The software installation is a prerequisite to Chapter 4.

About this document:

Welcome to the software installation guide for Apress book, **"Introduction to Python Network Automation: The First Journey, Edition 2"**. This guide has been created by the authors as a complementary material to the book, but it is not part of the actual book. Its purpose is to provide a clear and concise set of instructions to help you install the necessary software to follow along with the book's examples and exercises.

By following the steps outlined in this guide, you will be able to set up the required software for Ansible network automation and start exploring the practical concepts covered in the book. Please note that this guide is not intended to be a comprehensive resource on network automation or Python, but rather a focused guide to help you get started quickly and easily.

If you have any questions or issues during the installation process, please don't hesitate to reach out to the authors or consult the resources listed in the guide. We hope this guide proves helpful in your journey towards mastering Python network automation.

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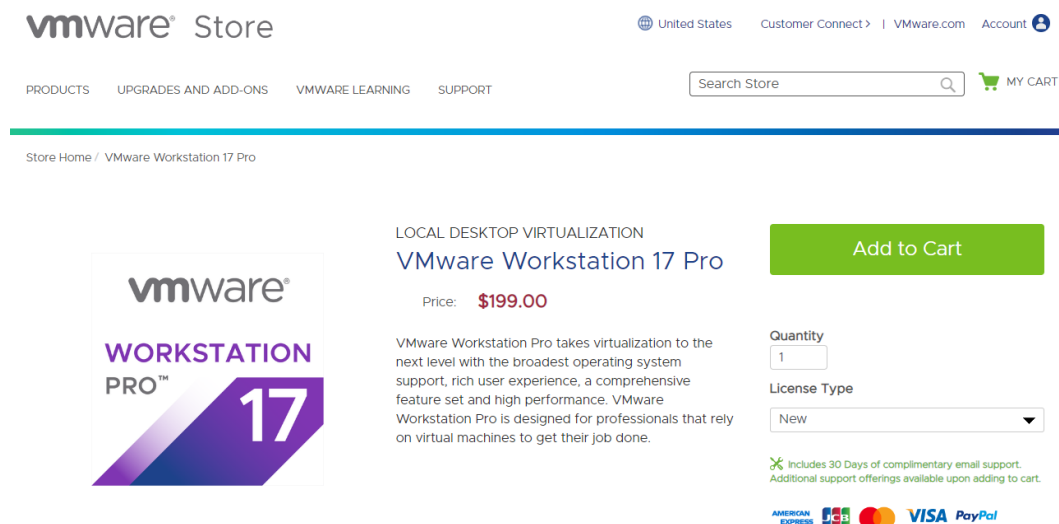
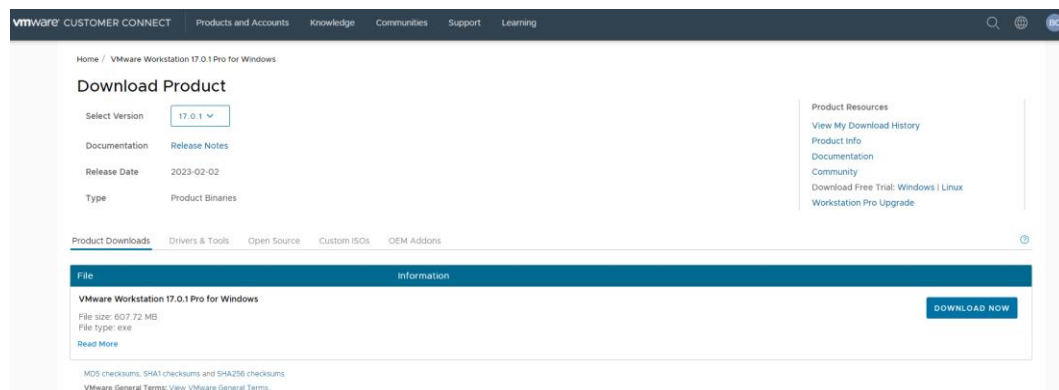|	
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Installation Steps:

