VMware vRealize Cloud Universal and vCloud Suite Subscription

Licensing, pricing and packaging
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Executive summary

VMware vRealize® Cloud Universal is a SaaS management suite, designed to accelerate cloud evolution by combining on-premises and SaaS capabilities for automation, operations and log analytics into one license.

It gives the flexibility to deploy on-premises or SaaS, interchangeably, without the need to repurchase, for a consistent hybrid and multi-cloud management experience. The flexible licensing and delivery models enable organizations to move at their own pace, helping them to become more agile, scalable and efficient.

vRealize Cloud Universal includes capabilities and enhancements spanning the following products:

- **vRealize Operations and vRealize Operations Cloud** - Self-driving IT operations management across private, hybrid, and multi-cloud environments in a unified, AI-powered platform. Offering full-stack visibility from physical, virtual and cloud infrastructure – including VMs and containers – to the applications they support, vRealize Operations provides continuous performance optimization, efficient capacity and cost planning and management, app-aware intelligent remediation, and integrated compliance.

- **vRealize Automation and vRealize Automation Cloud** - A modern infrastructure automation platform that enables private and multi-cloud environments on VMware Cloud infrastructure. It delivers self-service automation, DevOps for infrastructure, and network automation capabilities that help you increase business and IT agility, productivity, and efficiency. Integrate, streamline, and modernize traditional, cloud-native, and multi-cloud infrastructures with vRealize Automation and simplify IT while preparing for the future of your business.

- **vRealize Log Insight and vRealize Log Insight Cloud** - Highly scalable log management solution with intuitive, actionable dashboards, sophisticated analytics and broad third-party extensibility. It provides deep operational visibility and faster troubleshooting across physical, private, hybrid and multi-cloud environments.

- **VMware Skyline** – Proactive intelligence that helps organizations avoid problems before they occur and reduces the time spent on resolving active support requests.

In addition, vRealize Cloud Universal includes new SaaS-exclusive features:

- **vRealize AI Cloud** – Reinforcement learning to learn, adapt and optimize storage KPIs across mixed application workloads.

- **vRealize Cloud Federated Catalog** – Unified catalog of IT infrastructure resources to end-users globally.

- **vRealize Cloud Federated Analytics** – Unified view of hybrid and multi-cloud environments in a single interface.

- **vRealize Cloud Subscription Manager** – Automated license usage metering from vRealize deployment on-premises and in the cloud.

vRealize Cloud Universal can also be purchased in combination with VMware vSphere® Enterprise Plus Edition™ by purchasing VMware vCloud Suite® Subscription.
VMware vRealize Cloud Universal licensing overview

VMware vRealize Cloud Universal is licensed using a CPU that gives customers flexibility to manage workloads regardless of whether they are on-premises on vSphere, third-party hypervisors, physical servers or supported public clouds (Figure 1). There is no license switching or conversion required.

One CPU allows usage of vRealize Cloud Universal to manage unlimited operating system instances (OSIs)/virtual machines (VMs) deployed on one on-premises vSphere CPU or one VMware Cloud™ on AWS CPU or any other vSphere-based environment CPU. Alternately, vRealize Cloud Universal can manage up to 18 OSIs deployed on other supported public clouds, or third-party hypervisors, physical servers or even use with management packs to integrate other physical devices, middleware, data bases and applications (Management packs sold separately. Individual licensing rules for management packs apply. One OSI is required per adaptor instance).

Figure 1: CPU portability.
No limits on number of VMs for vSphere
There are no restrictions on the number of VMs that can be managed by vRealize Cloud Universal on a vSphere CPU up to a max of 32-cores per CPU. This requires that the CPU/processor be licensed for vRealize Cloud Universal or vCloud Suite Subscription. The managed VMs can use all suite components included in the licensed vRealize Cloud Universal edition.

Seamless portability between on-premises vSphere environment and public cloud
Through the CPU licensing metric, current deployments of vRealize Cloud Universal can switch between managing on-premises vSphere workloads and managing workloads on supported public clouds as well as third-party hypervisor and physical servers. As a result, even if a VM migrates from on premises to public cloud, the same instance of vRealize Cloud Universal can be used to manage the workloads without switching the license. In addition, the customer can use the SaaS version of the product to manage the workloads without any impact on licensing.

