

## One-Two-Many Portals

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## Introduction

For over a decade, here at Veeam we have dedicated ourselves to enhancing our product portfolio, creating a tailored fit for small businesses, medium-sized enterprises, and service providers. Each segment faces unique challenges while maintaining a focus on its distinct specialties. Small businesses seek simplicity and efficiency, while the core requirements for medium-sized enterprises include stability and comprehensive technology coverage. In contrast, scalability, and the ability to manage operations at scale are crucial cornerstones for both Enterprises and Service Providers.

Based on our extensive field experience, we have observed that Enterprises and Service Providers often share common ground, learning effective strategies from each other to achieve their respective goals. This whitepaper aims to illuminate the subject of managing Veeam Solutions at scale, based on experience we got from our clients.



## Portals

portal<sup>1</sup>
/'po:tl/
noun
noun: portal; plural noun: portals

1. a website or web page providing access or links to other sites.

Isolated ROBO architecture, Role-based access control, Self-service requirements, single pane of glass.

Those terms are in the top of the list, for any solution architect working for a scalable solution.

Originally most of Veeam Solutions came in the form of .NET software, based on Windows-based applications. The obvious downside was a requirement for direct access to a terminal server, where the application console was installed. This situation was bringing some security concern, as any direct access to a backend infrastructure is not an option in sensitive environments. For such cases, the best solution is to use a portal that sits in between the user and the infrastructure.

That was one of the core reasons for the first portal we had in our product: Veeam Enterprise Manager.

That was the first step. A decade later, the needs of sharing secure and flexible access to the backup infrastructure brought us more than 15 portals.



Figure 1. Portals available in the Veeam portfolio

If you've been gradually ramping up with Veeam products, use cases and interconnections can be obvious. However, it's a great challenge if you face it without a proper background. One of the key goals of this document is to classify the use cases/requirements in the Service Provider/Enterprise infrastructure and map them to the related product portal.



## **Enterprise Manager**

Enterprise Manager was the first portal to provide Web-based access for backup management.

Currently, there are 6 core use cases of this portal, which are connected to specific endpoints.

Portal	Main Use Case	URL
1. VBEM (classic)	Manage multiple VBR servers connected over LAN	https:// <host>:9443</host>
2. Restore	Provide access only to restore operators	https:// <host>:9443</host>
3. File Restore	Provide access to Server Administrator to Restore Guest Files	https:// <host>:9443/selfrestore</host>
4, Self-Service Backup (vSphere)	Tenant self-service for IaaS based on VMware vSphere	https:// <host>:9443/backup</host>
5. Self-Service Backup for Cloud Director	Tenant self-service for IaaS based on VMware Cloud Director	https:// <host>:9443/vcloud/<orgname></orgname></host>
6. VCD Plug-in	= VCD SSP within the VCD UI (iframe)	https:// <vcd>/tenant/<orgname>/ plugins/<id>/veeam/portal</id></orgname></vcd>
7. Cloud Connect	Tenant self-service DR failover based on VCC-R	https:// <host>:6443</host>

We are not covering all the capabilities of EM, as they are explained in the technical guide. On the contrary, we are focusing on scenarios that we see mostly used in the field.



## Management of VBR installations

Veeam Backup Enterprise Manager<sup>1</sup>



Most of the tasks related to the Enterprise manager can be split into 3 wide groups:

- Management: everything related to configuration, monitoring, and reporting of servers
- Backup: configuration of backup tasks
- Restore: recovery of the data, stored in backup repository

The initial core capabilities of the Enterprise manager for VBR installations were around **reporting and alarm management**. However, with the parallel development of Veeam ONE and Veeam Service Provider console native EM functionality became limited.

**License management** is still a valid use case, however, only when usage of the Service Provider Console is not possible. Otherwise, the latter is a preferable option, due to fewer port requirements and a greater number of management options.

On another hand, when building automation or reporting – **Enterprise Manager API** gives better flexibility and a greater number of calls and low-level details than Veeam Service Provider Console and Veeam Backup and Replication API. Nevertheless, there's no strict recommendation of which one to use, and the decision must be made based on the specific project requirements.

**Encryption key management** (the ability to decrypt the data if you have lost or forgotten the password used for data encryption or if a KMS server used for data encryption is not available) is the unique capability of the Enterprise manager. Due number of recent attacks, making silent changes of encryption passwords – it's highly recommended to use the protection option.



