

# Private Cloud Deployment Guide

Fortisolator 3.0.1



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# Change log

Date	Change Description
2025-09-29	Initial release.
2025-11-03	Updated <a href="#">Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29</a> .
2025-11-20	Updated <a href="#">Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29</a> .
2026-01-20	Updated <a href="#">Installing Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM on page 7</a> .

# Introduction

Fortisolator 3.0.1 supports deployment on the following VM platforms:

- Linux KVM
- VMware vSphere
- VMware ESXi

For information about using Fortisolator in general, see the [Fortisolator Administration Guide](#).

# Deploying the Fortisolator

The deployment of Fortisolator includes the following steps:

1. [System requirements on page 6](#)
2. [Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files on page 6](#)
3. [Deploying the Fortisolator on your VM platform on page 7](#)
4. [Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29](#)

## System requirements

To deploy the Fortisolator, you must set up VMs for each component. See the [Fortisolator 3.0.1 Administration Guide](#) for more details about each component and how they communicate with each other.

The following tables lists the system requirements of each component VM. Make sure that all VMs on which a Fortisolator component will be installed comply with those requirements.

Component	Number of CPUs	Memory	Number of VMs needed
Registry	2	16 GB	1 for standalone or 2 for HA
Controller HA	4	48 GB	1 for standalone and 3+ for HA
 Kubernetes relies on an odd number of control plane nodes (e.g., 3, 5, or more) to maintain quorum and ensure continuous operation if one node fails.			
Worker controller	4	48 GB	At least 1
Worker isolator	4	48 GB	1 per 50 sessions

## Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files

Before you install the Fortisolator on your VM, ensure you have downloaded the Fortisolator firmware for your VM by following the steps below:

1. Go to <https://support.fortinet.com>.
2. Click *Login* and log in to the Fortinet Support website.
3. From the *Support > Downloads* menu, select *Firmware Download*.
4. In the *Select Product* dropdown menu, select *Fortisolator*.
5. On the *Download* tab, navigate to the Fortisolator firmware file for your VM or appliance type in the *Image Folders/Files* section.

Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM	FIS_VM_KVM-v3-build0151.kvm.zip
Fortisolator VM for VMware vSphere	FIS_VM_VmWare-v3-build0151.vmware.zip
Fortisolator VM for VMware ESXi	FIS_VM_ESXi-v3-build0151.ovf.zip

6. Click *HTTPS* to download the firmware.
7. Unzip the firmware package.
8. Download the following package files, which you will need to upload to the Fortisolator GUI when [Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29](#):
  - FIS\_auth\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz
  - FIS\_fisfs\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz
  - FIS\_log\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz
  - office-1.6.tar.gz
  - FIS\_postgres\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz
  - FIS\_update\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz
  - FIS\_wf\_DOCKER-v3-build0117.xz

Continue to install the firmware on your VM by referring to [Deploying the Fortisolator on your VM platform on page 7](#).

## Deploying the Fortisolator on your VM platform

To deploy the Fortisolator, you must set up VMs for each component in the correct order.

Refer to the following topics for detailed instructions about deploying the Fortisolator on your VM platform:

- [Installing Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM on page 7](#)
- [Installing Fortisolator VM for VMware vSphere on page 14](#)
- [Installing Fortisolator VM for VMware ESXi on page 24](#)

## Installing Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM

To install Fortisolator, set up VM(s) for the following components in the exact order:

1. Registry
2. Controller HA
3. Worker isolator
4. Worker controller

See the [Fortisolator 3.0.1 Administration Guide](#) for more details about each component and how they communicate with each other.

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Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM supports both Video Graphics Array (VGA) and virtual serial console connections.

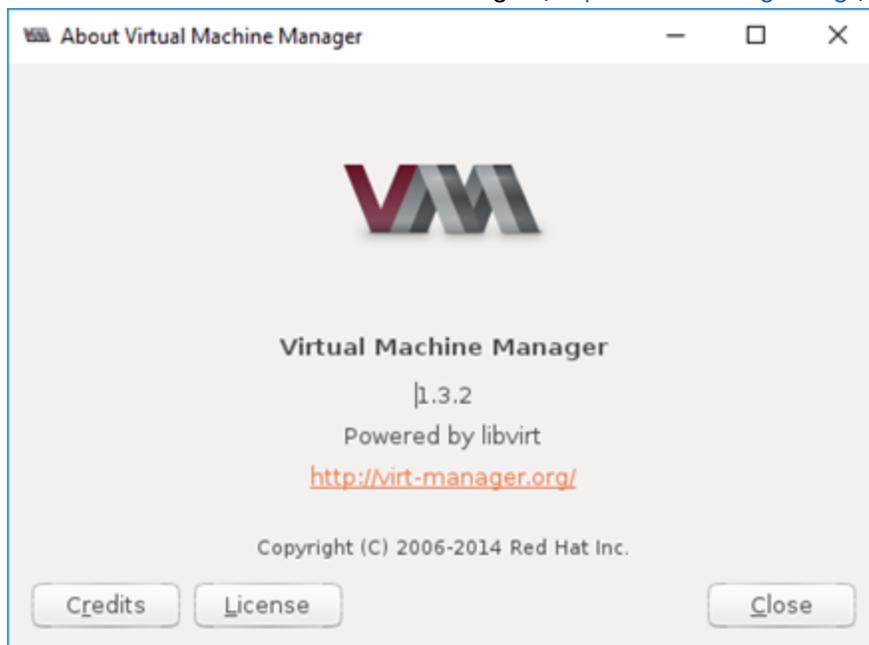
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### Prerequisites

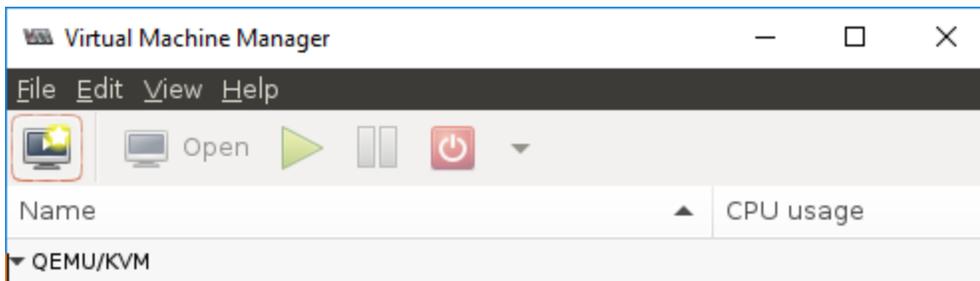
- You have downloaded the Fortisolator firmware for Linux KVM. See [Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files on page 6](#).
- Ensure that your system has at least two hard disks of the following types:
  - IDE
  - SATA
  - SCSI
  - Virtio
- Ensure that your system has at least three network interfaces of the following types:
  - Hypervisor default (Rt18139)
  - E1000

### To install Fortisolator VM for Linux KVM:

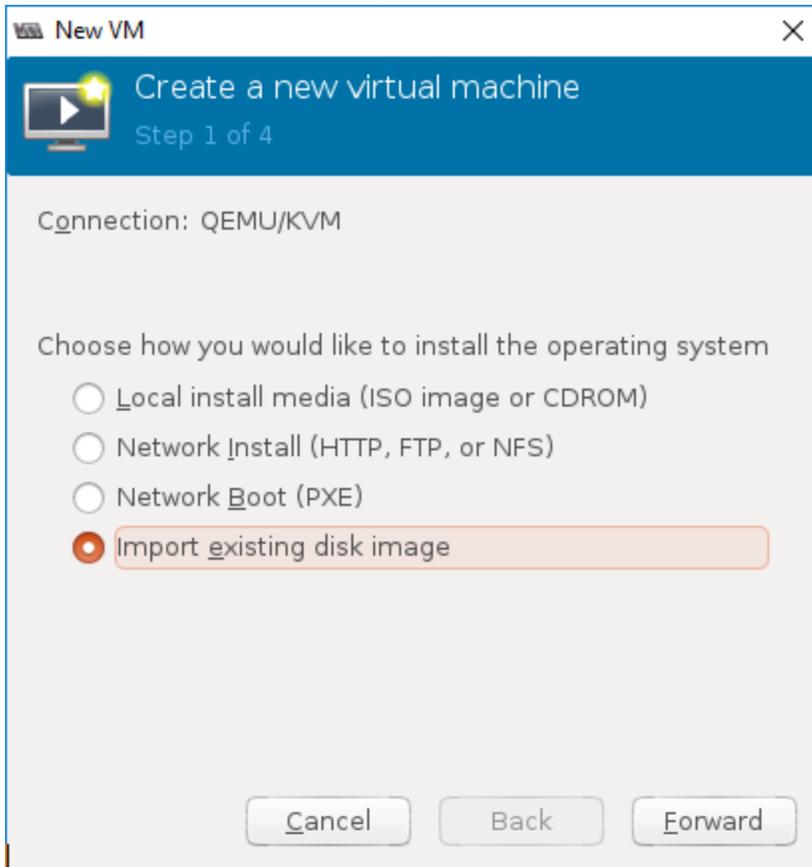
1. Launch KVM with Virtual Machine Manager (<https://virt-manager.org/>).



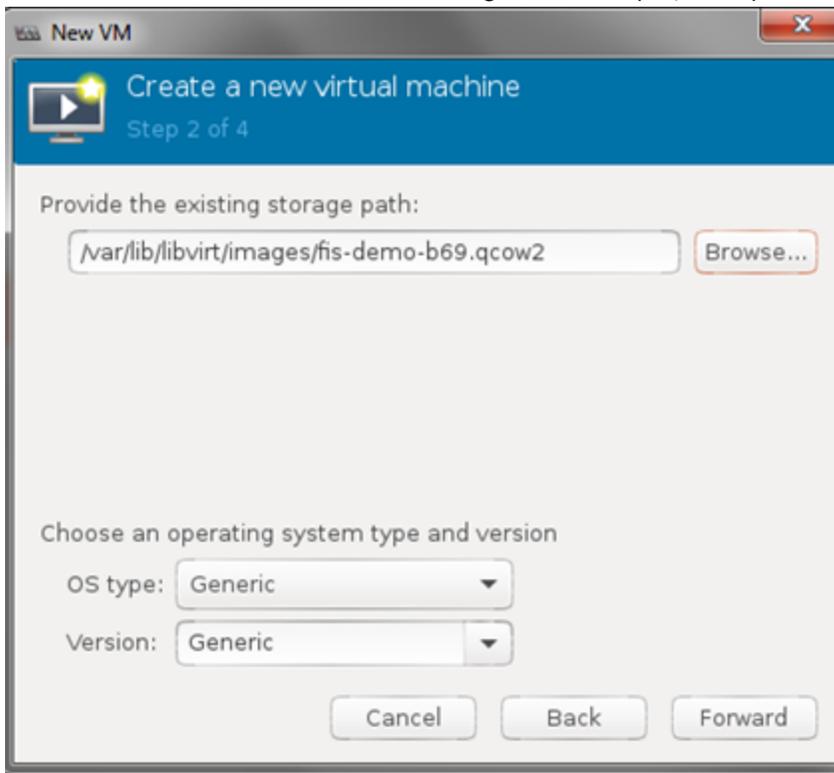
2. Create a new virtual machine.



