VMware Skyline

Turn Moments of Panic into Moments to Shine with Proactive Support

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Skyline: Benefits to Customers

Proactive Support from VMware

Issue Avoidance

- Proactively identify potential issues based upon environment-specific configuration, details and usage
- Resolve issues before they occur, improving environment reliability and stability
- Currently supports vSphere, NSX-v, vSAN, Horizon, vRealize Operations Manager

Faster Time to Resolution

 Environment-specific, data-driven analytics accelerate problem resolution

Personalized Recommendations

Resolution is specific to your environment

No Additional Cost

 Production Support and Premier Services customers receive additional value within current Support Subscription



Available to Production Support & Premier Services Customers Globally

Available through Solution Providers & Managed Services Partners





How Are Customers Using Skyline Today?

Skyline has been a force multiplier for us. It helps us have a smaller, but mighty team. This gives our stakeholders and customers a better experience when we can respond faster and even avert issues before they surface.



Log Assist is a big improvement over the manual upload process and helps speed time to resolution. It frees our time so we can focus on critical tasks.



The Skyline interface is clean and easy to use. Log Assist is a big time-saver, eliminating the need to manually upload log bundles to Tech Support. It enables us to create a stable infrastructure for supporting city residents.





How Does Skyline Work?

Comprehensive Analysis Aligned with Best Practices

Proactive Support Technology



- Simple installation and configuration
- Automated, secure collection of product usage data
- Environment visibility to understand product interactions
- Capture patterns, events, trends, configuration, design-compliance, crossproduct
- Comprehensive analysis of environment details and product usage
- Alignment with best practices and design considerations

- Proactive Findings & Recommendations are provided within dashboard & Operational Summary Report
- For Premier Support customers, Support Account Manager/Engineer provides additional advice and recommendations to improve reliability and stability



Sources of Skyline Issue Identification

- VMware Knowledge base
 - ☐ Trending issues seen by customers
 - Critical bugs found by VMware Engineering
 - ☐ Nominated KBs by TSEs and Customers
- VMware Security Advisories (VMSAs)
- VMware Validated Design (VVD)
- VMware Health Analyzer (VHA)
- VMware Configuration Maximums
- VMware Hardware Compatibility Guides
- VMware Interoperability Matrix
- VMware Best Practices



Detectable by VMware SkylineTM

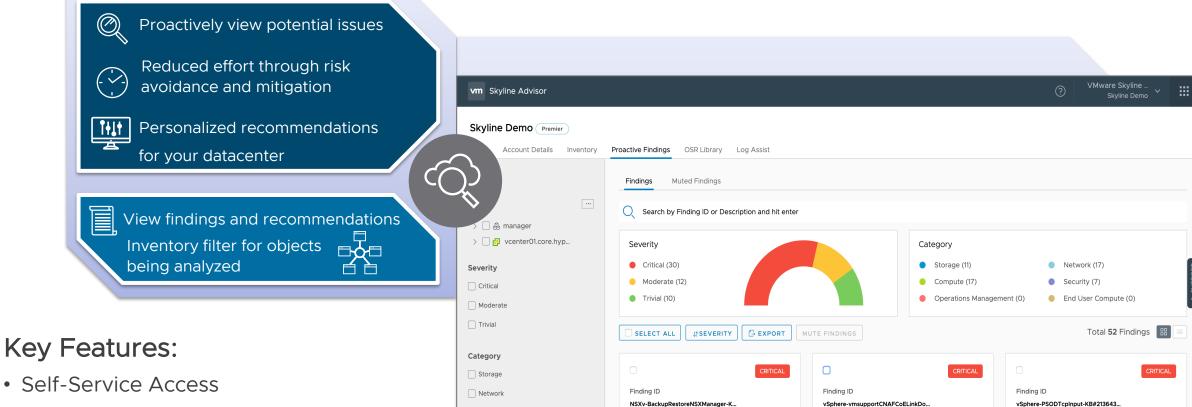








Skyline Advisor



Description

Risk if no action taker

BCDR Impacting

Backup and restore of VMware NSX for vSphere 6.x

Compute

Security

Operations Management

End User Compute

- Self-Service Access
- Ever-evolving analytics; reporting potential problems before they occur
- Prescriptive and predictive guidance based upon best practices



FEEDBACK

Description

the error: tcp_..

Risk if no action taken

Potential ESXi host crash

ESXi host fails with a purple diagnostic screen and reports

Running the vm-support command causes CNA FCoE links

to be down in ESXi 5.1..

