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What is Vmotion?

VMware has many powerful features to provide virtual infrastructures high availability with zero down time. In this document, we will discuss about one of the main features provided in VMware. VMotion provides the VMware admins to manage their virtual machine with high availability and zero down time. And VMotion provides the live migration of virtual machine of transfer the running live virtual machine from one physical service to another physical service.

How it works

First, the entire state of a virtual machine is encapsulated by a set of files stored on shared storage. VMware's clustered Virtual Machine File System (VMFS) allows multiple installations of ESX Server to access the same virtual machine files concurrently.

Second, the active memory and precise execution state of the virtual machine is rapidly transferred over a high speed network. This allows the virtual machine to instantaneously switch from running on the source ESX Server to the destination ESX Server. VMotion keeps the transfer period imperceptible to users by keeping track of on-going memory transactions in a bitmap. Once the entire memory and system state has been copied over to the target ESX Server, VMotion suspends the source virtual machine, copies the bitmap to the target ESX Server, and resumes the virtual machine on the target ESX Server. This entire process takes less than two seconds on a Gigabit Ethernet network.

Third, the networks used by the virtual machine are also virtualized by the underlying ESX Server. This ensures that even after the migration, the virtual machine network identity and network connections are preserved. VMotion manages the virtual MAC address as part of the process. Once the destination machine is activated, VMotion pings the network router to ensure that it is aware of the new physical location of the virtual MAC address. Since the migration of a virtual machine with VMotion preserves the precise execution state, the network identity, and the active network connections, the result is zero downtime and no disruption to users.

What are the Limitations of VMware vMotion?

- Virtual machines configured with the Raw Device Mapping(RDM) for clustering features using vMotion
- VM cannot be connected to a CD-ROM or floppy drive that is using an ISO or floppy image stored on a drive that is local to the host server. The device should be disconnected before initiating the vMotion.
- Virtual Machine cannot be migrated with VMotion unless the destination swap file location is the same as the source swap file location. As a best practice, Place the virtual machine swap files with the virtual machine configuration file.
- Virtual Machine affinity must not be set (aka, bound to physical CPUs).

1. Configure the Networking adapter

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Network Adapters

Device	Speed	Configured	Switch	MAC Address	Observed
Broadcom Corporation Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM5709 1000Base-T					
vmnic1	100 Full	Negotiate	vSwitch1	00:1a:64:dc:be:86	10.56.
vmnic0	1000 Full	Negotiate	vSwitch0	00:1a:64:dc:be:84	10.56.
Intel Corporation 82571EB Gigabit Ethernet Controller (Copper)					
vmnic9	1000 Full	Negotiate	None	00:15:17:ba:ba:0e	None
vmnic8	Down	Negotiate	None	00:15:17:ba:ba:0f	None
vmnic7	Down	Negotiate	None	00:15:17:ba:ba:0c	None
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2. Create the vSphere standard switch.

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View: vSphere Standard Switch vSphere Distributed Switch

Networking Refresh Add Networking... Properties...

Standard Switch: vSwitch0 Remove... Properties...

Virtual Machine Port Group

- Management
- VMkernel Port
- Management Network
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Physical Adapters

- vmnic5 1000 Full
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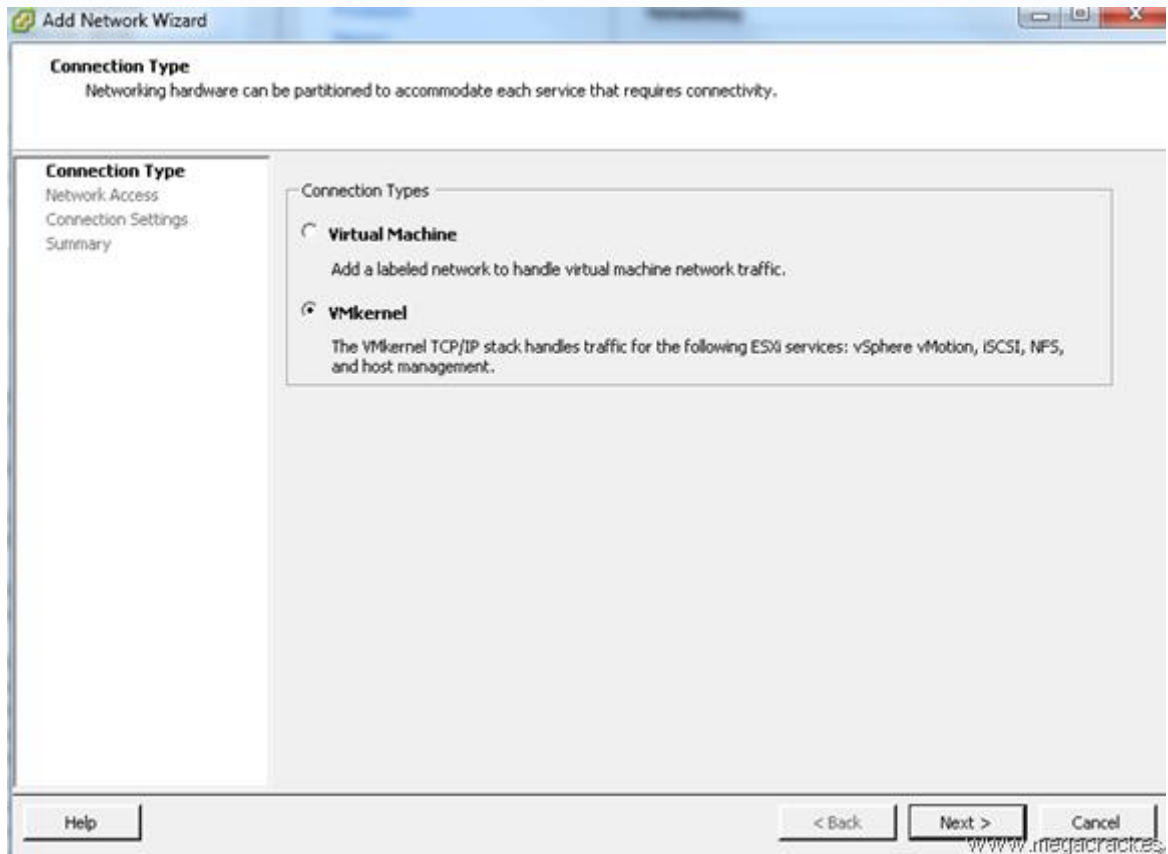
Virtual Machine Port Group