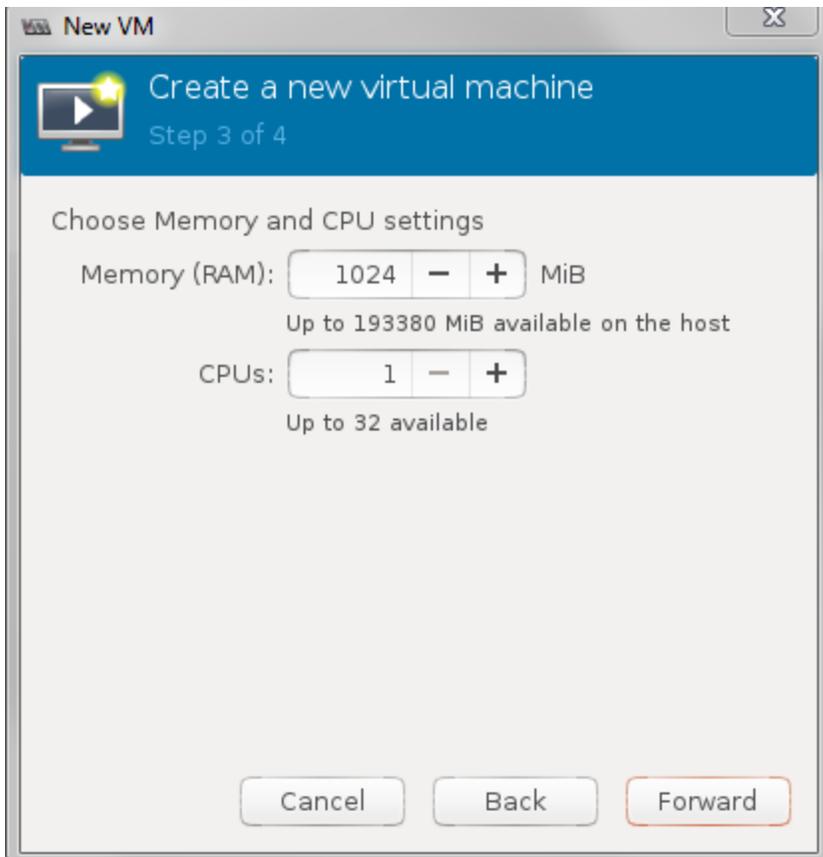
3. Select *Import existing disk image*.



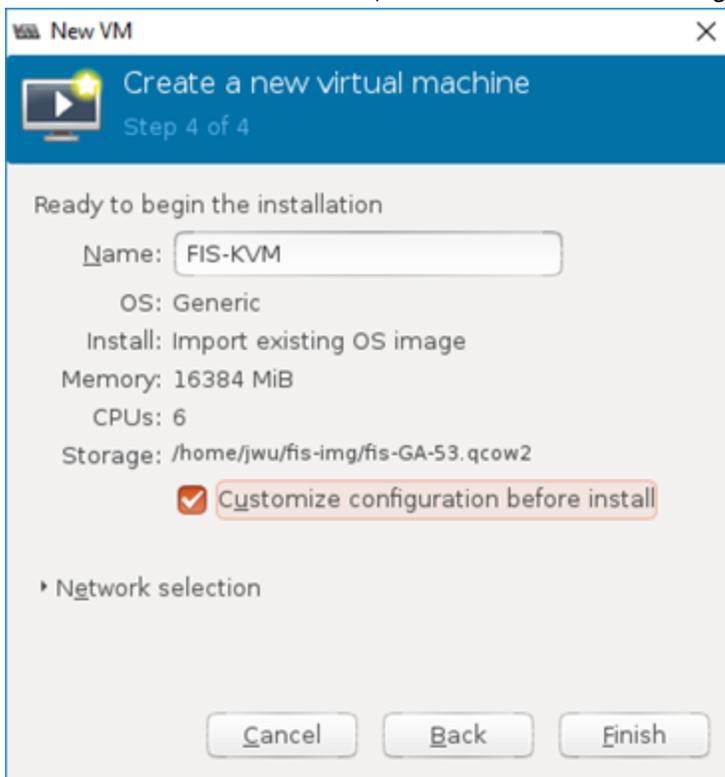
4. Browse and select the Fortisolator image (for example, fis.qcow2).

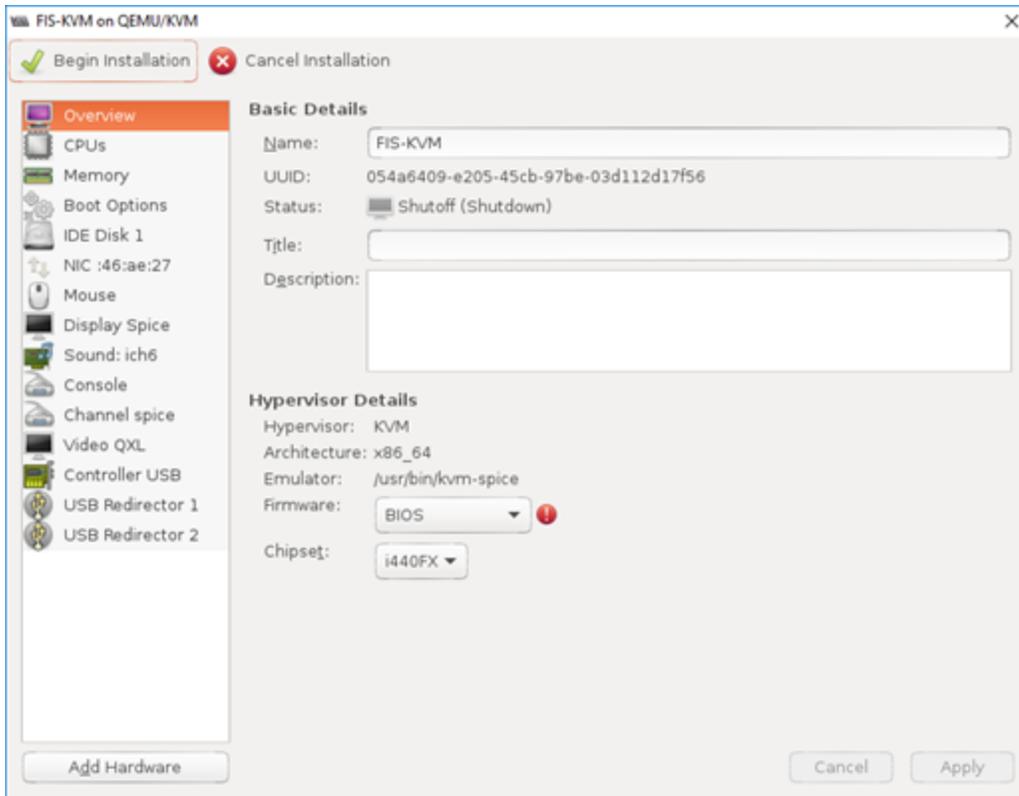


5. Configure the CPU and memory as required by each VM. See [System requirements on page 6](#).

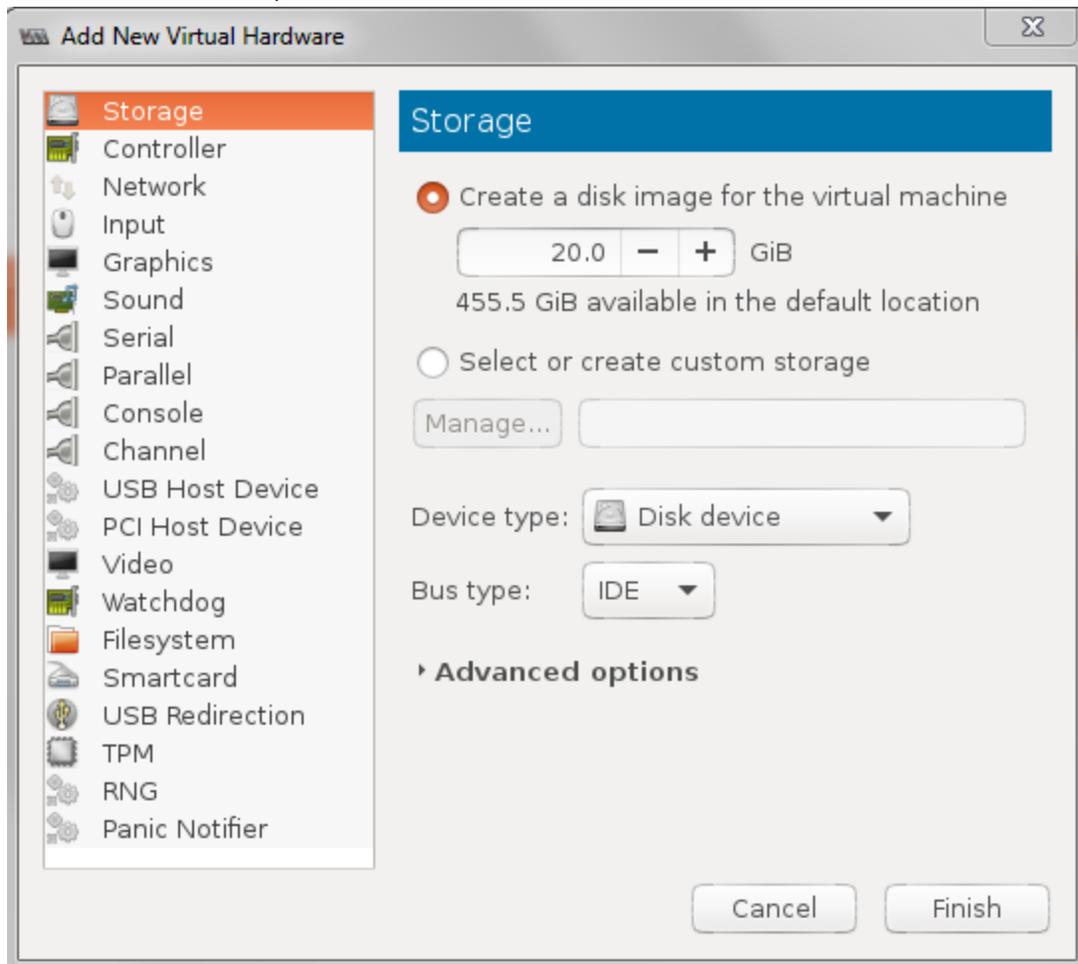


6. Name the new virtual machine, and select *Customize configuration before install*.



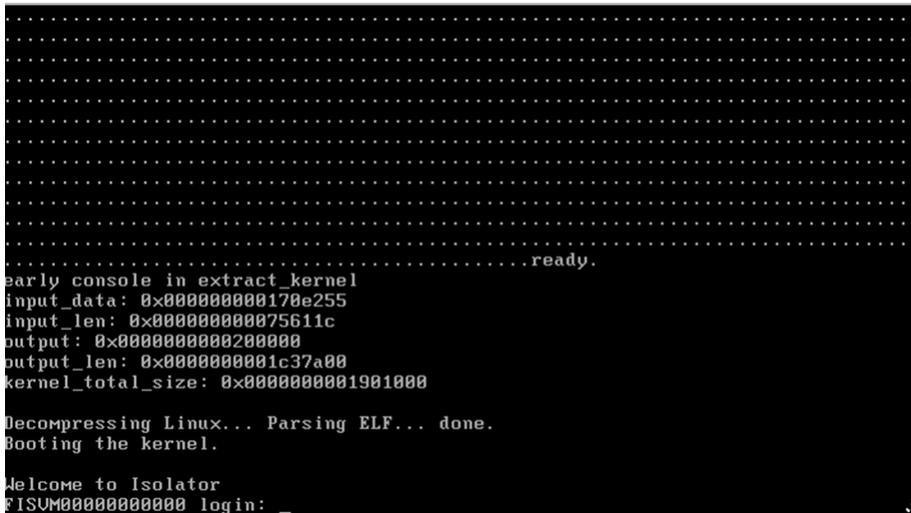


7. Add an IDE disk. Accept the default values.



8. Add three network interfaces and configure them accordingly.
  - Network 1: Internal Interface
  - Network 2: External Interface
  - Network 3: Management Interface
  - Network 4: HA Interface

