# VMware vSphere Provider

The VMware vSphere provider gives Terraform the ability to work with VMware vSphere Products, notably vCenter Server (https://www.vmware.com/products/vcenter-server.html) and ESXi (https://www.vmware.com/products/esxi-and-esx.html). This provider can be used to manage many aspects of a VMware vSphere environment, including virtual machines, standard and distributed networks, datastores, and more.

Use the navigation on the left to read about the various resources and data sources supported by the provider.

**NOTE:** This provider requires API write access and hence is not supported on a free ESXi license.

## **Example Usage**

The following abridged example demonstrates a current basic usage of the provider to launch a virtual machine using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html). The datacenter, datastore, resource pool, and network are discovered via the vsphere\_datacenter (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datacenter.html), vsphere\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore.html), vsphere\_resource\_pool (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/resource\_pool.html), and vsphere\_network (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/network.html) data sources respectively. Most of these resources can be directly managed by Terraform as well - check the sidebar for specific resources.

```
provider "vsphere" {
 user = "${var.vsphere_user}"
 password = "${var.vsphere_password}"
 vsphere_server = "${var.vsphere_server}"
  # If you have a self-signed cert
 allow_unverified_ssl = true
data "vsphere datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
 name = "datastore1"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_resource_pool" "pool" {
 name = "cluster1/Resources"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
              = "public"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                = "terraform-test"
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_resource_pool.pool.id}"
 datastore_id
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num\_cpus = 2
 memory = 1024
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
 }
}
```

See the sidebar for usage information on all of the resources, which will have examples specific to their own use cases.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are used to configure the VMware vSphere Provider:

- user (Required) This is the username for vSphere API operations. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_USER environment variable.
- password (Required) This is the password for vSphere API operations. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_PASSWORD environment variable.

- vsphere\_server (Required) This is the vCenter server name for vSphere API operations. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE SERVER environment variable.
- allow\_unverified\_ssl (Optional) Boolean that can be set to true to disable SSL certificate verification. This should be used with care as it could allow an attacker to intercept your auth token. If omitted, default value is false. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_ALLOW\_UNVERIFIED\_SSL environment variable.

#### Session persistence options

The provider also provides session persistence options that can be configured below. These can help when using Terraform in a way where session limits could be normally reached by creating a new session for every run, such as a large amount of concurrent or consecutive Terraform runs in a short period of time.

**NOTE:** Session keys are as good as user credentials for as long as the session is valid for - handle them with care and delete them when you know you will no longer need them.

- persist\_session (Optional) Persist the SOAP and REST client sessions to disk. Default: false. Can also be specified by the VSPHERE\_PERSIST\_SESSION environment variable.
- vim\_session\_path (Optional) The directry to save the VIM SOAP API session to. Default: \$\{\text{HOME}\/.govmomi/sessions}. Can also be specified by the VSPHERE\_VIM\_SESSION\_PATH environment variable.
- rest\_session\_path (Optional) The directory to save the REST API session (used for tags) to. Default: \$\{\text{HOME}\/.govmomi/rest\_sessions}\). Can also be specified by the VSPHERE\_REST\_SESSION\_PATH environment variable.

#### govc/Terraform session interoperability

Note that the session format used to save VIM SOAP sessions is the same used with govc (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc). If you use govc as part of your provisioning process, Terraform will use the saved session if present and if persist\_session is enabled.

### **Debugging options**

**NOTE:** The following options can leak sensitive data and should only be enabled when instructed to do so by HashiCorp for the purposes of troubleshooting issues with the provider, or when attempting to perform your own troubleshooting. Use them at your own risk and do not leave them enabled!

- client\_debug (Optional) When true, the provider logs SOAP calls made to the vSphere API to disk. The log files are logged to \${HOME}/.govmomi. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_CLIENT\_DEBUG environment variable.
- client\_debug\_path (Optional) Override the default log path. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_CLIENT\_DEBUG\_PATH environment variable.
- client\_debug\_path\_run (Optional) A specific subdirectory in client\_debug\_path to use for debugging calls for this particular Terraform configuration. All data in this directory is removed at the start of the Terraform run. Can also be specified with the VSPHERE\_CLIENT\_DEBUG\_PATH\_RUN environment variable.

## Notes on Required Privileges

When using a non-administrator account to perform Terraform tasks, keep in mind that most Terraform resources perform operations in a CRUD-like fashion and require both read and write privileges to the resources they are managing. Make sure that the user has appropriate read-write access to the resources you need to work with. Read-only access should be sufficient when only using data sources on some features. You can read more about vSphere permissions and user management here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.security.doc/GUID-5372F580-5C23-4E9C-8A4E-EF1B4DD9033E.html).

There are a couple of exceptions to keep in mind when setting up a restricted provisioning user:

#### Tags

If your vSphere version supports tags (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vcenterhost.doc/GUID-E8E854DD-AA97-4E0C-8419-CE84F93C4058.html), keep in mind that Terraform will always attempt to read tags from a resource, even if you do not have any tags defined. Ensure that your user has access to at least read tags, or else you will encounter errors.

#### **Events**

Likewise, some Terraform resources will attempt to read event data from vSphere to check for certain events (such as virtual machine customization or power events). Ensure that your user has access to read event data.

## Use of Managed Object References by the vSphere Provider

Unlike the vSphere client, many resources in the vSphere Terraform provider take Managed Object IDs (or UUIDs when provided and practical) when referring to placement parameters and upstream resources. This provides a stable interface for providing necessary data to downstream resources, in addition to minimizing the bugs that can arise from the flexibility in how an individual object's name or inventory path can be supplied.

There are several data sources (such as vsphere\_datacenter (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datacenter.html), vsphere\_host (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/host.html), vsphere\_resource\_pool (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/resource\_pool.html), vsphere\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore.html), and vsphere\_network (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/network.html)) that assist with searching for a specific resource in Terraform. For usage details on a specific data source, look for the appropriate link in the sidebar. In addition, most vSphere resources in Terraform supply the managed object ID (or UUID, when it makes more sense) as the id attribute, which can be supplied to downstream resources that should depend on the parent.

#### Locating Managed Object IDs

There are certain points in time that you may need to locate the managed object ID of a specific vSphere resource yourself. A couple of methods are documented below.

govc (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc) is an vSphere CLI built on govmomi (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi), the vSphere Go SDK. It has a robust inventory browser command that can also be used to list managed object IDs.

To get all the necessary data in a single output, use govc ls -l -i PATH. Sample output is below:

```
$ govc ls -l -i /dc1/vm
VirtualMachine:vm-123 /dc1/vm/foobar
Folder:group-v234 /dc1/vm/subfolder
```

To do a reverse search, supply the -L switch:

```
$ govc ls -i -l -L VirtualMachine:vm-123
VirtualMachine:vm-123 /dc1/vm/foobar
```

For details on setting up govc, see the homepage (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc).

Via the vSphere Managed Object Browser (MOB)

The Managed Object Browser (MOB) allows one to browse the entire vSphere inventory as it's presented to the API. It's normally accessed via https://vSPHERE\_SERVER/mob. For more information, see here (https://code.vmware.com/doc/preview?id=4205#/doc/PG\_Appx\_Using\_MOB.21.2.html#994699).

**NOTE:** The MOB also offers API method invocation capabilities, and for security reasons should be used sparingly. Modern vSphere installations may have the MOB disabled by default, at the very least on ESXi systems. For more information on current security best practices related to the MOB on ESXi, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.security.doc/GUID-0EF83EA7-277C-400B-B697-04BDC9173EA3.html).

## **Bug Reports and Contributing**

For more information how how to submit bug reports, feature requests, or details on how to make your own contributions to the provider, see the vSphere provider project page (https://github.com/terraform-providers/terraform-provider-vsphere).

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster data source can be used to discover the ID of a cluster in vSphere. This is useful to fetch the ID of a cluster that you want to use for virtual machine placement via the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, allowing you to specify the cluster's root resource pool directly versus using the alias available through the vsphere\_resource\_pool (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/resource\_pool.html) data source.

You may also wish to see the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource for further details about clusters or how to work with them in Terraform.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
  name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
  name = "compute-cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name or absolute path to the cluster.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the cluster is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id: The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster.
- resource\_pool\_id: The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the root resource pool for the cluster.

# vsphere\_custom\_attribute

The vsphere\_custom\_attribute data source can be used to reference custom attributes that are not managed by Terraform. Its attributes are exactly the same as the vsphere\_custom\_attribute resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html), and, like importing, the data source takes a name to search on. The id and other attributes are then populated with the data found by the search.

NOTE: Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_custom_attribute" "attribute" {
  name = "terraform-test-attribute"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

• name - (Required) The name of the custom attribute.

#### Attribute Reference

In addition to the id being exported, all of the fields that are available in the vsphere\_custom\_attribute resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html) are also populated. See that page for further details.

# vsphere\_datacenter

The vsphere\_datacenter data source can be used to discover the ID of a vSphere datacenter. This can then be used with resources or data sources that require a datacenter, such as the vsphere\_host (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/host.html) data source.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
  name = "dc1"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

• name - (Optional) The name of the datacenter. This can be a name or path. Can be omitted if there is only one datacenter in your inventory.

**NOTE:** When used against ESXi, this data source *always* fetches the server's "default" datacenter, which is a special datacenter unrelated to the datacenters that exist in any vCenter server that might be managing this host. Hence, the name attribute is completely ignored.

### Attribute Reference

The only exported attribute is id, which is the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of this datacenter.

# vsphere\_datastore

The vsphere\_datastore data source can be used to discover the ID of a datastore in vSphere. This is useful to fetch the ID of a datastore that you want to use to create virtual machines in using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
   name = "datastore1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the datastore. This can be a name or path.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the datastore is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

#### Attribute Reference

Currently, the only exported attribute from this data source is id, which represents the ID of the datastore that was looked up.

# vsphere\_datastore\_cluster

The vsphere\_datastore\_cluster data source can be used to discover the ID of a datastore cluster in vSphere. This is useful to fetch the ID of a datastore cluster that you want to use to assign datastores to using the vsphere\_nas\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/nas\_datastore.html) or vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/vmfs\_datastore.html) resources, or create virtual machines in using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_datastore_cluster" "datastore_cluster" {
   name = "datastore-cluster1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name or absolute path to the datastore cluster.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the datastore cluster is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

### Attribute Reference

Currently, the only exported attribute from this data source is id, which represents the ID of the datastore cluster that was looked up.

# vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch

The vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch data source can be used to discover the ID and uplink data of a of a vSphere distributed virtual switch (DVS). This can then be used with resources or data sources that require a DVS, such as the vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_port\_group.html) resource, for which an example is shown below.

NOTE: This data source requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

## **Example Usage**

The following example locates a DVS that is named terraform-test-dvs, in the datacenter dc1. It then uses this DVS to set up a vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group resource that uses the first uplink as a primary uplink and the second uplink as a secondary.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch" "dvs" {
   name = "terraform-test-dvs"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.datacenter.id}"
}

resource "vsphere_distributed_port_group" "pg" {
   name = "terraform-test-pg"
   distributed_virtual_switch_uuid = "${data.vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch.dvs.id}"

  active_uplinks = ["${data.vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch.dvs.uplinks[0]}"]
   standby_uplinks = ["${data.vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch.dvs.uplinks[1]}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the distributed virtual switch. This can be a name or path.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the DVS is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

• id: The UUID of the distributed virtual switch.

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• uplinks: The list of the uplinks on this DVS, as per the uplinks

## vsphere\_host

The vsphere\_host data source can be used to discover the ID of a vSphere host. This can then be used with resources or data sources that require a host managed object reference ID.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_host" "host" {
   name = "esxi1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- datacenter\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managedobject-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of a datacenter.
- name (Optional) The name of the host. This can be a name or path. Can be omitted if there is only one host in your inventory.

**NOTE:** When used against an ESXi host directly, this data source *always* fetches the server's host object ID, regardless of what is entered into name.

### Attribute Reference

- id The managed objectID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of this host.
- resource\_pool\_id The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host's root resource pool.

Note that the resource pool referenced by resource\_pool\_id is dependent on the target host's state - if it's a standalone host, the resource pool will belong to the host only, however if it is a member of a cluster, the resource pool will be the root for the entire cluster.

# vsphere\_network

The vsphere\_network data source can be used to discover the ID of a network in vSphere. This can be any network that can be used as the backing for a network interface for vsphere\_virtual\_machine or any other vSphere resource that requires a network. This includes standard (host-based) port groups, DVS port groups, or opaque networks such as those managed by NSX.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_network" "net" {
   name = "terraform-test-net"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the network. This can be a name or path.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the network is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id: The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the network in question.
- type: The managed object type for the discovered network. This will be one of DistributedVirtualPortgroup for DVS port groups, Network for standard (host-based) port groups, or OpaqueNetwork for networks managed externally by features such as NSX.

# vsphere\_resource\_pool

The vsphere\_resource\_pool data source can be used to discover the ID of a resource pool in vSphere. This is useful to fetch the ID of a resource pool that you want to use to create virtual machines in using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource.

### **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_resource_pool" "pool" {
   name = "resource-pool-1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

#### Specifying the root resource pool for a standalone host

**NOTE:** Fetching the root resource pool for a cluster can now be done directly via the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

All compute resources in vSphere (clusters, standalone hosts, and standalone ESXi) have a resource pool, even if one has not been explicitly created. This resource pool is referred to as the *root resource pool* and can be looked up by specifying the path as per the example below:

For more information on the root resource pool, see Managing Resource Pools (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-60077B40-66FF-4625-934A-641703ED7601.html) in the vSphere documentation.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Optional) The name of the resource pool. This can be a name or path. This is required when using vCenter.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the resource pool is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.

**Note when using with standalone ESXi:** When using ESXi without vCenter, you don't have to specify either attribute to use this data source. An empty declaration will load the host's root resource pool.

## Attribute Reference

Currently, the only exported attribute from this data source is id, which represents the ID of the resource pool that was looked up.

# vsphere\_tag

The vsphere\_tag data source can be used to reference tags that are not managed by Terraform. Its attributes are exactly the same as the vsphere\_tag resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html), and, like importing, the data source takes a name and category to search on. The id and other attributes are then populated with the data found by the search.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_tag_category" "category" {
   name = "terraform-test-category"
}

data "vsphere_tag" "tag" {
   name = "terraform-test-tag"
   category_id = "${data.vsphere_tag_category.category.id}"
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the tag.
- category\_id (Required) The ID of the tag category the tag is located in.

#### Attribute Reference

In addition to the id being exported, all of the fields that are available in the vsphere\_tag resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html) are also populated. See that page for further details.

# vsphere\_tag\_category

The vsphere\_tag\_category data source can be used to reference tag categories that are not managed by Terraform. Its attributes are exactly the same as the vsphere\_tag\_category resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag\_category.html), and, like importing, the data source takes a name to search on. The id and other attributes are then populated with the data found by the search.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_tag_category" "category" {
  name = "terraform-test-category"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

• name - (Required) The name of the tag category.

#### Attribute Reference

In addition to the id being exported, all of the fields that are available in the vsphere\_tag\_category resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag\_category.html) are also populated. See that page for further details.

# vsphere\_resource\_pool

The vsphere\_vapp\_container data source can be used to discover the ID of a vApp container in vSphere. This is useful to fetch the ID of a vApp container that you want to use to create virtual machines in using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_vapp_container" "pool" {
   name = "vapp-container-1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the vApp container. This can be a name or path.
- datacenter\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the vApp container is located in.

#### Attribute Reference

Currently, the only exported attribute from this data source is id, which represents the ID of the vApp container that was looked up.

## vsphere\_virtual\_machine

The vsphere\_virtual\_machine data source can be used to find the UUID of an existing virtual machine or template. Its most relevant purpose is for finding the UUID of a template to be used as the source for cloning into a new vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource. It also reads the guest ID so that can be supplied as well.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_virtual_machine" "template" {
   name = "test-vm-template"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the virtual machine. This can be a name or path.
- datacenter\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter the virtual machine is located in. This can be omitted if the search path used in name is an absolute path. For default datacenters, use the id attribute from an empty vsphere\_datacenter data source.
- scsi\_controller\_scan\_count (Optional) The number of SCSI controllers to scan for disk attributes and controller types on. Default: 1.

**NOTE:** For best results, ensure that all the disks on any templates you use with this data source reside on the primary controller, and leave this value at the default. See the vsphere\_virtual\_machine

(/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource documentation for the significance of this setting, specifically the additional requirements and notes for cloning

(/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#additional-requirements-and-notes-for-cloning) section.

## Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id The UUID of the virtual machine or template.
- guest\_id The guest ID of the virtual machine or template.
- alternate\_guest\_name The alternate guest name of the virtual machine when guest\_id is a non-specific operating

system, like otherGuest.

- scsi\_type The common type of all SCSI controllers on this virtual machine. Will be one of lsilogic (LSI Logic Parallel), lsilogic-sas (LSI Logic SAS), pvscsi (VMware Paravirtual), buslogic (Buslogic), or mixed when there are multiple controller types. Only the first number of controllers defined by scsi\_controller\_scan\_count are scanned.
- scsi\_bus\_sharing Mode for sharing the SCSI bus. The modes are physicalSharing, virtualSharing, and noSharing.
   Only the first number of controllers defined by scsi\_controller\_scan\_count are scanned.
- disks Information about each of the disks on this virtual machine or template. These are sorted by bus and unit number so that they can be applied to a vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource in the order the resource expects while cloning. This is useful for discovering certain disk settings while performing a linked clone, as all settings that are output by this data source must be the same on the destination virtual machine as the source. Only the first number of controllers defined by scsi\_controller\_scan\_count are scanned for disks. The sub-attributes are:
  - size The size of the disk, in GIB.
  - eagerly\_scrub Set to true if the disk has been eager zeroed.
  - thin\_provisioned Set to true if the disk has been thin provisioned.
- network\_interface\_types The network interface types for each network interface found on the virtual machine, in device bus order. Will be one of e1000, e1000e, pcnet32, sriov, vmxnet2, or vmxnet3.
- firmware The firmware type for this virtual machine. Can be bios or efi.

**NOTE:** Keep in mind when using the results of scsi\_type and network\_interface\_types, that the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource only supports a subset of the types returned from this data source. See the resource docs (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) for more details.

# vsphere\_vmfs\_disks

The vsphere\_vmfs\_disks data source can be used to discover the storage devices available on an ESXi host. This data source can be combined with the vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/vmfs\_datastore.html) resource to create VMFS datastores based off a set of discovered disks.

## **Example Usage**

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_host" "host" {
   name = "esxi1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
}

data "vsphere_vmfs_disks" "available" {
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.id}"
   rescan = true
   filter = "mpx.vmhba1:C0:T[12]:L0"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- host\_system\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host to look for disks on.
- rescan (Optional) Whether or not to rescan storage adapters before searching for disks. This may lengthen the time it takes to perform the search. Default: false.
- filter (Optional) A regular expression to filter the disks against. Only disks with canonical names that match will be included.

**NOTE:** Using a filter is recommended if there is any chance the host will have any specific storage devices added to it that may affect the order of the output disks attribute below, which is lexicographically sorted.

### Attribute Reference

 disks - A lexicographically sorted list of devices discovered by the operation, matching the supplied filter, if provided.

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster

A note on the naming of this resource: VMware refers to clusters of hosts in the UI and documentation as *clusters*, *HA clusters*, or *DRS clusters*. All of these refer to the same kind of resource (with the latter two referring to specific features of clustering). In Terraform, we use vsphere\_compute\_cluster to differentiate host clusters from *datastore clusters*, which are clusters of datastores that can be used to distribute load and ensure fault tolerance via distribution of virtual machines. Datastore clusters can also be managed through Terraform, via the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/datastore\_cluster.html).

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster resource can be used to create and manage clusters of hosts allowing for resource control of compute resources, load balancing through DRS, and high availability through vSphere HA.

For more information on vSphere clusters and DRS, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-8ACF3502-5314-469F-8CC9-4A9BD5925BC2.html). For more information on vSphere HA, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-5432CA24-14F1-44E3-87FB-61D937831CF6.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

### **Example Usage**

The following example sets up a cluster and enables DRS and vSphere HA with the default settings. The hosts have to exist already in vSphere and should not already be members of clusters - it's best to add these as standalone hosts before adding them to a cluster.