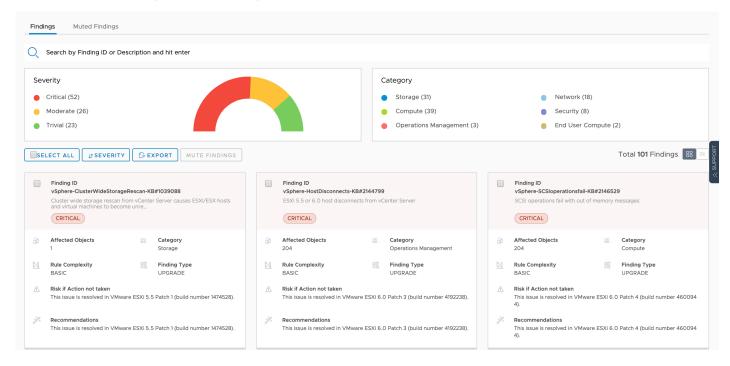
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Skyline Advisor

Details

Account Details

- Registered Collectors
- Total number of servers, hosts, & VMs analyzed by Skyline
- Last analysis activity



Inventory

- View high-level inventory details for vSphere, NSX-v, vSAN, vRealize Operations and Horizon 7
- VMware Technical Support is better enabled to assist you when working together to resolve an issue

Proactive Findings

- Personalized recommendations for each potential issue
- Filters for potential issues based on a specific criteria

Log Assist

- Upload a support log bundle in as little 5 clicks or 1-2 minutes.
- With customer permission, automatically uploads log file bundles to Tech Support a



Skyline Advisor

Recently Released Features

Proactive Support for:

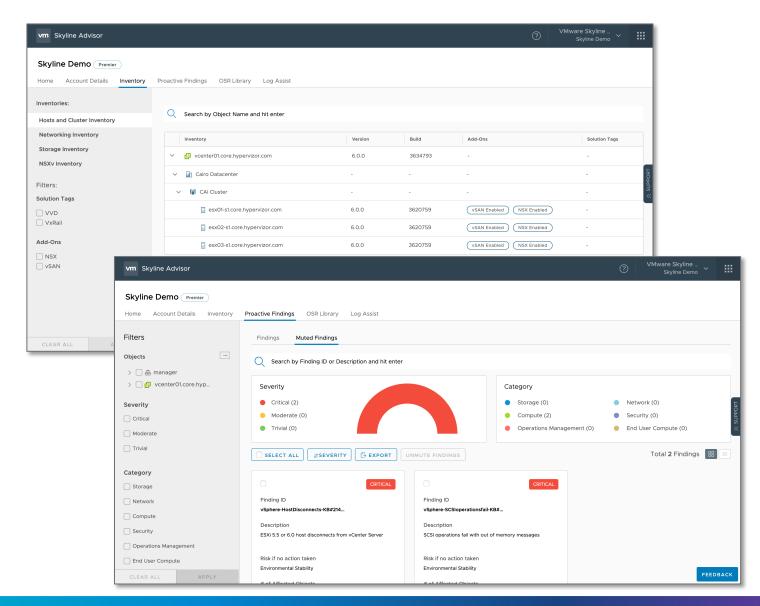
- Horizon v7.0 and above
- vRealize Operations Manager v6.6, 6.7, 7.0

Ability to Mute Findings and Objects

 Hide specific inventory objects and Proactive Findings

Inventory View

 Consolidated list of infrastructure and deployment identification for Dell VxRail and VMware Validated Designs



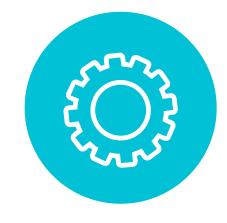


VMware Skyline Log Assist

Moving Customers Toward an Effortless Support Experience



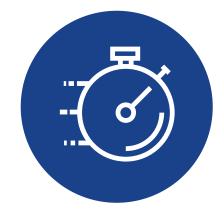




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Most requested support feature



Reduce time to resolution by hours or days



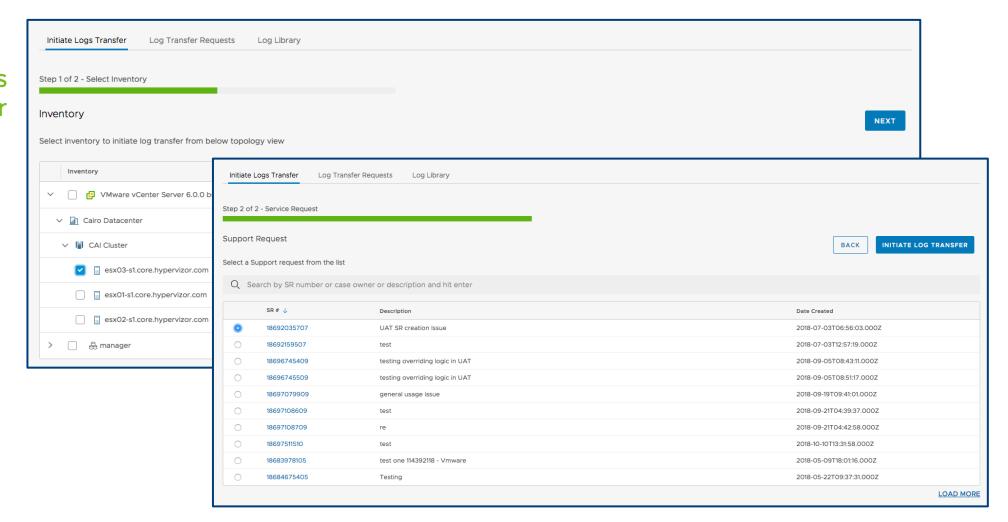
New feature included with Skyline as value-add



