



Customer Installation Instructions

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Before Installation (Section 1 through 5)

1.0 Machines Affected

This is a field patch installation instruction for the TS7520 3954-CV6 Virtualization Engine

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You can check the version of TS7520 software and determine whether or not the patch is already installed, using the VE Console *Version Info* tab (refer to Figure-1).

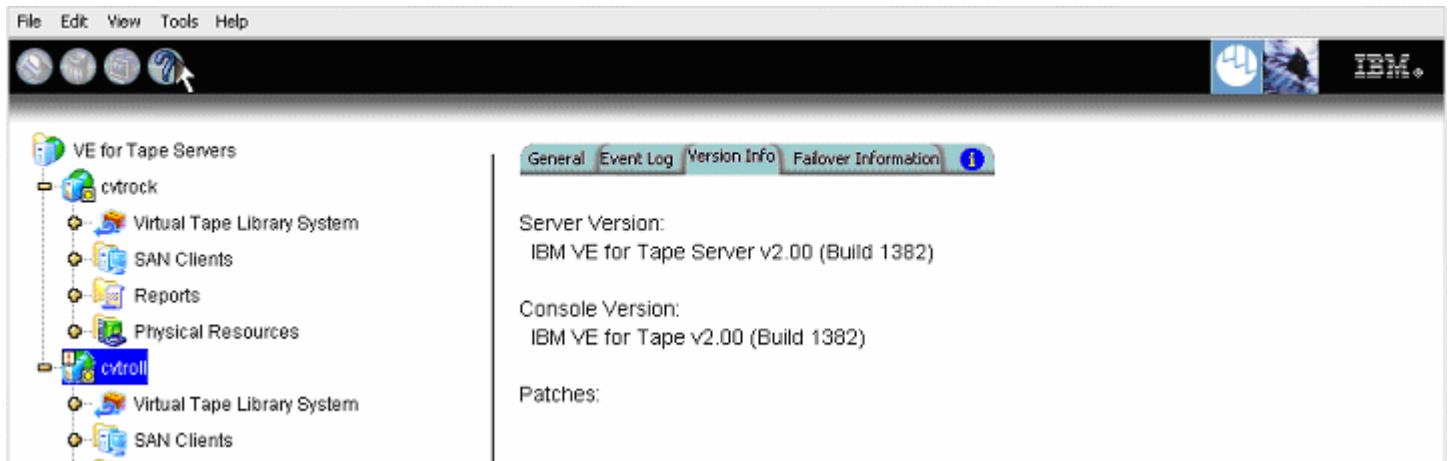


Figure-1

2.0 Prerequisites

Obtain the latest Installation Instruction and the patch file

Patch filename: update-ve138201b

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3.0 Preparation

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Ensure that all host jobs to the TS7520 are quiesced, and complete all pending TS7520 operations.

Transfer the patch file (update-ve138201b) into a directory on the VE Console.

For HA configurations (FC-7420 Failover/Failback Enable), use the VE Console to Suspend Failover on both 3954-CV6 servers. Refer to Figure-2 and Figure-3, and use the following procedure to Suspend Failover **on each server (both the upper and lower server if in an HA environment)**.

1. Login to the VE for Tape server, or highlight the VE for Tape server if already connected.
The login userid is “vetapeuser” and the password is “veuserpassword”
2. With your mouse Right-click on the VE Console, a context menu will appear, select *Failover*, then select *Suspend Failover*.

