

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.

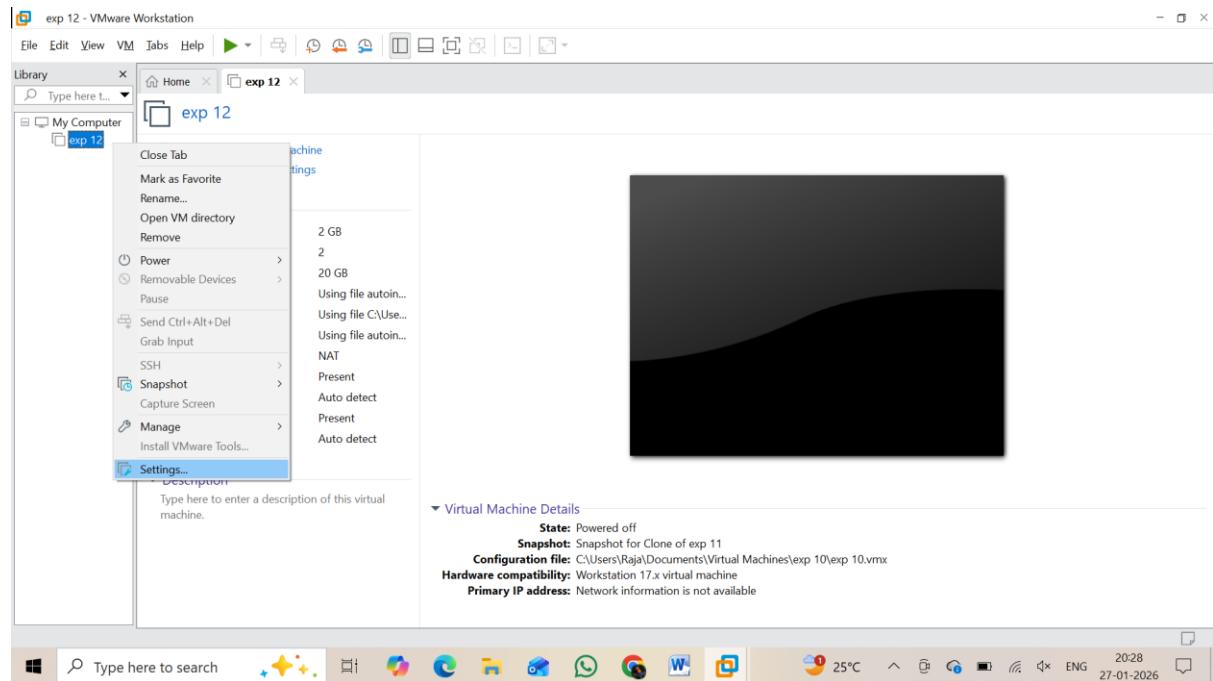
STEP 10: Choose the required **hardware compatibility version**.