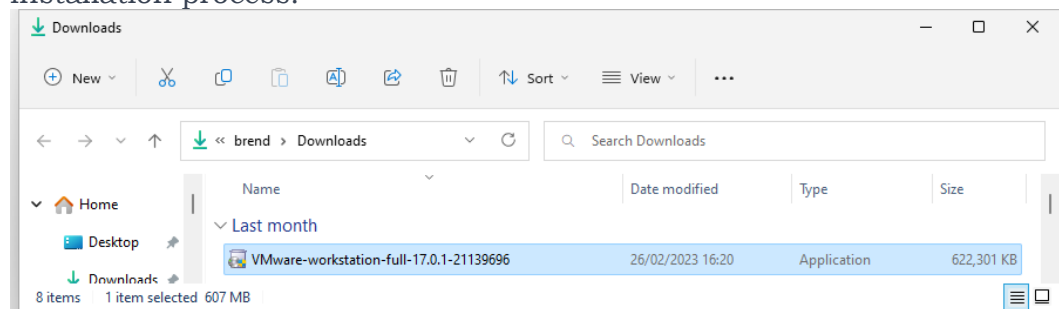1. First, you need to download the VMware Workstation 17 installer from the VMware website. You can do this by visiting the following link: https://www.vmware.com/products/workstation-pro/workstation-pro-evaluation.html

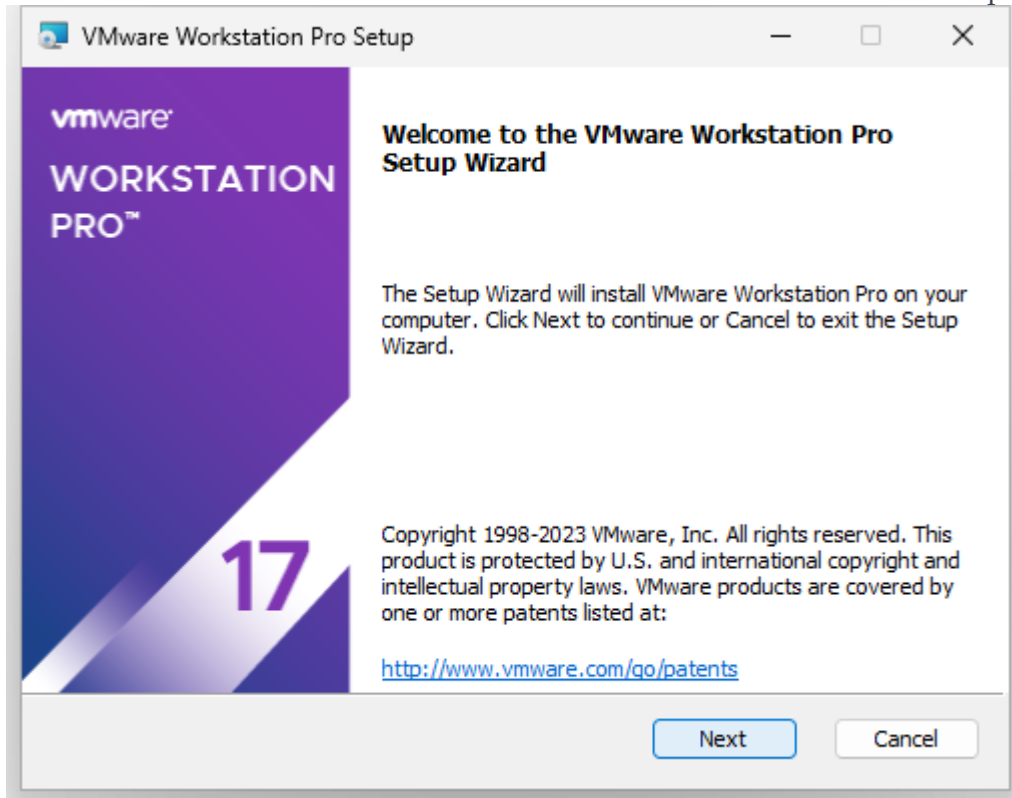   https://store-us.vmware.com/vmware-workstation-17-pro-5709912600.html

