

# VMWare

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## Service Overview

### Introduction

NSIT's VMWare licenses allow a single server to be partitioned into several "virtual" servers, each of which has the characteristics of a single piece of hardware. Virtual servers running on the same machine operate independently of each other and are capable of running different operating systems, being separately administered, and being rebooted without affecting other virtual servers.

Because this technology has the potential for significant savings in cost, space, and energy use, NSIT has arranged a license agreement with VMWare and Dell to allow people at the University to acquire the virtualization software at a significant discount.

Under the current contract, NSIT can offer an unlimited number of VMWare Virtual Center and ESX Suite licenses from now until June 30, 2011, with maintenance extended to June 30, 2013. The VMWare license includes access to the virtualization software, but not to installation or configuration support from NSIT. Installation and monitoring must be undertaken by the license holder.

Depending on your needs, there are two software options available, with prices set at either \$1,000 or \$1,500 under the agreement, compared to \$8,505 or \$9,792, respectively as of Sept. 2008, if purchased at the normal academic price.



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### Getting Started

To request to be added to the VMWare virtualization software license agreement:

1. Visit [nsit.uchicago.edu/licensing/download/vmwareform](http://nsit.uchicago.edu/licensing/download/vmwareform).
2. Fill out the online request form.
3. If you have questions or would like more information about available software options, visit [nsit.uchicago.edu/licensing/download/vmware](http://nsit.uchicago.edu/licensing/download/vmware) or email NSIT at [licensing@uchicago.edu](mailto:licensing@uchicago.edu).

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