

OPERATIONAL SIMPLICITY SCORECARD

Stop comparing features. Start comparing operational load. Score each platform 1–5 across the eight dimensions below — 1 means heavy operational burden, 5 means minimal burden.

Score one platform at a time. For each row, rate 1 (worst / heaviest burden) to 5 (best / lightest burden) based on your team's actual operating experience — not vendor marketing. Sum the column for a platform's total. Repeat for each platform under evaluation, then transfer totals to the comparison table below.

OPERATIONAL DIMENSION	1	2	3	4	5
Upgrade complexity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lifecycle governance effort	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Support escalation friction	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Staffing specialization requirements	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Documentation quality	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Troubleshooting complexity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Platform predictability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Operational decision count	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
TOTAL (max 40)					

PLATFORM COMPARISON

PLATFORM	TOTAL SCORE (OF 40)
VMware	
Nutanix	
Proxmox	
OpenShift Virtualization	
Other: _____	

Higher totals indicate lower operational burden, not higher capability — this worksheet deliberately excludes feature comparison. Use it alongside, not instead of, a standard capability bake-off. Source thesis: "The Next Virtualization Battle Is Operational Simplicity," rack2cloud.com.