Note that the following example assumes each host has been configured correctly according to the requirements of vSphere HA. For more information, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-

vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-BA85FEC4-A37C-45BA-938D-37B309010D93.html).

```
variable "datacenter" {
 default = "dc1"
variable "hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
  ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "${var.datacenter}"
data "vsphere host" "hosts" {
            = "${length(var.hosts)}"
               = "${var.hosts[count.index]}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
          = "terraform-compute-cluster-test"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.hosts.*.id}"]
 drs enabled
                      = true
 drs_automation_level = "fullyAutomated"
  ha_enabled = true
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the cluster.
- datacenter\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter to create the cluster in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- folder (Optional) The relative path to a folder to put this cluster in. This is a path relative to the datacenter you are deploying the cluster to. Example: for the dc1 datacenter, and a provided folder of foo/bar, Terraform will place a cluster named terraform-compute-cluster-test in a host folder located at /dc1/host/foo/bar, with the final inventory path being /dc1/host/foo/bar/terraform-datastore-cluster-test.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

**NOTE:** Tagging support requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) A map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set for the datastore cluster. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

#### Host management options

The following settings control cluster membership or tune how hosts are managed within the cluster itself by Terraform.

- host\_system\_ids (Optional) The managed object IDs (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the hosts to put in the cluster.
- host\_cluster\_exit\_timeout The timeout for each host maintenance mode operation when removing hosts from a cluster. The value is specified in seconds. Default: 3600 (1 hour).
- force\_evacuate\_on\_destroy When destroying the resource, setting this to true will auto-remove any hosts that are currently a member of the cluster, as if they were removed by taking their entry out of host\_system\_ids (see below). This is an advanced option and should only be used for testing. Default: false.

**NOTE:** Do not set <code>force\_evacuate\_on\_destroy</code> in production operation as there are many pitfalls to its use when working with complex cluster configurations. Depending on the virtual machines currently on the cluster, and your DRS and HA settings, the full host evacuation may fail. Instead, incrementally remove hosts from your configuration by adjusting the contents of the <code>host\_system\_ids</code> attribute.

#### How Terraform removes hosts from clusters

One can remove hosts from clusters by adjusting the host\_system\_ids configuration setting and removing the hosts in question. Hosts are removed sequentially, by placing them in maintenance mode, *moving them* to the root host folder in vSphere inventory, and then taking the host out of maintenance mode. This process, if successful, preserves the host in vSphere inventory as a standalone host.

Note that whether or not this operation succeeds as intended depends on your DRS and high availability settings. To ensure as much as possible that this operation will succeed, ensure that no HA configuration depends on the host *before* applying the host removal operation, as host membership operations are processed before configuration is applied. If there are VMs on the host, set your drs\_automation\_level to fullyAutomated to ensure that DRS can correctly evacuate the host before removal

Note that all virtual machines are migrated as part of the maintenance mode operation, including ones that are powered off or suspended. Ensure there is enough capacity on your remaining hosts to accommodate the extra load.

#### DRS automation options

The following options control the settings for DRS on the cluster.

- drs\_enabled (Optional) Enable DRS for this cluster. Default: false.
- drs\_automation\_level (Optional) The default automation level for all virtual machines in this cluster. Can be one of manual, partiallyAutomated, or fullyAutomated. Default: manual.
- drs\_migration\_threshold (Optional) A value between 1 and 5 indicating the threshold of imbalance tolerated between hosts. A lower setting will tolerate more imbalance while a higher setting will tolerate less. Default: 3.

- drs\_enable\_vm\_overrides (Optional) Allow individual DRS overrides to be set for virtual machines in the cluster.
   Default: true.
- drs\_enable\_predictive\_drs (Optional) When true, enables DRS to use data from vRealize Operations Manager
   (https://docs.vmware.com/en/vRealize-Operations-Manager/index.html) to make proactive DRS recommendations. \*
- drs\_advanced\_options (Optional) A key/value map that specifies advanced options for DRS and DPM.

#### DPM options

The following settings control the Distributed Power Management (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-5E5E349A-4644-4C9C-B434-1C0243EBDC80.html#GUID-5E5E349A-4644-4C9C-B434-1C0243EBDC80) (DPM) settings for the cluster. DPM allows the cluster to manage host capacity on-demand depending on the needs of the cluster, powering on hosts when capacity is needed, and placing hosts in standby when there is excess capacity in the cluster.

- dpm\_enabled (Optional) Enable DPM support for DRS in this cluster. Requires drs\_enabled to be true in order to be effective. Default: false.
- dpm\_automation\_level (Optional) The automation level for host power operations in this cluster. Can be one of manual or automated. Default: manual.
- dpm\_threshold (Optional) A value between 1 and 5 indicating the threshold of load within the cluster that influences host power operations. This affects both power on and power off operations a lower setting will tolerate more of a surplus/deficit than a higher setting. Default: 3.

## vSphere HA Options

The following settings control the vSphere HA (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-5432CA24-14F1-44E3-87FB-61D937831CF6.html) settings for the cluster.

**NOTE:** vSphere HA has a number of requirements that should be met to ensure that any configured settings work correctly. For a full list, see the vSphere HA Checklist (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-BA85FEC4-A37C-45BA-938D-37B309010D93.html).

- ha\_enabled (Optional) Enable vSphere HA for this cluster. Default: false.
- ha\_host\_monitoring (Optional) Global setting that controls whether vSphere HA remediates virtual machines on host failure. Can be one of enabled or disabled. Default: enabled.
- ha\_vm\_restart\_priority (Optional) The default restart priority for affected virtual machines when vSphere detects a host failure. Can be one of lowest, low, medium, high, or highest. Default: medium.
- ha\_vm\_dependency\_restart\_condition (Optional) The condition used to determine whether or not virtual machines
  in a certain restart priority class are online, allowing HA to move on to restarting virtual machines on the next priority.
  Can be one of none, poweredOn, guestHbStatusGreen, or appHbStatusGreen. The default is none, which means that a
  virtual machine is considered ready immediately after a host is found to start it on. \*
- ha\_vm\_restart\_additional\_delay (Optional) Additional delay in seconds after ready condition is met. A VM is considered ready at this point. Default: 0 (no delay).

- ha\_vm\_restart\_timeout (Optional) The maximum time, in seconds, that vSphere HA will wait for virtual machines in one priority to be ready before proceeding with the next priority. Default: 600 (10 minutes). \*
- ha\_host\_isolation\_response (Optional) The action to take on virtual machines when a host has detected that it has been isolated from the rest of the cluster. Can be one of none, powerOff, or shutdown. Default: none.
- ha\_advanced\_options (Optional) A key/value map that specifies advanced options for vSphere HA.

#### **HA Virtual Machine Component Protection settings**

The following settings control Virtual Machine Component Protection (VMCP) in vSphere HA. VMCP gives vSphere HA the ability to monitor a host for datastore accessibility failures, and automate recovery for affected virtual machines.

**Note on terminology:** In VMCP, Permanent Device Loss (PDL), or a failure where access to a specific disk device is not recoverable, is differentiated from an All Paths Down (APD) failure, which is used to denote a transient failure where disk device access may eventually return. Take note of this when tuning these options.

- ha\_vm\_component\_protection (Optional) Controls vSphere VM component protection for virtual machines in this cluster. Can be one of enabled or disabled. Default: enabled. \*
- ha\_datastore\_pdl\_response (Optional) Controls the action to take on virtual machines when the cluster has detected a permanent device loss to a relevant datastore. Can be one of disabled, warning, or restartAggressive. Default: disabled. \*
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response (Optional) Controls the action to take on virtual machines when the cluster has
  detected loss to all paths to a relevant datastore. Can be one of disabled, warning, restartConservative, or
  restartAggressive. Default: disabled. \*
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_recovery\_action (Optional) Controls the action to take on virtual machines if an APD status on an affected datastore clears in the middle of an APD event. Can be one of none or reset. Default: none. \*
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response\_delay (Optional) Controls the delay in minutes to wait after an APD timeout event to execute the response action defined in ha\_datastore\_apd\_response. Default: 3 minutes. \*

#### HA virtual machine and application monitoring settings

The following settings illustrate the options that can be set to work with virtual machine and application monitoring on vSphere HA.

- ha\_vm\_monitoring (Optional) The type of virtual machine monitoring to use when HA is enabled in the cluster. Can be one of vmMonitoringDisabled, vmMonitoringOnly, or vmAndAppMonitoring. Default: vmMonitoringDisabled.
- ha\_vm\_failure\_interval (Optional) If a heartbeat from a virtual machine is not received within this configured interval, the virtual machine is marked as failed. The value is in seconds. Default: 30.
- ha\_vm\_minimum\_uptime (Optional) The time, in seconds, that HA waits after powering on a virtual machine before monitoring for heartbeats. Default: 120 (2 minutes).
- ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets (Optional) The maximum number of resets that HA will perform to a virtual machine when responding to a failure event. Default: 3
- ha\_vm\_maximum\_failure\_window (Optional) The length of the reset window in which ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets can

operate. When this window expires, no more resets are attempted regardless of the setting configured in ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets. -1 means no window, meaning an unlimited reset time is allotted. The value is specified in seconds. Default: -1 (no window).

#### vSphere HA Admission Control settings

The following settings control vSphere HA Admission Control, which controls whether or not specific VM operations are permitted in the cluster in order to protect the reliability of the cluster. Based on the constraints defined in these settings, operations such as power on or migration operations may be blocked to ensure that enough capacity remains to react to host failures.

#### Admission control modes

The ha\_admission\_control\_policy parameter controls the specific mode that Admission Control uses. What settings are available depends on the admission control mode:

- **Cluster resource percentage**: This is the default admission control mode, and allows you to specify a percentage of the cluster's CPU and memory resources to reserve as spare capacity, or have these settings automatically determined by failure tolerance levels. To use, set ha\_admission\_control\_policy to resourcePercentage.
- **Slot Policy (powered-on VMs)**: This allows the definition of a virtual machine "slot", which is a set amount of CPU and memory resources that should represent the size of an average virtual machine in the cluster. To use, set ha\_admission\_control\_policy to slotPolicy.
- **Dedicated failover hosts**: This allows the reservation of dedicated failover hosts. Admission Control will block access to these hosts for normal operation to ensure that they are available for failover events. In the event that a dedicated host does not enough capacity, hosts that are not part of the dedicated pool will still be used for overflow if possible. To use, set ha\_admission\_control\_policy to failoverHosts.

It is also possible to disable Admission Control by setting ha\_admission\_control\_policy to disabled, however this is not recommended as it can lead to issues with cluster capacity, and instability with vSphere HA.

• ha\_admission\_control\_policy - (Optional) The type of admission control policy to use with vSphere HA. Can be one of resourcePercentage, slotPolicy, failoverHosts, or disabled. Default: resourcePercentage.

#### **Common Admission Control settings**

The following settings are available for all Admission Control modes, but will infer different meanings in each mode.

- ha\_admission\_control\_host\_failure\_tolerance (Optional) The maximum number of failed hosts that admission
  control tolerates when making decisions on whether to permit virtual machine operations. The maximum is one less
  than the number of hosts in the cluster. Default: 1. \*
- ha\_admission\_control\_performance\_tolerance (Optional) The percentage of resource reduction that a cluster of virtual machines can tolerate in case of a failover. A value of 0 produces warnings only, whereas a value of 100 disables the setting. Default: 100 (disabled).

#### Admission Control settings for resource percentage mode

The following settings control specific settings for Admission Control when resourcePercentage is selected in

ha\_admission\_control\_policy.

- ha\_admission\_control\_resource\_percentage\_auto\_compute (Optional) Automatically determine available
  resource percentages by subtracting the average number of host resources represented by the
  ha\_admission\_control\_host\_failure\_tolerance setting from the total amount of resources in the cluster. Disable
  to supply user-defined values. Default: true. \*
- ha\_admission\_control\_resource\_percentage\_cpu (Optional) Controls the user-defined percentage of CPU resources in the cluster to reserve for failover. Default: 100.
- ha\_admission\_control\_resource\_percentage\_memory (Optional) Controls the user-defined percentage of memory resources in the cluster to reserve for failover. Default: 100.

#### Admission Control settings for slot policy mode

The following settings control specific settings for Admission Control when slotPolicy is selected in ha\_admission\_control\_policy.

- ha\_admission\_control\_slot\_policy\_use\_explicit\_size (Optional) Controls whether or not you wish to supply explicit values to CPU and memory slot sizes. The default is false, which tells vSphere to gather a automatic average based on all powered-on virtual machines currently in the cluster.
- ha\_admission\_control\_slot\_policy\_explicit\_cpu (Optional) Controls the user-defined CPU slot size, in MHz. Default: 32.
- ha\_admission\_control\_slot\_policy\_explicit\_memory (Optional) Controls the user-defined memory slot size, in
   MB. Default: 100.

#### Admission Control settings for dedicated failover host mode

The following settings control specific settings for Admission Control when failoverHosts is selected in ha\_admission\_control\_policy.

ha\_admission\_control\_failover\_host\_system\_ids - (Optional) Defines the managed object IDs
 (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of hosts to use as
 dedicated failover hosts. These hosts are kept as available as possible - admission control will block access to the host,
 and DRS will ignore the host when making recommendations.

#### vSphere HA datastore settings

vSphere HA uses datastore heartbeating to determine the health of a particular host. Depending on how your datastores are configured, the settings below may need to be altered to ensure that specific datastores are used over others.

If you require a user-defined list of datastores, ensure you select either userSelectedDs (for user selected only) or allFeasibleDsWithUserPreference (for automatic selection with preferred overrides) for the ha\_heartbeat\_datastore\_policy setting.

 ha\_heartbeat\_datastore\_policy - (Optional) The selection policy for HA heartbeat datastores. Can be one of allFeasibleDs, userSelectedDs, or allFeasibleDsWithUserPreference. Default: allFeasibleDsWithUserPreference. ha\_heartbeat\_datastore\_ids - (Optional) The list of managed object IDs for preferred datastores to use for HA
heartbeating. This setting is only useful when ha\_heartbeat\_datastore\_policy is set to either userSelectedDs or
allFeasibleDsWithUserPreference.

#### Proactive HA settings

The following settings pertain to Proactive HA (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-

vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-3E3B18CC-8574-46FA-9170-CF549B8E55B8.html), an advanced feature of vSphere HA that allows the cluster to get data from external providers and make decisions based on the data reported.

Working with Proactive HA is outside the scope of this document. For more details, see the referenced link in the above paragraph.

- proactive\_ha\_enabled (Optional) Enables Proactive HA. Default: false. \*
- proactive\_ha\_automation\_level (Optional) Determines how the host quarantine, maintenance mode, or virtual
  machine migration recommendations made by proactive HA are to be handled. Can be one of Automated or Manual.

  Default: Manual. \*
- proactive\_ha\_moderate\_remediation (Optional) The configured remediation for moderately degraded hosts. Can be one of MaintenanceMode or QuarantineMode. Note that this cannot be set to MaintenanceMode when proactive\_ha\_severe\_remediation is set to QuarantineMode. Default: QuarantineMode. \*
- proactive\_ha\_severe\_remediation (Optional) The configured remediation for severely degraded hosts. Can be one of MaintenanceMode or QuarantineMode. Note that this cannot be set to QuarantineMode when proactive\_ha\_moderate\_remediation is set to MaintenanceMode. Default: QuarantineMode. \*
- proactive\_ha\_provider\_ids (Optional) The list of IDs for health update providers configured for this cluster.

#### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id: The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster.
- resource\_pool\_id The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the primary resource pool for this cluster. This can be passed directly to the resource\_pool\_id attribute (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#resource\_pool\_id) of the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource.

### **Importing**

An existing cluster can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the cluster, via the following command:

 $terraform\ import\ vsphere\_compute\_cluster.compute\_cluster\ /dc1/host/compute-cluster$ 

The above would import the cluster named compute-cluster that is located in the dc1 datacenter.

## vSphere Version Requirements

A large number of settings in the vsphere\_compute\_cluster resource require a specific version of vSphere to function. Rather than include warnings at every setting or section, these settings are documented below. Note that this list is for cluster-specific attributes only, and does not include the tags parameter, which requires vSphere 6.0 or higher across all resources that can be tagged.

All settings are footnoted by an asterisk (\*) in their specific section in the documentation, which takes you here.

#### Settings that require vSphere version 6.0 or higher

These settings require vSphere 6.0 or higher:

- ha\_datastore\_apd\_recovery\_action
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response\_delay
- ha\_datastore\_pdl\_response
- ha\_vm\_component\_protection

#### Settings that require vSphere version 6.5 or higher

These settings require vSphere 6.5 or higher:

- drs\_enable\_predictive\_drs
- ha\_admission\_control\_host\_failure\_tolerance (When ha\_admission\_control\_policy is set to resourcePercentage or slotPolicy. Permitted in all versions under failoverHosts)
- ha\_admission\_control\_resource\_percentage\_auto\_compute
- ha\_vm\_restart\_timeout
- ha\_vm\_dependency\_restart\_condition
- ha\_vm\_restart\_additional\_delay
- proactive\_ha\_automation\_level
- proactive\_ha\_enabled
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{proactive\_ha\_moderate\_remediation}$
- proactive\_ha\_provider\_ids
- proactive\_ha\_severe\_remediation

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_host\_group

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_host\_group resource can be used to manage groups of hosts in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

This resource mainly serves as an input to the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule.html) resource - see the documentation for that resource for further details on how to use host groups.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

## **Example Usage**

The example below is the exact same configuration as the example (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#example-usage) in the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource, but in addition, it creates a host group with the same hosts that get put into the cluster.

```
variable "datacenter" {
 default = "dc1"
variable "hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
  ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "${var.datacenter}"
data "vsphere host" "hosts" {
            = "${length(var.hosts)}"
             = "${var.hosts[count.index]}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
         = "terraform-compute-cluster-test"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.hosts.*.id}"]
 drs enabled
                     = true
 drs_automation_level = "fullyAutomated"
 ha_enabled = true
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_host_group" "cluster_host_group" {
             = "terraform-test-cluster-host-group"
  compute_cluster_id = "${vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.hosts.*.id}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the host group. This must be unique in the cluster. Forces a new resource if changed.
- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- host\_system\_ids (Optional) The managed object IDs (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the hosts to put in the cluster.

**NOTE:** The namespace for cluster names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_group.html) resource. Make sure your names are unique across both resources.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the name of the host group.

## **Importing**

An existing group can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name of the host group. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the group is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_host_group.cluster_host_group \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "name": "terraform-test-cluster-host-group"}'
```

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_affinity\_rule

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_affinity\_rule resource can be used to manage VM affinity rules in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

This rule can be used to tell a set to virtual machines to run together on a single host within a cluster. When configured, DRS will make a best effort to ensure that the virtual machines run on the same host, or prevent any operation that would keep that from happening, depending on the value of the mandatory flag.

Keep in mind that this rule can only be used to tell VMs to run together on a *non-specific* host - it can't be used to pin VMs to a host. For that, see the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule.html) resource.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

NOTE: vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

## **Example Usage**

The example below creates two virtual machines in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machines in the cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates an affinity rule for these two virtual machines, ensuring they will run on the same host whenever possible.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
       = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
              = "network1"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
 count
                 = "terraform-test-${count.index}"
 name
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.resource_pool_id}"
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory
         = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_affinity_rule" "cluster_vm_affinity_rule" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-affinity-rule"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.*.id}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- name (Required) The name of the rule. This must be unique in the cluster.
- virtual\_machine\_ids (Required) The UUIDs of the virtual machines to run on the same host together.
- enabled (Optional) Enable this rule in the cluster. Default: true.

mandatory - (Optional) When this value is true, prevents any virtual machine operations that may violate this rule.
 Default: false.

**NOTE:** The namespace for rule names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with all rules in the cluster - consider this when naming your rules.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the rule's key within the cluster configuration.

## **Importing**

An existing rule can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name the rule. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the rule is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_affinity_rule.cluster_vm_affinity_rule \
   '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
   "name": "terraform-test-cluster-vm-affinity-rule"}'
```

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_anti\_affinity\_rule

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_anti\_affinity\_rule resource can be used to manage VM anti-affinity rules in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

This rule can be used to tell a set to virtual machines to run on different hosts within a cluster, useful for preventing single points of failure in application cluster scenarios. When configured, DRS will make a best effort to ensure that the virtual machines run on different hosts, or prevent any operation that would keep that from happening, depending on the value of the mandatory flag.

Keep in mind that this rule can only be used to tell VMs to run separately on *non-specific* hosts - specific hosts cannot be specified with this rule. For that, see the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule.html) resource.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

NOTE: vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

## **Example Usage**

The example below creates two virtual machines in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machines in the cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates an anti-affinity rule for these two virtual machines, ensuring they will run on different hosts whenever possible.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
       = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
              = "network1"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
 count
                 = "terraform-test-${count.index}"
 name
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.resource_pool_id}"
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory
         = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule" "cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-anti-affinity-rule"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.*.id}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- name (Required) The name of the rule. This must be unique in the cluster.
- virtual\_machine\_ids (Required) The UUIDs of the virtual machines to run on hosts different from each other.
- enabled (Optional) Enable this rule in the cluster. Default: true.

mandatory - (Optional) When this value is true, prevents any virtual machine operations that may violate this rule.
 Default: false.

**NOTE:** The namespace for rule names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with all rules in the cluster - consider this when naming your rules.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the rule's key within the cluster configuration.

## **Importing**

An existing rule can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name the rule. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the rule is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule.cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule \
'{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
"name": "terraform-test-cluster-vm-anti-affinity-rule"}'
```

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_dependency\_rule

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_dependency\_rule resource can be used to manage VM dependency rules in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

A virtual machine dependency rule applies to vSphere HA, and allows user-defined startup orders for virtual machines in the case of host failure. Virtual machines are supplied via groups, which can be managed via the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_group.html) resource.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

## **Example Usage**

The example below creates two virtual machine in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource in a cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates a group with this virtual machine. Two groups are created, each with one of the created VMs. Finally, a rule is created to ensure that vm1 starts before vm2.

Note how dependency\_vm\_group\_name and vm\_group\_name are sourced off of the name attributes from the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_group.html) resource. This is to ensure that the rule is not created before the groups exist, which may not possibly happen in the event that the names came from a "static" source such as a variable.