Skyline Log Assist

How it Works

- Customer initiates upload process or approves TSE request
- Select Auto
 Approve to
 automatically
 approve all
 upload requests





Proactive Support with VMware Skyline

Features and Benefits Comparison

FEATURES	PRODUCTION SUPPORT	PREMIER SERVICES
Basic Findings and Recommendations	✓	✓
Skyline Community	✓	√
Skyline Advisor	✓	✓
Skyline Log Assist	✓	✓
All Supported Products ¹	✓	✓
Export Affected Objects of Proactive Findings	✓	✓
Advanced Findings and Recommendations		✓
Scheduled / Custom Operational Summary Reports (OSRs)		√
Additional Benefits of Premier Services ²		✓

¹ Currently Supported products include VMware vSphere, VMware NSX-v, VMware vSAN, Horizon and vRealize Operations Manager.



² Additional benefits include a designated support team, direct access to senior-level technical support engineers, assistance with multi-vendor troubleshooting and onsite support services (MCS, HCS and CGS only).

Privacy and Security

Data Collection Information and Examples

- Skyline uses secure protocols to transmit data over HTTPS. See the Skyline Collector Install Guide for details.
- The Skyline telemetry info is encrypted vis TLS 1.2, using the cipher suite TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256.

Examples of what Skyline collects

- vCenter, NSX Manager, NSX Controller, vSAN, Horizon & vROps inventory and state info
- Object names and IP addresses
- Object configuration details

Examples of what Skyline does NOT collect

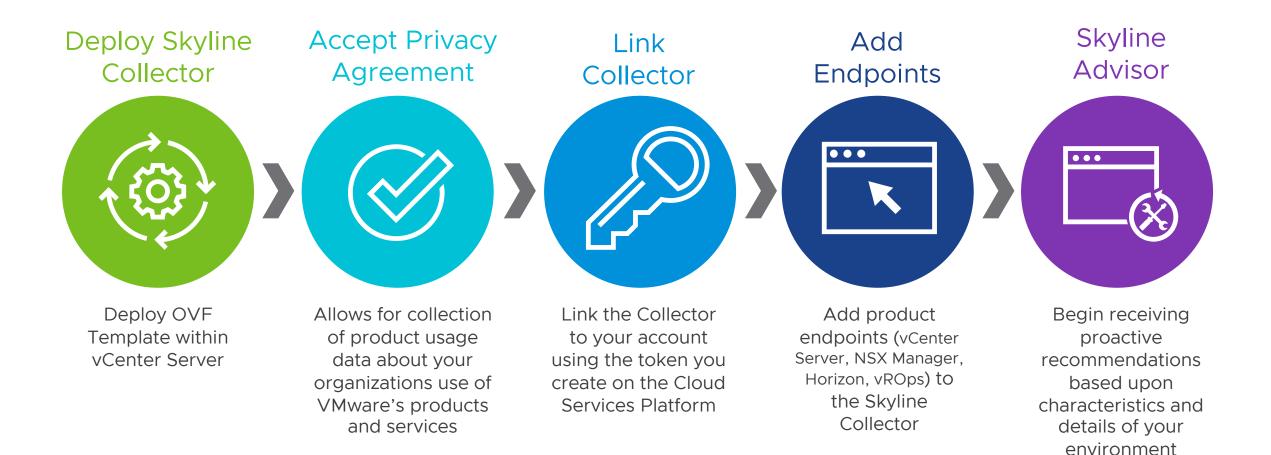
- In-guest workload details / content
- ACL or DFW rules
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
 - Usernames / Email Addresses

For more information on data collection, please see the CEIP FAQ: https://www.vmware.com/solutions/trustvmware/ceip.html

Note: Skyline's Log Assist feature collects support log bundles to assist VMware Tech Support with troubleshooting active Support Requests. The data collected in a support bundle includes the name of the affected ESXi host, logs, virtual machine descriptions (but never the contents of virtual disks or snapshot files), information about the state of the affected machine, and, if present, core dumps. More information: https://kb.ymware.com/s/article/2147388



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https://skyline.vmware.com/get-started

