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Deploy SA-Announce Server 2012 on OVA

Overview: This article provides instructions on how to set up and use Syn-Apps' SA-Announce notification software on a VMWare Virtual Machine (VM) running a Microsoft OVA (Open Virtualization Archive).

Note: This KB article assumes you have already downloaded the OVA. If not, please visit [the SA-Announce OVA webpage](#) to obtain the download.

Deployment Requirements

- Option 1: VMWare ESXi 4 and above
- **OR**
- Option 2: Workstation 8 and above
- Preconfigured:
 - o Memory: 2GB
 - o 2 Processors
 - o Hard Disk 60G

Before You Begin (Optional)

We recommend customers download and run the CheckSum program prior to installing the OVA to verify the SA-Announce OVA file you've downloaded is not corrupt or incomplete.

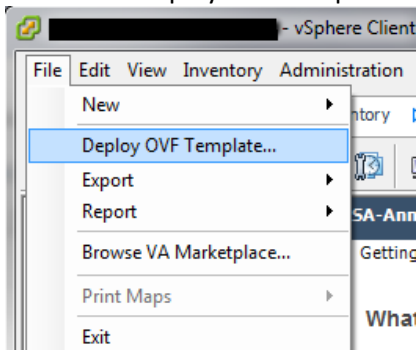
1. Download the [Checksum.zip file](#).
2. Unzip the folder and save it c:\.
3. Next, download the SA-Announce OVA file and save it to c:\. *Refer to Stage 1 (below) for download information.*
4. After the OVA is finished downloading, execute C:\MS File Checksum\OVA Checksum.bat.

5. Compare the checksum output to the checksum listed in C:\MS File Checksum\Checksum Value for Intact OVA.txt to verify they are the same.

Stage 1 – To begin, choose one of the two deployment methods.

Option 1: Upload OVA to ESXi server

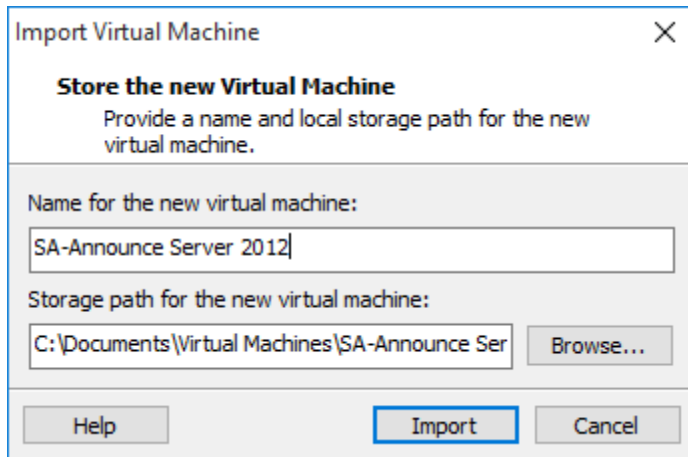
1. Download the .OVA file from <http://www.syn-apps.com/sa-announce-ova/>.
2. Save to the Desktop.
3. Launch and connect to the VMware vSphere Client.
4. Click File > Deploy OVF Template.



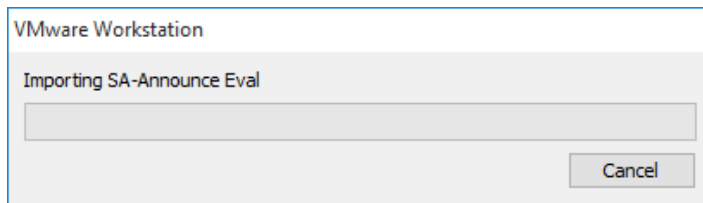
5. Browse to the downloaded .ova file. Click Next.
6. Click through the deployment steps and select your desired configuration options. Refer to the SA-Announce User Guide for additional information. Navigate to c:\Program Files (x86)\Syn-Apps\SA-Announce\Manual.

Option 2: Deploy OVA using Workstation 8 or above

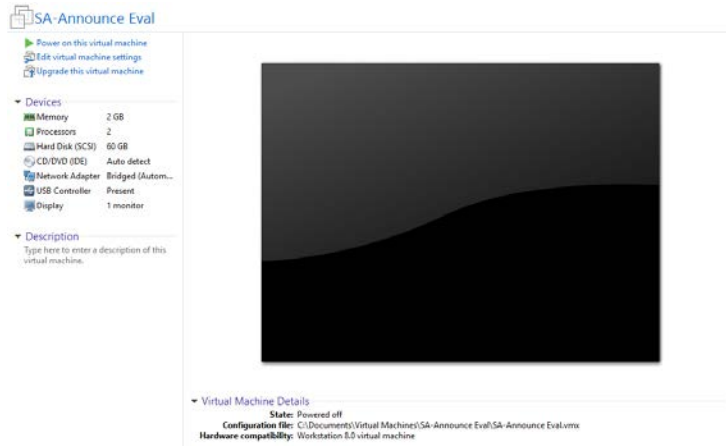
1. Download the .OVA file from <http://www.syn-apps.com/sa-announce-ova/>.
2. Open the OVA in the VMWare Workstation and provide a name and local storage path for the VM.



3. Import the OVA.



4. You are now ready to power the VM and configure SA-Announce.



Stage 2: Login VM

1. Once the VM is deployed and configured, power the VM.
2. First time setup will prompt users to create a password. Click Next and run through the steps to create a password.

3. Navigate to <http://www.syn-apps.com/sa-announce-ova/> to obtain your free 30-day SA-Announce evaluation license file from Syn-Apps Sales.
4. Place the license file in `c:\Program Files (x86)\Syn-Apps\SA-Announce`.
5. Click Start > Programs > Syn-Apps > SA-Announce > Configuration.
6. Run through the SA-Announce Configuration steps. Refer to the SA-Announce User Guide for additional information on how to configure SA-Announce. Navigate to `c:\Program Files (x86)\Syn-Apps\SA-Announce\Manual`.

You are now ready to use SA-Announce in a virtualized environment. Contact [Syn-Apps Support](#) by emailing support@syn-apps.com for any additional questions.

Stage 3: Upgrade to Production License from 180-Day Microsoft Eval License

Note: This stage only applies to customers migrating from the 180-day Microsoft Eval license to a Production License.

When you acquire a license key, please follow these instructions to enable the license:

1. Open the Administrator CMD window.
2. Enter `DISM /online /Get-TargetEditions`.
3. Note the following return info:
 - a. Target Edition : **ServerStandard**
 - b. Target Edition : ServerDatacenter
4. If you have a Windows 2012 R2 Standard Product key, then enter `DISM /online /Set-Edition:ServerStandard /Productkey:XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX /AcceptEula`
 - a. Use `/Set-Edition:ServerDatacenter` instead of `/SetEdition:ServerStandard` if you a DataCenter Product Key.
 - b. Note that a Standard key is best for SA-Announce.
 - c. Replace XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX with your actual product key.
 - d. Reboot the computer as directed by the screen instructions.