

MOVING & COPYING VIRTUAL MACHINES IN DESKTOP HYPER-V

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SUMMARY

Moving and copying virtual machines in Desktop Hyper-V is an export and import process

TOPICS

- Default Location for Virtual Machines in Desktop Hyper-V
- Exporting a Virtual Machine in Desktop Hyper-V
- Importing a Virtual Machine in Desktop Hyper-V

DEFAULT LOCATION FOR VIRTUAL MACHINES IN "HYPER-V"

- C:\Users\Public\Public Documents\Virtual hard disks has the .vhdx files: a .vhdx file is a Virtual Hard Disk v2 file used by Microsoft Hyper-V to represent a virtual hard drive
- C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Hyper-V\Virtual Machines\ has the rest of the actual virtual machines

EXPORTING VIRTUAL MACHINES IN DESKTOP HYPER-V

- On the source Windows 11 Pro or Windows 10 Pro computer, start "Hyper-V"
- Right-click on the virtual machine
- Click on "Export..."

IMPORTING VIRTUAL MACHINES IN DESKTOP HYPER-V

- On the target Windows 10 Pro or Windows 11 Pro computer, start "Hyper-V"
- Right-click on the virtual machine
- Click on "Action"
- Click on "Import Virtual Machine..."