**Document: Adding External Storage from ESXi Host to VBR VM**

**Step 1: Connect a Hard Disk to the ESXi Host**

* Ensure the hard disk is physically connected and recognized by the ESXi host.

**Step 2: Log in to the ESXi Web Console**

* Open a web browser and enter the IP address or hostname of your ESXi host to access the vSphere Web Client.

**Step 3: Navigate to the VBR Server in ESXi and Edit Settings**

* Locate the VM running Veeam Backup & Replication (VBR) in the inventory.
* Right-click on the VM and select "Edit Settings."

**Step 4: Add Other Device**

* Select "USB Device" as the device type.
* Choose the connected external storage device from the list of available USB devices.
* Click "OK" to add the USB device to the VM's hardware configuration.

**Step 5: Log in to the VBR Server and Go to Disk Management**

* Access the VBR VM through a remote desktop connection or console.

**Step 6: Initialize and Format the Disk**

* Open "Disk Management" on the VBR server.
* The newly added disk may appear without a disk name or partition information.
* Right-click on the disk and select "Initialize Disk."
* Choose the partition style (usually GPT for disks larger than 2TB or MBR for smaller disks) and click "OK."

**Step 7: Assign a Drive Letter**

* Right-click on the unallocated space of the initialized disk and select "New Simple Volume."
* Follow the wizard to assign a drive letter and format the disk with a file system (typically NTFS).
* Once completed, the disk will be visible under "This PC" with the assigned drive letter.