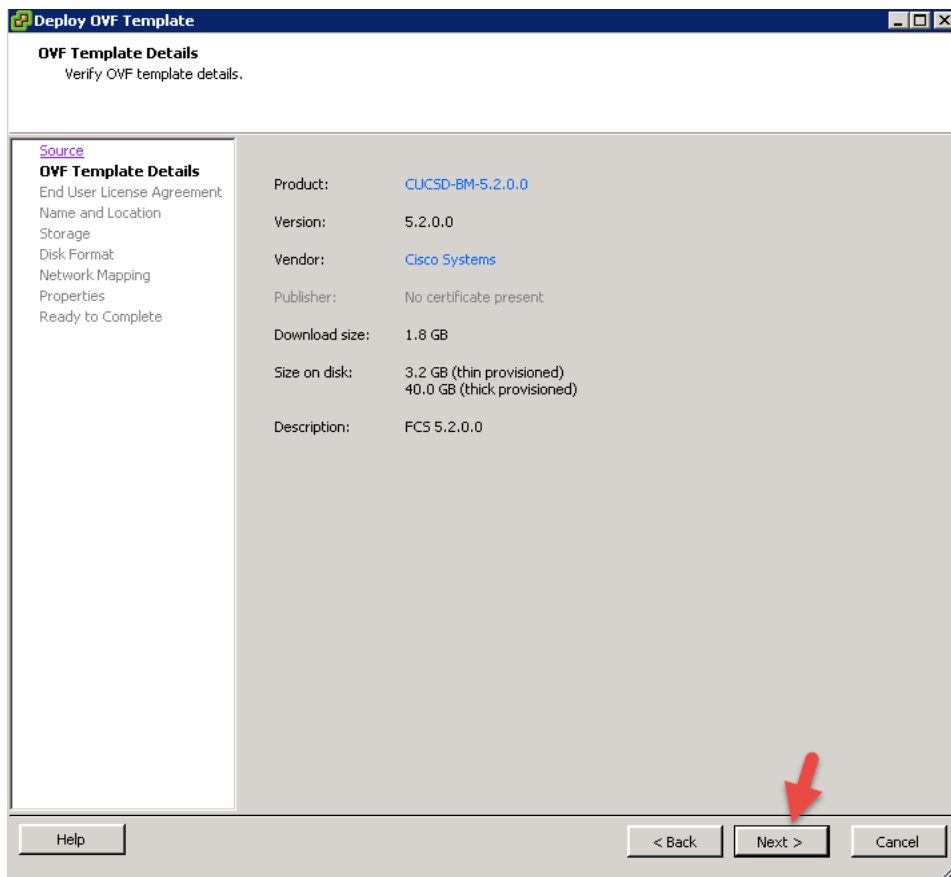
Log into vCenter and Select File -> Deploy OVF Template.



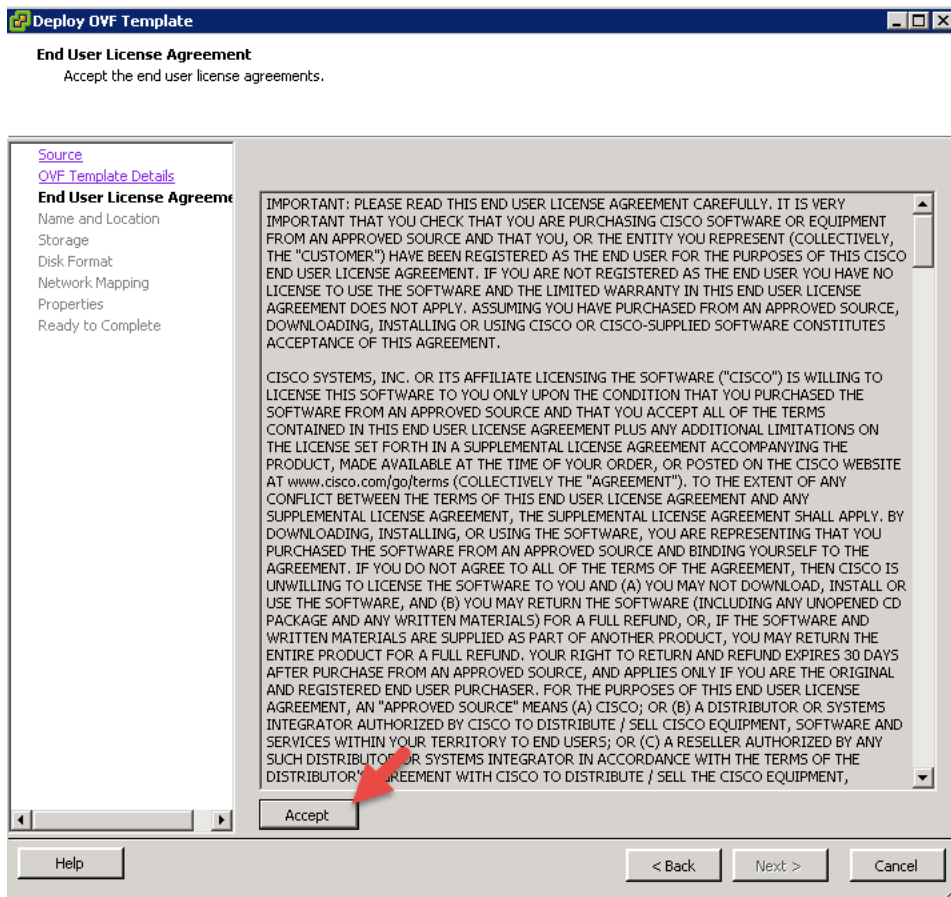
Browse for the BMA 5.2 OVF file, select it and Click Open. Click Next.



Click Next.



Accept the license agreement and Click Next.



Leave default and Click Next. Recommended to keep 'Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed'.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard at the 'Disk Format' step. The title bar reads 'Deploy OVF Template'. The main heading is 'Disk Format' with the question 'In which format do you want to store the virtual disks?'. On the left, a navigation pane lists: Source, OVF Template Details, End User License Agreement, Name and Location, Storage, Disk Format (selected), Network Mapping, Properties, and Ready to Complete. The main area contains: 'Datastore:' with a text box containing 'MGMT-SAN1'; 'Available space (GB):' with a text box containing '2129.4'; and three radio button options: 'Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed' (selected), 'Thick Provision Eager Zeroed', and 'Thin Provision'. At the bottom, there are 'Help', '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel' buttons. A red arrow points to the 'Next >' button.

Select your management Network for Network 1 and the PXE Network for Network 2.

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy OVF Template' wizard at the 'Network Mapping' step. The title bar reads 'Deploy OVF Template'. The main heading is 'Network Mapping' with the question 'What networks should the deployed template use?'. On the left, a navigation pane lists: Source, OVF Template Details, End User License Agreement, Name and Location, Storage, Disk Format, Network Mapping (selected), Properties, and Ready to Complete. The main area contains: 'Map the networks used in this OVF template to networks in your inventory'; a table with two columns: 'Source Networks' and 'Destination Networks'; and a 'Description:' text box. The table has two rows: 'Network 1' mapped to 'MGMT_80' and 'Network 2' mapped to 'UCSD_BMA_PXE'. The 'Destination Networks' cells are highlighted with red boxes. The 'Description:' text box contains 'The Network 1 network'. At the bottom, there are 'Help', '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel' buttons. A red arrow points to the 'Next >' button.

Source Networks	Destination Networks
Network 1	MGMT_80
Network 2	UCSD_BMA_PXE

Configure a password and IP Addresses, Masks and Gateway as shown below then Click Next.

Deploy OVF Template

Properties
Customize the software solution for this deployment.