- VLAN 4 Servers I
- 7 virtual machine(s)

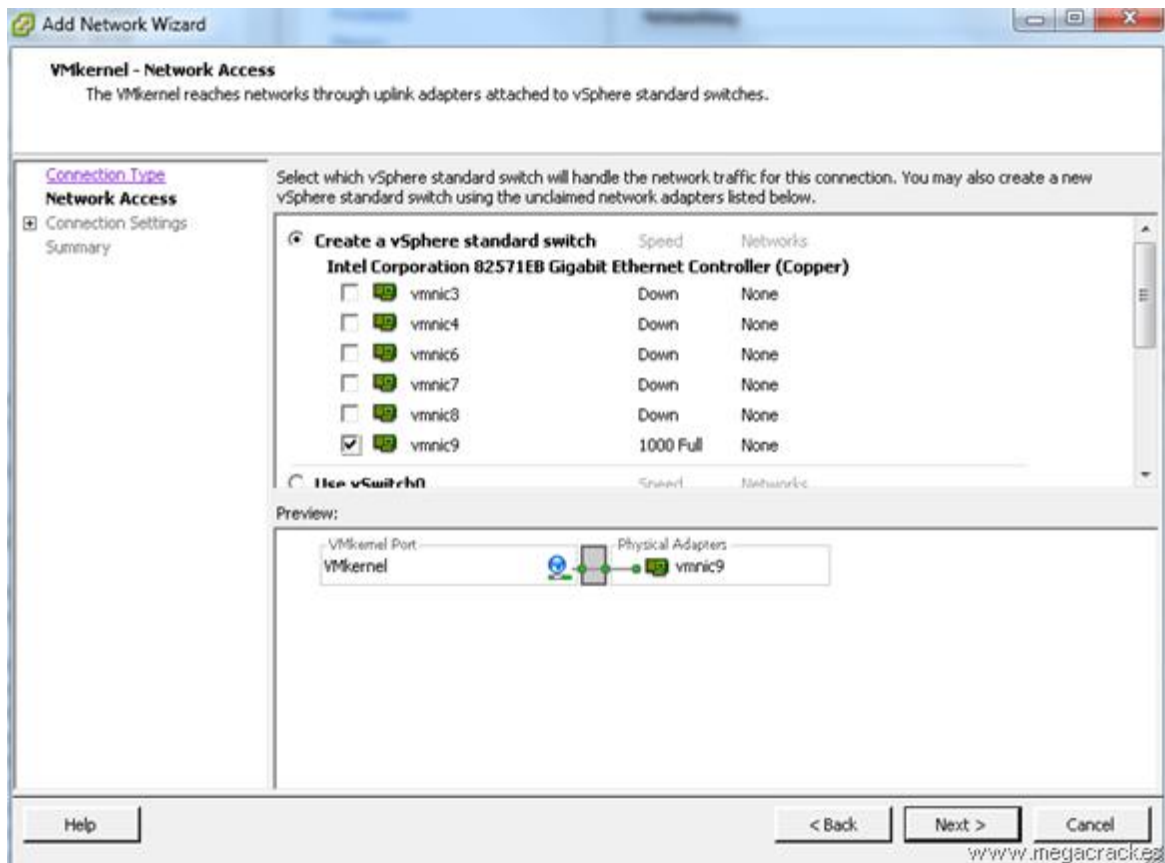
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3. Add network wizard and VMKernel

