

Neverinstall vs VMware Cloud Foundation.

VMware Cloud Foundation is licensed per core, at least 16 per CPU, with vSAN capacity metered per core. Neverinstall Private Cloud is priced per node, with storage, Containers and Managed Kubernetes included.

Move one workload group before the renewal.

Side by side: What you license, and what your team runs

	VMware Cloud Foundation	Neverinstall
Licensing	Subscription only, per physical core, with at least 16 cores licensed per CPU. Perpetual licenses ended in January 2024.	Per node, quoted for your deployment. Storage, Containers and Managed Kubernetes are included, and extra Virtual Machines add no platform charge.
Storage	Each VCF core includes 1 TiB of vSAN. More capacity is licensed separately.	Block, Object and File Storage on internal disks or an existing SAN, with no charge per TiB.
Administration	vSphere, vSAN, NSX, VCF Operations and VCF Automation, with licenses registered through VCF Operations and the VCF Business Services console.	Compute, storage, networking and identity from one Console. Console, CLI, Go SDK, first-party Terraform provider and an OpenAPI 3 API.
Disconnected sites	Disconnected sites upload a license usage file at least every 180 days.	Offline installation and signed update bundles, with no license check-in.
Hardware	x86 for production. ESXi on Arm is a tech preview in 9.1, without vSAN or NSX.	x86 and arm64 servers back to 2012, mixed in one cluster. We check your models before the pilot.

VMware facts are from Broadcom documentation, checked September 2026.

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Where Neverinstall differs.

Priced per node	Cores, storage capacity and Virtual Machines on a node add no license cost. Storage, Containers and Managed Kubernetes are in the node price.
Reuse the servers you have	A cluster can start on a single node, with 1+1 HA from 2 nodes and full HA from 3.
Migration built in	The migration pipeline reads your vCenter inventory, imports VMDK disks and injects VirtIO drivers. Live migration from vSphere is next on the roadmap.