```
data "vsphere datacenter" "dc" {
  name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
          = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
              = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm1" {
                 = "terraform-test1"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
               = "${data.vsphere datastore.datastore.id}"
 datastore id
 num_cpus = 2
 memory = 2048
  guest id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
  network_interface {
```

```
network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  }
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm2" {
                 = "terraform-test2"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
  datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num cpus = 2
 memory = 2048
  guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group" "cluster_vm_group1" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group1"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm1.id}"]
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group" "cluster_vm_group2" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group2"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm2.id}"]
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_dependency_rule" "cluster_vm_dependency_rule" {
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
                         = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-dependency-rule"
  dependency_vm_group_name = "${vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group.cluster_vm_group1.name}"
                         = "${vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group.cluster_vm_group2.name}"
  vm_group_name
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- name (Required) The name of the rule. This must be unique in the cluster.
- dependency\_vm\_group\_name (Required) The name of the VM group that this rule depends on. The VMs defined in the group specified by vm\_group\_name will not be started until the VMs in this group are started.

- vm\_group\_name (Required) The name of the VM group that is the subject of this rule. The VMs defined in this group will not be started until the VMs in the group specified by dependency\_vm\_group\_name are started.
- enabled (Optional) Enable this rule in the cluster. Default: true.
- mandatory (Optional) When this value is true, prevents any virtual machine operations that may violate this rule. Default: false.

**NOTE:** The namespace for rule names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with all rules in the cluster - consider this when naming your rules.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the rule's key within the cluster configuration.

## **Importing**

An existing rule can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name the rule. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the rule is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_dependency_rule.cluster_vm_dependency_rule \
   '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
   "name": "terraform-test-cluster-vm-dependency-rule"}'
```

# vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group resource can be used to manage groups of virtual machines in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

This resource mainly serves as an input to the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_dependency\_rule (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_dependency\_rule.html) and vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule.html) resources. See the individual resource documentation pages for more information.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

NOTE: vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

### Example Usage

The example below creates two virtual machines in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machine in the cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates a group from these two virtual machines.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
       = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "network1"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
 count
                  = "terraform-test-${count.index}"
 name
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.resource_pool_id}"
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory
         = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group" "cluster_vm_group" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.*.id}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the VM group. This must be unique in the cluster. Forces a new resource if changed.
- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- virtual\_machine\_ids (Required) The UUIDs of the virtual machines in this group.

**NOTE:** The namespace for cluster names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_host\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_host\_group.html) resource. Make sure your names are unique across both resources.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the name of the virtual machine group.

#### **Importing**

An existing group can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name of the VM group. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the group is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group.cluster_vm_group \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "name": "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group"}'
```

## vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule

The vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule resource can be used to manage VM-to-host rules in a cluster, either created by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

This resource can create both *affinity rules*, where virtual machines run on specified hosts, or *anti-affinity* rules, where virtual machines run on hosts outside of the ones specified in the rule. Virtual machines and hosts are supplied via groups, which can be managed via the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_group.html) and vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_host\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_host\_group.html) resources.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

### **Example Usage**

The example below creates a virtual machine in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource in a cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates a group with this virtual machine. It also creates a host group off of the host looked up via the vsphere\_host (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/host.html) data source. Finally, this virtual machine is configured to run specifically on that host via a vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_host\_rule resource.

Note how vm\_group\_name and affinity\_host\_group\_name are sourced off of the name attributes from the vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_vm\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_vm\_group.html) and vsphere\_compute\_cluster\_host\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster\_host\_group.html) resources. This is to ensure that the rule is not created before the groups exist, which may not possibly happen in the event that the names came from a "static" source such as a variable.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
       = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_host" "host" {
               = "esxi1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
              = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.datastore.id}"
 datastore_id
 num\_cpus = 2
 memory = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group" "cluster_vm_group" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group"
 compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.id}"]
}
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_host_group" "cluster_host_group" {
                    = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-group"
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.host.id}"]
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_host_rule" "cluster_vm_host_rule" {
 compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
                         = "terraform-test-cluster-vm-host-rule"
                         = "${vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_group.cluster_vm_group.name}"
 vm_group_name
 affinity_host_group_name = "${vsphere_compute_cluster_host_group.cluster_host_group.name}"
}
```

### **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- name (Required) The name of the rule. This must be unique in the cluster.
- vm\_group\_name (Required) The name of the virtual machine group to use with this rule.
- affinity\_host\_group\_name (Optional) When this field is used, the virtual machines defined in vm\_group\_name will be run on the hosts defined in this host group.
- anti\_affinity\_host\_group\_name (Optional) When this field is used, the virtual machines defined in vm\_group\_name will *not* be run on the hosts defined in this host group.
- enabled (Optional) Enable this rule in the cluster. Default: true.
- mandatory (Optional) When this value is true, prevents any virtual machine operations that may violate this rule.
   Default: false.

**NOTE:** One of affinity\_host\_group\_name or anti\_affinity\_host\_group\_name must be defined, but not both.

**NOTE:** The namespace for rule names on this resource (defined by the name argument) is shared with all rules in the cluster - consider this when naming your rules.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the rule's key within the cluster configuration.

### **Importing**

An existing rule can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name the rule. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the rule is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_compute_cluster_vm_host_rule.cluster_vm_host_rule \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "name": "terraform-test-cluster-vm-host-rule"}'
```

## vsphere\_custom\_attribute

The vsphere\_custom\_attribute resource can be used to create and manage custom attributes, which allow users to associate user-specific meta-information with vSphere managed objects. Custom attribute values must be strings and are stored on the vCenter Server and not the managed object.

For more information about custom attributes, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vcenterhost.doc/GUID-73606C4C-763C-4E27-A1DA-032E4C46219D.html).

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

### **Example Usage**

This example creates a custom attribute named terraform-test-attribute. The resulting custom attribute can be assigned to VMs only.

## Using Custom Attributes in a Supported Resource

Custom attributes can be set on vSphere resources in Terraform via the custom\_attributes argument in any supported resource.

The following example builds on the above example by creating a vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) and assigning a value to created custom attribute on it.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the custom attribute.
- managed\_object\_type (Optional) The object type that this attribute may be applied to. If not set, the custom

## Managed Object Types

The following table will help you determine what value you need to enter for the managed object type you want the attribute to apply to.

Note that if you want a attribute to apply to all objects, leave the type unspecified.

Туре	Value	
Folders	Folder	
Clusters	ClusterComputeResource	
Datacenters	Datacenter	
Datastores	Datastore	
Datastore Clusters	StoragePod	
DVS Portgroups	DistributedVirtualPortgroup	
Distributed vSwitches	DistributedVirtualSwitch VmwareDistributedVirtualSwitch	
Hosts	HostSystem	
Content Libraries	com.vmware.content.Library	
Content Library Items	com.vmware.content.library.Item	
Networks	HostNetwork Network OpaqueNetwork	
Resource Pools	ResourcePool	
vApps	VirtualApp	
Virtual Machines	VirtualMachine	

#### Attribute Reference

This resource only exports the id attribute for the vSphere custom attribute.

### **Importing**

An existing custom attribute can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via its name, using the following command:

 $terraform\ import\ vsphere\_custom\_attribute.attribute\ terraform-test-attribute$ 

## vsphere\_datacenter

Provides a VMware vSphere datacenter resource. This can be used as the primary container of inventory objects such as hosts and virtual machines.

### **Example Usages**

#### Create datacenter on the root folder:

#### Create datacenter on a subfolder:

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the datacenter. This name needs to be unique within the folder. Forces a new resource if changed.
- folder (Optional) The folder where the datacenter should be created. Forces a new resource if changed.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to value strings to set for datacenter resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

NOTE: Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

#### Attribute Reference

• id - The name of this datacenter. This will be changed to the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) in v2.0.

<ul> <li>moid - Managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of this datacenter.</li> </ul>				
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# vsphere\_datastore\_cluster

The vsphere\_datastore\_cluster resource can be used to create and manage datastore clusters. This can be used to create groups of datastores with a shared management interface, allowing for resource control and load balancing through Storage DRS.

For more information on vSphere datastore clusters and Storage DRS, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-598DF695-107E-406B-9C95-0AF961FC227A.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

NOTE: Storage DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

## **Example Usage**

The following example sets up a datastore cluster and enables Storage DRS with the default settings. It then creates two NAS datastores using the vsphere\_nas\_datastore resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/nas\_datastore.html) and assigns them to the datastore cluster.

```
variable "hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {}
data "vsphere_host" "esxi_hosts" {
 count = "${length(var.hosts)}"
              = "${var.hosts[count.index]}"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
resource "vsphere datastore cluster" "datastore cluster" {
              = "terraform-datastore-cluster-test"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
 sdrs_enabled = true
resource "vsphere_nas_datastore" "datastore1" {
           = "terraform-datastore-test1"
 host_system_ids
                   = ["${data.vsphere_host.esxi_hosts.*.id}"]
 datastore_cluster_id = "${vsphere_datastore_cluster.id}"
             = "NFS"
 tvpe
 remote_hosts = ["nfs"]
 remote_path = "/export/terraform-test1"
}
resource "vsphere_nas_datastore" "datastore2" {
                    = "terraform-datastore-test2"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.esxi_hosts.*.id}"]
 datastore_cluster_id = "${vsphere_datastore_cluster.id}"
            = "NFS"
 remote_hosts = ["nfs"]
 remote_path = "/export/terraform-test2"
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the datastore cluster.
- datacenter\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datacenter to create the datastore cluster in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- folder (Optional) The relative path to a folder to put this datastore cluster in. This is a path relative to the datacenter you are deploying the datastore to. Example: for the dc1 datacenter, and a provided folder of foo/bar, Terraform will place a datastore cluster named terraform-datastore-cluster-test in a datastore folder located at /dc1/datastore/foo/bar, with the final inventory path being /dc1/datastore/foo/bar/terraform-datastore-cluster-test.

- sdrs\_enabled (Optional) Enable Storage DRS for this datastore cluster. Default: false.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

**NOTE:** Tagging support requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) A map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set for the datastore cluster. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

#### Storage DRS automation options

The following options control the automation levels for Storage DRS on the datastore cluster.

All options below can either be one of two settings: manual for manual mode, where Storage DRS makes migration recommendations but does not execute them, or automated for fully automated mode, where Storage DRS executes migration recommendations automatically.

The automation level can be further tuned for each specific SDRS subsystem. Specifying an override will set the automation level for that part of Storage DRS to the respective level. Not specifying an override infers that you want to use the cluster default automation level.

- sdrs\_automation\_level (Optional) The global automation level for all virtual machines in this datastore cluster. Default: manual.
- sdrs\_space\_balance\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the default automation settings when correcting disk space imbalances.
- sdrs\_io\_balance\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the default automation settings when correcting I/O load imbalances.
- sdrs\_rule\_enforcement\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the default automation settings when correcting affinity rule violations.
- sdrs\_policy\_enforcement\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the default automation settings when correcting storage and VM policy violations.
- sdrs\_vm\_evacuation\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the default automation settings when generating recommendations for datastore evacuation.

#### Storage DRS I/O load balancing settings

The following options control I/O load balancing for Storage DRS on the datastore cluster.

**NOTE:** All reservable IOPS settings require vSphere 6.0 or higher and are ignored on older versions.

- sdrs\_io\_load\_balance\_enabled (Optional) Enable I/O load balancing for this datastore cluster. Default: true.
- sdrs\_io\_latency\_threshold (Optional) The I/O latency threshold, in milliseconds, that storage DRS uses to make recommendations to move disks from this datastore. Default: 15 seconds.
- sdrs\_io\_load\_imbalance\_threshold (Optional) The difference between load in datastores in the cluster before storage DRS makes recommendations to balance the load. Default: 5 percent.
- sdrs\_io\_reservable\_iops\_threshold (Optional) The threshold of reservable IOPS of all virtual machines on the datastore before storage DRS makes recommendations to move VMs off of a datastore. Note that this setting should only be set if sdrs\_io\_reservable\_percent\_threshold cannot make an accurate estimate of the capacity of the datastores in your cluster, and should be set to roughly 50-60% of the worst case peak performance of the backing LUNs.
- sdrs\_io\_reservable\_percent\_threshold (Optional) The threshold, in percent, of actual estimated performance of the datastore (in IOPS) that storage DRS uses to make recommendations to move VMs off of a datastore when the total reservable IOPS exceeds the threshold. Default: 60 percent.
- sdrs\_io\_reservable\_threshold\_mode (Optional) The reservable IOPS threshold setting to use, sdrs\_io\_reservable\_percent\_threshold in the event of automatic, or sdrs\_io\_reservable\_iops\_threshold in the event of manual. Default: automatic.

#### Storage DRS disk space load balancing settings

The following options control disk space load balancing for Storage DRS on the datastore cluster.

**NOTE:** Setting sdrs\_free\_space\_threshold\_mode to freeSpace and using the sdrs\_free\_space\_threshold setting requires vSphere 6.0 or higher and is ignored on older versions. Using these settings on older versions may result in spurious diffs in Terraform.

- sdrs\_free\_space\_utilization\_difference (Optional) The threshold, in percent of used space, that storage DRS uses to make decisions to migrate VMs out of a datastore. Default: 80 percent.
- sdrs\_free\_space\_utilization\_difference (Optional) The threshold, in percent, of difference between space utilization in datastores before storage DRS makes decisions to balance the space. Default: 5 percent.
- sdrs\_free\_space\_threshold (Optional) The threshold, in GB, that storage DRS uses to make decisions to migrate VMs out of a datastore. Default: 50 GB.
- sdrs\_free\_space\_threshold (Optional) The free space threshold to use. When set to utilization, drs\_space\_utilization\_threshold is used, and when set to freeSpace, drs\_free\_space\_threshold is used. Default: utilization.

#### Storage DRS advanced settings

The following options control advanced parts of Storage DRS that may not require changing during basic operation:

- sdrs\_default\_intra\_vm\_affinity (Optional) When true, all disks in a single virtual machine will be kept on the same datastore. Default: true.
- sdrs\_load\_balance\_interval (Optional) The storage DRS poll interval, in minutes. Default: 480 minutes.

• sdrs\_advanced\_options - (Optional) A key/value map of advanced Storage DRS settings that are not exposed via Terraform or the vSphere client.

## Attribute Reference

The only computed attribute that is exported by this resource is the resource id, which is the the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore cluster.

## **Importing**

An existing datastore cluster can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the cluster, via the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_datastore\_cluster.datastore\_cluster /dc1/datastore/ds-cluster

The above would import the datastore cluster named ds-cluster that is located in the dc1 datacenter.

# vsphere\_datastore\_cluster\_vm\_anti\_affinity\_rule

The vsphere\_datastore\_cluster\_vm\_anti\_affinity\_rule resource can be used to manage VM anti-affinity rules in a datastore cluster, either created by the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/datastore\_cluster.html) resource or looked up by the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore\_cluster.html) data source.

This rule can be used to tell a set to virtual machines to run on different datastores within a cluster, useful for preventing single points of failure in application cluster scenarios. When configured, Storage DRS will make a best effort to ensure that the virtual machines run on different datastores, or prevent any operation that would keep that from happening, depending on the value of the mandatory flag.

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** Storage DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

### **Example Usage**

The example below creates two virtual machines in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machines in the datastore cluster looked up by the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore\_cluster.html) data source. It then creates an anti-affinity rule for these two virtual machines, ensuring they will run on different datastores whenever possible.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore_cluster" "datastore_cluster" {
               = "datastore-cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
         = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
              = "network1"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
 count
                     = "terraform-test-${count.index}"
 name
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 datastore_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore_cluster.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory
         = 2048
  guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
resource "vsphere_datastore_cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule" "cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule" {
                     = "terraform-test-datastore-cluster-vm-anti-affinity-rule"
  datastore_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_ids = ["${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.*.id}"]
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- datastore\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore cluster to put the group in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- name (Required) The name of the rule. This must be unique in the cluster.
- virtual\_machine\_ids (Required) The UUIDs of the virtual machines to run on different datastores from each other.

**NOTE:** The minimum length of virtual\_machine\_ids is 2, and due to current limitations in Terraform Core, the value is currently checked during the apply phase, not the validation or plan phases. Ensure proper length of this value to prevent failures mid-apply.

- enabled (Optional) Enable this rule in the cluster. Default: true.
- mandatory (Optional) When this value is true, prevents any virtual machine operations that may violate this rule.

  Default: false.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the rule's key within the cluster configuration.

#### **Importing**

An existing rule can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the name the rule. If the name or cluster is not found, or if the rule is of a different type, an error will be returned. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_datastore_cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule.cluster_vm_anti_affinity_rule \
   '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/datastore/cluster1", \
   "name": "terraform-test-datastore-cluster-vm-anti-affinity-rule"}'
```

# vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group

The vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group resource can be used to manage vSphere distributed virtual port groups. These port groups are connected to distributed virtual switches, which can be managed by the vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html) resource.

Distributed port groups can be used as networks for virtual machines, allowing VMs to use the networking supplied by a distributed virtual switch (DVS), with a set of policies that apply to that individual newtork, if desired.

For an overview on vSphere networking concepts, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-2B11DBB8-CB3C-4AFF-8885-EFEA0FC562F4.html). For more information on vSphere DVS portgroups, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-69933F6E-2442-46CF-AA17-1196CB9A0A09.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

### **Example Usage**

The configuration below builds on the example given in the vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html) resource by adding the vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group resource, attaching itself to the DVS created here and assigning VLAN ID 1000.

```
variable "esxi_hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
 ]
}
variable "network_interfaces" {
 default = [
   "vmnic0",
   "vmnic1",
   "vmnic2",
   "vmnic3",
 ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_host" "host" {
              = "${length(var.esxi hosts)}"
              = "${var.esxi_hosts[count.index]}"
 name
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch" "dvs" {
              = "terraform-test-dvs"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
               = ["uplink1", "uplink2", "uplink3", "uplink4"]
 active_uplinks = ["uplink1", "uplink2"]
 standby_uplinks = ["uplink3", "uplink4"]
 host {
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.0.id}"
   devices = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
 }
  host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.1.id}"
   devices = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.2.id}"
   devices
            = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
 }
resource "vsphere_distributed_port_group" "pg" {
                                = "terraform-test-pg"
 distributed_virtual_switch_uuid = "${vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch.dvs.id}"
 vlan_id = 1000
```

All of the default port policies (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#default-port-group-policy-arguments) available in the vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch resource can be overridden on the port group level by specifying new settings for them.

As an example, we also take this example from the vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch resource where we manually specify our uplink count and uplink order. While the DVS has a default policy of using the first uplink as an active uplink and the second one as a standby, the overridden port group policy means that both uplinks will be used as active uplinks in this specific port group.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the port group.
- distributed\_virtual\_switch\_uuid (Required) The ID of the DVS to add the port group to. Forces a new resource if changed.
- type (Optional) The port group type. Can be one of earlyBinding (static binding) or ephemeral. Default: earlyBinding.
- description (Optional) An optional description for the port group.
- number\_of\_ports (Optional) The number of ports available on this port group. Cannot be decreased below the amount of used ports on the port group.
- auto\_expand (Optional) Allows the port group to create additional ports past the limit specified in number\_of\_ports if necessary. Default: true.

**NOTE:** Using auto\_expand with a statically defined number\_of\_ports may lead to errors when the port count grows past the amount specified. If you specify number\_of\_ports, you may wish to set auto\_expand to false.

port\_name\_format - (Optional) An optional formatting policy for naming of the ports in this port group. See the
portNameFormat attribute listed here
 (https://code.vmware.com/apis/196/vsphere#/doc/vim.dvs.DistributedVirtualPortgroup.ConfigInfo.html#portNameFormat)

for details on the format syntax.

- network\_resource\_pool\_key (Optional) The key of a network resource pool to associate with this port group. The default is -1, which implies no association.
- custom\_attributes (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value string to set for port group. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

#### Policy options

In addition to the above options, you can configure any policy option that is available under the vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch policy options (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#default-port-group-policy-arguments) section. Any policy option that is not set is inherited from the DVS, its options propagating to the port group.

See the link for a full list of options that can be set.

#### Port override options

The following options below control whether or not the policies set in the port group can be overridden on the individual port:

- block\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the port shutdown policy (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#block\_all\_ports) to be overridden on an individual port.
- live\_port\_moving\_allowed (Optional) Allow a port in this port group to be moved to another port group while it is connected.
- netflow\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the Netflow policy (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#netflow\_enabled) on this port group to be overridden on an individual port.
- network\_resource\_pool\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the network resource pool set on this port group to be overridden on an individual port.
- port\_config\_reset\_at\_disconnect (Optional) Reset a port's settings to the settings defined on this port group policy when the port disconnects.
- security\_policy\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the security policy settings
   (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#security-options) defined in this port group policy to be
   overridden on an individual port.
- shaping\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the traffic shaping options
   (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#traffic-shaping-options) on this port group policy to be overridden on an individual port.
- traffic\_filter\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow any traffic filters on this port group to be overridden on an individual port.
- uplink\_teaming\_override\_allowed (Optional) Allow the uplink teaming options

(/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#ha-policy-options) on this port group to be overridden on an individual port.

vlan\_override\_allowed - (Optional) Allow the VLAN settings
 (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_virtual\_switch.html#vlan-options) on this port group to be overridden on an individual port.

#### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id: The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the created port group.
- key: The generated UUID of the portgroup.

**NOTE:** While id and key may look the same in state, they are documented differently in the vSphere API and come from different fields in the port group object. If you are asked to supply an managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) to another resource, be sure to use the id field.

• config\_version: The current version of the port group configuration, incremented by subsequent updates to the port group.

### **Importing**

An existing port group can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the port group, via the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group.pg /dc1/network/pg

The above would import the port group named pg that is located in the dc1 datacenter.

## vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch

The vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch resource can be used to manage VMware Distributed Virtual Switches.