## Provide access only to restore scope.

**Restore scope**<sup>2</sup>



Even if a self-service backup portal is available for VMware (we are discussing it later) - which provides job management and restore capabilities – it doesn't support other platforms. Many service providers are protecting alternative platforms (Hyper-V, Nutanix AHV, Physical servers, File Shares) and still have a requirement to provide self-service capabilities to other departments, offices, or customers.

To cover this scenario, it's recommended to configure backup jobs using VBR Console directly and expose restore capabilities using Veeam Backup Enterprise Manager restore scope. The same approach can be implemented for service desk or application owners, which require only restore functionality, without any access to the job management itself.

The configuration of the restore scope is done through Enterprise Manager WebUI, by creation of additional role and assigning objects and restore permissions to it (Fig. 2)





In such a scenario, it's recommended to configure backup jobs using VBR Console directly and expose restore capabilities using Veeam Backup Enterprise Manager restore scope.

After that, the customer/application owner can log in to the portal with their credentials and have limited visibility, according to the scope.

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Backup serve	r: hq-v	vbr1.demolab.local		•			
earch by mac	hine nar	me Q	Instant Recovery	Entire VM Restore	🕺 Virtual Disks	Other Actions 🗸 🕑 History	Export 🛛 🖓 Refree
Machine	Ť	Backup Server	Job Name	Restore Points	Location	Path	Last Success
exch1		hq-vbr1.demolab	VMware - Backup to XF	18 points	XFS Repository	/veeam/xfs_repository/VMware - Backup to XFS R	16 hours ago
exch1		hq-vbr1.demolab	Backup Copy to Data D	12 points	EMC Data Domain	ddboost://172.21.238.87:demo@/Backup Copy to	16 hours ago
exch1		hq-vbr1.demolab	GFS Backups to Tape	44 points	Not available	Таре	23 days ago
exch1		hq-vbr1.demolab	Backup Copy to ExaGri	13 points	ExaGrid	/home/svc-exagrid/demo/Backup Copy to ExaGri	16 hours ago
exch1		hq-vbr1.demolab	VMwareLinux - Backup	1 point	Not available	Таре	133 days ago
exch1		hg-vbr1.demolab	HPE StoreOnce Catalys	20 points	HPE StoreOnce (S	storeonce://172.21.238.195:demo_copy@/VMwar	16 hours ago

Figure 3. EM portal with Restore scope.



### Server Administrator to Restore Guest Files

Self-Service File Restore Portal<sup>3</sup>

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No configuration	Server administrator	File-leve
needed	access	restore

The advantage of the previous approach lies in its broad spectrum of restoration capabilities, however at the cost of additional operational load. Managing an extensive array of applications and individual server administrators can make the creation of distinct roles nearly impractical. Moreover, there are situations where the backup administrator may prefer to delegate only the ability to perform file-level restores, such as in a VPS infrastructure.

In such scenarios, the most straightforward solution is the Self-Service File Restore Portal. If all its prerequisites are met, it seamlessly works out of the box. Users possessing local administrator rights on a Windows machine can effortlessly access the portal using the provided general URL3 and their respective accounts.

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Files						
Showing as of yesterday. You can pick another n	estore point					
/8/2021 08:02:00 am 🗙 🏥	Type in a file name to search for	Q T No Filter Search	∱] Restore 🖌 🖞 Download	🗄 Add to Restore List	History	
- 🧀 C:	Name	Siz	e Owner	Modified		
🖷 📕 \$Recycle.Bin	140 N.R.U.S					
Documents and Settings	AppData					
PerfLogs	Application Data					
ProgramData	Contacts					
	Cookies					
System Volume Information	Desktop					

Figure 4. Guest Files Restore portal



# Backup and Restore Self-Service for VMware vSphere

vSphere Self-Service Backup Portal<sup>4</sup>



Service Providers (and Enterprise customers acting like Service Providers for their departments) often want to delegate not just the restore operations, but also the backup operations. After all, as the name IAAS implies, they offer (and operate) the underlying infrastructure, not the multitude of applications that all the tenants are going to execute on top of it.

When VMware vSphere is used as the underlying laaS technology, the best solution is to use the vSphere Self-Service Backup Portal.

