

VDCF - Virtual Datacenter Cloud Framework for the Solaris™ Operating System

Release Notes

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1 Introduction

This documentation describes the differences of the releases of the Virtual Datacenter Cloud Framework (VDCF) for the Solaris Operating System. It explains how to upgrade to the newest release.

See these other documents for further information:

<i>VDCF – Installation Solaris 10</i>	for information about installing VDCF on Solaris 10
<i>VDCF – Installation Solaris 11</i>	for information about installing VDCF on Solaris 11
<i>VDCF – Proxy</i>	for information about running VDCF using Proxies
<i>VDCF – Quick Reference</i>	for a short command overview
<i>VDCF – Administration Guide</i>	for information about the VDCF Usage
<i>VDCF – Resource Management</i>	for information about VDCF Resource Management
<i>VDCF – Monitoring</i>	for information about VDCF Monitoring (HW, Resource, OS)
<i>VDCF – Sun/Solaris Cluster Guide</i>	for information about VDCF Cluster Support

These and all other VDCF documents can be found at:

<https://www.jomasoft.swiss/products/VDCF/docs/>

2 What's new in Release 6.0 (25. April 2017)

2.1 New SQLite Version 3.11.1 included for Solaris 11

On Solaris 11 this VDCF Release contains and uses the new SQLite Version 3.11.1. Compared to the replaced SQLite Version 3.7.2 we see major performance improvements. The old prerequisite SMCsqlite Package is not required and used anymore.

2.2 Import of existing LDoms

Import an existing Guest Domain into the VDCF database. The import discovers the Guest Domain, Packages, Patches, Disks, Dataset and vServers. Imported Guest Domains can be used the same like the ones created with VDCF.

2.3 Shutdown Feature added to High Availability / Node Evacuation

The VDCF High Availability Solution (hamon) evacuates vServers from a Node based on the Resource Requirements. To make this Evacuation work Nodes with Free Resources are required.

In a two Node Environment with one Test and one Production Server, there are typically not enough Resources available on the Test Environment if the Production Server fails. The new shutdown Feature solves this by shutting down vServers on the Target Nodes, based on pre-configured Categories and Priorities to free Resources.

2.4 SWAP Usage Monitoring

With this Release the OS Monitor (osmon) has been extended with the SWAP usage monitoring. The usage of the SWAP devices based on 'swap -l' listing are monitored.

2.5 Power Usage Statistic

With this Release the HW Monitor (hwmon) collects the power usage for each physical server. The summary can be listed with the new operation 'hwmon -c show_power'

2.6 Readonly Guest Domains

New READONLY State for Guest Domains, which blocks certain commands to prevent configuration changes to the domain.

2.7 System Verification Operations

Configurations on running Systems can be compared to the data in the VDCF Repository using 'verify' operations. The verify operations are available for the node and dataset command. This two operations help to detect and update the VDCF Repository after manual changes.

2.8 Dataset new ZFS Volumes

ZPOOL datasets can be deployed on dynamically created ZFS Volumes (ZVOL) using the newzvol flag. This makes Deployment easier on Systems without access to Shared Storage.

2.9 vServer ZFS Cloning and shared ZPOOLS

vServer ZFS data filesystems can now be cloned and mounted into another vServer on the same Node using the new clonefs operation. Very useful for example for large databases to create a "copy" for Testing or Verification purposes. After cloning the ZPOOL dataset is shared between the vServers.

2.10 Solaris 11 Upgrade Customer Script

When upgrading Solaris 11 Nodes using `node -c upgrade` a new BootEnvironment is created. Applications which scan or modify all filesystems may make troubles. This Release adds a Customer script which can be executed before and after an upgrade to shutdown/start such Applications.

You need to place your individual script at `/var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/node_upgrade.customer`

2.11 Configure SNMP ASR on ILOM, ILOMx86

VDCF can automatically configure SNMP on your ILOM or ILOMx86 console, to integrate the ILOM into your ASR (Oracle®, Auto Service Request) infrastructure.

The SNMP configuration is done when you execute `console -c add`.

You need to configure your ASR Manager using the VDCF `ASR_MANAGER` variable.

2.12 New operations

<code>dataset -c verify</code>	Verify ZPOOL dataset configuration against the Solaris global zone
<code>hwmon -c show_power</code>	List the power usage for each physical server
<code>ipsadm -c rebuild_repo</code>	Rebuilds the search index of an existing repository
<code>node -c verify</code>	Verify node network configuration against the Solaris global zone
<code>osmon -c modify_swap</code>	Allows to set individual warnover limits for swap monitoring
<code>osmon -c show_swap</code>	Displays the state of swap Monitoring
<code>vserver -c clonefs</code>	Used to clone and mount ZFS filesystems for vServer running on the same Node.
<code>vserver -c make_exclusive</code>	Converts vServer shared ip-stack network to exclusive ip-stack
<code>zfsadm -c rename</code>	Renames existing vServer ZFS snapshots

2.13 Enhanced operations

<code>config -c show</code>	New flags 'os' and 'platform' for selective show
<code>dataset -c create</code>	New flags 'newzvol' and 'zpool' argument to dynamically create new ZFS Volumes.
<code>gdom -c modify</code>	New argument 'readonly' to enable/disable READONLY State for Guest Domains.
<code>gdom -c show</code>	New flags 'active' and 'all-states'. 'active' will only show ACTIVE (cState) guest domains
<code>ipsadm -c create_repo</code>	New optional argument 'zpool' to specify where to store the new repository.
<code>ipsadm -c update_repo</code>	New argument 'p5pfile' to update repository with package file or IDR
<code>node -c enable_install</code>	Use the new 'active' flag to enable the current ActiveBuild.
<code>node -c evacuate</code>	Use the new 'shutdown' flag to shutdown vServer on the target Nodes to free resources, if required.
<code>node -c import</code>	Now supports to import existing Guest Domains when installed on MPXIO disks.
<code>node -c install</code>	Use the new 'wait' flag to wait till the Node Installation is completed. After that you can deploy vServers.
<code>osmon -c summary</code>	New flag 'swap' to display the summary about swap Monitoring
<code>vserver -c show</code>	New flags 'active' and 'all-states'. 'active' will only show ACTIVATED (cState) vServer

2.14 Configuration variables

2.14.1 New settings

ASR_MANAGER

Defines where the ASR manager is running

Allowed values: VDCF_MNGT | VDCF_PROXY | <IP-Address>
default: <empty>

ASR_ILOM_VALUES

Defines the ASR SNMP configuration on the ILOM system controller

default: 1:162:2c:public

rule to configure on ILOM (/SP/alertmngt/rules/) 1 – 15
destination port on ASR Manager
snmp version 1, 2c and 3 allowed
community name or username if version 3 is used

ASR_ENABLE_TEST_RULE

Defines if the service processor should create a test service request after ASR on ILOM configuration.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: TRUE

DATASET_ZPOOL_COMPRESSION

When set, compression is configured on new ZPOOLS. This setting is used on Solaris 11.3 only.

Allowed values: <empty> | lz4
default: <empty>

DEFAULT_SIZE

Defines how sizes of Memory, Disks, Datasets and Filesystems are displayed.

Allowed values: GB | MB
default: GB

DISKS_NEWZVOL_POOL

Defines the default ZPOOL used to create ZFS Volumes when using the 'newzvol' flag at 'dataset -c create'. Can be overwritten when using the 'zpool' argument.

default: rpool

GDOM_CANDIDATES_LIST_FULL

Defines if 'gdom -c show candidates' should list all gdom from cpool.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

GDOM_COMMENT_REQUIRED

Defines if 'gdom -c create' requires the 'comment' argument.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

GDOM_IMPORT_SET_READONLY

Defines if 'node -c import' should set the guest domains state to READONLY after import.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

GDOM_SHOW_STATES

Defines if guest domains with active (ACTIVE) state should be listed or all states.

Allowed values: ACTIVE | ALL-STATES
default: ALL-STATES

NODE_UPGRADE_CHECK_GDOM

Defines if 'node -c upgrade' should check if guest domains are on the node (control domain).

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: TRUE

NODE_UPGRADE_CHECK_VSERVER

Defines if 'node -c upgrade' should check if vServer are on the node.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: TRUE

OSMON_SWAP_WARNING

If this SWAP usage (in %) is reached osmon will send a WARNING eMail.

default: 60

REXEC_SSH_QUIET

Defines if ssh remote requests should use the quiet flag (-q).