An essential component of a distributed, scalable VMware datacenter, the vSphere Distributed Virtual Switch (DVS) provides centralized management and monitoring of the networking configuration of all the hosts that are associated with the switch. In addition to adding port groups (see the vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_port\_group.html) resource) that can be used as networks for virtual machines, a DVS

(/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_port\_group.html) resource) that can be used as networks for virtual machines, a DVS can be configured to perform advanced high availability, traffic shaping, network monitoring, and more.

For an overview on vSphere networking concepts, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-2B11DBB8-CB3C-4AFF-8885-EFEA0FC562F4.html). For more information on vSphere DVS, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-375B45C7-684C-4C51-BA3C-70E48DFABF04.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

### **Example Usage**

The following example below demonstrates a "standard" example of configuring a vSphere DVS in a 3-node vSphere datacenter named dc1, across 4 NICs with two being used as active, and two being used as passive. Note that the NIC failover order propagates to any port groups configured on this DVS and can be overridden there.

```
variable "esxi_hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
  ]
}
variable "network_interfaces" {
 default = [
   "vmnic0",
   "vmnic1",
   "vmnic2",
   "vmnic3",
  ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_host" "host" {
 count = "${length(var.esxi_hosts)}"
             = "${var.esxi_hosts[count.index]}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch" "dvs" {
         = "terraform-test-dvs"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
                = ["uplink1", "uplink2", "uplink3", "uplink4"]
 active_uplinks = ["uplink1", "uplink2"]
 standby_uplinks = ["uplink3", "uplink4"]
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.0.id}"
   devices = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
 }
 host {
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.1.id}"
   devices = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
 }
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.2.id}"
   devices = ["${var.network_interfaces}"]
  }
}
```

#### Uplink name and count control

The following abridged example below demonstrates how you can manage the number of uplinks, and the name of the uplinks via the uplinks parameter.

Note that if you change the uplink naming and count after creating the DVS, you may need to explicitly specify active\_uplinks and standby\_uplinks as these values are saved to Terraform state after creation, regardless of being specified in config, and will drift if not modified, causing errors.

**NOTE:** The default uplink names when a DVS is created are uplink1 through to uplink4, however this default is not guaranteed to be stable and you are encouraged to set your own.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the distributed virtual switch.
- datacenter\_id (Required) The ID of the datacenter where the distributed virtual switch will be created. Forces a new resource if changed.
- folder (Optional) The folder to create the DVS in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- description (Optional) A detailed description for the DVS.
- contact\_name (Optional) The name of the person who is responsible for the DVS.
- contact\_detail (Optional) The detailed contact information for the person who is responsible for the DVS.
- ipv4\_address (Optional) An IPv4 address to identify the switch. This is mostly useful when used with the Netflow arguments found below.
- lacp\_api\_version (Optional) The Link Aggregation Control Protocol group version to use with the switch. Possible values are singleLag and multipleLag.
- link\_discovery\_operation (Optional) Whether to advertise or listen for link discovery traffic.
- link\_discovery\_protocol (Optional) The discovery protocol type. Valid types are cdp and lldp.
- max\_mtu (Optional) The maximum transmission unit (MTU) for the virtual switch.
- multicast\_filtering\_mode (Optional) The multicast filtering mode to use with the switch. Can be one of legacyFiltering or snooping.
- version (Optional) The version of the DVS to create. The default is to create the DVS at the latest version supported by the version of vSphere being used. A DVS can be upgraded to another version, but cannot be downgraded.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

**NOTE:** Tagging support requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set for virtual switch. See

here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

#### Uplink arguments

• uplinks - (Optional) A list of strings that uniquely identifies the names of the uplinks on the DVS across hosts. The number of items in this list controls the number of uplinks that exist on the DVS, in addition to the names. See here for an example on how to use this option.

#### Host management arguments

- host (Optional) Use the host block to declare a host specification. The options are:
  - host\_system\_id (Required) The host system ID of the host to add to the DVS.
  - o devices (Required) The list of NIC devices to map to uplinks on the DVS, added in order they are specified.

#### Netflow arguments

The following options control settings that you can use to configure Netflow on the DVS:

- netflow\_active\_flow\_timeout (Optional) The number of seconds after which active flows are forced to be exported to the collector. Allowed range is 60 to 3600. Default: 60.
- netflow\_collector\_ip\_address (Optional) IP address for the Netflow collector, using IPv4 or IPv6. IPv6 is supported in vSphere Distributed Switch Version 6.0 or later. Must be set before Netflow can be enabled.
- netflow\_collector\_port (Optional) Port for the Netflow collector. This must be set before Netflow can be enabled.
- netflow\_idle\_flow\_timeout (Optional) The number of seconds after which idle flows are forced to be exported to the collector. Allowed range is 10 to 600. Default: 15.
- netflow\_internal\_flows\_only (Optional) Whether to limit analysis to traffic that has both source and destination served by the same host. Default: false.
- netflow\_observation\_domain\_id (Optional) The observation domain ID for the Netflow collector.
- netflow\_sampling\_rate (Optional) The ratio of total number of packets to the number of packets analyzed. The default is 0, which indicates that the switch should analyze all packets. The maximum value is 1000, which indicates an analysis rate of 0.001%.

#### Network I/O control arguments

The following arguments manage network I/O control. Network I/O control (also known as network resource control) can be used to set up advanced traffic shaping for the DVS, allowing control of various classes of traffic in a fashion similar to how resource pools work for virtual machines. Configuration of network I/O control is also a requirement for the use of network resource pools, if their use is so desired.

#### General network I/O control arguments

- network\_resource\_control\_enabled (Optional) Set to true to enable network I/O control. Default: false.
- network\_resource\_control\_version (Optional) The version of network I/O control to use. Can be one of version2 or version3. Default: version2.

#### Network I/O control traffic classes

There are currently 9 traffic classes that can be used for network I/O control - they are below.

Each of these classes has 4 options that can be tuned that are discussed in the next section.

Туре	Class Name
Fault Tolerance (FT) Traffic	faulttolerance
vSphere Replication (VR) Traffic	hbr
iSCSI Traffic	iscsi
Management Traffic	management
NFS Traffic	nfs
vSphere Data Protection	vdp
Virtual Machine Traffic	virtualmachine
vMotion Traffic	vmotion
VSAN Traffic	vsan

#### Traffic class resource options

There are 4 traffic resource options for each class, prefixed with the name of the traffic classes seen above.

For example, to set the traffic class resource options for virtual machine traffic, see the example below:

```
resource "vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch" "dvs" {
    ...
    virtualmachine_share_level = "custom"
    virtualmachine_share_count = 150
    virtualmachine_maximum_mbit = 200
    virtualmachine_reservation_mbit = 20
}
```

#### The options are:

- share\_level (Optional) A pre-defined share level that can be assigned to this resource class. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom.
- share\_count (Optional) The number of shares for a custom level. This is ignored if share\_level is not custom.
- maximum\_mbit (Optional) The maximum amount of bandwidth allowed for this traffic class in Mbits/sec.
- reservation\_mbit (Optional) The guaranteed amount of bandwidth for this traffic class in Mbits/sec.

#### Default port group policy arguments

The following arguments are shared with the vsphere\_distributed\_port\_group

(/docs/providers/vsphere/r/distributed\_port\_group.html) resource. Setting them here defines a default policy here that will be inherited by other port groups on this switch that do not have these values otherwise overridden. Not defining these options in a DVS will infer defaults that can be seen in the Terraform state after the initial apply.

Of particular note to a DVS are the HA policy options, which is where the active\_uplinks and standby\_uplinks options are controlled, allowing the ability to create a NIC failover policy that applies to the entire DVS and all portgroups within it that don't override the policy.

#### VLAN options

The following options control the VLAN behaviour of the port groups the port policy applies to. One one of these 3 options may be set:

- vlan (Optional) The member VLAN for the ports this policy applies to. A value of 0 means no VLAN.
- vlan\_range (Optional) Used to denote VLAN trunking. Use the min\_vlan and max\_vlan sub-arguments to define the tagged VLAN range. Multiple vlan\_range definitions are allowed, but they must not overlap. Example below:

```
resource "vsphere_distributed_virtual_switch" "dvs" {
    ...
    vlan_range {
        min_vlan = 1
        max_vlan = 1000
    }
    vlan_range {
        min_vlan = 2000
        max_vlan = 4094
    }
}
```

• port\_private\_secondary\_vlan\_id - (Optional) Used to define a secondary VLAN ID when using private VLANs.

#### HA policy options

The following options control HA policy for ports that this policy applies to:

- active\_uplinks (Optional) A list of active uplinks to be used in load balancing. These uplinks need to match the definitions in the uplinks DVS argument. See here for more details.
- standby\_uplinks (Optional) A list of standby uplinks to be used in failover. These uplinks need to match the definitions in the uplinks DVS argument. See here for more details.
- check\_beacon (Optional) Enables beacon probing as an additional measure to detect NIC failure.

NOTE: VMware recommends using a minimum of 3 NICs when using beacon probing.

- failback (Optional) If true, the teaming policy will re-activate failed uplinks higher in precedence when they come back up.
- notify\_switches (Optional) If true, the teaming policy will notify the broadcast network of an uplink failover,

triggering cache updates.

• teaming\_policy - (Optional) The uplink teaming policy. Can be one of loadbalance\_ip, loadbalance\_srcmac, loadbalance\_srcid, or failover\_explicit.

#### LACP options

The following options allow the use of LACP for NIC teaming for ports that this policy applies to.

NOTE: These options are ignored for non-uplink port groups and hence are only useful at the DVS level.

- lacp\_enabled (Optional) Enables LACP for the ports that this policy applies to.
- lacp mode (Optional) The LACP mode. Can be one of active or passive.

#### Security options

The following options control security settings for the ports that this policy applies to:

- allow\_forged\_transmits (Optional) Controls whether or not a virtual network adapter is allowed to send network traffic with a different MAC address than that of its own.
- allow\_mac\_changes (Optional) Controls whether or not the Media Access Control (MAC) address can be changed.
- allow\_promiscuous (Optional) Enable promiscuous mode on the network. This flag indicates whether or not all traffic is seen on a given port.

#### Traffic shaping options

The following options control traffic shaping settings for the ports that this policy applies to:

- ingress\_shaping\_enabled (Optional) true if the traffic shaper is enabled on the port for ingress traffic.
- ingress\_shaping\_average\_bandwidth (Optional) The average bandwidth in bits per second if ingress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.
- ingress\_shaping\_peak\_bandwidth (Optional) The peak bandwidth during bursts in bits per second if ingress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.
- ingress\_shaping\_burst\_size (Optional) The maximum burst size allowed in bytes if ingress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.
- egress\_shaping\_enabled (Optional) true if the traffic shaper is enabled on the port for egress traffic.
- egress\_shaping\_average\_bandwidth (Optional) The average bandwidth in bits per second if egress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.
- egress\_shaping\_peak\_bandwidth (Optional) The peak bandwidth during bursts in bits per second if egress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.
- egress\_shaping\_burst\_size (Optional) The maximum burst size allowed in bytes if egress traffic shaping is enabled on the port.

#### Miscellaneous options

The following are some general options that also affect ports that this policy applies to:

- block\_all\_ports (Optional) Shuts down all ports in the port groups that this policy applies to, effectively blocking all network access to connected virtual devices.
- netflow\_enabled (Optional) Enables Netflow on all ports that this policy applies to.
- tx\_uplink (Optional) Forward all traffic transmitted by ports for which this policy applies to its DVS uplinks.
- directpath\_gen2\_allowed (Optional) Allow VMDirectPath Gen2 for the ports for which this policy applies to.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id: The UUID of the created DVS.
- config\_version: The current version of the DVS configuration, incremented by subsequent updates to the DVS.

# **Importing**

An existing DVS can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the DVS, via the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_distributed\_virtual\_switch.dvs /dc1/network/dvs

The above would import the DVS named dvs that is located in the dc1 datacenter.

# vsphere\_dpm\_host\_override

The vsphere\_dpm\_host\_override resource can be used to add a DPM override to a cluster for a particular host. This allows you to control the power management settings for individual hosts in the cluster while leaving any unspecified ones at the default power management settings.

For more information on DPM within vSphere clusters, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-5E5E349A-4644-4C9C-B434-1C0243EBDC80.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

# **Example Usage**

The following example creates a compute cluster comprised of three hosts, making use of the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource. DPM will be disabled in the cluster as it is the default setting, but we override the setting of the first host referenced by the vsphere\_host (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/host.html) data source (esxi1) by using the vsphere\_dpm\_host\_override resource so it will be powered off when the cluster does not need it to service virtual machines.

```
variable "datacenter" {
 default = "dc1"
variable "hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
  ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "${var.datacenter}"
data "vsphere host" "hosts" {
            = "${length(var.hosts)}"
              = "${var.hosts[count.index]}"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
 name = "terraform-compute-cluster-test"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.hosts.*.id}"]
 drs enabled
                      = true
  drs_automation_level = "fullyAutomated"
resource "vsphere_dpm_host_override" "dpm_host_override" {
 compute_cluster_id = "${vsphere_compute_cluster.compute_cluster.id}"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.hosts.0.id}"
dpm_enabled = true
  dpm_automation_level = "automated"
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- compute\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the override in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- host\_system\_ids (Optional) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host to create the override for.
- dpm\_enabled (Optional) Enable DPM support for this host. Default: false.
- dpm\_automation\_level (Optional) The automation level for host power operations on this host. Can be one of manual or automated. Default: manual.

**NOTE:** Using this resource *always* implies an override, even if one of dpm\_enabled or dpm\_automation\_level is omitted. Take note of the defaults for both options.

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the managed object reference ID of the host. This is used to look up the override on subsequent plan and apply operations after the override has been created.

# **Importing**

An existing override can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the path to the host, to terraform import. If no override exists, an error will be given. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_dpm_host_override.dpm_host_override \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "host_path": "/dc1/host/esxi1"}'
```

# vsphere\_drs\_vm\_override

The vsphere\_drs\_vm\_override resource can be used to add a DRS override to a cluster for a specific virtual machine. With this resource, one can enable or disable DRS and control the automation level for a single virtual machine without affecting the rest of the cluster.

For more information on vSphere clusters and DRS, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-8ACF3502-5314-469F-8CC9-4A9BD5925BC2.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

**NOTE:** vSphere DRS requires a vSphere Enterprise Plus license.

## **Example Usage**

The example below creates a virtual machine in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machine in the cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source, but also pinning the VM to a host defined by the vsphere\_host (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/host.html) data source, which is assumed to be a host within the cluster. To ensure that the VM stays on this host and does not need to be migrated back at any point in time, an override is entered using the vsphere\_drs\_vm\_override resource that disables DRS for this virtual machine, ensuring that it does not move.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
       = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_host" "host" {
               = "esxi1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_drs_vm_override" "drs_vm_override" {
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_id = "${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.id}"
                  = false
  drs_enabled
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

• compute\_cluster\_id - (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the override in. Forces a new resource if changed.

- virtual\_machine\_id (Required) The UUID of the virtual machine to create the override for. Forces a new resource if changed.
- drs\_enabled (Optional) Overrides the default DRS setting for this virtual machine. Can be either true or false. Default: false.
- drs\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides the automation level for this virtual machine in the cluster. Can be one of manual, partiallyAutomated, or fullyAutomated. Default: manual.

**NOTE:** Using this resource *always* implies an override, even if one of drs\_enabled or drs\_automation\_level is omitted. Take note of the defaults for both options.

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the UUID of the virtual machine. This is used to look up the override on subsequent plan and apply operations after the override has been created.

### **Importing**

An existing override can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the path to the virtual machine, to terraform import. If no override exists, an error will be given. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_drs_vm_override.drs_vm_override \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "virtual_machine_path": "/dc1/vm/srv1"}'
```

# vsphere\_file

The vsphere\_file resource can be used to upload files (such as virtual disk files) from the host machine that Terraform is running on to a target datastore. The resource can also be used to copy files between datastores, or from one location to another on the same datastore.

Updates to destination parameters such as datacenter, datastore, or destination\_file will move the managed file a new destination based on the values of the new settings. If any source parameter is changed, such as source\_datastore, source\_datacenter or source\_file), the resource will be re-created. Depending on if destination parameters are being changed as well, this may result in the destination file either being overwritten or deleted at the old location.

### **Example Usages**

### Uploading a file

### Copying a file

```
resource "vsphere_file" "ubuntu_disk_copy" {
   source_datacenter = "my_datacenter"
   datacenter = "my_datacenter"
   source_datastore = "local"
   datastore = "local"
   source_file = "/my_path/disks/custom_ubuntu.vmdk"
   destination_file = "/my_path/custom_ubuntu_id.vmdk"
}
```

### **Argument Reference**

If source\_datacenter and source\_datastore are not provided, the file resource will upload the file from the host that Terraform is running on. If either source\_datacenter or source\_datastore are provided, the resource will copy from within specified locations in vSphere.

The following arguments are supported:

- source\_file (Required) The path to the file being uploaded from the Terraform host to vSphere or copied within vSphere. Forces a new resource if changed.
- destination\_file (Required) The path to where the file should be uploaded or copied to on vSphere.

- source\_datacenter (Optional) The name of a datacenter in which the file will be copied from. Forces a new resource if changed.
- $\bullet\,$  datacenter (Optional) The name of a datacenter in which the file will be uploaded to.
- source\_datastore (Optional) The name of the datastore in which file will be copied from. Forces a new resource if changed.
- datastore (Required) The name of the datastore in which to upload the file to.
- create\_directories (Optional) Create directories in destination\_file path parameter if any missing for copy operation.

**NOTE:** Any directory created as part of the operation when create\_directories is enabled will not be deleted when the resource is destroyed.

# vsphere\_folder

The vsphere\_folder resource can be used to manage vSphere inventory folders. The resource supports creating folders of the 5 major types - datacenter folders, host and cluster folders, virtual machine folders, datastore folders, and network folders.

Paths are always relative to the specific type of folder you are creating. Subfolders are discovered by parsing the relative path specified in path, so foo/bar will create a folder named bar in the parent folder foo, as long as that folder exists.

# **Example Usage**

The basic example below creates a virtual machine folder named terraform-test-folder in the default datacenter's VM hierarchy.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {}

resource "vsphere_folder" "folder" {
  path = "terraform-test-folder"
  type = "vm"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
```

#### Example with subfolders

The below example builds off of the above by first creating a folder named terraform-test-parent, and then locating terraform-test-folder in that folder. To ensure the parent is created first, we create an interpolation dependency off the parent's path attribute.

Note that if you change parents (for example, went from the above basic configuration to this one), your folder will be moved to be under the correct parent.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

• path - (Required) The path of the folder to be created. This is relative to the root of the type of folder you are creating, and the supplied datacenter. For example, given a default datacenter of default-dc, a folder of type vm (denoting a virtual machine folder), and a supplied folder of terraform-test-folder, the resulting path would be /default-dc/vm/terraform-test-folder.

**NOTE:** path can be modified - the resulting behavior is dependent on what section of path you are modifying. If you are modifying the parent (so any part before the last /), your folder will be moved to that new parent. If modifying the name (the part after the last /), your folder will be renamed.

- type (Required) The type of folder to create. Allowed options are datacenter for datacenter folders, host for host and cluster folders, vm for virtual machine folders, datastore for datastore folders, and network for network folders. Forces a new resource if changed.
- datacenter\_id The ID of the datacenter the folder will be created in. Required for all folder types except for datacenter folders. Forces a new resource if changed.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set for folder. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

NOTE: Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute that this resource exports is the id, which is set to the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the folder.

### **Importing**

An existing folder can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via its full path, via the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_folder.folder /default-dc/vm/terraform-test-folder

The above command would import the folder from our examples above, the VM folder named terraform-test-folder located in the datacenter named default-dc.

# vsphere\_ha\_vm\_override

The vsphere\_ha\_vm\_override resource can be used to add an override for vSphere HA settings on a cluster for a specific virtual machine. With this resource, one can control specific HA settings so that they are different than the cluster default, accommodating the needs of that specific virtual machine, while not affecting the rest of the cluster.

For more information on vSphere HA, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.avail.doc/GUID-5432CA24-14F1-44E3-87FB-61D937831CF6.html).

**NOTE:** This resource requires vCenter and is not available on direct ESXi connections.

# **Example Usage**

The example below creates a virtual machine in a cluster using the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource, creating the virtual machine in the cluster looked up by the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/compute\_cluster.html) data source.

Considering a scenario where this virtual machine is of high value to the application or organization for which it does its work, it's been determined in the event of a host failure, that this should be one of the first virtual machines to be started by vSphere HA during recovery. Hence, its ha\_vm\_restart\_priority as been set to highest, which, assuming that the default restart priority is medium and no other virtual machine has been assigned the highest priority, will mean that this VM will be started before any other virtual machine in the event of host failure.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
         = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory = 2048
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_ha_vm_override" "ha_vm_override" {
  compute_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
  virtual_machine_id = "${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.id}"
 ha_vm_restart_priority = "highest"
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

### **General Options**

The following options are required:

compute\_cluster\_id - (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster to put the override in. Forces a new resource if changed.

• virtual\_machine\_id - (Required) The UUID of the virtual machine to create the override for. Forces a new resource if changed.

#### vSphere HA Options

The following settings work nearly in the same fashion as their counterparts in the vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) resource, with the exception that some options also allow settings that denote the use of cluster defaults. See the individual settings below for more details.

**NOTE:** The same version restrictions that apply for certain options within vsphere\_compute\_cluster (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html) apply to overrides as well. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-version-requirements) for an entire list of version restrictions.

