

# **EXP 12: CHANGE HARDWARE COMPATIBILITY OF A VM (EITHER BY CLONE/CREATE NEW ONE) WHICH IS ALREADY CREATED AND CONFIGURED.**

## **AIM**

To change the **hardware compatibility** of an already created and configured **virtual machine** using **VMware Workstation** by cloning or creating a new virtual machine.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **Hardware Requirements**

- Processor: Intel / AMD Processor
- RAM: Minimum 4 GB
- Hard Disk: Minimum 50 GB free space

### **Software Requirements**

- Host Operating System: Windows / Linux
- Type-2 Hypervisor: VMware Workstation
- Existing Virtual Machine

## **PROCEDURE**

### **METHOD 1: Changing Hardware Compatibility by Cloning**

**STEP 1:** Open **VMware Workstation**.

**STEP 2:** Power **OFF** the virtual machine.

**STEP 3:** Right-click the VM → **Manage** → **Clone**.

**STEP 4:** Choose **Clone from the current state** or **existing snapshot**.

**STEP 5:** Select **Change hardware compatibility** option.

**STEP 6:** Choose the required **VMware hardware compatibility version**.

**STEP 7:** Complete the cloning process.

## METHOD 2: Changing Hardware Compatibility by Creating a New VM

**STEP 8:** Click **File** → **New Virtual Machine**.

**STEP 9:** Select **Custom (Advanced)** option.

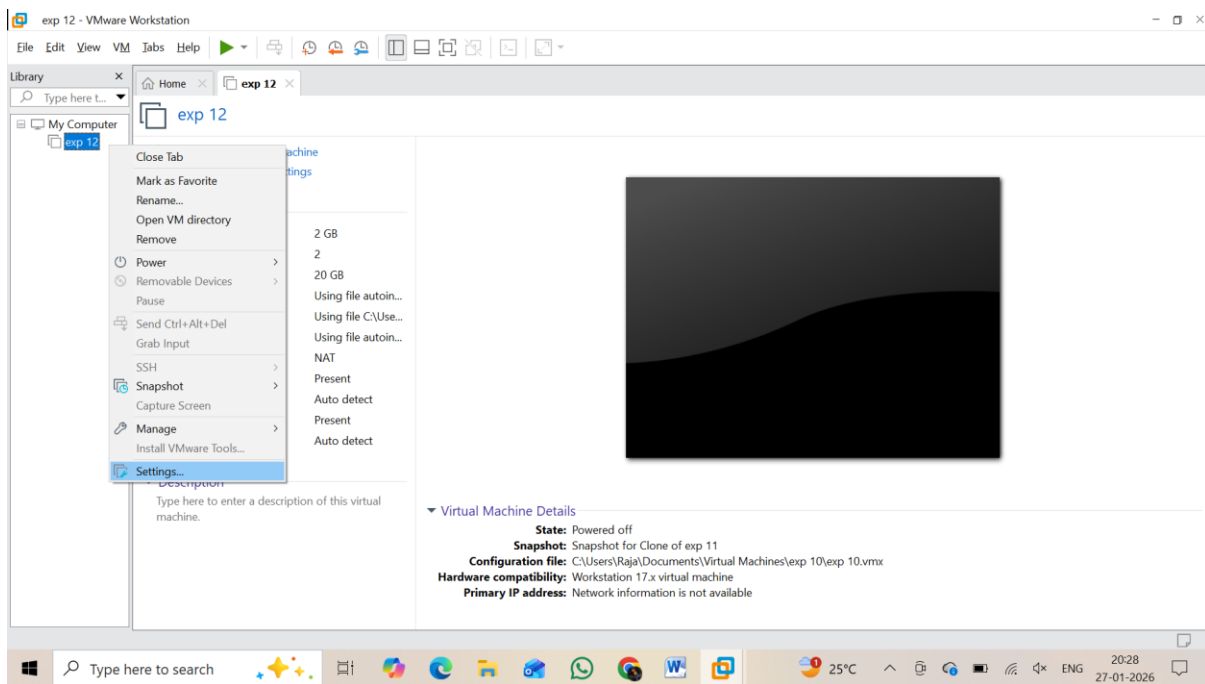
**STEP 10:** Choose the required **hardware compatibility version**.