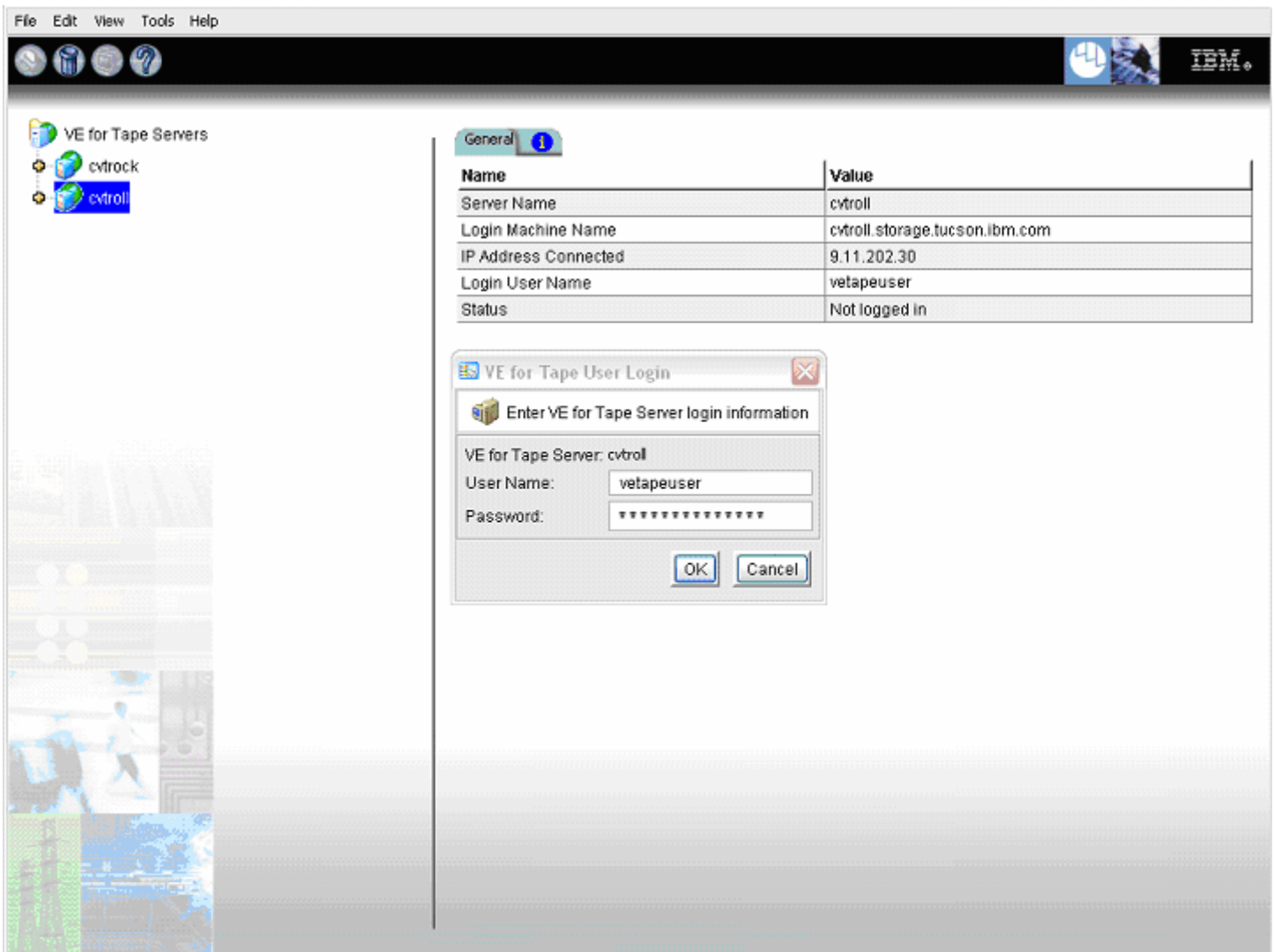


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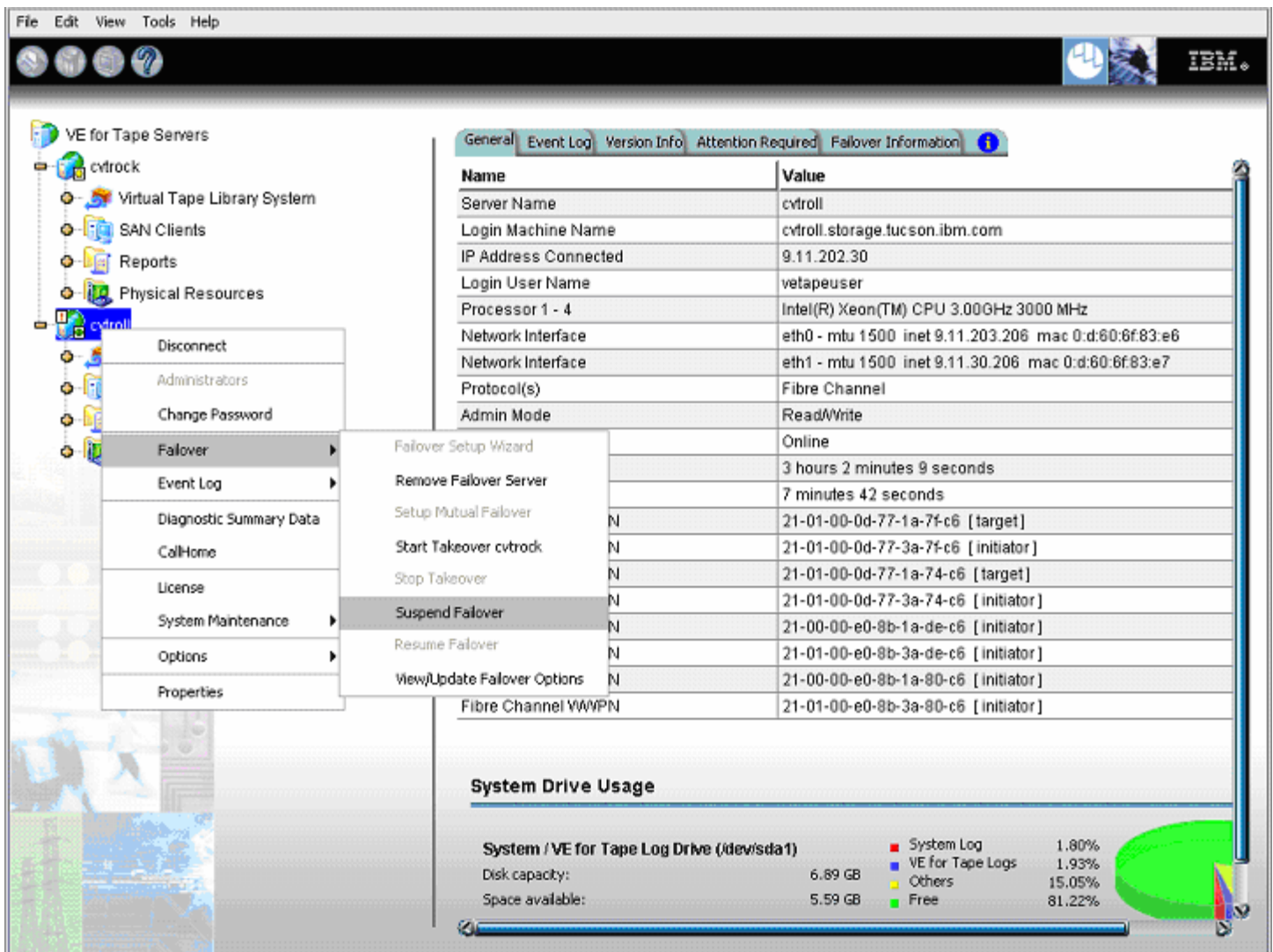


Figure-3

Note: After suspending failover, the CVT server's IP address assigned to eth0 will now be the secondary IP address. Therefore, it is recommended that when you connect via the console to the server you use the hostname (for example Fred.IBM.com) versus the IP address (for example 9.xxx.xxx.xxx), or you may have to re-execute the setipandhostname.pl script.

4.0 Purpose and Description

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5.0 Installation Time

The average time to install this patch on a HA configuration is 1.0 hour. The number of persons required to install the patch is 1.

Installation (Section 6 through 7)

6.0 Details of Installation

6.1 Patch Installation

Use the VE Console *Add Patch* option to install the patch. Refer to Figure-4 through Figure-7 and **use the following procedure to install the patch on each 3954-CV6 VE for Tape server (both the upper and lower server if in an HA environment).**

