

# VMware Workstation 8

Your On-Ramp to the Cloud

## AT A GLANCE

VMware® Workstation™ 8 is your on-ramp to the cloud. With more than 50 new features, it will dramatically change the way you work with virtual machines.

Winner of more than 50 industry awards, VMware Workstation is recognized for its broad operating-system support, rich user experience, comprehensive feature set and high performance.

It is the perfect companion for technical professionals who want to save time, collaborate more effectively and do more with their PCs than they ever thought possible.

## BENEFITS

- Run applications in Windows, Linux and more at the same time without rebooting.
- Remotely access virtual machines running on VMware vSphere® and VMware vCenter™.
- Build virtual machines locally and then drag and drop to upload them directly to VMware vSphere.
- Run as a server to host applications for your team, department or anyone else in your organization.
- Build and demonstrate complex multitier applications on a PC in a repeatable, reliable manner.



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## What is VMware Workstation?

VMware Workstation is the most dependable, high-performing and feature-rich virtualization platform for your Windows or Linux PC. It allows one physical PC to run multiple operating systems at the same time. No rebooting or hard-drive partitioning is required.

## How is VMware Workstation Used in the Enterprise?

From the smallest to the largest organizations, VMware Workstation is a must-have tool for technical professionals.

Software developers rely on Workstation to develop and test client/server, Web and cloud applications in a replica of their production environments. Tight integration with SpringSource Tool Suite, Eclipse and Microsoft Visual Studio streamlines the entire process.

Quality engineers turn to VMware Workstation to help them meet their high quality standards. Snapshots and linked clones enabled by Workstation make it easy to test applications on a complex matrix of operating systems and browsers on a single PC, reducing hardware costs and eliminating time-consuming reconfiguration tasks.

IT administrators depend on VMware Workstation to safely test applications, patches, new operating systems and updates in isolated sandboxed environments before deploying them to production.

Sales professionals use Workstation to demonstrate complex applications with ease. Workstation can replicate clients, browsers, networks, servers and databases—all on a single PC.

Virtualization professionals use VMware Workstation to build personal labs that are perfect for learning, experimenting, and demonstrating virtualized datacenters and hypervisors including VMware vSphere—right on their PCs. This is the tool of choice for preparing for VMware certification tests.

Instructors use VMware Workstation to create virtual machines for students that contain all the tools required for their courses. At the end of each class, Workstation can automatically revert the virtual machines back to their original state, making everything ready for the next set of students.

## How Does VMware Workstation Work?

VMware Workstation offers the benefits of multiple PCs without the added expense, physical setup and maintenance.

VMware Workstation runs multiple operating systems and their applications in an isolated and secure virtual machine. VMware Workstation can run many virtual machines simultaneously on a single PC.

VMware Workstation maps the physical hardware resources to the virtual machine's resources, so each virtual machine has its own CPU, memory, disks, I/O devices and more. Each virtual machine is the full equivalent of a traditional PC.

VMware Workstation installs just like a standard program on a Windows or Linux PC. After installing Workstation, users can install and run complete, unmodified operating systems and application software in virtual machines.

## Key Features

- **Gain anytime, anywhere access** – Remotely connect to and access virtual machines running on VMware Workstation, VMware vSphere and VMware vCenter anywhere on your network to leverage not only your local PC but also the internal cloud.
- **Start sharing the benefits** – Run VMware Workstation as a server to host applications for your team, department or anyone else in your organization. It's the quickest way to host a legacy file or print server or share a virtual machine with enterprise-caliber control over user access.
- **Leverage the ultimate time saver** – Bring a whole new test environment online in minutes rather than days. Leverage the power of snapshots to preserve the state of a virtual machine so you can return to it at any time. With clones, you can make many copies of a virtual machine from a standardized baseline installation and configuration.

- **Replicate a full Web or cloud environment** – Build, test, and demonstrate complex multitier applications. VMware Workstation can replicate clients, browsers, networks, servers and databases—all on a single PC. Folders make it easy to manage multiple, network-connected virtual machines with just a click of the mouse.
- **Enable a whole new way to work** – The user interface in VMware Workstation has been completely revamped with simplified menus, live thumbnails and a new virtual-machine library with enhanced search capabilities. Users can easily search and access a large library of virtual machines that can reside on your desktop, on a server or on another PC running Workstation.
- **Enjoy seamless integration** – Unity mode integrates applications from within Windows and Linux virtual machines and makes them appear as if they were running on the native desktop. User-friendly features such as cut and paste, drag and drop, and driverless printing make it easy to work in a virtual machine.
- **Get printing that just works** – Driverless printing makes your PC printers automatically accessible to your virtual machines; no configuration or drivers are required. Your PC's default printer even shows up as the default.

## Find Out More

Visit <http://www.vmware.com/workstation> to learn more and download a free trial.

For detailed product specifications, systems requirements and operating-system support, refer to the VMware Workstation Getting Started Guide.