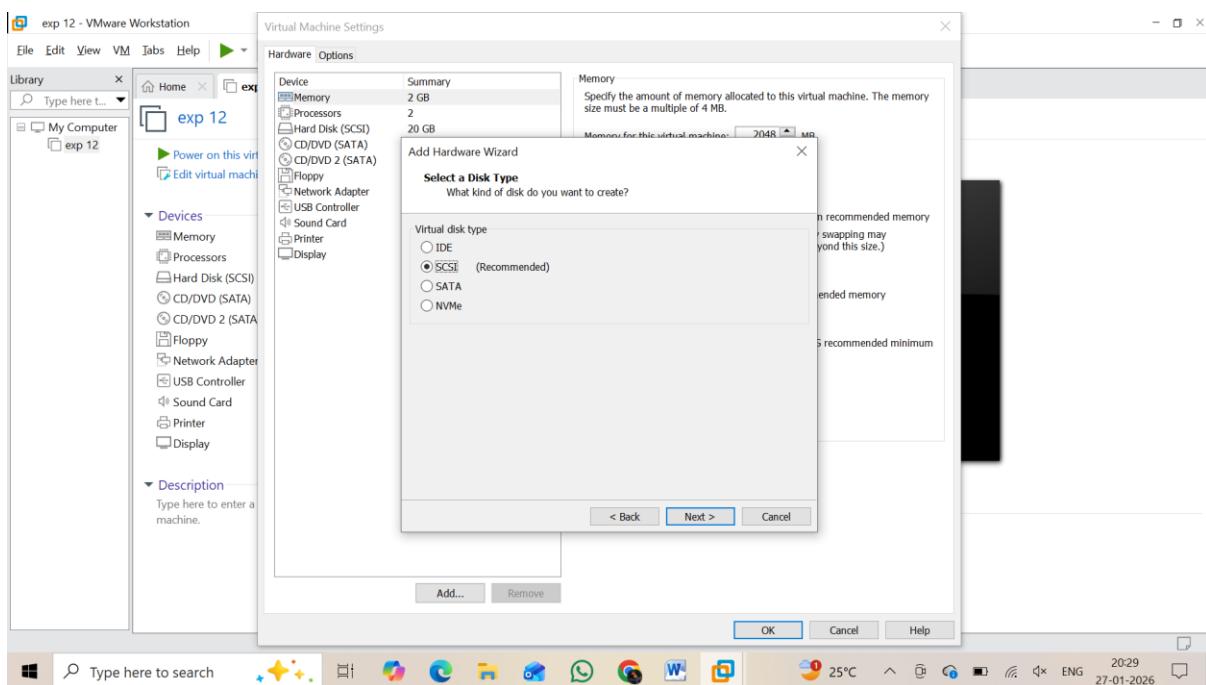
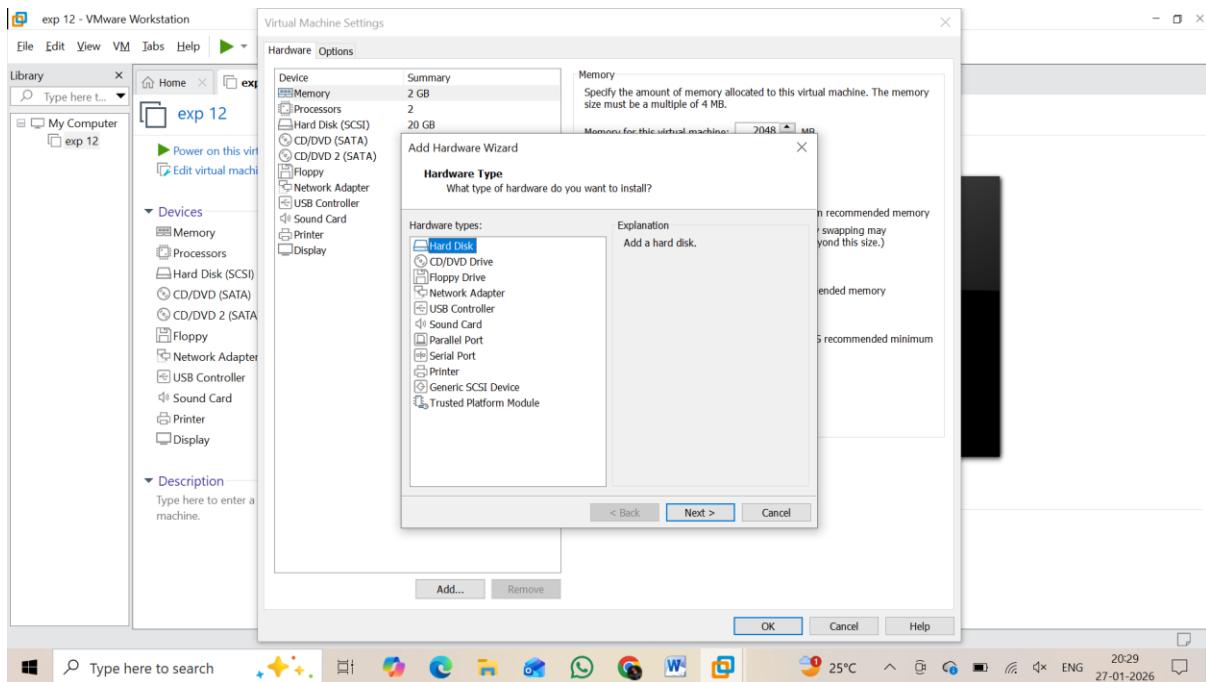
STEP 11: Select **Use an existing virtual disk**.