Application

BMA Root User Password
Enter BMA root user password
Enter password: [*****]
Confirm password: [*****]

Management IP Address for eth0
Enter Management IP Address for eth0. Set 0.0.0.0 to use DHCP
[172 . 17 . 80 . 112]

Management IP Subnet Mask for eth0
Enter Management IP Subnet Mask for eth0. Set 0.0.0.0 to use DHCP
[255 . 255 . 255 . 0]

Gateway IP for eth0
Gateway IP for eth0.
[172 . 17 . 80 . 1]

IP Address for eth1
IP Address for eth1. Set 0.0.0.0 to use DHCP
[192 . 168 . 0 . 1]

Subnet Mask for eth1
Subnet Mask for eth1. Set 0.0.0.0 to use DHCP
[255 . 255 . 255 . 0]

Buttons: Help, < Back, Next >, Cancel

Review the settings and check the 'Power on after deployment' box and click Finish.

Deploy OVF Template

Ready to Complete
Are these the options you want to use?

When you click Finish, the deployment task will be started.

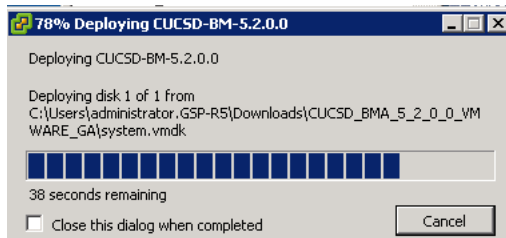
Deployment settings:

OVF file:	C:\Users\administrator.GSP-R5\Downloads\CUCSD_BMA_...
Download size:	1.8 GB
Size on disk:	40.0 GB
Name:	CUCSD-BM-5.2.0.0
Folder:	GSP_MGMT
Host/Cluster:	172.17.80.67
Datastore:	MGMT-SAN1
Disk provisioning:	Thick Provision Lazy Zeroed
Network Mapping:	"Network 1" to "MGMT_80"
Network Mapping:	"Network 2" to "UCSD_BMA_PXE"
IP Allocation:	Fixed, IPv4
Property:	bma_mgmt_ip_eth0 = 172.17.80.112
Property:	bma_mgmt_subnet_eth0 = 255.255.255.0
Property:	bma_mgmt_gateway_eth0 = 172.17.80.1
Property:	bma_mgmt_ip_eth1 = 192.168.0.1
Property:	bma_mgmt_subnet_eth1 = 255.255.255.0

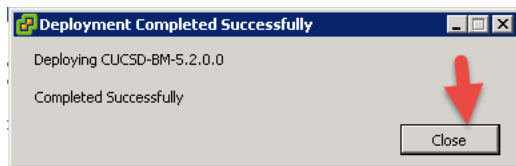
Power on after deployment

Buttons: Help, < Back, Finish, Cancel

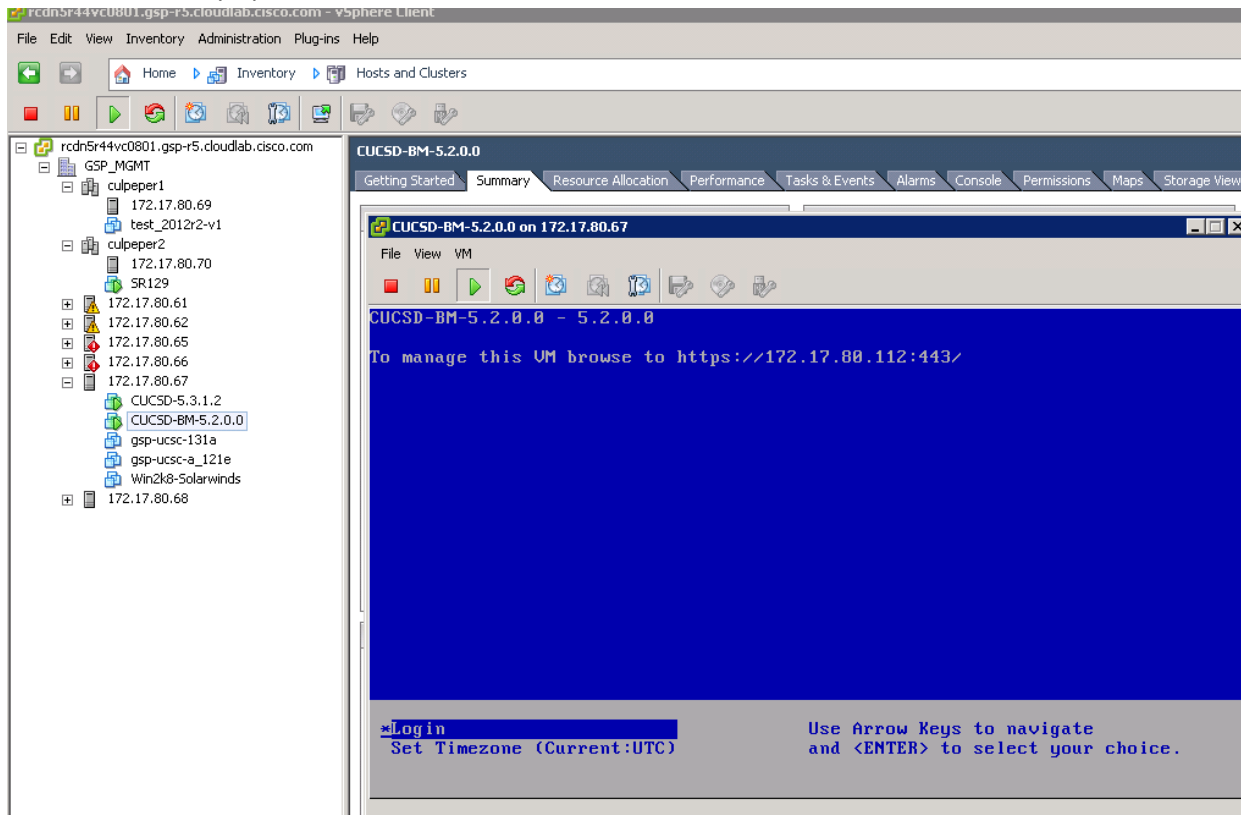
Monitor the BMA VM Deployment.



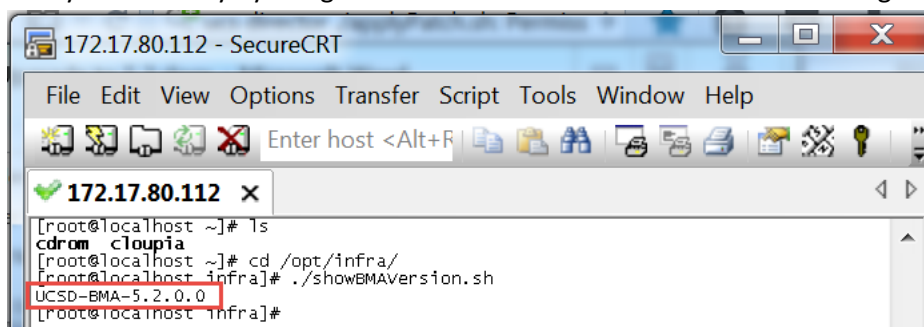
Upon completion, click Close.



Open the Console of the BMA VM and wait until you get the following screen to determine the VM is complete and has booted all the way up.



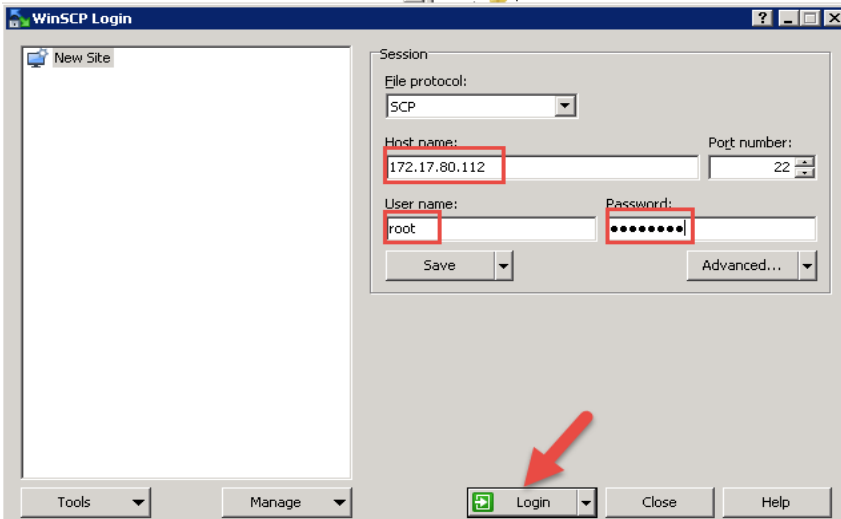
Verify connectivity by using SSH to access the BMA VM. Run the following commands to see the current version.