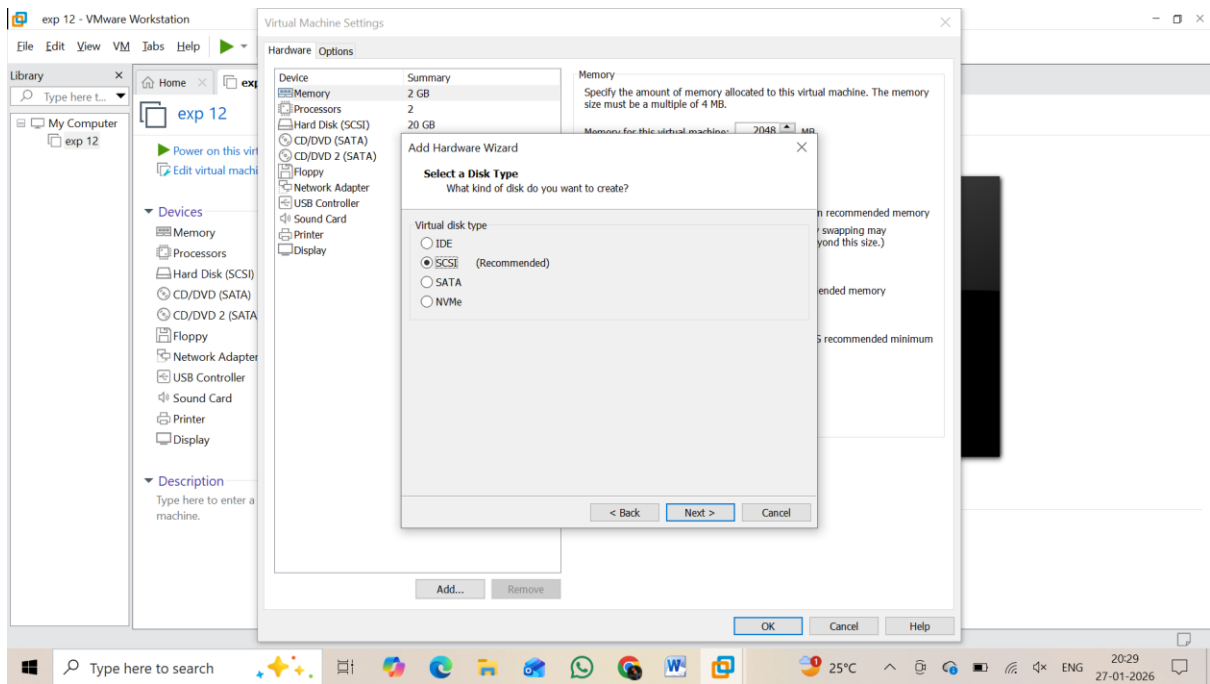
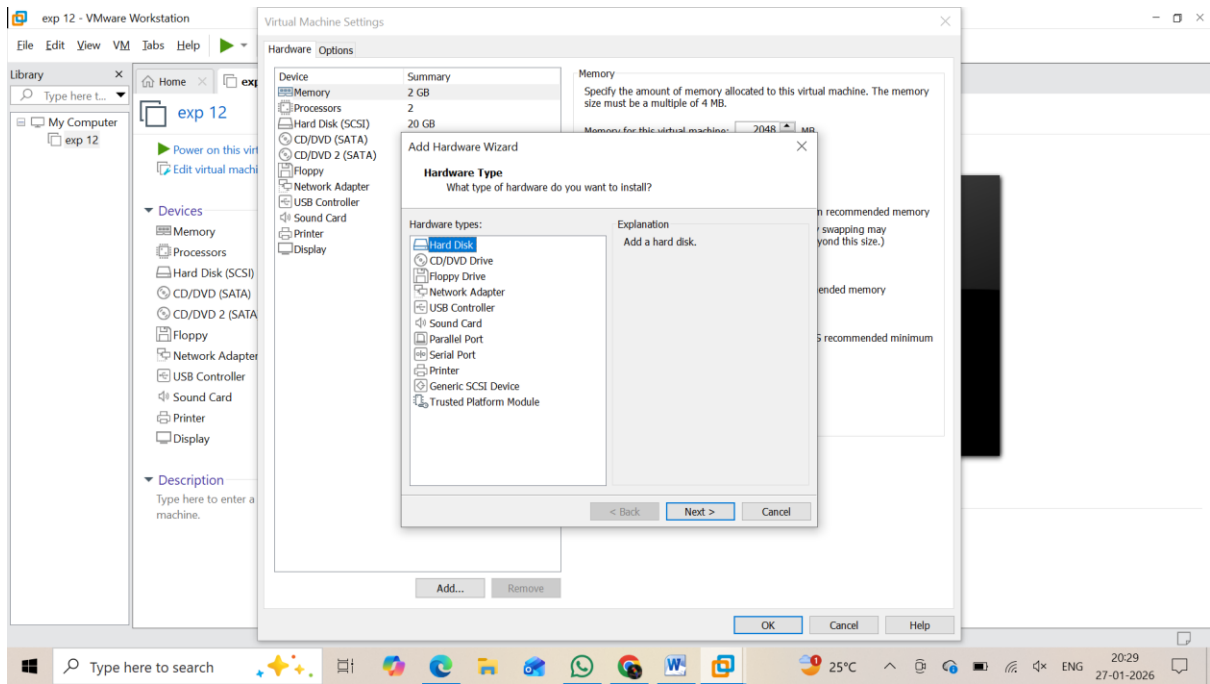
**STEP 11:** Select **Use an existing virtual disk**.

