

VI3.Blueprint Project

Introduction

What are the key activities across the whole deployment of a VI3 solution?

The [VI3.Blueprint Project](#) has been devised by the community to bring together the collective experience into one place to provide guidance through the whole deployment process, from VI3 Business Case through to day-to-day VI3 Operations.

To go straight into the list of project documents, see [VI3.Blueprint Directory](#).

If you want to get involved with the project, then check out [How to get involved with the VI3.Blueprint project](#).

This project is underway and is targeted for completion at the end of March 09.

Intended Audience

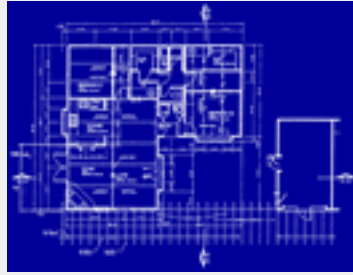
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Outline

The activities in a deployment are grouped by stages, though the stages do overlap to some degree and are not completely linear.

1. Initiating
2. Designing
3. Implementing
4. Operating

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There are many methodologies and frameworks available to manage a VI3 deployment, whether it's VMware PSO's Assess/Plan/Build/Manage, ITIL v3 or your own home grown one. This is not Yet Another Framework (YAF), instead it is a simple blueprint / list of the most common activities used in the many times I've seen these projects completed successfully. The idea is to provide a thorough high-level view backed up by detailed individual documents. So for example, the Consolidation Pipeline activity will have a VIOPS document providing the detail and you can link to it easily from here.

The rough timeline for executing this blueprint is 180 days: at the end of that 180 days you could have a working VI3 cluster that is well managed and is being fed by a healthy pipeline of P2V candidates. You could do it faster with less activities, or longer with more - it all depends on what your situation demands, but this list is pretty typical of large enterprise organizations.

What's in the VI3.Blueprint?

The best place to start is the [VI3.Blueprint Directory](#).

The directory gives you an index of all the documents and their current status as the project is developing:

- Specification - the specification for the document is being worked on
- Writing - the specification is complete, and now the document is being written.
- Review - the document has been written and published, and is now being reviewed and updated
- Complete - the main Reviewing has been completed, but feedback is still welcome.

Resources

- This document can be found on the web @ <http://viops.vmware.com/home/docs/DOC-1301>
- [VI3.Blueprint Project](#)
- [VI3.Blueprint Directory](#)
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