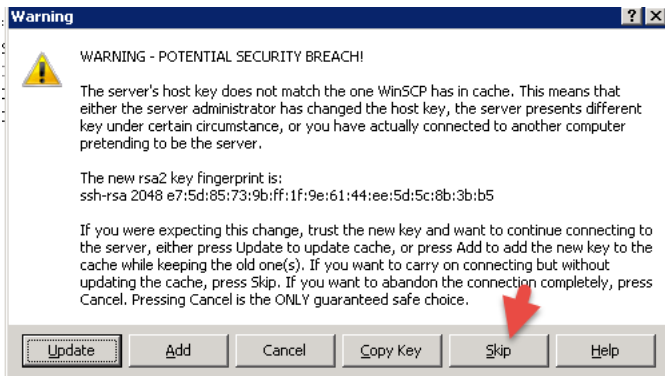
4. Upgrade UCS Director BMA from 5.2 to 5.3

I recommend unzipping the 5.3 patch file on your local machine before uploading it to the BMA Server. You can use WinSCP or FileZilla to transfer the files to the BMA Server.

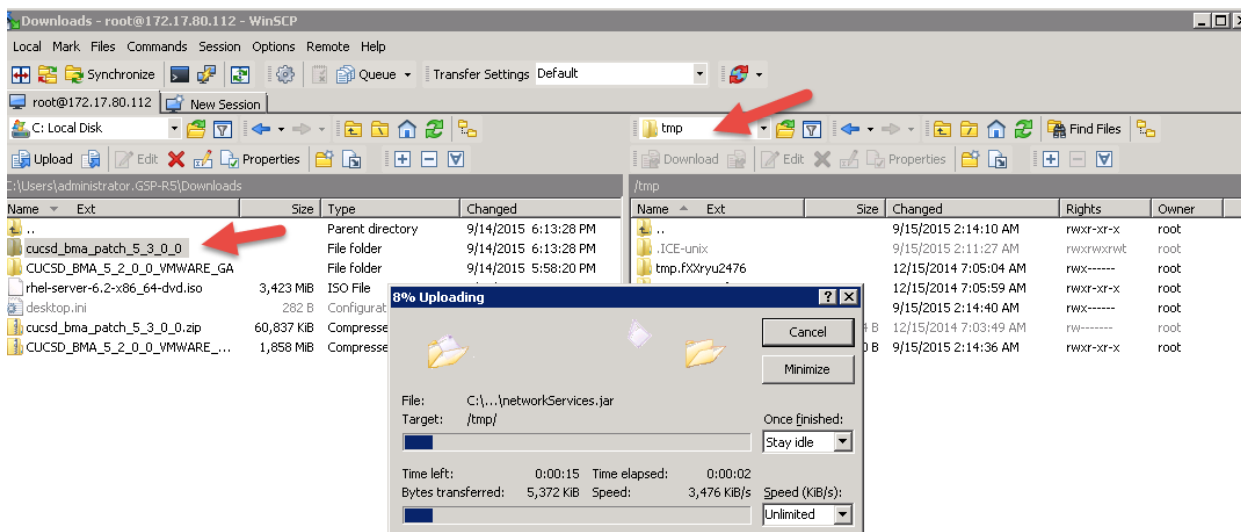
Using WinSCP, Enter the IP of the BMA Server and the username and password and click Login.



If prompted by this security alert, I selected skip.



Browse to the location where the patch is located on the left and navigate to the tmp folder on the right then drag the patch folder to the right to transfer the files to the BMA Server.



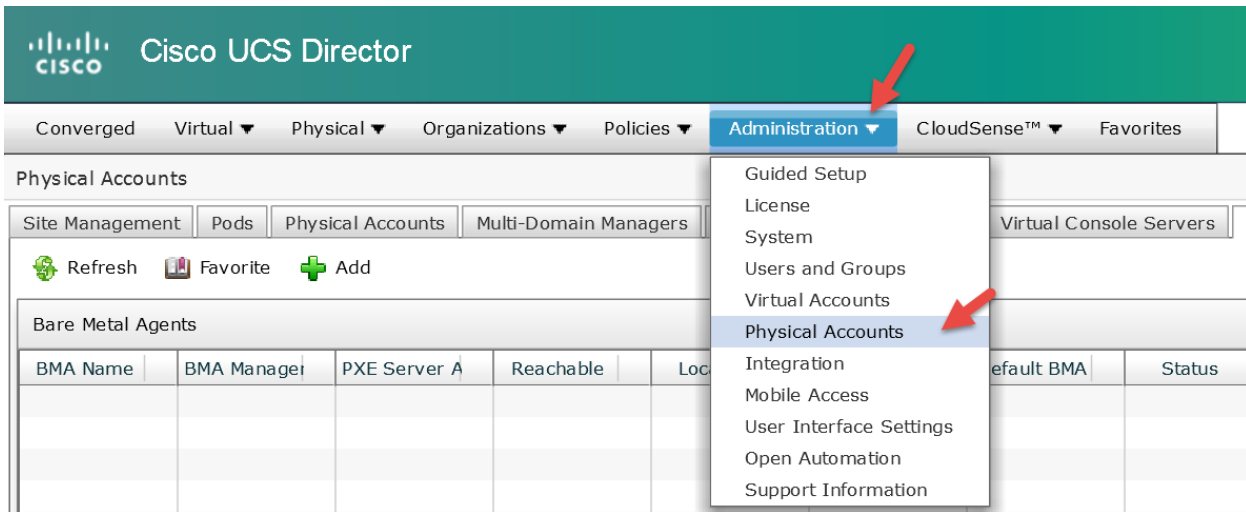
Once the files have been uploaded, log into the BMA appliance via SSH and change directory to tmp folder (or the folder you uploaded to). Run the command to apply the patch. Note: You will probably get permissions denied when trying to patch and you will have to chmod it to give yourself permissions to run the patch upgrade.

```
[root@localhost /]# cd tmp/
[root@localhost tmp]# ls
cucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0 tmp.fXXryu2476 vmware-root
sfcLocalSocket vmware-config0
[root@localhost tmp]#
[root@localhost tmp]# cd cucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0/
[root@localhost cucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# ls
ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0
[root@localhost cucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# cd ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0/
[root@localhost tmp]#
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# ls
ESXi5.5-VSAN applyPatch.sh isoExtractor.sh networkServices.jar storcliExtractor.sh ucsd-bma-prod-info.json
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]#
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# ./applyPatch.sh
-bash: ./applyPatch.sh: Permission denied
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]#
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# ls -al
total 60920
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Sep 15 02:27 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Sep 15 02:27 ..
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 15 02:27 ESXi5.5-VSAN
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1414 Sep 14 23:13 applyPatch.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6844 Sep 14 23:13 isoExtractor.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62281019 Sep 14 23:13 networkServices.jar
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1096 Sep 14 23:13 storcliExtractor.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 348 Sep 14 23:13 ucsd-bma-prod-info.json
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]#
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# chmod 777 applyPatch.sh
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]#
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# ./applyPatch.sh
Current BMA version is UCSD-BMA-5.2.0.0
Taking file backup before upgrade
Taking Backup of Templates
Taking Backup of isoExtractor script
Copying NetworkServices jar.....
Copying ESXi5.5-VSAN templates....
Copying latest isoExtractor script....
Copying storcliExtractor.sh script....
Copying Latest Version details.....
Applied the patch successfully
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]#
Navigate to /opt/infra and run the showBMAVersion script to verify you are not on the new version.
```

```
[root@localhost ucsd_bma_patch_5_3_0_0]# cd /opt/infra/
[root@localhost infra]# ls
addBMAAccount.sh  configureInterface.sh  networkServices      startInfraAll.sh
broker           controller             run.sh.template      statusInfra.sh
configure.sh      infraenv.sh           service.properties.template  stopInfraAll.sh
configureBmaID.sh  isoExtractor.sh      showBMAVersion.sh    ucsd-bma-prod-info.json
[root@localhost infra]# ./showBMAVersion.sh
UCSD-BMA-5.3.0.0
[root@localhost infra]#
```

