

HPE Virtual Connect

Learn via: **Classroom**

Duration: **3 Day**

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Overview

This three day course helps students identify, manage, and configure HP Virtual Connect components. An architecture overview ensures understanding of the Virtual Connect Ethernet, FlexFabric, and Fibre Channel components and their function. Hands-on labs provide configuration setup and a variety of network scenarios.

Prerequisites

- Completion of HP BladeSystem Administration (HE646S)

Audience

System Administrators, engineers and consultants who will plan and manage the HP Virtual Connect environment.

What You Will Learn

- At the conclusion of this course, you should be able to:
- Identify the HP BladeSystem Virtual Connect Ethernet, Fibre Channel, and Flex-Fabric modules.
- Access and manage the VC Manager through the CLI and GUI interfaces.
- Configure a VC Domain (including profiles, networks, and storage connectivity).
- Plan and complete firmware updates.

Outline

Module 1: Virtual Connect overview

- Review recent Firmware releases.
- Access Virtual Connect documents and support.
- Introduce the current Virtual Connect modules.
- Outline Virtual Connect default behaviors.
- Review the c-Class management signal paths and stacking link requirements.
- Explain fundamental Virtual Connect technologies.
- Introduce Virtual Connect as a Layer2 bridge.
- Introduce common Virtual Connect terms.

Module 2: The Virtual Connect Manager

- List basic requirements for accessing and managing Virtual Connect functionality.
- Configure Virtual Connect Manager Local User accounts.
- Explain Virtual Connect Logical Flow for an Initial Setup.
- Investigate Virtual Connect Failover and Configuration Backup.
- Review Administrator Password Recovery.

Module 3: HP Virtual Connect Ethernet

- Investigate the current Virtual Connect Ethernet modules.
- Understand and identify primary/secondary module placement.
- Recognize uplink port status error conditions.
- Introduce the Ethernet concepts and protocols used with Virtual connect.
- Introduce the concept of Physical Functions (FlexNICs).
- Introduce VLAN tagging and addressing.
- Discuss Teaming and Bonding modes with Virtual Connect.
- An appendix addresses FlexFabric-20/40 F8 cabling and older hardware.

Module 4: HP Virtual Connect Fibre Channel

- Identify Virtual Connect Fibre Channel modules and function.
- Understand NPIV and why HP uses this technology.
- Review the Fibre Channel Logon sequence (FLOGI).
- Investigate Virtual Connect Fibre Channel login distribution and re-distribution.

Module 5: The Virtual Connect FlexFabric Technology

- Detail the FlexFabric modules, adapters, and FCoE capabilities.
- Describe VSAN support and configuration.
- Introduce 3PAR flat-SAN connectivity.

Module 6: HP Virtual Connect vNets

- Outline the Virtual Connect ports.
- Investigate Virtual Connect Networking definitions and terminology.
- Configure vNets and VLANs.
- Investigate Advanced Virtual Connect VLAN tagging.
- Describe the Tunneling and Mapping Modes.
- Outline the Link Layer Discovery role in Virtual Connect.
- Introduce Link Aggregation Control Protocol
- Demonstrate basic Virtual Connect Ethernet networks.
- Compare Active/Standby and Active/Active network designs.

Module 7: The Virtual Connect Profile

- Outline Virtual Connect Flex-Port Assignments.
- Explore Virtual Connect Bandwidth Allocation.
- Investigate profile inheritance, and migration.
- Manage and configure profiles.
- Use the CLI Pool-Specified function to capture MAC and WWN addresses.
- Implement the ProLiant Gen9 UEFI Boot Options.

Module 8: Virtual Connect Manager Advanced Features

- Build Multi-Enclosure Domains.
- Investigate partially stacked Domains
- Configure Native VLANs.
- Explain the role of SmartLink.
- Monitor Virtual Connect from an external utility.
- Introduce and configure the Federal Information Processing Standard 140-2
- Understand Network Loop Detection technologies embedded in Virtual Connect.

Module 9: Advanced Virtual Connect Networking for the System

Administrator

- Review LACP.
- Implement Load Balancing.
- Introduce Pause / Flood Protection
- Configure Flow Control.
- Understand sFlow.
- Deploy IPv6 Management Support.
- Advanced Bandwidth Optimization.
- Setup Priority Queue (QoS).
- Review TACACS / RADIUS configuration.
- Implement Multicast Filtering.
- Review SNMPv3 enhancements and MIB support.

Module 10: Firmware Best Practices

- Describe the recent Virtual Connect Firmware enhancements and dependencies.
- Review the HP Service Pack for ProLiant and Smart Update Manager.
- Deploy Virtual Connect Firmware with Smart Update Manager.
- Use the Virtual Connect Support Utility.
- Update Virtual Connect Firmware with Virtual Connect Enterprise Manager in place.

Lab 1: Access the Virtual Connect Manager and establish the Virtual Connect Domain

Lab 2: Basic Virtual Connect Manager Setup

Lab 3: Advanced VC Setup

Lab 4: Using the Virtual Connect Manager CLI