Dear Sir/Madam,

We present to you the eighty-fourth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights the concept of VMware’s vCloud Suite – its Licensing Metric and the Enterprise Licence Agreement (ELA).

VMware’s vCloud Suite is an integrated offering that brings together vSphere hypervisor and vRealize Suite which is a multi-vendor hybrid cloud management platform.

Licence Metric:

VMware’s new portable licensing unit (PLU) allows vCloud Suite to build and manage both vSphere-based private clouds, as well as multi-vendor hybrid clouds. It is available in 2 flavors.

1) PLU - Portable License Units – Per Processor
   - For each PLU, one may deploy the VMware vRealize Suite on either a per processor basis or a per operating system instance basis for that PLU but not both options.
   - When deploying PLU on a per processor basis, one may use use vRealize Suite to manage an unlimited number of VMs (Virtual Machines) so long as those managed VMs reside on a single processor that is running a copy of vSphere licensed to the organization.
   - When deploying on a per OSI PLU, one may use vRealize Suite to manage up to 15 operating systems instances deployed in a public cloud environment or third-party hypervisors or physical servers
   - The use of any component of the vRealize Suite to manage an OSI consumes one of the OSI licences for each OSI under management.
   - The total number of OSI is calculated as the average number of OSI used during preceding 365 days.

VMware vCloud Suite under Uncapped or Unlimited ELAs.

In case organisations have purchased an uncapped or unlimited quantity of licences to the vCloud Suite under a VMware Enterprise License Agreement (ELA), whether before or after the PLU was made generally available for purchase, the uncapped or unlimited feature of that ELA applies to the number of PLUs deployed on a per processor basis.

Under the licence grant one is also entitled to one PLU to be deployed on a per OSI basis for each PLU deployed on a per proc basis. This means the total number of PLUs deployed on a per OSI basis shall not exceed the total number of PLUs deployed on a per proc basis during the applicable ELA period.

Example: Under the uncapped or unlimited ELA, if the organisation is managing VMs on hundred processors running a copy of licensed vSphere, the maximum number of OSI the company is authorised to manage with any software components of vRealize Suite is fifteen hundred.

In this example, one is limited to hundred PLUs to be deployed on a per OSI basis, and each PLU entitles one to manage up to fifteen operating systems instances. This applies only to an uncapped or unlimited licence grant in an ELA.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to provide you additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at KPMGCCSbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,

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