#### General HA options

- ha\_vm\_restart\_priority (Optional) The restart priority for the virtual machine when vSphere detects a host failure. Can be one of clusterRestartPriority, lowest, low, medium, high, or highest. Default: clusterRestartPriority.
- ha\_vm\_restart\_timeout (Optional) The maximum time, in seconds, that vSphere HA will wait for this virtual machine
  to be ready. Use -1 to specify the cluster default. Default: -1. \* (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-versionrequirements)
- ha\_host\_isolation\_response (Optional) The action to take on this virtual machine when a host has detected that it has been isolated from the rest of the cluster. Can be one of clusterIsolationResponse, none, powerOff, or shutdown. Default: clusterIsolationResponse.

#### **HA Virtual Machine Component Protection settings**

The following settings control Virtual Machine Component Protection (VMCP) overrides.

- ha\_datastore\_pdl\_response (Optional) Controls the action to take on this virtual machine when the cluster has detected a permanent device loss to a relevant datastore. Can be one of clusterDefault, disabled, warning, or restartAggressive. Default: clusterDefault. \* (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-version-requirements)
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response (Optional) Controls the action to take on this virtual machine when the cluster has
  detected loss to all paths to a relevant datastore. Can be one of clusterDefault, disabled, warning,
  restartConservative, or restartAggressive. Default: clusterDefault. \*
  (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-version-requirements)
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_recovery\_action (Optional) Controls the action to take on this virtual machine if an APD status
  on an affected datastore clears in the middle of an APD event. Can be one of useClusterDefault, none or reset.

  Default: useClusterDefault. \* (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-version-requirements)
- ha\_datastore\_apd\_response\_delay (Optional) Controls the delay in minutes to wait after an APD timeout event to
  execute the response action defined in ha\_datastore\_apd\_response. Use -1 to use the cluster default. Default: -1. \*
  (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/compute\_cluster.html#vsphere-version-requirements)

#### HA virtual machine and application monitoring settings

The following settings control virtual machine and application monitoring overrides.

Take note of the ha\_vm\_monitoring\_use\_cluster\_defaults setting - this is defaulted to true and means that override settings are *not* used. Set this to false to ensure your overrides function. Note that unlike the rest of the options in this resource, there are no granular per-setting cluster default values -

ha\_vm\_monitoring\_use\_cluster\_defaults is the only toggle available.

- ha\_vm\_monitoring\_use\_cluster\_defaults (Optional) Determines whether or not the cluster's default settings or
  the VM override settings specified in this resource are used for virtual machine monitoring. The default is true (use
  cluster defaults) set to false to have overrides take effect.
- ha\_vm\_monitoring (Optional) The type of virtual machine monitoring to use when HA is enabled in the cluster. Can be one of vmMonitoringDisabled, vmMonitoringOnly, or vmAndAppMonitoring. Default: vmMonitoringDisabled.
- ha\_vm\_failure\_interval (Optional) If a heartbeat from this virtual machine is not received within this configured interval, the virtual machine is marked as failed. The value is in seconds. Default: 30.
- ha\_vm\_minimum\_uptime (Optional) The time, in seconds, that HA waits after powering on this virtual machine before monitoring for heartbeats. Default: 120 (2 minutes).
- ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets (Optional) The maximum number of resets that HA will perform to this virtual machine when responding to a failure event. Default: 3
- ha\_vm\_maximum\_failure\_window (Optional) The length of the reset window in which ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets can operate. When this window expires, no more resets are attempted regardless of the setting configured in ha\_vm\_maximum\_resets. -1 means no window, meaning an unlimited reset time is allotted. The value is specified in seconds. Default: -1 (no window).

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the cluster, and the UUID of the virtual machine. This is used to look up the override on subsequent plan and apply operations after the override has been created.

## **Importing**

An existing override can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the cluster, and the path to the virtual machine, to terraform import. If no override exists, an error will be given. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_ha_vm_override.ha_vm_override \
  '{"compute_cluster_path": "/dc1/host/cluster1", \
  "virtual_machine_path": "/dc1/vm/srv1"}'
```

# vsphere\_host\_port\_group

The vsphere\_host\_port\_group resource can be used to manage vSphere standard port groups on an ESXi host. These port groups are connected to standard virtual switches, which can be managed by the vsphere\_host\_virtual\_switch (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_virtual\_switch.html) resource.

For an overview on vSphere networking concepts, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-2B11DBB8-CB3C-4AFF-8885-EFEA0FC562F4.html).

# **Example Usages**

#### Create a virtual switch and bind a port group to it:

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere host" "esxi host" {
              = "esxi1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
resource "vsphere_host_virtual_switch" "switch" {
         = "vSwitchTerraformTest"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.esxi_host.id}"
 network_adapters = ["vmnic0", "vmnic1"]
  active nics = ["vmnic0"]
  standby_nics = ["vmnic1"]
resource "vsphere_host_port_group" "pg" {
                  = "PGTerraformTest"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.esxi_host.id}"
  virtual_switch_name = "${vsphere_host_virtual_switch.switch.name}"
}
```

#### Create a port group with VLAN set and some overrides:

This example sets the trunk mode VLAN (4095, which passes through all tags) and sets allow\_promiscuous (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_virtual\_switch.html#allow\_promiscuous) to ensure that all traffic is seen on the port. The latter setting overrides the implicit default of false set on the virtual switch.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_host" "esxi_host" {
 name = "esxi1"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
resource "vsphere_host_virtual_switch" "switch" {
         = "vSwitchTerraformTest"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.esxi_host.id}"
 network_adapters = ["vmnic0", "vmnic1"]
 active nics = ["vmnic0"]
 standby_nics = ["vmnic1"]
}
resource "vsphere_host_port_group" "pg" {
 virtual_switch_name = "${vsphere_host_virtual_switch.switch.name}"
 vlan id = 4095
 allow_promiscuous = true
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the port group. Forces a new resource if changed.
- host\_system\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host to set the port group up on. Forces a new resource if changed.
- virtual\_switch\_name (Required) The name of the virtual switch to bind this port group to. Forces a new resource if changed.
- vlan\_id (Optional) The VLAN ID/trunk mode for this port group. An ID of 0 denotes no tagging, an ID of 1-4094 tags with the specific ID, and an ID of 4095 enables trunk mode, allowing the guest to manage its own tagging. Default: 0.

#### **Policy Options**

In addition to the above options, you can configure any policy option that is available under the vsphere\_host\_virtual\_switch policy options section (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_virtual\_switch.html#policy-options). Any policy option that is not set is **inherited** from the virtual switch, its options propagating to the port group.

See the link for a full list of options that can be set.

#### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id An ID unique to Terraform for this port group. The convention is a prefix, the host system ID, and the port group name. An example would be tf-HostPortGroup:host-10:PGTerraformTest.
- computed\_policy A map with a full set of the policy options (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_virtual\_switch.html#policy-options) computed from defaults and overrides, explaining the effective policy for this port group.
- key The key for this port group as returned from the vSphere API.
- ports A list of ports that currently exist and are used on this port group.

# vsphere\_host\_virtual\_switch

The vsphere\_host\_virtual\_switch resource can be used to manage vSphere standard switches on an ESXi host. These switches can be used as a backing for standard port groups, which can be managed by the vsphere\_host\_port\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_port\_group.html) resource.

For an overview on vSphere networking concepts, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.networking.doc/GUID-2B11DBB8-CB3C-4AFF-8885-EFEA0FC562F4.html).

# **Example Usages**

Create a virtual switch with one active and one standby NIC:

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
   name = "dc1"
}

data "vsphere_host" "host" {
   name = "esxi1"
   datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.datacenter.id}"
}

resource "vsphere_host_virtual_switch" "switch" {
   name = "vSwitchTerraformTest"
   host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.id}"

   network_adapters = ["vmnic0", "vmnic1"]

active_nics = ["vmnic0"]
   standby_nics = ["vmnic1"]
}
```

Create a virtual switch with extra networking policy options:

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_host" "host" {
 name = "esxi1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
resource "vsphere_host_virtual_switch" "switch" {
         = "vSwitchTerraformTest"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.host.id}"
 network_adapters = ["vmnic0", "vmnic1"]
 active nics = ["vmnic0"]
 standby nics = ["vmnic1"]
 teaming_policy = "failover_explicit"
 allow_promiscuous = false
 allow_forged_transmits = false
 allow_mac_changes = false
 shaping_enabled
                        = true
 shaping_average_bandwidth = 50000000
  shaping_peak_bandwidth = 100000000
  shaping_burst_size = 1000000000
}
```

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the virtual switch. Forces a new resource if changed.
- host\_system\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host to set the virtual switch up on. Forces a new resource if changed.
- mtu (Optional) The maximum transmission unit (MTU) for the virtual switch. Default: 1500.
- number\_of\_ports (Optional) The number of ports to create with this virtual switch. Default: 128.

**NOTE:** Changing the port count requires a reboot of the host. Terraform will not restart the host for you.

### **Bridge Options**

The following arguments are related to how the virtual switch binds to physical NICs:

- network\_adapters (Required) The network interfaces to bind to the bridge.
- beacon\_interval (Optional) The interval, in seconds, that a NIC beacon packet is sent out. This can be used with check\_beacon to offer link failure capability beyond link status only. Default: 1.
- link\_discovery\_operation (Optional) Whether to advertise or listen for link discovery traffic. Default: listen.

link\_discovery\_protocol - (Optional) The discovery protocol type. Valid types are cpd and lldp. Default: cdp.

### **Policy Options**

The following options relate to how network traffic is handled on this virtual switch. It also controls the NIC failover order. This subset of options is shared with the vsphere\_host\_port\_group (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/host\_port\_group.html) resource, in which options can be omitted to ensure options are inherited from the switch configuration here.

#### **NIC Teaming Options**

**NOTE on NIC failover order:** An adapter can be in active\_nics, standby\_nics, or neither to flag it as unused. However, virtual switch creation or update operations will fail if a NIC is present in both settings, or if the NIC is not a valid NIC in network\_adapters.

NOTE: VMware recommends using a minimum of 3 NICs when using beacon probing (configured with check\_beacon).

- active\_nics (Required) The list of active network adapters used for load balancing.
- standby\_nics (Required) The list of standby network adapters used for failover.
- check\_beacon (Optional) Enable beacon probing this requires that the beacon\_interval option has been set in the bridge options. If this is set to false, only link status is used to check for failed NICs. Default: false.
- teaming\_policy (Optional) The network adapter teaming policy. Can be one of loadbalance\_ip, loadbalance\_srcmac, loadbalance\_srcid, or failover\_explicit. Default: loadbalance\_srcid.
- notify\_switches (Optional) If set to true, the teaming policy will notify the broadcast network of a NIC failover, triggering cache updates. Default: true.
- failback (Optional) If set to true, the teaming policy will re-activate failed interfaces higher in precedence when they come back up. Default: true.

#### Security Policy Options

- allow\_promiscuous (Optional) Enable promiscuous mode on the network. This flag indicates whether or not all traffic is seen on a given port. Default: false.
- allow\_forged\_transmits (Optional) Controls whether or not the virtual network adapter is allowed to send network traffic with a different MAC address than that of its own. Default: true.
- allow\_mac\_changes (Optional) Controls whether or not the Media Access Control (MAC) address can be changed.
   Default: true.

#### Traffic Shaping Options

• shaping\_enabled - (Optional) Set to true to enable the traffic shaper for ports managed by this virtual switch. Default: false.

- shaping\_average\_bandwidth (Optional) The average bandwidth in bits per second if traffic shaping is enabled.
   Default: 0
- shaping\_peak\_bandwidth (Optional) The peak bandwidth during bursts in bits per second if traffic shaping is enabled. Default: 0
- shaping\_burst\_size (Optional) The maximum burst size allowed in bytes if shaping is enabled. Default: 0

#### Attribute Reference

The only exported attribute, other than the attributes above, is the id of the resource. This is set to an ID value unique to Terraform - the convention is a prefix, the host system ID, and the virtual switch name. An example would be tf-HostVirtualSwitch:host-10:vSwitchTerraformTest.

## **Importing**

An existing vSwitch can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by its ID. The convention of the id is a prefix, the host system managed objectID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider), and the virtual switch name. An example would be tf-HostVirtualSwitch:host-10:vSwitchTerraformTest. Import can the be done via the following command:

 $terraform \ import \ vsphere\_host\_virtual\_switch.switch \ tf-HostVirtualSwitch:host-10:vSwitchTerraformTest$ 

The above would import the vSwtich named vSwitchTerraformTest that is located in the host-10 vSphere host.

# vsphere\_license

Provides a VMware vSphere license resource. This can be used to add and remove license keys.

# **Example Usage**

```
resource "vsphere_license" "licenseKey" {
   license_key = "452CQ-2EK54-K8742-00000-00000"

labels {
   VpxClientLicenseLabel = "Hello World"
   Workflow = "Hello World"
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- license\_key (Required) The license key to add.
- labels (Optional) A map of key/value pairs to be attached as labels (tags) to the license key.

### Attributes Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- edition\_key The product edition of the license key.
- total Total number of units (example: CPUs) contained in the license.
- used The number of units (example: CPUs) assigned to this license.
- name The display name for the license.

# vsphere\_nas\_datastore

The vsphere\_nas\_datastore resource can be used to create and manage NAS datastores on an ESXi host or a set of hosts. The resource supports mounting NFS v3 and v4.1 shares to be used as datastores.

**NOTE:** Unlike vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/vmfs\_datastore.html), a NAS datastore is only mounted on the hosts you choose to mount it on. To mount on multiple hosts, you must specify each host that you want to add in the host\_system\_ids argument.

### **Example Usage**

The following example would set up a NFS v3 share on 3 hosts connected through vCenter in the same datacenter - esxi1, esxi2, and esxi3. The remote host is named nfs and has /export/terraform-test exported.

```
variable "hosts" {
 default = [
   "esxi1",
   "esxi2",
   "esxi3",
  ]
}
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {}
data "vsphere_host" "esxi_hosts" {
  count = "${length(var.hosts)}"
              = "${var.hosts[count.index]}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.id}"
resource "vsphere_nas_datastore" "datastore" {
                = "terraform-test"
 host_system_ids = ["${data.vsphere_host.esxi_hosts.*.id}"]
         = "NFS"
  type
  remote_hosts = ["nfs"]
  remote_path = "/export/terraform-test"
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the datastore. Forces a new resource if changed.
- host\_system\_ids (Required) The managed object IDs (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the hosts to mount the datastore on.
- type (Optional) The type of NAS volume. Can be one of NFS (to denote v3) or NFS41 (to denote NFS v4.1). Default: NFS. Forces a new resource if changed.
- remote\_hosts (Required) The hostnames or IP addresses of the remote server or servers. Only one element should

be present for NFS v3 but multiple can be present for NFS v4.1. Forces a new resource if changed.

- remote path (Required) The remote path of the mount point. Forces a new resource if changed.
- access\_mode (Optional) Access mode for the mount point. Can be one of readOnly or readWrite. Note that readWrite does not necessarily mean that the datastore will be read-write depending on the permissions of the actual share. Default: readWrite. Forces a new resource if changed.
- security\_type (Optional) The security type to use when using NFS v4.1. Can be one of AUTH\_SYS, SEC\_KRB5, or SEC\_KRB5I. Forces a new resource if changed.
- folder (Optional) The relative path to a folder to put this datastore in. This is a path relative to the datacenter you are deploying the datastore to. Example: for the dc1 datacenter, and a provided folder of foo/bar, Terraform will place a datastore named terraform-test in a datastore folder located at /dc1/datastore/foo/bar, with the final inventory path being /dc1/datastore/foo/bar/terraform-test. Conflicts with datastore\_cluster\_id.
- datastore\_cluster\_id (Optional) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of a datastore cluster to put this datastore in. Conflicts with folder.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

**NOTE:** Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set on datasource resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore.
- accessible The connectivity status of the datastore. If this is false, some other computed attributes may be out of date.
- capacity Maximum capacity of the datastore, in megabytes.
- free\_space Available space of this datastore, in megabytes.
- maintenance\_mode The current maintenance mode state of the datastore.
- multiple\_host\_access If true, more than one host in the datacenter has been configured with access to the datastore.
- uncommitted\_space Total additional storage space, in megabytes, potentially used by all virtual machines on this datastore.

- url The unique locator for the datastore.
- protocol\_endpoint Indicates that this NAS volume is a protocol endpoint. This field is only populated if the host supports virtual datastores.

# **Importing**

An existing NAS datastore can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via its managed object ID, via the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_nas\_datastore.datastore datastore-123

You need a tool like govc (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc) that can display managed object IDs.

In the case of govc, you can locate a managed object ID from an inventory path by doing the following:

\$ govc ls -i /dc/datastore/terraform-test
Datastore:datastore-123

# vsphere\_resource\_pool

The vsphere\_resource\_pool resource can be used to create and manage resource pools in standalone hosts or on compute clusters.

For more information on vSphere resource pools, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-60077B40-66FF-4625-934A-641703ED7601.html).

## Example Usage

The following example sets up a resource pool in a compute cluster which uses the default settings for CPU and memory reservations, shares, and limits. The compute cluster needs to already exist in vSphere.

```
variable "datacenter" {
    default = "dc1"
}

variable "cluster" {
    default = "cluster1"
}

data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
    name = "${var.datacenter}"
}

data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
    name = "${var.cluster}"
    datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}

resource "vsphere_resource_pool" "resource_pool" {
    name = "terraform-resource-pool-test"
    parent_resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.compute_cluster.resource_pool_id}"
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the resource pool.
- parent\_resource\_pool\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the parent resource pool. This can be the root resource pool for a cluster or standalone host, or a resource pool itself. When moving a resource pool from one parent resource pool to another, both must share a common root resource pool or the move will fail.
- cpu\_share\_level (Optional) The CPU allocation level. The level is a simplified view of shares. Levels map to a predetermined set of numeric values for shares. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. When low, normal, or high are specified values in cpu\_shares will be ignored. Default: normal
- cpu\_shares (Optional) The number of shares allocated for CPU. Used to determine resource allocation in case of resource contention. If this is set, cpu\_share\_level must be custom.

- cpu\_reservation (Optional) Amount of CPU (MHz) that is guaranteed available to the resource pool. Default: 0
- cpu\_expandable (Optional) Determines if the reservation on a resource pool can grow beyond the specified value if the parent resource pool has unreserved resources. Default: true
- cpu\_limit (Optional) The CPU utilization of a resource pool will not exceed this limit, even if there are available resources. Set to -1 for unlimited. Default: -1
- memory\_share\_level (Optional) The CPU allocation level. The level is a simplified view of shares. Levels map to a predetermined set of numeric values for shares. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. When low, normal, or high are specified values in memory\_shares will be ignored. Default: normal
- memory\_shares (Optional) The number of shares allocated for CPU. Used to determine resource allocation in case of resource contention. If this is set, memory\_share\_level must be custom.
- memory\_reservation (Optional) Amount of CPU (MHz) that is guaranteed available to the resource pool. Default: 0
- memory\_expandable (Optional) Determines if the reservation on a resource pool can grow beyond the specified value if the parent resource pool has unreserved resources. Default: true
- memory\_limit (Optional) The CPU utilization of a resource pool will not exceed this limit, even if there are available resources. Set to -1 for unlimited. Default: -1
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the resource pool.

### **Importing**

An existing resource pool can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the resource pool, using the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_resource\_pool.resource\_pool /dc1/host/compute-cluster1/Resources/resource-pool1

The above would import the resource pool named resource-pool 1 that is located in the compute cluster compute-cluster1 in the dc1 datacenter.

# vsphere\_storage\_drs\_vm\_override

The vsphere\_storage\_drs\_vm\_override resource can be used to add a Storage DRS override to a datastore cluster for a specific virtual machine. With this resource, one can enable or disable Storage DRS, and control the automation level and disk affinity for a single virtual machine without affecting the rest of the datastore cluster.

For more information on vSphere datastore clusters and Storage DRS, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.resmgmt.doc/GUID-598DF695-107E-406B-9C95-0AF961FC227A.html).

# **Example Usage**

The example below builds on the Storage DRS example (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#using-storage-drs) in the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource. However, rather than use the output of the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster data source (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore\_cluster.html) for the location of the virtual machine, we instead get what is assumed to be a member datastore using the vsphere\_datastore data source (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore.html) and put the virtual machine there instead. We then use the vsphere\_storage\_drs\_vm\_override resource to ensure that Storage DRS does not apply to this virtual machine, and hence the VM will never be migrated off of the datastore.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore_cluster" "datastore_cluster" {
               = "datastore-cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_datastore" "member_datastore" {
  name = "datastore-cluster1-member1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_resource_pool" "pool" {
             = "cluster1/Resources"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "public"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_resource_pool.pool.id}"
               = "${data.vsphere_datastore.member_datastore.id}"
 datastore_id
 num\_cpus = 2
 memory = 1024
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
resource "vsphere_storage_drs_vm_override" "drs_vm_override" {
  datastore_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore_cluster.datastore_cluster.id}"
 virtual_machine_id = "${vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.id}"
  sdrs_enabled
                     = false
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- datastore\_cluster\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore cluster to put the override in. Forces a new resource if changed.
- virtual\_machine\_id (Required) The UUID of the virtual machine to create the override for. Forces a new resource if changed.

- sdrs\_enabled (Optional) Overrides the default Storage DRS setting for this virtual machine. When not specified, the datastore cluster setting is used.
- sdrs\_automation\_level (Optional) Overrides any Storage DRS automation levels for this virtual machine. Can be one of automated or manual. When not specified, the datastore cluster's settings are used according to the specific SDRS subsystem (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/datastore\_cluster.html#storage-drs-automation-options).
- sdrs\_intra\_vm\_affinity (Optional) Overrides the intra-VM affinity setting for this virtual machine. When true, all disks for this virtual machine will be kept on the same datastore. When false, Storage DRS may locate individual disks on different datastores if it helps satisfy cluster requirements. When not specified, the datastore cluster's settings are used.

#### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is a combination of the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore cluster, and the UUID of the virtual machine. This is used to look up the override on subsequent plan and apply operations after the override has been created.

### **Importing**

An existing override can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the path to the datastore cluster and the path to the virtual machine to terraform import. If no override exists, an error will be given. An example is below:

```
terraform import vsphere_storage_drs_vm_override.drs_vm_override \
  '{"datastore_cluster_path": "/dc1/datastore/ds-cluster", \
  "virtual_machine_path": "/dc1/vm/srv1"}'
```

# vsphere\_tag

The vsphere\_tag resource can be used to create and manage tags, which allow you to attach metadata to objects in the vSphere inventory to make these objects more sortable and searchable.

For more information about tags, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vcenterhost.doc/GUID-E8E854DD-AA97-4E0C-8419-CE84F93C4058.html).

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

### **Example Usage**

This example creates a tag named terraform-test-tag. This tag is assigned the terraform-test-category category, which was created by the vsphere\_tag\_category resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag\_category.html). The resulting tag can be assigned to VMs and datastores only, and can be the only value in the category that can be assigned, as per the restrictions defined by the category.

### Using Tags in a Supported Resource

Tags can be applied to vSphere resources in Terraform via the tags argument in any supported resource.

The following example builds on the above example by creating a vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) and applying the created tag to it:

```
resource "vsphere_tag_category" "category" {
 name = "terraform-test-category'
 cardinality = "SINGLE"
 description = "Managed by Terraform"
  associable types = [
    "VirtualMachine",
   "Datastore",
  ]
}
resource "vsphere_tag" "tag" {
          = "terraform-test-tag"
  category_id = "${vsphere_tag_category.category.id}"
  description = "Managed by Terraform"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "web" {
  tags = ["${vsphere_tag.id}"]
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The display name of the tag. The name must be unique within its category.
- category\_id (Required) The unique identifier of the parent category in which this tag will be created. Forces a new resource if changed.
- description (Optional) A description for the tag.