VMworld 2019 Skyline Deep-Dive

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More Information

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FAQs

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Skyline Community

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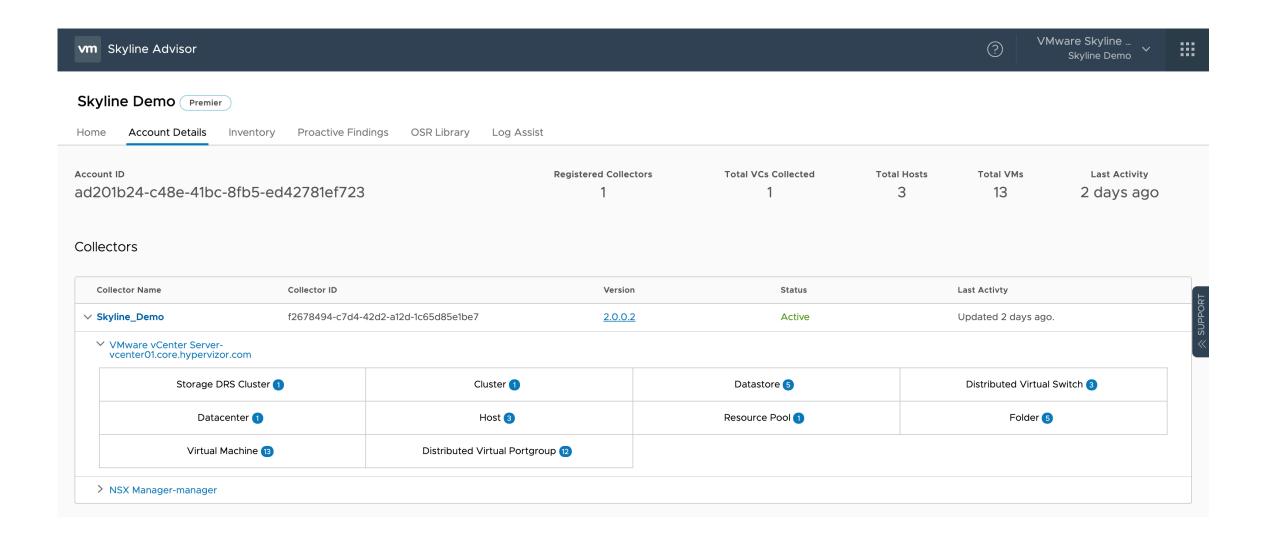


Screen Shots

Offline Demo

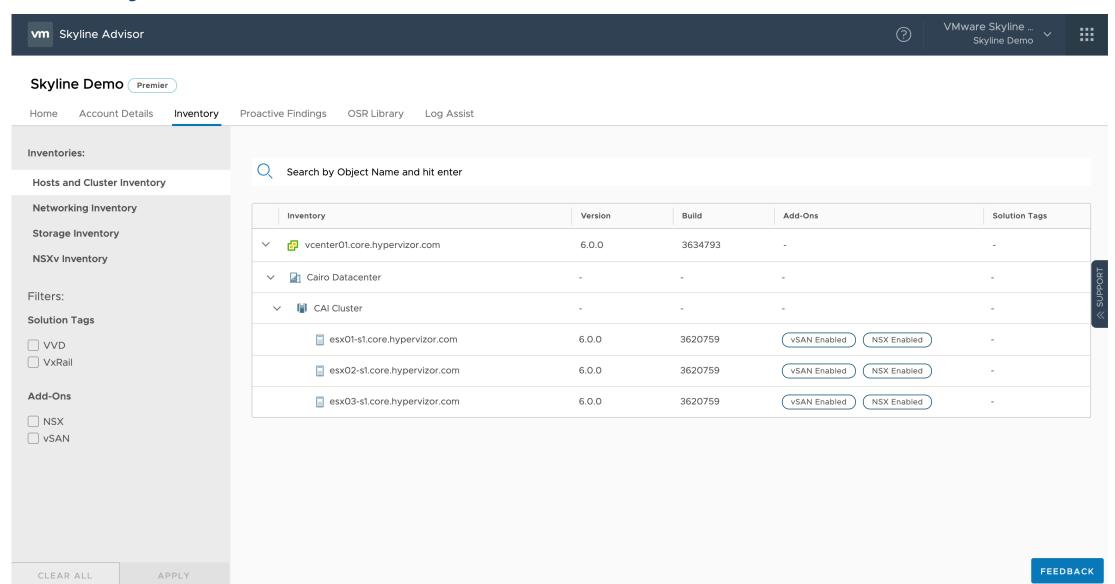


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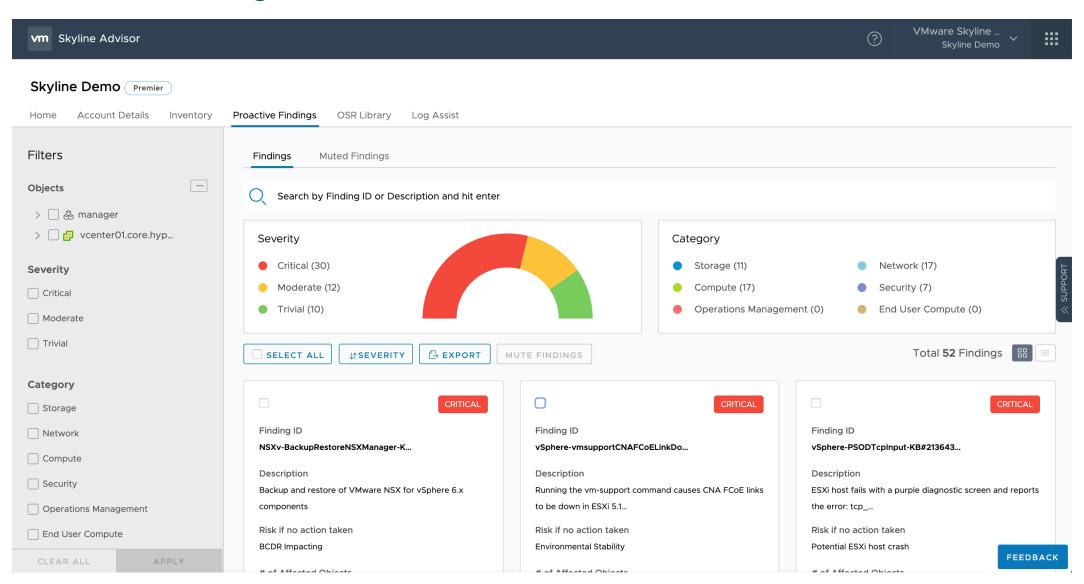