9. Click *Begin Installation* to load the KVM image.



```
.....ready.
early console in extract_kernel
input_data: 0x00000000170e255
input_len: 0x00000000075611c
output: 0x00000000200000
output_len: 0x000000001c37a00
kernel_total_size: 0x000000001901000

Decompressing Linux... Parsing ELF... done.
Booting the kernel.

Welcome to Isolator
FISUM0000000000 login: _
```

10. Wait for the installation to complete.
11. Repeat the steps above to create the remaining VMs. Note that you need to set up at least 3 controller HA VMs,

Continue to set up the Fortisolator environment by referring to [Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29](#).

## Installing Fortisolator VM for VMware vSphere

To install Fortisolator, set up VM(s) for the following components in the exact order:

1. Registry
2. Controller HA
3. Worker isolator
4. Worker controller

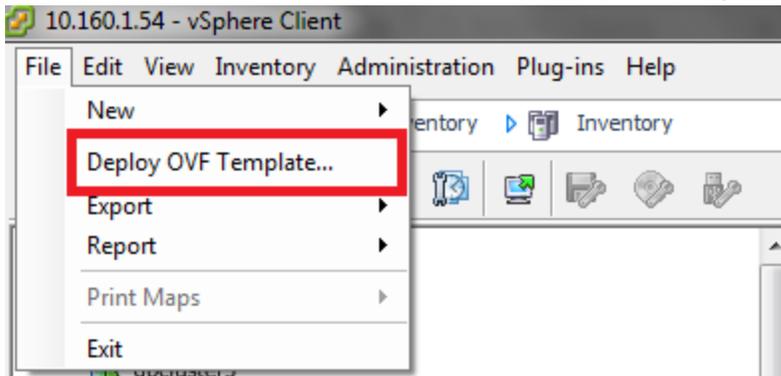
See the [Fortisolator 3.0.1 Administration Guide](#) for more details about each component and how they communicate with each other.

### Prerequisites

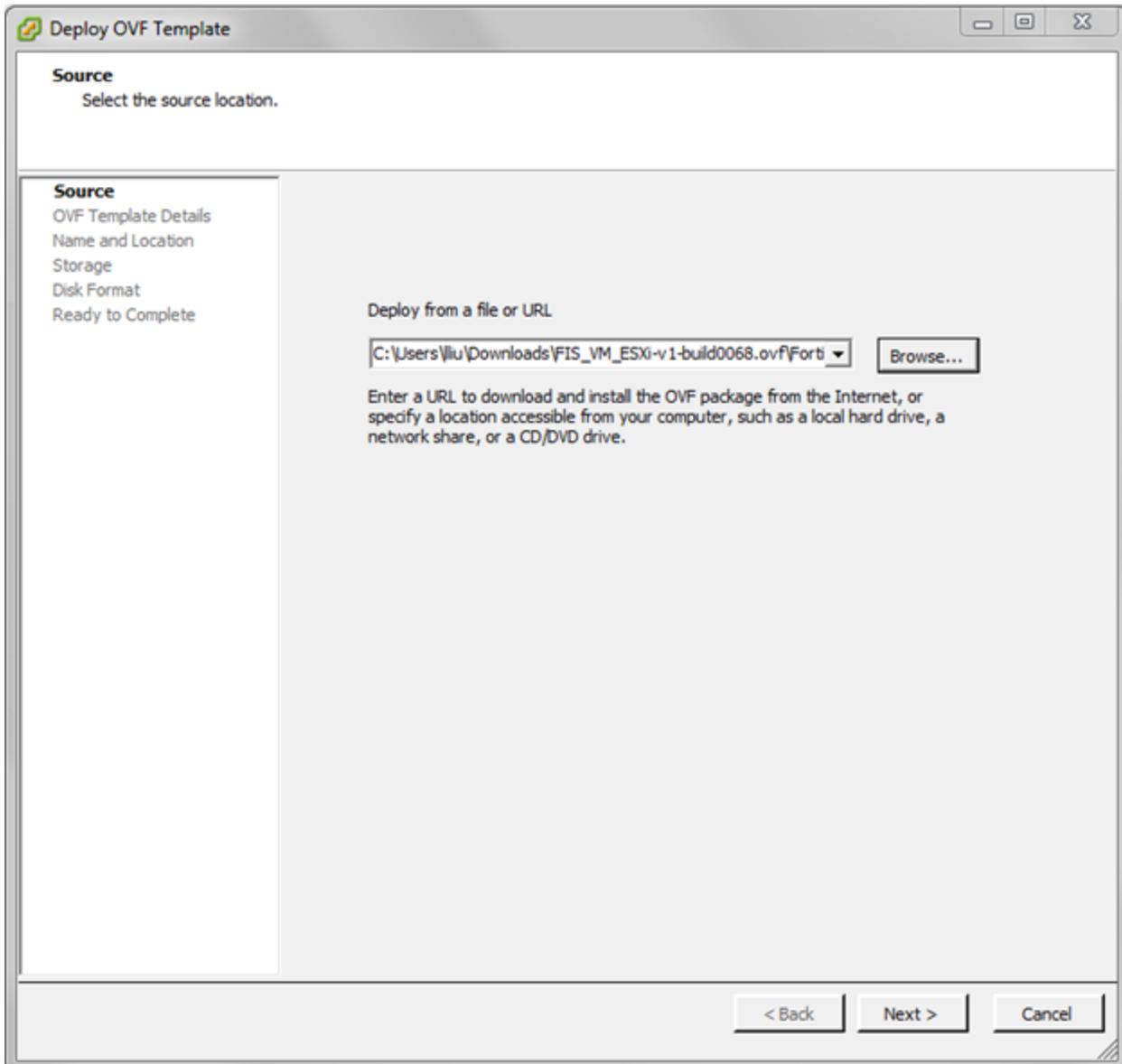
- You have downloaded the Fortisolator firmware for VMware. See [Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files on page 6](#).
- Install VMware vSphere Client.
- Ensure that your system has one of the following combinations of hard disks and network adapters to support ESXI 6.0:
  - Two SCSI hard disks and three VMXNET 3 network adapters (this is the default)
  - One IDE hard disk and one SCSI hard disk and three E1000 network adapters

**To install Fortisolator VM for Microsoft VMware vSphere:**

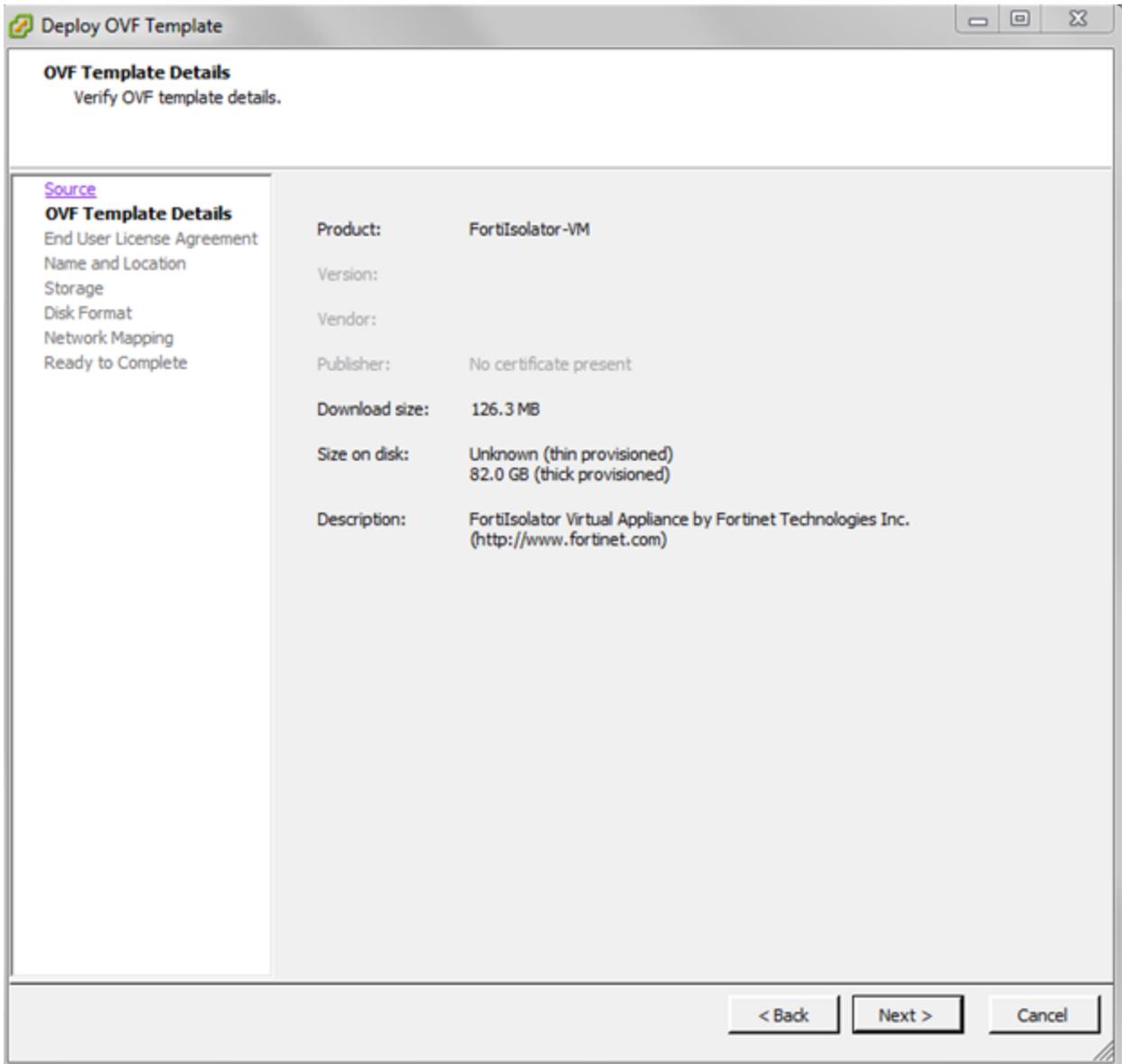
1. Create a new virtual machine in vSphere Client by selecting *File > Deploy OVF Template*.