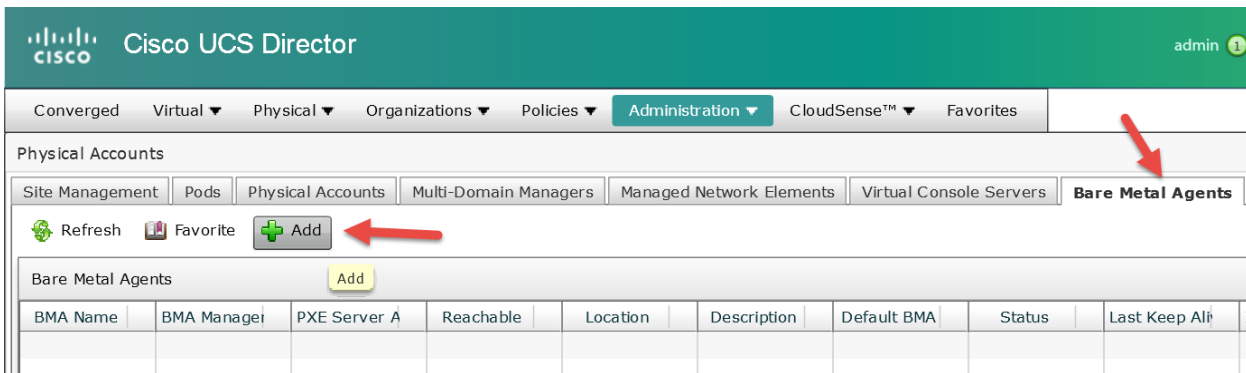
5. Integrate UCS Director with Baremetal Agent Server

Log into UCS Director and navigate to Physical Accounts.



The screenshot shows the Cisco UCS Director interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Converged', 'Virtual', 'Physical', 'Organizations', 'Policies', 'Administration', 'CloudSense™', and 'Favorites'. The 'Administration' menu is open, showing options like 'Guided Setup', 'License', 'System', 'Users and Groups', 'Virtual Accounts', 'Physical Accounts', 'Integration', 'Mobile Access', 'User Interface Settings', 'Open Automation', and 'Support Information'. A red arrow points to the 'Administration' menu, and another red arrow points to the 'Physical Accounts' option in the dropdown menu.

Select Baremetal Agents and Click Add.



The screenshot shows the Cisco UCS Director interface with the 'Physical Accounts' page selected. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The 'Physical Accounts' page has tabs for 'Site Management', 'Pods', 'Physical Accounts', 'Multi-Domain Managers', 'Managed Network Elements', 'Virtual Console Servers', and 'Bare Metal Agents'. A red arrow points to the 'Bare Metal Agents' tab. Below the tabs, there are buttons for 'Refresh', 'Favorite', and 'Add'. A red arrow points to the 'Add' button. Below the buttons, there is a table with columns: 'BMA Name', 'BMA Manager', 'PXE Server A', 'Reachable', 'Location', 'Description', 'Default BMA', 'Status', and 'Last Keep Alive'. A yellow 'Add' button is visible above the table.

Enter the name of your Baremetal appliance as the account name, select the checkbox for 'Baremetal Agent uses Different interfaces for management and PXE Traffic' and this will provide separate address boxes for the two IPs. Enter all other pertinent info as shown below and click Submit.

Add Bare Metal Agent Appliance

Account Name *

Management Address *
NOTE: Address must be reachable from this appliance

Login ID *

Password *

Baremetal Agent Uses Different Interfaces for Management and PXE Traffic

PXE Interface Address *

Description

Location

Database Address *

You'll get a pop-up to say Request saved successfully. Click ok. Next you'll see that the Baremetal agent has been registered and ensure it is reachable from UCS Director.

6. Configure DHCP on the BMA

From the Baremetal Agents tab in UCS Director, verify the Services are stopped by checking the Service Status.

Cisco UCS Director Administration page. The 'Physical Accounts' tab is selected, and the 'Bare Metal Agents' sub-tab is active. A table lists agents with their status. The 'Service Status' button is highlighted.

BMA Name	BMA Manager	PXE Server A	Reachable	Location	Description	Default BMA	Status	Last Keep A
CUCSD-BM-5_2_0_0	172.17.80.112	192.168.0.1	YES			Yes	Inactive	

Services should show Down as follows.

Bare Metal Agent Service Status

Network Services status in the Bare Metal Agent appliance : DOWN
Database connectivity status from Bare Metal Agent Appliance : DOWN

Close

Select Configure DHCP. You may have to click the little down arrow to the right to see the Configure DHCP option.

Cisco UCS Director Administration page. The 'Physical Accounts' tab is selected, and the 'Bare Metal Agents' sub-tab is active. A table lists agents with their status. The 'Configure DHCP' option is selected in the context menu.

BMA Name	BMA Manager	PXE Server A	Reachable	Location	Description	Default BMA	Status	Last Keep A	Image Ca	Env
CUCSD-BM-5_2_0_0	172.17.80.112	192.168.0.1	YES			Yes	Inactive			DHCP-Serve

Configure the DHCP IP Addresses and click Submit.

Configure DHCP

DHCP Subnet *

DHCP Netmask *

DHCP Start IP *

DHCP End IP *

Router IP Address

Click Start Services.

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Physical Accounts

Site Management Pods Physical Accounts Multi-Domain Managers Managed Network Elements Virtual Console

Refresh Favorite Add Edit View Details Delete Start Services Stop Service

Bare Metal Agents

BMA Name	BMA Manager	PXE Server A 1 ▲	Reachable	Location	Description	Default BMA
CUCSD-BM-5_2_0_0	172.17.80.112	192.168.0.1	YES			Yes

Click Start.

Start Bare Metal Agent Appliance

Are you sure you want to start services for the selected Bare Metal Agent appliance(172.17.80.112)?

Click OK.

Submit Result

Services successfully started for the BMA

Check the Service Status again.

Bare Metal Agent Service Status

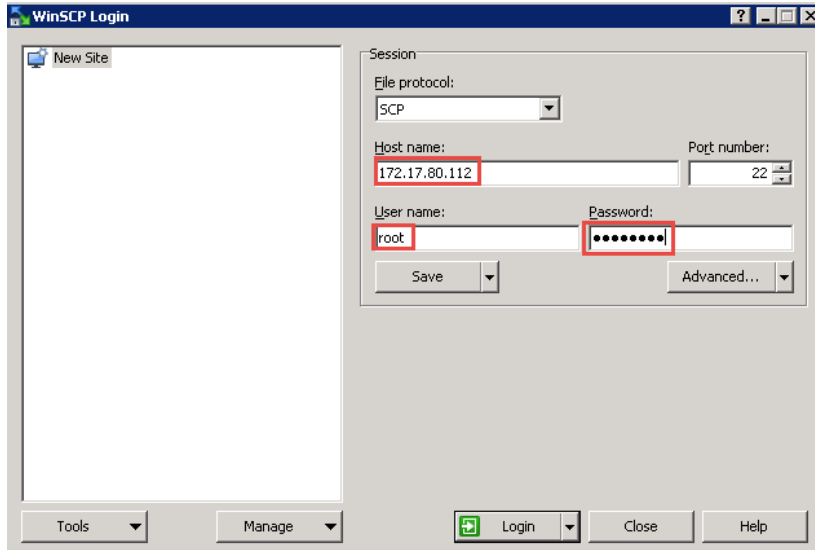
Network Services status in the Bare Metal Agent appliance : UP
Database connectivity status from Bare Metal Agent Appliance : UP

Close

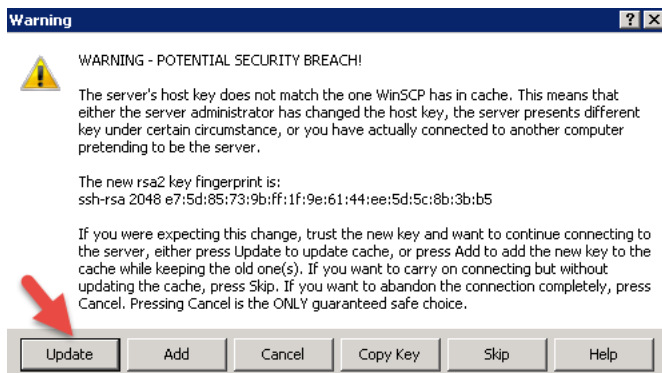
7. Upload Images

Here we will upload ISO images to the BMA appliance to be used for PXEboot deployments. You will need copies of the ISOs you plan on putting on the BMA appliance. You can upload the ISO images using WinSCP.

