

How to Install VMware on Windows?

VMware provides <u>cloud computing infrastructure</u> and platform virtualization software and services. VMware is a publicly-traded company that provides mainly <u>virtualization software</u>. The meaning of virtualization is creating a virtual version of a device or any resource like an operating system. There are various products which are offered by VMware. Each one has a different kind of features and offerings.

VMware's product line has the following main categories.

- Desktop virtualization software
- Server virtualization software
- Cloud management software

Each category mentioned above has multiple products which are offered by VMware. One of the common categories from above which is used by individuals is Desktop virtualization.

In this article, we will have a look at How to install one of the VMware software – VMware Workstation. VMware Workstation falls into the category of Desktop Virtualization.

By following this general guide, you will be able to install any software product offered by VMware.

VMware Workstation

VMware Workstation was the first product launched by VMware. It is the most popular software that offers running multiple instances of operating systems on a single physical personal computer. It enables users to set up and run multiple virtual machines on a single physical machine and allows to use them simultaneously along with the actual physical machine.

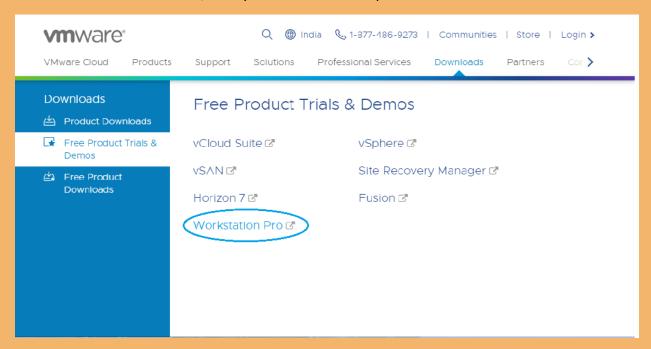
Steps to Install VMware

Below are the detailed steps for installing VMware Workstation.

Step 1. To download and install the VMware product visit the official website of VMware.

https://www.vmware.com/in.html

Hover on the Downloads tab, here you will find various products.



Just to give an idea about products,

Fusion is an application for running multiple applications on Mac.

Workstation Player is for running a second OS on Windows or Linux PC for free for personal use.

We have chosen VMware Workstation Pro for installation demo purposes. VMware Workstation is available with the latest version as 15.

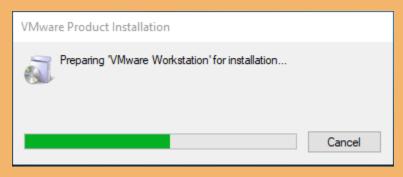
Step 2. Click on Free Product Trials & Demo >> Workstation Pro. You will be redirected to the download page. (Similarly, you can select any product which you want to install.)



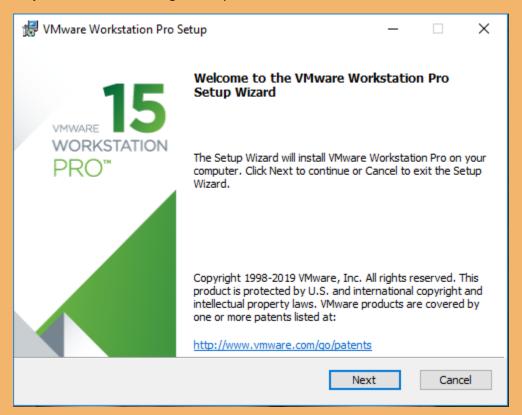
Click on Download Now according to your Operating System. We have chosen Workstation 15 Pro for Windows.

While downloading make sure you have a proper internet connection as the file may have a large size.

Step 3. Once the download is complete, run the .exe to install VMware Workstation. Popup will appear.



