

VMware Portable License Unit

Portable License Unit: Hybrid Cloud Ready Licensing Metric for vRealize Suite

VMware is introducing Portable License Unit (PLU) for VMware vRealize® Suite that provides flexibility to deploy the same vRealize Suite license across hybrid and heterogeneous environments such as VMware vSphere®-based virtualized environment, third-party hypervisors, physical servers, VMware vCloud® Air™, and all other supported public clouds. PLU combines the benefits of managing unlimited Operating System Instances (OSIs) / Virtual Machines (VMs) on one vSphere CPU or up to 15 OSIs on a supported public cloud using the same license key.

Seamless Portability Between On-Premises vSphere and Public Cloud

The PLU metric switches automatically when the workload being managed by vRealize Suite moves from one environment to another. This is a default functionality in vRealize Suite requiring no license conversion and no additional cost. The capability is available to all vRealize Suite and VMware vCloud Suite® customers – this includes existing customers (on active SnS) and new customers.

Existing vCloud Suite or vRealize licenses, when upgraded to vCloud Suite 7.0 or vRealize Suite 7.0, will have the Portable Licensing capability and hence can be used across on-premises and supported clouds at no additional cost.

Unlimited workloads on on-premises vSphere CPU or 15 workloads everywhere else with a single license key

One PLU allows usage of vRealize Suite to manage unlimited OSIs/VMs deployed on one on-premises vSphere CPU or one VMware Cloud on AWS CPU. Alternately, vRealize Suite can manage up to 15 OSIs deployed on (i) other supported public clouds, or (ii) third-party hypervisors and physical servers.

At a given time, the license can be used either on-premises on one vSphere CPU or off-premises on a supported public cloud on a per OSI basis, but not both.

Key Benefits of VMware's Portable License Unit

VMware's PLU licensing metric delivers the following benefits:

- **Optimized Usage of Licenses:** The PLU combines the benefits of CPU and OSI based licensing metrics. It offers the ability to manage unlimited OSIs on a per-CPU basis in a vSphere environment and the flexibility to manage workloads in hybrid/heterogeneous environment utilizing a per-OSI metric. This helps utilization of licenses that suits both current and future needs in changing environments, thus protecting a customer's investment in VMware.
- **Consistency through Change:** PLU allows the continued usage of current deployments of vRealize Suite even when the underlying infrastructure for workloads change from on-premises to off-premises and vice versa. The licensing metric will convert automatically, so there is no need to switch the licenses.
- **Cost Savings:** With the flexibility offered by PLU, there is no need to purchase new licenses or pay upgrade fees to switch from CPU to OSI metric, or vice versa.

No Change in Licensing for Standalone Products

The Portable Licensing capability is not available for standalone products such as VMware vRealize Operations™, vRealize Automation™, vRealize Business™ for Cloud, vRealize Log Insight™, vRealize Code Stream™, and vSphere. As such, software licenses acquired in the past on a per OSI or CPU basis cannot be converted into a PLU.

End-of-Availability for Public Cloud Extensions

With the introduction of PLU, VMware is removing Public Cloud Extension offerings for vRealize Operations and vRealize Automation. Public Cloud Extension offerings were initially introduced to allow vCloud Suite, priced on a per-CPU metric, to extend to public cloud. Given that customers will get the Portable Licensing capability as a default functionality in all vRealize Suite Editions, which is included in vCloud Suite, they will no longer be required to purchase the Public Cloud Extensions.