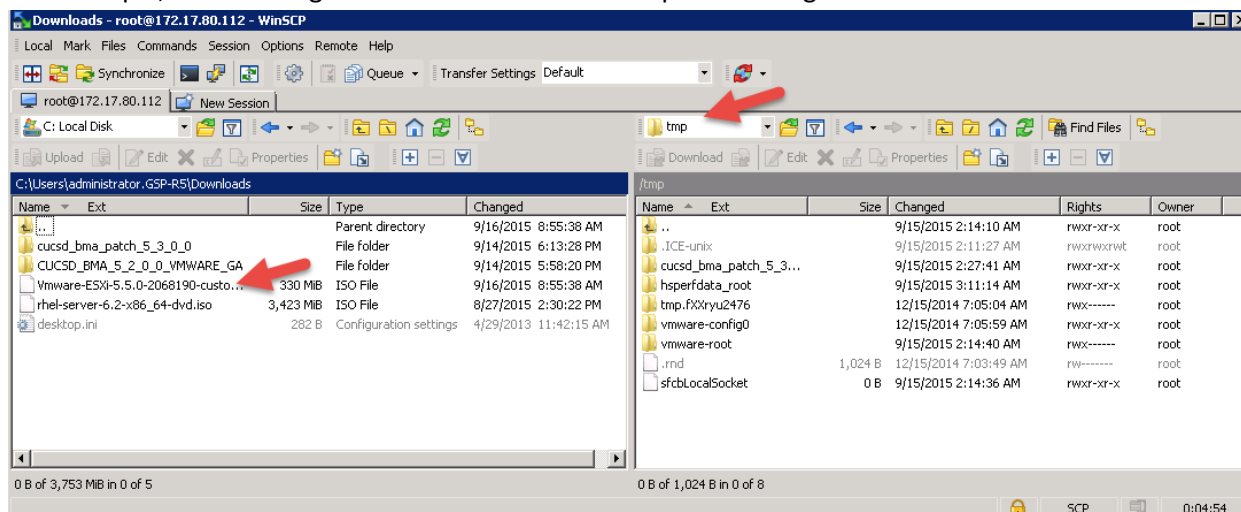
Connect to BMA Server using WinSCP.



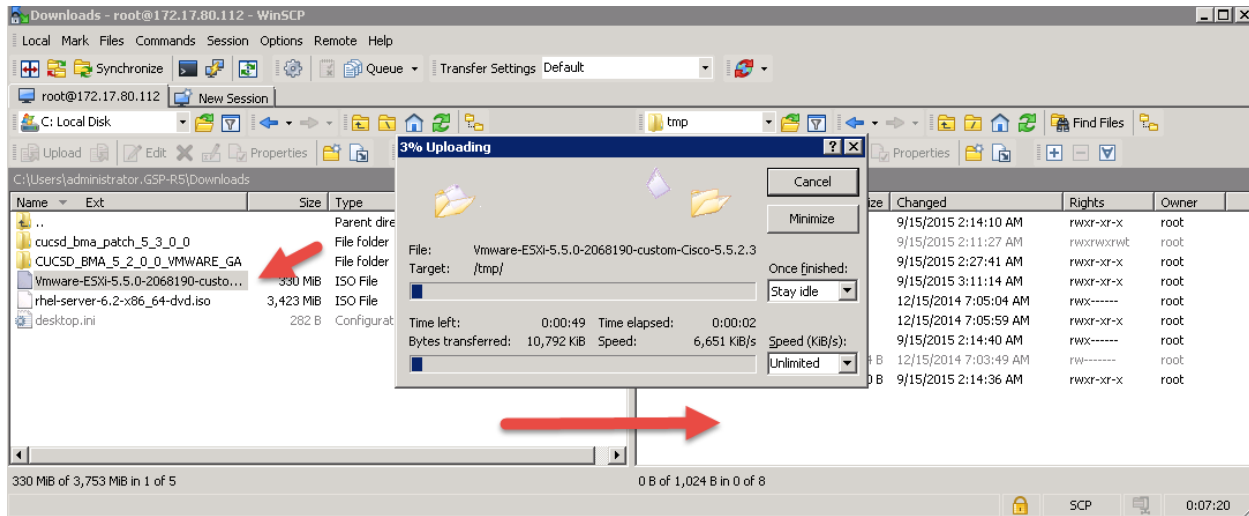
Select Update or Skip for this security warning.



On the left browse to your ISO and on the right, browse to the tmp folder as this is where we will place the ISO file. In this example, we are using the Custom Cisco ESXi 5.5 Update 2 image.



Select the ISO on the left and drag it to the tmp directory on the right.



Once the images have been uploaded, SSH to the BMA appliance and cd to /opt/infra directory and run the isoExtractor.sh script. This will extract the ISO to the local machine. If you have multiple ISOs uploaded, you can extract them all before continuing. You will need to enter the image location and catalog name for the extracted files.

```

172.17.80.112 - SecureCRT
File Edit View Options Transfer Script Tools Window Help
Enter host <Alt+R>
172.17.80.112 x
[root@localhost ~]# cd /opt/infra/
[root@localhost infra]#
[root@localhost infra]# ls
addBMAAccount.sh      broker      configureBmaID.sh    controller      isoExtractor.sh
bma_service.properties  configure.sh  configureInterface.sh  infraenv.sh    networkServices
[root@localhost infra]#
[root@localhost infra]# ./isoExtractor.sh
Please select the OS Type

    1) ESXi 4.1
    2) ESXi 5.0
    3) ESXi 5.1
    4) ESXi 5.5
    5) ESXi 5.5 VSAN
    6) CentOS or RHEL
    7) SUSE Linux
    8) other

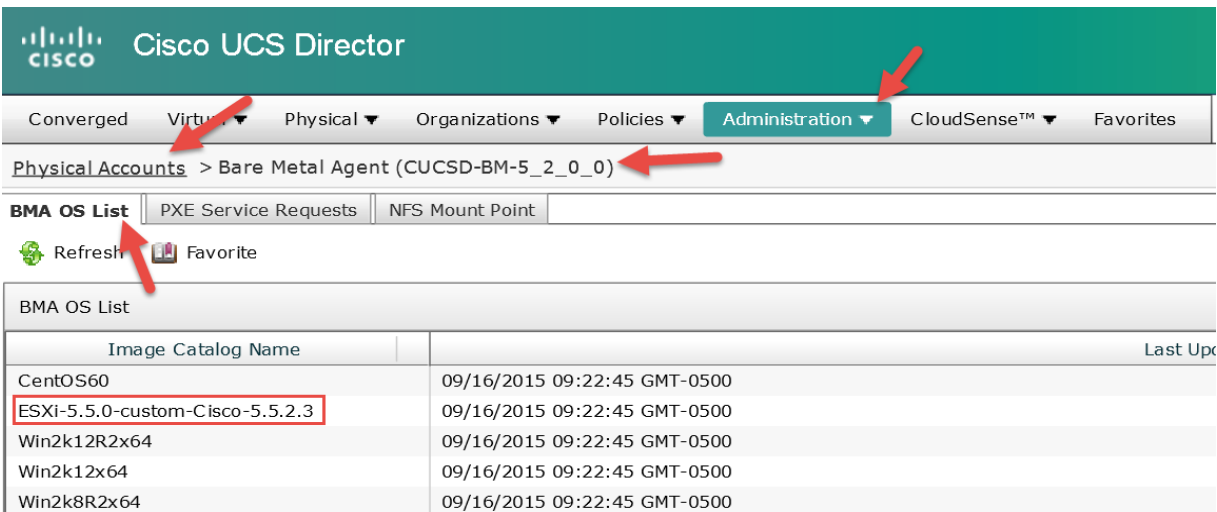
SELECT> 4
Image path : /tmp/vmware-ESXi-5.5.0-2068190-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3.iso
OS catalog name : ESXi-5.5.0-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3
Input file being used: /tmp/vmware-ESXi-5.5.0-2068190-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3.iso
OS catalog name being used: ESXi-5.5.0-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3
Mounting the image...
Preparing the image...
Creating catalog directory /opt/cnsaroot/templates/ESXi-5.5.0-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3
Creating configuration files for ESXi 5.5 ...
Copied the image and created the configuration files...
[root@localhost infra]#
  
