Perpetual Socket License

FAQ for Veeam authorized distributors and resellers only

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Effective immediately, Veeam® reinstates per-CPU perpetual socket licenses for Veeam Data Platform Foundation and Advanced (previously known as Veeam Backup & Replication and Veeam Availability Suite) in Enterprise and Enterprise *Plus* editions. Veeam **Pro**Partners can offer their **existing customers of these products** to expand their existing perpetual sockets environment by ordering more. Perpetual sockets are **not available for net new customers**.

1. Licensing Questions

1.1. Which Perpetual Socket Licenses will be made available for sale?

Perpetual Socket Licenses for Veeam Data Platform Foundation (formerly Veeam Backup & Replication) and Veeam Data Platform – Advanced (formerly Veeam Availability Suite) at both the Enterprise and Enterprise Plus Edition with either Basic or Production support.

1.2. Who is eligible to purchase additional perpetual sockets?

Veeam Data Platform Foundation (formerly Veeam Backup & Replication) and Veeam Data Platform Advanced (formerly Veeam Availability Suite) Enterprise and Enterprise *Plus* customers.

1.3. Can customers with perpetual Veeam ONE, Veeam Data Platform Essentials sockets (any edition) or any Standard Edition customer buy more?

Veeam ONE standalone, Veeam Data Platform – Essentials and ANY Standard edition perpetual sockets **are not** being made available for purchase. These customers are allowed to purchase VDP Foundation (VBR) or VDP Advanced (VAS) perpetual sockets at Enterprise or Enterprise Plus edition and upgrade their existing licenses to the product and edition of the additional licenses being purchased so that the products can merge and create a single license file for central management. All Veeam socket merge rules apply.

Management Pack only customers are not considered eligible for this purchase.

1.4.   Can otherwise eligible customers downgrade and purchase more sockets?

 No. Downgrades are not permitted.

1.5.   How long will perpetual sockets remain available?

 Perpetual sockets are expected to remain available for existing customer purchase for 2 years.

1.6.   What perpetual socket licenses upgrade options exist?
 Examples:

Current Socket Product	Ability To Upgrade	Possible Upgrades
VDP-Foundation Enterprise Edition *(formerly Veeam Backup & Replication)*	✔	Preferred – Upgrade to VUL Socket upgrade to VDP-F Enterprise Plus or VDP-A Enterprise Plus
VDP-Foundation Enterprise *Plus* Edition *(formerly Veeam Backup & Replication)*	✔	Preferred – Upgrade to VUL Socket upgrade to VDP-A Enterprise Plus
VDP-Advanced Enterprise Edition *(formerly Veeam Availability Suite)*	✔	Preferred – Upgrade to VUL Socket upgrade to VDP-A Enterprise Plus
VDP-Advanced Enterprise *Plus* Edition *(formerly Veeam Availability Suite)*	✔	Upgrade to VUL
All other perpetual sockets	✔	Preferred – Upgrade to VUL Socket upgrade to VDP-F Enterprise, VDP-A Enterprise, VDP-F Enterprise Plus, or VDP-A Enterprise Plus

1.7.   What merge options are available with Perpetual Sockets?

 Perpetual sockets can only be merged with other perpetual socket licenses of the same product (Essentials, Foundation, Advanced) and edition (Standard, Enterprise, Enterprise Plus). Perpetual sockets cannot be merged with Subscription Sockets. A socket license and a VUL license can be installed together into the same product; when doing so, the product will

consume socket licenses for all VMware and Hyper-V VMs, and all other workloads will consume VUL instances.

1.8. Will VDP-P be available as a socket?

No. This is not an option.

1.9. Will subscription Socket and Perpetual socket merge?

No, same for Subscription and Perpetual VUL.

1.10. Will migrated customers be able to un-migrate?

No, Migrations were never mandatory and there is no migration from VUL to sockets.

1.11. Will customers who <u>do not buy more licenses</u> be able to upgrade?

Yes, customers can upgrade to the Enterprise Plus edition and/or a better product at the same or Enterprise Plus edition if they do not purchase more.

1.12. Can customers purchase and operate different socket license editions in the same environment?

No, this is the same as before. Customers are not allowed to operate differing editions or differing products on the same shared source infrastructure. Documented in 1.11 & 1.13 of [Veeam Licensing Policy](#)

1.13. Can customers have both Perpetual Sockets and VUL licenses in the same centrally managed environment?

Yes. Combining Sockets and VUL is allowed for VDP – Foundation (VBR) and VDP – Advanced (VAS). In this case, sockets must be used to protect ALL VMware and/or Hyper-V VMs and VUL will be used to protect any other workload: Cloud, Physical, NAS, Apps, Nutanix or Red Hat VMs. Reference the [Licensing policy](#) for more details.

2. Transaction Questions

2.1. Will the perpetual socket license be available on the commercial price list?
Yes, the socket products and editions made available for purchase by eligible customers will be available without the need for a Non-Standard Quote.

2.2. Will Deal Registration be offered on perpetual socket licenses?
Yes, Deal Registration will be available for qualifying opportunities.

2.3. Will perpetual sockets be sold through Alliance partners?
All Veeam **Pro**Partners and Alliances will be able to offer perpetual sockets. However, timing and adoption is dependent on the individual Alliance.

2.4. What is the maximum prepaid maintenance term available with a new perpetual socket license?
A maximum contract term of 3 years is possible with new perpetual socket license purchases, meaning license + up to 2 additional years of prepaid maintenance.