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

VSERVER_COMMENT_REQUIRED

Defines if 'vserver -c create' requires the 'comment' argument.

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

VIRTUAL_EVACUATION_SHUTDOWN_CATEGORIES

Defines vServer of which Categories should be shutdown by hamon if not enough free Resources are available on Target Nodes.

node -c evacuate takes this Definition into account when the 'shutdown' flag is used.

Multiple Categories must be separated by comma.

VIRTUAL_SHOW_STATES

Defines if vServer with active (ACTIVATED) state should be listed or all states.

Allowed values: ACTIVE | ALL-STATES
default: ALL-STATES

2.14.2 New default values

VIRTUAL_NETSTACK_DEFAULT_S11

Sets the default network stack for vServer on Solaris 11

Allowed values: SHARED | EXCLUSIVE | PRIVATE
default: **EXCLUSIVE** (was SHARED in previous Releases)

2.15 Deprecated

2.15.1 Deprecated feature “Control Domain on Solaris 10”

It is highly recommended to use Solaris 11 for Control Domains.

VDCF still supports Solaris 10 Control Domains but the use is deprecated.
Support for Solaris 10 will be removed in a future VDCF Release.

2.16 Removed Support, Operations and Flags

2.16.1 Removed Support for Platform x86 32-bit

This VDCF Releases does not support 32-bit x86 Nodes anymore.

2.16.2 Removed Operations

`osmon -c show`

Replaced by `osmon -c show_fs`

2.16.3 Removed Flags

`node -c inactivate force`

`gdom -c addnet ipmp`

Addnet automatically uses IPMP if the Control Domain or IO Domain Network has IPMP configured.

3 How to upgrade VDCF from a previous release

3.1 VDCF upgrade using bundles

The file name to use depends on your VDCF license (entry, standard or enterprise)

```
$ gunzip vdcf_enterprise_6.0.0_sparc.tar.gz
$ tar xf vdcf_enterprise_6.0.0_sparc.tar
```

Run the upgrade as root:

```
#./vdcf_bundle/vdcf_upgrade
```

VDCF Package Overview (vdcf / 25.04.2017 10:07:33)

Package	Installed	Available	Upgrade
SMCsqlite	3.7.2	3.7.2	NOT REQUIRED ANYMORE
JSvdcf-base	5.5.4	6.0.0	YES
JSvdcf-patch	5.5.4	-	REMOVE
JSvdcf-vserver	5.5.4	-	REMOVE
JSvdcf-ldom	5.5.4	-	REMOVE
JSvdcf-rm	3.2.8	3.3.0	YES
JSvdcf-monitor	2.3.4	2.6.0	YES

Missing required Solaris 11 Package shell/expect

Trying to install ...

pkg install shell/expect

Execute VDCF Upgrade (Y/N)? Y

Removing packages ...

```
JSvdcf-monitor    ... done
JSvdcf-rm         ... done
JSvdcf-ldom       ... done
JSvdcf-vserver    ... done
JSvdcf-patch      ... done
JSvdcf-base       ... done
```

Adding packages ...

```
JSvdcf-base       ... done
JSvdcf-rm         ... done
JSvdcf-monitor    ... done
```

VDCF Upgrade successful.

Check /var/tmp/vdcf_upgrade.log for details.

TODO: Upgrade your Nodes using: vdcfadm -c update_node all

3.2 Update Client Package

It is **required** to update the VDCF client package on all nodes. If a node is down, please boot it to update the client package.

```
vdcfadm -c update_node all
```

Verify that all nodes have the new VDCF client package installed:

```
vdcfadm -c show_node all
```

4 Known Issues

4.1 VDCF Issues

None

4.2 Solaris 11 Issues

4.2.1 vserver -c apply

vserver -c apply uses the Solaris 11 tool zoneadm. The zoneadm command may print the following messages. These messages are harmless and can be ignored:

```
-bash-4.1$ vserver -c apply name=v0161  
zone 'v0161': Checking: Remounting fs dir=/opt/app1  
zone 'v0161': Checking: Remounting fs dir=/opt/app2  
zone 'v0161': Applying the changes
```

Known Solaris Bug:

19321131 - LZR should better compare ZFS mount options to avoid unnecessary remount

Fixed in Oracle Solaris 11.3 SRU 14.6.0 / December 2016

```
-bash-4.1$ vserver -c apply name=v0173  
zone 'v0173': warning: FSS scheduling class expected, found instead  
zone 'v0173': Checking: Setting scheduling-class=FSS  
zone 'v0173': Applying the changes
```

Known Solaris Bug:

22935986 - LZR does needless check/apply when scheduling-class is not set

5 History: What was new in Release 5.7 (31. March 2016)

5.1 Fujitsu SPARC M10 Servers Support

This VDCF Release supports the Fujitsu SPARC M10 Servers

5.2 Enhanced Solaris 11 Upgrades

Multiple Nodes can be upgraded in parallel. Additional operations to check, failback and clean Boot Environments.

5.3 Extended OS Monitoring

With this Release the OS Monitor (osmon) allows to set individual thresholds for datasets and filesystems.

5.4 Secure Zones with Support for Immutable Zones

It's now possible to change the file-mac-profile zonecfg property using the vserver -c modify command. With this you can easily set the root filesystem of a vServer to be immutable (read-only).

5.5 VDCF Delivery Changes

The previous 3 packages JSvdcf-patch, JSvdcf-vserver and JSvdcf-ldom are integrated into JSvdcf-base. The upgrade process will remove the 3 deprecated packages automatically.

Previous VDCF vServer and LDom Administration Guides are now integrated into the VDCF Administration Guide. You find all information in one place now.

5.6 New operations

<code>node -c import</code>	Import an existing physical node into the VDCF database. This import discovers the Node, Control Domain, Packages, Patches, Disks, Datasets and vServers.
<code>node -c upgrade_check</code>	Trial-Run of Upgrade to the specified Solaris 11 build.
<code>node -c upgrade_failback</code>	Failback to previous Boot Environment.
<code>node -c upgrade_finish</code>	Clears the previous Boot Environment.
<code>osmon -c modify_fs</code>	To set or clear an individual threshold for a filesystem.
<code>osmon -c modify_dataset</code>	To set or clear an individual threshold for a dataset.
<code>vserver -c apply</code>	Applies/Activates the current zonecfg for a running vServer on Solaris 11.2 or later.

5.7 Enhanced operations

<code>diskadm -c modify</code>	New argument 'location' to modify the disk location.
<code>osmon -c show_fs</code>	New flag 'warnover' to list filesystems with an individual threshold set.
<code>osmon -c show_dataset</code>	New flag 'warnover' to list datasets with an individual threshold set.
<code>vserver -c modify</code>	Use the 'file-mac-profile' argument to set the corresponding zonecfg property for installed Solaris 11 vServer. This property is used to control the immutable zones feature of Solaris 11 (secure and read-only). Read the VDCF Administration Guide for more details.

5.8 Configuration variables

5.8.1 New settings

AI_DEFAULT_SERVICE_PLATFORM

Defines the default platform when creating Solaris 11 Automated Installer Services. Customers installing i386 Nodes should set this variable to 'i386'.

Allowed values:	sparc i386
default	sparc

HWMON_EVENT

Enable/Disable the monitor event alarming for hardware monitoring. This variable replaces the former MONITOR_EVENT variable.

allowed:	true/false
default:	true

IPS_REPO_UPD_AI

Defines if 'ipsadm -c update' should load AI Service packages into the IPS Repository.

Allowed values:	TRUE FALSE
default:	TRUE

IPS_REPO_UPD_FIRMWARE

Defines if 'ipsadm -c update' should load Firmware packages into the IPS Repository.

Allowed values:	TRUE FALSE
default:	FALSE

NODE_UPGRADE_FREE_GB

Defines the required minimum free disk space on the Node and vServer root pools to allow 'node -c upgrade' to run.

default: 10

OSMON_ZPOOL_STATE_OF_INTEREST

Defines the ZPOOL states for which a WARNING eMail should be sent.
By default the critical states are defined.

