



Linked Mode Prerequisites

Prepare the system for joining a Linked Mode group.

All the requirements for standalone vCenter Server systems apply to Linked Mode systems. See [vCenter Server Prerequisites](#).

The following requirements apply to each vCenter Server system that is a member of a Linked Mode group:

- DNS must be operational for Linked Mode replication to work.
- The vCenter Server instances in a Linked Mode group can be in different domains if the domains have a two-way trust relationship. Each domain must trust the other domains on which vCenter Server instances are installed.
- When adding a vCenter Server instance to a Linked Mode group, the installer must be run by a domain user who is an administrator on both the machine where vCenter Server is installed and the target machine of the Linked Mode group.
- All vCenter Server instances must have network time synchronization. The vCenter Server installer validates that the machine clocks are not more than 5 minutes apart.