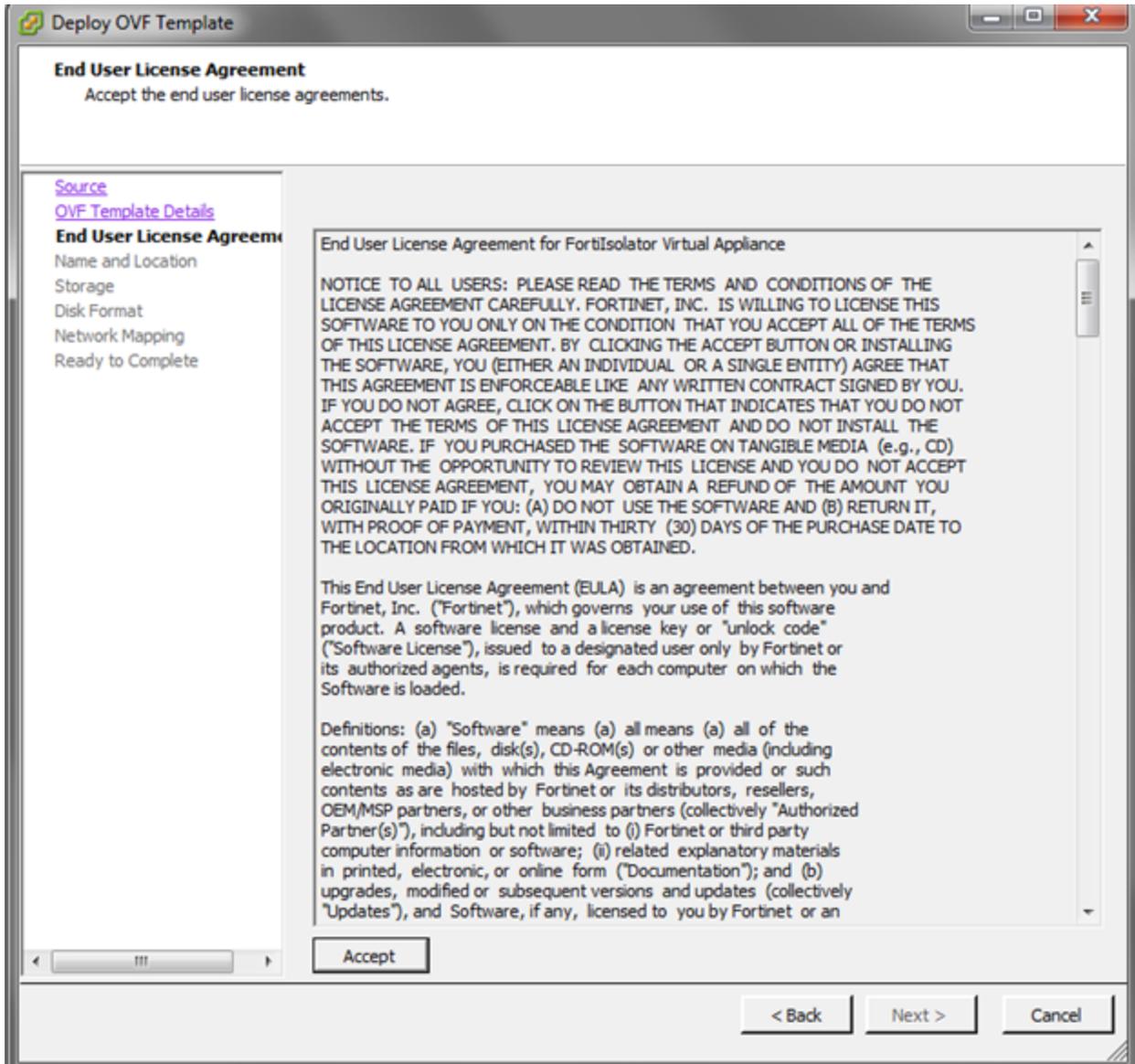
2. Browse to the folder that contains the Fortisolator files and select FortiIsolator.ovf.



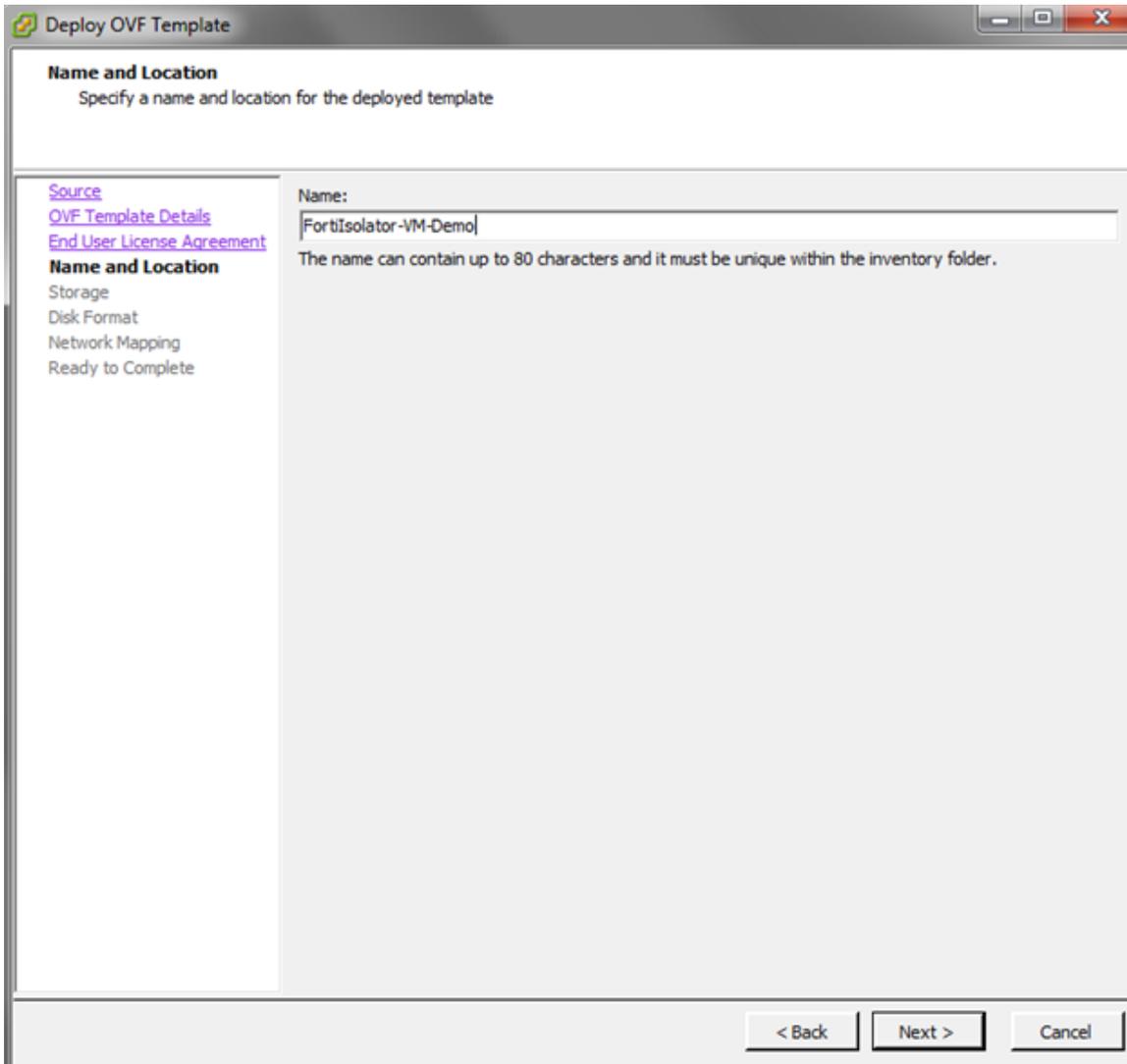
3. Verify the OVF template details.



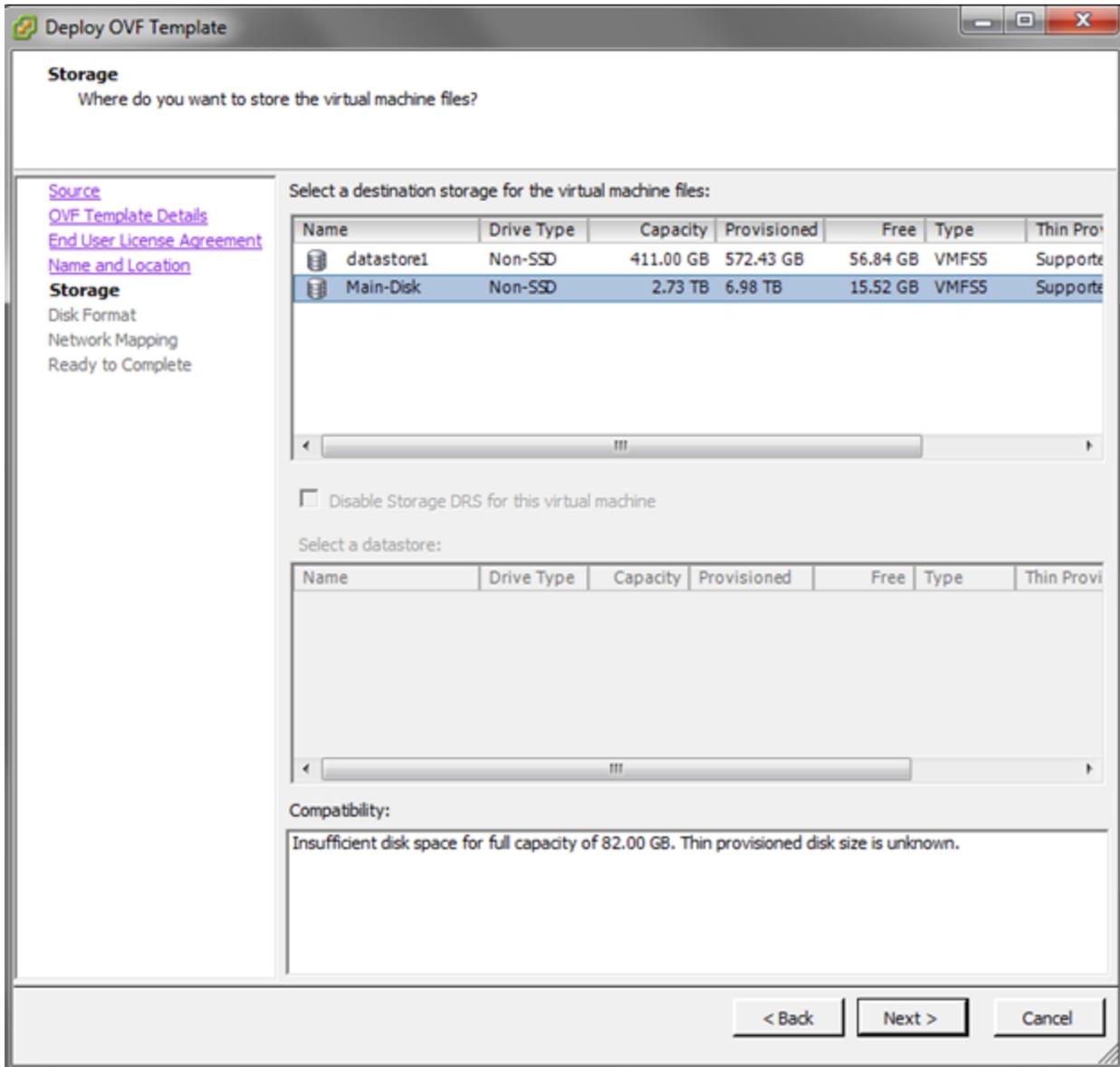
4. Review and accept the Fortisolator End User License Agreement.