The 'RESILVERING' state can be added to additionally get eMails when a mirror operation starts and ends.

allowed: FAULTED|DEGRADED|SUSPENDED|RESILVERING
default: FAULTED|DEGRADED|SUSPENDED

OSMON_EVENT

Enable/Disable the monitor event alarming for OS monitoring. This variable replaces the former MONITOR_EVENT variable.

allowed: true/false
default: true

SOL11_UPDATE_FOR_REPO_SYNC

Defines which Solaris11 Update to load into the IPS Repository. This variable is used to save time and avoid to load old Updates into the Repository. Used by 'ipsadm -c update'

Example: `export SOL11_UPDATE_REPO_SYNC=2`

default: 3

VIRTUAL_SHOW_ATTR

Define attributes to be shown in vserver show detail view:

Example: `export VIRTUAL_SHOW_ATTR=WARNOVER`

allowed values: WARNOVER or empty string
default: WARNOVER

5.9 Deprecated

5.9.1 Deprecated platform x86 32-bit

Future VDCF Releases will not support 32-bit x86 Nodes anymore.

5.9.2 Deprecated feature “Control Domain on Solaris 10”

It is highly recommended to use Solaris 11 for Control Domains.

VDCF still supports Solaris 10 Control Domains but the use is deprecated.
Support for Solaris 10 will be removed in a future VDCF Release.

5.9.3 Deprecated operations

`osmon -c show`

Replaced by `osmon -c show_fs`

5.9.4 Depreciated flags

`node -c inactivate force`

The force flag has no effect anymore. A Node can be inactivated anytime. This does only change the Node cState to INACTIVE.

Don't use the above 'force' flag anymore. It will be removed **in the next major** VDCF release.

`gdom -c addnet ipmp`

The 'ipmp' flag has no impact anymore. Addnet automatically uses IPMP if the Control Domain or IO Domain Network has IPMP configured.

6 History: What was new in Release 5.6 (27. October 2015)

6.1 Oracle Solaris 11.3 supported

This VDCF Release supports the recently released Solaris 11 Update 3.

6.2 Oracle VM for SPARC / LDom 3.3 supported

This VDCF Release supports the current release of LDom Version 3.3.

6.3 Extended OS Monitoring

With this Release the OS Monitor (osmon) collects state information of SMF services and Datasets (ZPOOLS). Alerting can be enabled if SMF services are not properly running or a Dataset is getting full.

6.4 Support for split IO Guest Domains

If a Solaris SPARC CMT System is setup with Root IO domains VDCF will configure Guest Domains automatically with redundant IO (disks and network) for high availability. Split IO Domains are supported if MPXIO LUNs are used.

You need to enable this feature by setting `IODOM="TRUE"`

6.5 New operations

<code>gdom -c destroy</code>	Completely destroy a guest domain including datasets.
<code>osmon -c show_fs</code>	Used to show OS Monitoring filesystem data (this operation does the same as the former <code>osmon -c show</code> command)
<code>osmon -c show_smf</code>	Used to show OS Monitoring SMF service data
<code>osmon -c show_dataset</code>	Used to show OS Monitoring Dataset (zpool) state data
<code>osmon -c show_server</code>	Used to show OS Monitoring objects for a server
<code>osmon -c summary</code>	Used to show a summarized view on critical objects (vServer filesystems, datasets and SMF services)

6.6 Enhanced operations

<code>gdom -c console</code>	Guest domains can have their own console escape character. See GDOM_ESCAPE_DEFAULT for more details.
<code>gdom -c modify</code>	New autoboot argument to change the ldom auto-boot flag of guest domains
<code>gdom -c show</code>	The disk id from the ldm configuration is displayed for each disk
<code>gdom -c shutdown cdom=</code>	With this Release only non IO domains are shutdown when using the 'cdom' argument. To also shutdown the IO domains use the additional argument 'iodom'.
<code>ipsadm -c show_repo</code>	New arguments added: use 'local' to list all IPS repos on the VDCF server and 'oracle' to list all SRUs in the official Oracle Solaris Support Repository.
<code>node -c console</code>	Physical nodes can have their own console escape character. See NODE_ESCAPE_DEFAULT for more details.
<code>osmon -c update</code>	New optional arguments (dataset,fs,smf) to only update dataset, filesystem or SMF information.
<code>patchadm -c diff</code>	New 'verbose' flag to list also architecture dependent patches
<code>rcmon -c disable node=</code>	The 'node' argument accepts now a comma separated list of node names.
<code>rcmon -c enable node=</code>	The 'node' argument accepts now a comma separated list of node names.
<code>serverconfig -c exec</code>	You can use the new arguments 'user' or 'root' to overwrite the default exec user. See CONFIG_EXEC_COMMAND_DEFAULTUSER

6.7 Deprecated operations

<code>osmon -c show</code>	Replaced by <code>osmon -c show_fs</code>
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6.8 Deprecated flags

<code>gdom -c addnet ipmp</code>	The 'ipmp' flag has no impact anymore. Addnet automatically uses IPMP if the Control Domain or IO Domain Network have IPMP configured.
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6.9 Configuration variables

6.9.1 New settings

CONFIG_EXEC_COMMAND_DEFAULTUSER

For security reasons you may set a non-root user as default user for your remote command execution. Used by `serverconfig -c exec command=`

Example: `export CONFIG_EXEC_COMMAND_DEFAULTUSER="nobody"`

Allowed values: a Solaris user existing on all systems
default: root

GDOM_AUTOBOOT_DEFAULT

Define the auto-boot value for new Guest Domains

Example: `export GDOM_AUTOBOOT_DEFAULT="FALSE"`

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: TRUE

GDOM_SHOW_ATTR

Define attributes to be shown on gdom lists:

Example: `export GDOM_SHOW_ATTR="BUILD,OS,PATCH_LEVEL"`

Allowed values: MODEL,BUILD,OS,PATCH_LEVEL,MAU
default: MODEL,OS,PATCH_LEVEL

GDOM_SYSATTR_SHOW

Define attributes to be shown in gdom show detail view:

Example: `export GDOM_SYSATTR_SHOW="AUTOBOOT"`

Allowed values: AUTOBOOT or empty
default: AUTOBOOT

GDOM_ESCAPE_DEFAULT

Define the Guest domain console escape character if it's different from your vServers console escape character.

Example: `export GDOM_ESCAPE_DEFAULT="%"`

Allowed values: Valid escape characters
default: <empty> (escape char defined in VIRTUAL_ESCAPE_DEFAULT is used)

IODOM

Enable support for Root IO domains.

Example: `export IODOM="TRUE"`

Allowed values: TRUE | FALSE
default: FALSE

IPS_DEFAULT_REPO

Define your default remote IPS repository to be used in these `ipsadm` commands:
`ipsadm -c show_repo / create_service / create_build`

Example: `export IPS_DEFAULT_REPO="http://myreposerver:8282"`

Allowed values: Valid IPS repository URL
default: <empty>

NODE_ESCAPE_DEFAULT

Define the node console escape character if it's different from your vServers console escape character.

Example: `export NODE_ESCAPE_DEFAULT="%"`

Allowed values: Valid escape characters
default: <empty> (escape char defined in `VIRTUAL_ESCAPE_DEFAULT` is used)

VIRTUAL_SYSATTR_SHOW

Define attributes to be shown in `vserver show detail` view:

Example: `export VIRTUAL_SYSATTR_SHOW="AUTOBOOT,LOCKED"`

Allowed values: AUTOBOOT,LOCKED
default: AUTOBOOT

6.10 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and performance enhancements.

7 History: What was new in Release 5.5 (17. April 2015)

7.1 Oracle VM for SPARC / LDom 3.2 supported

This VDCF Release supports the current release of LDom Version 3.2.

7.2 New Cronjob for package analyze (ACTION required)

This Release introduces an additional cronjob for package analyze.

`vpkgadm_nightly` executes a `vpkgadm analyze` on all systems

It is highly recommended to add the following cronjob:

```
0 2 * * * /opt/jomasoft/vdcf/sbin/vpkgadm_nightly >/dev/null 2>&1
```

In previous Releases the `patchadm_nightly` cronjob did this analyze, which is not the case anymore! On a Solaris 11 only environment you can safely disable the `patchadm_nightly` cronjob.

7.3 ZFS Volumes (ZVOL)

VDCF now supports the use of prepared ZFS Volumes. This allows you to virtualize Systems where no access to central storage is available. The ZFS Volumes must be created by the Administrator and registered using the `diskadm register` operation. If you place your `vServer` or `GDom` on ZFS Volumes Migration is not supported.