1. Highlight the VE for Tape server, select the *Tools* button on the Menu bar, and select *Add Patch* (Figure-4)

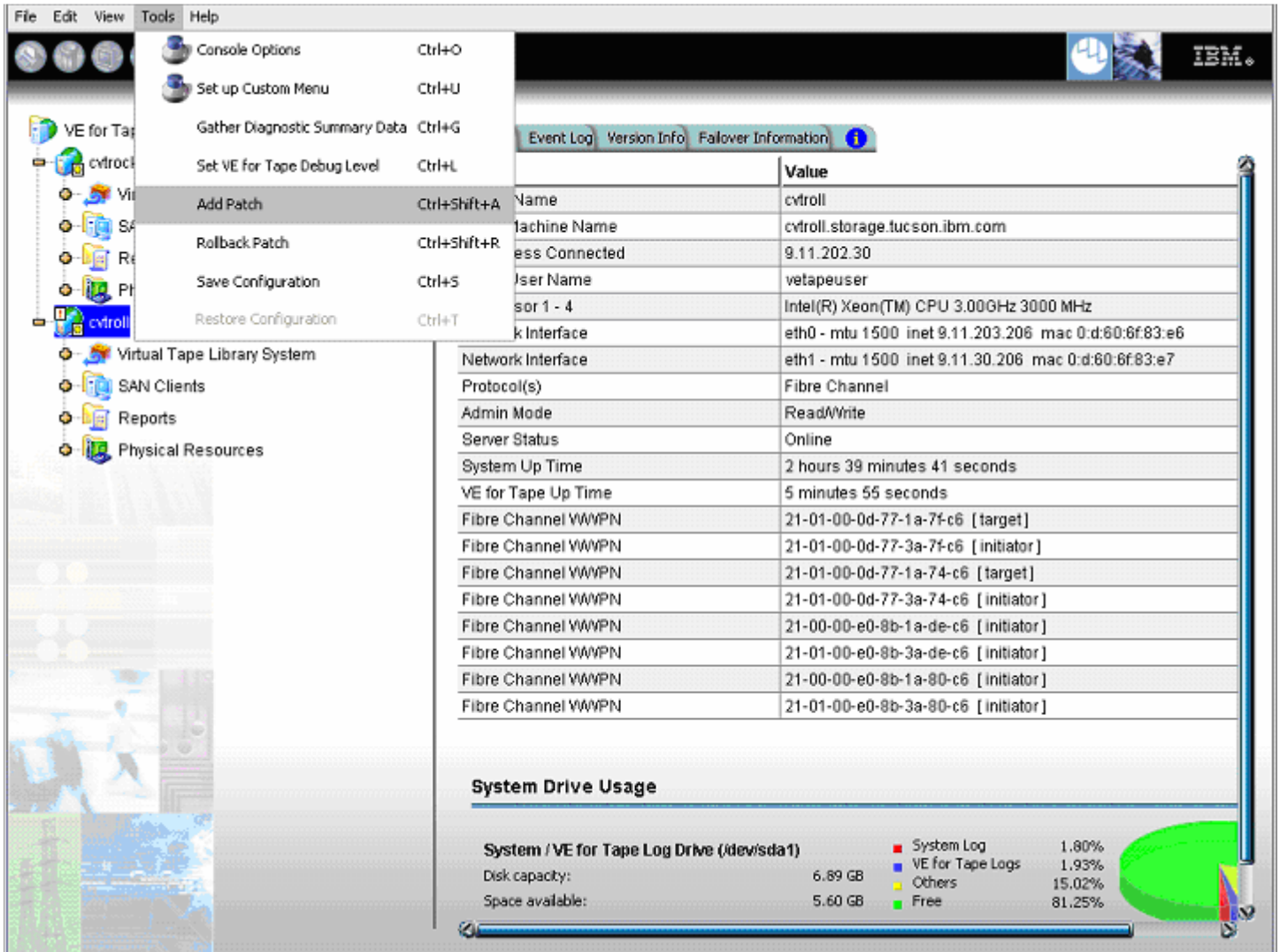


Figure-4

2. Select “OK” when presented with the following Warning Message (Figure-5)

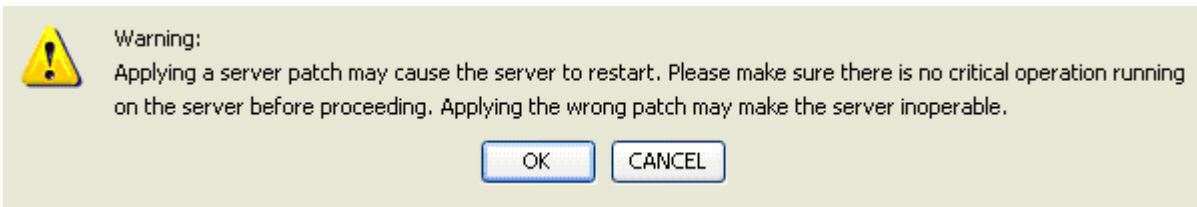


Figure-5

3. When presented with the Select Patch File window (Figure-6), index to the VE Console directory where the *update-ve138201b* patch file resides and select the file.

