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Digital
Workspace

VMware Horizon
Planning Workshop

At a glance

Organisations are more mobile than ever and leveraging new technologies and devices for work. Businesses are consuming a mixture of desktop and mobile apps, expecting a consistent experience and streamlined access.

VMware Horizon® delivers virtualised or hosted desktops and applications through a single platform to end users. Services include RDS hosted and packaged apps with VMware ThinApp®, SaaS, and virtualised apps from Citrix, which can all be accessed from one digital workspace across devices, locations, media and connections without compromising quality and user experience.

Xtravirt designs and builds strategies and solutions to solve complex IT challenges to unlock your full business and technology potential. If a Horizon based virtualised desktop and application infrastructure is on your roadmap, then this is the place to start.

This **Planning Workshop for VMware Horizon** is a structured 2 day advisory service delivered by Xtravirt that provides the following:

- First hand practical preparation and training from Xtravirt Horizon specialists, tailored to your environment, leveraging their experience to set the right deployment approach for your organisation, and avoid any potential pitfalls associated with workspace transformation

- Expert coaching through strategy and planning sessions that identify which use cases will give you the greatest return on investment

- Documented findings captured directly from the sessions, including key planning information around solution design, real world best practices, project impacts and dependencies

Why Horizon

Managing and delivering services in a mobile cloud world, with traditional PC-centric tools has become increasingly challenging. Data loss and image drift are real security and compliance concerns, and organisations are struggling to contain costs.

Horizon provides IT with a new streamlined approach to deliver, protect, and manage Windows and Linux desktops and applications, while containing costs and ensuring that end users can work anytime, anywhere, on any device.

Feature Benefits

- **Simplified Access**: Provide end users with easy access to virtual desktops and published applications, including RDS hosted applications and Citrix XenApp through a single digital workspace

- **Rapid Deployment**: Rapidly deploy full-featured, personalised digital workspaces, leveraging Just-in-time Management Platform (JMP) technologies which include Instant Clones, App Volumes and User Environment Management

- **Straightforward monitoring**: Easily monitor performance, alerts, and remediate issues to help deliver an immersive, feature-rich user experience for consumers across devices, locations, media and network connections with Blast performance

- **Accelerate delivery**: Deploy Windows and Linux resources rapidly at scale across multiple data centres with Horizon for Windows and Horizon for Linux, including workstation class performance with rich 2D and 3D graphics using Blast 3D

- **Simplify authentication**: Remove verification complexity across all desktop and app services with True SSO and contextual, granular, role-based policies that connect on user, device and location information

- **Faultless integration**: Seamless turnkey integration with VMware's Software-Defined Data Centre solutions, eliminating the need to build, test and support disparate storage, virtualisation and networking products

Key Use Cases

- **Simplify and streamline IT operations** – centrally delivered business desktops and applications from within the data centre reduces overhead in areas such as desktop provisioning, image sprawl, application installations, software updates and end user support.

- **Increase mobile and agile working** – increase productivity of your workforce on the move. Horizon enables desktops, applications and data to be delivered to any device, anywhere, facilitating BYOD solutions.

- **Strengthen IT security** – reduce your IT security risk and limit vulnerability to the perimeter of the data centre, reducing the amount of sensitive business data on end user devices. Horizon enforces policy based controls on how internal and external resources can be accessed.

- **Cost reduction** – replacing outdated desktop hardware with Horizon enables low cost thin clients to provide your organisation with cost savings when compared to traditional desktop refresh cycles, maintenance and energy consumption.
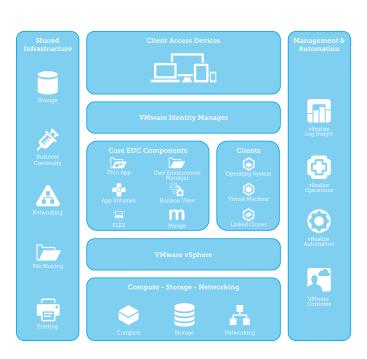
Activities and Outcomes

- Onsite training to gain a deeper understanding of VMware Horizon and how it works, including associated technologies and concepts

- Workshop sessions discussing organisation strategy requirements, constraints and operational readiness

- Definition of specific use cases, high-level design approach and framework implementation model

- Presentation of documented findings including options for the next steps

Workshop Schedule

DAY 1	Session 1	• Introduction to virtualised apps and desktops • VMware Horizon key components and services overview
	Session 2	• Horizon deployment outline • Management and troubleshooting
DAY 2	Session 1	• Customer use case discussion • Strategy definition and planning session
	Session 2	• High-level design workshop • Next steps for deploying Horizon

Additional Services

We deliver end-to-end outcomes, from cloud strategy through to solution implementation, including designing and building private/hybrid clouds and self-service provisioning and management.

Relevant follow on services delivered by Xtravirt include, Workspace Express and Cloud Connect for VMware Horizon. Alternatively, services can be tailored to fit specific customer requirements.

About us

Xtravirt is an experienced consulting firm dedicated to delivering outcomes to help customers solve their IT challenges. We design and build strategies to help customers unlock the full potential of cloud, datacentre and workspace technology.

Our core business covers digital infrastructure, hybrid cloud, digital workspace and cybersecurity. Our services include advising strategy and direction, optimising and integrating technology and teams through to delivering end-to-end IT transformation programmes.

Xtravirt are highly skilled and knowledgeable in delivering VMware solutions and are accredited with all 12 VMware Partner Solution Competencies.