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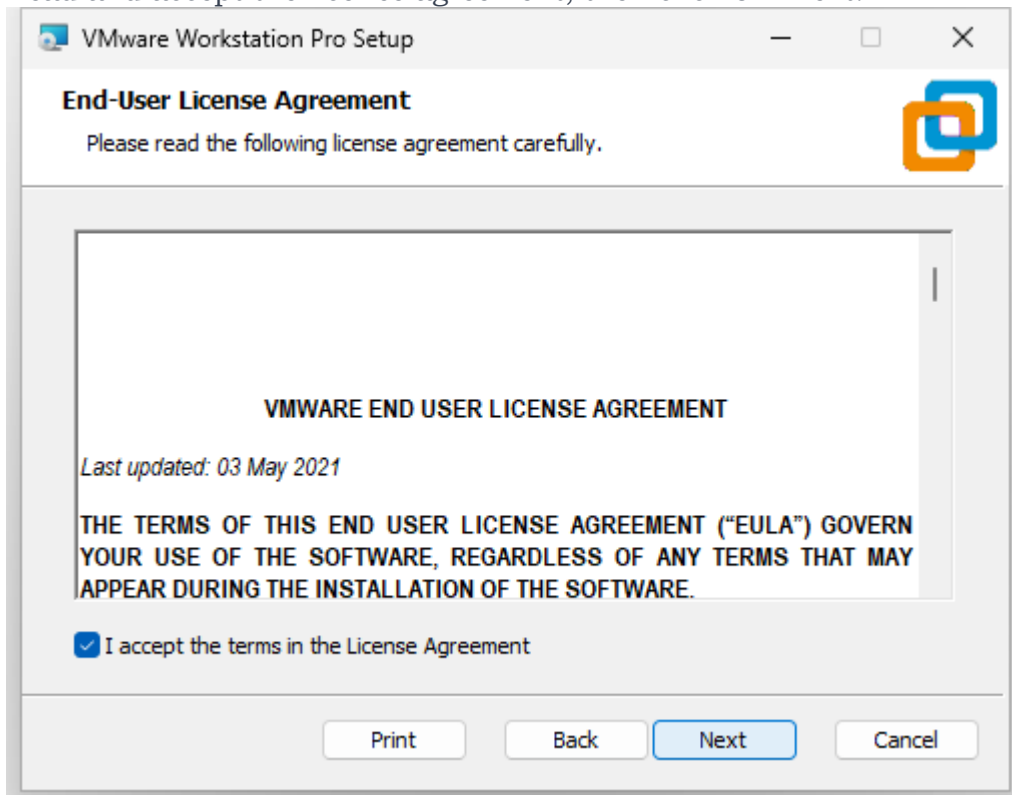

