HVM (Probus-IT Hyper-V Manager)

HVM will help you to manage Hyper-V Servers and virtual machines. It is especially useful on core installations where you cannot run Microsoft Hyper-V manager locally. No RSAT or DOT-Net install needed. No fiddling with cmdkey and HVRemote-scripts. Installs on 32 and 64-Bit windows. Use it on Servers, desktops and Core installations both 32 and 64-Bit.

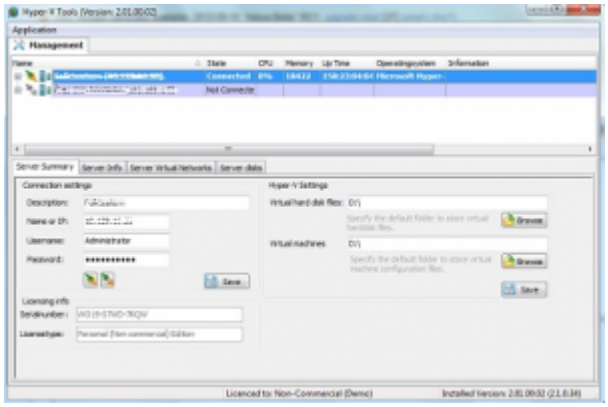
Installation

Download HVM from HEREand run the setup. After installation, Start the application by typing “hvm” in a Command prompt or by clicking the icon in the start menu.

When managing a server remotely you must open WMI traffic in the firewall on server and client!

User interface

Main Window



HVM is designed to display as much information as possible in one main window. From here you will also be able to do most of the “day to day” work managing your Hyper-V servers and virtual machines. The main window is split in two main areas:

- The top area or *Server tree* displays a list of servers and when expanded (connected) the virtual machines will be listed.
- The bottom area or *Details panel* displays information about the server or virtual machine selected.

When right clicking on a server or Virtual machine a popup menu displays actions that can be performed on se selected item.

Managing Servers

When selecting a server in the Server Tree information about that server will show in the Details panel.

Connecting to local server

When you start HVM it checks to see if Hyper-V is installed on the local computer. If it is the local computer is automatically added to the Server tree. It vill have ”[localhost]” added to its name.

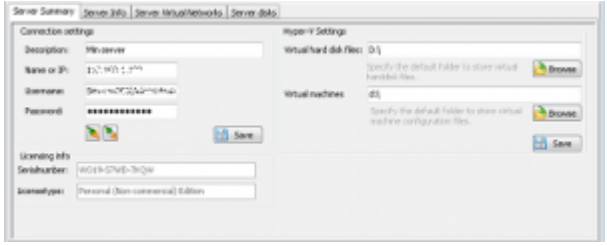
Connecting to remote server

With HVM you can manage remote Hyper-V Servers. To add a remote server right click the server tree and click on the “Add Server” menu command.
Specify the following data in the “Add server” box:

Description: A name to help you identify the server.
Name or IP: Here you input the server name or IP-Address (192.168.1.13, hv01, hv01.domain.local)…
Username: Specify a user with the appropriate permissions on the server (Administrator, computername\Administrator, Domain\Administrator)
Password: The password for the user entered in the username field.

Click “OK” to finish adding the server. The server is now added to the Server Tree. To connect to the server, expand the server node.

Server Summary Tab



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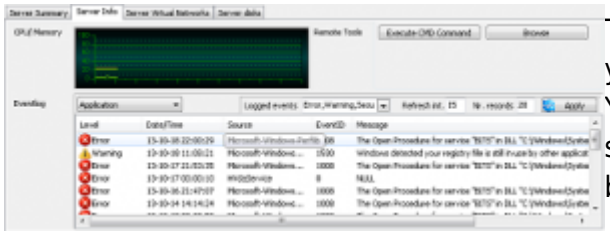
The first tab for a server is named Server Summary. Here you can change connection settings for the server, View Licensing information and change the default paths where Hyper-V Stores Virtual Machines and VHD-Files.

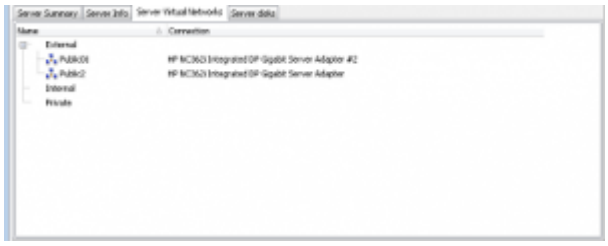
Server Info Tab



The second tab for a server is named “Server Info”. Here you can monitor CPU and memory loads of the server. You can also execute CMD-Commands on the remote server (md d:\temp, format e:, shutdown etc.). And browse the file system of the remote server.