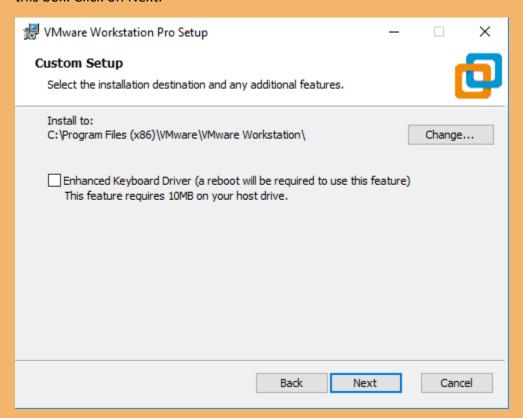
Step 4. Once Initialization gets completes, Click on Next.



Step 5. Accept the terms and click Next

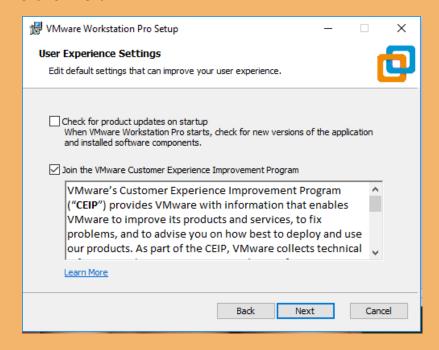


Step 6. In the next screen, It will ask for some additional features, it is not mandatory to check this box. Click on Next.

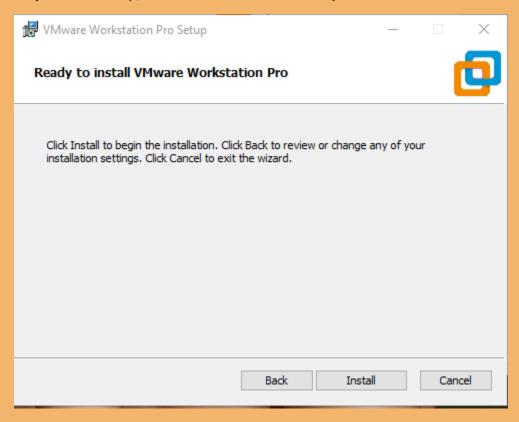


Step 7. On the next screen, some checkboxes are populated, Check them as per your requirement.

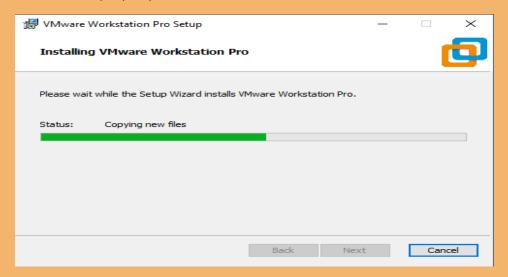
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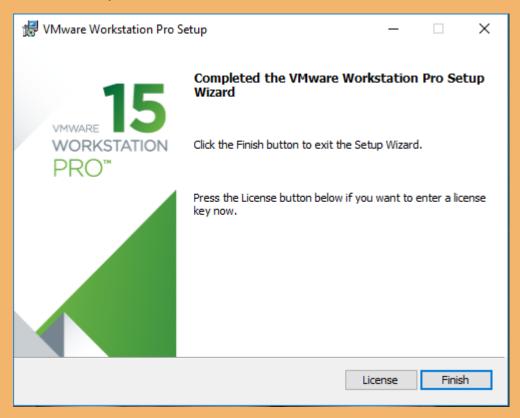
Step 8. At this step, VMware Workstation is ready to install. Click on Install.



Step 9. At this step, you can see installation taking place. The installation will take some time, wait for it to properly install.



Step 10. Once the installation gets completed you will see the following dialogue box. Click on Finish. If you have purchased the product and have a license key, then you can click on License to enter the key.



Step 11. Upon Finish, the window will close, and You can see VMware Workstation installed icon on your Desktop.

The icon looks like this,



Double Click on the Icon to open the application.

Step 12. For the first time opening, if you have not entered the License key in step 7, then it will ask for a license key. You can go for the trial version which is available free for 15 to 30 days. Click on Continue. Make sure you have Admin rights for this in Windows.



At this stage, you will get the final installation message. Click on Finish.



Finally, this will open a window of VMware Workstation Pro.

