

VMWARE PORTABLE LICENSE UNIT

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

VMware is introducing the 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 a virtualized environment based on VMware vSphere®, third-party hypervisors, physical servers, 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 included existing customers on an active support and subscription (SnS) and new customers.

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 CPU basis or on OSI basis based on deployment scenario, but not both.

Key Benefits of the VMware Portable License Unit

The VMware 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.

