

Catalogs

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Catalogs

You can provision infrastructure using predefined catalog items. A catalog defines parameters, such as the cloud name and the group name to which the infrastructure is bound. Your administrator can create custom folders and catalog items, and can specify a user group or specific users who can view the folders or catalogs. Your administrator can also give you permissions to create catalog items.

The following folders are available by default. You cannot edit or delete them.

- Standard
- Advanced
- Service Container
- Bare Metal

By default, the catalogs display in a tile view format. You can toggle in the upper right corner to display the catalogs in a list view format.

You can view additional details about a catalog item by clicking the row with the catalog item and clicking **View Details**.

Creating a Service Request for a Standard Catalog

Standard catalog items are used for generic service requests, such as creating service requests for VM provisioning using images from a list of clouds.

- Step 1 Choose Catalogs.
- **Step 2** From the navigation pane, choose **Standard**.
- **Step 3** Choose the catalog item for which you want to create a service request and click **Create Request**.
- **Step 4** On the Catalog Selection screen, complete the required fields, including the following:
 - a) Select the Group or User radio button to specify if you want to provision the VM for a group or set of users. If you select the User radio button, you can choose the users who will have VM ownership, VM access privilege, and VM management privilege.
 - b) Check **Perform deployment assessment** to perform a VM deployment assessment before creating the service request.
- Step 5 Click Next.
- **Step 6** On the **Deployment Configuration** screen, complete the required fields, including the following:
 - a) From the **Provision** drop-down list, choose when to provision the VM. If you choose **Now**, the VM is provisioned immediately. If you choose **Later**, a calendar and a time drop-down list appear.
 - b) Check **Lease Time** to configure a lease time for the VM specified in days and hours.
 - c) From the Charge Duration drop-down list, choose a duration for which the default cost is calculated. By default, this duration is set to Monthly. You can specify the duration in days, months, or hours depending on the duration you choose.
- Step 7 Click Next.
- **Step 8** On the Custom Specification screen, specify the CPU cores and memory and click Next.
- Step 9 On the Custom Workflow screen, if applicable, complete the required fields and click Next.

 Custom workflow inputs are applicable if your administrator enabled post-provisioning custom actions for the catalog selected for VM provisioning. The post-provisioning workflow includes custom inputs, which depend on the workflow attached to a catalog.
- **Step 10** On the **Summary** screen, review the information for the service request.
- Step 11 Click Submit.

Creating a Service Request for an Advanced Catalog

Advanced catalog items are used for orchestration workflow execution. You can execute workflow catalog items that have been provisioned by your administrator.

- Step 1 Choose Catalogs.
- **Step 2** From the navigation pane, choose **Advanced**.
- **Step 3** Choose the catalog item for which you want to create a service request and click **Create Request**.
- Step 4 On the Catalog Selection screen, enter an optional email address in the Service Request Support Email Field and then click Next.
- On the **Custom Workflow** screen, if applicable, completed the required fields and then click **Next**.

 Custom workflow inputs are applicable if your administrator enabled post-provisioning custom actions for the catalog selected for VM provisioning. The post-provisioning workflow lets you specify custom inputs, which are dependent on the workflow attached to a catalog.
- **Step 6** On the **Summary** screen, review the information for the service request.
- Step 7 Click Submit.

Creating a Service Request for a Service Container Catalog

Service container catalog items are used for application container VM provisioning.

- Step 1 Choose Catalogs.
- **Step 2** From the navigation pane, choose **Service Container**.
- **Step 3** Choose the catalog item for which you want to create a service request and click **Create Request**.
- **Step 4** On the Catalog Selection screen, click Next.
- **Step 5** On the **Deployment Configuration** screen, complete the required fields, including the following:
 - a) From the **Provision** drop-down list, choose when to provision the VM. If you choose **Now**, the VM is provisioned immediately. If you choose **Later**, a calendar and a time drop-down list appear.
 - b) In the Service Container Name field, enter a name for the service container.
- Step 6 Click Next.
- **Step 7** On the **Summary** screen, review the information for the service request.
- Step 8 Click Submit.

Creating a Service Request for a Bare Metal Catalog

Bare metal catalog items are used for workflow execution of a bare metal server. You can execute a catalog item with a bare metal server provisioning policy that has been defined by your administrator.

- Step 1 Choose Catalogs.
- **Step 2** From the navigation pane, choose **Bare Metal**.
- **Step 3** Choose the catalog item for which you want to create a service request and click **Create Request**.
- **Step 4** On the Catalog Selection screen, click Next.
- Step 5 On the Custom Workflow screen, if applicable, complete the required fields and then click Next.

Custom workflow inputs are applicable if your administrator enabled post-provisioning custom actions for the catalog selected for bare metal server provisioning. The post-provisioning workflow lets you specify custom inputs, which are dependent on the workflow attached to a catalog.

- **Step 6** On the **Summary** screen, review the information for the service request.
- Step 7 Click Submit.

Running a Deployability Assessment

You can run a deployability assessment on a standard catalog item to assess the deployable hosts. The report displays if a host is deployable or not and lists any reasons for exclusion. You can create a deployability assessment report on all configured VDCs or on selected VDCs.

Before You Begin

The administrator should have enabled the **Allow Deployability Assessment** permission for your role for you to perform this action.

- Step 1 Choose Catalogs.
- Step 2 Choose the standard catalog item on which you want to run a deployability assessment and click **Deployability Assessment**.
- **Step 3** On the **Select vDC** screen, do one of the following:
 - Check Run Assessment Across all VDCs.
 - Uncheck Run Assessment Across all VDCs and check the VDCS that you want to include in the deployability
 assessment report.
- Step 4 Click Submit.