Windows Virtual Desktop
Solution Brief

The best virtual Windows and Office experience, delivered on Azure

**Delivers the only multi-session Windows 10 experience**
Access the fully managed, always up to date, rich Windows user experience from any end-user device platform with your choice of virtualized OS, including Window 7. Client-like experience includes Cortana, Edge, desktop search, and Microsoft Store. You have complete access control for security and cost efficiencies.

**Enable optimizations for Office 365 ProPlus**
Deliver the best Office 365 ProPlus experience in a multi-session environment to your users. New Container technology enables fast load times and provide a performant experience for Outlook, OneDrive, Cortana, Search, Skype. Create persistent and non-persistent environments, Virtualize entire desktop or select applications only.

**Deploy and scale in minutes**
Manage users and security via a unified administrative interface in the Azure Portal. Use familiar tools like Rest API & PowerShell to customize setup, deployment & UI. Dynamically scale virtual machines using depth-first or breadth-first load balancing. Benefit from the integrated security and management of Microsoft 365 and rich partner solutions.

**Migrate your existing Windows Server (RDS) desktops and apps to Azure**

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**Take the self-assessment to see if Windows Virtual Desktop is right for you:**
- You need the ability to add users quickly and easily
- You need to scale efficiently on demand
- Your end-users need a seamless rich client experience with Outlook, Cortana, OneDrive, and Skype
- You need to manage different deployment types across different deployment planes
- You need to bring Remote Desktop Services (RDS) to your users
- You need to support both persistent and non-persistent environments
- You need integrated security and management e.g. Microsoft 365, AAD
- You need to run Windows 7 legacy applications post upcoming Win 7 EOL
- You are in a regulated industry and need to meet strict compliance requirements
- Your virtual desktop journey requires reuse of existing investments (e.g. Citrix)
- You want to reduce management and deployment costs for Windows Server

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**Access to Windows Virtual Desktop**

1. **Windows Virtual Desktop is available to you at no additional cost if you have an eligible M365 license. Just pay for the Azure resources required.**

   **To run Windows 10 multi-session, Windows 10 or Windows 7, you need one of:**
   - Microsoft 365 F1, E3, E5, A3, A5, Business
   - Windows 10 Enterprise E3, E5
   - Windows 10 Education A3, A5
   - Windows 10 VDA per user

   **To run Windows Server 2012 R2, 2016, 2019, you need:**
   - Remote Desktop Services (RDS) Client Access License (CAL) with active Software Assurance (SA)

2. **Setup your Azure subscription**
   Choose your virtual machines (VMs) and storage. Optimize costs via Reserved Instances (up to 72 percent discount) and by using multi-session Windows 10.

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