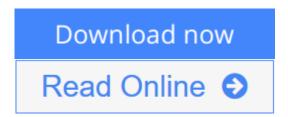# Mastering VMware Horizon 6

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- Install and configure the VMware Horizon 6 Version 6.1 solution, including new features such as vGPU
- Manage user profiles in a virtual desktop environment with View Persona Management
- Configure Horizon View to deliver hosted applications and desktops
- Build, optimize, and tune desktop operating systems to deliver a superior end-user experience
- Perform an upgrade from a previous versions of Horizon View to Horizon View 6.1

- Explore Horizon Advanced Edition, including Workspace Portal, VMware Mirage, and Horizon FLEX
- Introduction to App Volumes including step-by-step configuration and deployment
- Delve deeper into the Horizon 6 version 6.1 infrastructure to understand how the solution components work and fit together along with a methodology for approaching an EUC project
- Configure, manage, and deploy desktop pools for individual use cases

In Detail

Horizon 6 is VMware's latest end-user computing solution, designed not only to centralize and virtualize desktop environments but also to deliver individual applications securely to any device by means of a virtual workspace.

Your journey starts by investigating an end-user computing project including assessment, pilot, and production. Next, we move into the design phase where we will first take a deeper look at the Horizon 6 solution and its components and how to plan their use in a successful project. Once we have our design and have identified our use cases, we will start to install and configure the core solution. With that in place, we will fine-tune the best end-user experience. Finally, we examine the advanced and enterprise features of Horizon 6, such as VSAN, vCOPS for View, and Horizon Mirage.

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