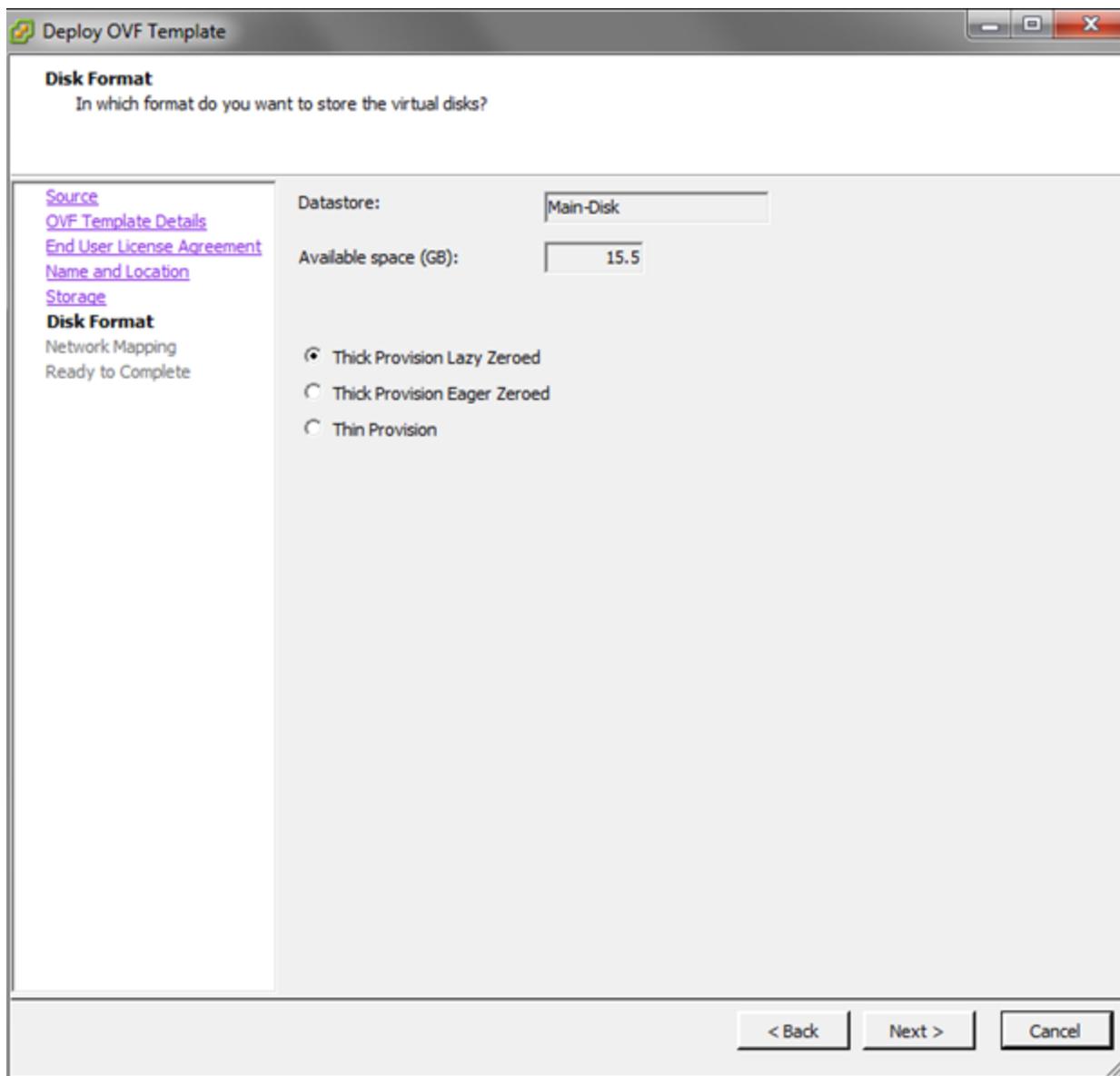
5. Name the new Fortisolator virtual machine.



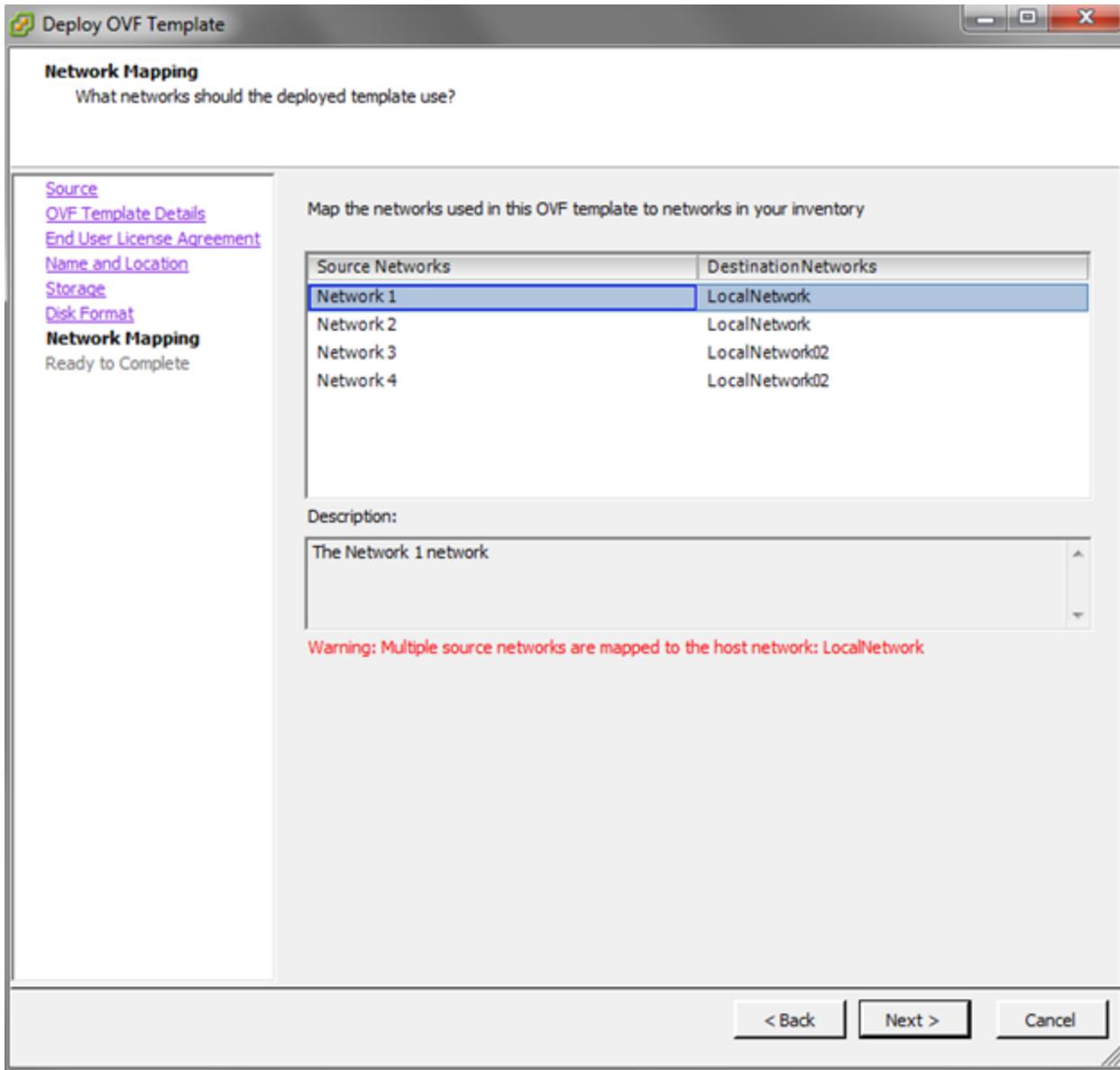
6. Select the datastore where you want to install the Fortisolator VM.



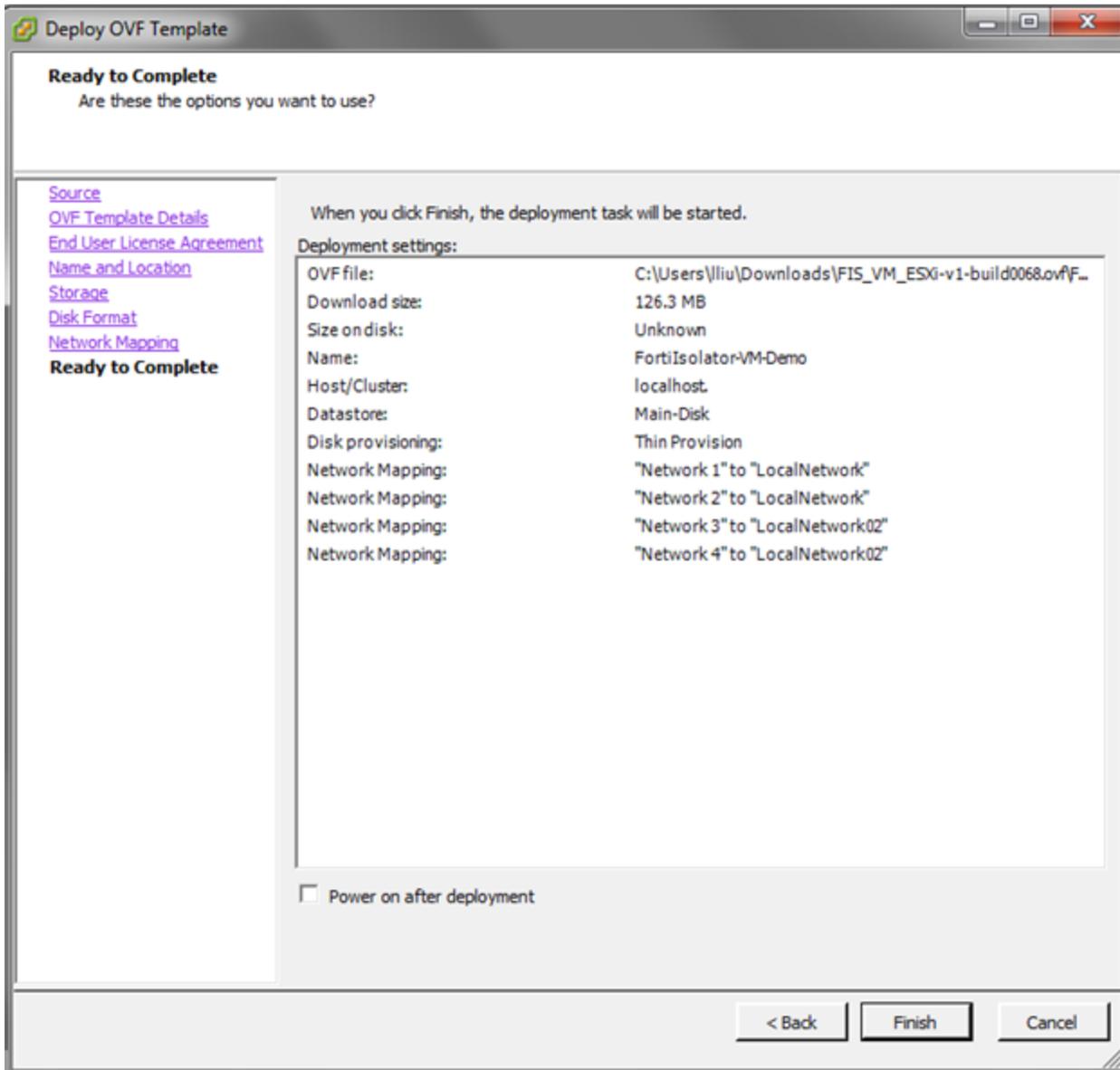
7. Select the disk provisioning format. For optimal performance, select a *Thick Provision* option. Configure the CPU and memory as required by each VM. See [System requirements on page 6](#).



