

# The Power of Snow: Commander + VMware

## Modernize your VMware Estate with a Comprehensive Cloud Management Platform

As hybrid cloud adoption continues to grow, IT teams need to ensure that existing technology can provide the agility their business demands. For IT Infrastructure managers, this means “future-proofing” existing VMware infrastructure to support modern cloud and development processes. This may seem like an impossible task for teams bogged down by manual management tasks. But with the right cloud management tool, you can transform a legacy VMware deployment into a modern development platform that lays the foundation for an agile, integrated hybrid cloud environment.



### Automation is a Catalyst for Modernization

Gartner predicts that by 2022, organizations without an I&O automation strategy will achieve 70% less efficiency and productivity savings than their counterparts who have clearly defined strategies.

Snow Commander is a powerful hybrid cloud management solution that leverages automation to deliver business agility, oversight and efficiency. With Commander, IT teams can quickly and easily implement a modern, self-service delivery model to eliminate cumbersome, manual approval processes and drastically reduce provisioning times.

Snow Commander is easy to install and configure, providing a scalable solution that delivers self-service capabilities, multi-tenancy and platform-agnostic orchestration capabilities in a single, integrated software package.

## Why Snow Commander?

### Easy implementation and quick time to value

- Agentless discovery enables quick implementation and provides value on Day 1

### Flexible deployment options

- Can be deployed as a SaaS or self-hosted platform

### Seamless integration with existing tech

- Integrates with any technology with an API
- Breadth of platforms supported enable support across the transformation journey

### Industry-leading expertise

- Two-time leader in Gartner’s Magic Quadrant for Cloud Management Platforms
- 20+ years of cloud management experience
- Enterprise grade product with proven success

### Global footprint and scale

- Over 4,000 global customers
- Cloud experts in region to provide consistent support

## Key Business Benefits

### Decrease Provisioning Times

By automating application and infrastructure provisioning, Commander users can provision resources over 100 times faster.

### Enable Self-Service IT

Leverage Commander's self-service portal, customizable service catalog, and automation capabilities to provide automated, on-demand access to the services your users need.

### Improve Governance Practices

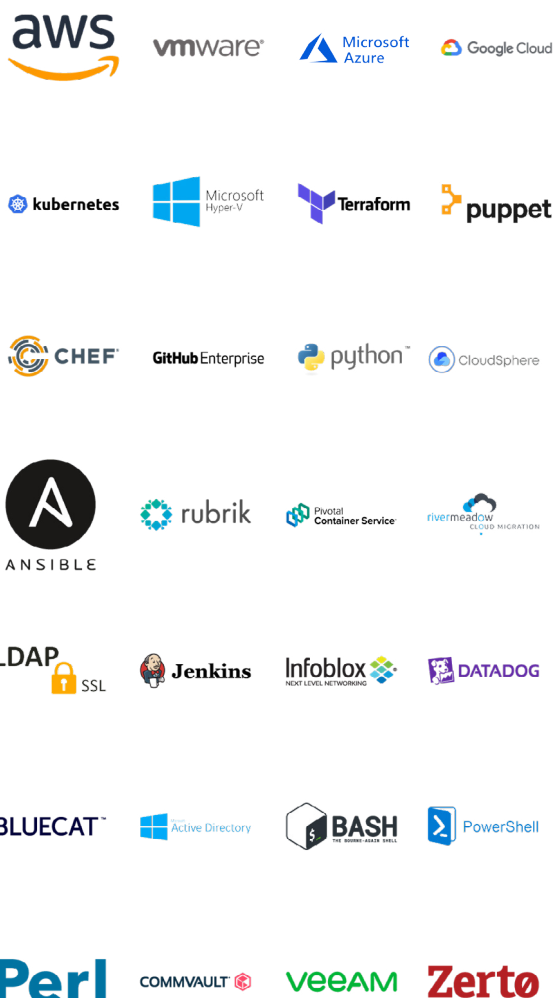
Quotas, template enforcement, tag enforcement and resource expiration provide the guardrails you need to implement and maintain proper governance policies.

### Optimize and Reduce Costs

Robust Lifecycle Management and rightsizing capabilities help to prevent overspend and reclaim under-utilized resources.

### Ease Adoption and Management

Commander is a hybrid and multi-cloud enabler, providing visibility and control over your entire infrastructure environment.



## Key Features

### Provisioning Automation and Application Deployment

Automate the end-to-end delivery and continuous management of infrastructure and application services. With configurable maintenance windows and workflow scheduling, change orders can be automated and easily integrated into your existing SLAs and operations processes.

### Self-Service Portal

Commander provides a powerful, easy-to-use hybrid cloud portal that comes without the repetitive configuration, effort and cost of other self-service solutions. The fully featured portal allows users to request new VMs or cloud instances from a customizable service catalog or request changes to existing VMs or cloud instances.

### Customizable Service Catalog

Create custom service offerings with associated access controls and publish them to the service catalog. Users can also customize the approval processes and post-deployment workflows for each service in the catalog.

### Chargeback, Showback and IT Costing

Commander assigns and tracks virtual asset costs in real time, with comprehensive reporting on IT infrastructure costs and growth trends. Commander can also help reinforce cost savings initiatives and promote responsible usage by showing users the cost of resources before deployment.

### Automated Lifecycle Management

Commander's robust policy engine automates lifecycle management, enabling users to decommission resources within set time limits and easily target specific areas of cloud consumption used by R&D teams for short-term use (such as accounts, regions, or VPCs). Flexible notification and expiry extension options ensure that users are well informed and keep VMs and application workloads active for as long as they are needed, without introducing sprawl.

### Reporting and Analytics

Commander delivers immediate value with best-practice IT infrastructure reports, VM sprawl information and capacity and growth indicators. Use the fully customizable reporting capabilities to deliver persona-based reports to your stakeholders on a regular schedule. Powerful search capabilities complement the library of predefined reports and enable ad-hoc querying of hundreds of data points.

### Developer Friendly

With Commander, IT can provide developers with direct, self-service access to cloud resources, without losing visibility into spend and usage. Easily insert Commander as a step in the DevOps pipeline to provide visibility into cloud usage without slowing down even the most agile dev teams.

### Seamless Technology Integrations

We understand that technology is the lifeblood of a modern organization, so we want to make it as easy as possible to get the most value out of your existing technology investments. Commander was built with compatibility in mind, and easily integrates with any technology with an API.

"Having fewer manual intervention steps to deploy and decommission virtual machines, along with the simplicity of the interface itself, is what makes Snow Commander stand out from the competition. And when we do need to contact support, we get a reply in a very short amount of time telling us what our expectations are for that case. I'm super impressed with the support we get."

-Niggie Anwar,  
Senior Storage and Virtualization Specialist,  
University of Birmingham



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Snow Software is changing the way organizations understand and manage their technology consumption. Our technology intelligence platform provides comprehensive visibility and contextual insight across software, SaaS, hardware and cloud. With Snow, IT leaders can effectively optimize resources, enhance performance and enable operational agility in a hybrid world.

