VMware vSphere with Tanzu for Higher Education

The fastest way to get your institution started with Kubernetes workloads
Innovate at Your Institution’s Pace Using vSphere with Tanzu

For IT leaders in higher education, the pressure is on to modernize operations, anticipate the impact of changing requirements and privacy regulations, and contribute strategically to your institution’s mission. Students, faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders and staff are clamoring for the type of modern applications that deliver information and services more efficiently while providing a user experience comparable to what they’ve become accustomed to in the commercial sector. But these types of modern applications pose their own set of challenges for institutions of higher learning. More complex than traditional applications, they are often made up of multiple VMs, containers, and services, and run across heterogeneous architectures.

Modern apps are like distributed systems

“...shift from ‘What is it?’ to ‘How do we do it?’”

Challenges Introduced by Modern Applications

1. **Unsustainable or hidden costs of standing up new services and platforms** — Schools, colleges, and universities are consuming expensive cloud services or investing in dedicated Kubernetes platforms for building modern applications, so as to take advantage of modern developer tools.

2. **Infrastructure silos and multiple operating models** — IT teams deal with infrastructure silos and struggle to enforce security isolation. IT is unable to deliver infrastructure for modern applications at the desired pace of development teams or institutional stakeholders, due to lack of knowledge or skillsets necessary for a cloud operating model.

3. **Increasing time to delivery for new applications** — Developer teams spend a significant amount of time on infrastructure operations related to networking and storage for Kubernetes deployments, which takes away time from development, slowing down the speed to production.

By 2025, more than 80% of ISVs will offer their application software in container format, up from less than 10% today.²

According to a survey conducted by IDC on container infrastructure software, 97% of respondents are using a Kubernetes-based platform.³

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How vSphere with Tanzu Helps Institutions Succeed

VMware vSphere® with VMware Tanzu™ helps higher education institutions extend the value of their IT investments by modernizing workloads already running on vSphere. VMware now delivers Kubernetes to the fingertips of millions of IT admins across the globe for rapid application development on existing IT infrastructure. This solution is the fastest way to get started with Kubernetes workloads on developer-ready infrastructure. Cloud-based services are an alternative, but they bring their own challenges with cost, compliance, and security.

VMware vSphere with Tanzu opens the floodgates to Kubernetes workloads.
Deliver Developer-Ready Infrastructure

What if your IT operations teams could use their existing vSphere environment to deliver Kubernetes clusters to the developer teams at a rapid pace? And what if they could do this while enabling the mission-critical governance, reliability, and security that modern institutions of higher learning require?

Developers can’t afford infrastructure that slows them down. Educational institutions rely on developers to develop and deploy applications to accelerate digital transformation without sacrificing security or compromising the ability to adhere to government mandates. IT teams are challenged to deliver modern infrastructure that supports modern container-based application development, including the services and tools to build new applications. Kubernetes helps with container orchestration, but as a technology it is still maturing and currently complex. Cloud-based services are an alternative, but they often become unsustainable due to cost or compliance reasons.

Configure a mission-ready Kubernetes infrastructure with existing networking and storage within 1 hour.*

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*T Based on internal VMware testing and expectations for a production environment, where appropriate networking settings are preconfigured for consumption.
Align Development and IT Teams

What if your IT admins could use vSphere tools to deliver modern developer services to developer teams on existing vSphere infrastructure and manage multiple Kubernetes clusters alongside virtual machines through vCenter?

Developers and IT admins are often not on the same page when it comes to priorities, skillsets, key performance indicators, preference for infrastructure platforms, or operating models. Aligning these teams is critical to the success of modern application development — especially to bring efficiency, scale and security to these Kubernetes deployments.

VMware vSphere with Tanzu allows these teams to operate with their existing skillsets and deliver self-service access to infrastructure for the development teams, while also delivering observability and troubleshooting for Kubernetes workloads to IT teams. It’s also the perfect tool for developers leveraging “low code” or “no code” application development strategies. Public repositories such as GitHub can be securely managed by Tanzu, boosting the reach and productivity of your institution’s existing resources.
Simplify Cloud Operations

The role of the IT administrator has been evolving into the role of the Cloud administrator or the site reliability engineer (SRE), as organizations are increasingly building software applications using a cloud operating model. VMware vSphere with Tanzu brings agile cloud operations to the IT admin to enable this transition into the role of Cloud administrator or SRE by delivering agility in day-to-day IT operations related to Kubernetes infrastructure.

“If the key to digital transformation is strategic thinking, we might ask ourselves: ‘What is the best use of our human capital?’ What if we allow machines to use their intelligence so that we can focus on the unique ways humans use their intelligence?”

Learn More about VMware vSphere with Tanzu

Modern applications are often complex combinations of many different technologies — traditional in-house applications, databases, modern applications in containers, and potentially even modern applications in functions. Managing these applications across that heterogeneity is a complex task for both developers and operators.

VMware brings the simplest implementation of Kubernetes to the fingertips of millions of IT admins.

vSphere with Tanzu
The fastest way to get started with Kubernetes workloads

VMware Cloud Foundation with Tanzu
The best way to run Kubernetes workloads at scale

For more information, check out VMware vSphere with Tanzu online.

Read the comparison infographic to learn more about vSphere with Tanzu and VMware Cloud Foundation™ with Tanzu.