Integrate third-party virtualization platforms

You can use System Center 2012 R2 VMM to manage VMware ESX, VMware ESXi and Citrix XenServer virtualization hosts.To manage VMware virtualization hosts, you must first have deployed a VMware vCenter server.You can then configure VMM to connect to the vCenter server and, through that server, to perform management tasks on VMware ESX and VMware ESXi virtualization hosts.

System Center 2012 R2 VMM supports the following versions of VMware vCenter:

> VMware vCenter Server 4.1

> VMware vCenter Server 5.0

> VMware vCenter Server 5.1

When connected through a supported version of VMware vCenter, System Center 2012 R2 VMM can manage VM hosts and host clusters running the following versions of VMware ESX and ESXi

> VMware ESXi 5.0

> VMware ESXi 5.1

> VMware ESXi 4.1

> VMware ESX 4.1

To manage Citrix XenServer hosts, you need to add the Citrix XenServer – Microsoft System Center Integration Pack.When you do this, you can use System Center 2012 R2 VMM to manage versions 6.0 and 6.1 of Citrix XenServer.