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7	Self-Service		Account		↑ F	Repository		<u> </u>	vSphere role: Select Rol		15
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	Notifications										

Figure 5. Initial configuration by Administrator



This portal empowers administrators to establish a secure and protected Self-Service environment. Portal administrators can determine which users have access to the environment and specify the level of access

Add		×			
Type:	Group	*			
Account:	tech.local\Tech Admins				
Repository:	Backup Repository 5 (enterp	rise05.tech.local) 🗸 🗸			
Quota:	500 🗘 GB	*			
Job schedulin	g: Allow: Tenant has full access	to all job scheduling of 🛛 👻			
Job priority:	High	~			
vCenter scope	e: vcenter01.tech.local ×	~			
🖌 Assign a	separate quota to each group men	nber			
Advanced job	settings:				
Backup					
Backup mod		Incremental			
Create synth	etic full backups periodically on	Saturday			
Storage					
	data deduplication	Yes			
Exclude swap	p file blocks	Yes			
Exclude dele	ted file blocks	Yes			
Compression	n level	Optimal			
Storage opti	mization	Local target			
vSphere	Lalertradiag data	Vor			
Copy from:	Default settings	✓ Apply			
	5				
Hide Advanced Job Settings Save Cancel					

Figure 2. Organization configuration

for each user/group. They can leverage multiple options such as vSphere tags, vSphere roles, or VM privilege. The enforcement of multitenancy is then achieved through one of the available delegation modes.

For each group or user, administrators have the flexibility to designate the repository to be utilized, set the quota that can be consumed, define the level of freedom in job scheduling for each user, and outline the scope of their permissions.

The recommended approach is to configure multitenancy in a manner that allows tenants to use the same credentials for the laaS vSphere platform. This ensures a seamless user experience across the board.

Tenants can operate completely within the portal, having a wide degree of freedom to configure the preferred policy to protect their virtual machines, deciding which machines to protect, the different options for application processing, and the frequency and retention, inside the limits imposed by the Quota assigned to them.

Restore operations can then be executed from the same portal, with options to recover an entire virtual machine (to an existing or new location), single files, and application items.

) Self-Service Backup Porta	al for Tech A	dmins				tech\william.fox 🗸 🛛 ?
Dashboard Jobs	VMs	Files Items				
Search by VM name	Q	🔊 Restore 🗸	Polete 🚔 Quick Backup 🍰 Virtual Disks 🕤 History			🚺 Export 🕴 🔇 Refresh
VM		Keep	1 Job Name	Restore Points	Last Success	
apache02			Webserver Backup	1 point	2/5/2021 12:47:43 am	
dbserver01			DB Backup	1 point	2/5/2021 12:33:38 am	

Figure 3. Self-Backup portal restore capabilities

Keep in mind that in an laaS environment network isolation is a common scenario. Files level restore in network-less mode (over VIX) is heavily limited by the VIX transfer rate (2Mb/Sec). Application items level restoration without a network connection to the guest VM is not possible. For the list of required ports visit the user guide.



## Backup and Restore Self-Service for VMware Cloud Director

Veeam Self-Service Backup Portal for Cloud Director<sup>5</sup>





Recovery of VMs and Application data



Repository quotas

For Service Providers offering IAAS services, VMware has a great solution: VMware Cloud Director (VCD). VCD offer some capabilities that make it a great fit:

- Native multi-tenancy
- abstraction of the infrastructure
- embedded networking services
- single web interface

Veeam has a dedicated portal to allow self-service operations for tenants of VCD, that natively supports Cloud Director to guarantee:

- 1. Complete self-service capabilities for both backup and restore operations of tenants
- 2. Control of storage consumption and backup frequency by the Service Provider
- 3. All the operations have to happen inside the same interface \*
- 4. Single sign-on to access both the main interface and the Data Protection solution \*

Our focus in this discussion centers on scenarios requiring both requirements #1 and #2. In cases where #3 and #4 are also necessary, providers can leverage the Veeam Cloud Director Self-Service plugin. Further details on this additional topic will be explored in the following chapter; however, it's important to note that both options for Veeam Cloud Director share the same underlying technology.The core capability of the integration with VCD is the support for native authentication and authorization:



Figure 4. Cloud Director porta authentication



- Users are transparently identified by VCD, Veeam uses a pass-through authentication.
- Multi-tenancy is read from Veeam and applied to all the operations: there is no need to configure any permission, as Organizations and their users are natively recognized.