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute that is exported for this resource is the id, which is the uniform resource name (URN) of this tag.

## **Importing**

An existing tag can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource by supplying both the tag's category name and the name of the tag as a JSON string to terraform import, as per the example below:

```
terraform import vsphere_tag.tag \
'{"category_name": "terraform-test-category", "tag_name": "terraform-test-tag"}'
```

# vsphere\_tag\_category

The vsphere\_tag\_category resource can be used to create and manage tag categories, which determine how tags are grouped together and applied to specific objects.

For more information about tags, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-

vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vcenterhost.doc/GUID-E8E854DD-AA97-4E0C-8419-CE84F93C4058.html). For more information about tag categories specifically, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-

vSphere/6.5/com.vmw are.vsphere.vcenterhost.doc/GUID-BA3D1794-28F2-43F3-BCE9-3964CB207FB6.html).

**NOTE:** Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

# **Example Usage**

This example creates a tag category named terraform-test-category, with single cardinality (meaning that only one tag in this category can be assigned to an object at any given time). Tags in this category can only be assigned to VMs and datastores.

## **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the category.
- cardinality (Required) The number of tags that can be assigned from this category to a single object at once. Can be one of SINGLE (object can only be assigned one tag in this category), to MULTIPLE (object can be assigned multiple tags in this category). Forces a new resource if changed.
- associable\_types (Required) A list object types that this category is valid to be assigned to. For a full list, click here.
- description (Optional) A description for the category.

**NOTE:** You can add associable types to a category, but you cannot remove them. Attempting to do so will result in an error.

### Associable Object Types

The following table will help you determine what values you need to enter for the associable type you want to associate with a tag category.

Note that if you want a tag to apply to all objects, the All alias exists - just remember that you will not be able to revert this later, and this category will permanently allow all objects.

Туре	Value
Folders	Folder
Clusters	ClusterComputeResource
Datacenters	Datacenter
Datastores	Datastore
Datastore Clusters	StoragePod
DVS Portgroups	DistributedVirtualPortgroup
Distributed vSwitches	DistributedVirtualSwitch VmwareDistributedVirtualSwitch
Hosts	HostSystem
Content Libraries	com.vmware.content.Library
Content Library Items	com.vmware.content.library.Item
Networks	HostNetwork Network OpaqueNetwork
Resource Pools	ResourcePool
vApps	VirtualApp
Virtual Machines	VirtualMachine

## Attribute Reference

The only attribute that is exported for this resource is the id, which is the uniform resource name (URN) of this tag category.

# **Importing**

An existing tag category can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via its name, using the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_tag\_category.category terraform-test-category

# vsphere\_vapp\_container

The vsphere\_vapp\_container resource can be used to create and manage vApps.

For more information on vSphere vApps, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-2A95EBB8-1779-40FA-B4FB-4D0845750879.html).

# **Example Usage**

The basic example below sets up a vApp container in a compute cluster which uses the default settings for CPU and memory reservations, shares, and limits. The compute cluster needs to already exist in vSphere.

```
variable "datacenter" {
    default = "dc1"
}

variable "cluster" {
    default = "cluster1"
}

data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
    name = "${var.datacenter}"
}

data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
    name = "${var.cluster}"
    datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}

resource "vsphere_vapp_container" "vapp_container" {
    name = "terraform-vapp-container-test"
    parent_resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.compute_cluster.id}"
}
```

## Example with virtual machine

The below example builds off the basic example, but includes a virtual machine in the new vApp container. To accomplish this, the resource\_pool\_id of the virtual machine is set to the id of the vApp container.

```
variable "datacenter" {
 default = "dc1"
variable "cluster" {
 default = "cluster1"
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "${var.datacenter}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
          = "${var.cluster}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
             = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
 name = "datastore1"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_vapp_container" "vapp_container" {
                        = "terraform-vapp-container-test"
  parent_resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.compute_cluster.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-virutal-machine-test"
 resource_pool_id = "${vsphere_vapp_container.vapp_container.id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus
                = 2
                = 1024
 memory
                = "ubuntu64Guest"
 guest_id
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 1
 }
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  }
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

- name (Required) The name of the vApp container.
- parent\_resource\_pool\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the parent resource pool. This can be the root resource pool for a cluster or standalone host, or a resource pool itself. When moving a vApp container from one parent resource

pool to another, both must share a common root resource pool or the move will fail.

- parent\_folder\_id (Optional) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the vApp container's parent folder.
- cpu\_share\_level (Optional) The CPU allocation level. The level is a simplified view of shares. Levels map to a predetermined set of numeric values for shares. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. When low, normal, or high are specified values in cpu\_shares will be ignored. Default: normal
- cpu\_shares (Optional) The number of shares allocated for CPU. Used to determine resource allocation in case of resource contention. If this is set, cpu\_share\_level must be custom.
- cpu\_reservation (Optional) Amount of CPU (MHz) that is guaranteed available to the vApp container. Default: 0
- cpu\_expandable (Optional) Determines if the reservation on a vApp container can grow beyond the specified value if the parent resource pool has unreserved resources. Default: true
- cpu\_limit (Optional) The CPU utilization of a vApp container will not exceed this limit, even if there are available resources. Set to -1 for unlimited. Default: -1
- memory\_share\_level (Optional) The CPU allocation level. The level is a simplified view of shares. Levels map to a predetermined set of numeric values for shares. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. When low, normal, or high are specified values in memory\_shares will be ignored. Default: normal
- memory\_shares (Optional) The number of shares allocated for CPU. Used to determine resource allocation in case of resource contention. If this is set, memory\_share\_level must be custom.
- memory\_reservation (Optional) Amount of CPU (MHz) that is guaranteed available to the vApp container. Default: 0
- memory\_expandable (Optional) Determines if the reservation on a vApp container can grow beyond the specified value if the parent resource pool has unreserved resources. Default: true
- memory\_limit (Optional) The CPU utilization of a vApp container will not exceed this limit, even if there are available resources. Set to -1 for unlimited. Default: -1
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

# Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the resource pool.

# **Importing**

An existing vApp container can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the path to the vApp container, using the following command:

terraform import vsphere\_vapp\_container.vapp\_container /default-dc/host/cluster1/Resources/resource\_pool1
/vapp\_container1

The above would import the vApp container named vapp-container1 that is located in the resource pool resource-pool1		
that is part of the host cluster cluster1 in the dc1 datacenter.		

# vsphere\_vapp\_entity

The vsphere\_vapp\_entity resource can be used to describe the behavior of an entity (virtual machine or sub-vApp container) in a vApp container.

For more information on vSphere vApps, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-2A95EBB8-1779-40FA-B4FB-4D0845750879.html).

# **Example Usage**

The basic example below sets up a vApp container and a virtual machine in a compute cluster and then creates a vApp entity to change the virtual machine's power on behavior in the vApp container.

```
variable "datacenter" {
 default = "dc1"
variable "cluster" {
 default = "cluster1"
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "${var.datacenter}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "compute_cluster" {
              = "${var.cluster}"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "network1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
             = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_vapp_container" "vapp_container" {
                         = "terraform-vapp-container-test"
  parent_resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.id}"
resource "vsphere_vapp_entity" "vapp_entity" {
            = "vsphere_virtual_machine.vm.id"
 target_id
 container_id = "vsphere_vapp_container.vapp_container.id"
  start_action = "non"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-virutal-machine-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${vsphere_vapp_container.vapp_container.id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
                = 2
 num_cpus
 memory
                 = 1024
                = "ubuntu64Guest"
 guest_id
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 1
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
  }
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

- target\_id (Required) [Managed object ID | docs-about-morefs] of the entity to power on or power off. This can be a virtual machine or a vApp.
- container\_id (Required) [Managed object ID|docs-about-morefs] of the vApp container the entity is a member of.
- start\_order (Optional) Order to start and stop target in vApp. Default: 1
- start\_action (Optional) How to start the entity. Valid settings are none or powerOn. If set to none, then the entity does not participate in auto-start. Default: powerOn
- start\_delay (Optional) Delay in seconds before continuing with the next entity in the order of entities to be started.

  Default: 120
- stop\_action (Optional) Defines the stop action for the entity. Can be set to none, powerOff, guestShutdown, or suspend. If set to none, then the entity does not participate in auto-stop. Default: powerOff
- stop\_delay (Optional) Delay in seconds before continuing with the next entity in the order sequence. This is only used if the stopAction is guestShutdown. Default: 120
- wait\_for\_guest (Optional) Determines if the VM should be marked as being started when VMware Tools are ready instead of waiting for start\_delay. This property has no effect for vApps. Default: false

### Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the id of the resource, which is the vApp entity's managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) separated from the virtual machines managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) by a colon.

## **Importing**

An existing vApp entity can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via the ID of the vApp Entity.

terraform import vsphere\_vapp\_entity.vapp\_entity vm-123:res-456

The above would import the vApp entity that governs the behavior of the virtual machine with a managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of vm-123 in the vApp container with the managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) res-456.

# vsphere\_virtual\_disk

The vsphere\_virtual\_disk resource can be used to create virtual disks outside of any given vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html) resource. These disks can be attached to a virtual machine by creating a disk block with the attach (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#attach) parameter.

## **Example Usage**

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

**NOTE:** All fields in the vsphere\_virtual\_disk resource are currently immutable and force a new resource if changed.

- vmdk\_path (Required) The path, including filename, of the virtual disk to be created. This needs to end in .vmdk.
- datastore (Required) The name of the datastore in which to create the disk.
- size (Required) Size of the disk (in GB).
- datacenter (Optional) The name of the datacenter in which to create the disk. Can be omitted when when ESXi or if there is only one datacenter in your infrastructure.
- type (Optional) The type of disk to create. Can be one of eagerZeroedThick, lazy, or thin. Default: eagerZeroedThick. For information on what each kind of disk provisioning policy means, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-4C0F4D73-82F2-4B81-8AA7-1DD752A8A5AC.html).
- adapter\_type (Optional) The adapter type for this virtual disk. Can be one of ide, lsiLogic, or busLogic. Default: lsiLogic.

**NOTE:** adapter\_type is **deprecated**: it does not dictate the type of controller that the virtual disk will be attached to on the virtual machine. Please see the scsi\_type (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#scsi\_type) parameter in the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource for information on how to control disk controller types. This parameter will be removed in future versions of the vSphere provider.

• create\_directories - (Optional) Tells the resource to create any directories that are a part of the vmdk\_path parameter if they are missing. Default: false.

**NOTE:** Any directory created as part of the operation when create\_directories is enabled will not be deleted when the resource is destroyed.

# vsphere\_virtual\_machine

The vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource can be used to manage the complex lifecycle of a virtual machine. It supports management of disk, network interface, and CDROM devices, creation from scratch or cloning from template, and migration through both host and storage vMotion.

For more details on working with virtual machines in vSphere, see this page (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-55238059-912E-411F-A0E9-A7A536972A91.html).

## About Working with Virtual Machines in Terraform

A high degree of control and flexibility is afforded to a vSphere user when it comes to how to configure, deploy, and manage virtual machines - much more control than given in a traditional cloud provider. As such, Terraform has to make some decisions on how to manage the virtual machines it creates and manages. This section documents things you need to know about your virtual machine configuration that you should consider when setting up virtual machines, creating templates to clone from, or migrating from previous versions of this resource.

#### Disks

The vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource currently only supports standard VMDK-backed virtual disks - it does not support other special kinds of disk devices like RDM disks.

Disks are managed by an arbitrary label supplied to the label attribute of a disk block. This is separate from the automatic naming that vSphere picks for you when creating a virtual machine. Control over a virtual disk's name is not supported unless you are attaching an external disk with the attach attribute.

Virtual disks can be SCSI disks only. The SCSI controllers managed by Terraform can vary, depending on the value supplied to scsi\_controller\_count. This also dictates the controllers that are checked when looking for disks during a cloning process. By default, this value is 1, meaning that you can have up to 15 disks configured on a virtual machine. These are all configured with the controller type defined by the scsi\_type setting. If you are cloning from a template, devices will be added or re-configured as necessary.

When cloning from a template, you must specify disks of either the same or greater size than the disks in the source template when creating a traditional clone, or exactly the same size when cloning from snapshot (also known as a linked clone). For more details, see the section on creating a virtual machine from a template.

A maximum of 60 virtual disks can be configured when the scsi\_controller\_count setting is configured to its maximum of 4 controllers. See the disk options section for more details.

#### Customization and network waiters

Terraform waits during various parts of a virtual machine deployment to ensure that it is in a correct expected state before proceeding. These happen when a VM is created, or also when it's updated, depending on the waiter.

Two waiters of note are:

• The customization waiter: This waiter watches events in vSphere to monitor when customization on a virtual machine completes during VM creation. Depending on your vSphere or VM configuration it may be necessary to change the

timeout or turn it off. This can be controlled by the timeout setting in the customization settings block.

• The network waiter: This waiter waits for interfaces to show up on a guest virtual machine close to the end of both VM creation and update. This waiter is necessary to ensure that correct IP information gets reported to the guest virtual machine, mainly to facilitate the availability of a valid, reachable default IP address for any provisioners (/docs/provisioners/index.html). The behavior of the waiter can be controlled with the wait\_for\_guest\_net\_timeout and wait\_for\_guest\_net\_routable settings.

### Migrating from a previous version of this resource

**NOTE:** This section only applies to versions of this resource available in versions v0.4.2 of this provider or earlier.

The path for migrating to the current version of this resource is very similar to the import path, with the exception that the terraform import command does not need to be run. See that section for details on what is required before you run terraform plan on a state that requires migration.

A successful migration usually only results in a configuration-only diff - that is, Terraform reconciles some configuration settings that cannot be set during the migration process with state. In this event, no reconfiguration operations are sent to the vSphere server during the next terraform apply. See the importing section for more details.

## **Example Usage**

### Creating a virtual machine from scratch

The following block contains all that is necessary to create a new virtual machine, with a single disk and network interface.

The resource makes use of the following data sources to do its job: vsphere\_datacenter (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datacenter.html) to locate the datacenter, vsphere\_datastore (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore.html) to locate the default datastore to put the virtual machine in, vsphere\_resource\_pool (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/resource\_pool.html) to locate a resource pool located in a cluster or standalone host, and vsphere\_network (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/network.html) to locate a network.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
 name = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
 name = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
       = "public"
 datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                = "terraform-test"
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory = 1024
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
  }
}
```

## Cloning and customization example

Building on the above example, the below configuration creates a VM by cloning it from a template, fetched via the vsphere\_virtual\_machine (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/virtual\_machine.html) data source. This allows us to locate the UUID of the template we want to clone, along with settings for network interface type, SCSI bus type (especially important on Windows machines), and disk attributes.

**NOTE:** Cloning requires vCenter and is not supported on direct ESXi connections.

```
name
               = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
               = "public"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_virtual_machine" "template" {
               = "ubuntu-16.04"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                  = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
                 = "${data.vsphere_datastore.datastore.id}"
  datastore_id
 num_cpus = 2
 memorv = 1024
 guest_id = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.guest_id}"
 scsi_type = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.scsi_type}"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
   adapter_type = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.network_interface_types[0]}"
 disk {
   label
                    = "disk0"
                    = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.size}"
   eagerly_scrub = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.eagerly_scrub}"
   thin_provisioned = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.thin_provisioned}"
  }
   template_uuid = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.id}"
   customize {
     linux options {
       host_name = "terraform-test"
       domain = "test.internal"
     network_interface {
       ipv4_address = "10.0.0.10"
       ipv4\_netmask = 24
     ipv4_gateway = "10.0.0.1"
 }
}
```

## Cloning from an OVF/OVA-created template with vApp properties

This alternate example details how to clone a VM from a template that came from an OVF/OVA file. This leverages the resource's vApp properties capabilities to set appropriate keys that control various configuration settings on the virtual machine or virtual appliance. In this scenario, using customize is not recommended as the functionality has tendency to

overlap.

**NOTE:** Neither the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource nor the vSphere provider supports importing of OVA or OVF files as this is a workflow that is fundamentally not the domain of Terraform. The supported path for deployment in Terraform is to first import the virtual machine into a template that has not been powered on, and then clone from that template. This can be accomplished with Packer (https://www.packer.io/), govc

(https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc)'s import.ovf and import.ova subcommands, or ovftool (https://code.vmware.com/web/dp/tool/ovf).

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore" "datastore" {
               = "datastore1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
 name = "cluster1"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
             = "public"
  datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_virtual_machine" "tempate_from_ovf" {
               = "template_from_ovf"
  datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                 = "terraform-test"
  resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.id}"
 num\_cpus = 2
 memory = 1024
 guest_id = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.guest_id}"
 scsi_type = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.scsi_type}"
  network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
   adapter_type = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.network_interface_types[0]}"
  disk {
   name
                    = "disk0"
                   = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.size}"
   size
   eagerly_scrub = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.eagerly_scrub}"
   thin_provisioned = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template.disks.0.thin_provisioned}"
  }
  clone {
   template_uuid = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template_from_ovf.id}"
 vapp {
   properties {
      "guestinfo.hostname"
                                                = "terraform-test.foobar.local"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.name"
                                                = "ens192"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.ip.0.address"
                                                = "10.0.0.100/24"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.route.0.gateway"
                                                = "10.0.0.1"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.route.0.destination" = "0.0.0.0/0"
      "guestinfo.dns.server.0"
                                                = "10.0.0.10"
   }
  }
}
```

### Using Storage DRS

The vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource also supports Storage DRS, allowing the assignment of virtual machines to datastore clusters. When assigned to a datastore cluster, changes to a virtual machine's underlying datastores are ignored unless disks drift outside of the datastore cluster. The example below makes use of the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster data source (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/datastore\_cluster.html), and the datastore\_cluster\_id configuration setting. Note that the vsphere\_datastore\_cluster resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/datastore\_cluster.html) also exists to allow for management of datastore clusters directly in Terraform.