Details can be found in Chapter 9 in the "VDCF Base - Administration Guide"

7.4 Parsable output for some show commands

The show commands of `cdom`, `cpool`, `dataset`, `diskadm`, `gdom`, `node` and `vserver` can now produce machine readable output. This is useful to feed VDCF information into other knowledge management systems like CMDBs.

7.5 Performance Enhancement / Parallel Execution

`vserver boot/reboot/shutdown` and `vdcfadm update_node` are now per default working on 10 Objects in parallel for faster execution.

7.6 New Cronjob for diskusage statistics

A new cronjob is available to calculate disk usage data for all systems (Nodes and vServers). This command does generate disk usage data and writes it to a history database and optionally to a comma separated report file (add `-F` to disable report files).

We recommend to run this cronjob once a month:

```
0 0 1 * * /opt/jomasoft/vdcf/sbin/diskusage_update -F -q >/dev/null 2>&1
```

7.7 New operations

<code>diskadm -c statistics</code>	Show disk/LUN usage statistics grouped by Node/vServer and storage tier. To get statistics data you have to enable the diskusage cronjob (see 2.6).
<code>gdom -c attach_root_mirror</code>	Attach mirror disk to a root pool of a Solaris 11 GDom.
<code>node -c upgrade</code>	Update a node with its vServers to a newer Solaris 11 SRU.

7.8 Enhanced operations

<code>cdom -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output New optional argument 'cpool' to list only cdoms of a certain cpool.
<code>cpool -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output
<code>dataset -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output. New optional argument 'vserver' to show datasets from a vserver only.
<code>diskadm -c modify</code>	New optional argument 'tier' to define a tier level for a disk/LUN. Storage tier is used by 'diskadm -c statistics' to group the disks.
<code>diskadm -c register</code>	New 'ZVOL' value for the <code>methods</code> argument to register ZFS Volumes.
<code>diskadm -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output. New optional argument 'vserver' and 'tier' to show only LUNs from either the given vserver or a storage tier.
<code>gdom -c install</code>	New option 'console' to open the console right after the installation starts.
<code>gdom -c modify</code>	Allows to change 'ram', 'cpu' and 'cores' of a detached GDom.
<code>gdom -c show candidates/attach/migrate</code>	New option 'noiocheck' to migrate a Guest domain which is also an IO domain to another Control domain. By default IO domains can't be migrated.
<code>gdom -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output
<code>ipsadm create_repo/update_repo</code>	Additional optional argument 'dir' to be used with the current delivery form of Solaris 11 SRUs (directory with zipped SRU files).



<code>node -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output
<code>node -c install</code>	New option 'console' to open the console right after the installation starts.
<code>node -c register</code>	Argument 'build' is now optional.
<code>nodecfg -c modify</code>	New option 'proxy' and 'clear_proxy' to set or remove proxy definition of a node.
<code>patchadm -c diff</code>	New option 'node' and 'all' to show differences between a node and the vServer running on it.
<code>vdcfadm -c update_node</code>	The operation has been enhanced to update multiple nodes in parallel. You can control this feature by the var VDCFADM_UPDATE_BATCH.
<code>vserver -c boot/reboot/shutdown</code>	Enhanced option 'node' accepts now a list of nodes. The operation has been enhanced to allow to start/stop vServer in parallel. You can control this feature by the var VIRTUAL_CONTROL_BATCH.
<code>vserver -c console</code>	Additional optional arguments 'history', 'tail' and 'follow' to display console history. Requires Solaris 11.2.
<code>vserver -c modify</code>	New option 'autoboot' to switch autoboot flag on or off. New option 'locked' to mark a vserver as not migratable.
<code>vserver -c show</code>	New option 'parsable' and 'header' to get machine readable output

7.9 Configuration variables

7.9.1 New settings

NET_MAPPING_SHOW

Enables or disables to show network mappings in vServer or GDom show output.

Example: `export NET_MAPPING_SHOW="TRUE"`

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

NOAUDIT_FOR_USER

For users defined in this variable VDCF produces no audit records.
Used to avoid unnecessary records by management or reporting jobs.

Example: `export NOAUDIT_FOR_USER="splunk report"`

default: <empty>

VIRTUAL_CONTROL_BATCH

vServer boot, reboot and shutdown has been enhanced. The Operation can be run in parallel.
With the variable VIRTUAL_CONTROL_BATCH, you can set the maximum number of vServer to be stopped or started.

Example: `export VIRTUAL_CONTROL_BATCH=5`

Allowed values: Numbers
default: 10

VDCFADM_UPDATE_BATCH

`vdcfadm -c update_node` operates on multiple Nodes in parallel. With the variable VDCFADM_UPDATE_BATCH, you can set the maximum number of Nodes.

Example: `export VDCFADM_UPDATE_BATCH=5`

Allowed values: Numbers
default: 10

7.10 New configuration files

```
/var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/ntp.cfg  
or  
/var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/<node>_ntp.cfg
```

This files can optionally be used as a NTP configuration file templates.
Use this variables as placeholder for your time servers:

```
{NTP_TIMESERVER_1}, {NTP_TIMESERVER_2}
```

Consult Chapter 13 in the “VDCF Base - Administration Guide” for details.

7.11 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and performance enhancements.

7.12 Deprecating feature “Control Domain on Solaris 10”

It is highly recommended to use Solaris 11 for Control Domains.

VDCF still supports using Solaris 10 for Control Domains but the use is deprecated.
Support for Solaris 10 will be removed in a future VDCF Release.

8 History: What was new in Release 5.4 (27. August 2014)

8.1 Solaris Update 11.2 supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of Solaris 11: Update 2.

8.2 Solaris 11.2 Unified Archives

Nodes and GDomS can now be installed using Unified Archives. Unified Archives are the Archive implementation on Solaris 11. They are similar to the well known Flash Archives used with Solaris 10.

This allows rapid installations, quick cloning or simply a way to have a disaster recovery solution.

To use the Unified Archives the VDCF Management Server must run on Solaris 11.2.

Details can be found in the additional document "VDCF Base - Administration Guide"

8.3 VDCF Proxy

VDCF Proxy is a feature which allows to use VDCF in different networks without setting up more than one VDCF Management Server and opening multiple ports to all VDCF clients on the firewalls. With VDCF Proxies you have just one entry point to and from the additional networks.

Details can be found in the additional document "VDCF – Proxy" Guide

8.4 High Available Guest Domains using Solaris Cluster

VDCF automatically integrates Guest Domains into the Cluster Configuration on Control Domains where Solaris Cluster 4.1 or 4.2 is running. This way the Guest Domains are made high available and will switch to another Cluster Node if the Primary Node fails.

Details can be found in the additional document "VDCF – Sun/Solaris Cluster" Guide

8.5 Enhancements for Customers using Solaris 10 and 11

For Customers running a mixed environment with Solaris 10 and 11 Systems, several new flags are available:

- filter the Objects by Solaris Release (s10 or s11).
- tag server configurations with Solaris Release and Architecture (sparc/i386) to deploy appropriate configurations only at install time.

8.6 Node SWAP ZPOOL Dataset

For easier management of additional SWAP, VDCF now supports SWAP ZPOOL datasets. It was never easier to add more swap, remove swap or mirror swap to another Storage. Just create your node ZPOOL dataset using the `swap` flag.

8.7 ssh key Support for Console/System Controller Access

For System Controllers where a ssh key is configured, the VDCF commands node and console can now connect to the console without the need to enter the password.

