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Create VM lab guide

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# Lab 1: Creating Blueprint

1. Logged into Calm with the given credentials, and click on the **Blueprint** tab.
2. Select **+Create Blueprint** and select on **MultiVM/Pod Blueprint**.

## Exercise 1: VM Service

This exercise allows you to create the Services required to create a VM.

1. Select on the **+ button** on **Service tab**.
2. You will be able to see a **VM1** block pop up, with configuration details shown on the right.
3. At the **Service Name**, input **“RHEL VM <YOUR\_INITIALS>”** in the space

## Exercise 2: Add Credentials

Credentials allows you to preset the username and password for the VM itself.

1. Click on the **+** button beside **credentials.**
2. Under **Name**, name it **root\_cred .**
3. **Check** the **Static** button.
4. For **Username** input “**root**”.
5. **Secret Type** check the **Password button.**
6. Lastly for **Password** input “**P@ssw0rd**” and check the **Default** button.

## Exercise 3: VM Configurations

In this exercise, you will be configuring your VM before being deployed.

1. There are 3 tabs within the service, **“VM” “Package” “Service”**
2. Click on “**VM”**

### Task 1: Add VM name

1. Replace VM1 with **“RHEL VM <YOUR\_INITIALS>”**

### Task 2: Add Account

1. Select the Account drop-down field and choose the account name that was configured previously **<Account Name>.** As this would allow you to deploy VM on Nutanix Prism Central.

### Task 3: Add Operating System

1. Select Operating System drop-down field and choose **Linux**.

### Task 4: Choose Cluster

1. Select on the Cluster shown here “ ”

### Task 5: Variablized VM name

1. Under the tab **VM Name**, input the following **@@{calm\_application}@@**

### Task 6: Add specifications for VM

1. Add 4 **vCPU** and **1 Core per vCPU**.
2. Under the **Memory(GiB)** input the value **8**

### Task 7: Add Disk

1. Select on the drop-down **Disk tab**, and under Device Type choose **DISK**.
2. Under the **Device Bus** choose **SCSI**.
3. In the Operation tab select the “**Clone from Image Service**”.
4. Next, under the **Image** tab choose the **<RHEL Image>** for your VM.
5. Lastly, **check** the **Bootable button.**

### Task 8: Boot configuration (UEFI Secure Boot)

1. Select the **UEFI** option for initializing boot up sequence.
2. Under the **Sheild VM Settings,** check the **Secure Boot** option

### Task 9: Network Adapters

1. Select the **+** button to add a **NIC**.
2. Expand the dropdown menu and select **<Subnet>**.
3. Under the **Private IP,** select the **Dynamic** option.

### Task 10: Connection

1. At the **Credential header**, select **cred\_rhels\_vm.**
2. Under Address select **NIC 1**.
3. At **Connection Type** choose **Windows (Powershell).**
4. **Connection Protocol** select **SSH**.
5. **Connection Port** type **22**.
6. **Delay** input **60** seconds.
7. Lastly, **Retries** to be **3.**

## Exercise 4: Service Configuration

### Task 11: Include Static Variable

1. Select the **+** button and name the variable **DNS\_SERVER**.
2. Expand the newly added variable, set the **Data Type** to **String.**
3. Input the **<DNS IP>** into the **Value** field.
4. Click on the **Show Additional Options.**
5. Under the **Label** field, input “DNS IP”
6. (Optional) Under the **Description** field, input a meaningful description for this variable

# Lab 2: Configuring VM

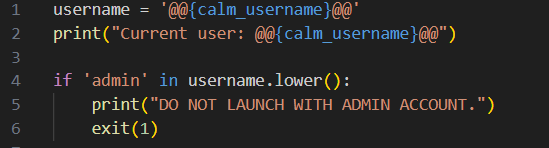
## Exercise 5: Pre-Create

The pre-create task in the blueprint allows the developer to perform tasks required before the blueprints provisions the VM.

