

COMPARISON GUIDE

CloudBolt vs VMware vRealize Automation

Overview

CloudBolt is a leading vendor-agnostic cloud management platform that helps customers manage hybrid and multi-cloud environments through a single self-service catalog, adding agility without sacrificing control. VMware vRealize Automation (vRA) is a complex suite of various products that's difficult to deploy, upgrade, and has limited extensibility, leaving you with an inflexible and expensive tool.

	Why Choose CloudBolt?	CloudBolt	VMware vRA 8.x
Ease of deployment and management	CloudBolt can be up and running in minutes with minimal to no expertise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightweight OVA appliance required for CloudBolt which is easy to maintain. • No need for any dependent systems. • Well-documented setup, maintenance, and support to ease troubleshooting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes weeks or months to get the system up and running. • Need at least three dependent systems for complete experience. For example, lifecycle manager, Identity manager, vRA appliance are needed for just a single node appliance. • Troubleshooting documentation is minimal and can be frustrating to find more information
Upgrade process	Streamlined, quick, and easy upgrade process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users can upgrade within UI in less than 15 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades from vRA 7.x to vRA 8. are non-existent.

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Extensibility	Easy to extend and integrate with various platforms, tools, and technologies of your choice. CloudBolt does not need any services engagement to integrate new features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous technology integrations available out-of-the-box; more integrations added continuously. • Simple Python-based extensibility that our customers leverage to extend the platform based on their needs. • Everything with APIs can be integrated within minutes by customers; no professional services needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vRA 8.x has checkbox integrations and are not as deep. For example, Ansible integration is not as deep and needs more effort. • Takes many cycles to get a request added in the RFE or product enhancement roadmap. • Need for expensive professional services engagement.
Vendor agnostic	CloudBolt offers flexibility to adopt ALL public and private clouds. No vendor lock-in, no restraints.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all leading hypervisors, public clouds, and OpenStack environments out-of-the-box, 20+ cloud providers already integrated. • Multiple choices for IPAM, SSO, SAML, backup, disaster recovery, networking services for a truly agnostic portfolio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only supported private cloud option is vSphere. No support for Nutanix, Hyper V, or other hypervisors for on-premises solution. • Need expensive Enterprise license to get true multi-cloud experience. Only connects with AWS, Azure, and GCP.



CloudBolt enables Neustar to leverage the benefits of both public and private cloud seamlessly minimizing external spend when internal resources can fill the need. With CloudBolt Neustar's Core Services team became equipped with the resources to be the "broker" of IT resources; regardless if the resources are in VMware or AWS."

- Transunion / Neustar



We found ourselves having to script way too much in vRA 7. Furthermore, vRA requires advanced programming skills to connect systems and automate processes at depth and we were struggling to find enough resources to meet business demand."

- Head of Enterprise Architecture,
Major Global Financial Services Provider



We achieved more in a six-week proof-of-concept with CloudBolt CMP than two years with vRA. The vRA learning curve is long and steep. We spent an unreasonable amount of time people resources even VMware professional services and never got vRA to be an automated self-service portal across private and public infrastructure. "

- Cloud Team Lead, State IT Agency

We're ready to help

Speak with a VMware expert about your migration options today and discover how CloudBolt can transform your cloud journey.

It's time to rethink Cloud Value.

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