Also, Veeam supports all the native objects of VCD: vApps and their metadata are recognized and protected, and this information is available during the restore operations.

The backend management of the Veeam Self-Service Backup Portal for Cloud Director similar to the version designed for vSphere. Administrators, initially, can determine the VCD Organizations for which the service should be made available. Subsequently, mirroring the process explained in the vSphere version of this portal, administrators can tailor the settings for each tenant. This includes decisions on the target repository, the allocated storage quota, and the available scheduling options.

	Dashboard	Report	s Jobs	Policies	Unstructured Data	Machines	Files	ltems	Requests			heila.d.cory 🗸 🛛 ?
$\langle \in$	) Exit Configuration		vSphere	Cloud Dir	ector							
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ø	vCenter Servers		Organizatio	n	Repository		Fr	riendly name		Priority	Quota	Used
1	Self-service		organization	01	Backup Repos	sitory 1	Re	epository 2		Normal	100 GB	0
	Service		organization	01	Default Backu	p Repository	Re	epository 1		Normal	100 GB	31.9 GB
Ŀ	Sessions		Other vCloud	d organizations	Backup Repos	sitory 1	Re	epository 2		High	1 TB	Not available
	Roles											

Figure 9. Organization configuration for Cloud Director Portal

Once an Organization has been granted authorization to access the Veeam portal, any user with Organization Admin privileges can log in and utilize the portal for creating backup jobs or restoring VMs and files, all in a fully self-service manner.

Self-Service Backup Por	tal for Organi	ization01							organization01\william.fox 🗸
Dashboard Jobs	VMs	Files	ltems						
Search by VM name	Q	📳 Instar	nt Recovery		🔀 Restore vApp	📤 Virtual Disks	🔓 Delete 🛛 🕙 Histo	ory	🛂 Export 🛛 🖏 Refrest
VM			↑ vApp		Job Name		<b>Restore Points</b>	Last Success	Repository
vm01			vApp01		vApp01 Backup		3 points	8/1/2022 01:03:11 pm	Repository01
vm2			vApp02	<ul> <li>Instant Recovery</li> <li>Entire v Restore</li> <li>Restore vApp</li> <li>Virtual Disks</li> <li>Delete</li> </ul>	vApp02 Backup		1 point	8/1/2022 01:19:32 pm	Repository01

Figure 10. Restore capabilities for Cloud Director Portal



#### Veeam Plug-in for VMware Cloud Director<sup>6</sup>

For an even more smooth, seamless, and integrated experience, Veeam offers the Veeam Plug-in for VMware Cloud Director, a component that can be exposed directly into the VMware Cloud Director interface:

vmw VMware Cloud Director Data Cente	ers Applications Networking Librari	ies Administration Monitor More			Q © v administrator Organization Administrator
Dashboard Jobs VMs Files	Items				
Last 24 hours Last 7 days					🖏 Refresh
Protected	Jobs	ReFS PerVM	Repo 1	Last 24 hours	
vApps 4	Jobs 0	Status 📀	Status 😮	Success 0	
VMs 7	Max duration 0 s	Quota 100 GB	Quota 180 GB	A Warning 0	
VMs size 147.5 GB	Average speed 0 KB/s	Used 0 B	Used 180 GB	C Error 0	
10.00 5.62 1.78 1.00 05:00 pm 07:00 pm	0900 pm 1100 pm 0100 a	m 03:00 am 05:00 am	07:00 am 09:00 am 11:00	01:00 pm 03:00 pm	Show: All None Name Ref5 Per/M Repo 1

Figure 11. Plug-in for VMware Cloud Director

The set of functionalities remains consistent with the Veeam Self-Service Backup Portal for Cloud Director, given that they share the same platform. However, a notable distinction exists: the plug-in is integrated directly into the VMware Cloud Director interface. This integration offers several significant advantages:

- Passthrough authentication from VCD to Veeam: any login mechanism configured in VCD will be used by Veeam, without any additional login screen
- Tenants don't need to jump from one interface to the other
- Veeam operation directly available in VCD Actions menu





#### Veeam Cloud Connect Failover Portal<sup>7</sup>

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Failover Execution	Self-service	Veeam Cloud Connect

Tenants create their failover plans from their local installation of Veeam Backup & Replication, and they are then stored in Veeam Cloud Connect. In this way, if the tenant installation is lost, the Failover Plan is not lost. But if the whole Veeam installation at the tenant side is lost, how can the tenant execute the failover plan?