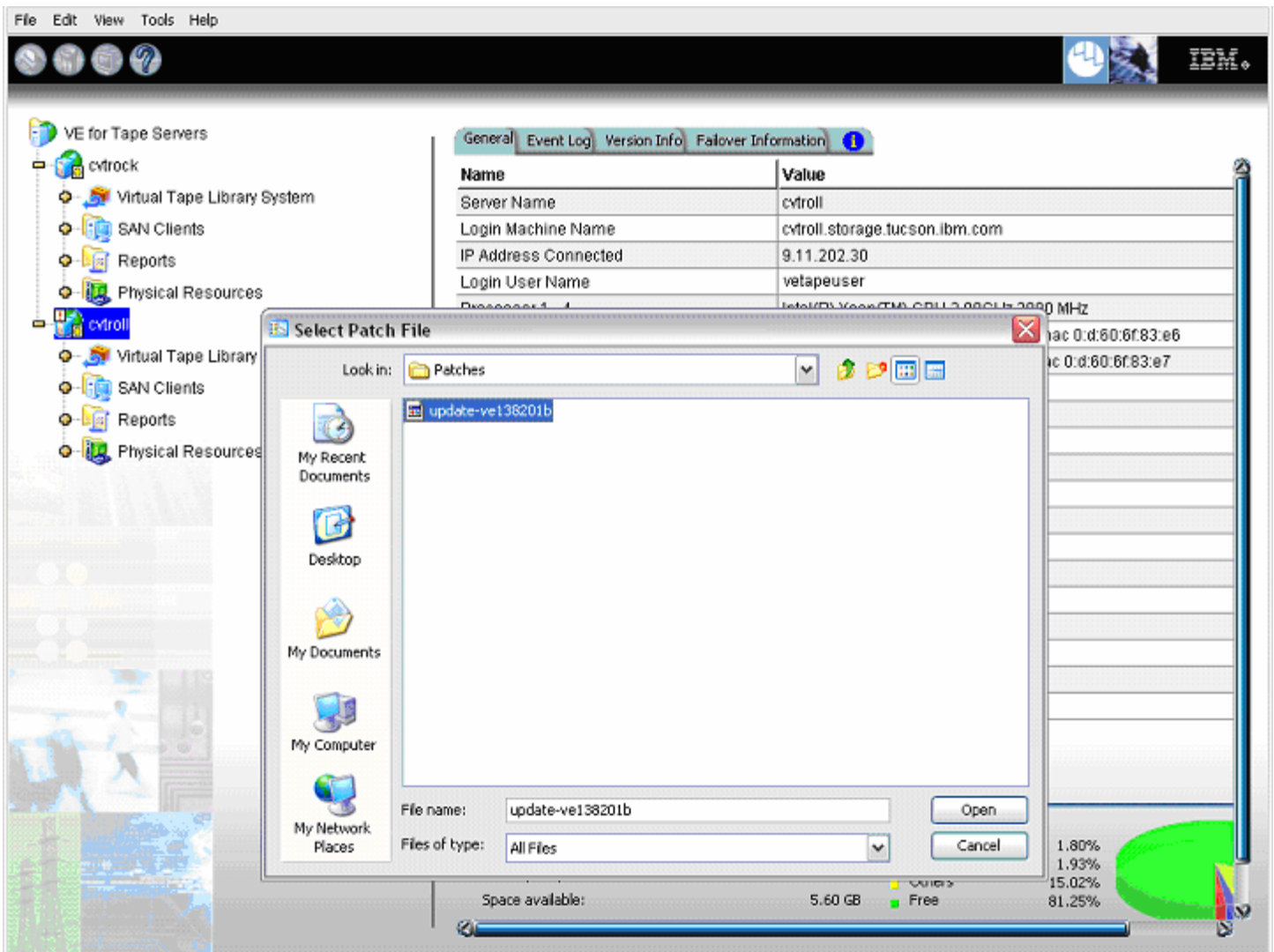


Figure-6

4. When presented with the confirmation window, type “YES” to confirm (Figure-7)

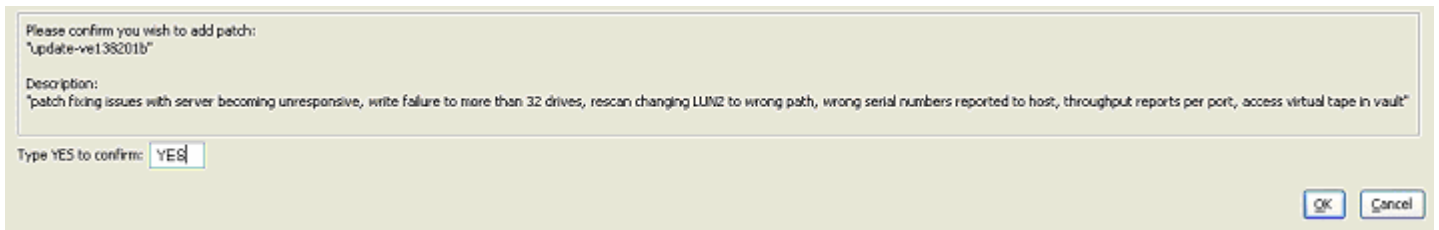


Figure-7

5. The server software will shutdown and restart (Figure-8). The VE Console will be disconnected from the VE for Tape server (Figure-9). Once the server software has completed the restart (approximately 30 seconds) you will be able connect to the VE for Tape server from the VE Console (Figure-10).

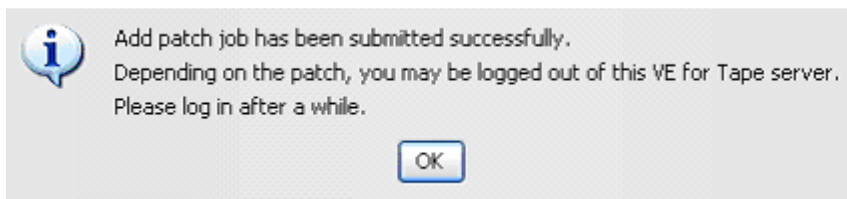


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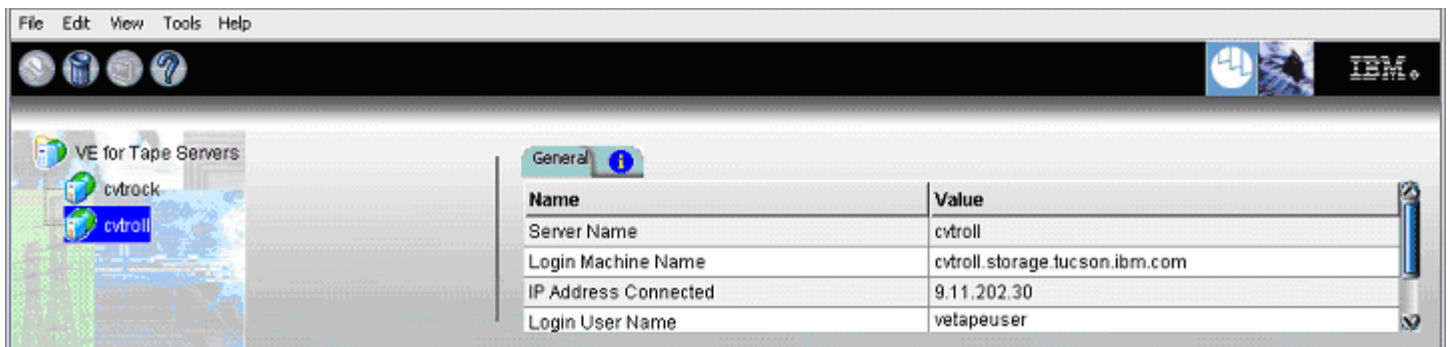