Supported Console Types: ILOM, ILOMx86, XSCF

The private key file needs to be configured as: `CONFIG_CONSOLE_PRIVKEY`

8.8 New operations

`config -c rename` Rename existing base configurations

8.9 Enhanced operations

<code>config -c add/modify</code>	Additional optional arguments ' <code>os</code> ' and ' <code>platform</code> ' to better separate configurations.
<code>cdom/node/gdom/vserver -c show</code>	New option to filter by Solaris Version: ' <code>s10</code> ' and ' <code>s11</code> '
<code>cdom/node/gdom -c show</code>	On the list view: Added columns for vServer (<code>#V</code>) and/or GDom (<code>#G</code>) counters to show the amount of virtual objects running on that server.
<code>dataset -c create</code>	Support for swap ZPOOL on nodes added with option ' <code>swap</code> '.
<code>gdom/vserver -c show candidates</code>	New check for networks is added to the candidate evaluation. The output of GDom and vServer candidates is now nearly identical. By default only possible candidates are listed. To display all nodes with their candidate results use the new option ' <code>full</code> '.
<code>gdom/vserver -c show</code>	Network types of the underlying Node/CDom is displayed in verbose mode
<code>gdom -c show candidates</code>	New optional argument ' <code>cdom</code> ' to check only a specific target CDom.
<code>gdom -c attach/migrate</code>	Optimized VirtualSwitch discovery allows migration between CDomS with different VSW setups (IPMP ↔ ETH ↔ AGGR).
<code>ipsadm -c create_build</code>	New argument ' <code>archive</code> ' to define a Build based on a Solaris 11.2 Unified Archive.
<code>ipsadm -c show_build</code>	New optional argument ' <code>name</code> ' to display details of a Build (i.e. get all nodes using that Build). On the list view: Added counters for enabled (<code>#E</code>) and activated (<code>#A</code>) to show the usage of the builds.
<code>ipsadm -c show_service</code>	New optional argument ' <code>name</code> ' to display details of an AI Install Service (i.e. get all Builds using that service)
<code>nodecfg -c discover</code>	New optional argument ' <code>proxy</code> ' to specify the proxy to be used to connect to the Node. SAN LUNs are not discovered anymore by default.
<code>osmon -c show</code>	New option ' <code>root</code> ' to display only information about root filesystems.
<code>vdcfadm -c show_config</code>	New option ' <code>output</code> ' to only display variables to customize the VDCF output format.

`vserver -c modify`

New argument 'build' to change the s11 build used for that vServer.

`vserver -c remfs`

New argument 'dataset' to remove all filesystems defined on that dataset.

8.10 Configuration variables

8.10.1 New settings

CONFIG_CONSOLE_PRIVKEY

To let VDCF use ssh keys to access system controllers, define the file name of the private key here.

Example: `export CONFIG_CONSOLE_PRIVKEY="/root/.ssh/console/id_rsa"`

default: <empty>

CONFIG_DISCOVER_SANDISK

Defines if `nodecfg -c discover` should discover SAN LUNs. Customers using SANBOOT should set this value to TRUE.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE

default: FALSE

GDOM_NET_MACS

Number of alternate mac addresses created on `ldm vnet` definitions (only for Solaris 11). This settings limits the number of possible vServers with exclusive IP-Stack on a Solaris 11 GDom.

default: 5

VIRTUAL_NET_MAPPING_S11

Default Virtual Net Mapping is defined with `VIRTUAL_NET_MAPPING`.

Format: "VirtualNet:NodeNet VirtualNet:NodeNet"

To define a default for Solaris 11 vServer which is different from the default for Solaris 10 vServer set this variable

Example: `export VIRTUAL_NET_MAPPING_S11="management:PUBL backup:BACK"`

default: <empty>

VIRTUAL_RCADM_MUST_ON_GDOM

If TRUE, the vServer needs to set the values defined in the variables VIRTUAL_RCADM_MUST_SELECT and VIRTUAL_RCADM_MUST.

If vServers on GDOMs should not be checked, set this variable to FALSE.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: TRUE

VDCF_DENY_ROOT_USER

If set to TRUE, the root user cannot execute VDCF commands anymore. This is also the case for cronjobs!

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

8.11 New configuration files

```
/var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/proxy.cfg
```

Here you define your proxy servers. Details can be found in the additional document “VDCF – Proxy” Guide

```
#ProxyName, SocksIP, WebIP  
TEST,10.1.1.1,10.1.1.2
```

8.12 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and performance enhancements.

8.13 Removed Support for Solaris 11.0

VDCF will not support Solaris 11 GA Release 11.0 anymore. Installations with Solaris 11 must begin with Version 11.1

9 History: What was new in Release 5.3 (14. March 2014)

9.1 Filesystem usage monitoring

The filesystem usage is discovered regularly using a cronjob and displayed using `vserver -c show`.

Standard/Enterprise and HA customers with access to the VDCF Monitoring package additionally receive the `osmon` command to configure alarming, if a defined filesystem limit is reached.

Details can be found in the additional documents “VDCF – vServer Administration Guide” and “VDCF – Monitoring Guide”

9.2 LDom control domain discovery

Discover your existing LDom control domains to deploy additional guest domains using VDCF. Existing guests are untouched by VDCF. I/O domains are discovered, but not used for deployments. This will be supported in a future VDCF release.

9.3 LDom cpu core configuration

Beside the existing possibility to configure vCPUs for guest domains you can now assign cores and max-cores to guest domains. Using max-cores the Oracle Software Licensing requirements for Virtualization using LDoms can be full-filled.

9.4 VDCF data now in /var/share for Solaris 11.1

If upgrading VDCF on Solaris 11.1 the VDCF data content in `/var/opt/jomasoft` will be moved to the `/var/share/jomasoft` directory and linked back to the original path. If doing a fresh installation it will be created directly like this.

9.5 New commands

dependadm New Command in the VDCF vServer Package for all customers

Command to configure dependencies between vServers, for example to make sure an Application vServer is shutdown before the Database vServer is stopped. More details can be found in the vServer Administration Guide.

```
dependadm -c show    [ vserver=<name> ]

dependadm -c add      master=<vServer list>
                     slave=<vServer list>

dependadm -c remove  master=<vServer list>
                     slave=<vServer list>

dependadm -c remove  vserver=<vServer list>
```

osmon Command in the VDCF Monitor Package for Standard/Enterprise/HA customers

Manages Operation System Monitoring. This Release includes filesystem usage monitoring.

```
osmon -c enable

osmon -c disable

osmon -c status

osmon -c show          [ over=<percent> ]
                     [ summary ]

osmon -c update        all | node=<node name>
```

9.6 New operations

<code>cdom -c discover</code>	Discover preexisting control domains into the VDCF repository
<code>console -c check</code>	Checks the connection to node system controllers and updates the VDCF repository with firmware and serial number information.
<code>vserver -c shrinkfs</code>	Allows shrinking of vServer vxfs filesystems.

9.7 Enhanced operations

<code>cdom -c create/modify</code>	Additional optional argument ' <code>cores</code> ' to configure whole-cores.
<code>cdom -c show</code>	Information about existing VSW, VCC, VDS and IO Domain definitions are displayed.
<code>dataset -c create</code>	New ' <code>size</code> ' argument for automatic selection of a free disk, for cloud service providers.
<code>gdom -c adddisk</code>	New ' <code>size</code> ' argument for automatic selection of a free disk, for cloud service providers.
<code>gdom -c create/modify</code>	Additional optional arguments ' <code>cores</code> ' and ' <code>max-cores</code> ' to configure whole-cores to guests.
<code>gdom -c revert</code>	Additional optional flags ' <code>res</code> ', ' <code>disk</code> ', ' <code>net</code> ', ' <code>all</code> ' to revert only the required object changes.
<code>hwmon -c enable/disable</code>	' <code>node</code> ' argument to enable/disable individual nodes for Hardware Monitoring.
<code>vserver -c revert</code>	New flag ' <code>network</code> ' to revert network changes (like purging)

9.8 cronjobs – Recommended Change for patchadm_nightly

The cronjob to analyze Solaris 10 Patches is typically configured to run each day in the morning:

```
# JSvdcf-patch cron
0 7 * * * /opt/jomasoft/vdcf/sbin/patchadm_nightly >/dev/null 2>&1
```

Oracle now typically only releases Solaris 10 Patches around the same time they release a Solaris 11 SRU. This is currently in the 3rd week of each month. Because of this change we recommend to run this cronjob only once a month and change the cron configuration to:

```
# JSvdcf-patch cron
0 7 20 * * /opt/jomasoft/vdcf/sbin/patchadm_nightly >/dev/null 2>&1
```

9.9 Configuration variables

9.9.1 New settings

OSMON_FS_INTERVAL

Defines at what time the osmon check cronjob should be executed.

Default: 30 * * * * (every hour at :30)

OSMON_FS_WARNING

If this filesystem usage (in %) is reached osmon will send a WARNING eMail.

default: 80

VSERVER_CHECK_DEPEND

Defines if dependadm dependency definitions should be checked by the boot, shutdown and patch operations.

default: FALSE

9.10 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and enhancements.