**NOTE:** When managing datastore clusters, member datastores, and virtual machines within the same Terraform configuration, race conditions can apply. This is because datastore clusters must be created before datastores can be assigned to them, and the respective vsphere\_virtual\_machine resources will no longer have an implicit dependency on the specific datastore resources. Use depends\_on (/docs/configuration/resources.html#depends\_on) to create an explicit dependency on the datastores in the cluster, or manage datastore clusters and datastores in a separate configuration.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "dc" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_datastore_cluster" "datastore_cluster" {
             = "datastore-cluster1"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_compute_cluster" "cluster" {
 name = "cluster1"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
}
data "vsphere_network" "network" {
 name = "public"
 datacenter_id = "${data.vsphere_datacenter.dc.id}"
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
                    = "terraform-test"
 resource_pool_id = "${data.vsphere_compute_cluster.cluster.resource_pool_id}"
 datastore_cluster_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore_cluster.id}"
 num_cpus = 2
 memory = 1024
 guest_id = "other3xLinux64Guest"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.network.id}"
 }
 disk {
   label = "disk0"
   size = 20
 }
}
```

The following arguments are supported:

### **General options**

The following options are general virtual machine and Terraform workflow options:

- name (Required) The name of the virtual machine.
- resource\_pool\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the resource pool to put this virtual machine in. See the section on virtual machine migration for details on changing this value.

**NOTE:** All clusters and standalone hosts have a resource pool, even if one has not been explicitly created. For more information, see the section on specifying the root resource pool (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/resource\_pool.html#specifying-the-root-resource-pool-for-a-standalone-host) in the vsphere\_resource\_pool data source documentation. This resource does not take a cluster or standalone host resource directly.

- datastore\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the virtual machine's datastore. The virtual machine configuration is placed here, along with any virtual disks that are created where a datastore is not explicitly specified. See the section on virtual machine migration for details on changing this value.
- datastore\_cluster\_id (Optional) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore cluster ID to use. This setting applies to entire virtual machine and implies that you wish to use Storage DRS with this virtual machine. See the section on virtual machine migration for details on changing this value.

**NOTE:** One of datastore\_id or datastore\_cluster\_id must be specified.

**NOTE:** Use of datastore\_cluster\_id requires Storage DRS to be enabled on that cluster.

**NOTE:** The datastore\_cluster\_id setting applies to the entire virtual machine - you cannot assign individual datastore clusters to individual disks. In addition to this, you cannot use the attach setting to attach external disks on virtual machines that are assigned to datastore clusters.

- folder (Optional) The path to the folder to put this virtual machine in, relative to the datacenter that the resource pool is in.
- host\_system\_id (Optional) An optional managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of a host to put this virtual machine on. See the section on virtual machine migration for details on changing this value. If a host\_system\_id is not supplied, vSphere will select a host in the resource pool to place the virtual machine, according to any defaults or DRS policies in place.
- disk (Required) A specification for a virtual disk device on this virtual machine. See disk options below.
- network\_interface (Required) A specification for a virtual NIC on this virtual machine. See network interface options

below.

- cdrom (Optional) A specification for a CDROM device on this virtual machine. See CDROM options below.
- clone (Optional) When specified, the VM will be created as a clone of a specified template. Optional customization options can be submitted as well. See creating a virtual machine from a template for more details.

**NOTE:** Cloning requires vCenter and is not supported on direct ESXi connections.

- vapp (Optional) Optional vApp configuration. The only sub-key available is properties, which is a key/value map of properties for virtual machines imported from OVF or OVA files. See Using vApp properties to supply OVF/OVA configuration for more details.
- guest\_id (Optional) The guest ID for the operating system type. For a full list of possible values, see here
   (https://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-6 5/topic/com.vmware.wssdk.apiref.doc/vim.vm.GuestOsDescriptor.GuestOsIdentifier.html). Default: other-64.
- alternate\_guest\_name (Optional) The guest name for the operating system when guest\_id is other or other-64.
- annotation (Optional) A user-provided description of the virtual machine. The default is no annotation.
- firmware (Optional) The firmware interface to use on the virtual machine. Can be one of bios or EFI. Default: bios.
- extra\_config (Optional) Extra configuration data for this virtual machine. Can be used to supply advanced parameters not normally in configuration, such as data for cloud-config (under the guestinfo namespace).

**NOTE:** Do not use extra\_config when working with a template imported from OVF or OVA as more than likely your settings will be ignored. Use the vapp block's properties section as outlined in Using vApp properties to supply OVF/OVA configuration.

- scsi\_type (Optional) The type of SCSI bus this virtual machine will have. Can be one of Isilogic (LSI Logic Parallel), Isilogic-sas (LSI Logic SAS) or pvscsi (VMware Paravirtual). Defualt: pvscsi.
- scsi\_bus\_sharing (Optional) Mode for sharing the SCSI bus. The modes are physicalSharing, virtualSharing, and noSharing. Default: noSharing.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes - (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value strings to set for virtual machine. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

**NOTE:** Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

### CPU and memory options

The following options control CPU and memory settings on the virtual machine:

- num\_cpus (Optional) The number of virtual processors to assign to this virtual machine. Default: 1.
- num\_cores\_per\_socket (Optional) The number of cores to distribute among the CPUs in this virtual machine. If specified, the value supplied to num\_cpus must be evenly divisible by this value. Default: 1.
- cpu\_hot\_add\_enabled (Optional) Allow CPUs to be added to this virtual machine while it is running.
- cpu\_hot\_remove\_enabled (Optional) Allow CPUs to be removed to this virtual machine while it is running.
- memory (Optional) The size of the virtual machine's memory, in MB. Default: 1024 (1 GB).
- memory\_hot\_add\_enabled (Optional) Allow memory to be added to this virtual machine while it is running.

**NOTE:** Certain CPU and memory hot-plug options are not available on every operating system. Check the VMware Guest OS Compatibility Guide

(http://partnerweb.vmware.com/comp\_guide2/pdf/VMware\_GOS\_Compatibility\_Guide.pdf) first to see what settings your guest operating system is eligible for. In addition, at least one terraform apply must be executed before being able to take advantage of CPU and memory hot-plug settings, so if you want the support, enable it as soon as possible.

### **Boot options**

The following options control boot settings on the virtual machine:

- boot\_delay (Optional) The number of milliseconds to wait before starting the boot sequence. The default is no delay.
- efi\_secure\_boot\_enabled (Optional) When the firmware type is set to is efi, this enables EFI secure boot. Default: false.

**NOTE:** EFI secure boot is only available on vSphere 6.5 and higher.

- boot\_retry\_delay (Optional) The number of milliseconds to wait before retrying the boot sequence. This only valid if boot\_retry\_enabled is true. Default: 10000 (10 seconds).
- boot\_retry\_enabled (Optional) If set to true, a virtual machine that fails to boot will try again after the delay defined in boot\_retry\_delay. Default: false.

### **VMware Tools options**

The following options control VMware tools options on the virtual machine:

- sync\_time\_with\_host (Optional) Enable guest clock synchronization with the host. Requires VMware tools to be installed. Default: false.
- run\_tools\_scripts\_after\_power\_on (Optional) Enable the execution of post-power-on scripts when VMware tools is installed. Default: true.
- run\_tools\_scripts\_after\_resume (Optional) Enable the execution of post-resume scripts when VMware tools is installed. Default: true.
- run\_tools\_scripts\_before\_guest\_reboot (Optional) Enable the execution of pre-reboot scripts when VMware tools is installed. Default: false.

- run\_tools\_scripts\_before\_guest\_shutdown (Optional) Enable the execution of pre-shutdown scripts when VMware tools is installed. Default: true.
- run\_tools\_scripts\_before\_guest\_standby (Optional) Enable the execution of pre-standby scripts when VMware tools is installed. Default: true.

### Resource allocation options

The following options allow control over CPU and memory allocation on the virtual machine. Note that the resource pool that this VM is in may affect these options.

- cpu\_limit (Optional) The maximum amount of CPU (in MHz) that this virtual machine can consume, regardless of available resources. The default is no limit.
- cpu\_reservation (Optional) The amount of CPU (in MHz) that this virtual machine is guaranteed. The default is no reservation.
- cpu\_share\_level (Optional) The allocation level for CPU resources. Can be one of high, low, normal, or custom.
   Default: custom.
- cpu\_share\_count (Optional) The number of CPU shares allocated to the virtual machine when the cpu\_share\_level is custom.
- memory\_limit (Optional) The maximum amount of memory (in MB) that this virtual machine can consume, regardless of available resources. The default is no limit.
- memory\_reservation (Optional) The amount of memory (in MB) that this virtual machine is guaranteed. The default is no reservation.
- memory\_share\_level (Optional) The allocation level for memory resources. Can be one of high, low, normal, or custom. Default: custom.
- memory\_share\_count (Optional) The number of memory shares allocated to the virtual machine when the memory\_share\_level is custom.

### Advanced options

The following options control advanced operation of the virtual machine, or control various parts of Terraform workflow, and should not need to be modified during basic operation of the resource. Only change these options if they are explicitly required, or if you are having trouble with Terraform's default behavior.

- enable\_disk\_uuid (Optional) Expose the UUIDs of attached virtual disks to the virtual machine, allowing access to them in the guest. Default: false.
- hv\_mode (Optional) The (non-nested) hardware virtualization setting for this virtual machine. Can be one of hvAuto, hvOn, or hvOff. Default: hvAuto.
- ept\_rvi\_mode (Optional) The EPT/RVI (hardware memory virtualization) setting for this virtual machine. Can be one of automatic, on, or off. Default: automatic.
- nested\_hv\_enabled (Optional) Enable nested hardware virtualization on this virtual machine, facilitating nested virtualization in the guest. Default: false.

- enable\_logging (Optional) Enable logging of virtual machine events to a log file stored in the virtual machine directory. Default: false.
- cpu\_performance\_counters\_enabled (Optional) Enable CPU performance counters on this virtual machine. Default: false.
- swap\_placement\_policy (Optional) The swap file placement policy for this virtual machine. Can be one of inherit, hostLocal, or vmDirectory. Default: inherit.
- latency\_sensitivity (Optional) Controls the scheduling delay of the virtual machine. Use a higher sensitivity for applications that require lower latency, such as VOIP, media player applications, or applications that require frequent access to mouse or keyboard devices. Can be one of low, normal, medium, or high.

**NOTE:** Do not use a latency\_sensitivity setting of low or medium on hosts running ESXi 6.0 or older. Doing so may result in virtual machine startup issues or spurious diffs in Terraform. In addition, on higher sensitivities, you may have to adjust memory\_reservation to the full amount of memory provisioned for the virtual machine.

- wait\_for\_guest\_net\_timeout (Optional) The amount of time, in minutes, to wait for an available IP address on this virtual machine. A value less than 1 disables the waiter. Default: 5 minutes.
- wait\_for\_guest\_net\_routable (Optional) Controls whether or not the guest network waiter waits for a routable address. When false, the waiter does not wait for a default gateway, nor are IP addresses checked against any discovered default gateways as part of its success criteria. Default: true.
- shutdown\_wait\_timeout (Optional) The amount of time, in minutes, to wait for a graceful guest shutdown when making necessary updates to the virtual machine. If force\_power\_off is set to true, the VM will be force powered-off after this timeout, otherwise an error is returned. Default: 3 minutes.
- migrate\_wait\_timeout (Optional) The amount of time, in minutes, to wait for a virtual machine migration to complete before failing. Default: 10 minutes. Also see the section on virtual machine migration.
- force\_power\_off (Optional) If a guest shutdown failed or timed out while updating or destroying (see shutdown\_wait\_timeout), force the power-off of the virtual machine. Default: true.
- scsi\_controller\_count (Optional) The number of SCSI controllers that Terraform manages on this virtual machine. This directly affects the amount of disks you can add to the virtual machine and the maximum disk unit number. Note that lowering this value does not remove controllers. Default: 1.

**NOTE:** scsi\_controller\_count should only be modified when you will need more than 15 disks on a single virtual machine, or in rare cases that require a dedicated controller for certain disks. HashiCorp does not support exploiting this value to add out-of-band devices.

## Disk options

Virtual disks are managed by adding an instance of the disk block.

At the very least, there must be name and size attributes. unit\_number is required for any disk other than the first, and there must be at least one resource with the implicit number of 0.

An abridged multi-disk example is below:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

disk {
    label = "disk0"
    size = "10"
    }

disk {
    label = "disk1"
    size = "100"
    unit_number = 1
    }

...
}
```

#### The options are:

• label - (Required) A label for the disk. Forces a new disk if changed.

**NOTE:** It's recommended that you set the disk label to a format matching diskN, where N is the number of the disk, starting from disk number 0. This will ensure that your configuration is compatible when importing a virtual machine. For more information, see the section on importing.

**NOTE:** Do not choose a label that starts with orphaned\_disk\_ (example: orphaned\_disk\_0), as this prefix is reserved for disks that Terraform does not recognize, such as disks that are attached externally. Terraform will issue an error if you try to label a disk with this prefix.

• name - (Optional) An alias for both label and path, the latter when using attach. Required if not using label.

**NOTE:** This parameter has been deprecated and will be removed in future versions of the vSphere provider. You cannot use name on a disk that has previously had a label, and using this argument is not recommend for new configurations.

**NOTE:** In previous versions of the vSphere provider this argument controlled file names for non-attached disks - this behavior has now been removed, and the only time this controls path is when attaching a disk externally with attach when the path field is not specified.

- size (Required) The size of the disk, in GiB.
- unit\_number (Optional) The disk number on the SCSI bus. The maximum value for this setting is the value of scsi\_controller\_count times 15, minus 1 (so 14, 29, 44, and 59, for 1-4 controllers respectively). The default is 0, for which one disk must be set to. Duplicate unit numbers are not allowed.
- datastore\_id (Optional) A managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) to the datastore for this virtual disk. The default is to use the datastore of the virtual machine. See the section on virtual machine migration for details on changing this value.

**NOTE:** Datastores cannot be assigned to individual disks when datastore\_cluster\_id is in use.

• attach - (Optional) Attach an external disk instead of creating a new one. Implies and conflicts with keep\_on\_remove. If set, you cannot set size, eagerly\_scrub, or thin\_provisioned. Must set path if used.

**NOTE:** External disks cannot be attached when datastore\_cluster\_id is in use.

- path (Optional) When using attach, this parameter controls the path of a virtual disk to attach externally. Otherwise, it is a computed attribute that contains the virtual disk's current filename.
- keep\_on\_remove (Optional) Keep this disk when removing the device or destroying the virtual machine. Default: false.
- disk\_mode (Optional) The mode of this this virtual disk for purposes of writes and snapshotting. Can be one of append, independent\_nonpersistent, independent\_persistent, nonpersistent, persistent, or undoable.
   Default: persistent. For an explanation of options, click here (https://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-6-5/topic/com.vmware.wssdk.apiref.doc/vim.vm.device.VirtualDiskOption.DiskMode.html).
- eagerly\_scrub (Optional) If set to true, the disk space is zeroed out on VM creation. This will delay the creation of the disk or virtual machine. Cannot be set to true when thin\_provisioned is true. See the section on picking a disk type. Default: false.
- thin\_provisioned (Optional) If true, this disk is thin provisioned, with space for the file being allocated on an asneeded basis. Cannot be set to true when eagerly\_scrub is true. See the section on picking a disk type. Default: true.
- disk\_sharing (Optional) The sharing mode of this virtual disk. Can be one of sharingMultiWriter or sharingNone.

  Default: sharingNone.

**NOTE:** Disk sharing is only available on vSphere 6.0 and higher.

- write\_through (Optional) If true, writes for this disk are sent directly to the filesystem immediately instead of being buffered. Default: false.
- io\_limit (Optional) The upper limit of IOPS that this disk can use. The default is no limit.
- io\_reservation (Optional) The I/O reservation (guarantee) that this disk has, in IOPS. The default is no reservation.
- io\_share\_level (Optional) The share allocation level for this disk. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. Default: normal.
- io\_share\_count (Optional) The share count for this disk when the share level is custom.

#### Computed disk attributes

• uuid - The UUID of the virtual disk's VMDK file. This is used to track the virtual disk on the virtual machine.

#### Picking a disk type

The eagerly\_scrub and thin\_provisioned options control the space allocation type of a virtual disk. These show up in the vSphere console as a unified enumeration of options, the equivalents of which are explained below. The defaults in Terraform are the equivalent of thin provisioning.

- Thick provisioned lazy zeroed: Both eagerly\_scrub and thin\_provisioned should be set to false.
- Thick provisioned eager zeroed: eagerly\_scrub should be set to true, and thin\_provisioned should be set to false.
- Thin provisioned: eagerly\_scrub should be set to false, and thin\_provisioned should be set to true.

For the technical details of each virtual disk provisioning policy, click here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-4C0F4D73-82F2-4B81-8AA7-1DD752A8A5AC.html).

**NOTE:** Not all disk types are available on some types of datastores. Attempting to set options inappropriate for a datastore that a disk is deployed to will result in a successful initial apply, but vSphere will silently correct the options, and subsequent plans will fail with an appropriate error message until the settings are corrected.

**NOTE:** The disk type cannot be changed once set.

### Network interface options

Network interfaces are managed by adding an instance of the network\_interface block.

Interfaces are assigned to devices in the specific order they are declared. This has different implications for different operating systems.

Given the following example:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

network_interface {
    network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.public.id}"
    }

network_interface {
    network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.private.id}"
    }
}
```

The first interface with the public network assigned to it would show up in order before the interface assigned to private. On some Linux systems, this might mean that the first interface would show up as eth0 and the second would show up as eth1.

The options are:

- network\_id (Required) The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the network to connect this interface to.
- adapter\_type (Optional) The network interface type. Can be one of e1000, e1000e, or vmxnet3. Default: vmxnet3.
- use\_static\_mac (Optional) If true, the mac\_address field is treated as a static MAC address and set accordingly. Setting this to true requires mac\_address to be set. Default: false.
- mac\_address (Optional) The MAC address of this network interface. Can only be manually set if use\_static\_mac is

true, otherwise this is a computed value that gives the current MAC address of this interface.

- bandwidth\_limit (Optional) The upper bandwidth limit of this network interface, in Mbits/sec. The default is no limit.
- bandwidth\_reservation (Optional) The bandwidth reservation of this network interface, in Mbits/sec. The default is no reservation.
- bandwidth\_share\_level (Optional) The bandwidth share allocation level for this interface. Can be one of low, normal, high, or custom. Default: normal.
- bandwidth\_share\_count (Optional) The share count for this network interface when the share level is custom.

### **CDROM options**

A single virtual CDROM device can be created and attached to the virtual machine. The resource supports attaching a CDROM from a datastore ISO or using a remote client device.

An example is below:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

    cdrom {
        datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.iso_datastore.id}"
        path = "ISOs/os-livecd.iso"
    }
}
```

#### The options are:

- client\_device (Optional) Indicates whether the device should be backed by remote client device. Conflicts with datastore\_id and path.
- datastore\_id (Optional) The datastore ID that the ISO is located in. Requried for using a datastore ISO. Conflicts with client\_device.
- path (Optional) The path to the ISO file. Requried for using a datastore ISO. Conflicts with client\_device.

**NOTE:** Either client\_device (for a remote backed CDROM) or datastore\_id and path (for a datastore ISO backed CDROM) are required.

**NOTE:** Some CDROM drive types are currently unsupported by this resource, such as pass-through devices. If these drives are present in a cloned template, or added outside of Terraform, they will have their configurations corrected to that of the defined device, or removed if no cdrom block is present.

### Virtual device computed options

Configured virtual devices (disk, network\_interface, and cdrom) all export the following attributes. These options help locate the device on future Terraform runs. The options are:

• key - The ID of the device within the virtual machine.

• device\_address - An address internal to Terraform that helps locate the device when key is unavailable. This follows a convention of CONTROLLER\_TYPE:BUS\_NUMBER:UNIT\_NUMBER. Example: scsi:0:1 means device unit 1 on SCSI bus 0.

# Creating a Virtual Machine from a Template

The clone block can be used to create a new virtual machine from an existing virtual machine or template. The resource supports both making a complete copy of a virtual machine, or cloning from a snapshot (otherwise known as a linked clone).

See the cloning and customization example for a usage synopsis.

**NOTE:** Changing any option in clone after creation forces a new resource.

**NOTE:** Cloning requires vCenter and is not supported on direct ESXi connections.

The options available in the clone block are:

- template\_uuid (Required) The UUID of the source virtual machine or template.
- linked\_clone (Optional) Clone this virtual machine from a snapshot. Templates must have a single snapshot only in order to be eligible. Default: false.
- timeout (Optional) The timeout, in minutes, to wait for the virtual machine clone to complete. Default: 30 minutes.
- customize (Optional) The customization spec for this clone. This allows the user to configure the virtual machine post-clone. For more details, see virtual machine customization.

#### Virtual machine customization

As part of the clone operation, a virtual machine can be customized (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-58E346FF-83AE-42B8-BE58-253641D257BC.html) to configure host, network, or licensing settings.

To perform virtual machine customization as a part of the clone process, specify the customize block with the respective customization options, nested within the clone block. See the cloning and customization example for a usage synopsis.

The settings for customize are as follows:

#### Customization timeout settings

• timeout - (Optional) The time, in minutes that Terraform waits for customization to complete before failing. The default is 10 minutes, and setting the value to 0 or a negative value disables the waiter altogether.

#### Network interface settings

These settings, which should be specified in nested network\_interface blocks within customize, configure network interfaces on a per-interface basis and are matched up to network\_interface devices in the order they are declared.

Given the following example:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.public.id}"
 network_interface {
   network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.private.id}"
 clone {
   . . .
   customize {
     network_interface {
       ipv4_address = "10.0.0.10"
       ipv4_netmask = 24
     network_interface {
       ipv4_address = "172.16.0.10"
       ipv4_netmask = 24
     ipv4_gateway = "10.0.0.1"
   }
 }
}
```

The first set of network\_interface data would be assigned to the public interface, and the second to the private interface.

To use DHCP, declare an empty network\_interface block for each interface being configured. So the above example would look like:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

network_interface {
    network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.public.id}"
}

network_interface {
    network_id = "${data.vsphere_network.private.id}"
}

clone {
    ...

    customize {
        ...

    network_interface {}

    network_interface {}

    network_interface {}
}
}
```

#### The options are:

- dns\_server\_list (Optional) Network interface-specific DNS server settings for Windows operating systems. Ignored on Linux and possibly other opearating systems for those systems, please see the global DNS settings section.
- dns\_domain (Optional) Network interface-specific DNS search domain for Windows operating systems. Ignored on Linux and possibly other operating systems for those systems, please see the global DNS settings section.
- ipv4\_address (Optional) The IPv4 address assigned to this network adapter. If left blank or not included, DHCP is used.
- ipv4\_netmask The IPv4 subnet mask, in bits (example: 24 for 255.255.255.0).
- ipv6\_address (Optional) The IPv6 address assigned to this network adapter. If left blank or not included, auto-configuration is used.
- ipv6\_netmask (Optional) The IPv6 subnet mask, in bits (example: 32).