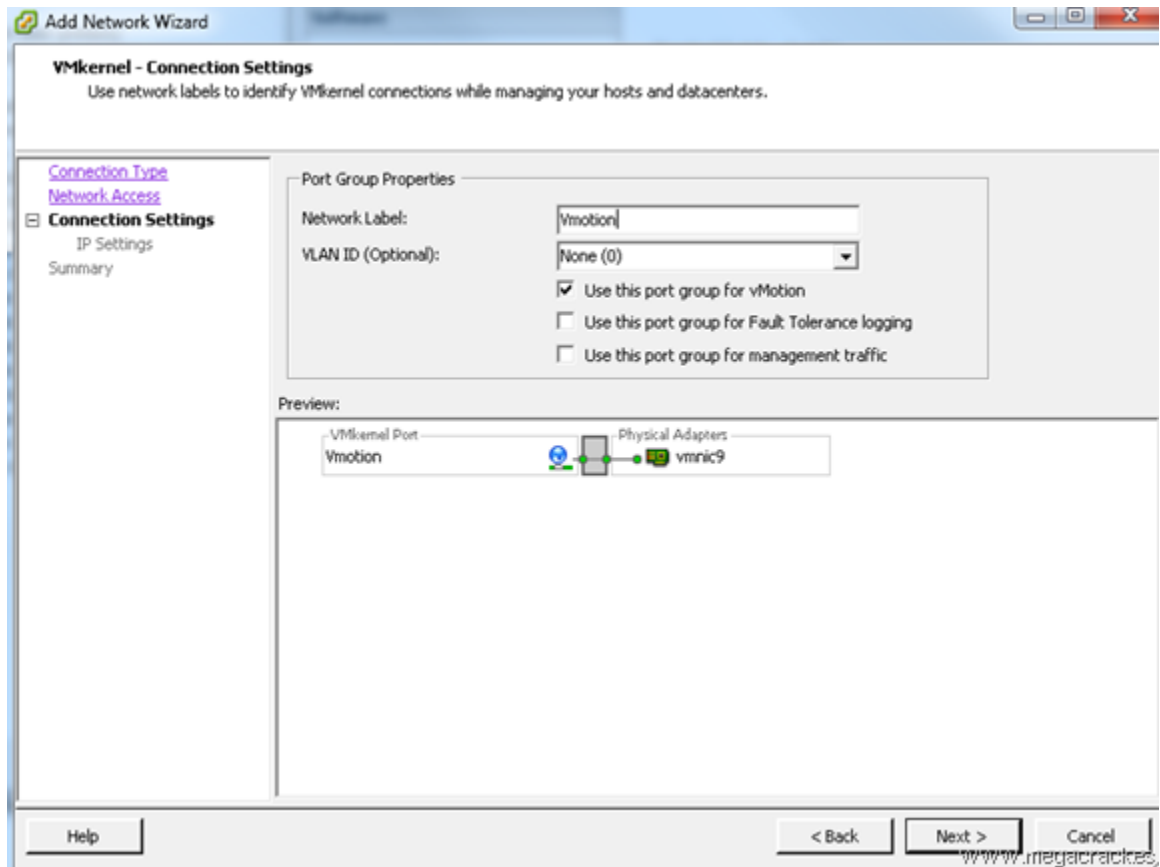


4. Add network wizard and get network access



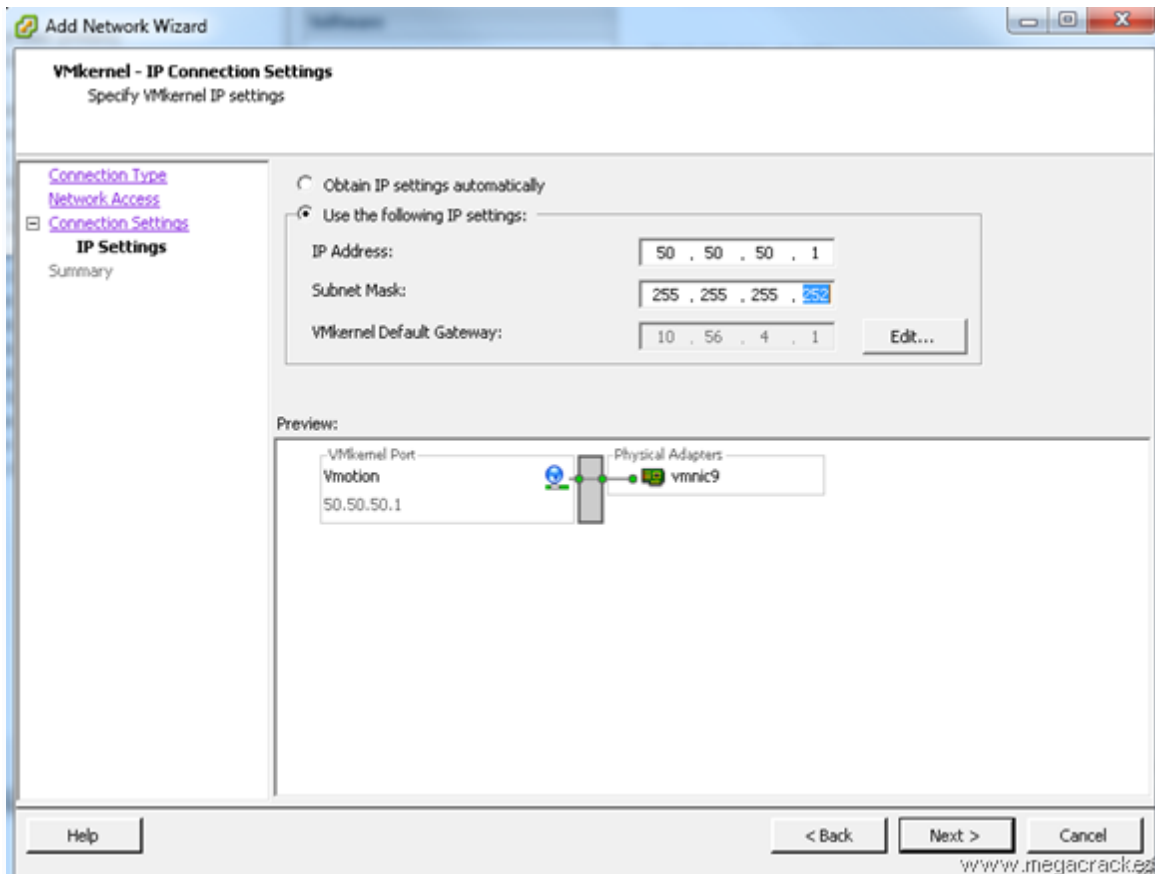
5. VMKernel – connection settings.