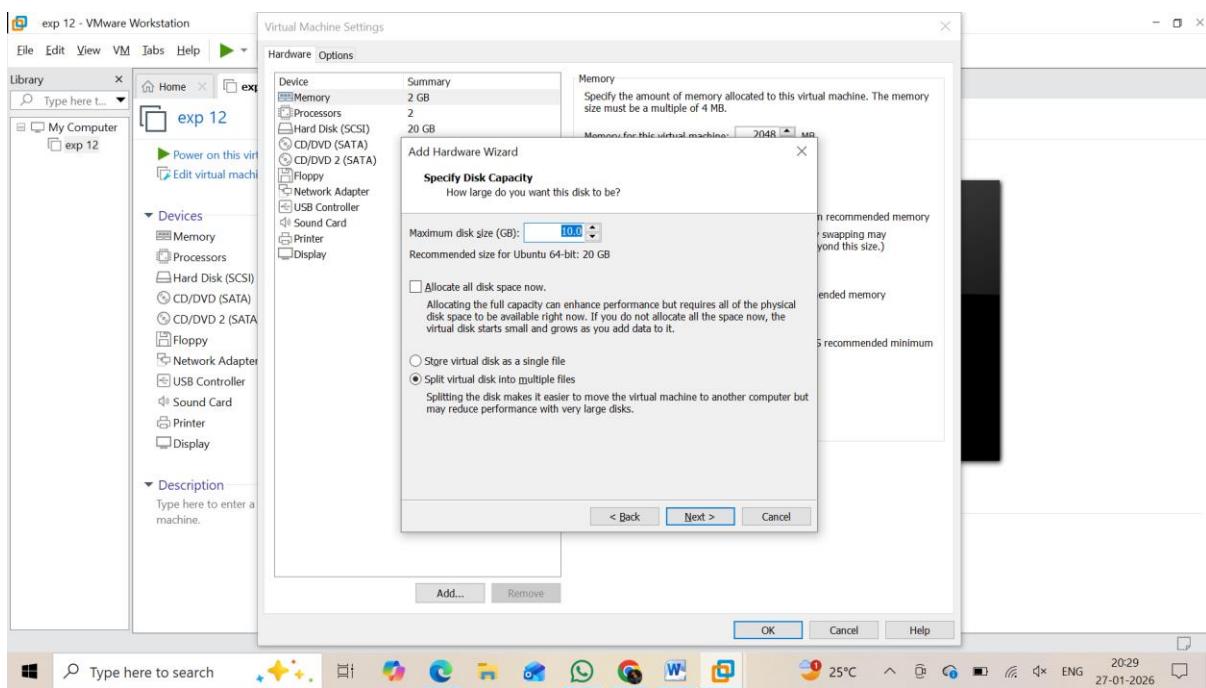
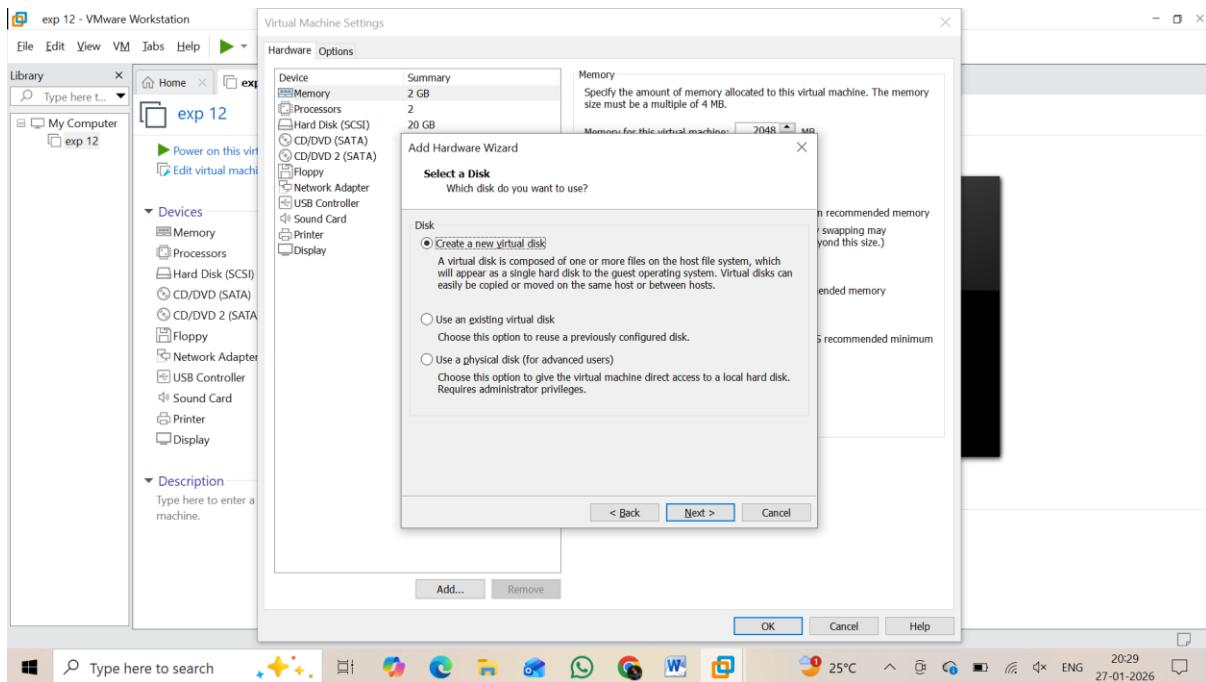
STEP 12: Browse and select the