Inventory View



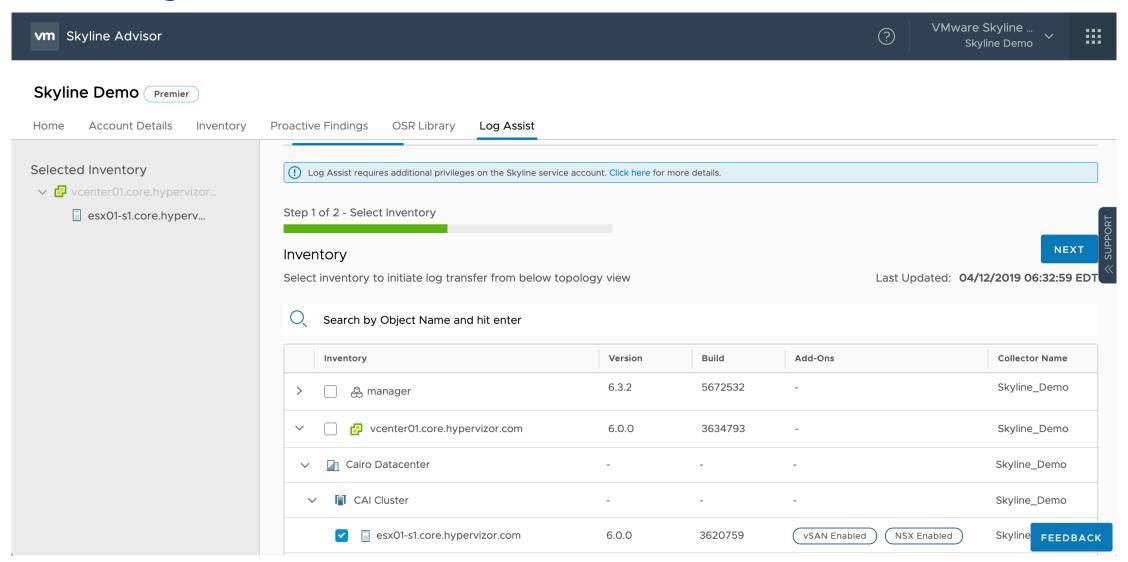


Proactive Findings



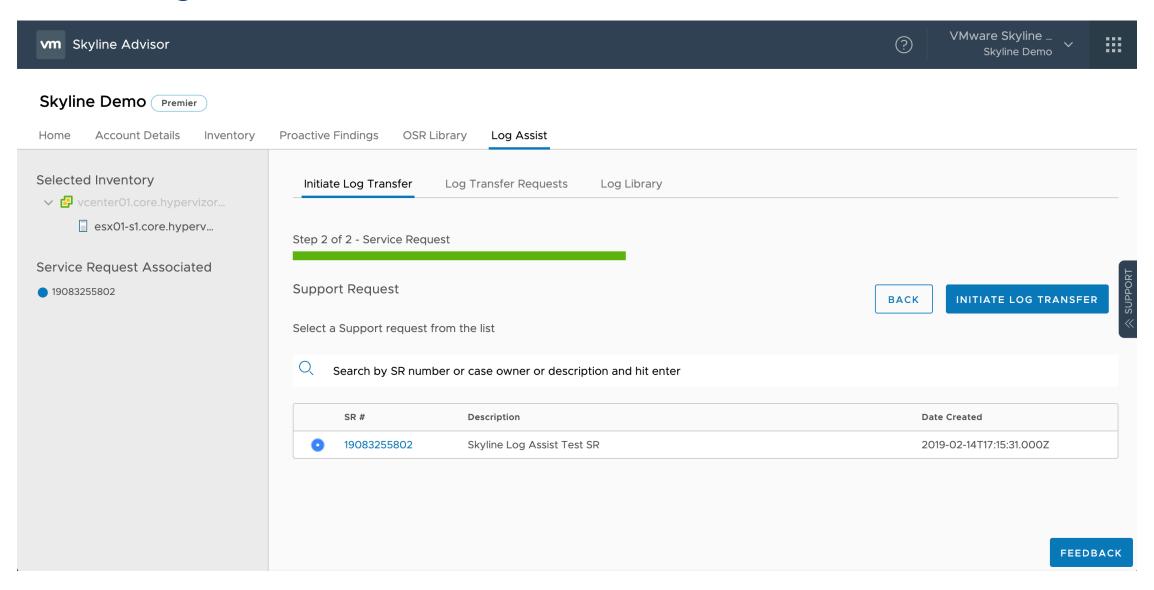


Initiate Log Transfer



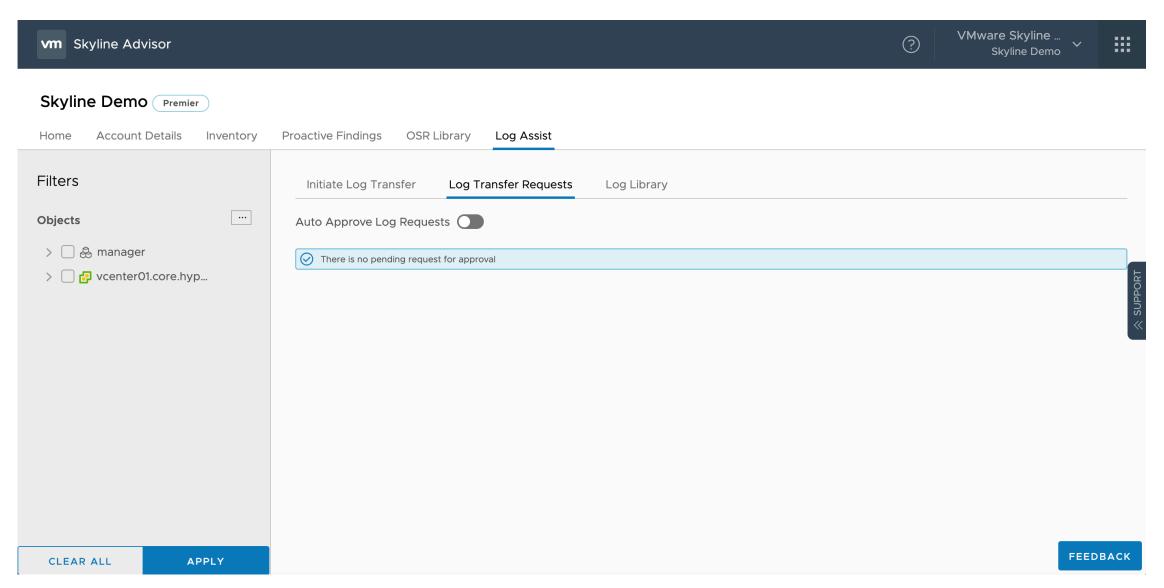


Initiate Log Transfer





Log Transfer Requests





Skyline Log Assist

Enhanced Customer Support Experience

Auto Approve Log Requests (