8. Configure the required network interfaces. Add four network interfaces for Network Mapping and configure them accordingly:
- Network 1: Internal Interface
  - Network 2: External Interface
  - Network 3: Management Interface
  - Network 4: HA Interface



9. Verify the template deployment options, and click *Finish*.



**10.** Start the Fortisolator VM.

```

Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done

Image version: 1.2.0.0060
Isolator version: 0.0.0.0000
renaming eth0 to internal
renaming eth1 to external
renaming eth2 to mgmt
Populating /dev using udev: done
Initializing random number generator... done.
Starting system message bus: done
Starting network: OK
ip: RTNETLINK answers: File exists
Starting dropbear sshd: OK
Starting crond: OK
Starting httpd: OK
Starting ha: OK
Starting startx: OK
Now starting webfilter ...
License expired or not valid
Service won't start without a valid license
Please go to CLI and use "update-license" command to update license file
Or check the validity of your license file

Welcome to Isolator
FISUM0000000000 login: _

```

- 11.** Repeat the steps above to create the remaining VMs. Note that you need to set up at least 3 controller HA VMs,
- 12.** Log in to Fortisolator. The default username is admin and the default password is fortinet.

Continue to set up the Fortisolator environment by referring to [Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29](#).

## Installing Fortisolator VM for VMware ESXi

To install Fortisolator, set up VM(s) for the following components in the exact order:

- 1.** Registry
- 2.** Controller HA
- 3.** Worker isolator
- 4.** Worker controller

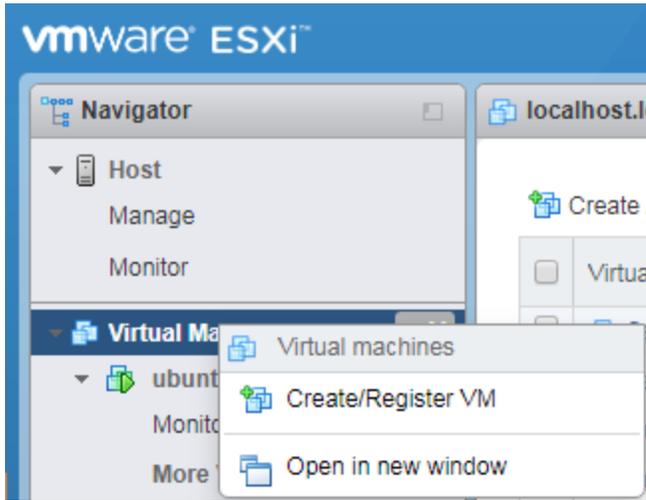
See the [Fortisolator 3.0.1 Administration Guide](#) for more details about each component and how they communicate with each other.

### Prerequisites

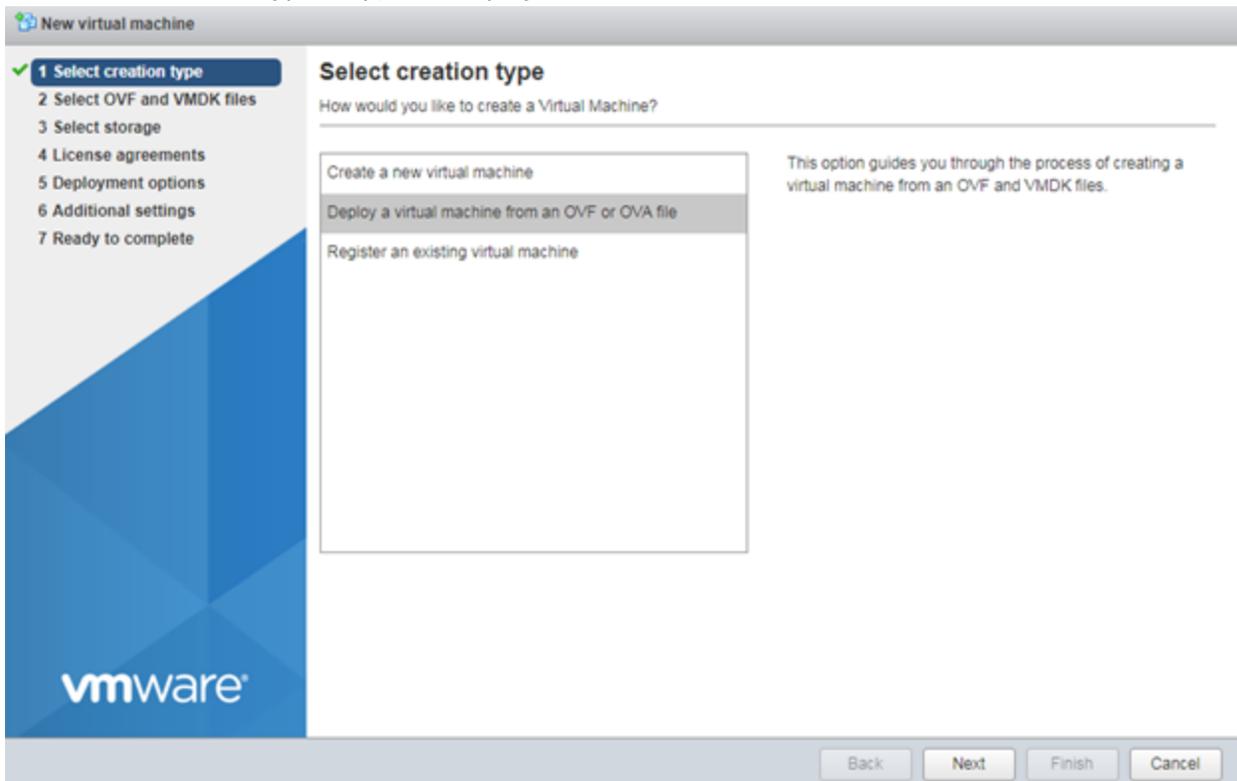
- You have download the Fortisolator firmware for ESXi. See [Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files on page 6](#).
- Install VMware ESXi.
- Ensure that your system has one of the following combinations of hard disks and network adapters to support ESXi 6.5:
  - Two SCSI hard disks and three VMXNET 3 network adapters (this is the default)
  - Two SCSI hard disks and three E1000 network adapters

**To install Fortisolator VM for Microsoft VMware ESXi:**

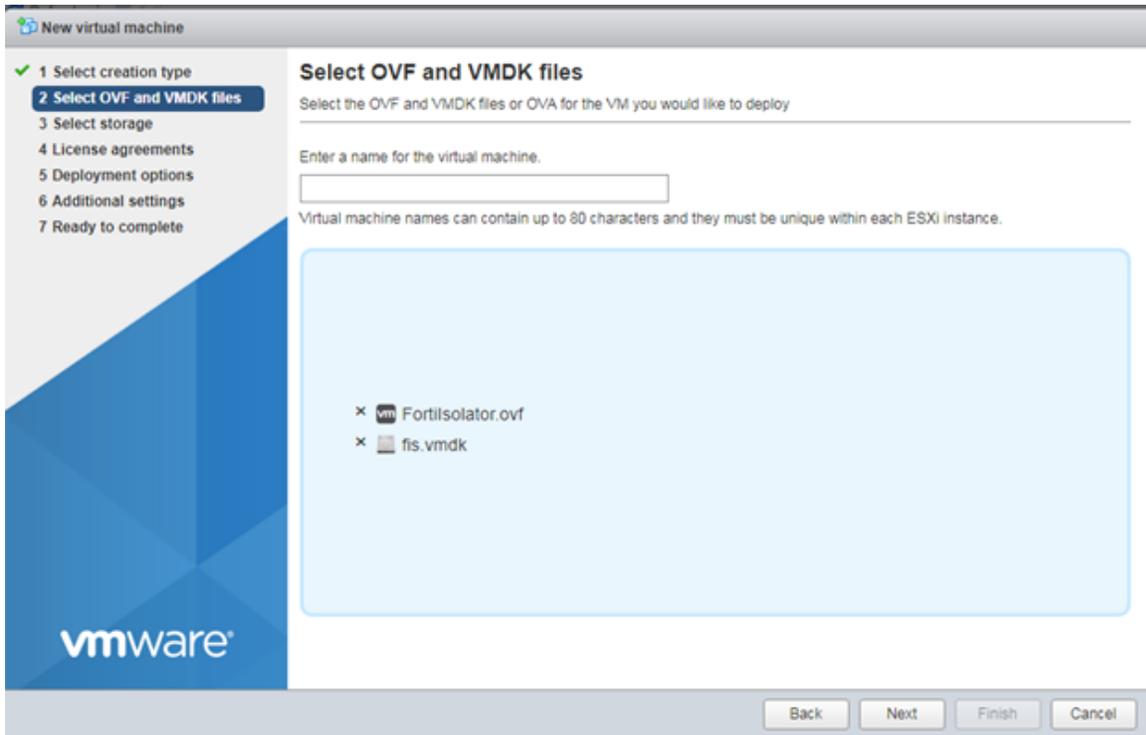
1. In the ESXi home page, click *Virtual Machine*, and then right-click and select *Create/Register VM*.