That's when the Veeam Cloud Connect Failover Portal comes into play. It can be accessed via a web interface using the Cloud Connect credentials, and its simple interface allows to do only one but very important operation: execute one of the saved Failover Plans.

Veeam <sup>®</sup> Cloud Cor	nnect Portal			You logged in as: vsphere-tenant1	Sign out
FAILOVER PLANS	🕑 Start 🏷 Undo		Type in a failover plan	n name	Q
	NAME 🕇	VMS	LOCATION	STATE	
SESSIONS HISTORY	vSphere Tenant1 Cloud Failover Plan	2	HWP-Tenant1	Ready	

Figure 12. EM Cloud Connect Portal

The interface shows the progress of the plan execution and outputs the result.

This functionality is also available in the Veeam Service Provider Console (VSPC), so some service providers may prefer to avoid using this portal and expose this functionality in VSPC together with all the many others that are available.



## Veeam Service Provider Console and its friends.

As previously discussed, Veeam Enterprise Manager effectively addresses management challenges for Veeam Backup and Replication servers. However, the evolution of the Veeam platform has prompted service providers and enterprise clients to adopt a variety of products beyond Veeam Backup and Replication.

This diversification, coupled with the expansion of infrastructure and heightened network security requirements, has presented a significant challenge in terms of central management, configuration, and monitoring for such multifaceted environments. This challenge was the catalyst for the inception of the Veeam Service Provider Console.

Presently, the Veeam Service Provider Console serves as a comprehensive solution, offering a unified view (single pane of glass) for multiple products and use cases. It effectively addresses the complexity of managing diverse products within a growing and dynamic Service Provider or Enterprise infrastructure.



Figure 13. Veeam Service Provider Console use-cases map

Utilizing this system, a global backup administrator/manager gains the ability to efficiently allocate and oversee individual licenses throughout the entire infrastructure, extending to remote offices. The entire communication process operates through a single port connection, significantly streamlining management in a distributed environment.



In addition to providing access through the Web UI, the system acts as a "proxy" for a variety of API calls across all manageable products. However, not all calls are routed through the VSPC (Service Provider Console). Therefore, for specific tasks, it is recommended to utilize the API of each product rather than relying solely on the VSPC API. The decision should be made based on a case-by-case scenario, taking into consideration the specific requirements of each task.

Even when seeking direct access to the individual products managed by the console, the Service Provider Console can always function as a high-level monitoring and alarm management tool. However, for more granular monitoring and analytics, it is advisable to leverage the Veeam ONE solution.

Nevertheless, while the Service Provider Console proves to be a valuable tool for scaled environments, it necessitates Veeam Cloud Connect deployment. It's important to note that enterprise customers seeking to utilize this feature must obtain special approval for the appropriate license.



Figure 14. Veeam Service Provider Console Dashboard



#### Veeam Backup & Replication Servers



As previously mentioned, the Veeam Service Provider Console offers powerful capabilities for centralized monitoring and oversight of various components within an infrastructure, including Veeam Backup and Replication nodes. This extends further with the use of remote dedicated management agents, unlocking additional use-case scenarios for the console.

In contrast to Enterprise Manager, there's no requirement for a wide range of open ports, as the communication link is initiated by the management agent located on the remote Veeam Backup and Replication (VBR) server. In practical terms, this allows the VBR server to be positioned behind a firewall without the need for incoming connections, a common scenario in Enterprise Remote Office/Branch Office (ROBO) setups.