9.11 Deprecated flags

hwmon -c status **verbose** verbose has no effect anymore

rcmon -c status **verbose** verbose has no effect anymore

Don't use the above 'verbose' flags anymore, they will be removed **in the next major** VDCF release. The output is now the same with and without the verbose flag.

10 History: What was new in Release 5.2 (9. September 2013)

10.1 LDom Updates

10.1.1 Oracle VM for SPARC / LDom 3.1 supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of LDom (Oracle VM for SPARC): 3.1
LDom 3.1 is delivered in Solaris 11 Update 1 SRU10.

10.2 Solaris 11 Automated Installer on Solaris 10

This feature allows you to install Solaris 11 Nodes from a Solaris 10 VDCF Management Server.
It is based on “Oracle Solaris 11 Provisioning Assistant for Oracle Solaris 10 (OPA)”, a tool available from Oracle Support for Customers.

Requirements and Restrictions:

VDCF must be installed on Solaris 10 (1/13) Update 11 or later and currently only SPARC deployments are supported using a VDCF management server.

Details can be found in the additional document “VDCF – Automated Installer on Solaris 10”.

10.3 Automated VDCF Setup

For easier setup of new VDCF environments a new tool “setup_vdcf” is available.

This tool automates the customize steps, for example adds values to customize.cfg and configures the required Apache web server.

Details can be found in the “VDCF – Installation Guides” / Chapter 2.5.1

10.4 VDCF Installation Summary

At the end of installations of Nodes, Guest Domains and Zones a installation summary is provided on the Console, to let the System Administrator know if the installation steps are executed as expected.

```
VDCF: Installation Summary
=====
VDCF Steps                : 20 of 20 successful
WARN: Custom Steps        : 1 of 7 failed
Failed Script:  setup_iscsi_initiator, Exit Code: 5
=====
```

10.5 New Node configuration attributes “InventoryNumber” and “DataCenter”

10.5.1 Inv-No

The 'Inv-No' is optional and can be used to add your internal Inventory number to the VDCF repository. This attribute is enabled by adding

```
export NODE_INVNO_ENABLED="TRUE" to customize.cfg
```

This InvNo is displayed using nodecfg only, if you add 'INVNO' to the NODECFG_SHOW_ATTR variable in customize.cfg

10.5.2 DataCenter

The 'DataCenter' is optional and can be enabled by creating the file
/var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/datacenter.cfg.

In this file you define the allowed datacenters in your environment.

```
-bash-3.2$ cat /var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/datacenter.cfg
#NODE DataCenters
#DCName,default -> Default Datacenter
#DCName          -> additional DataCenter
#DCName allowed characters and number, no special characters
ZUERICH,default
NEWYORK
SINGAPORE
SANFRANCISCO
```

This DataCenter is displayed using nodecfg only, if you add 'DATACENTER' to the NODECFG_SHOW_ATTR variable in customize.cfg

10.6 New operations

`rcadm -c convert_pool`

Converts manually created CPU pool configurations (using poolcfg) into VDCF supported rcadm dedicated-cpu configurations. May be used when importing existing Solaris Zones into VDCF.

10.7 Enhanced operations

`build -c show_bootserver`

Additional optional argument '`boot_server`' to get a list of all builds based on that bootserver

`dataset -c attach`

Additional optional argument '`newname`' to rename the dataset (ZPOOL and VXVM only)

`ipsadm -c create_service`

Based on the arguments '`patchlevel`', '`platform`' and '`repository`' a service may be created from a repository and avoiding the AI-ISO-File download.

`ipsadm -c show_repo`

Additional optional argument '`ai-pkg`' to list the available Patch levels of the AI packages.
The group packages are not listed by default anymore.
Use the new '`groups`' flag to list them.

`node -c show name=`
`gdom -c show name=`

Now also lists node datasets

`nodecfg -c add`

Optional argument '`noprofile`' to add a new Node to the VDCF repository without using a Node profile. The Node is added just using the information from the node discover.
Use `nodecfg -c modify_net` to define the network types for your network interfaces.

`nodecfg -c discover`

Additional optional argument '`add`' to directly add a new Node to the VDCF repository without using Node profiles. The Node is added just using the information from the node discover.
Use `nodecfg -c modify_net` to define the network types for your network interfaces.

`nodecfg -c modify`

Additional optional arguments '`invno`' and '`datacenter`'

`rcadm -c commit`

Now adds and removes dedicated-cpus on the fly in running vServers. No reboot required anymore.

`rcadm -c show`

Additional optional arguments '`all-states`' to include all vServers, independent of `VIRTUAL_RCADM_SHOW_IGNORE_CSTATES`

`rcadm -c statistics`

Additional optional arguments '`all-states`' to include all vServers, independent of `VIRTUAL_RCADM_SHOW_IGNORE_CSTATES`

10.8 Configuration variables

10.8.1 Changed defaults

DATASET_DEFAULT_TYPE

old default: DISKSET
new default: ZPOOL

If you still would like to use DISKSET as your default, add
`export DATASET_DEFAULT_TYPE="DISKSET"` to `customize.cfg`

10.8.2 New settings for Solaris 10 and Solaris 11

CONFIG_CONSOLE_USER

Used as default for System Controller/Console user at console -c add.

default: admin

DISKS_DEREGISTER_INVISIBLE

Deregisters all invisible disks at `diskadm -c register`, if set to TRUE.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

NODE_INVNO_ENABLED

Enables InvNo attribute for `nodecfg -c add/modify`

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

NODECFG_SHOW_ATTR

Defines the attributes printed at `nodecfg -c show`

Allowed values: VENDOR|MODEL|HOSTID|SERIAL|INVNO|DATACENTER|LOCATION
default: MODEL,HOSTID,SERIAL,LOCATION

VIRTUAL_RCADM_SHOW_IGNORE_CSTATES

Defines which vServer states should be ignored at `rcadm -c show/statistics`

Allowed values: ATTACHING|DEFINED|DETACHED|DETACHING
default: DETACHED

10.9 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and enhancements.

11 History: What was new in Release 5.1 (28. February 2013)

11.1 Solaris and LDom Updates

11.1.1 Solaris 11.1 supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of Solaris 11: Update 1.

11.1.2 Solaris 10 Update 11 (1/13) supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of Solaris 10: Update 11 (1/13).

11.1.3 Oracle VM for SPARC / LDom 3.0 supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of LDom (Oracle VM for SPARC): 3.0

11.2 New RBAC profile “VDCF readonly”

A new VDCF RBAC profile is delivered. Using this profile a user is allowed to execute the displaying operations. Useful for external review user, new employees and engineers on production environments.

```
-bash-3.2$ profiles | grep readonly  
VDCF readonly
```

11.3 New operations

<code>build -c show_bootserver</code>	Lists the existing boot server directories.
<code>build -c remove_bootserver</code>	Removes an unused boot server directory.
<code>diskadm -c init</code>	Used to initialize new, unused Veritas/DMP disks.
<code>diskadm -c label</code>	Used to label new, unused MPXIO or ISCSI disks.
<code>vserver -c destroy</code>	Completely uninstalls and removes a vServer.

11.4 Enhanced operations

<code>config -c add/modify</code>	Additional optional argument ' <code>comment</code> ' to set a comment
<code>gdom -c console</code>	Additional optional arguments ' <code>history</code> ', ' <code>tail</code> ' and ' <code>follow</code> ' to display console history. Requires LDom 3.0.
<code>ipsadm -c update_repo</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>all-pkgs</code> ' to sync all packages of all publishers. By default only solaris packages are updated.
<code>nodecfg -c add</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>setprobes</code> ' to define IPMP probes addresses for customers using <code>CONFIG_IPMP_LINK_BASED_ONLY="TRUE"</code>
<code>nodecfg -c create_profile</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>setspeed</code> ' to define a fix speed (for example 100fdx) for individual network interfaces.
<code>patchadm -c download</code>	Additional optional argument ' <code>id</code> ' to download one Solaris 10 patch using the patch-id.
<code>serverconfig -c add/ modify/create_group/modify_group</code>	Additional optional argument ' <code>comment</code> ' to set a comment
<code>vserver -c attach</code>	Additional optional argument ' <code>zbe</code> ' for Solaris 11 only. Using zbe you specify which Zone Boot Environment to use. By default the last used (active) Zone Boot Environment is selected.
<code>vserver -c commit</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>console</code> ' used together with the boot flag starts the vServer console after booting the vServer.
<code>zfsadm -c rollback</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>childs</code> ' to apply the operation to the given and all his child filesystems.