- Use network label to identify

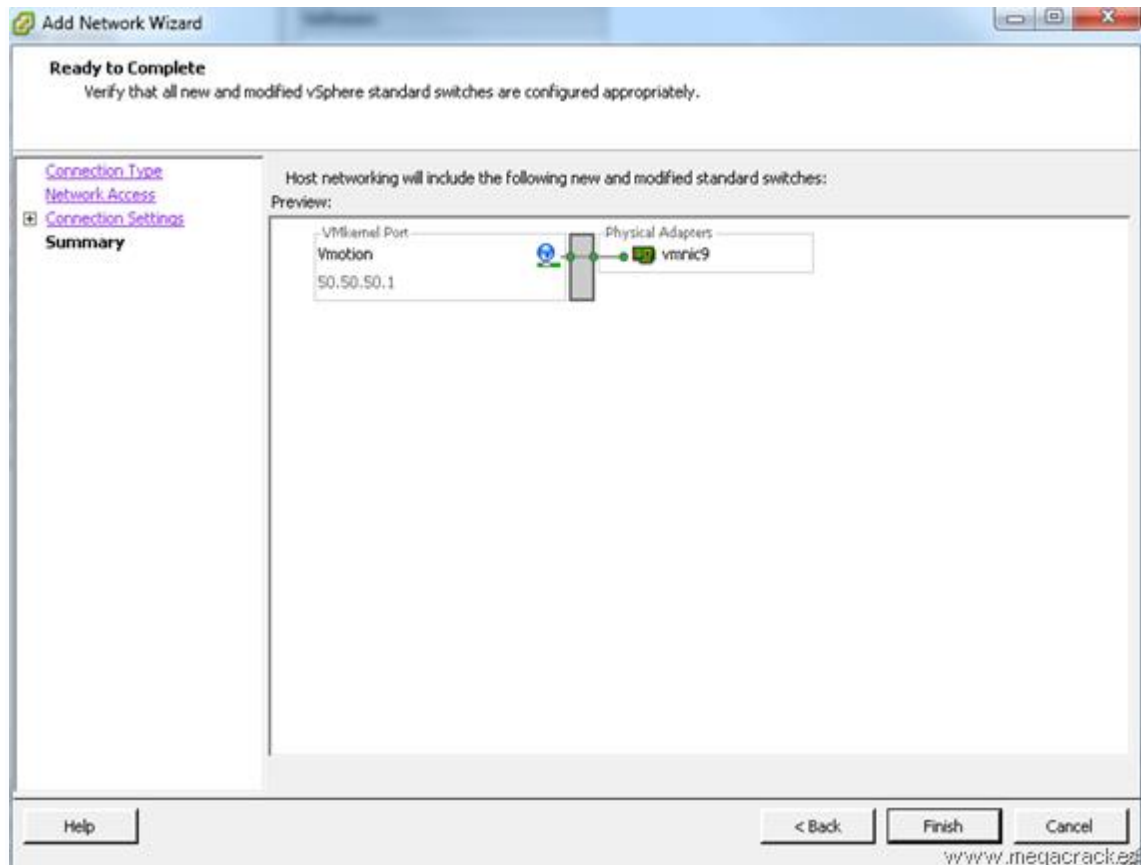


1. Specify VMKernel IP

- **IP Address: 50.50.50.1**



6. Verify vSphere standard switch are configured appropriately



7. Visibility of the new connections.

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Standard Switch: vSwitch2 Remove... Properties...

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vmlnk9 1000 Full

