vCenter require Flash Player for full functionality

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Dear reader,

There's an old saying, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Up until now, that's applied to anyone running VMware vCenter using Flash Player. Older versions of vCenter require Flash Player for full functionality, with a limited-functionality HTML5 client.

And that was fine, until this year, because Adobe has announced that they really, really mean it this time: December 31, 2020, marks Adobe's end of support for Flash player. More details can be found here:

https://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/end-of-life.html

This news doesn't seem like a big deal…unless you're running a version of VMware vCenter that requires Flash. Some browsers may stop working with Flash-based vCenter shortly thereafter.

What to do? If you're running a version of vCenter older than 6.7, we suggest you upgrade your vCenter.

VMware's announcement with specifics can be found here:

https://blogs.vmware.com/vsphere/2020/04/vsphere-web-client-support-beyond-adobe-flash-eol.html

Short version: Upgrade your vCenter to 6.7 Update 3, and you'll have full vSphere Client functionality using HTML5. vCenter 6.7 requires ESXi 6.5 or later hosts.

If your hosts aren't on ESXi 6.5 or higher, please contact your KIS account rep or partner, and we'll be happy to help you plan out both ESXi and vCenter upgrades to remove any Flash player dependencies.

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