VMware TSE can initiate log transfer

Customer receives log transfer request

Customer approves/denies log transfer request

Skyline Collector generates, and exports log bundle to VMware GSS

Enhanced Support Experience delivered by VMware GSS

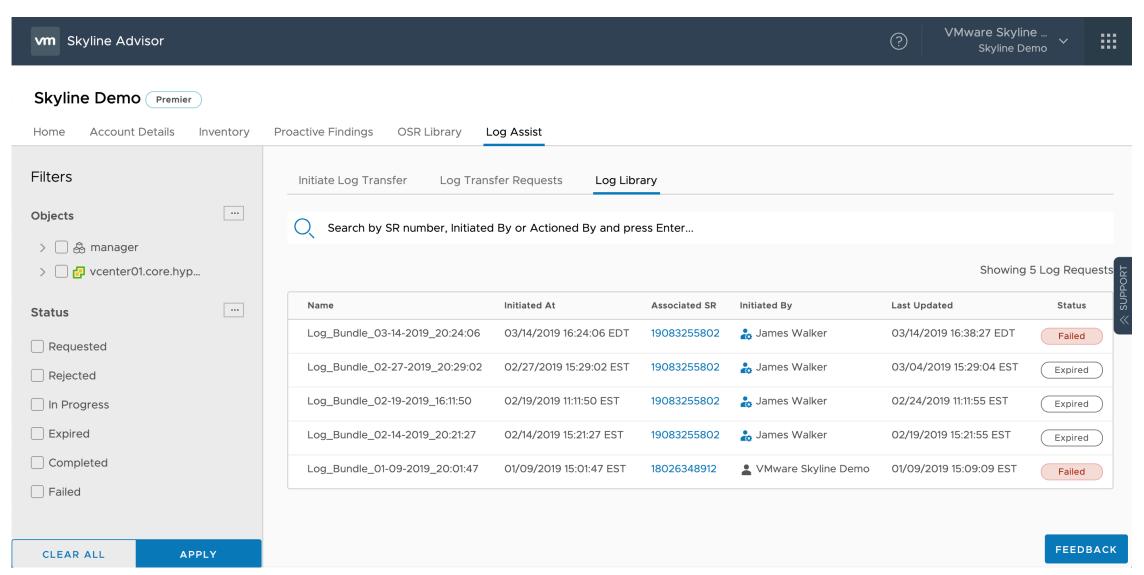
VMware TSEs now have more information available to them about the customer