```

Verify the image is available in the catalog location.

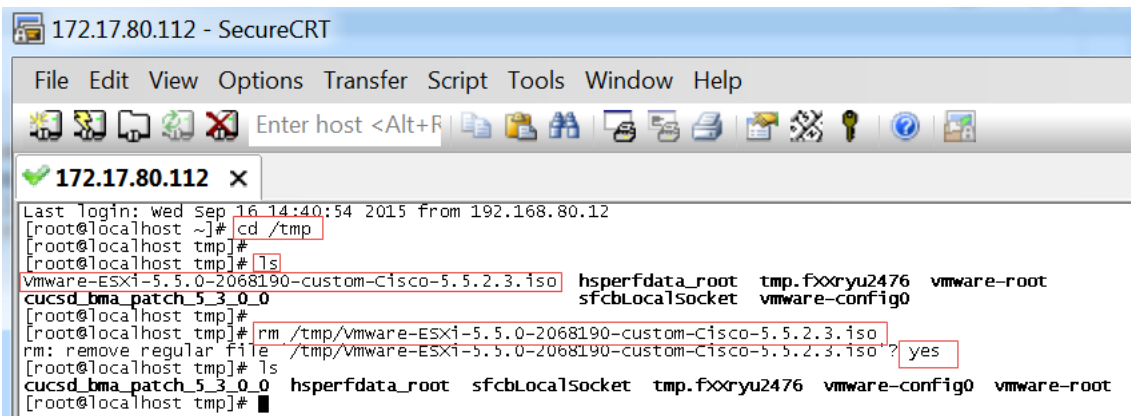
```

172.17.80.112 - SecureCRT
File Edit View Options Transfer Script Tools Window Help
Enter host <Alt+R>
172.17.80.112 x
Last login: wed Sep 16 14:13:46 2015 from 192.168.80.12
[root@localhost ~]# cd /opt/cnsaroot/templates/
[root@localhost templates]# ls
CentOS60 ESXi-5.5.0-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3 win2k12R2x64 win2k12x64 win2k8R2x64
[root@localhost templates]#
  
```

Verify the image shows up in UCS Director. Administrator -> Physical Accounts -> Bare Metal Agents -> CUCSD-BM-5_2_0_0.



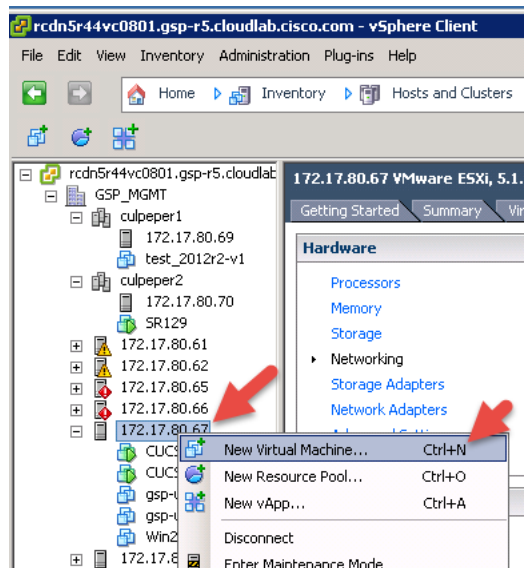
Clean up the BMA by removing the ISO that we put in tmp directory.



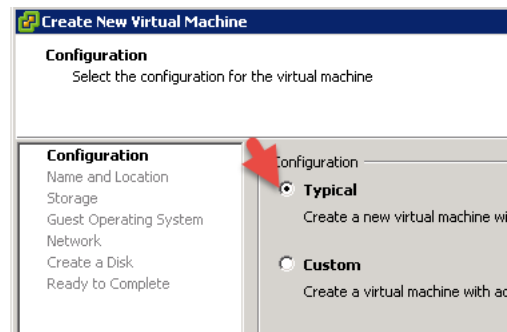
8. Basic functionality BMA Test/Validation

Before moving on to build a complete workflow to provision a Baremetal server, it is highly recommended to test functionality of the BMA using a basic VM. This will confirm that your network is configured correctly, DHCP is functioning correctly and the UCS Director is integrated with BMA. **Note:** DHCP for BMA was previously configured so we don't need to complete that step.

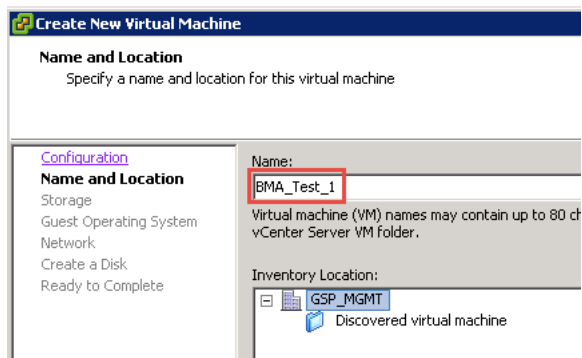
Create Generic VM. Select New Virtual Machine.



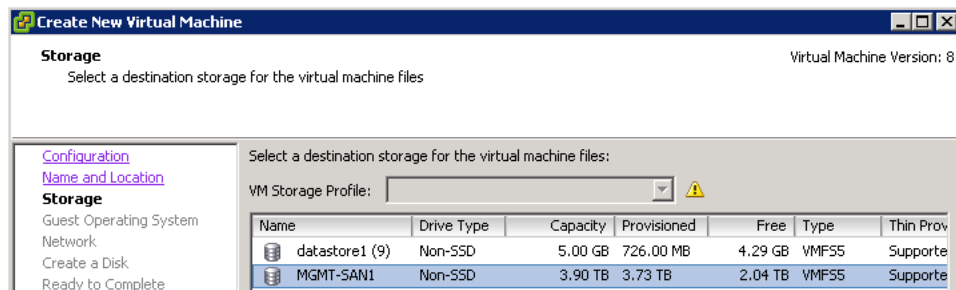
Leave default set to Typical and click Next.



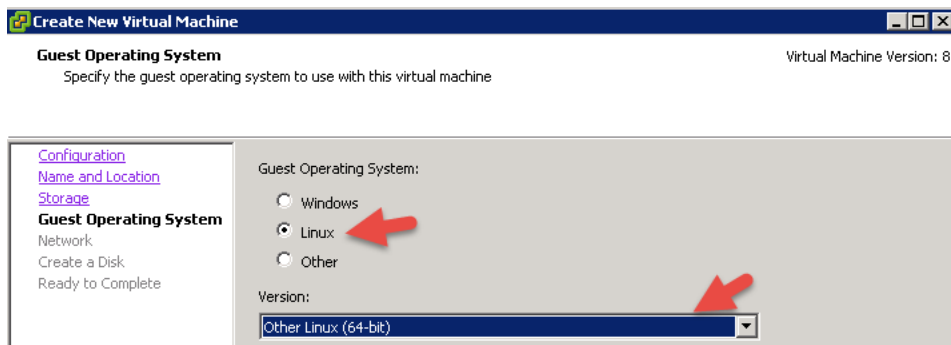
Define any name for the VM and click Next.