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8. Configured and available network

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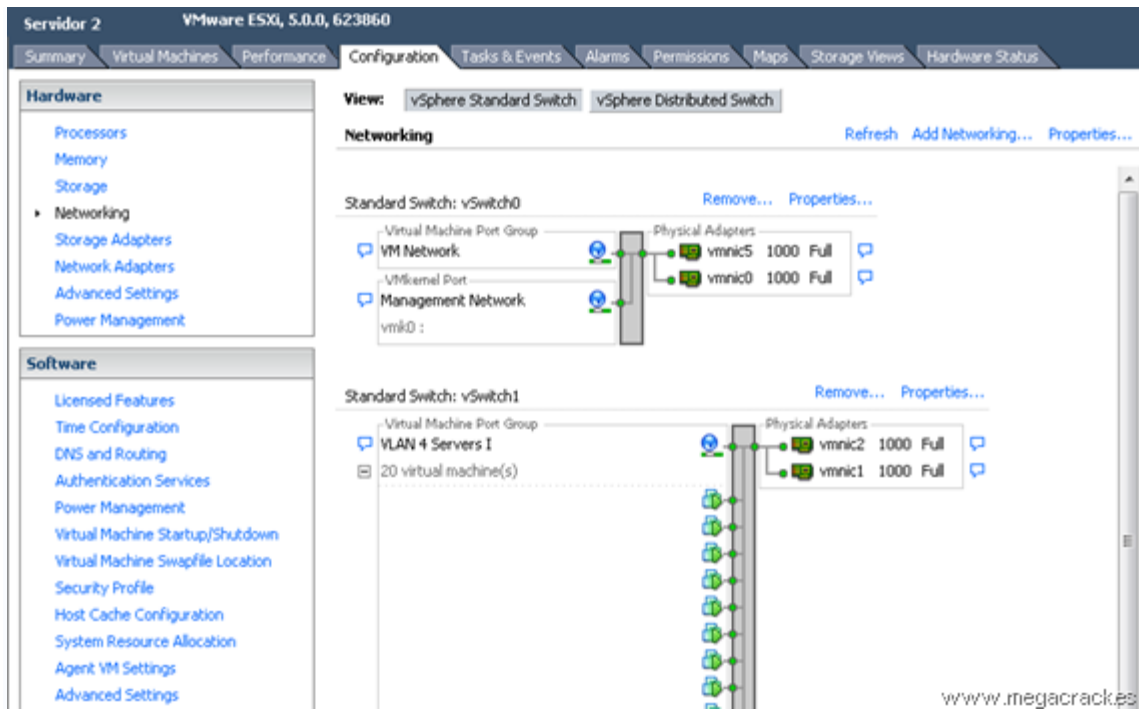
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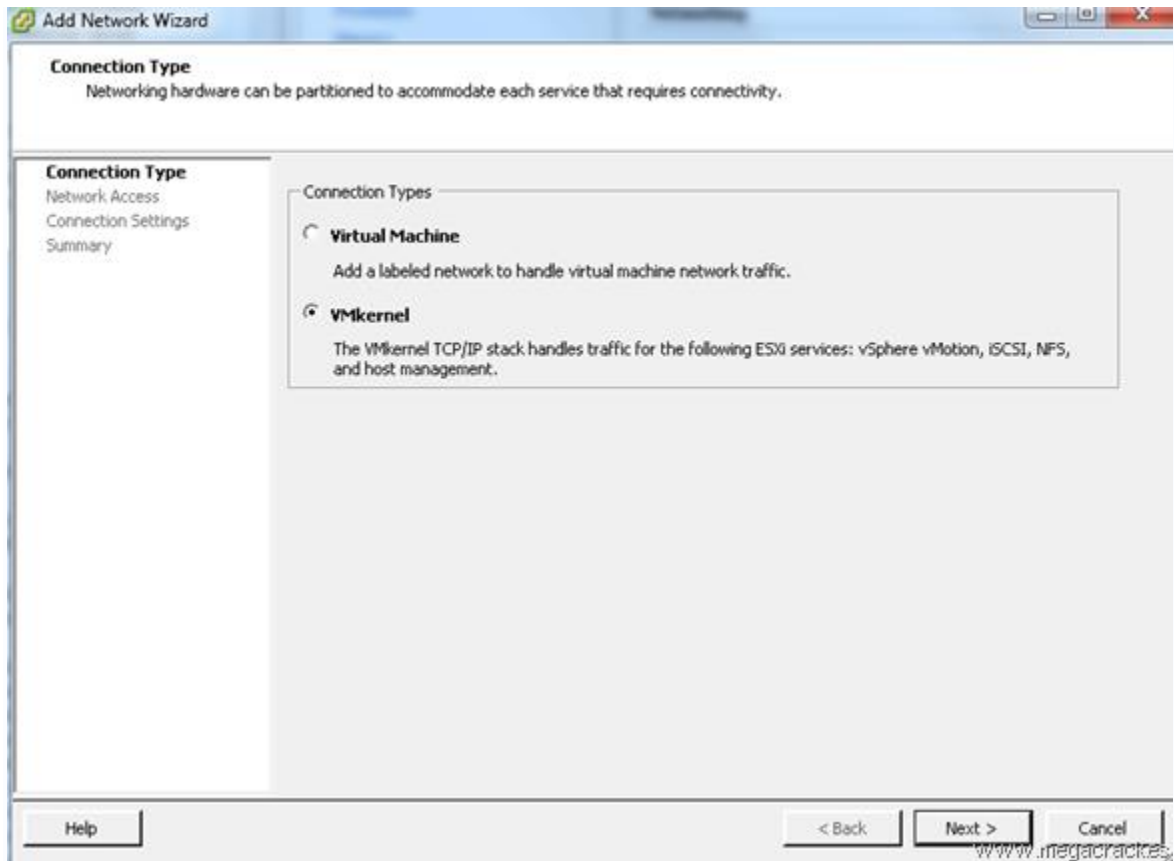
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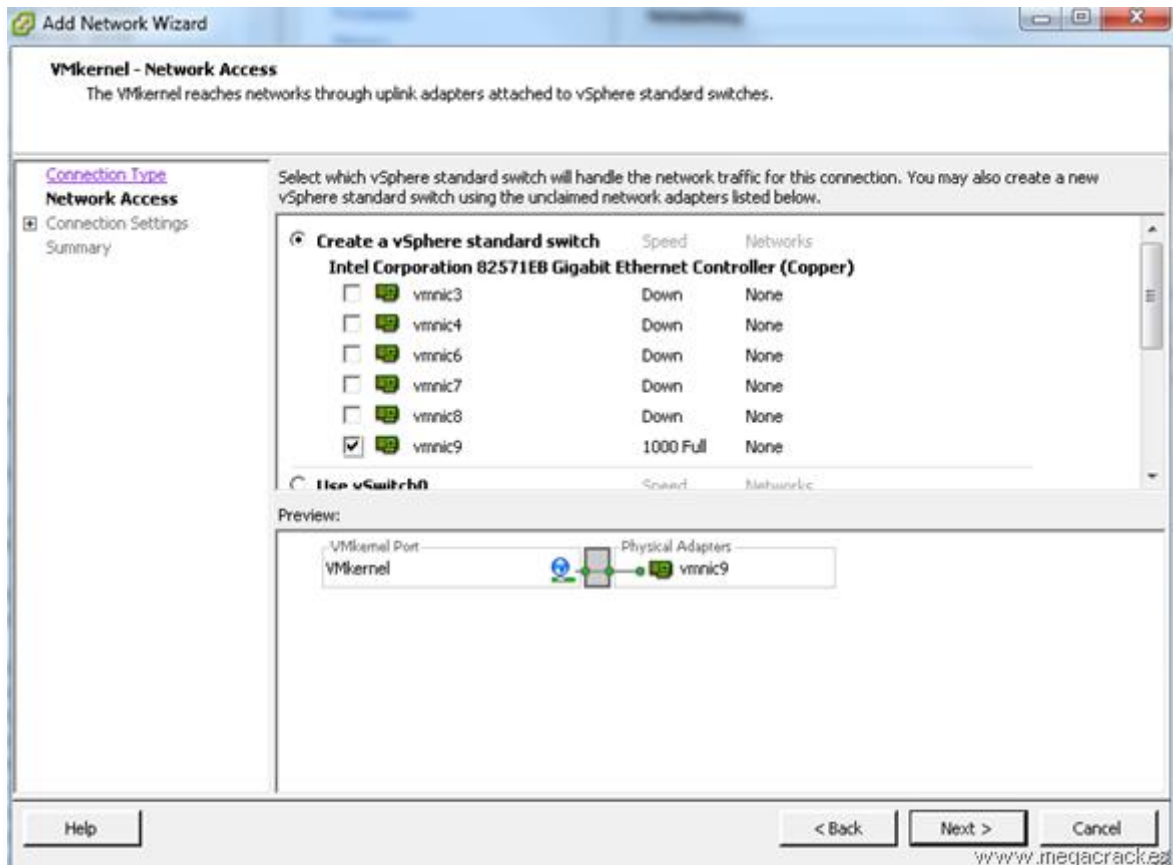
9. Check available Networking and create the vSwitch.

