

# Create OVA using vmware ovftool on ESXi or Vcenter

- Download ovftool for Windows 64 from [vmware.com](https://www.vmware.com/resources/older-releases/ovftool) and install.
- From an elevated command prompt, navigate to **c:\Program Files\VMware\VMware OVF Tool**
- Run any of the following commands depending on your environment:

## Vcenter Example (local)

```
ovftool --noSSLVerify vi://[USERNAME]@[VHOST]/[DATACENTER]/vm/[MACHINE_NAME]  
C:\ova\[OVA_MACHINE_NAME].ova
```

## ESXi Example (Share):

```
ovftool --noSSLVerify vi://[USERNAME]@[ESXI_HOST]/[MACHINE_NAME]  
\\[FILE_SERVER]\[SHARE]\[MACHINE_NAME].ova
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