C Veeam Service Provi	der Console								(2	democenter.int\aphilippov Portal Administrator	@   ∰ a	onfiguration
All Resellers/Companies	Computers	Virtual Machines	File Shares	Cloud Dat	abases	Microsoft 365 Objects						
All Locations	Virtual Infrastructure	Public Clouds										
Monitoring		Q	Server		Q	Status: All		0	Filter (None)			
H Overview	Job	4	Server		Q	Status: All	1 0 0		Filter (None)			
Active Alarms	💽 Start 🔳 Stop	C Retry	Enable 😑 D	sable 🛛 🖉 Dov	nload Logs	> PowerShell Session					7 Exp	ort to 🗸
Image: RPO & SLA	_											
📋 Resources & Billing	Job 🕹	Company	Server	Job Status	Туре	Last Run	Duration	Job Statistics	CDP Session	Processed Objects	Transferred	000
Analytics	Selected: 1 of 25											
Session States	venzenulon	Democenter	sp-vbr1	🙁 Failed	Backup	7 hours ago	2 minutes 6	Details	-	2 objects (2 failed)	÷	*
Pr TOPs	venzenulon	Democenter	sp-vbr1	🙁 Failed	Backup	5 hours ago	14 seconds	Details	4	0 objects		
夼 Trends	VCloud - Bac	Democenter	sp-vbr1	Success	Backup	109 weeks ago	9 minutes 32	Details		3 objects	40.7 GB	
Management	test	Democenter	sp-vbr1	Success	Backup	41 weeks ago	3 minutes 45	Details		I object	876.4 MB	
魯 Backup Jobs	KrustyKrab_t	Democenter	sp-vbr1	8 Failed	Backup	66 weeks ago	8 minutes 39	Details	3	2 objects (2 failed)	15.3 GB	



Given that the VSPC management agent is a standalone product, it serves a dual purpose by facilitating the deployment and updating of the Veeam Backup and Replication instance itself. However, this simplicity comes with some limitations in terms of backup job management. Unfortunately, it's not possible to create or modify configurations for jobs on a remote VBR server, and the management options are restricted to start/stop and retry functionalities. Furthermore, there are no restore capabilities available for VBR within the VSPC management agent. These missing features should be addressed through either the VBR Console itself or Veeam Enterprise Manager. To ease the remote management of complex situations, the underlying Cloud Connect allows administrators to create a "reverse tunnel " connection to start either a Veeam windows client session, or a Windows Remote Desktop session towards the remote Veeam server itself.





Figure 16. Tunnel connections through Veeam Cloud Connect

Finally, another interesting feature is the execution of Powershell commands on the remote VBR server, directly from the VSPC console:



Figure 17. Tunnel connections through Veeam Service Provider Console



#### Veeam Agents



In SMB/Mid-size infrastructure Veeam Backup and Replication can be used for distribution and configuration of Veeam Backup agents. However, on a scale (100+ agents) same challenge as for virtual infrastructure are valid: role-based access control, task delegation, and secure network communication. Network communication usually plays the core role here, specifically in case of end-user

If basic restore delegation can be achieved by Enterprise Manager Restore2 and File Restore3 portals, the rest is possible only using Veeam Service Provider Console.

A backup administrator, even without a direct connection, can initiate deployment and update for backup agents and automatically assign a preconfigured/customized template of a backup job through the Veeam Service Provider Console portal.

C Veeam Service Prov	vider Console				democenter.int\aphilippov Portal Administrator	Configuration
All Resellers/Companies 🛛 🏹	Computers Vir	tual Machine	s File Shares	Cloud Databases Microsoft 365 Objects		
	Managed by Console	Managed by E	Backup Server			
A Overview	Computer		New Backup Job		×	
Active Alarms     RPO & SLA	💽 Start 🔳 Stop 📗	+ Create Job	Create Job	Create Job Select how to create a backup job.		🔁 Export to 🛩
📋 Resources & Billing	Company †	Comput	Name		de	Last Activity 000
	Selected: 1 of 13		Operation Mode	Create a new job This option is recommended for maximum flexibility of job creation.		
Session States	Cromulon	exch3	Operation Mode		ccess	12/5/2023 12:30 AM
R TOPs	Cromulon	fs3	Backup Mode	Use a job template This option allows re-using an existing job policy as a source for the new job.	ccess	12/5/2023 12:30 AM
$\widetilde{\Pi}$ Trends	Cromulon	hq-dc3			only	9/8/2023 12:30 AM
Management	Cromulon	sps3	Destination		only	12/5/2023 12:30 AM
卷 Backup Jobs	demo1	JUMPBC	Local Storage		only	

Figure 18. Veeam Service Provider Console — Agent Backup Job

After that file level recovery can be delegated to a Location Administrator (office administrator), limited to one or more company locations. The key point is that Windows/Linux/MacOS are supported, and the restore can be done back to the original machine.