existing VM's **.vmdk** file.

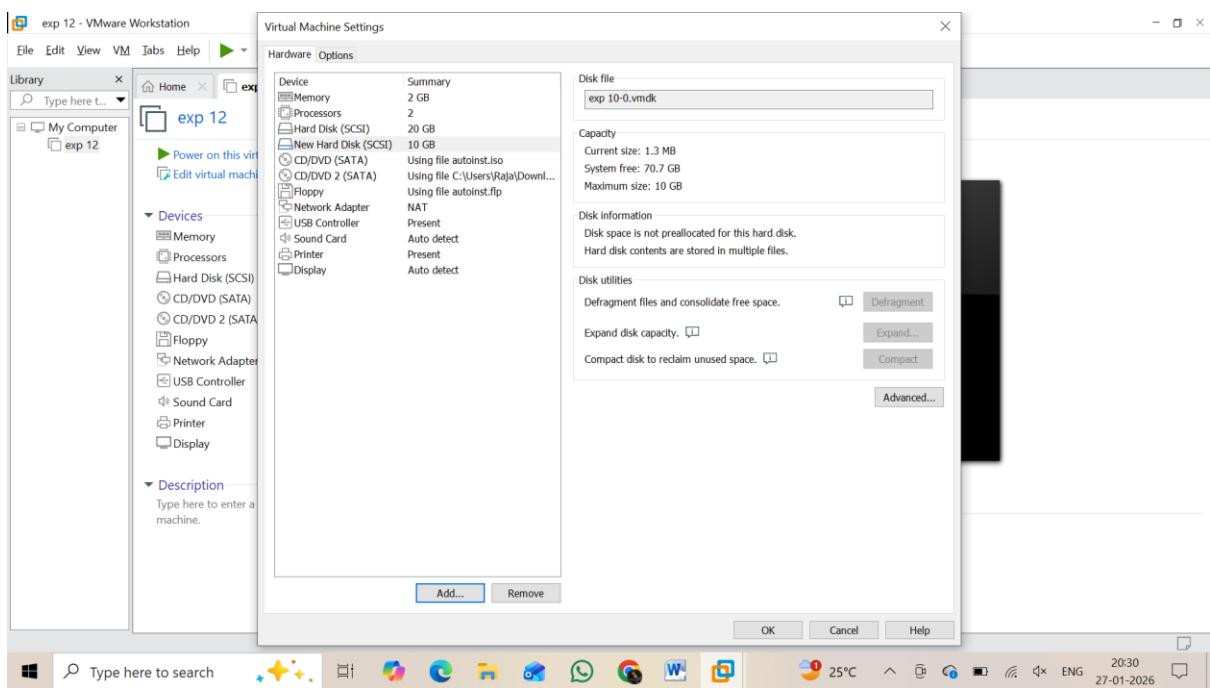
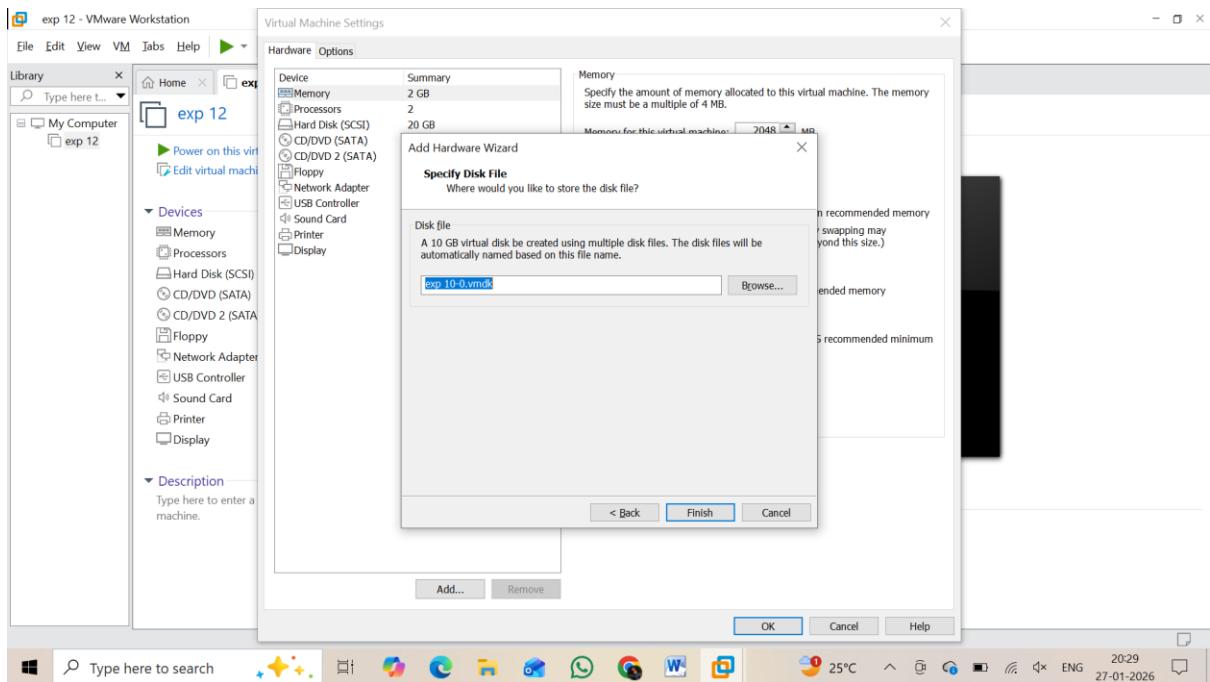
STEP 13: Complete the VM creation.

Output :









RESULT

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