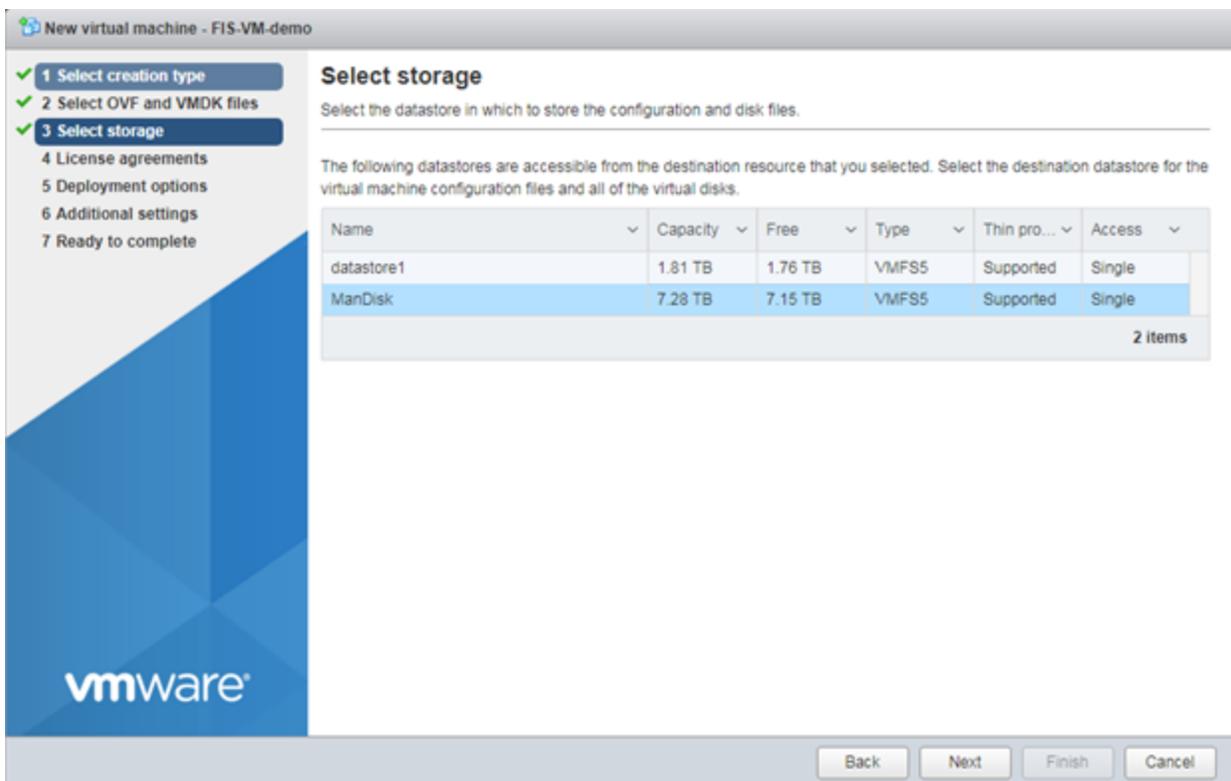
2. In the *Select creation type* step, click *Deploy a virtual machine from an OVF or OVA file*.



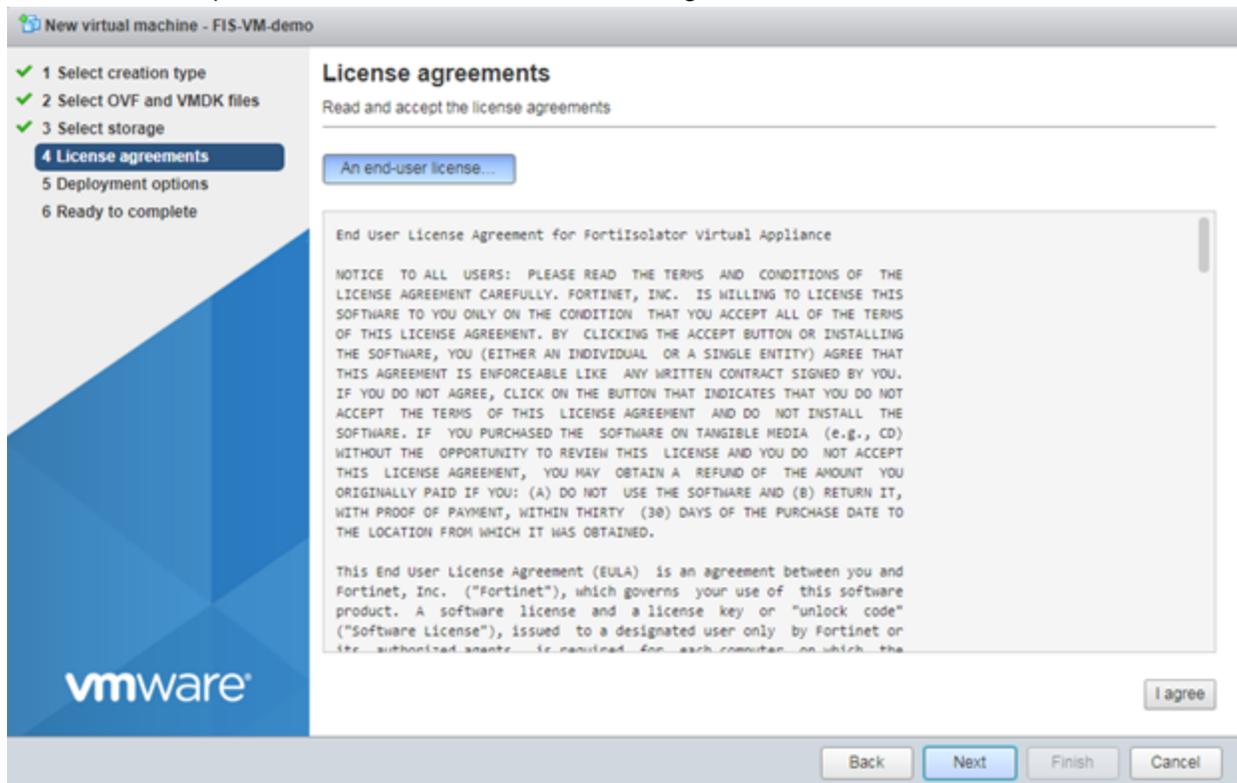
3. In the *Select OVF and VMDK files* step, select both the `FortiIsolator.ovf` and `fis.vmdk` files.



4. In the *Select storage* step, select the datastore where you want to install the Fortisolator VM. Configure the CPU and memory as required by each VM. See [System requirements on page 6](#).