Multiple components under a single license
vRealize Cloud Universal combines multiple components—vRealize® Suite Lifecycle Manager™, vRealize Operations™, vRealize Automation™, vRealize Log Insight, vRealize Operations Cloud™, vRealize Automation Cloud™, vRealize Log Insight Cloud™, vRealize Cloud Federated Analytics & Catalog, vRealize AI Cloud—into a single offering with a single license. Many of these components are also available as standalone products licensed on a per-OSI or per-processor basis. However, when these components are obtained through vRealize Cloud Universal, they are licensed under a single CPU. All components included in vRealize Cloud Universal can be used to manage VMs on a vSphere licensed processor, on a third-party supported hypervisor, on a supported public cloud or any combination, provided that enough capacity has been purchased.

Although vRealize Cloud Universal is made up of several components, it is a single solution with a single license. All the components of a vRealize Cloud Universal edition are licensed as a single entity. A single license of vRealize Cloud Universal cannot be used across multiple processors. For example, one license cannot be used for a suite component (e.g., vRealize Operations) on one processor and another component (e.g., vRealize Log Insight) on a different processor (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Example of correct and incorrect deployment of vRealize Cloud Universal.
VMware vRealize Cloud Universal editions

VMware offers three vRealize Cloud Universal editions that cater to different levels of management needs and use cases:

- **Standard Edition** – Supports self-driving operations use cases for enterprises looking to deliver continuous performance optimization based on intent, efficient capacity management, proactive planning and intelligent remediation.
- **Advanced Edition** – Supports programmable provisioning use cases for enterprises that need to accelerate the delivery of IT infrastructure services by automating delivery and ongoing management.
- **Enterprise Edition** – Supports application operations use cases for organizations looking to accelerate application delivery across both traditional and container-based applications.


**Figure 3**: vRealize Cloud Universal editions
Metering & Usage

vRealize Cloud Subscription Manager is a cloud utility service that integrates with vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager to collect data for your on-premises products, and integrates with respective cloud services to monitor license data usage for your cloud services.

Figure 4: vRealize Cloud Universal Subscription Manager

- Manage vRealize Cloud Universal subscriptions and visualize consumption of all vRealize Cloud components
- Automated license usage metering from vRealize deployment on-premises and in Cloud (VMware vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager deployment is mandatory)
- Integrated billing with VMware Cloud Services (Valid payment method in CSP is mandatory)
VMware vCloud Suite Subscription

VMware vCloud Suite Subscription includes the vSphere Enterprise Plus hypervisor and vRealize Cloud Universal (Figure 4). VMware offers three vCloud Suite Subscription editions based on the vRealize Cloud Universal edition included. vSphere Enterprise Plus is the same for all editions.

**Figure 5:** vCloud Suite editions.

Note: Application Monitoring is included in the vRealize Operations Enterprise edition
vRealize Cloud Universal upgrades

Upgrades to vRealize Cloud Universal can be purchased from standalone products such as vRealize Operations, vRealize Automation or vRealize Log Insight (Figure 5) or from Suites like vRealize Suite. When you upgrade from any of the products, you relinquish the rights to use the perpetual software and associated support. This option allows you to protect your investment.

When you upgrade supported licenses to a higher vRealize Cloud Universal edition, the original license key is deactivated, and a new license key is issued for the upgraded edition. Note that the support and subscription (SnS) fee is included in the price.

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Figure 6: Available upgrade paths.
FAQ

Q. Can customers upgrade their existing vRealize Suite licenses to vRealize Cloud Universal?
A. Yes. Standalone vRealize products and vRealize Suite installed base customers can upgrade to vRealize Cloud Universal or vCloud Suite Subscription through the Subscription Upgrade Program (SUP).

However, you can upgrade the versions within the product.

Q. How is vRealize Cloud Universal different from vCloud Suite Subscription?
A. vCloud Suite Subscription is a bundle that consists of vRealize Cloud Universal and term license of vSphere Enterprise Plus for vCloud Suite Subscription and is priced at a discount. vCloud Suite Subscription is intended for customers interested in purchasing a cloud management platform solution and expanding their vSphere capacity.

Q. What type of hardware infrastructure can vRealize Cloud Universal run on?
A. vRealize Cloud Universal is shipped as a vApp™ and will run on any hardware infrastructure that the VMware hypervisor platform (vSphere) can run on.

Q. Are there any prerequisites for purchasing vRealize Cloud Universal?
A. There are no VMware product prerequisites for vRealize Cloud Universal, but there are specific IT environment configuration requirements. Check the product user guide for these requirements.

How to buy
For information on purchasing vRealize Cloud Universal, visit vmware.com/products/vrealize-cloud-universal

To find an authorized reseller in your area, use the online VMware Partner Locator: partnerlocator.vmware.com.