2. Once the download is complete, double-click on the installer file to begin the installation process.
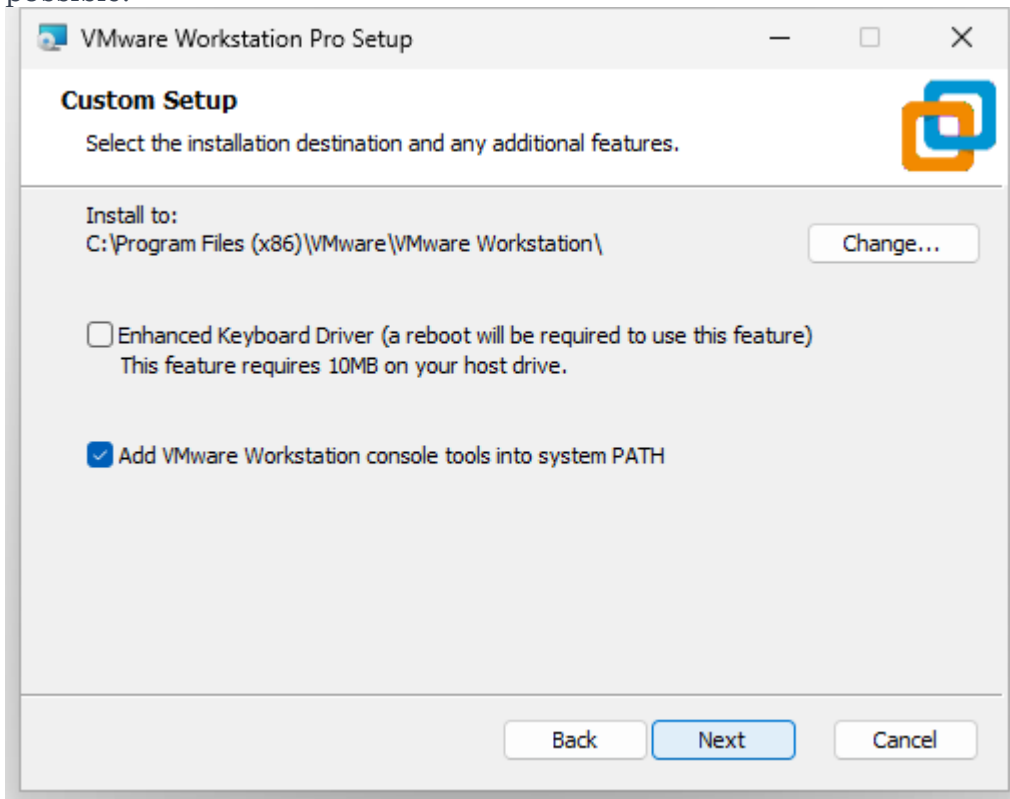
3. The VMware Workstation 17 installer will launch. Click on "Next" to proceed.
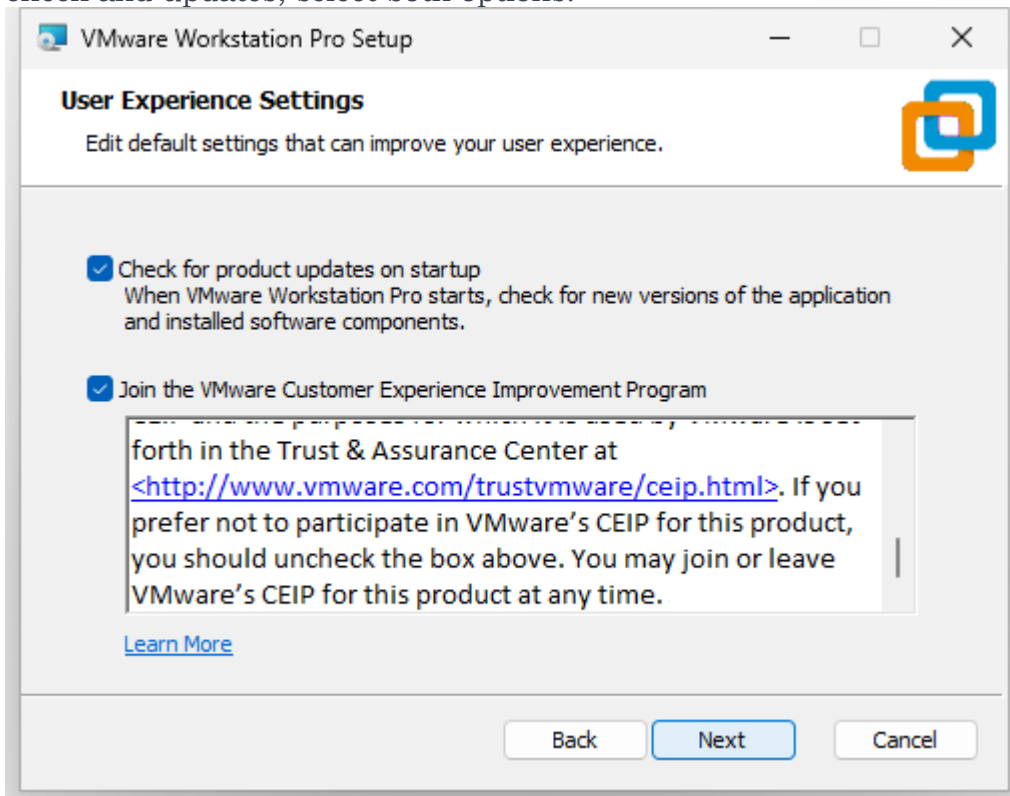