#### Microsoft 365 management



Veeam Backup for Microsoft 365 is a dedicated solution to manage the data protection of Microsoft 365 data. It has a powerful Web Interface that can be used by administrators and end users to fulfill their daily tasks. But what happens when a service provider has tens of hundreds of these deployments, and needs to control them all? Again, Veeam Service Provider Console to the rescue.

VSPC allows service providers and their tenants to manage multiple installations of Veeam Backup for Microsoft 365 jobs and monitor multiple Veeam Backup for Microsoft 365 servers.

Administrators can install the VSPC management agents into all the different VB365 servers, to control them in a single place in the console:

Discovered Computers	Backup Agents	Backup Servers	ONE Servers	Microsoft 365 Backup	Servers Cloud Appliances
Hostname	Q T Filter	(None)			
Activate X Delete Agent	Download Logs	昆 Data Collection	•		
Company	Applicati	on Status	Hostname	t	Available Updates
Selected: <b>1</b> of 1					

Figure 19. Microsoft 365 server management

It's possible to check their status, retrieve logs, and be notified of available upgrades. For each server, administrators can also create new jobs and control all backup (and backup copy) jobs

Virtual Machines	Data Backup Cloud	Databases Microsoft 365 Obj	ects				
Job	Q Server	٩	Status: All 💟 🛕 <table-cell> 🕥 🗊</table-cell>	Type: All 🕌 🕍			
() Start ■ Stop	🕂 Create Job 👻 🥜 Edit	🗙 Remove 🕕 Enable 😑	Disable				
Job	🕌 Backup Job 🖄 Backup Copy Job	Server	Job Type	Last Run	Job Status	Repository	Next Run
Selected: 1 of 12							
Test scedule	alowe-company	SP-VBM1	Backup		Stopped	alowe-M365x56945273-rep01	-
alowe-M365x569452	273-archive alowe-company	SP-VBM1	Backup	1 hour ago	Success	alowe-M365x56945273-rep01	12/17/2023 8:00 AM
alowe-M365x569452	273-onedri alowe-company	SP-VBM1	Backup	1 hour ago	Success	alowe-M365x56945273-rep01	12/17/2023 8:00 AM
alowe-M365x569452	273-mail-n alowe-company	SP-VBM1	Backup	10 hours ago	Success	alowe-M365x56945273-rep01	12/16/2023 11:00 PM
alowe-M365x569452	273-mail-n alowe-company	SP-VBM1	Backup Copy	10 hours ago	Success	alowe-m365x56945273-immut	
BTE demo all	btedemo	SP-VBM1	Backup	17 weeks ago	🔥 Warning	tellierbaptiste-M365B620749	
pvereecken-M365x3	88893979-c CloudSP	SP-VBM1	Backup	7 hours ago	😣 Failed	pvereecken-M365x38893979-c	12/17/2023 1:00 AM

Figure 20. Microsoft 365 job management



Tenants can control their VB365 services directly from the VSPC interface, without the need to open the dedicated interface of the appliance. This allows them to spend less time jumping from one interface to the other, while all the Veeam-powered services are available in one single console.

Operations like job creation, job management, job monitoring, and protection status of the different items, can all be completed from the VSPC interface:

Restore Portal					7 Export to 🗸
Name	Туре	Latest Restor	Backup Copies	Restore Points	Licensed 000
Selected: <b>1</b> of 49					
Adele Vance	🚨 User	1 hour ago	4	23	Yes
Alex Wilber	🚨 User	1 hour ago	4	23	Yes
All Company	🚣 Group	10 hours ago	4	7	
Allan Deyoung	📩 User	1 hour ago	4	23	Yes
Ask HR	📩 Group	10 hours ago	4	7	
CEO Connection	📩 Group	10 hours ago	4	7	-
<ul> <li>Christie Cline</li> </ul>	🤱 User	1 hour ago	4	23	Yes
Communicatio	🚣 Group	10 hours ago	4	7	-
Conf Room Ad	📩 User	10 hours ago	4	7	No
Conf Room Ba	🚨 User	10 hours ago	4	7	No

Figure 21. Microsoft 365 backup management

One additional and powerful option is, finally, the direct access to the Restore Portal. By selecting the resource we want to restore, we can easily hit the top-left button and reach immediately the VB365 restore portal:



Figure 22. Microsoft 365 restore portal



#### **Cloud management**



As discussed previously, Veeam Service Provider Console (VSPC) is designed for the comprehensive management of multiple resources, often dispersed across various locations, all through a unified interface. These external resources encompass Veeam Backup and Replication (VBR) servers, agents, VB365 servers, as well as the diverse Cloud Appliances offered within the Veeam portfolio. This includes support for all three major and endorsed Hyperscale's.

