Citrix XenDesktop 7.x Proof of Concept

Today's CIO's and other upper-level managers are under pressure to provide end-users with the latest technology that will deliver state-of-the-art productivity without the high price tag. Citrix® has stepped up to the challenge and is offering the latest in VDI – Virtual Desktop Infrastructure – XenDesktop® 7.x. The basic premise – virtual desktops on any device.

Experience the ease of deploying the latest Microsoft® Windows 7 and 8.x operating systems (and future Windows 10) to any device (thin clients, legacy PCs and workstations, tablet PCs, smart phones and more) while reducing desktop deployment and management costs.

Flexibility – Citrix® XenDesktop can be deployed on a variety of bare metal hypervisors, including XenServer®, Microsoft® Hyper-V® and VMware®.   Plain and simple – XenDesktop 7.x will integrate and run, period.

Benefits

- Citrix's® patented HDX® user experience rivals that of a local PC, producing a Rich Client feel including Flash multimedia, video collaboration, USB peripherals, and 3D graphics

- With XenDesktop®, your workforce has instant access to all their applications, including Windows, web, and SaaS apps

- Citrix Receiver® seamlessly integrates all of your applications into a single interface, providing single sign-on and secure access

- XenDesktop® provides a powerful desktop computing infrastructure that's easy to manage and support, and dramatically reduces costs associated with traditional desktop deployment methods.

- Operating system deployments made simple – Windows 7, 8 or 10 can be rolled-out in hours, not weeks or months. Single-instance management allows companies to leverage one master copy of their desktop images while preserving the personalization that users need. Single-instance management can reduce data center storage costs by up to 90 percent.

- Data security and access control – An integrated hardened SSL VPN (Citrix® Netscaler®), with advanced policy-based access controls, provides users with access to their desktops and applications while mitigating potential security risks.

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* The price stated above is for isolated environment testing. Price may vary for environments configured outside of the standard POC

Requirements for POC	
Licensing	Windows server 2008 R2 or 2012 Enterprise Edition MAK or KMS licenses
	Windows 7 Enterprise MAK or KMS License
Bare Metal Hypervisor Hardware	CPU: Intel® VT or AMD-V® Quad Core (64-bit) Memory: 32 GB minimum, 64 GB recommended Disk space: min. 250 GB
Choice of Hypervisor Software	Citrix® XenServer®
	Microsoft ® Hyper-V®
	VMware ® ESXi / V-Sphere®
Networking	IP address for Hypervisor Server
	IP addresses for virtual machines
Required Virtual Machines in POC	Domain Controller
	XenDesktop® Desktop Director
	Windows OS Master Image
Optional – to allow secure external VPN access & to publish applications to the Windows OS Virtual Desktop	XenApp 7.x Server
	Netscaler® VPX 10.x Virtual Appliance

Deliverables

- Environment review – ProSys Certified Citrix® engineers will review the current state environment, determine the best XenDesktop Proof-of-Concept (POC) pilot approach, and provide details on the potential ROI.

- Choice of hypervisor and Citrix® XenDesktop® – ProSys will leverage the customer's chosen hypervisor for the XenDesktop® Proof-of-Concept pilot deployment, and will walk the customer through the setup and configuration process.

- XenDesktop Pilot Engagement – Leveraging the XenDesktop® pilot deployment, ProSys Certified Citrix® engineers will work with the customer to demonstrate the features, management, and deployment capabilities of XenDesktop® providing them with hands-on training.

- Final Review – Upon completion of the Proof-of-Concept, ProSys will review the results of the pilot with the Customer, and provide a roadmap for the production XenDesktop® deployment.

Approach

The XenDesktop® POC program begins with two days of on-site consulting and establishes a pilot environment in which you can test launch Windows 7 virtual desktops to any device.

Program Overview

The Citrix® XenDesktop® 7.x POC program provides customers with the expertise they need to pilot their own VDI environment while leveraging the vast experience of ProSys' Microsoft® and Citrix® certified IT professionals. The Citrix® XenDesktop® 7.x POC program can be setup in an isolated testing environment or configured for co-existence with your production environment. ProSys' Microsoft® and Citrix® Certified professionals will spend two days on-site with your IT team assisting them in the XenDesktop® setup, review of the co-existence and migration options, and in deploying and testing the Windows OS single image VDI. ProSys will also spend considerable time discussing the configuration and migration strategies for transitioning to XenDesktop® 7.x.

How to Get Started

Please contact your ProSys Account Representative today to find out more about an affordable and risk-free method of evaluating the Citrix® XenDesktop® 7.x suite in your environment.