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From the vCenter Server HTML5 Web Client

- 1. Power off the VM.
- 2. Enable the Copy & Paste for the Windows/Linux virtual machine:
 - 1. Right-click the virtual machine and click Edit Settings.
 - 2. Click the VM Options tab, expand Advanced, and click Edit Configuration.
 - 3. Click on Add Configuration Params three times to give three rows
 - 4. Fill in the **Name** and **Value** fields as mentioned below:
 - 5. Name: Value: isolation.tools.copy.disable FALSE isolation.tools.paste.disable FALSE isolation.tools.setGUIOptions.enable TRUE
 - 6. Click OK to save and exit out of the Configuration Parameters wizard. Note: These options override any settings made in the guest operating system's VMware Tools control panel.
 - 7. Click OK to save and exit out of the Edit Settings wizard.
 - 8.
 - 9. Power on the VM
 - 10. Then use Copy/Paste directly on Windows/Linux/any other platform.
 - 11. For paste operation's target platform is Linux, Older X applications do not use a clipboard. Instead, they let you paste the currently selected text (called the "primary selection") without copying it to a clipboard. Pressing the middle mouse button is usually the way to paste the primary selection.

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