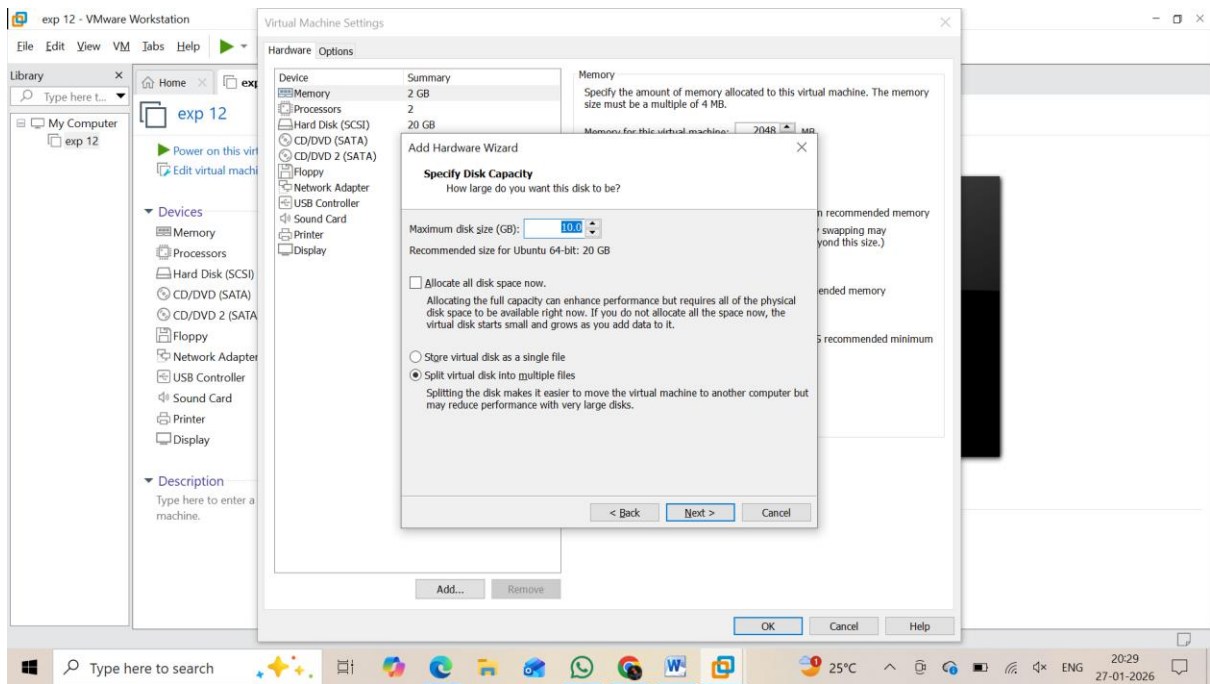
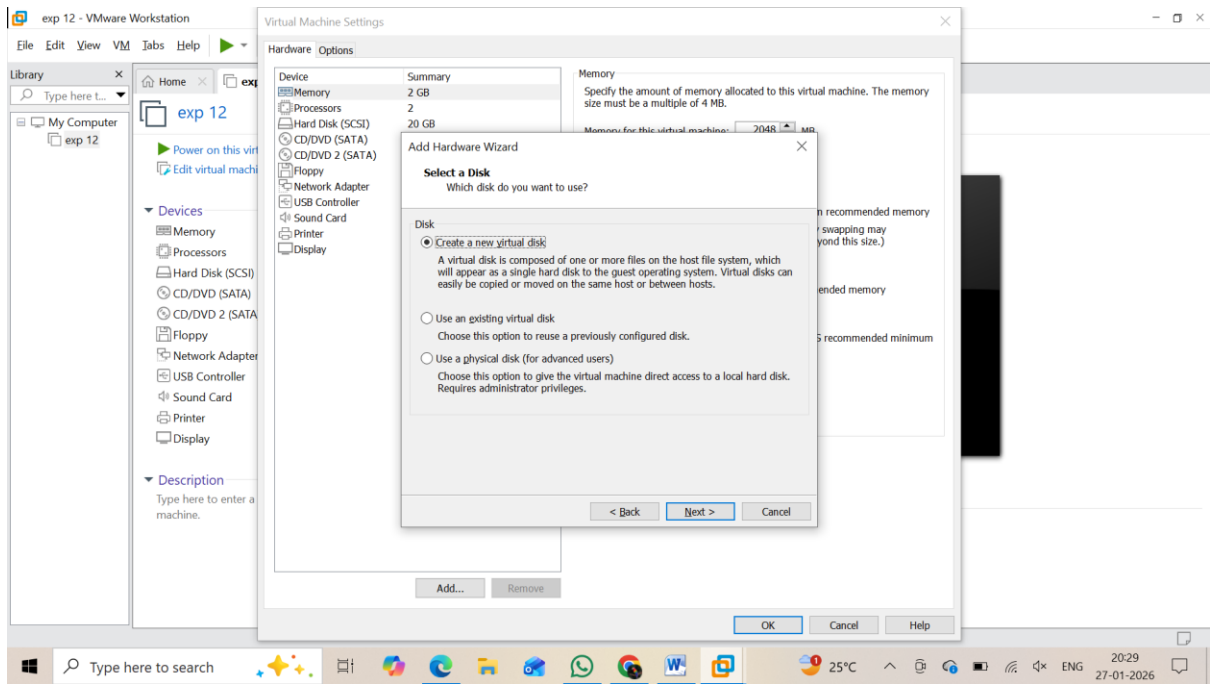
**STEP 12:** Browse and select the existing VM's **.vmdk** file.