### Task 13: Access Control

A sample task that can be in the pre-create could be an escript logic to prevent **‘admin’** user to run the blueprint.

1. Select the **+ Task** button.
2. Change the **Task Name** on the right to **“Do not allow admin user to run”**
3. Expand the **Type** dropdown menu and select **Execute**
4. Expand the **Script Type** dropdown menu and select **EScript**
5. Type in the code as follow to implement the logic to ensure that admin user is not allowed to run this blueprint



# Lab 3: Configuring Package

## Exercise 6: Package Install

Click the **drop-down tab** from **Package** and select **Install**. The tasks that are created here will be running through after the VM is created.

### Task 14: Configure DNS Repo List

1. Click on the **+Task** and a new task will be created within Package Install.
2. On the right, rename the task to be “**Configure DNS Repo List**”.
3. Type: **Execute**
4. Script Type: **Shell**
5. Input the following into the Script.

ip\_dns\_list="@@{DNS\_SERVER}@@"

nic\_device\_name=$(nmcli -t -f Device,Type d | cut -d ':' -f 1 | head -n 1)

nic\_connection\_name=$(nmcli -t -f NAME,DEVICE con show --active | grep "$device\_name" | cut -d ':' -f 1)

nmcli con mod "$nic\_connection\_name" ipv6.ignore-auto-dns yes

nmcli con mod "$nic\_connection\_name" ipv4.ignore-auto-dns yes

nmcli con mod "$nic\_connection\_name" ipv4.dns "$ip\_dns\_list"

nmcli con down "$nic\_connection\_name" && nmcli con up "$nic\_connection\_name"

### Task 15: Configure media Repo

1. Click on the **+Task** and a new task will be created within Package Install.
2. On the right, rename the task to be “**Configure media Repo**”.
3. Type: **Execute**
4. Script Type: **Shell**
5. Input the following into the Script.

touch /etc/yum.repos.d/media.repo

cat > /etc/yum.repos.d/media.repo <<EOF

[BaseOS]

name=BaseOS

baseurl=http://@@{repo\_ip}@@/BaseOS

gpgcheck=0

enabled=1

[AppStream]

name=AppStream

baseurl=http://@@{repo\_ip}@@/AppStream

gpgcheck=0

enabled=1

### Task 16: Configure NTP

Chrony is a versatile implementation of the of Network Time Protocol with faster time synchronization and accuracy.

1. Click on the **+Task** and a new task will be created within Package Install.
2. On the right, rename the task to be “**Check if Chrony is Installed**”.
3. Type: **Execute**
4. Script Type: **Shell**
5. Input the following into the Script.

dnf install -y chrony

systemctl enable chronyd

systemctl start chronyd

echo "server time.google.com iburst" | tee -a /etc/chrony.conf

systemctl restart chronyd

### Task 17: Patch to Latest

1. Click on the **+Task** and a new task will be created within Package Install.
2. On the right, rename the task to be “**Patch to Latest**”.
3. Type: **Execute**
4. Script Type: **Shell**
5. Input the following into the Script.

dnf clean all

dnf update -y

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| **Lab Variables** | |
| **Item Name** | **Value** |
| Prism Central IP | x.x.x.x |
| Prism Central Username | admin |
| Prism Central Password | nutanix/4u |
| Image to Use | <To Be Confirmed> |
| Subnet | <To Be Confirmed> |
| Windows Username | administrator |
| Windows Password | P@ssw0rd |
| Rhel Username | root |
| Rhel Password | P@ssw0rdr |

Day 1 create rhel vm and day 2 let the guys create themselves then provide credentials (assume: no gpu, no tags)

Lesson Flow:

1. Introduce the team
2. Explain goals and objectives
3. Goes straight into work
4. Get them to download Lab sheet and instruction guide
5. Brief overview on how a VM is created.
6. Self directed learning all the way

<https://portal.nutanix.com/page/documents/details?targetId=Self-Service-Admin-Operations-Guide-v3_7_2_2:nuc-multi-vm-blueprints-configure-vm-package-service-c.html>