Also on the Server info tab is an Event Viewer. To view a log file select it in the dropdown box. To view the details of a event log record double click the record in the list.
To filter the result change event types to display in the “Logged Events”, The update frequency in “Refresh int.” (refresh interval), and how many records to fetch in “Nr. records”. And click on “Apply”…

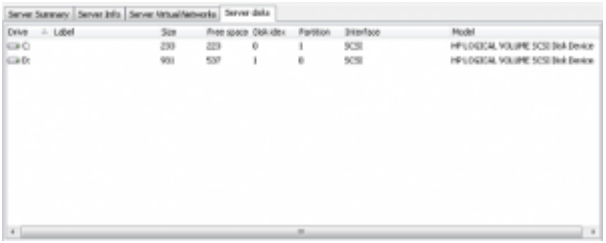
Server Virtual Networks Tab



In the Server virtual Networks Tab you can View, Add and delete virtual switches on the server. The virtual switches is displayed in three categories:
External:
Virtual machine to virtual machine on the same physical server, Virtual machine to parent partition (and visa-versa), Virtual machine to externally located servers (and visa-versa)
Internal:
Virtual machine to virtual machine on the same physical server, Virtual machine to parent partition (and visa-versa)
Private:
Virtual machine to virtual machine on the same physical server.

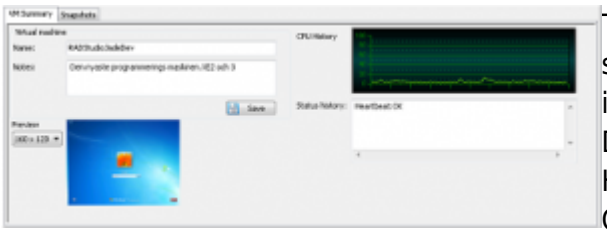
To add a switch right click the tree and select “Add”. Select the type and a physical adapter to connect to the switch (External only).

Server Disks Tab



The Server Disks Tab displays information of disks present on the server.

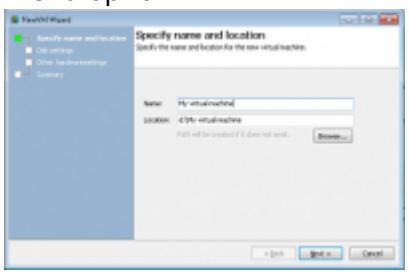
Managing Virtual Machines



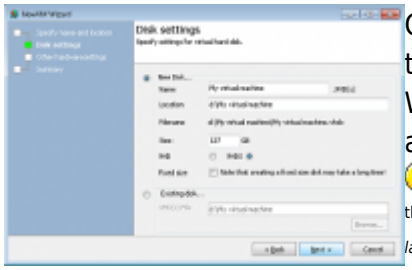
To view the virtual machines on a server expand the server node in the Server Tree. When a Virtual machine is selected information about that VM will show in the Details panel.
Here you can se a small preview of the VM Screen and a CPU-Graph. Also you can rename the VM and edit notes.

Creating Virtual machines

To create a virtual machine right click the server you want to create it on and click the “New VM” menu option.

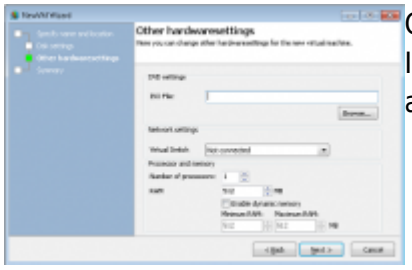


The New VM Wizard opens.
Specify the name and where to store the VM configuration. Click “Next”…

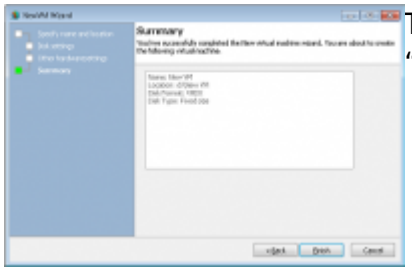


On page 2 in the wizard you select settings for the disk to be used by the new VM. You can choose to create a new disk or use a existing one. When creating a new disk there is a set of options like name, size, type and location. You can also choose to create a fixed size disk.