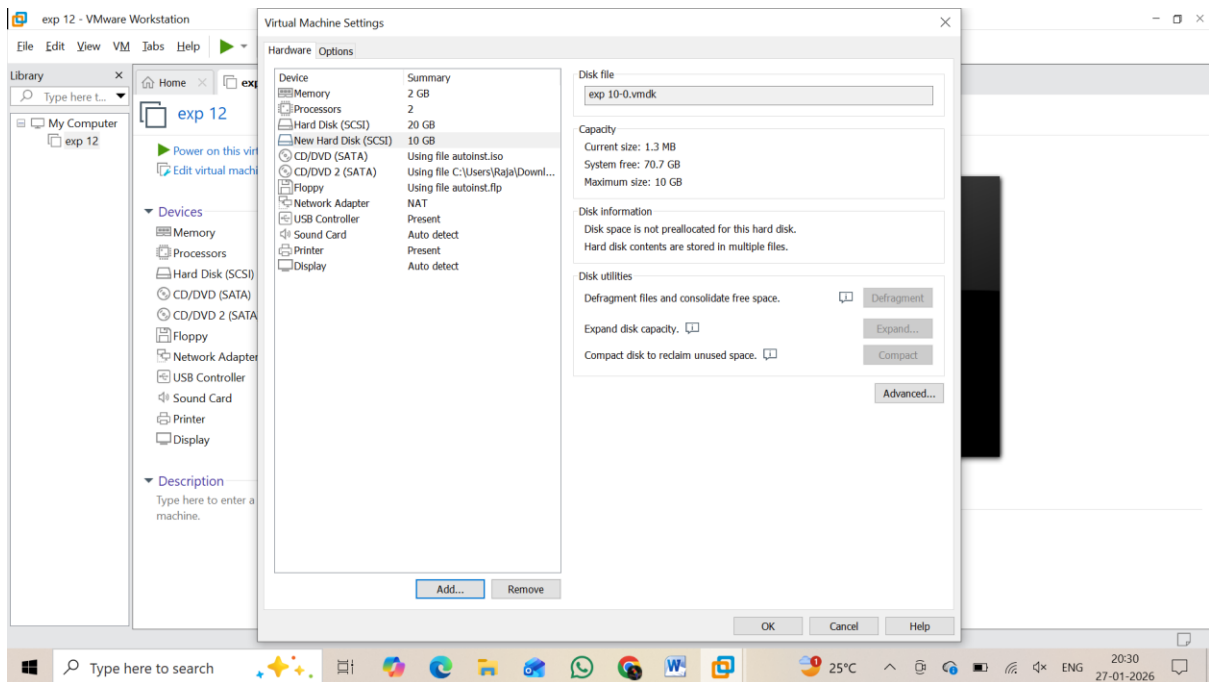
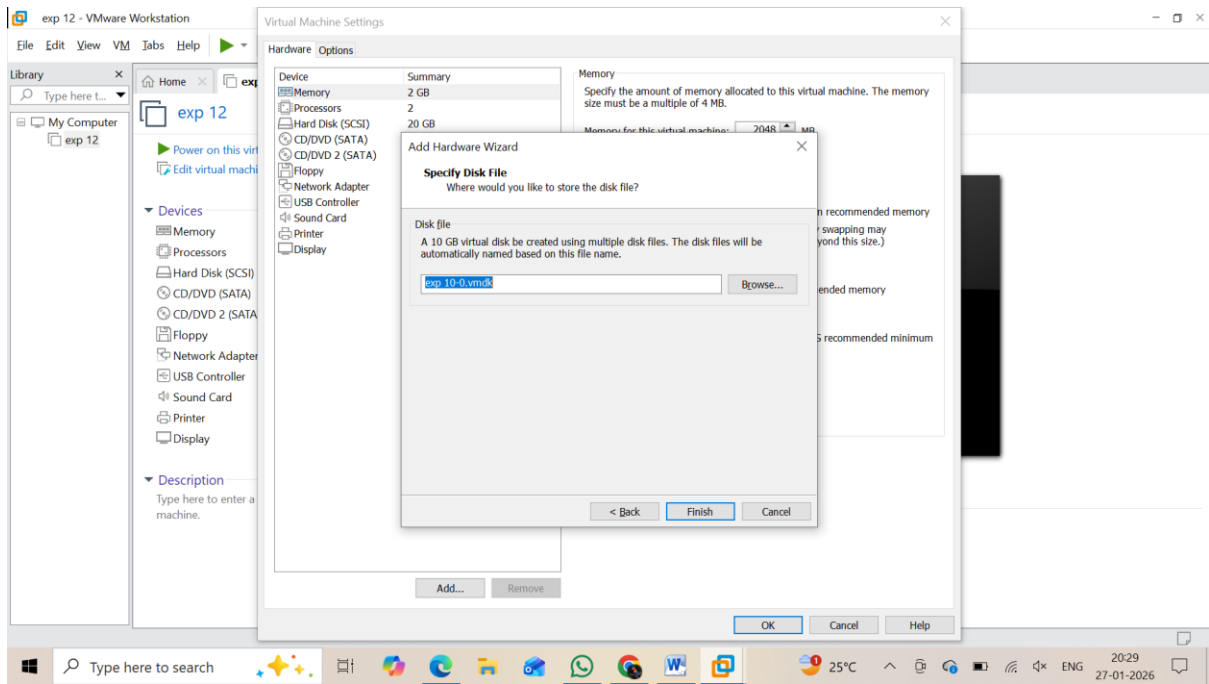
**STEP 13:** Complete the VM creation.

**Output :**









## RESULT

Thus, the **hardware compatibility** of an already created and configured virtual machine was successfully changed using **VMware Workstation**.