

The Citrix Advantage for Windows 10[®]

Windows 10 was made generally available on July 29, 2015 and has broken records for adoption since. According to Microsoft, more than 200 million devices had been upgraded within the first six months. As bring-your-own device initiatives continue to gain in popularity, employees will expect to use their new Windows 10 devices to gain access to corporate assets, applications and data.

79%

Likely to adopt
Windows 10¹

65%

Plan to migrate
by end of 2016²

65%

Delaying due to
app compatibility³

Key Migrations Issues Solved by Citrix XenApp and XenDesktop

Application Compatibility

According to a TechValidate survey², 65% of customers are hesitant to migrate to Windows 10 due to app compatibility concerns. The exhaustive efforts companies took to manually migrate to Windows XP and Windows 7 are still fresh in their minds. And the sting of lost productivity due to app compatibility issues is equally fresh. For example, customers may have line of business apps that are designed to work with specific versions of Windows. In previous OS migrations, all of the apps had to be checked by hand, which is a very time-consuming process.

Citrix Solution

Citrix solves the application compatibility issue in two ways. First, by delivering line-of-business apps virtually through XenApp and XenDesktop. Employees can access the apps they need on any device, including Windows 10, and continue to be productive. Second, IT can continue their Windows 10 migration by performing automated app compatibility testing and packaging with Citrix AppDNA.

Browser Compatibility

IT departments have been moving toward web-based applications to simplify development cycles and remove OS-compatibility issues. However building apps to a specific browser introduces its own set of problems. Apps built for specific browsers can break from one version to the next and the introduction of the new Edge browser makes this even more of a concern. As browsers change from one version to the next, some workers may need multiple versions of the same browser to run their apps. Problem is, it's difficult to run multiple versions of the same browser locally on one device.

Citrix Solution

By delivering all necessary versions of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox and more through XenApp, Citrix customers can mitigate this risk and ensure that each app can be launched in the correct browser, every time. Employees stay productive and have a great user experience. IT can focus on more strategic initiatives when they do not have to update apps every time there's a browser update.

Ongoing System Management

With Microsoft's new approach to updates for Windows 10 on a much more frequent cadence, customers will need to centrally control and manage how those updates are applied to their Windows 10 environments. With every significant update there also comes a chance it will cause incompatibility with key applications. Companies may also want to enable their employees to try Windows 10 before a wide scale deployment.

Citrix Solution

XenDesktop centralizes management of all desktops from a single "golden image" managed in the datacenter. Deploying corporate standard Windows 10 desktops with XenDesktop enables central control and governing of all Windows 10 updates and drastically and drastically simplifies the update process. By applying the updates to only the "golden images" managed in the datacenter you can immediately update thousands of devices. Before applying any update, test the update through AppDNA against your Windows 10 images to predict and avoid any unknown app compatibility issues.

Conclusion

With the release of Windows 10, IT teams must be prepared to support a new era of user-driven OS migration. Businesses that adopt an app and desktop virtualization strategy will find that the solution not only assists with embracing the new operating system, but also offers additional benefits related to evolving user experience, flexibility and security demands.

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