11.5 New configuration variables

11.5.1 Settings for Solaris 10 and Solaris 11

CONFIG_IPMP_LINK_BASED_ONLY

Used at nodecfg -c add. Should be set to TRUE, if only link-based IPMP is used. Using this setting nodecfg -c add doesn't ask about IPMP test addresses.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

CONFIG_LINK_SPEED_AUTO_ONLY

If set to TRUE, nodecfg -c create_profile doesn't ask about network interface speeds anymore. AUTO speed is always used.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: TRUE

CPOOL_CHECK_DISK_PER_LOCATION

If set to TRUE, cpool -c check does the disk visibility check based on the node location. This setting is typically required if SAN-Based Mirroring is used.

Allowed values: TRUE|FALSE
default: FALSE

DATASET_CONCAT_CHAR

Character used to combine vServer and dataset name, when creating a new dataset.

Default: "_" (Underscore)

NODE_NET_HOSTNAME_POSTFIX

Used at nodecfg -c add. Using this hostname postfixes the ip address is discovered based on the Network Type.

default: "MNGT:-mngt,BACK:-back"

11.5.2 Settings for Solaris 11

NETWORK_AGGR_MODE

Supported for Solaris 11.1 Nodes.
Defines the type for Network Link Aggregations

Allowed values: trunk|dimp
default: trunk

11.6 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and enhancements.

12 History: What was new in Release 5.0 (21. June 2012)

12.1 New feature “Solaris 11 support”

If VDCF is installed on a Solaris 11 system, you are able to manage Solaris 10 and Solaris 11 servers. VDCF installed on a Solaris 10 system can only manage Solaris 10 servers.

12.1.1 IPS, AI and build management for Solaris 11

For Solaris 11 Nodes, the build concept of VDCF is based on IPS repositories and the Solaris Automated Installer. With the `ipsadm` command you manage your Solaris 11 repositories, services and builds.

See Chapter 4.2 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

12.1.2 Solaris 11 node installation

Instead of using the VDCF `flash` command, Solaris 11 installations are prepared using new operations of the `node` command.

See Chapter 6.4.2 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

12.2 New feature “Solaris package information”

Now VDCF stores package information of all managed systems in the database. With the `vpkgadm` command you can analyze, display, search and compare the package levels.

See Chapter 8 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

12.3 New feature “vServer import”

Import Solaris zones into VDCF. Imported vServer can be managed the same way as vServers installed by VDCF.

See Chapter 3.9 in the VDCF vServer Administration Guide for details.

12.4 New commands

<code>ipsadm</code>	Command to manipulate IPS repositories, AI install services and Solaris 11 builds.
<code>vpkgadm</code>	Command for Solaris package management.

12.5 New operations

<code>node -c enable_install</code>	Prepare a node for a Solaris 11 (AI) installation. Corresponds to the command: <code>flash -c enable_install</code> for Solaris 10 nodes.
<code>node -c disable_install</code>	Disables a node from Solaris 11 (AI) installation. Corresponds to the command: <code>flash -c disable_install</code> for Solaris 10 nodes.
<code>node -c show_enabled</code>	Show all nodes enabled for Solaris 11 installation. Corresponds to the command: <code>flash -c list_active</code> for Solaris 10 nodes.
<code>vserver -c import</code>	Import Solaris zones into VDCF.

12.6 Enhanced operations

<code>diskadm -c mark</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>comment</code> ' to set a comment for the marked disk.
<code>vserver -c modify</code>	Additional flag ' <code>group_pkg</code> ' to change a vServers group package. The group package is only used for Solaris 11 installations.

12.7 New configuration variables

12.7.1 Settings for Solaris 11

AI_ADMINUSER

Name of admin user created by AI while installing a Node/vServer.
default: admin

AI_ADMINPWD

Password of admin user. Password must be in shadow format.
default: not set (you have to define one)

VIRTUAL_NETSTACK_DEFAULT_S11

Sets the default network stack for vServer on Solaris 11
Allowed values: SHARED|EXCLUSIVE|PRIVATE
default: SHARED

The corresponding variable for Solaris 10 vServer is called:
VIRTUAL_NETSTACK_DEFAULT

SOL11_SUPPORT_CERT

File path to your Solaris 11 Support certificate (used for IPS repository update)
default: /var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/Oracle_Solaris_11_Support.certificate.pem

SOL11_SUPPORT_KEY

File path to your Solaris 11 Support key (used for IPS repository update)
default: /var/opt/jomasoft/vdcf/conf/Oracle_Solaris_11_Support.key.pem

12.7.2 Settings for Solaris 10 and Solaris 11

DHCP_CONFIG_MODE

Installing x86 Nodes over the network requires a DHCP configuration.
This variable defines how the DHCP configuration is done.

EXEC (default)	VDCF automatically configures the local DHCP server
SHOW	VDCF displays the required DHCP configuration
NONE	VDCF does not generate any DHCP configuration

12.8 Bug fixes

Several small bug fixes and enhancements.

12.9 Removed operations

The following operations have been removed in VDCF Version 5

<code>vserver -c zfs*</code>	replaced by <code>zfsadm</code> command
<code>build -c list</code> and <code>flash -c list_versions</code>	replaced by <code>build -c show</code>
<code>dataset -c show_lun</code>	replaced by <code>diskadm -c show</code>

13 History: What was new in Release 4.2 (21. December 2011)

13.1 New feature “vPool for Physical Nodes”

Previous releases of VDCF used to support vPool assignments for vServers and GDoms. With this release assignments of Physical Nodes are supported in addition. This feature is disabled by default and needs to be activated by setting the variable `VPOOL_NODE` to “TRUE”

The following commands are subject to the new node authorization checks:
`node, nodecfg, patchadm, cdom, flash, serverconfig`

New operations have been added:

```
vpool -c add_node  
vpool -c remove_node
```

Additional arguments have been provided for existing commands:

```
vpool -c show [ nodes ] [ node= ]  
vpool -c create [ node= ]
```

See Chapter 11.3 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

13.2 New feature “Serverconfig Execution”

Execute VDCF server configurations on existing systems. With this release the following configuration types are supported: `COMMAND, SCRIPT, FILE, PKG, SERVICES`

This functionality is offered by the new operation '`serverconfig -c exec`'. To use this powerful operation a user requires the VDCF RBAC profile “VDCF serverconfig exec”.

It is highly recommended to enable the vPool feature, to restrict the allowed target systems (vServer, GDoms, Nodes) to individual users.

See Chapter 5.3 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

13.3 New feature “patch download using PCA”

By default VDCF uses the Solaris 10 tools '`smpatch`' and '`patchsvr`' to download patches. PCA may be used as an alternative to '`smpatch`' and allows to directly download patches from Oracle even if VDCF is running in a vServer/zone. Set `PATCH_DOWNLOAD_TYPE` to “PCA” to activate this feature.

See Chapter 7.2.3 in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

For additional required firewall rules required for PCA, consult Chapter 4.1 of the VDCF Installation Guide.

13.4 New operations

<code>rcmon -c summary</code>	Display 24h average usage data of nodes and vservers.
<code>serverconfig -c exec</code>	Execute configurations on existing systems.
<code>serverconfig -c show_members</code>	Show all members (servers) of a configuration group
<code>vpool -c add_node/remove_node</code>	Assign Physical Nodes to vPools

13.5 Enhanced operations

<code>diskadm -c register</code>	Additional optional flag ' <code>new</code> ' to register new disks only.
<code>diskadm -c deregister</code>	The <code>deregister all</code> deregisters now all unused disks even when there are other disks still in use on that node.
<code>patchadm -c check</code>	Patches required to successfully migrate vServers are more reliably recognized. Special patches 800xxx are ignored
<code>serverconfig -c remove</code>	The ' <code>name</code> ' flag is now mandatory.
<code>rcadm -c commit</code>	Modifications of the number of CPU's (using the CPUs property) are updated online for running vServers. A vServer reboot is not required anymore.
<code>rcmon -c show</code>	The ' <code>server</code> ' flag is now mandatory.

13.6 Performance enhancements

The following commands have been optimized for better performance:

`diskadm -c update`
`diskadm -c register [new]`

14 History: What was new in Release 4.1 (4. November 2011)

14.1 Easier VDCF upgrades using bundles

The VDCF packages can be downloaded as bundles, based on your current VDCF license. (Entry, Standard or Enterprise).

