

VMWARE vREALIZE SUITE LIFECYCLE MANAGER

Q. What Does vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager offer?

A. VMware vRealize® Suite Lifecycle Manager™ comes free with VMware vRealize Suite in all three editions. It is designed to simplify the deployment and on-going management of the vRealize product portfolio. It delivers fast time-to-value, improved user experience and greater operational efficiency to vRealize Suite customers.

Q. What is the product SKU for vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager?

A. It doesn't have a product SKU. vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager is not sold as a standalone product and it comes free as part of the vRealize Suite Standard, Advanced or Enterprise editions. vRealize Suite customers are entitled to free download and installation of vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager.

Q. Where can I get vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager?

A. vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager can be downloaded through the My VMware® vRealize Suite download page (<https://www.vmware.com/go/download-vrealize-suite>)

Q. What key operations can I perform using vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager?

A. The key capabilities can be split broadly into product lifecycle management and content lifecycle management.

Product lifecycle capabilities include greenfield deployment, solution-based (see next question) deployment, environment import and export, product upgrade, brownfield environment import, adding additional components to existing product deployments, product configuration drift monitoring and remediation, health monitoring, VMware Identity Manager™ integration, in-product marketplace.

Content lifecycle capabilities include content release automation across multiple product endpoints/ environments, source control integration, first class content dependency support, extensibility to add custom release processes or logic.

Q. What is solution-based deployment?

A. Solution-based deployment provides an alternative approach to deploy vRealize Suite with the product and pre-defined configurations that are best suited to a specific use case. The use cases are defined by the VMware Validated Design team. Learn more about the supported use cases at: <https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-Validated-Design/>

Q. VMware SDDC Manager also delivers lifecycle management capabilities for VMware Cloud Foundation which also includes vRealize Suite products. What is the relationship between vRealize Suite Lifecycle manager and SDDC manager?

A. VMware SDDC Manager™ calls into the APIs of vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager to automate the deployment and configuration of vRealize suite products, including vRealize Automation™ and vRealize Operations™. SDDC manager also directly deploys other components of the VMware Cloud Foundation™ platform, such as VMware vSphere®, vSAN™, VMware NSX®, etc.

Q. What is in-product Marketplace?

A. VMware Solution Exchange (VSX) marketplace (<https://marketplace.vmware.com/vsx/>) is an online marketplace where customers can browse, download and review contents created by VMware and ecosystem partners. vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager implemented the back-end integration with VSX marketplace. It allows customers to directly access and consume environment-compatible contents within vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager, and also get notifications for content version updates.

Q. Can I use vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager without public internet access?

A. Yes. Majority of functionalities of vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager doesn't require public internet access. To directly download vRealize product binaries from My VMware or consume the in-product marketplace, customers do need public internet access. However, for product deployment and upgrade, customers have the option to download the OVA files separately, load them on a network file system or local drive, and point the OVA locations to where the files reside, through vRealize Suite Lifecycle Manager's setting page.