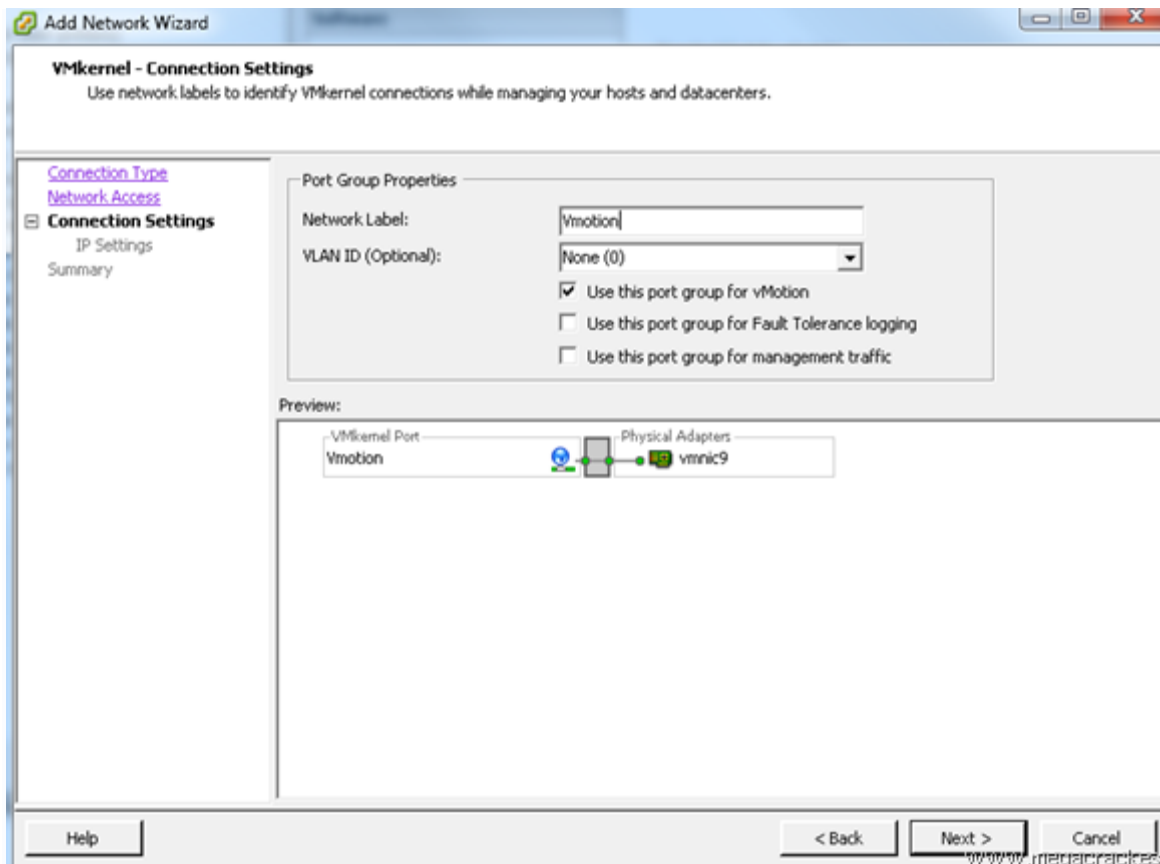


10. Select VMKernel connection type



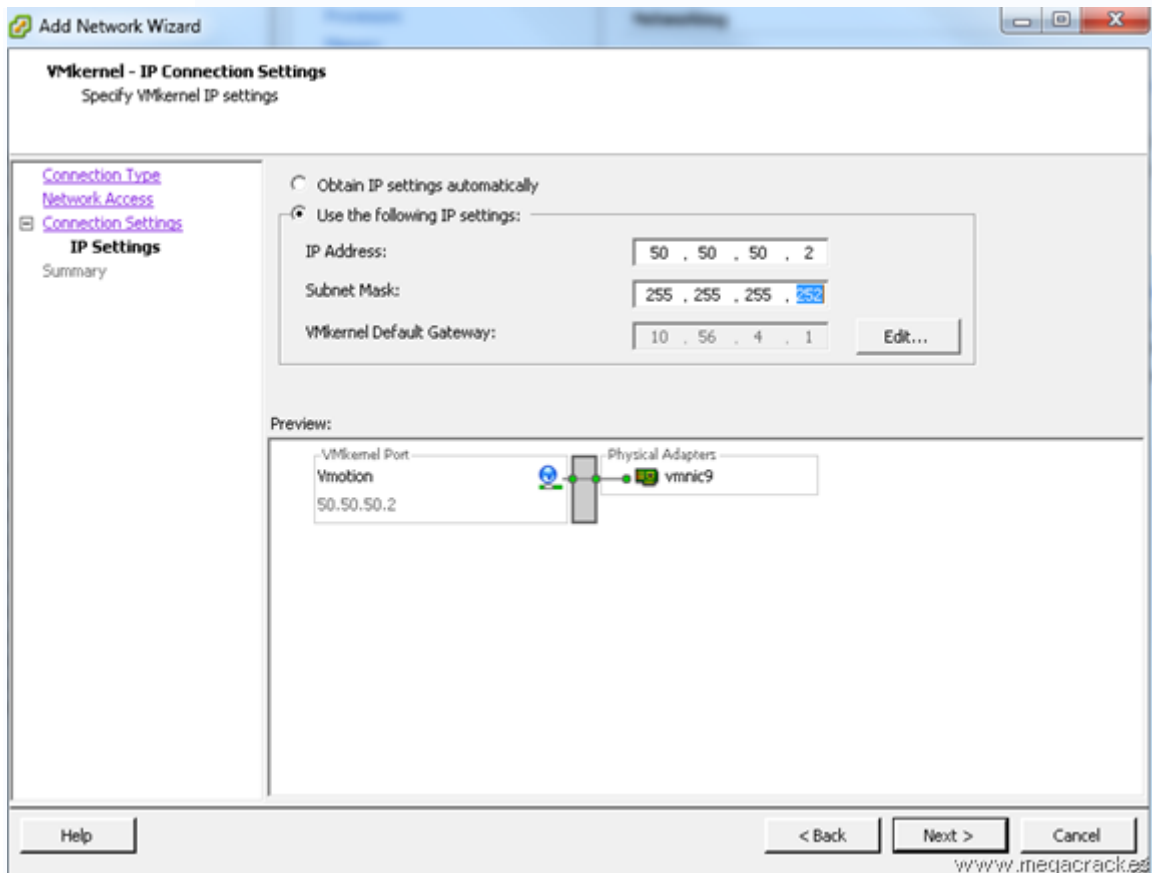
11. Use this port group for VMotion.



