Enable FTP Access

1. Upload installation bundle to your host using the vSphere datastore browser
    a. Open and connect the vSphere client to the host
    b. Select the host in the left hand pain, then goto the configuration tab
    c. In under the "Hardware" section, select "Storage"
    d. Right click on the datastore that you want to upload to, and select "Browse Datastore..."
    e. Use the Datastore browser to create an "Apps" directory in the root
    f. Upload X:\Lantech\ServerApplications\VMWare\ESXi 5\ProFTPD-1.3.3-8-offline_bundle.zip to the Apps directory you just created
2. Run the installation command

    esxcli software vib install --no-sig-check -d /vmfs/volumes/datastore1/Apps/ProFTPD-1.3.3-8-offline_bundle.zip

    (replace datastore1 with the name of your datastore)
3. Check to verify that firewall rules were created
    a. While still on the Configuration tab, select “Security Profile” in under the Software section
    b. Look for a service called “proftp”
    c. Look for a Firewall rule called “ProFTPD” with incoming port 21,49152 – 49999 open.
4. Edit the FTP root path
    a. Connect to the host via SSH
    b. Edit the /etc/proftpd.conf find and change the default startup directory from “/” to “/vmfs/volumes/datastore1”
5. Create the FTP user for backups
    a. In vSphere client, switch to the “Local Users & Groups” tab
    b. Click on the “Users” button
    c. Right click in any empty white space of this section, and select “Add”

d. Fill in the Login, and Password fields. (Login = “userftp” Pass = %current UserFTP password%)

e. Click OK to create user

f. In your SSH session, edit the /etc/passwd and change the line for “userftp”, Change the user path and the shell path, it should look something like the following:

userftp:x:1002:1002:ESXi User:/vmfs/volumes/datastore1:/bin/false

g. Reboot, and test FTP logon using “userftp”