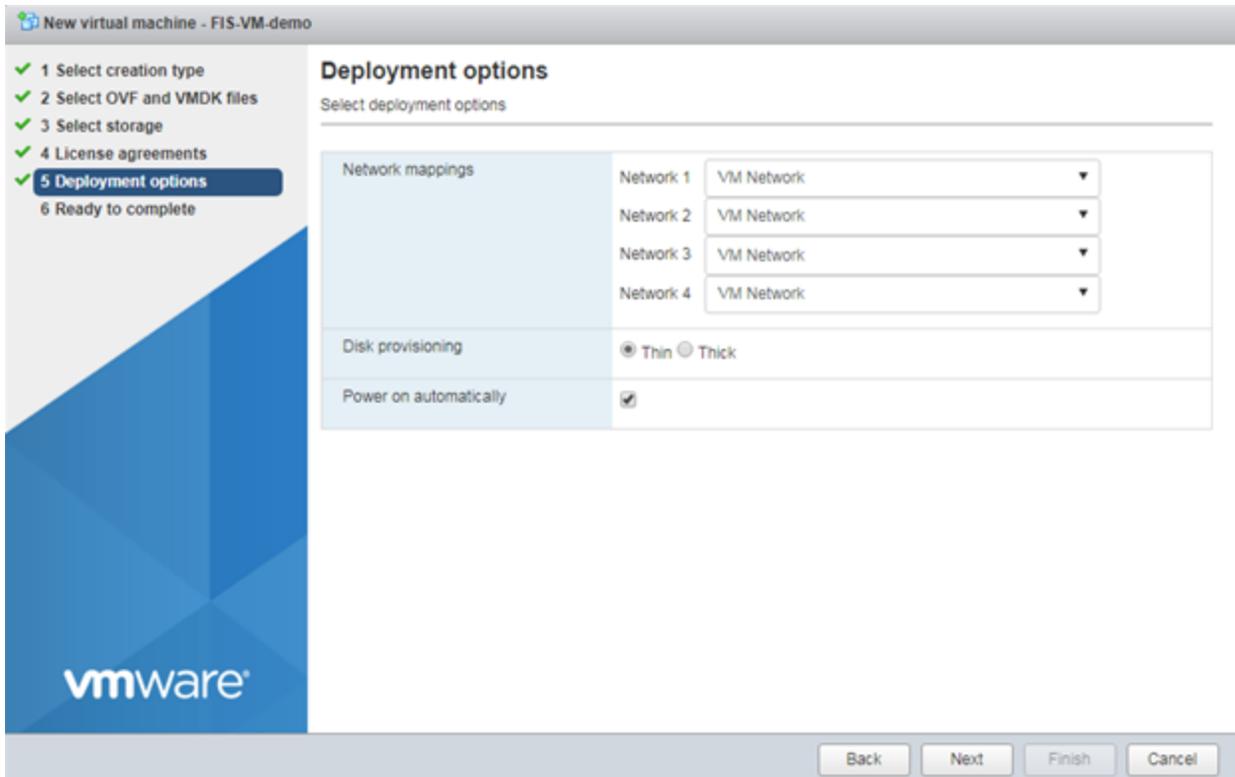


5. Review and accept the Fortisolator End User License Agreement.

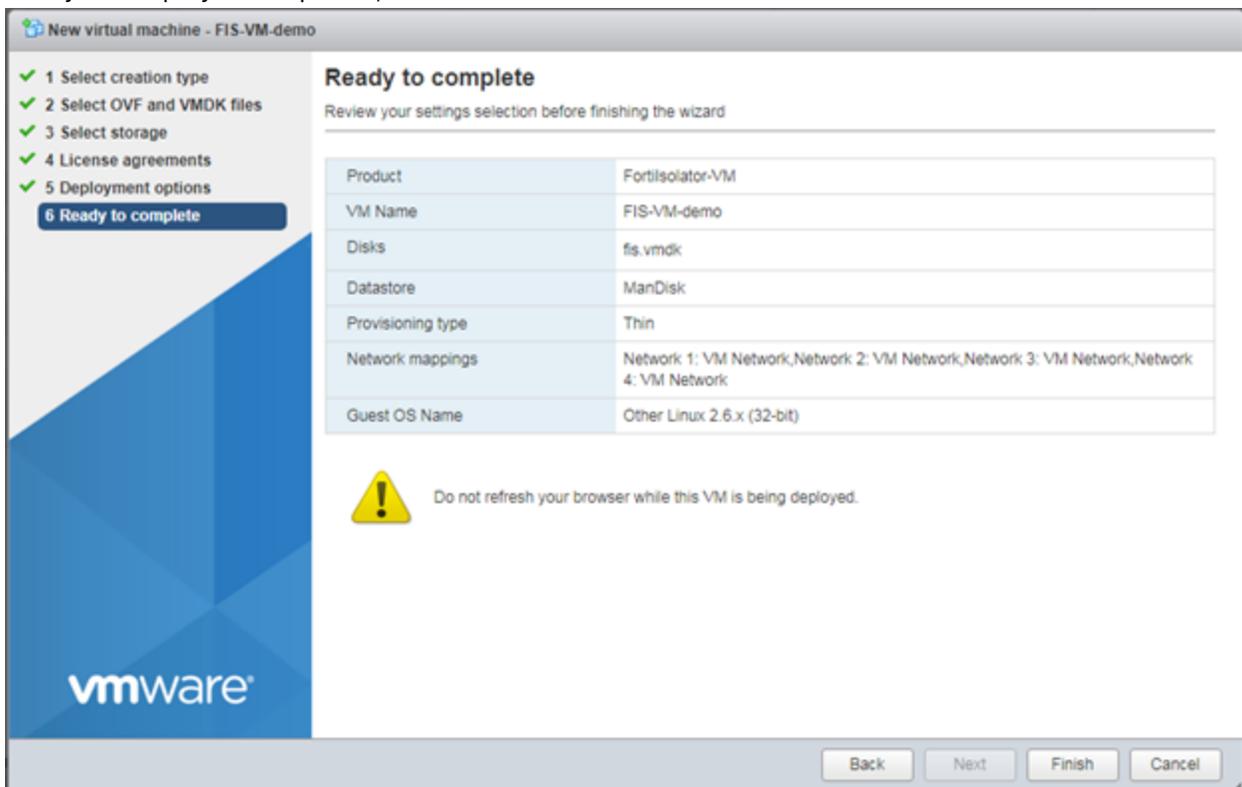


6. In the *Deployment options* step, configure *Network mappings* with four network interfaces accordingly:

- Network 1: Internal Interface
- Network 2: External Interface
- Network 3: Management Interface
- Network 4: HA Interface

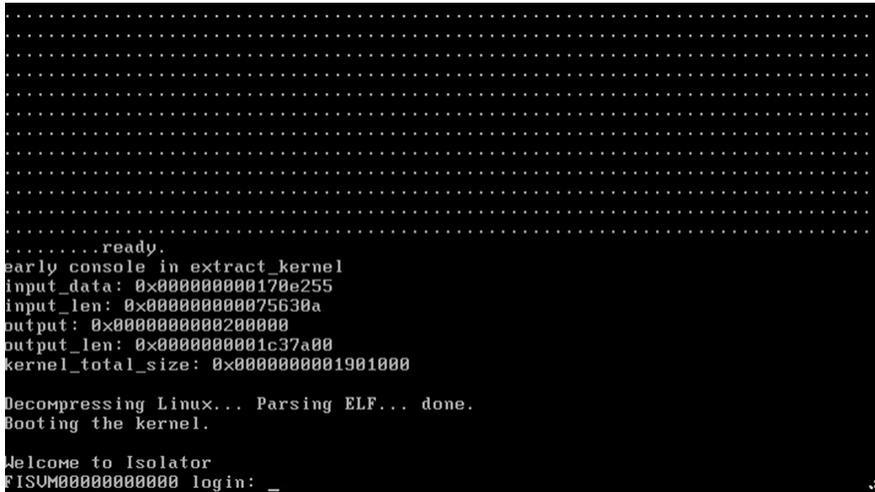


7. Configure *Disk provisioning*, and select the *Power on automatically* checkbox.
8. Verify the deployment options, and click *Finish*.



9. To start the VM, right-click the Fortisolator VM name, and select *Power > Power on*.

- To open the Fortisolator VM console, click *Console > Open browser console*.



```

..... ready.
early console in extract_kernel
input_data: 0x00000000170e255
input_len: 0x0000000075630a
output: 0x00000000200000
output_len: 0x000000001c37a00
kernel_total_size: 0x000000001901000

Decompressing Linux... Parsing ELF... done.
Booting the kernel.

Welcome to Isolator
FISUM0000000000 login: _

```

- Log in to Fortisolator. The default username is admin and the default password is fortinet.
- Repeat the steps above to create the remaining VMs. Note that you need to set up at least 3 controller HA VMs,

Continue to set up the Fortisolator environment by referring to [Setting up the Fortisolator environment on page 29](#).

## Setting up the Fortisolator environment

After installing the Fortisolator firmware on your VMs, set up the Fortisolator environment by configuring each VM as follows in the exact order:

### Configuring the host VM for registry

- Log into the CLI as root using the following credentials:

- username:** root
- password:** fortinet

- Configure the network interfaces:

```

set internal-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set internal-gw 0.0.0.0/0 <gw>
set mgmt-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set set ha-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set dns <primary dns> <secondary dns>

```

- Configure the host type to be registry:

```

set host-type 2

```

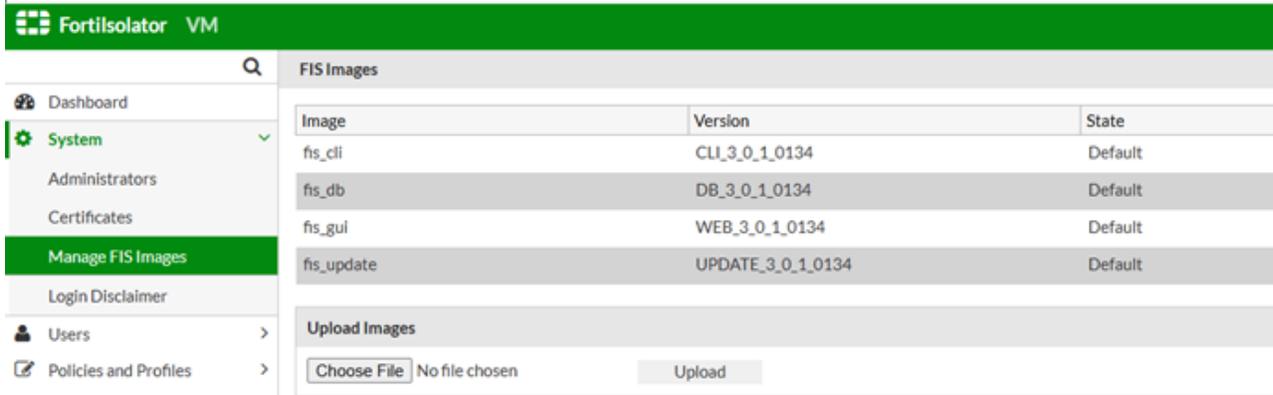
- Configure the database server:

```
set database-server <ip> 6379 admin <password>
```

5. Configure the run mode:

```
set run-mode 1
```

6. Reboot the machine. The process will take a few minutes.
7. After the machine is up, enter the registry management IP from a web browser and verify that the *System > Manage FIS Images* page displays the following:



If the update container image is not included, upload it in the global GUI and apply it in the local GUI.

8. Set the region of the machine to be San Jose:

```
set region san-jose <total_session_per_region> <region_ip>
```

For example, set `region san-jose 99 172.30.156.47`.

9. If you are configuring registry HA, continue with the following steps:
  - a. Repeat the steps above on the second registry machine.
  - b. Set registry on each registry node to include both primary and secondary:

```
set registry <primary-registry-ip> <secondary-registry-ip>
```

For example, set `registry 192.168.3.23 192.168.3.24`.

- c. Set database server on each registry node to point to its own HA IP:

```
set database-server <HA IP> <port> <username> <password>
```

For example, set `database-server 192.168.3.23 6379 admin password`.

## Configuring the host VM for controller HA

1. Log into the CLI as root using the following credentials:
  - **username:** root
  - **password:** fortinet
2. Configure the network interfaces:

```
set internal-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set internal-gw 0.0.0.0/0 <gw>
set mgmt-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set ha-ip <ip>/<subnet>
```

**3.** Configure the host type to be controller HA:

```
set host-type 3
```

**4.** Configure the host role to be controller:

```
set host-role controller
```

**5.** Configure the database server:

```
set database-server admin <password>
```

**6.** Configure the registry server:

```
set registry <registry ha-ip>
```

If you have set up registry HA with two registry servers, specify the HA IP for both registry servers:

```
set registry <primary-registry-ip> <secondary-registry-ip>.
```

For example, set `registry 192.168.3.23 192.168.3.24`.

**7.** Configure the run mode:

```
set run-mode 1
```

**8.** Configure the system model to be VM

```
set system-model VM
```

**9.** Reboot the machine.

**10.** Set the region of the machine to be San Jose:

```
set region san-jose
```

- 11.** Repeat the steps above for each additional host VM for controller HA. You need at least three host VMs for controller HA.
- 12.** On each controller HA VM, run `cli status` and `kubectl get nodes` to verify that it has successfully joined the registry.



Do not configure the registry VIP or Portal IP on controller VMs. Controller VMs will automatically retrieve these from the Redis database. Any VIPs configured directly on a controller VM will not be utilized.

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## Configuring the host VM for worker isolator

1. Log into the CLI as root using the following credentials:

- **username:** root
- **password:** fortinet

2. Configure the network interfaces:

```
set internal-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set internal-gw 0.0.0.0/0 <gw>
set mgmt-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set ha-ip <ip>/<subnet>
```

3. Configure the host type to be worker

```
set host-type 0
```

4. Configure the host role to be worker isolator:

```
set host-role worker_isolator
```

5. Configure the database server:

```
set database-server admin <password>
```

6. Configure the registry server:

```
set registry <registry ha-ip>
```

7. Reboot the machine.

## Configuring the host VM for worker controller

1. Log into the CLI as root using the following credentials:

- **username:** root
- **password:** fortinet

2. Configure the network interfaces:

```
set internal-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set internal-gw 0.0.0.0/0 <gw>
set mgmt-ip <ip>/<subnet>
set ha-ip <ip>/<subnet>
```

3. Configure the host type to be worker:

```
set host-type 0
```

4. Configure the host role to be worker controller:

```
set host-role worker_controller
```

5. Configure the database server:

```
set database-server admin <password>
```

6. Configure the registry server:

```
set registry <registry ha-ip>
```

7. Reboot the machine.



Do not configure the registry VIP or Portal IP on worker VMs. Worker VMs will automatically retrieve these from the Redis database. Any VIPs configured directly on a worker VM will not be utilized.

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## Verifying the configuration

After the reboot is complete, verify the connection is established by visiting `https://[internal-ip]/isolator/https://www.google.com/`. You may need to clear your browser cache before logging in to the Fortisolator GUI to make sure that the Fortisolator GUI displays correctly.

Alternatively, run the following commands in the CLI to verify the configuration:

1. Run `fnsysctl kubect1 get pod` to get the full list of pods.
2. Wait for one minute and run `fnsysctl result` to verify that all pods are functioning correctly.

## Next steps

1. Install the packages that you downloaded earlier when [Downloading the Fortisolator firmware and package files on page 6](#). See [Manage FIS Images](#) in the Administration Guide for detailed instructions.
2. Backup the system or configuration as needed. See [System configuration](#) in the Administration Guide.



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