

VMware Workspace Portal

Rename / Product Transition

VMware Workspace Portal Transitions to VMware Identity Manager

In June of 2015, VMware announced VMware Identity Manager™. Built for the mobile cloud era, VMware Identity Manager delivers on consumer-grade expectations like one-touch access to nearly any app, from any device, optimized with AirWatch adaptive access.

As part of this announcement, the existing VMware Workspace™ Portal product will be renamed; VMware Identity Manager Standard Edition will become the entry point to the new Identity Manager product line.

Please read the following FAQs to understand the changes.

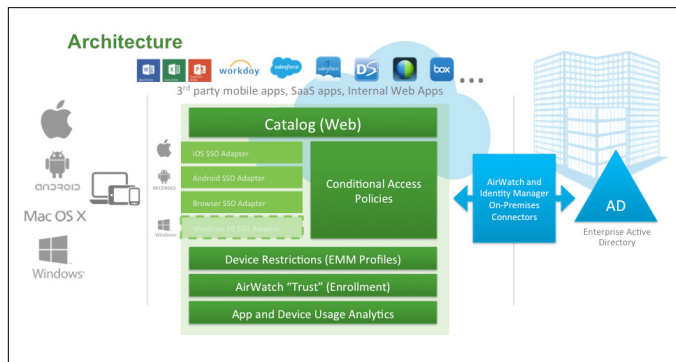


Figure 1: Product Architecture (VMware Identity Manager and AirWatch Management Suite)

Customer FAQs

Q. What is VMware Identity Manager?

A. VMware Identity Manager is a service that extends your on-premises directory infrastructure to provide a seamless Single Sign-On (SSO) experience to Web, Mobile, SaaS and Legacy applications that may be consumed as a SaaS service or downloaded and installed on premises. VMware Identity Manager integrates with AirWatch® Enterprise Mobility Management™ to enable industry-first seamless SSO to Native Mobile Apps and comes complete with an Enterprise App Store, SAML identity provider (IDP), application usage analytics, Conditional access policy engine and more.

Q. What is the difference between VMware Identity Manager and Workspace Portal, or Horizon App Manager?

A. The core technology behind VMware Identity Manager has evolved over the past 3 years from Horizon App Manager and later Workspace Portal. In fact, the architecture was originally designed as a multi-tenant cloud service, but initially delivered only as an on-premises product. The new VMware Identity Manager is the next generation of this service, integrated with AirWatch Enterprise Mobility Management, and now offered as an Identity as a Service (IDaaS) product built on top of VMware vCloud® Air™. VMware Identity Manager will also be delivered as an on-premises product built from the same code base as the cloud service and will replace Workspace Portal in the next on-premises release.

Q. How many editions of VMware Identity Manager are there?

A. There are two editions of VMware Identity Manager. The Standard Edition is available as an on-premises product only and provides the same functionality as Workspace Portal does today. The VMware Identity Manager Standard edition will replace Workspace Portal in the VMware Horizon® 6 Advanced and Enterprise Editions. After December 31, 2015 there will no longer be a standalone SKU for Workspace Portal, but customers of the standalone product may extend existing deployments by adding the new VMware Identity Manager Advanced Edition licenses.

VMware Identity Manager Advanced Edition will include the AirWatch console for device registration. AirWatch device registration permits mobile devices and Windows 10 laptops to provide a seamless one-touch single sign-on experience for both SaaS and native mobile or Windows Metro apps.

Q. How do I get VMware Identity Manager?

A. VMware Identity Manager Advanced Edition is available as part of the AirWatch Blue and Yellow Management Suites or a standalone license. It is available both as a shared-cloud subscription, and as an on-premises product. VMware Identity Manager Standard Edition is only available as a part of Horizon 6 Advanced and Enterprise.

Q. What is the on-premises connector? Do I need this for the Identity Manager cloud service?

A. Yes, while the Identity Manager cloud hosted service operates in the cloud, an On premises connector is required to synchronize users and groups to the on premises Active Directory.

Q. Is Workspace Portal still available?

A. Yes, VMware Workspace Portal is still available both as a standalone product until December 31, 2015 and bundled with Horizon 6 Advanced and Enterprise Editions. Workspace Portal is only delivered as an on-premises product. Workspace Portal will be replaced as VMware Identity Manager in the next on-premises release. The standalone SKU will no longer be available after December 31, 2015, however the renamed product will continue to be updated with new features and be fully supported as VMware Identity Manager Standard Edition.

Q. If I already have an Identity Provider or Portal solution like Ping or Okta, can I still benefit from VMware Identity Manager Advanced Edition?

A. Yes, VMware Identity Manager uniquely integrates with AirWatch to provide native mobile Single Sign-On and conditional access policies based device type and whether the device is managed or unmanaged. VMware Identity Manager can interoperate with existing IDPs for SaaS apps while still presenting a common app catalog to users on browsers or mobile devices.

Q. If I have Workspace Portal today as a standalone license or purchased through Horizon Advanced or Enterprise, do I get VMware Identity Manager ?

A. Customers who are current on SnS will be entitled to future VMware Identity Manager on-premises releases as the Workspace Portal Product transitions to VMware Identity Manager Standard Edition. Customers who desire the new SaaS service must purchase new licenses of VMware Identity Manager Advanced Edition or AirWatch Blue or Yellow Management Suite licenses.

