VMware vCenter Protect Essentials Plus

Simplified IT Management for the SMB

AT A GLANCE

VMware® vCenter™ Protect Essentials Plus reduces the time to value for IT professionals from months to minutes, enabling customers to manage both physical and virtual machines, deploy software, discover assets, simplify configuration, control power usage remotely and ensure endpoint security. By bringing the sophisticated capabilities enjoyed by large companies to organizations of all sizes and types, VMware is driving the democratization of IT.

BENEFITS

- **Automated systems management** – Provides centralized patch management, asset inventory, antivirus, power management, configuration management and ITScripting for both virtual and legacy physical systems in an integrated solution.
- **Ease of use** – Provides a single process and a single tool set for discovering physical and virtual machines as they are added. An innovative blend of agentless and agent-based asset discovery allows businesses to find all systems, both physical and virtual, on a network.
- **Time** – Puts time back in a system administrator's day; VMware does the work so system administrators don't have to.

What Is vCenter Protect Essentials Plus?

vCenter Protect Essentials Plus, designed for small and midsized businesses (SMBs) and departmental needs, provides centralized patch management, asset inventory, antivirus, power management, and configuration management for both virtual and legacy physical systems in an integrated solution. This includes centralized management for Windows operating systems and the most widely used Windows-hosted applications running on both virtual and physical servers and workstations.

Key Benefits

vCenter Protect Essentials Plus offers the following IT management features:

- **Patch management** – Continuously scan and deploy all available patches—in particular, critical security patches—for deployed software. vCenter Protect Essentials Plus makes patch management, a core of good security, an automated task that does not consume IT administrators' time, enabling them to focus on business optimizations.
- **Asset inventory** – Discover and maintain a current inventory of all hardware and software assets, whether physical or virtual.
- **Antivirus** – Run and maintain antivirus software across all platforms in an integrated fashion, lowering costs and increasing security; an "antivirus plus patch" approach is a key to network security.
- **Power management** – With the wake-on-LAN feature, bring machines online for patching, then power them down, enabling security management during power-off cycles to lower management costs. You can also schedule power settings for savings without business disruption—for example, by shutting a computer down on nights and weekends, businesses save an average of $60 per year in power costs.
- **Configuration management** – Manage and control all desktop and server software configurations according to company policy and keep computers in a known, secure and stable state.
- **ITScripts** – Quickly solve and automate many common workflow process challenges with ITScripts. You can use ITScripts to build unique workflow processes quickly and easily.
- **Snapshot Backup Recovery** – Take and manage "snapshots" of virtual machines—immediately before and after patching—while automating the backup process, so that a current and relevant backup copy of the virtual machine is immediately available for rollback or disaster recovery.

What Is vCenter Protect Essentials?

VMware vCenter Protect Essentials provides centralized Windows patch management and asset-inventory management for both virtual and legacy physical systems. This includes centralized management for Windows operating systems and the most widely used Windows-hosted applications running on both virtual and physical servers and workstations. vCenter Protect Essentials includes the following benefits:

- Centralized patch management for Windows environments
- Centralized asset inventory for Windows environments

Benefits Comparison

	VCENTER PROTECT ESSENTIALS	VCENTER PROTECT ESSENTIALS PLUS
Deployment Options		
On-premise solution	✓	✓
Subscription pricing	✓	✓
U.S. federal requirements: IAVA, SCAP, Common Criteria	✓ **(Gov't Edition)**	✓ **(Gov't Edition)**
IT Management Features		
Patch management	✓	✓
Off-line VM patching	✓	✓
ITScripts	✓ **(Free)**	✓ **(ITPro)**
VM template patching	✓	✓
Asset management	✓	✓
Antivirus		✓
Power management		✓
Configuration management		✓

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