

Newest release of Quest vWorkspace transforms desktop virtualisation

Leading low cost, high density solution affords up to 33 per cent savings for both enterprise and SMB

January 31, 2012 Desktop virtualisation is changing the way we work today, as more companies of every size opt to deliver a productive and secure Windows workspace wherever their users work. Increasing worker mobility, proliferation of new devices in the workplace, the spread of bring-your-own-device (BYOD) and more flexible work styles leave IT professionals seeking a low cost, flexible and efficient solution to deliver and manage a Windows workspace. New technologies in Quest vWorkspace 7.5 significantly reduce the cost of desktop virtualisation, especially for organisations using Microsoft Hyper-V, making it a leader in low cost, high density desktop virtualisation.

* vWorkspace 7.5 delivers leading solution in low cost desktop virtualisation via breakthrough, patent-pending scalability enhancements, direct Hyper-V integration, lightning fast provisioning, and advanced desktop virtualisation load balancing.

- o Introduces direct support for Microsoft Hyper-V, including FREE Microsoft Hyper-V Server
- o Deep integration with Microsoft Hyper-V in vWorkspace 7.5 provides complete virtual desktop lifecycle management for every aspect of the virtual desktop environment from creating, deleting, adding and updating, to changing memory configuration.
- o Hyper-V Catalyst Components take Hyper-V performance and scalability to the next level by leveraging patent-pending technologies such as HyperCache and HyperDeploy to enable IOPS (I/O operations per second) reduction of up to 99 per cent, right out of the box, while enabling instantaneous provisioning of virtual desktops and RD Session Hosts (formerly Terminal Servers) across many hosts simultaneously:

* HyperCache enables caching of the most used blocks of a golden image to memory, allowing virtual desktops to only retrieve requested data from disk when not found in cache. * HyperDeploy lets virtual desktops be provisioned instantaneously without waiting for the golden image copy to complete. It also limits network utilisation while still allowing instantaneous provisioning.

- o Further reduces the cost of desktop virtualisation by allowing seamless use of local storage (DAS) and removing the need for expensive SAN storage.
- o Enables provisioning of a fully functional virtual desktop in seconds due to the new vWorkspace Instant Provisioning technology.
- o Quest Software recently conducted a cost and performance analysis for vWorkspace 7.5 using Login VSI, the standardised benchmark for VDI and SBC environments used by key vendors in the desktop virtualization space. Standardised cost scenarios against top competitors offerings allowed Quest Software to pinpoint the key areas of efficiency, and identify an overall cost savings of 33 per cent VDI CapEx cost per user.*

New vWorkspace 7.5 Desktop Clouds simplify desktop virtualisation to deliver unparalleled elasticity and maximum business agility to customers ranging from enterprise to SMB.

- o Deliver the best possible performance for virtual desktops with advanced load balancing schemes, and lets the customer add capacity in only a matter of seconds.
- o Requires very little administrative effort for ongoing desktop maintenance, taking only minutes to update hundreds or thousands of desktops to a new version of the corporate golden image.

Other key new features include:

- * Incorporates LAN and WAN support for Microsoft Lync / Office Communicator and other VoIP applications, expanding the reach of desktop virtualisation projects.
- * Offers two-factor authentication support for all vWorkspace Connectors adds an extra layer of security for users connecting from their choice of devices.
- * Full RD Session Host Lifecycle Management from the vWorkspace Management Console provides all the benefits of VDI and applies them to RD Session Host, letting one server image be created and deployed in a fraction of the time of manual replication, and reducing costs associated with maintenance, support and storage.

Jon Rolls, vice president, product management, User Workspace Management, Quest Software, said, Quest vWorkspace 7.5 introduces a game-changing set of features and advances to let companies of all sizes adopt desktop virtualisation by taking advantage of one of the lowest cost solutions available. In fact, Quest Softwares research tells it that vWorkspace 7.5 could save organisations as much as 33 per cent of their VDI CapEx cost per user compared to competing products. Combine that strong value proposition with automated Desktop Cloud management, WAN support for Lync/Communicator and automation around Session Host/Terminal Server deployment and you have a compelling, industry-leading offering.

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