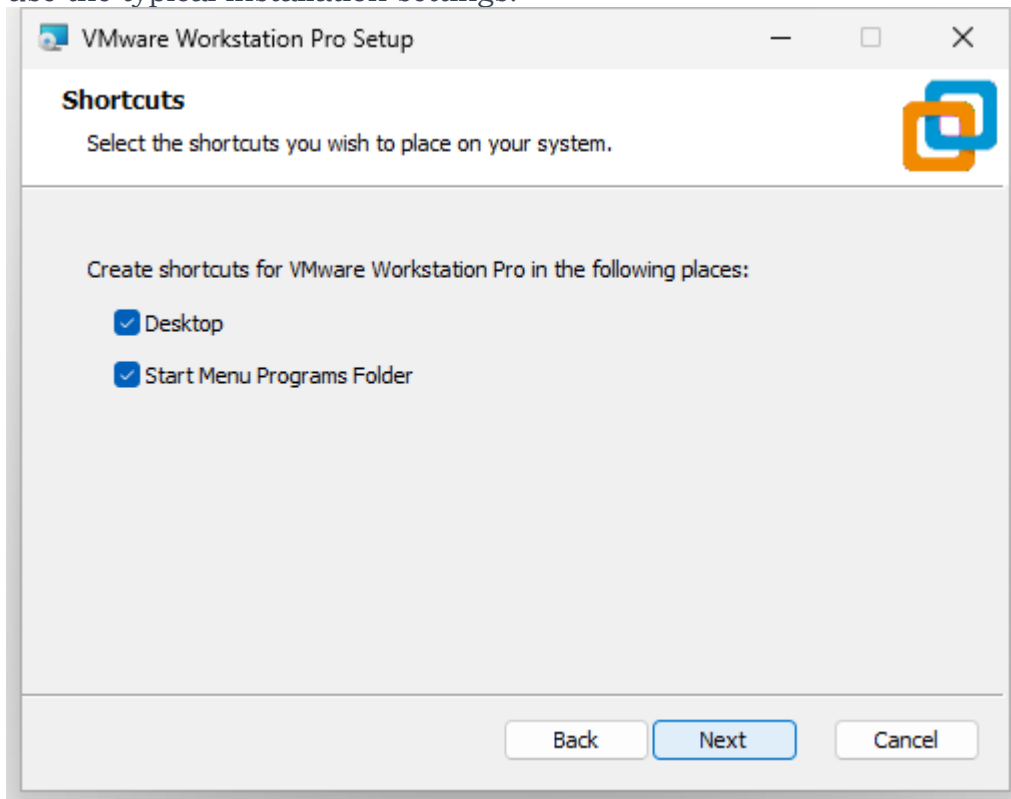4. Read and accept the license agreement, then click on "Next."

5. Choose the installation directory where you want to install VMware Workstation 17, then click on "Next." Leave the default settings whenever possible.
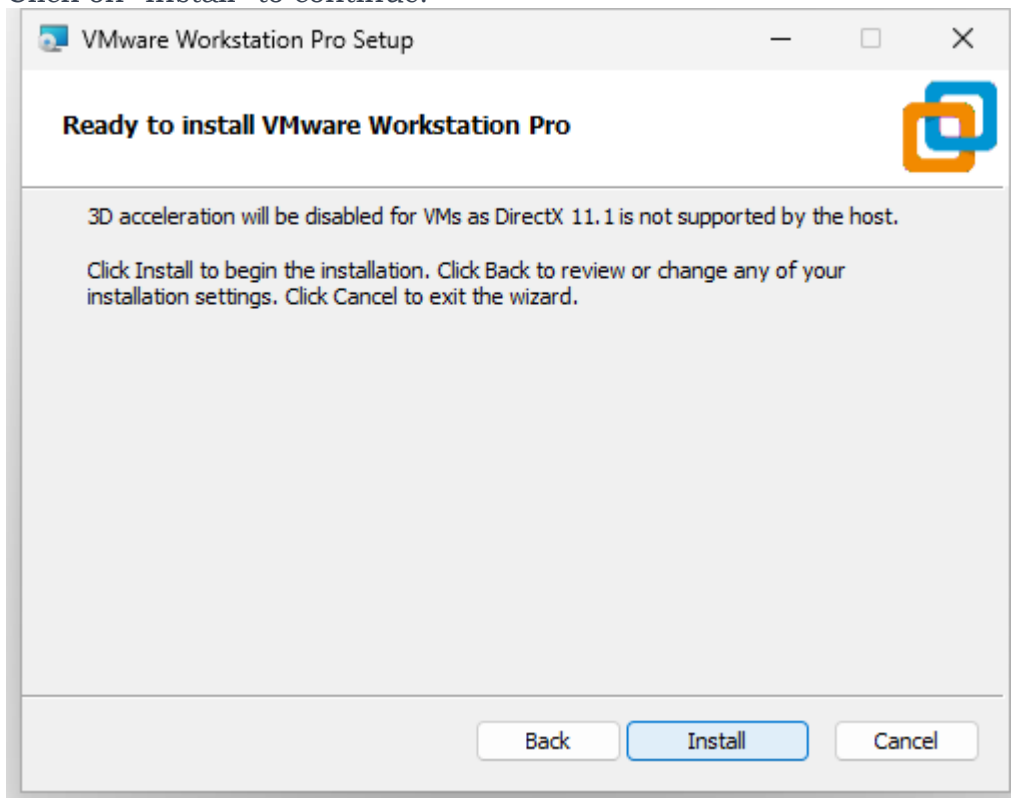