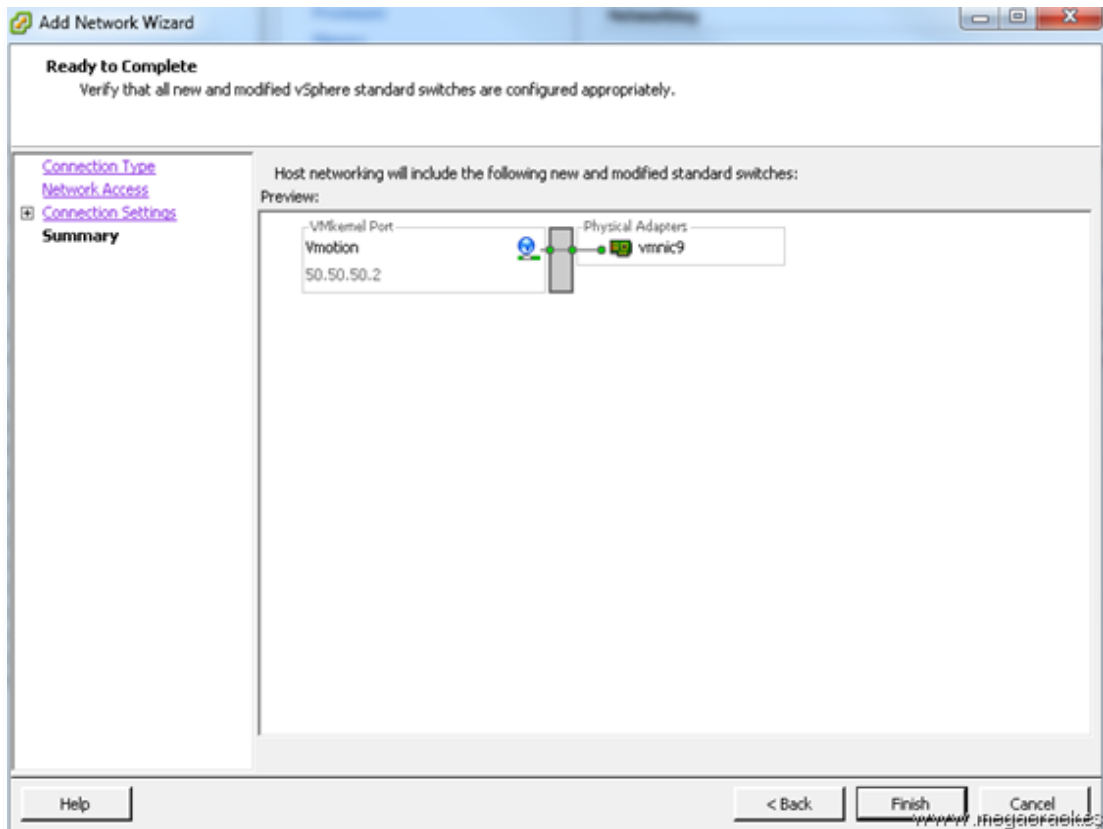


12. VMKernel - ip connection settings

- IP Address: 50.50.50.2

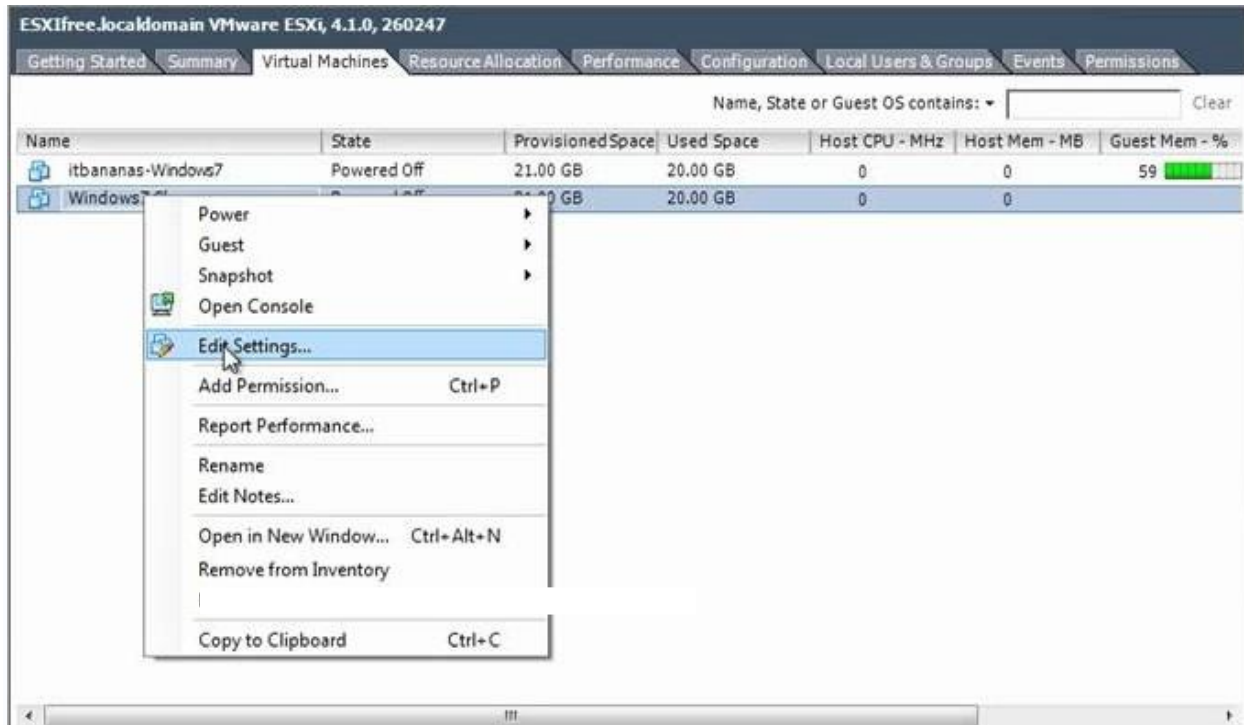


13. Complete the creation VM



Now what we will do to ensure that the entire system is working properly migrate a VM from one ESXi to the other using Vmotion functionality you just configured.

