

VMware Horizon 6

AT A GLANCE

Extend the power of virtualization from the data center to devices. VMware® Horizon™ 6 delivers virtualized or remoted desktops and applications through a single platform to end users. These desktop and application services—including RDS hosted apps, packaged apps with VMware ThinApp®, SaaS apps, and even virtualized apps from Citrix—can all be accessed from one unified workspace across devices, locations, media and connections. Leveraging closed loop management and optimized for the software - defined data center, Horizon 6 helps IT control, manage and protect all of the Windows resources end users want, at the speed they expect, with the efficiency business demands.

WHAT'S NEW

With over 150 new features, Horizon 6 allows organizations to extend the power of desktop and application virtualization to support workplace mobility while driving greater levels of operational efficiency at lower costs.

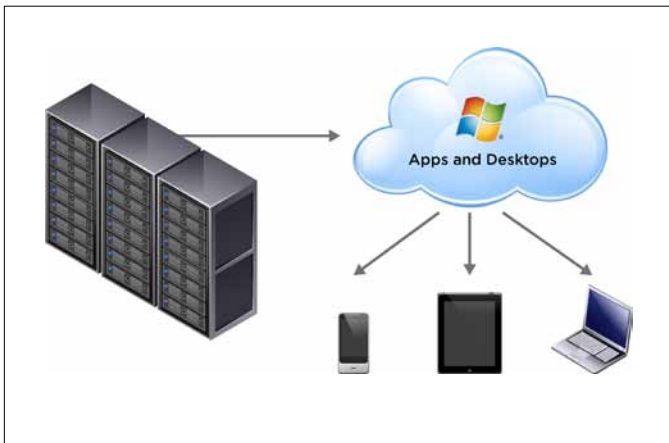


Figure 1: End-to-End Infrastructure

End-User Computing Today

Gone are the days of client-server computing when Windows ruled the day and end users were tasked to do their work from one device and one location. Today, end users are leveraging new types of devices for work, accessing Windows applications alongside non-Windows-based applications, and are more mobile than ever.

In this new mobile cloud world, managing and delivering services to end users with traditional PC-centric tools has become increasingly difficult. Data loss and image drift are real security and compliance concerns. And organizations are struggling to contain costs. Horizon 6 provides IT with a new streamlined approach to deliver, protect, and manage Windows desktops and applications while containing costs and ensuring that end users can work anytime, anywhere, on any device.

Horizon 6: Delivering Windows Desktops and Applications as a Service

Horizon 6 allows IT to centrally manage virtual, physical, and BYO Windows images to streamline management, reduce costs, and maintain compliance. With Horizon 6, virtualized or remoted desktops and applications can be delivered through a single platform to end users. These desktop and application services—including RDS hosted apps, packaged apps with ThinApp, SaaS apps, and even virtualized apps from Citrix—can all be accessed from one unified workspace to provide end users with all of the resources they want, at the speed they expect, with the efficiency business demands.

Feature Overview and What's New

Central Management of Virtual, Physical, and BYO Images

Centrally manage virtual, physical, and BYO Windows images. With Horizon 6, IT can deliver Windows services at the speed end users expect with the efficiency business demands.

Central image management is supported for

- Physical machines running Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, and 8.1
- Full-clone persistent virtual desktops running Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, and 8.1
- BYO devices running Windows, Linux, or Mac OS

Desktops and Applications Delivered Through a Single Platform

Deliver virtual or remoted desktops and applications through a single platform to streamline management, easily entitle end users, and quickly deliver Windows desktops and applications to end users across devices and locations.

Horizon 6 now supports a single platform for delivering hosted Windows applications and shared desktop sessions from Windows Server instances using Microsoft Remote Desktop Services (RDS), virtual desktops and ThinApp packaged applications.

Unified Workspace with Great User Experience

With Horizon 6, IT can deliver desktops and applications to end users through a unified workspace with Blast Performance to enable consistently great experiences across devices, locations, media, and connections.