6. Choose User Experience Settings and click on "Next" to continue. This does not have any affect on the system performance, but if you want regular check and updates, select both options.
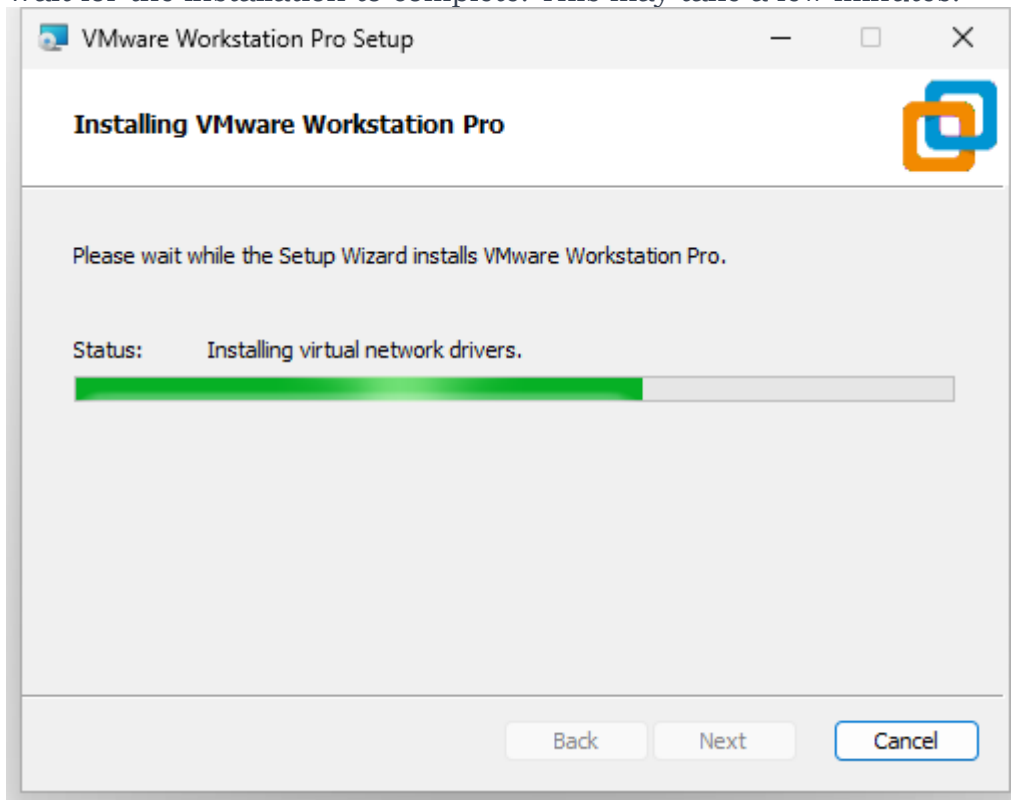