Administrators can control the status of all the managed appliances:

All Resellers/Companies	Discovered Computers Back	ip Agents Backu	p Servers O	NE Servers Micr	osoft 365 Backup Se	rvers Cloud A	ppliances		
All Locations	Hostname	Status: All 🔮	<u> </u>	T Filter (None)					
Monitoring	④ Open Appliance UI 🛛 🐺 Data Collecti	on V						7 Export	to 🗸
Active Alarms	Hostname   Address	Version	Company	Platform	Appliance Status	Remote UI Access	Appliance Deployment	Description	000
🕒 RPO & SLA	ay-azure-ayvbr https://ay-azur	5.1.0.75	My Company	Microsoft Azure	Healthy	<ol> <li>Not applic</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> </ol>	Created by AYV	
Resources & Billing     Analytics	ay-google-ayvb https://34.159.	4.0.0.1082	My Company	Google Cloud	Healthy	1 Not applic	<ol> <li>Not applicable</li> </ol>	Created by AYV	



And if an operation requires direct access to the Cloud appliance interface, they can easily do it using the dedicated button.

Both administrators and tenants can create, edit, remove, enable, and disable backup policies, that are then executed by the remote appliance. Once they are created, they can monitor their status.

The different protected workloads are then visible in the respective area of the "Protected Data" for virtual machines, file shares, and cloud databases. From this point, restore operations are also possible:



Virtual Machines	Data Backup	Cloud Databases	Microsoft 365 Objects		
Virtual Infrastructure	Public Clouds				
VM	Q	<b>T</b> Filter (None)			
🔶 Restore 🐱	_				
<ul> <li>Instance Restore</li> <li>Volume Restore</li> </ul>	Backup Appliance	Platform	File-Level Re	Company	Source Size
File-Level Recovery					
linuxfreetier	maxvcspne1	Amazon Web Services	-	vcspaws	8.0 GB
linuxfreetier	maxvcspne1	Amazon Web Services	-	vcspaws	8.0 GB
win-freetier	maxvcspne1	Amazon Web Services	-	vcspaws	30.0 GB
✓ win-freetier	maxvcspne1	Amazon Web Services	-	vcspaws	30.0 GB
win-freetier	maxvcspne1	Amazon Web Services	-	vcspaws	30.0 GB

Figure 24. Cloud Appliances restore.



#### **Cloud Connect Failover**



We previously talked about the Veeam Cloud Connect Failover Portal. As said in that part of this document, the same functionality is available inside the Veeam Service Provider Console:

All Locations	Failover Plan	Q Type:	All 🔍 🔺			
	● Start C <sup>I</sup> Undo					7 Export to 🗸
Active Alarms	Condo					Pr Export to •
🕒 RPO & SLA	Status	Failover Plan	Server	Location	VMs Type	000
Resources	Selected: <b>1</b> of 2					
	Ready	Cloud failover plan 1	lrsvbr11cc	All Locations	1 Cloud	
📥 Backup Jobs	Completed	Failover plan 1	lrsvbr11	Default location	1 Local	
Failover Plans						
Protected Data						
😪 Rules						
Managed Computers						
Reports						



This allows tenants to execute their Failover Plans from the same interface they use to manage and consume all the other Veeam services. For Administrators, this means they can offer this service without the need to expose another additional interface (the previously described Veeam Cloud Connect Failover Portal).



## **Final considerations**

In this document we walked you through the many portals that are available in the Veeam portfolio. We explained the scenario for which they are designed, their usage, advantages.

As you noticed, over time Veeam developed different powerful solutions, each of them aiming at a specific use case. We understand that sometimes a large set of options may confuse people (like a pizza restaurant with too many flavors?), but having many choices help to select the perfect tool for the given scenario.

We believe that with this paper we have guided you through the choice of the correct portal during your Veeam design, to help you to maximize the use of our technology.