**NOTE:** The minimum setting for IPv4 in a customization specification is DHCP. If you are setting up an IPv6-exclusive network without DHCP, you might need to set wait\_for\_guest\_net\_timeout to a high enough value to cover the DHCP timeout of your virtual machine, or turn it off altogether by supplying a zero or negative value. Keep in mind that turning off wait\_for\_guest\_net\_timeout will more than likely mean that IP addresses will not be reported to any provisioners you may have configured on the resource.

#### Global routing settings

VM customization under the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource does not take a per-interface gateway setting, but rather default routes are configured on a global basis. For an example, see the network interface settings section.

The settings here must match the IP/mask of at least one network\_interface supplied to customization.

The options are:

- ipv4\_gateway (Optional) The IPv4 default gateway when using network\_interface customization on the virtual machine.
- ipv6\_gateway (Optional) The IPv6 default gateway when using network\_interface customization on the virtual machine.

#### **Global DNS settings**

The following settings configure DNS globally, generally for Linux systems. For Windows systems, this is done per-interface, see network interface settings.

- dns\_server\_list The list of DNS servers to configure on a virtual machine.
- dns\_suffix\_list A list of DNS search domains to add to the DNS configuration on the virtual machine.

#### Linux customization options

The settings in the linux\_options block pertain to Linux guest OS customization. If you are customizing a Linux operating system, this section must be included.

#### Example:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...
    clone {
        ...
        customize {
            ...
            linux_options {
                host_name = "terraform-test"
                domain = "test.internal"
            }
        }
    }
}
```

#### The options are:

- host\_name (Required) The host name for this machine. This, along with domain, make up the FQDN of this virtual machine.
- domain (Required) The domain name for this machine. This, along with host\_name, make up the FQDN of this virtual machine.
- hw\_clock\_utc (Optional) Tells the operating system that the hardware clock is set to UTC. Default: true.
- time\_zone (Optional) Sets the time zone. For a list of possible combinations, click here (https://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-6-5/topic/com.vmware.wssdk.apiref.doc/timezone.html). The default is UTC.

#### Windows customization options

The settings in the windows\_options block pertain to Windows guest OS customization. If you are customizing a Windows operating system, this section must be included.

#### Example:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

clone {
    ...

    customize {
        ...

    windows_options {
        computer_name = "terraform-test"
        workgroup = "test"
        admin_password = "VMw4re"
        }
    }
}
```

#### The options are:

- computer\_name (Required) The computer name of this virtual machine.
- admin\_password (Optional) The administrator password for this virtual machine.

**NOTE:** admin\_password is a sensitive field in Terraform and will not be output on-screen, but is stored in state and sent to the VM in plain text - keep this in mind when provisioning your infrastructure.

- workgroup (Optional) The workgroup name for this virtual machine. One of this or join\_domain must be included.
- join\_domain (Optional) The domain to join for this virtual machine. One of this or workgroup must be included.
- domain\_admin\_user (Optional) The user of the domain administrator used to join this virtual machine to the domain.

  Required if you are setting join\_domain.
- domain\_admin\_password (Optional) The password of the domain administrator used to join this virtual machine to the domain. Required if you are setting join\_domain.

**NOTE:** domain\_admin\_password is a sensitive field in Terraform and will not be output on-screen, but is stored in state and sent to the VM in plain text - keep this in mind when provisioning your infrastructure.

- full\_name (Optional) The full name of the user of this virtual machine. This populates the "user" field in the general Windows system information. Default: Administrator.
- organization\_name (Optional) The organization name this virtual machine is being installed for. This populates the "organization" field in the general Windows system information. Default: Managed by Terraform.
- product\_key (Optional) The product key for this virtual machine. The default is no key.
- run\_once\_command\_list (Optional) A list of commands to run at first user logon, after guest customization.

- auto\_logon (Optional) Specifies whether or not the VM automatically logs on as Administrator. Default: false.
- auto\_logon\_count (Optional) Specifies how many times the VM should auto-logon the Administrator account when auto\_logon is true. This should be set accordingly to ensure that all of your commands that run in run\_once\_command\_list can log in to run. Default: 1.
- time\_zone (Optional) The new time zone for the virtual machine. This is a numeric, sysprep-dictated, timezone code. For a list of codes, click here (https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms912391(v=winembedded.11).aspx). The default is 85 (GMT/UTC).

#### Supplying your own SysPrep file

Alternative to the windows\_options supplied above, you can instead supply your own sysprep\_inf file contents via the windows\_sysprep\_text option. This allows full control of the customization process out-of-band of vSphere. Example below:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...
    clone {
        ...
        customize {
            ...
            windows_sysprep_text = "${file("${path.module}/sysprep.inf")}"
        }
    }
}
```

Note this option is mutually exclusive to windows\_options - one must not be included if the other is specified.

## Using vApp properties to supply OVF/OVA configuration

Alternative to the settings in customize, one can use the settings in the properties section of the vapp block to supply configuration parameters to a virtual machine cloned from a template that came from an imported OVF or OVA file. Both GuestInfo and ISO transport methods are supported. For templates that use ISO transport, a CDROM backed by client device is required. See CDROM options for details.

**NOTE:** The only supported usage path for vApp properties is for existing user-configurable keys. These generally come from an existing template that was created from an imported OVF or OVA file. You cannot set values for vApp properties on virtual machines created from scratch, virtual machines lacking a vApp configuration, or on property keys that do not exist.

The configuration looks similar to the one below:

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
  clone {
   template_uuid = "${data.vsphere_virtual_machine.template_from_ovf.id}"
  vapp {
   properties {
     "guestinfo.hostname"
                                                 = "${var.vm name}.foobar.local"
                                                 = "ens192"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.name"
                                                = "10.0.0.100/24"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.ip.0.address"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.route.0.gateway"
                                                 = "10.0.0.1"
      "guestinfo.interface.0.route.0.destination" = "0.0.0.0/0"
      "guestinfo.dns.server.0"
                                                  = "10.0.0.10"
   }
 }
}
```

### Additional requirements and notes for cloning

Note that when cloning from a template, there are additional requirements in both the resource configuration and source template:

- The virtual machine must not be powered on at the time of cloning.
- All disks on the virtual machine must be SCSI disks.
- You must specify at least the same number of disk devices as there are disks that exist in the template. These devices are ordered and lined up by the unit\_number attribute. Additional disks can be added past this.
- The size of a virtual disk must be at least the same size as its counterpart disk in the template.
- When using linked\_clone, the size, thin\_provisioned, and eagerly\_scrub settings for each disk must be an exact match to the individual disk's counterpart in the source template.
- The scsi\_controller\_count setting should be configured as necessary to cover all of the disks on the template. For best results, only configure this setting for the amount of controllers you will need to cover your disk quantity and bandwidth needs, and configure your template accordingly. For most workloads, this setting should be kept at its default of 1, and all disks in the template should reside on the single, primary controller.
- Some operating systems (such as Windows) do not respond well to a change in disk controller type, so when using such OSes, take care to ensure that scsi\_type is set to an exact match of the template's controller set. For maximum compatibility, make sure the SCSI controllers on the source template are all the same type.

To ease the gathering of some of these options, you can use the vsphere\_virtual\_machine data source (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/virtual\_machine.html), which will give you disk attributes, network interface types, SCSI bus types, and also the guest ID of the source template. See the cloning and customization example for usage details.

## Virtual Machine Migration

The vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource supports live migration (otherwise known as vMotion) both on the host and storage level. One can migrate the entire VM to another host, cluster, resource pool, or datastore, and migrate or pin a single disk to a specific datastore.

### Host, cluster, and resource pool migration

To migrate the virtual machine to another host or resource pool, change the host\_system\_id or resource\_pool\_id to the manged object IDs of the new host or resource pool accordingly. To change the virtual machine's cluster or standalone host, select a resource pool within the specific target.

The same rules apply for migration as they do for VM creation - any host specified needs to be a part of the resource pool supplied. Also keep in mind the implications of moving the virtual machine to a resource pool in another cluster or standalone host, namely ensuring that all hosts in the cluster (or the single standalone host) have access to the datastore that the virtual machine is in.

### Storage migration

Storage migration can be done on two levels:

- Global datastore migration can be handled by changing the global datastore\_id attribute. This triggers a storage migration for all disks that do not have an explicit datastore\_id specified.
- When using Storage DRS through the datastore\_cluster\_id attribute, the entire virtual machine can be migrated from one datastore cluster to another by changing the value of this setting. In addition, when datastore\_cluster\_id is in use, any disks that drift to datastores outside of the datastore cluster via such actions as manual modification will be migrated back to the datastore cluster on the next apply.
- An individual disk device can be migrated by manually specifying the datastore\_id in its configuration block. This also pins it to the specific datastore that is specified if at a later time the VM and any unpinned disks migrate to another host, the disk will stay on the specified datastore.

An example of datastore pinning is below. As long as the datastore in the pinned\_datastore data source does not change, any change to the standard vm\_datastore data source will not affect the data disk - the disk will stay where it is.

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine" "vm" {
    ...

datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.vm_datastore.id}"

disk {
    label = "disk0"
    size = 10
}

disk {
    datastore_id = "${data.vsphere_datastore.pinned_datastore.id}"
    label = "disk1"
    size = 100
    unit_number = 1
}
...
}
```

#### Storage migration restrictions

Note that you cannot migrate external disks added with the attach parameter. As these disks have usually been created and assigned to a datastore outside of the scope of the vsphere\_virtual\_machine resource in question, such as by using the vsphere\_virtual\_disk resource (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_disk.html), management of such disks would render their configuration unstable.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported on the base level of this resource:

- id The UUID of the virtual machine.
- reboot\_required Value internal to Terraform used to determine if a configuration set change requires a reboot. This value is only useful during an update process and gets reset on refresh.
- vmware\_tools\_status The state of VMware tools in the guest. This will determine the proper course of action for some device operations.
- vmx\_path The path of the virtual machine's configuration file in the VM's datastore.
- imported This is flagged if the virtual machine has been imported, or the state has been migrated from a previous version of the resource. It influences the behavior of the first post-import apply operation. See the section on importing below.
- change\_version A unique identifier for a given version of the last configuration applied, such the timestamp of the last update to the configuration.
- uuid The UUID of the virtual machine. Also exposed as the id of the resource.
- default\_ip\_address The IP address selected by Terraform to be used with any provisioners
   (/docs/provisioners/index.html) configured on this resource. Whenever possible, this is the first IPv4 address that is
   reachable through the default gateway configured on the machine, then the first reachable IPv6 address, and then the
   first general discovered address if neither exist. If VMware tools is not running on the virtual machine, or if the VM is
   powered off, this value will be blank.
- guest\_ip\_addresses The current list of IP addresses on this machine, including the value of default\_ip\_address. If VMware tools is not running on the virtual machine, or if the VM is powered off, this list will be empty.
- moid: The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the created virtual machine.
- vapp\_transport Computed value which is only valid for cloned virtual machines. A list of vApp transport methods supported by the source virtual machine or template.

## **Importing**

An existing virtual machine can be imported (/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via supplying the full path to the virtual machine. An example is below:

terraform import vsphere\_virtual\_machine.vm /dc1/vm/srv1

The above would import the virtual machine named srv1 that is located in the dc1 datacenter.

### Additional requirements and notes for importing

Many of the same requirements for cloning apply to importing, although since importing writes directly to state, a lot of these rules cannot be enforced at import time, so every effort should be made to ensure the correctness of the configuration before the import.

In addition to these rules, the following extra rules apply to importing:

- Disks need to have their label argument assigned in a convention matching diskN, starting with disk number 0, based on each disk's order on the SCSI bus. As an example, a disk on SCSI controller 0 with a unit number of 0 would be labeled disk0, a disk on the same controller with a unit number of 1 would be disk1, but the next disk, which is on SCSI controller 1 with a unit number of 0, still becomes disk2.
- Disks always get imported with keep\_on\_remove enabled until the first terraform apply runs, which will remove the setting for known disks. This is an extra safeguard against naming or accounting mistakes in the disk configuration.
- The scsi\_controller\_count for the resource is set to the number of contiguous SCSI controllers found, starting with the SCSI controller at bus number 0. If no SCSI controllers are found, the VM is not eligible for import. To ensure maximum compatibility, make sure your virtual machine has the exact number of SCSI controllers it needs, and set scsi\_controller\_count accordingly.

After importing, you should run terraform plan. Unless you have changed anything else in configuration that would be causing other attributes to change, the only difference should be configuration-only changes, usually comprising of:

- The imported flag will transition from true to false.
- keep\_on\_remove of known disks will transition from true to false.
- Configuration supplied in the clone block, if present, will be persisted to state. This initial persistence operation does not perform any cloning or customization actions, nor does it force a new resource. After the first apply operation, further changes to clone will force a new resource as per normal operation.

**NOTE:** Further to the above, do not make any configuration changes to clone after importing or upgrading from a legacy version of the provider before doing an initial terraform apply as these changes will not correctly force a new resource, and your changes will have persisted to state, preventing further plans from correctly triggering a diff.

These changes only update Terraform state when applied, hence it is safe to run when the virtual machine is running. If more settings are being modified, you may need to plan maintenance accordingly for any necessary re-configuration of the virtual machine.

# vsphere\_virtual\_machine\_snapshot

The vsphere virtual machine snapshot resource can be used to manage snapshots for a virtual machine.

For more information on managing snapshots and how they work in VMware, see here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-CA948C69-7F58-4519-AEB1-739545EA94E5.html).

NOTE: A snapshot in VMware differs from traditional disk snapshots, and can contain the actual running state of the virtual machine, data for all disks that have not been set to be independent from the snapshot (including ones that have been attached via the attach (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/virtual\_machine.html#attach) parameter to the vsphere\_virtual\_machine disk block), and even the configuration of the virtual machine at the time of the snapshot. Virtual machine, disk activity, and configuration changes post-snapshot are not included in the original state. Use this resource with care! Neither VMware nor HashiCorp recommends retaining snapshots for a extended period of time and does NOT recommend using them as as backup feature. For more information on the limitation of virtual machine snapshots, see here (https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-53F65726-A23B-4CF0-A7D5-48E584B88613.html).

# **Example Usage**

```
resource "vsphere_virtual_machine_snapshot" "demo1" {
  virtual_machine_uuid = "9aac5551-a351-4158-8c5c-15a71e8ec5c9"
  snapshot_name = "Snapshot Name"
  description = "This is Demo Snapshot"
  memory = "true"
  quiesce = "true"
  remove_children = "false"
  consolidate = "true"
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

**NOTE:** All attributes in the vsphere\_virtual\_machine\_snapshot resource are immutable and force a new resource if changed.

- virtual\_machine\_uuid (Required) The virtual machine UUID.
- snapshot\_name (Required) The name of the snapshot.
- description (Required) A description for the snapshot.
- memory (Required) If set to true, a dump of the internal state of the virtual machine is included in the snapshot.
- quiesce (Required) If set to true, and the virtual machine is powered on when the snapshot is taken, VMware Tools is used to quiesce the file system in the virtual machine.

- remove\_children (Optional) If set to true, the entire snapshot subtree is removed when this resource is destroyed.
- consolidate (Optional) If set to true, the delta disks involved in this snapshot will be consolidated into the parent when this resource is destroyed.

# Attribute Reference

The only attribute this resource exports is the resource id, which is set to the managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the snapshot.

# vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore

The vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore resource can be used to create and manage VMFS datastores on an ESXi host or a set of hosts. The resource supports using any SCSI device that can generally be used in a datastore, such as local disks, or disks presented to a host or multiple hosts over Fibre Channel or iSCSI. Devices can be specified manually, or discovered using the vsphere\_vmfs\_disks (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/vmfs\_disks.html) data source.

# Auto-Mounting of Datastores Within vCenter

Note that the current behaviour of this resource will auto-mount any created datastores to any other host within vCenter that has access to the same disk.

Example: You want to create a datastore with a iSCSI LUN that is visible on 3 hosts in a single vSphere cluster (esxi1, esxi2 and esxi3). When you create the datastore on esxi1, the datastore will be automatically mounted on esxi2 and esxi3, without the need to configure the resource on either of those two hosts.

Future versions of this resource may allow you to control the hosts that a datastore is mounted to, but currently, this automatic behaviour cannot be changed, so keep this in mind when writing your configurations and deploying your disks.

# **Increasing Datastore Size**

To increase the size of a datastore, you must add additional disks to the disks attribute. Expanding the size of a datastore by increasing the size of an already provisioned disk is currently not supported (but may be in future versions of this resource).

**NOTE:** You cannot decrease the size of a datastore. If the resource detects disks removed from the configuration, Terraform will give an error. To reduce the size of the datastore, the resource needs to be re-created - run terraform taint (/docs/commands/taint.html) to taint the resource so it can be re-created.

## **Example Usage**

## Addition of local disks on a single host

The following example uses the default datacenter and default host to add a datastore with local disks to a single ESXi server.

**NOTE:** There are some situations where datastore creation will not work when working through vCenter (usually when trying to create a datastore on a single host with local disks). If you experience trouble creating the datastore you need through vCenter, break the datastore off into a different configuration and deploy it using the ESXi server as the provider endpoint, using a similar configuration to what is below.

## Auto-detection of disks via vsphere\_vmfs\_disks

The following example makes use of the vsphere\_vmfs\_disks (/docs/providers/vsphere/d/vmfs\_disks.html) data source to auto-detect exported iSCSI LUNS matching a certain NAA vendor ID (in this case, LUNs exported from a NetApp (https://kb.netapp.com/support/s/article/ka31A0000000rLRQAY/how-to-match-a-lun-s-naa-number-to-its-serial-number? language=en\_US)). These discovered disks are then loaded into vsphere\_vmfs\_datastore. The datastore is also placed in the datastore-folder folder afterwards.

```
data "vsphere_datacenter" "datacenter" {
 name = "dc1"
data "vsphere_host" "esxi_host" {
        = "esxi1"
 datacenter id = "${data.vsphere datacenter.id}"
data "vsphere_vmfs_disks" "available" {
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.esxi_host.id}"
               = true
 rescan
               = "naa.60a98000"
 filter
resource "vsphere_vmfs_datastore" "datastore" {
 name = "terraform-test"
 host_system_id = "${data.vsphere_host.esxi_host.id}"
              = "datastore-folder"
 folder
 disks = ["${data.vsphere_vmfs_disks.available.disks}"]
}
```

# **Argument Reference**

The following arguments are supported:

• name - (Required) The name of the datastore. Forces a new resource if changed.

- host\_system\_id (Required) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the host to set the datastore up on. Note that this is not necessarily the only host that the datastore will be set up on see here for more info. Forces a new resource if changed.
- disks (Required) The disks to use with the datastore.
- folder (Optional) The relative path to a folder to put this datastore in. This is a path relative to the datacenter you are deploying the datastore to. Example: for the dc1 datacenter, and a provided folder of foo/bar, Terraform will place a datastore named terraform-test in a datastore folder located at /dc1/datastore/foo/bar, with the final inventory path being /dc1/datastore/foo/bar/terraform-test. Conflicts with datastore\_cluster\_id.
- datastore\_cluster\_id (Optional) The managed object ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of a datastore cluster to put this datastore in. Conflicts with folder.
- tags (Optional) The IDs of any tags to attach to this resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/tag.html#using-tags-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to apply tags.

NOTE: Tagging support is unsupported on direct ESXi connections and requires vCenter 6.0 or higher.

• custom\_attributes (Optional) Map of custom attribute ids to attribute value string to set on datastore resource. See here (/docs/providers/vsphere/r/custom\_attribute.html#using-custom-attributes-in-a-supported-resource) for a reference on how to set values for custom attributes.

NOTE: Custom attributes are unsupported on direct ESXi connections and require vCenter.

### Attribute Reference

The following attributes are exported:

- id The managed object reference ID (/docs/providers/vsphere/index.html#use-of-managed-object-references-by-the-vsphere-provider) of the datastore.
- accessible The connectivity status of the datastore. If this is false, some other computed attributes may be out of date.
- capacity Maximum capacity of the datastore, in megabytes.
- free\_space Available space of this datastore, in megabytes.
- maintenance\_mode The current maintenance mode state of the datastore.
- multiple\_host\_access If true, more than one host in the datacenter has been configured with access to the datastore.
- uncommitted\_space Total additional storage space, in megabytes, potentially used by all virtual machines on this
  datastore.
- url The unique locator for the datastore.

## **Importing**

An existing VMFS datastore can be imported (https://www.terraform.io/docs/import/index.html) into this resource via its managed object ID, via the command below. You also need the host system ID.

```
terraform import vsphere_vmfs_datastore.datastore datastore-123:host-10
```

You need a tool like govc (https://github.com/vmware/govmomi/tree/master/govc) that can display managed object IDs.

In the case of govc, you can locate a managed object ID from an inventory path by doing the following:

```
$ govc ls -i /dc/datastore/terraform-test
Datastore:datastore-123
```

To locate host IDs, it might be a good idea to supply the -1 flag as well so that you can line up the names with the IDs:

```
$ govc ls -l -i /dc/host/cluster1
ResourcePool:resgroup-10 /dc/host/cluster1/Resources
HostSystem:host-10 /dc/host/cluster1/esxi1
HostSystem:host-11 /dc/host/cluster1/esxi2
HostSystem:host-12 /dc/host/cluster1/esxi3
```