7. Choose the shortcut options and click on "Next" to continue. Again, try to use the typical installation settings.
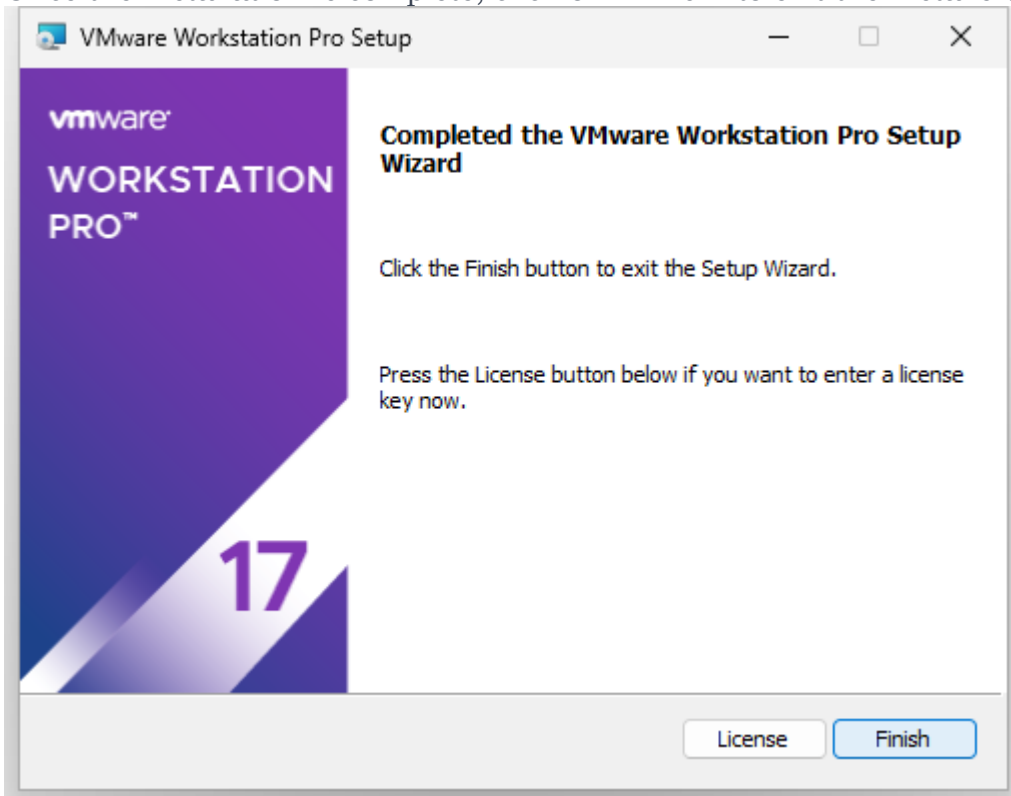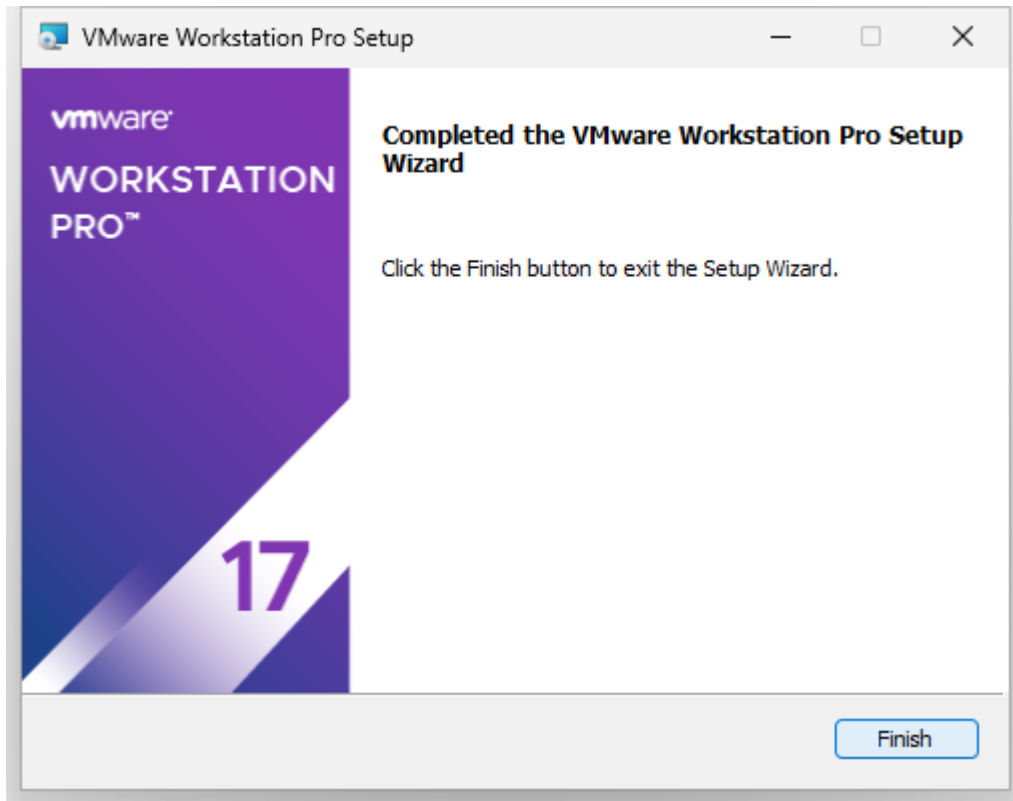