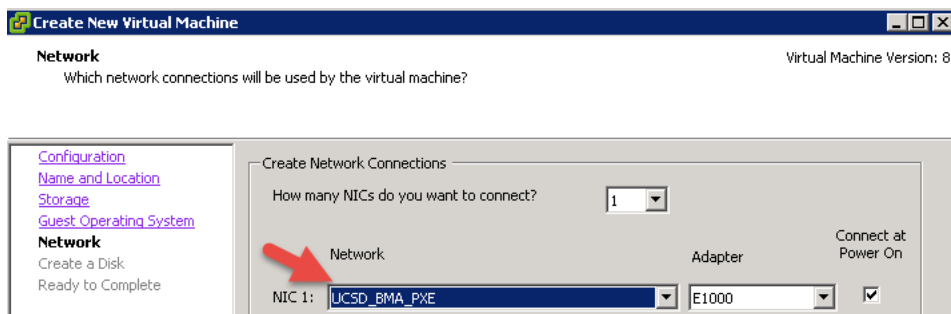
Select the location to install your VM.



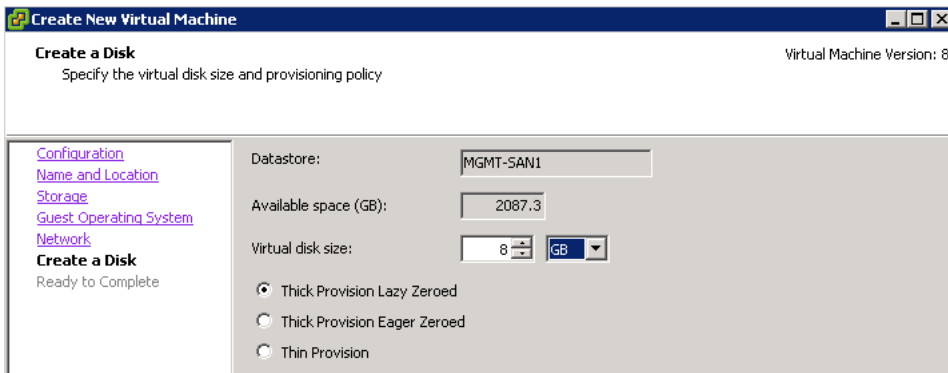
These parameters really don't matter for this test so you can leave it default or select something else like I have done here and click Next.



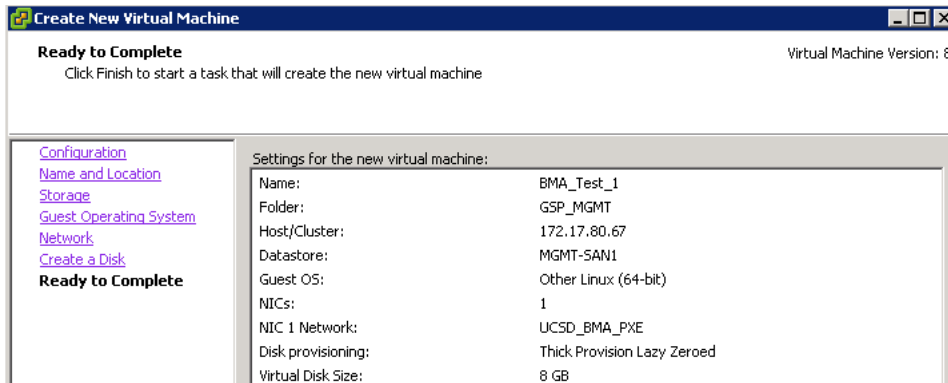
Select the PXE network we defined earlier. **Note:** This VM should be deployed on an ESXi host that has the PXE Port-Group.



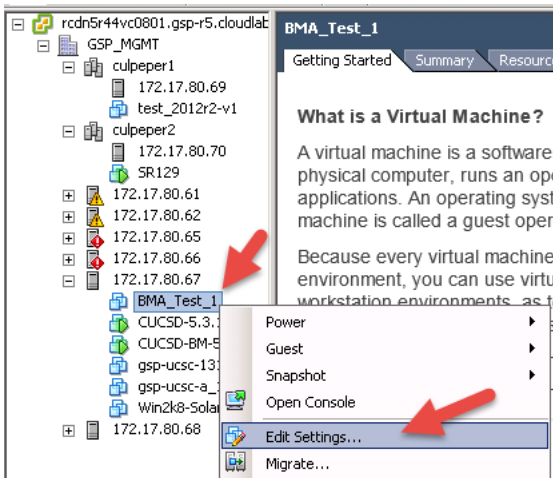
These parameters aren't important for this test so you can leave default and click Next.



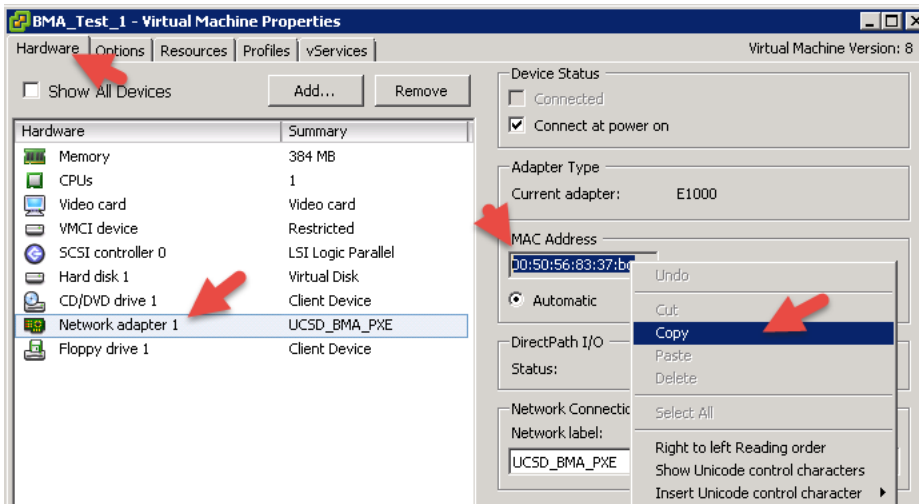
Verify settings and click Finish.



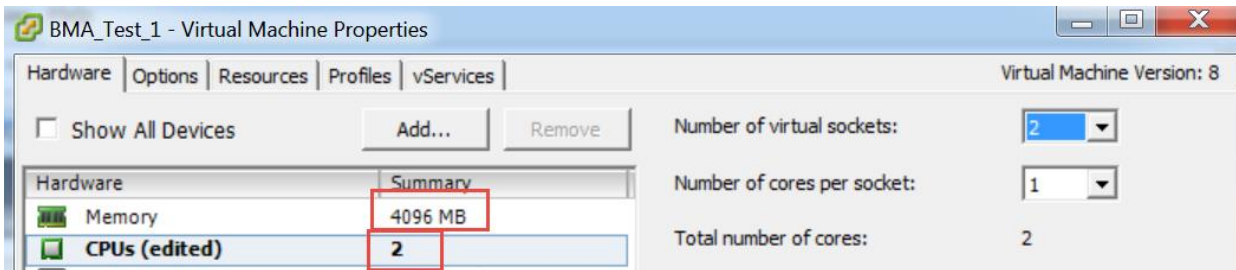
We need to find the MAC address for the VM to setup the PXE for the VM on BMA. To do so, select Edit Settings for the VM.



