

Horizon[®] 8: Administration and Operations



Course duration

Five (5) days of
instructor-led
training or self-
paced on demand

Streamline Horizon 8 Administration: deliver, monitor, and troubleshoot with confidence

Delivered by an Omnissa Certified Instructor, the Horizon 8: Administration and Operations course teaches IT professionals to effectively manage desktops and users with Horizon Console. Learners will also gain practical skills to optimize performance and troubleshoot common issues.



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Course objectives

- Understand the architecture and components of Omnisca Horizon 8.
- Build and optimize Windows and Linux images for virtual desktop deployment.
- Create and manage Instant Clone and Full Clone desktop pools.
- Configure and manage Remote Desktop Services (RDS) farms and application pools.
- Administer user entitlements and access permissions for desktops and applications.
- Customize pool settings to meet performance, security, and user experience requirements.
- Deliver use cases such as persistent/non-persistent desktops, remote apps, and complex scenarios.
- Use Omnisca OS Optimization Tool (OSOT) to optimize desktop images.
- Monitor and analyze the Horizon environment using the helpdesk console and performance monitoring tool.
- Perform basic troubleshooting across Horizon, App Volumes, and DEM components.
- Identify and resolve common issues related to connectivity, performance, and user experience.
- Review the architecture and operational components of App Volumes.
- Create, assign, and manage Application Packages and Writable Volumes.
- Integrate App Volumes with Horizon desktop pools for dynamic application on-demand delivery.
- Troubleshoot common App Volumes issues related to provisioning, assignment, and performance.
- Understand the role of DEM in user environment personalization and policy enforcement.
- Create and manage Application Personalization settings
- Create and manage user and computer environment settings, including focusing on the top 5 DEM use cases.
- Apply condition sets and policies for contextual user experience.
- Troubleshoot DEM configurations and user profile issues.

Target audience

- Intermediate to advanced practitioners that manage, optimize and troubleshoot enterprise desktops and applications in their environment.

Course delivery options

- Instructor-led in person
- Instructor-led online
- On demand, self-paced featuring our top instructors

Prerequisites

Recommended:

- A working knowledge of Horizon 8
- A background in End-User Computing
- Completed Horizon 8 Deploy and Manage course

Technical requirements

- Bring a full-size laptop.
- A secondary device is recommended for reading and lab materials, which are only delivered electronically.
- Please ensure you have the US keyboard mapping added to your devices.

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Course modules

1 Course introduction

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives

2 Introduction to Omnisca Horizon 8

- Review Horizon 8 architecture
- Understanding Roles and Privileges in Horizon 8

3 Navigating the Horizon Console

- Horizon Console
- Horizon Help Desk Tool
- Horizon Performance Tracker
- Working with Role-Based Delegation Administration

4 Horizon Agent

- Introduction to the Horizon Agent
- Securing Horizon connections
- Installation and configuration options
- Horizon Agent and Remote Desktop Features

5 Horizon Client

- Introduction to Horizon Client
- Install and configure
- Horizon Client settings
- Horizon Client connectivity and security
- Horizon Client features

6 Creating the Windows Desktop Image

- Build a Windows Desktop Image
- Preparation for Image Build
- Agents
- Optimizing the Windows Image
- Understand Templates and Snapshots

7 Preparing Virtual Desktop Pools

- Overview of Windows virtual desktop pools
- Pool creation process workflows
- Pool administration tasks

8 Horizon Remote Desktop Session Host Services

- Introduction to RDS Desktop and Application Pools
- How Does RDS Works
- Creating the RDS Application and Desktop Pools
- Remote Desktop Services Host Manual Farms
- Accessing and Configuring RDS Pools
- Remote Desktop Services Host Automated Farms
- Horizon Remote Desktop Services Load Balancing

9 Creating Linux Virtual Desktops

- Linux Deployment Overview
- Linux Machine Preparation
- Working with the Easy Setup Tool

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Course modules (cont.)

10 Update images and pools

- Upgrading a Golden Image
- Upgrading a virtual desktop pool

11 Introduction to monitoring, logs, and troubleshooting

- Understanding Monitoring in Horizon 8
- Understanding Horizon 8 Logs
- Introduction to Troubleshooting

12 Horizon connection troubleshooting

- Understanding Horizon connections
- Horizon connections load balancing
- Troubleshooting Horizon connections
- Key ports and protocols
- Black screen

13 Troubleshooting machines and desktops

- Help Desk tool deep dive
- Troubleshooting machines and desktops
- Troubleshooting Linux desktops

14 Optimizing Windows desktops and servers

- Why optimize a Windows image?
- Windows OS Optimization Tool for Horizon
- Using Automation to build optimized Windows images
- Lab: Building a Windows image using the OS Optimization Tool for Horizon

15 Troubleshooting Instant Clones

- Troubleshooting Instant Clones

16 Troubleshooting Horizon Client

- Horizon Client for Windows
- Horizon Client for Linux
- Horizon Client for Mac
- Horizon Web Client (HTML Access)

17 Troubleshooting device redirection

- Device redirection
- Nested RDSH redirection

18 Introduction to App Volumes

- App Volumes Overview
- App Volumes Applications and Packages
- Understand Application Lifecycle Management
- Writable Volumes
- App Volumes Architecture

19 Capture and deliver App Volumes packages

- Packaging Applications
- Delivering Applications
- Updating Applications

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Course modules (cont.)

20 Introduction to Dynamic Environment Manager

- Dynamic Environment Manager Overview
- Explore the DEM Management Console
- Learn about DEM Personalization
- Learn about DEM User and Computer Environment
- Learn about DEM Condition Sets
- Dynamic Environment Manager Architecture

21 Deliver a persistent user experience with Dynamic Environment Manager

- Explore DEM Personalization
- Configure ADMX-Based settings, Application Blocking, and Privilege Elevation
- Deliver the experience with Horizon Smart Policies, Condition Sets, and Triggered Tasks

22 Troubleshooting App Volumes and Dynamic Environment Manager

- App Volumes troubleshooting basics
- Dynamic Environment Manager troubleshooting basics



If you have questions or need help registering for this course, email learning_support@omnissa.com.