8. Click on "Install" to continue.

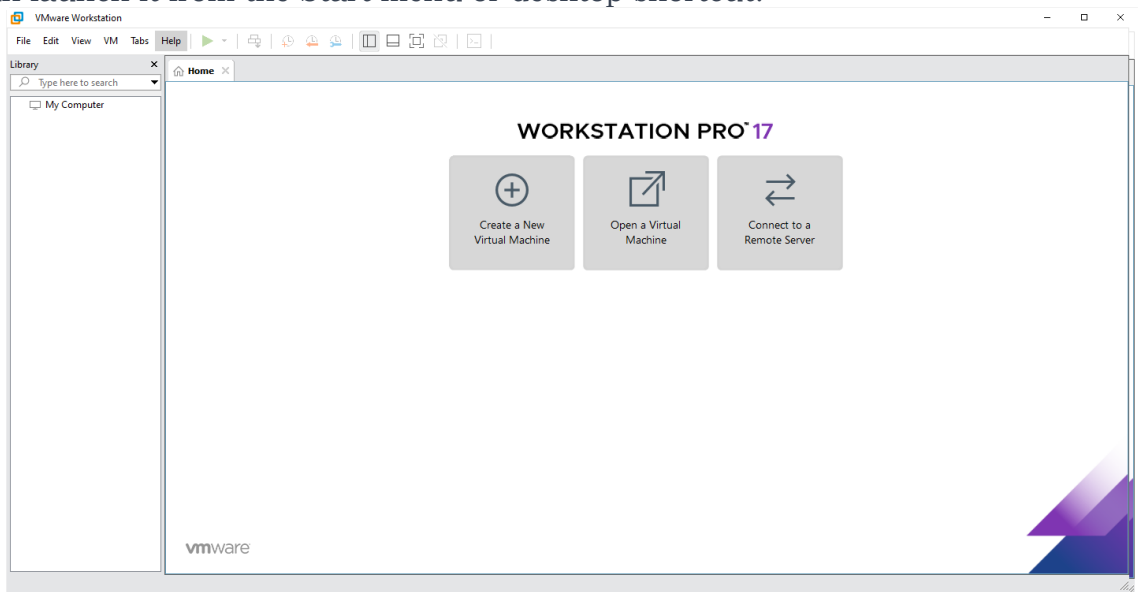9. Wait for the installation to complete. This may take a few minutes.

10. Once the installation is complete, click on "Finish" to exit the installer.

If you have a valid license to enter, enter it now. If not you will be running with free 30 days trial license from the day of installation. You can always enter the new license from the main menu at later time.

11. VMware Workstation 17 is now installed on your Windows 11 computer. You can launch it from the Start menu or desktop shortcut.

Enjoy the VMware Desktop Virtualization experience!