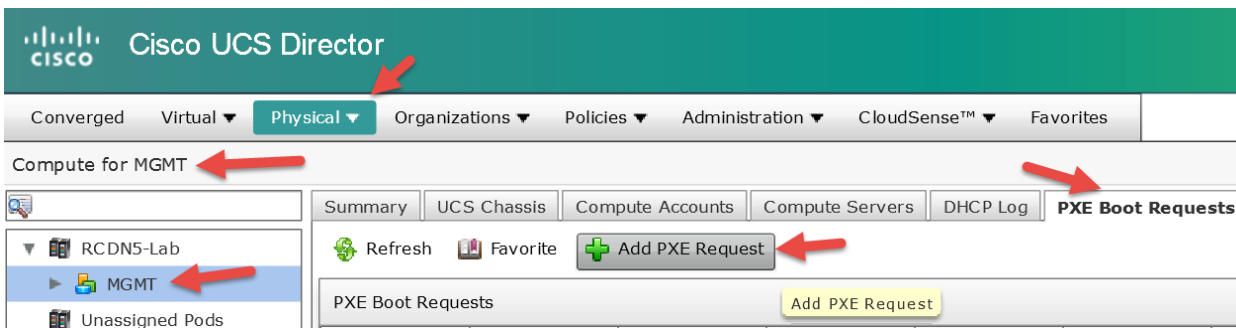
Copy the MAC Address.



Optional: If you want to see ESXi finish the install at the end of this test, you will need to set a password that meets VMwares password complexity policy, add a Second CPU and add more memory than the default 384MB. The password that we are referring to here is in the PXE Boot Request in UCS Director.



Now that the VM has been created and the MAC address has been copied, we need to log into UCS Director and go to Physical -> Compute -> Select your Compute -> PXE Boot Request -> Add PXE Request.



Fill in the PXE Boot Request as follows. **Note:** The most important data here is the Server MAC Address of the VM, and the OS Type. All other fields aren't important and can be filled in with bogus information. Click Submit on the IP field and then Submit again when done.

PXE Boot Request Modify

Server MAC Address	<input type="text" value="00:50:56:83:37:bc"/>	*
Host Name	<input type="text" value="blablabla"/>	*
Root Password	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	*
Confirm Password	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	*
	<input type="checkbox"/> PXE Request for Windows	
Management VLAN	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Server Address	<input type="text" value="1.1.1.1"/>	*
	Specify a static IP address for the server	
Network Mask	<input type="text" value="255.0.0.0"/>	*
Gateway	<input type="text" value="1.1.1.2"/>	*
Name Server	<input type="text" value="1.1.1.254"/>	
Timezone	<input type="text" value="Africa/Abidjan"/>	*
Target BMA	<input type="text" value="CUCSD-BM-5_2_0_0(172.17.80.112)-default"/>	
OS Type	<input type="text" value="ESXi-5.5.0-custom-Cisco-5.5.2.3"/>	*

OS list is retrieved from selected Bare Metal Agent

Network Configurations

Add Entry to Network Configurations

IP Address	<input type="text" value="2.2.2.2"/>
Subnet Mask	<input type="text" value="255.0.0.0"/>

Setup PXE Environment.

Cisco UCS Director interface showing the PXE Boot Requests table. The table has the following data:

PXE Boot ID	MAC Address	Service Req	OS Type	Target BMA	Start Time	Status
2	00:50:56:83:37	0	ESXI-5.5.0-cust	172.17.80.112		Submitted
1	00:50:56:83:41	0	CentOS60	172.17.80.112		Environment Setup

Select Submit to confirm the PXE Environment Setup.

Setup PXE Environment dialog box with the question: "Are you sure to setup environment for this PXE request?". The "Submit" button is highlighted with a red arrow.

Click OK.

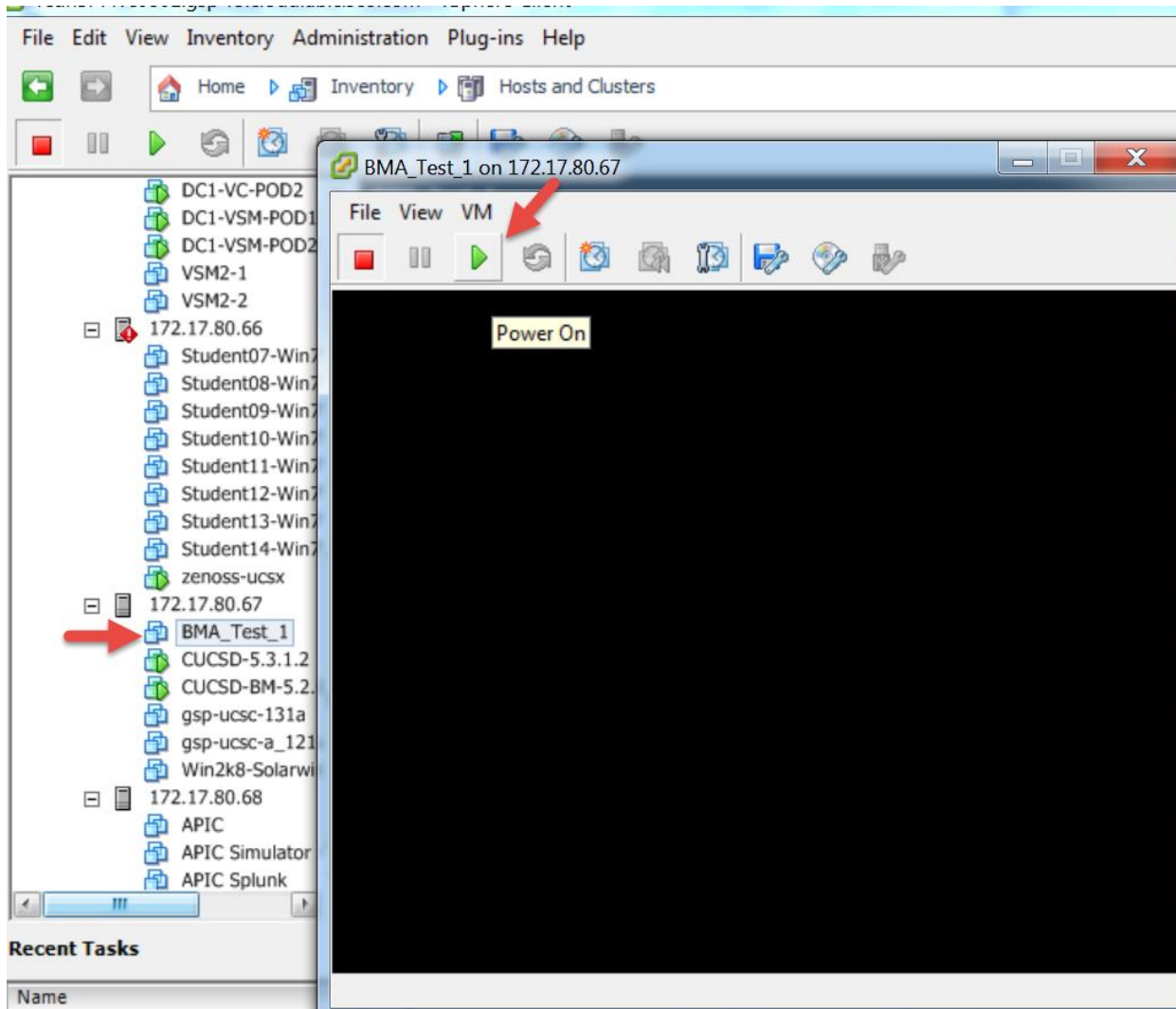
Submit Result dialog box with the message: "Task saved successfully". The "OK" button is highlighted with a red arrow.

Verify Status changes to Environment Setup.

Cisco UCS Director interface showing the PXE Boot Requests table. The table has the following data:

PXE Boot ID	MAC Address	Service Req	OS Type	Target BMA	Start Time	Status
2	00:50:56:83:37	0	ESXI-5.5.0-cust	172.17.80.112		Environment Setup

Now go back to vCenter and Open the Console of the BMA test VM and Click Power ON.



Watch the Console to see if the VM Boots from the ISO. As you can see below the VM is booting from ESXi 5.5 ISO. This verifies everything is working as expected. We are done with the testing. We don't need to verify full install of VMware ESXi 5.5 as all we care about is it is booting from PXE Server. You can now power off the VM and delete it. You can also clean up UCS Director by deleting the PXE Boot Request for this MAC Address.