14. Edit the settings



15. Change the virtual machine host

Migrate Virtual Machine

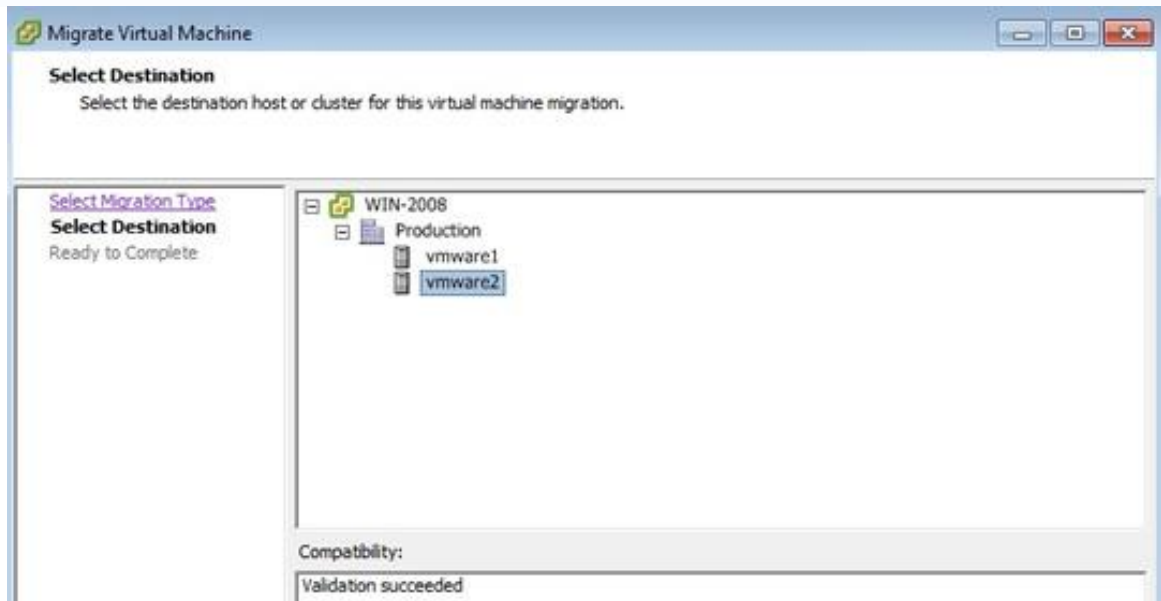
Select Migration Type
Change the virtual machine's host, datastore or both.

Select Migration Type
Select Destination
Select Resource Pool
vMotion Priority
Ready to Complete

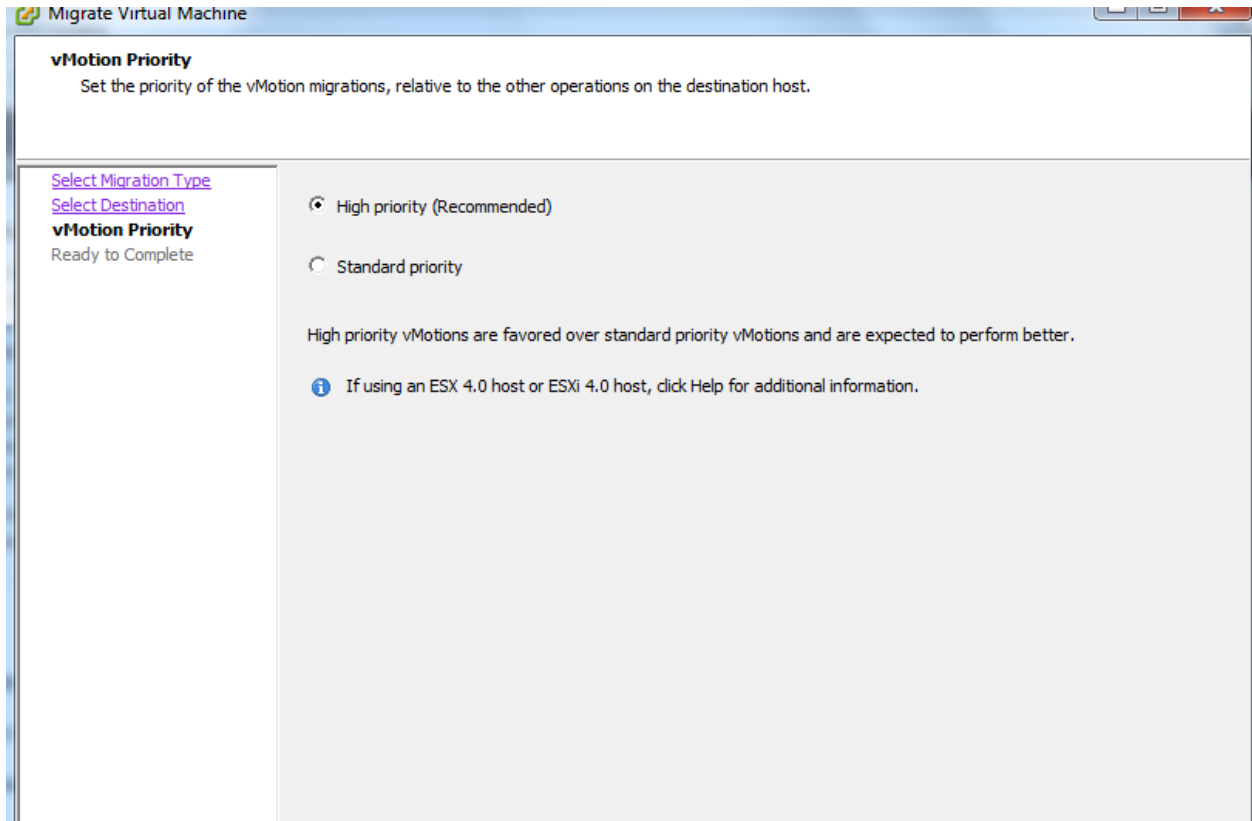
- ☒ **Change host**
Move the virtual machine to another host.
- ☐ **Change datastore**
Move the virtual machine's storage to another datastore.
- ☐ **Change both host and datastore**
Move the virtual machine to another host and move its storage to another datastore.
 The virtual machine must be powered off to change the VM's host and datastore.

Help < Back Next > Cancel

16. Select the destination or cluster



17. Give the vMotion priority



The screenshot shows the 'Migrate Virtual Machine' wizard window. The title bar reads 'Migrate Virtual Machine'. The main heading is 'vMotion Priority', followed by the instruction: 'Set the priority of the vMotion migrations, relative to the other operations on the destination host.' On the left side, there is a sidebar with three links: 'Select Migration Type', 'Select Destination', and 'vMotion Priority' (which is currently selected). Below the 'vMotion Priority' link, it says 'Ready to Complete'. The main content area on the right contains two radio button options: 'High priority (Recommended)' (which is selected) and 'Standard priority'. Below these options, a text line states: 'High priority vMotions are favored over standard priority vMotions and are expected to perform better.' At the bottom of this section, there is an information icon (i) followed by the text: 'If using an ESX 4.0 host or ESXi 4.0 host, click Help for additional information.'

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18. Complete the vMotion process