Be aware that creating a fixed disk can take a long time. The wizard cannot attach the disk while it is being created so you will have the option to wait or not to wait for the creation process to complete. *If you choose not to wait you have to attach the disk manually later.*

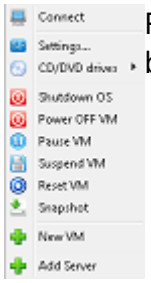


On page 3 of the wizard you specify some other hardware settings like ISO-file to attach to the DVD, A Switch to connect the networkcard, CPU and RAM settings..



The last page gives you a summary of the new VM to be created. Click “finish” to start creating the machine...

Virtual Machine actions



Right Clicking a machine in the “server tree” will show a popup menu with actions that can be performed on the VM.

- Start VM
- Shutdown OS - Shut down the OS off the VM (Requires Integration services to be installed).
- Power OFF VM
- Pause VM - Puts the VM in a Paused state The VM is no longer running but retains its memory.
- Suspend VM - Puts the VM in a “saved” state. The memory is returned to be used by other machines.
- Reset VM
- SnapShot - Takes a snapshot of the VM.

From here you can also attach ISO-FIiles and Connect the the VM.

Connecting/Controlling a VM

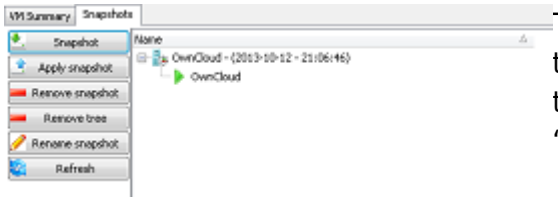
To install operating systems or work with the VM you will sometimes need to connect to the “Console” session of the VM. You can do this with HVM by right clicking a VM and select “Connect” From the popup menu or by double clicking the VM.

On the top of the “Control” window is a set of buttons.

- Close- Will close the connection and the window.
- Connect - Connects/reconnects to the VM
- Smart sizing - Toggles the smart sizing feature.
- Full Screen - brings the connection upp to full screen.
- CTRL+AL+DEL - Sends the Ctrl-Alt-Delete key combination to the VM. When you are connected in Full Screen, use CTRL-ALT-INS.

Snapshots

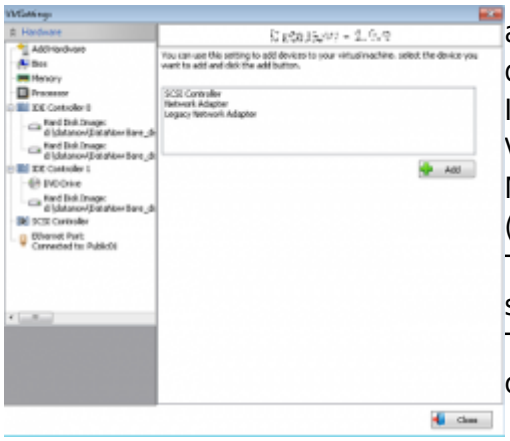
Virtual machine snapshots capture the state, data, and hardware configuration of a running virtual machine.
Snapshots provide a fast and easy way to revert the virtual machine to a previous state. For this reason, virtual machine snapshots are intended mainly for use in development and test environments. Having an easy way to revert a virtual machine can be very useful if you need to recreate a specific state or condition so that you can troubleshoot a problem (http://technet.microsoft.com/sv-se/library/dd560637(v=ws.10).aspx).



To take a snapshot in HVM, right click the VM and then click the “Snapshot” menu item. Or Select the machine and go to the *Snapshot Tap* in the ”*Details panel*” and then click the “Snapshot” button.

In the Snapshot tab you can create, Apply, remove and rename snapshots…

VM Hardware settings



To add or change settings of VM-hardware. Right click the VM and click the “Settings”-Item in the menu. The VM Settings dialog shows…
In this dialog you can add, change and remove hardware of the VM. Hardware that can be managed include BIOS Settings, Memoy, CPU count, Hard disks (VHD, VHDX), netwokcards (including legacy) and more…
To add Hardware select the “Add hardware” item on the left and select what type of hardware to add.
To change ecisting hardware, select it in the list to the left and change the settings. Then click “apply”.