VMware patches can be downloaded from the below site:

**https://my.vmware.com/patch/**

**Process to patch Standalone ESXi Host:**

1. Shutdown all the VM’s hosted on the ESXi Host and place it in maintenance mode.
2. Patch the ESXi Host.
3. Reboot the ESXi Host.
4. Check if the ESXi Host is patched to the desired version.
5. Exit Maintenance Mode.
6. Power On the VM’s and check the connectivity of the VM’s.

**Process to patch an ESXi Host in the cluster:**

1. Migrate all the VM’s hosted on it and place it in maintenance mode.
2. Patch the ESXi Host.
3. Reboot the ESXi Host.
4. Check if the ESXi Host is patched to the desired version.
5. Exit Maintenance Mode.
6. Migrate the VM’s back to the ESXi host and check the connectivity of the VM’s.

**Patch ESXi Host using Update manager**

Go to Home > Update Manager

In Updates tab select DOWNLOAD NOW to automatically download patches from the VMware sources.

If internet is not available, select UPLOAD FROM FILE to upload the patches to the repository.

Default Baselines are Critical Host Patches (Predefined) and Non-Critical Host Patches (Predefined)

1. Select the Host which needs to be patched
2. Go to Updates tab and select Host updates
3. Scroll down to Attached Baselines and Baseline Groups
4. Click on Attach and select Attach Baseline or Baseline Group
5. Select Critical Host Patches and Non- Critical Host Patches
6. Click on Remediate
7. You can see the ESXi Host to be patched and the patches that will be installed
8. Click on Remediate to patch the ESXi Host. Status of ESXi Host patching can be viewed in the Recent Tasks section.

**Patch ESXi Host using CLI**

Upload this .zip file to a data store of the ESXi Host

Enable SSH on the ESXi Host

Use SSH client (PuTTY) to logon the ESXi Host

Use the following command to patch the ESXi Host

**esxcli software vib update -d “Path of the .zip file”**

**Root**

**pwd**

**cd vmfs/**

**/cd volumes/**

**/cd data store**

**/ cd data store/ ls -1**

**esxcli software vib update -d /vmfs/volumes/5ef4b174-7af7aaee-1026-3868dd1dce18/ISO/ESXi650-202107001.zip**