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## SERVICE BRIEF

# VCE™ SHARED MANAGEMENT PLATFORM CONSOLIDATION SERVICE

## Overview

VCE™ Shared Management Platform Consolidation Service consolidates management components from multiple VCE Systems onto a single, centralized platform (SMP) that's optimized for multisystem management. This helps you simplify your operations and reduce operational costs.

Our end-to-end service begins with a detailed assessment and design based on your specific requirements, followed by the consolidation, and a concluding knowledge-transfer session—with expert project management throughout. Key activities include merging element managers from the managed VCE Systems into common element managers onto the SMP, as well as centralizing software licensing of the managed VCE Systems onto the SMP, as required. VCE Vision™ Intelligent Operations software remains on the Advanced Management Platform (AMP) of the managed VCE Systems.

## Service Benefits

The Shared Management Platform Consolidation Service provides the following benefits:

- Receive a tailored assessment and design that's driven by VCE best practices.
- Rely on VCE's up-to-date expertise on the latest versions of the software in VCE Systems.
- Simplify operations with a single VMware vCenter view.
- Reduce licensing costs of consolidated software.

## Service Delivery

### Project Management

A project manager works closely with your team to ensure clear communication and a smooth engagement. VCE project management includes

- Initiating a kickoff meeting to review project scope, expectations, communication plans, and availability of required resources
- Gathering business and IT requirements, goals, expectations, and success parameters
- Developing a high-level project plan with critical-path events and milestones
- Determining the engagement process and schedule

### Implementation and Verification

VCE experts will complete an assessment and review network connectivity requirements prior to starting the consolidation work. Implementation steps include

- Consolidating the management components from the managed VCE Systems onto the SMP, including
  - VMware vCenter, Microsoft SQL Server Management, Single Sign-On, and VMware Update Manager
  - Cisco Nexus 1000V Virtual Supervisor Modules
  - VCE System Element Manager
  - EMC Secure Remote Services (ESRS)
- Merging EMC PowerPath licensing onto the common EMC PowerPath Virtual appliance
- Removing any unused element managers from the managed VCE Systems
- Verifying the element managers are operating and licensed as expected in the managed VCE Systems and the SMP

### Documentation and Acceptance

VCE reviews the project activity plan with you to ensure the specific milestones were reached and tasks were performed to meet specifications determined in the planning phase of the project. Finally, the VCE team provides the knowledge-transfer session to inform your team of the changes in your environment.

## Related Services

### VCE™ Shared Management Platform Integration Service

This service integrates a new, pre-production VCE System into a centralized SMP management platform to help you simplify operations and reduce operational costs. VCE also moves element managers from the managed VCE System onto the SMP and makes configuration changes to the environment.

### VCE™ Shared Management Platform Migration Service

This service migrates element managers from production VCE Systems onto a centralized SMP managed platform to help you simplify operations and reduce operational costs. VCE also provides necessary configuration changes to the environment.



## Broad Ecosystem of Partners to Accelerate Customer Success

VCE is dedicated to providing customers with the fastest, most effective path to pervasive virtualization and cloud computing. We've developed a broad ecosystem of partners around the world who have been trained to deliver professional services that are designed to take full advantage of VCE Systems. These partners adhere to industry best

practices and proven deployment processes that VCE Services has developed, so they can facilitate each customer's journey and accelerate their success.

### For More Information

More information about VCE solutions and services is available from [www.vce.com](http://www.vce.com) and from your local VCE representative.

## ABOUT VCE

VCE, an EMC Federation Company, is the world market leader in converged infrastructure and converged solutions. VCE accelerates the adoption of converged infrastructure and cloud-based computing models that reduce IT costs while improving time to market. VCE delivers the industry's only **fully integrated and virtualized cloud infrastructure systems**, allowing customers to focus on business innovation instead of integrating, validating, and managing IT infrastructure. VCE solutions are available through an extensive partner network, and cover horizontal applications, vertical industry offerings, and application development environments, allowing customers to focus on business innovation instead of integrating, validating, and managing IT infrastructure.

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