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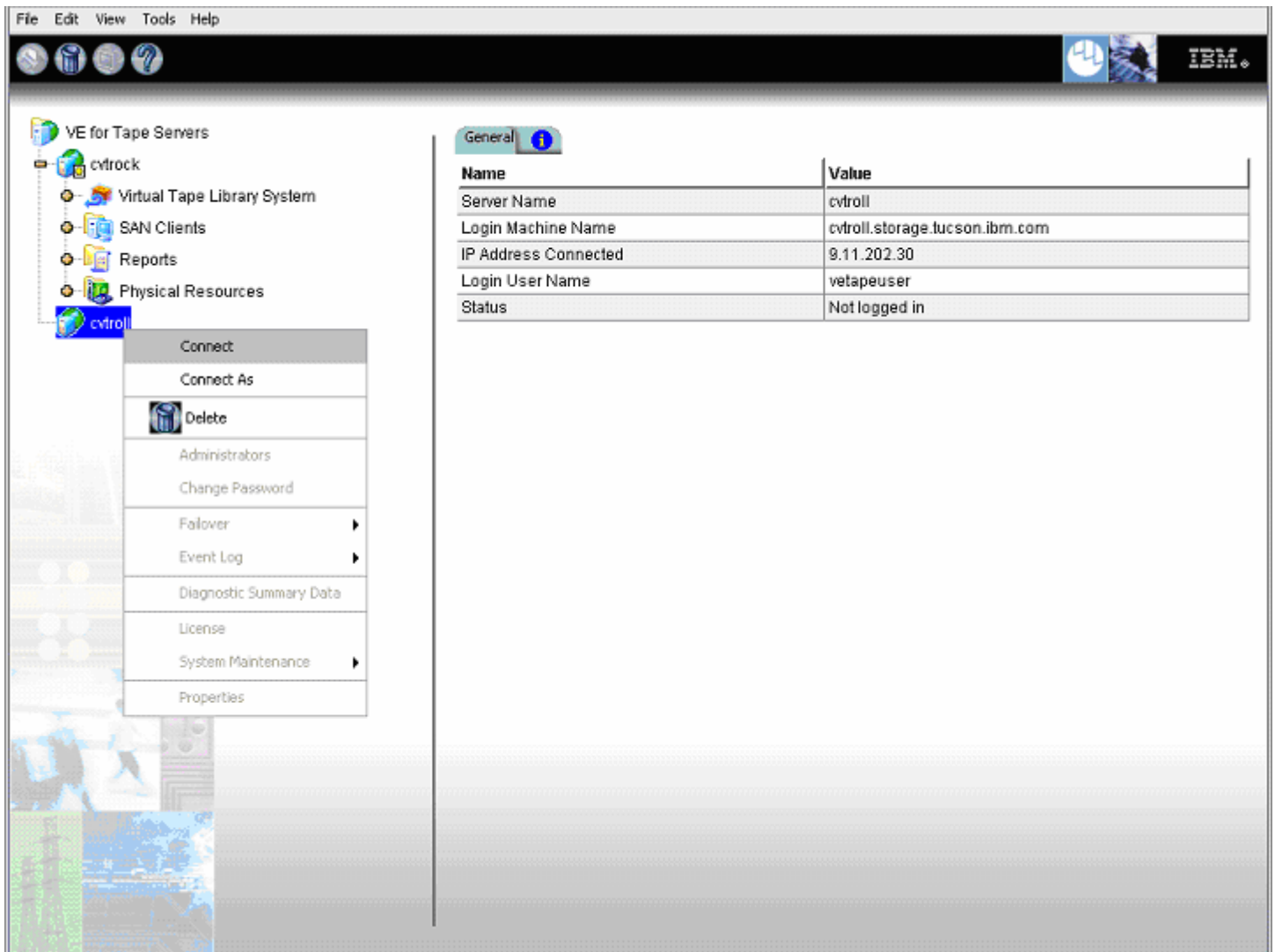


Figure-10

Check the TS7520 Event Log of each server, using the VE Console *Event Log* tab, to confirm the successful installation of the patch (refer to Figure-11). There should be an Event Log entry stating the “Patch update-ve138201b installation completed successfully”. **Note:** you may have to scroll through the log in order to find this entry depending on the configuration of your CVT.