The Upgrade is then fully automated using the `vdcf_upgrade` command. See chapter 3.3 for details.

14.2 Solaris 10 Update 10 (8/11) supported

This VDCF release supports the current release of Solaris 10 : Update 10 (8/11).

14.3 New feature “dataset disk location check”

Additional checks are executed based on the dataset layout and the disk location configuration. One of the checks ensures your mirror datasets are distributed over at least 2 different locations. This feature helps to avoid non-working datasets in disaster scenarios, if one of your data center is unavailable.

See Chapter 8.5. in the VDCF Base Administration Guide for details.

14.4 New workaround for “ZFS data filesystems”

“Due to the Solaris bug **6449301** it is not supported to create a new Solaris Zone with ZFS data filesystems.”

`vserver commit` includes now a workaround for this Solaris bug, to let you define and create the ZFS data filesystem and install the vServer. No manual workarounds are required anymore!

To reinstall an existing vServer including ZFS data filesystems a `vserver commit uninstall` and `vserver commit` works.

14.5 Enhanced operations

`dataset -c show` The dataset location compliance is displayed if disk locations are defined.

15 History: What was new in Release 4.0 (7. April 2011)

15.1 New major feature: High Availability (HA) / Automated Failover

In this release we have implemented a new High Availability feature. It's available as an Enterprise Extension to our customers holding an VDCF Enterprise License.

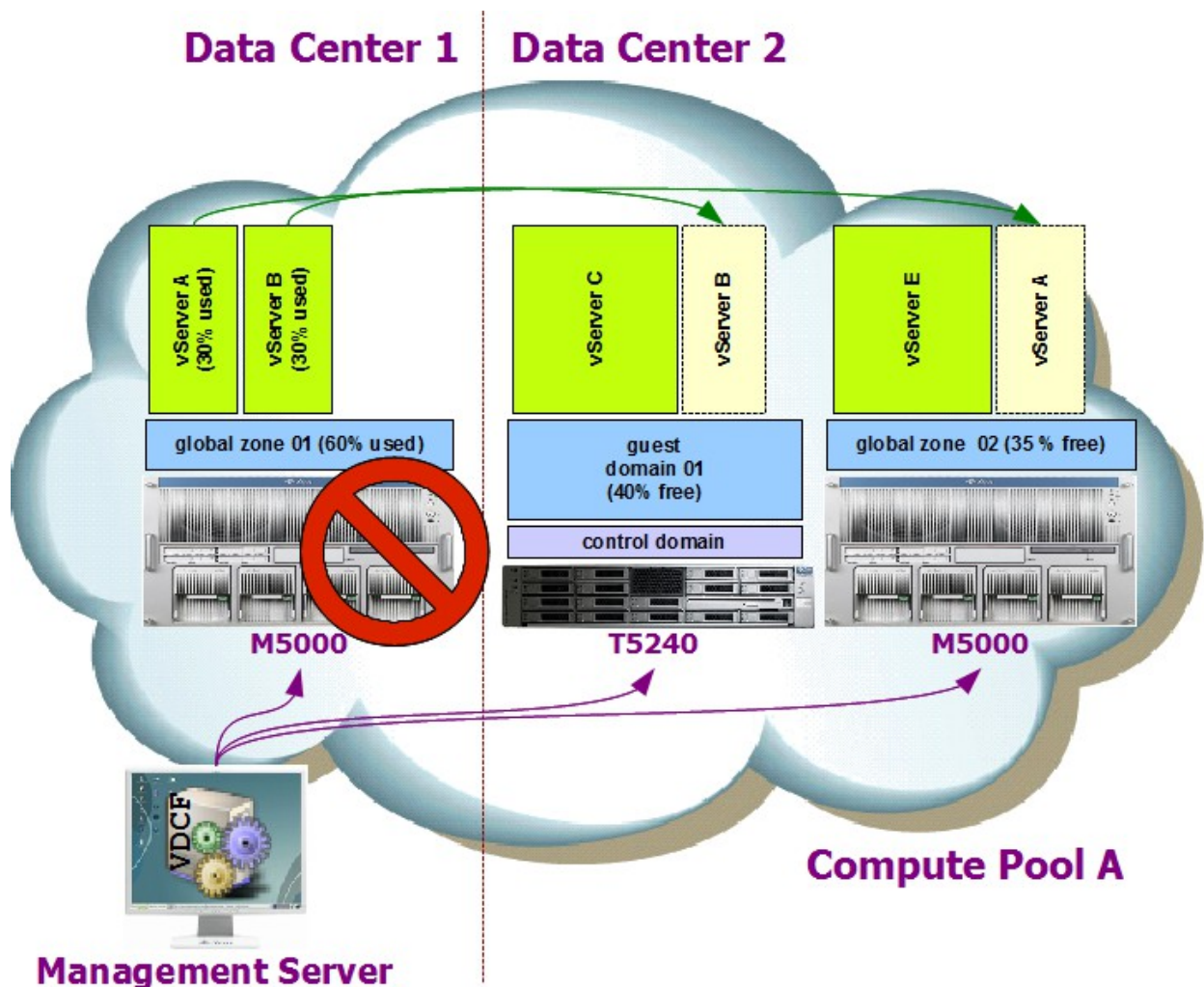
This feature is controlled by this new command:

hamon (High Availability Monitoring)

Used to check the health of VDCF Nodes. If a Node fails it may initiate evacuation of vServers. The vServers are then distributed to the available Nodes based on their resource usage values (RAM and CPU). This solution fills the gap between manual failover and full featured failover using Cluster Software.

See the 'VDCF Monitoring' Guide and the manpages for more information.

The following picture illustrates the migrations if the M5000 in Data Center1 fails.



15.2 New tools

<code>vserver_local</code>	Utility for easy failover of VDCF, if you installed VDCF itself in a Zone. More about this feature can be found in the VDCF Installation Guide.
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15.3 New operations

<code>dataset -c update</code>	Updates dataset size information in database with effective values.
<code>node -c evacuate</code>	Detach all vServers and distributes them to Nodes with free resources. (used also by the hamon feature)
<code>node -c register</code>	Register a system into VDCF, as alternative to install it using VDCF
<code>nodecfg -c modify_net</code>	Modify network interface configuration of configured Node
<code>vserver -c reattach</code>	Attaches multiple vServers to previous Node or control domain

15.4 Enhanced operations

diskadm -c show	To display the disk comments the new optional flag ' <code>comment</code> ' may be used. Set the config value <code>DISKS_SHOW_COMMENT="TRUE"</code> to always show the disk comments.
node -c remove	New optional flag ' <code>force</code> ' to remove node from patch target configurations.
nodecfg -c modify	Additional attributes to update: ' <code>location</code> ', ' <code>serial</code> ' and ' <code>hostid</code> '
nodecfg -c discover	new optional argument ' <code>nonroot</code> ' to discover a node using user <code>vdcfexec</code> instead of <code>root</code> .
vserver -c addnet	Additional stack type ' <code>exclusive</code> ' to create exclusive ip-stack vserver.
vserver -c attach	New optional flag ' <code>boot</code> ' to boot vServer after successful attach.
vserver -c boot vserver -c reboot vserver -c shutdown	Additional arguments ' <code>node</code> ' and ' <code>cdom</code> ' to boot, reboot and shutdown multiple vServer with one command.
vserver -c create	Additional optional argument ' <code>hostid</code> ' to define hostid for vServer on Solaris 10 Update 9 or later. Additional optional arguments ' <code>category</code> ' and ' <code>priority</code> ' for High Availability Monitoring
vserver -c modify	Additional arguments ' <code>hostid</code> ' and ' <code>clear_hostid</code> ' to set and clear hostid for vServer on Solaris 10 Update 9 or later. Additional arguments ' <code>category</code> ' and ' <code>priority</code> ' for High Availability Monitoring
vserver -c revert	new argument ' <code>all</code> ' to revert all filesystems of a vServer.
zfsadm -c destroy zfsadm -c rollback	Arguments ' <code>filesystem</code> ' and ' <code>mountpoint</code> ' are now optional. Provide the snapshot name as <code>/zfsds/myfs@mysnapshot</code> to the ' <code>snapshot</code> ' argument.