

Downloading VMware Fusion and Workstation Free for Personal Use

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The screenshot shows a web browser window on a Mac OS X desktop. The URL in the address bar is support.broadcom.com/group/ecx/productdownloads?subfamily=VMware%20Fusi... . The page displays a list of download links for VMware Fusion 13 Pro for Personal Use. The sidebar on the left includes links for My Downloads, My Cases, Trials & Beta, Documentation, Security Advisories, All Products, and Contact Support. A search bar at the top right says "Search by Release or Language" with a dropdown set to "English Only". The main content area shows a table with columns for Release, Release Level Info, and Language. The releases listed are 13.5.1, 13.5, 13.0.2, 13.0.1, and 13.0.0, all in English. Below the table, there are links for VMware Fusion 13, VMware Fusion 12, and VMware Fusion 11. A red circle with a speech bubble icon is overlaid on the bottom right corner of the browser window.

Release	Release Level Info	Language
13.5.1	520293	English
13.5	520294	English
13.0.2	520295	English
13.0.1	520350	English
13.0.0	520351	English

You may have heard the exciting news about [VMware Fusion and Workstation being free for personal use](#), but maybe you're finding the Broadcom support portal a little overwhelming... This post is for you! I'll walk through how to download the new personal use editions of VMware Fusion Pro and VMware Workstation Pro.

Summary

1. Go to [broadcom.com](#)
2. In the upper right corner, select 'Support Portal'
3. Either log in by clicking 'Go To Portal' or 'Register' for a basic Broadcom account
[Quick link to the registration form](#)
4. Once logged in, go to [support.broadcom.com](#) if you're not redirected there
5. Click the dropdown to choose the VMware Cloud Foundation division
6. On the left, click 'My Downloads'
7. Search for either Fusion or Workstation
8. Click the product name (VMware Fusion or VMware Workstation Pro)
9. Notice the dropdown for the Personal Use edition (it is the exact same binaries as the Commercial one)
10. Select 17.5.2 or 13.5.2
11. Download and install

Log into Broadcom.com

The screenshot shows the Broadcom website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Products, Solutions, Support and Services, Company, and How To Buy. A support portal sidebar on the right offers options like Go To Portal, Register, and Forgot Username/Password? Below the navigation, a large banner announces "VMware joins Broadcom" with a subtext: "Together, Broadcom and VMware are well positioned to help global enterprises embrace private, hybrid and multi-cloud environments with greater choice and flexibility." A "Learn More" button is present. The main content area features a blue abstract background with glowing particles and a circular graphic containing the "vmware by Broadcom" logo. Below this, a section titled "What Are You Designing Today?" lists six solution categories with corresponding icons:

- Broadband Wi-Fi AP Solutions
- Data Center Solutions
- Financial Services Solutions
- Enterprise Security Solutions
- Broadband Access Solutions
- Automotive Solutions

A small note at the bottom left of the main content area says "Open 'https://support.broadcom.com/user' in a new tab".

First step is to get logged in to the Support Portal. You'll need a free account in order to access downloads, so if you haven't registered you'll need to do that [here](#)

Once logged in, we have to get to the VMware Cloud Foundation Downloads...

Navigate to VMware Cloud Foundation

Within Broadcom, we're a part of the VMware Cloud Foundation division. This is the same group that delivers ESXi, VMware vSphere, VMware Cloud Foundation and more. Fusion and Workstation left the End User Computing group back in 2018 and 'came home to vSphere'.

May 10th Update - We continue to work diligently to complete the migration of downloads, license keys, and support cases as quickly as possible and the majority of these activities will be completed within the next few days. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time, and thank you for your continued support.

My Dashboard - VMware Cloud Foundation

Search the entire site

Welcome!

To unlock additional services click Build your Profile
If you've already submitted a Build your Profile request, check back later.

Build your Profile

Knowledge Base Articles

Browse All

Critical Alerts

View All

- Mainframe Software
- Enterprise Software
- Cyber Security Software
- Payment Security Software
- VMware Cloud Foundation
- Tanzu
- Application Networking and Security
- Software Defined Edge
- Brocade Storage Networking
- Semiconductors

So make sure you select that so you can find our builds!

My Downloads

Now we need to click My Downloads to see the big list of everythig available... It's a lot, so we'll narrow it down using the search field

My Downloads - VMware Cloud Foundation

Fusion

VMware Fusion

VMware vSphere Bitfusion

1 to 2 of 2 records

Search for Fusion

The screenshot shows the Broadcom support portal interface. On the left is a sidebar with links like 'My Dashboard', 'My Entitlements', 'My Downloads' (which is selected), 'My Cases', 'Trials & Beta', 'Documentation', 'Security Advisories', 'All Products', and 'Contact Support'. The main content area is titled 'My Downloads - VMware Cloud Foundation'. It lists two items: 'VMware Workstation Player' and 'VMware Workstation Pro'. A search bar at the top right contains the text 'Workstation'. Below the list is a pagination control showing '1 to 2 of 2 records' and buttons for navigation. The bottom of the page includes standard links for 'Products', 'Solutions', 'Support and Services', 'Company', and 'How To Buy', along with social media icons for LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube.

Or search for Workstation

Download the Personal Use Bits

After selecting either VMware Fusion or VMware Workstation in the previous panel, you should notice within the list of products there is now a 'For Personal Use' option.

The screenshot shows the Broadcom support portal interface for 'VMware Fusion'. The sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled '← VMware Fusion' and has a 'Products' tab selected. It features a search bar with 'Search by Release or Language' and a checkbox for 'English Only'. Below is a list of VMware Fusion versions: 'VMware Fusion 13 Pro for Personal Use', 'VMware Fusion 13', 'VMware Fusion 12', and 'VMware Fusion 11'. Each item has a right-pointing arrow icon to its right. A pagination control at the bottom shows '1 to 4 of 4 records'. The bottom of the page includes 'Product Download Help' and a red message bubble icon.

Agree to terms, and download!

Now we just need to download! You may need to select the 'agree to Broadcom terms and conditions'

The screenshot shows a web browser window for support.broadcom.com. The left sidebar has links for My Downloads, My Cases, Trials & Beta, Documentation, Security Advisories, All Products, and Contact Support. The main content area is titled "Primary Downloads" and "Open Source". A search bar and filters for Release (17.5.1), Release Level Info (520407), and Language (English) are at the top. A checkbox for agreeing to Broadcom Terms and Conditions is checked. A "Expand All" button is also present. The results table shows one record:

File Name	Last Updated	SHA2	MD5
VMware Workstation Pro for Windows VMware-workstation-full-17.5.1-23298084.exe(594.29 MB) Build Number: 23298084	Feb 27, 2024 12:00AM	0ed4da2275cb379628717726226a5f60f0c563a d043ae555dedfffc503f9795a0	5151f645be318233e20e2b52c329b529

At the bottom, it says "1 to 1 of 1 records" and has navigation buttons (<, 1, >) and a "Top" link.

x.5.2 has the support for Free

In order to use the Pro edition for Personal Use, you need to install either Fusion Pro 13.5.2 or Workstation Pro 17.5.2 (Windows or Linux).

I'll follow up this post with another about how to convert from Player to Pro for personal use!

If you find anything inaccurate or if I missed a step, please let me know on [Twitter!](#)