

Ubuntu in the Cloud

Workload migration with Ubuntu to the vCloud Hybrid Service

Using Ubuntu on the VMware vCloud Hybrid Service

Customers moving critical workloads into the VMware vCloud® Hybrid Service™ may want to reduce risk and increase return on investment by using road-tested operating system images for the Cloud from Ubuntu Server. Customers can easily take their instances of Ubuntu into cloud environments from either on-premises systems or other cloud environments, without users having to pay for additional license fees or subscription agreements.

Customers choosing to run Ubuntu on the vCloud Hybrid Service can use one of the following models:

- Download official Ubuntu Server cloud images into the vCloud Hybrid Service: VMware has partnered with Canonical, the company behind Ubuntu, to provide Ubuntu Server, which incorporates all the latest updates, for customers to download to the vCloud Hybrid Service. VMware will offer Ubuntu as a free download for VMware vCloud Hybrid Service customers starting in Q4 2013.
- Transfer their current Ubuntu image into the vCloud Hybrid Service: customers who created an image on any currently supported version of Ubuntu can transfer that image to the vCloud Hybrid Service. To ensure that VMware provides a safe and secure environment for critical business applications, VMware will only accept images based on versions of Ubuntu for which updates are still being produced.

Canonical and Cloud Providers

Canonical has worked extensively with many cloud providers such as VMware to provide a safe and consistent Ubuntu experience for VMware customers wherever they choose run applications. Canonical supplies VMware with Ubuntu Server and all updates as well as providing an efficient service for ongoing image maintenance.

Ubuntu Advantage Support in the Cloud

Customers can get enterprise class support for Ubuntu Server through Ubuntu Advantage, a paid service delivered by Canonical. Customers who have already paid for Ubuntu Advantage Support will still enjoy all support services when they move their Ubuntu workloads into the Cloud, as the support follows the software. Customers who move their Ubuntu workloads into the Cloud should notify Canonical of the change, as they may be able to take advantage of cloud pricing models for Ubuntu Advantage.

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