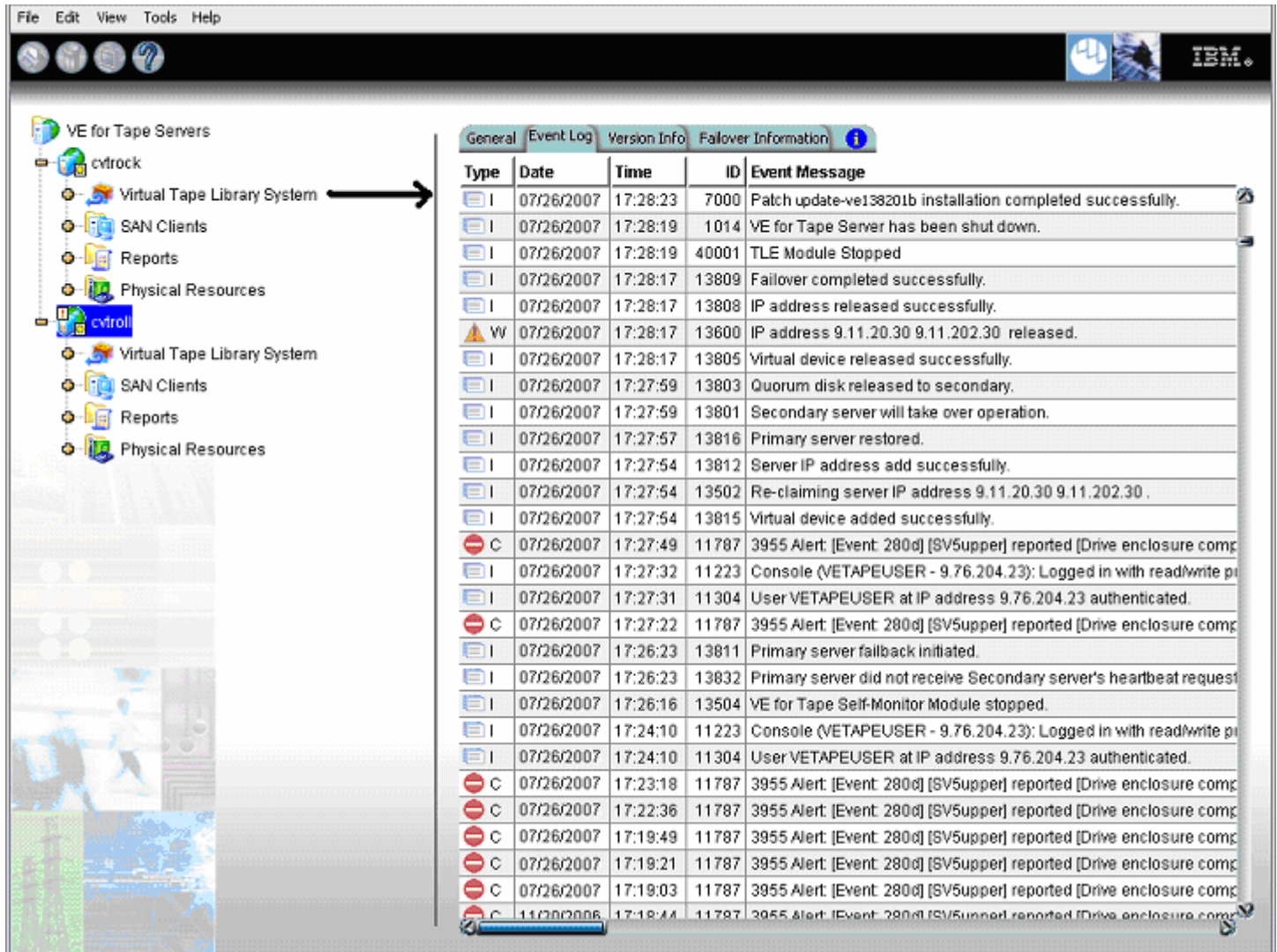


Figure-11

6.2 Resume Failover

For HA configurations (FC-7420 Failover/Failback Enable), use the VE Console to Resume Failover on both 3954-CV6 servers. Refer to Figure-3 and the following procedure to Resume Failover **on each server (both the upper and lower server if in an HA environment)**.

1. Highlight the VE for Tape server
2. With your mouse Right-click on the VE Console, a context menu will appear, select *Failover*, then select *Resume Failover*.

7.0 Test Procedure

7.1 Check Patch Installation

Check the TS7520 Event Log of each server, using the VE Console *Event Log* tab, to confirm the successful installation of the patch (refer to Figure-11, top entry in log). There should be an Event Log entry stating the “Patch update-ve138201b installation completed successfully”. **Note:** you may have to scroll through the log in order to find this entry depending on the configuration of your CVT.

If the patch installed successfully the customer can resume normal operations.
Contact the IBM Support Center if the patch installation did not complete successfully.