

Horizon and Horizon Apps Perpetual and Subscription Term

Feature comparison

Horizon® is a modern platform for secure delivery of virtual desktops and apps across the hybrid cloud, from the market leader in software-defined data center and digital workspaces.

The following table shows a feature matrix of Horizon perpetual and subscription Term editions. Horizon perpetual is no longer available for purchase but displayed here for existing customers to reference.

Horizon is available in different editions as part of a subscription. Subscription Term options include Horizon Standard Term, Horizon Advanced Term, Horizon Apps Standard Term, Horizon Enterprise Term, and Horizon Apps Advanced Term. For Subscription SaaS options, please reference [this matrix](#).

Feature	Sub-Component/ Product	Horizon for Linux	Horizon Standard/ Standard Term	Horizon Advanced/ Advanced Term	Horizon Enterprise/ Enterprise Term	Horizon Apps Standard/ Apps Standard Term	Horizon Apps Advanced/ Apps Advanced Term
License Types							
Perpetual		●	●	●	●	●	●
Subscription Term			●	●	●	●	●
License Entitlement							
Concurrent User (CCU)		●	●	●	●	●	●
Named User				●	●	●	●
Desktop and Applications							
Windows OS virtual desktops (VMware vSphere® or non-vSphere)	Horizon		●	●	●		
Linux OS virtual desktops (VMware vSphere or non-vSphere)	Horizon for Linux	●			●		
Published applications (RDSH) and session-based desktops	RDS published apps			●	●	●	●

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Desktop and Applications							
Linux-hosted apps	Horizon				●		
Remote Windows 10 physical PC access	Horizon		●	●	●	●	●
VM-hosted apps (Windows 10 OS)	Horizon				●		●
Management							
Rest APIs	Horizon				●		
Instant clones for non-persistent desktops (available for 8.x)	Horizon	●	●	●	●		●
Full clones for persistent desktops	Horizon	●	●	●	●	●	●
Real-time application delivery and lifecycle management with App Packages/ AppStacks	App Volumes™				●		●
App packaging and isolation	ThinApp®		●	●	●	●	●
User profile and personalization	Dynamic Environment Manager™ Standard	●	●	●			
User profile, personalization and Smart policies	Dynamic Environment Manager Enterprise				●	●	●

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Management							
Global entitlement layer with Cloud Pod Architecture	Horizon	●	●	●	●	●	●
Help desk tool	Horizon				●		●
User Access and Protocols							
Intelligent Hub browser: Unified app catalog for SSO to published apps, packaged apps, virtual desktops, and web links				●	●	●	●
Blast Extreme, PCoIP, RDP protocols	Horizon	●	●	●	●	●	●
Secure external access and edge services using multi-service proxy	Unified Access Gateway™	●	●	●	●	●	●
Collaboration Tools							
Session collaboration	Horizon				●		
Optimized video and audio experience for Microsoft Teams	Horizon			●	●		●

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Infrastructure							
Software-defined data center infrastructure	VMware vSphere Desktop and VMware vCenter® Desktop	●	●	●	●	●	●
	VMware vSAN™ Advanced for Desktop			● Subscription Term only			
Packages available without SDDC infrastructure			● Perpetual “add-on” and Term Subscription “(no VMware vSphere)” options available				

For more information on Horizon or Horizon Apps, visit vmware.com/go/horizon.

On November 22, 2023, Broadcom Inc. completed its acquisition of VMware, Inc.

On December 7, 2023, Broadcom CEO Hock Tan announced his intention to divest VMware’s End-User Computing Division (EUC).

EUC is currently a division of Broadcom.