Better enables the VMware TSE to assist customers with troubleshooting an open Support Request

Less back & forth, reduced time-totroubleshooting, and a enhanced customer support experience

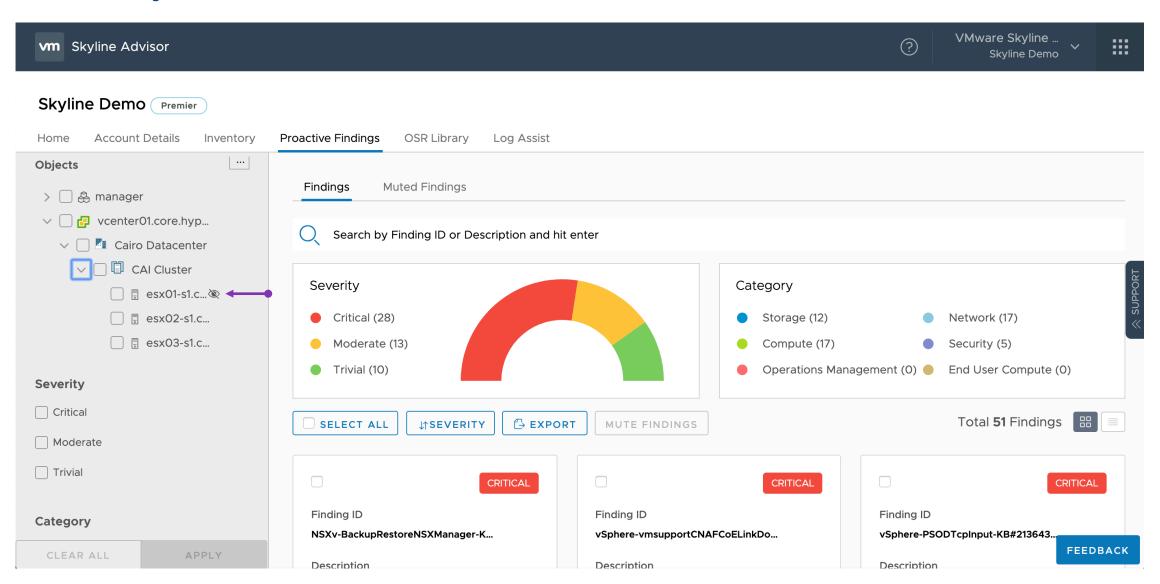


Log Library



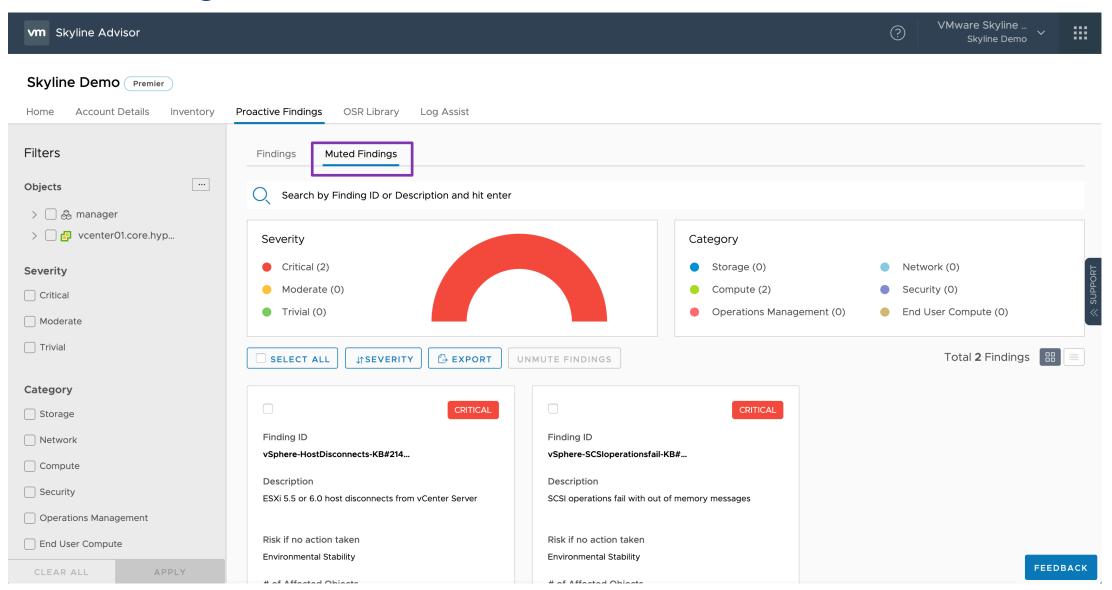


Mute Object





Muted Findings



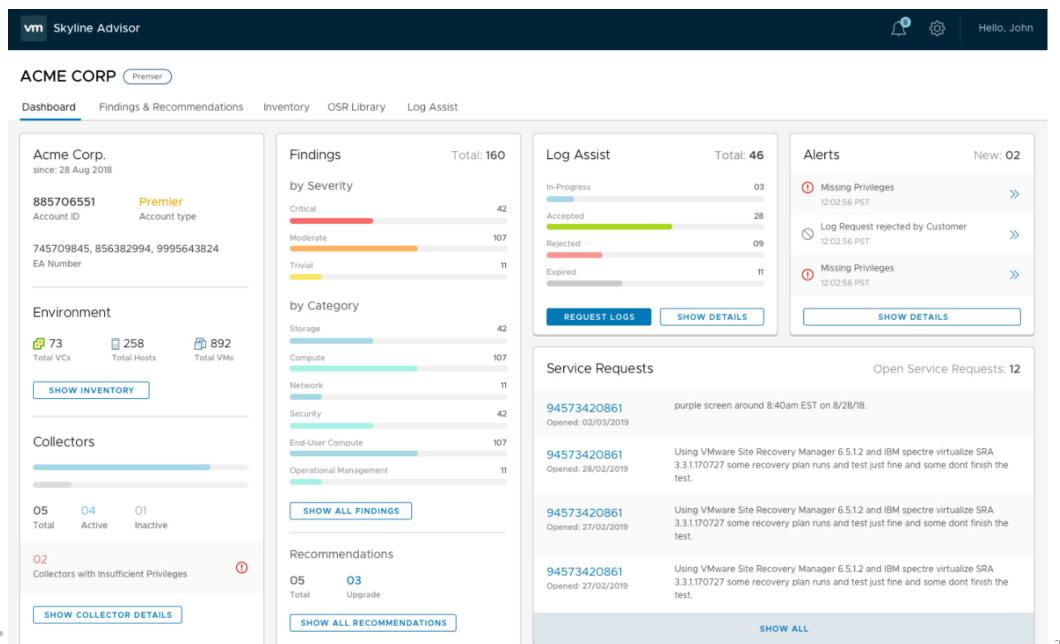


New Features

Announced at VMworld



New Dashboard View



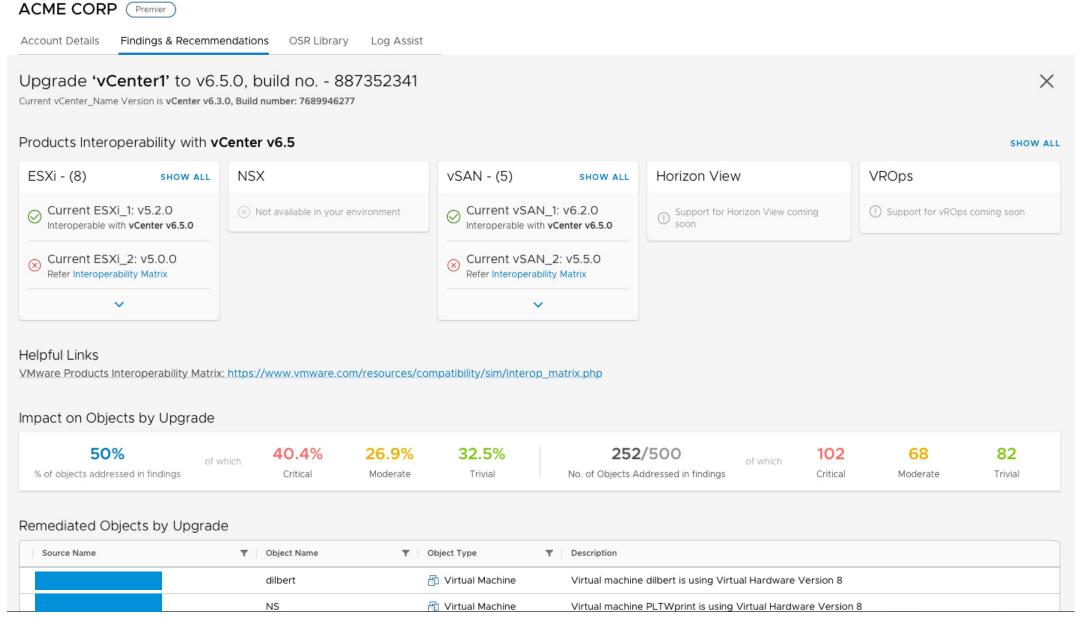
Upgrade Recommendations

vCenter vcenter01.company.com (7) Below shown Recommendations are arranged as per Product Upgrade Order						
Recommendations for Product	Upgrade version to	New Build	Current Version	Current Build	Findings Addressed	
✓ Upgrade Horizon	7.5	4192238	7.0	2494585	60/130	
Upgrade Horizon	7.4.1	10764712	7.0	10302608	28/130	
> Upgrade vROps	7.5	5050593	6.5	3620759	46/130	
> Upgrade NSX-V	6.4	3380124	6.3	2494585	75/130	
> Upgrade vCenter	6.6.0	9313334	6.0	6921384	46/130	
> Upgrade ESXi	6.5	9298722	6.0	7967591	46/130	
> Upgrade vSAN	6.7	11726888	6.0	8024368	46/130	

Consolidation of multiple Findings, into one recommendation. Perform one recommendation to remediate multiple potential issues within your environment.



Upgrade Recommendations and Product Interoperability





Thank You