Applications that can be delivered and accessed through the unified workspace include

- XenApp 5.0 and later
- RDS-hosted apps and desktops for Windows Server 2008 and later
- SaaS applications
- ThinApp 5.0 and later



Figure 2: Unified Workspace

Blast Performance includes

- **Blast Adaptive UX** – Optimized access across the WAN and LAN through an HTML browser or our purpose-built desktop protocol, PCoIP.
- **Blast Multimedia** – High-performance multimedia streaming for rich user experience.
- **Blast 3D** – Rich virtualized graphics delivering workstation-class performance.
- **Blast Live Communications** – Fully optimized unified communications and real-time audio-video (RTAV) support. Horizon 6 now includes support for Microsoft Lync with Windows 8.

- **Blast Unity Touch** – Intuitive and contextual user experience across devices, making it easy to run Windows on mobile.
- **Blast Local Access** – Access to local devices, USB, and device peripherals.
- **Horizon Clients with Blast** – Unified client for consistently great experience across devices and locations.

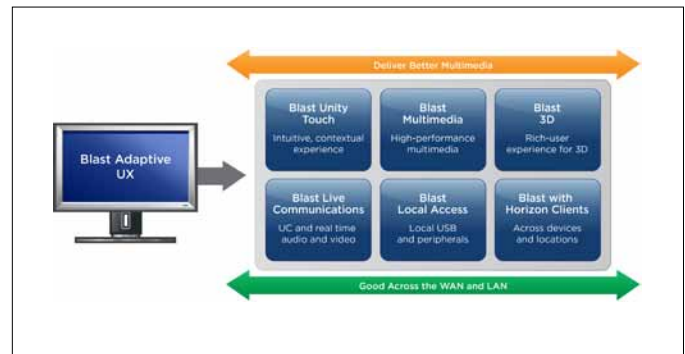


Figure 3: Horizon Blast Performance Delivers an Adaptive Experience Across Devices and Locations

Closed-Loop Management and Automation

Horizon 6 ensures that IT can consolidate control, automate delivery, and protect user compute resources.

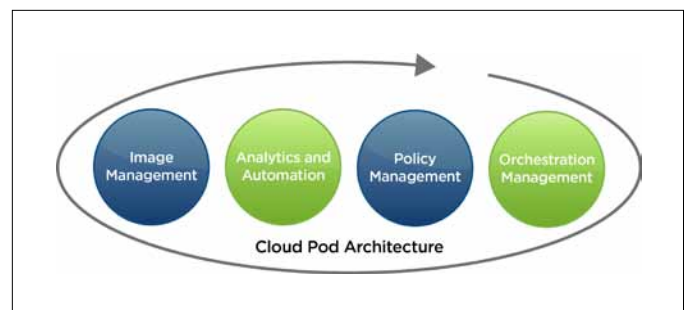


Figure 4: Horizon 6 Delivers Closed-Loop Management

Horizon 6 now includes

- Support for VMware Mirage™ 5.0 unified image management for streamlined management across virtual data centers of physical and full-clone virtual machines.
- A cloud pod architecture that allows IT to easily move and locate View pods across data centers and sites.
- Cloud analytics with VMware® vCenter™ Operations Manager for View™ – Provides comprehensive visibility across a desktop environment, allowing IT to optimize the health, availability, performance, and efficiency of desktop services. vCenter Operations Manager for View now includes new application and in-guest metric capabilities as well as the ability to identify and prioritize problems affecting multiple users.

- Cloud orchestration with a VMware® vCenter™ Orchestrator™ plug-in to allow IT organizations to leverage Orchestrator and VMware vCloud® Automation Center™ for automated provisioning of desktops and applications.

