

IBM and VMware Join Hybrid Cloud Forces

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IBM and VMware share a dream where more enterprises deploy hybrid clouds-- bringing about a "strategic partnership" allowing VMware customers to extend virtualised workloads on the public IBM SoftLayer cloud.



Through the partnership customers can automatically provision pre-configured VMware Software Defined Datacentre (SDDC) environments consisting of VMware vSphere, NSX and Virtual SAN on the IBM Cloud. Such capabilities come through "extensive" IBM CloudBuilder tools and workload automation, while extended vRealize Automation and vCenter management tools handle the deployment and management of environments on the IBM cloud.

In addition both IBM and VMware will offer expertise, solutions and infrastructure for customers wanting to manage and scale resources running on private and public clouds.

"This partnership, an extension of our 14-year plus relationship with IBM, demonstrates a shared vision that will help enterprise customers more quickly and easily embrace the hybrid cloud," VMware says. "Our customers will be able to efficiently and securely deploy their proven software-defined solutions with sophisticated workload automation to take advantage of the flexibility and cost effectiveness of IBM Cloud."

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