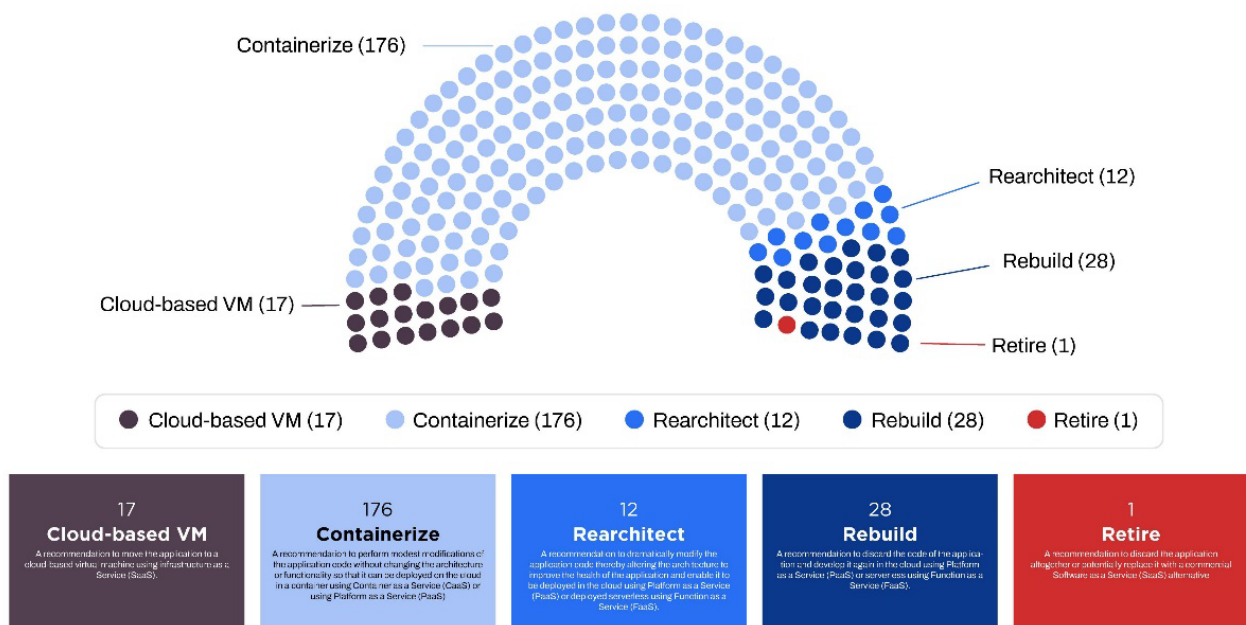# New 'VMware offramp' plugin from CAST helps companies move faster to best-fit cloud services

New York and Paris – October 1, 2024 – CAST, the leader in software intelligence, today unveiled a new plugin to help companies swiftly migrate from VMware to cost-efficient cloud alternatives. Given the complexity of many VMware configurations, businesses transitioning off those platforms are expected to face hundreds of hours in staff time expense and risk introducing errors to critical systems.

"Many of these VMware deployments happened 20 years ago, so the institutional knowledge necessary for a smooth process is no longer available," said Greg Rivera, Vice President at CAST. "Integrated into CAST Highlight, this plugin empowers leaders with a fact-based, streamlined sequence for migration."

CAST Highlight reads and understands application source code, generating the ideal pathway to transition off VMware including:

- Which applications to rehost, containerize, rearchitect, rebuild, or retire
- Migration blockers in the code and how to address them
- Migration effort estimates
- Best-fit cloud-native alternatives on AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Oracle Cloud, and IBM Cloud

17 **Cloud-based VM** A recommendation to move the application to a cloud-based virtual machine using Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS).	176 **Containerize** A recommendation to perform modest modifications of the application code without changing the architecture or functionality so that it can be deployed on the cloud in a container using Container as a Service (CaaS) or using Platform as a Service (PaaS)	12 **Rearchitect** A recommendation to dramatically modify the application code thereby altering the architecture to improve the health of the application and enable it to be deployed in the cloud using Platform as a Service (PaaS) or deployed serverless using Function as a Service (FaaS).	28 **Rebuild** A recommendation to discard the code of the application and develop it again in the cloud using Platform as a Service (PaaS) or server-less using Function as a Service (FaaS).	1 **Retire** A recommendation to discard the application altogether or potentially replace it with a commercial Software as a Service (SaaS) alternative

The plugin is available free of charge as part of CAST Highlight, integrated into the platform's suite of dashboards, heatmaps and application drilldowns.

To learn more about CAST and its software intelligence solutions, visit www.castsoftware.com.

About CAST

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