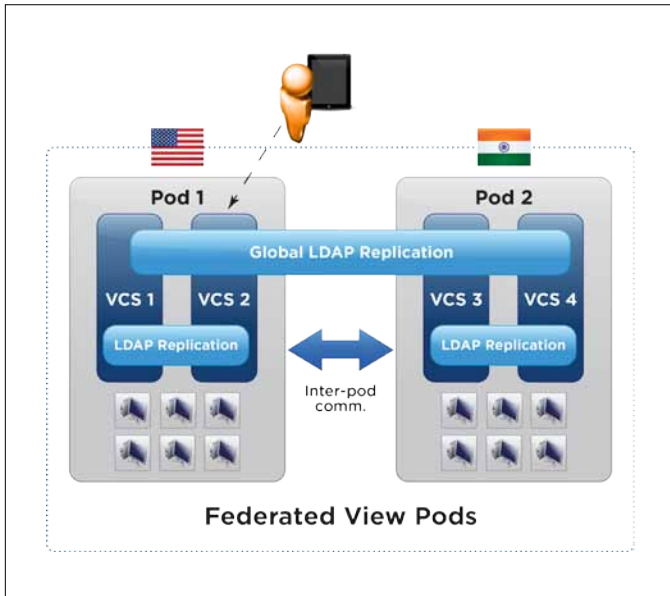


Figure 5: Cloud Pod Architecture

Optimized for the Software-Defined Data Center

Leverage and extend your expertise with vSphere to simply deliver desktop and application workloads. Horizon 6 extends the power of virtualization with virtual compute, virtual storage, and virtual networking and security to drive down costs, enhance the user experience, and deliver greater business agility.

Horizon 6 now includes support for VMware® Virtual SAN™. Virtual SAN automates storage provisioning and leverages direct-attached storage resources to drive down storage costs for desktop workloads.

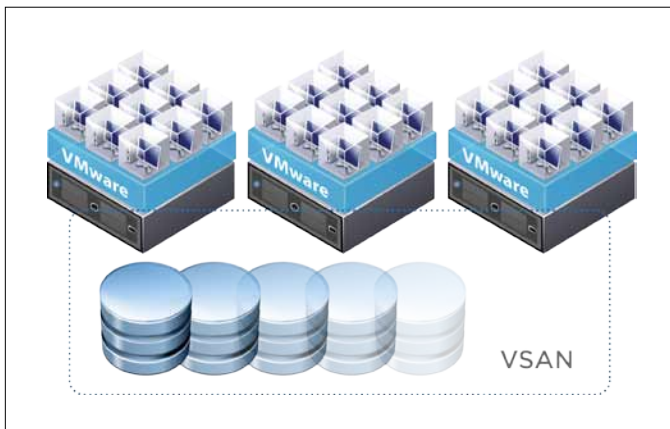


Figure 6: Reduce and Scale up TCO with Virtual SAN

Make the Move Today

Horizon is available onsite through Horizon 6 or as a cloud-hosted service through VMware Horizon™ DaaS®.

Horizon 6 is available in three editions:

- Horizon View Standard – Simple, powerful VDI with great user experience
- Horizon Advanced – Cost-effective delivery of desktops and applications through a unified workspace
- Horizon Enterprise – Desktops and applications delivered with cloud automation and management

FEATURE	HORIZON VIEW STANDARD	HORIZON ADVANCED	HORIZON ENTERPRISE
MANAGEMENT			
Cloud Automation			
Cloud automation and self-service (Orchestrator + desktop plug-in)			•
Cloud Analytics and Operations Management			
Operations dashboard – Health monitoring and performance analytics (vCenter Operations Manager for View)			•
Capacity management – Planning and optimization (vCenter Operations Manager for View)			•
INFRASTRUCTURE			
Storage			
Virtual storage (Virtual SAN)		•	•
Applications			
Unified workspace – XA, RDSH, SaaS, ThinApp		•	•
Hosted applications (RDSH)		•	•
Packaged applications (ThinApp)	•	•	•
Desktop Infrastructure			
Image management for physical desktops (VMware Mirage™ + VMware Fusion® Professional)		•	•
Image management for virtual desktops (Mirage)		•	•
Virtual desktop infrastructure (Horizon View)	•	•	•
Cloud infrastructure (VMware vSphere® Desktop and vCenter Desktop)	•	•	•

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