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Three ways to save: Migrate Remote Desktop Services to Windows Virtual Desktop

Lower costs while modernizing your existing virtual desktop infrastructure to enable a secure desktop experience from anywhere

As businesses and employees adapt to working in new ways, it's vital to enable a secure desktop and application experience that can be delivered through a virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI). Remote Desktop Services (RDS) is a common on-premises VDI solution; however, it doesn't realize the full value of modernization and the cloud.

Windows Virtual Desktop provides a managed VDI solution that runs on Azure and brings the benefits of the cloud along with a Windows 10 desktop experience. By migrating, you'll be able to modernize and reduce costs in three core areas: infrastructure, licensing, and total cost of ownership.

1. Save on infrastructure costs

Lower infrastructure investment and operating costs with the flexibility and scalability of the cloud

- Scale your infrastructure up or down based on your business needs and pay only for what you use.

- Flexible virtual machine (VM) features through Microsoft Azure, such as *Windows 10 Enterprise multi-session* and *Azure Reserved VM instances*, help maximize VM usage and deliver added cost savings.

2. Save on licensing costs

Leverage existing licenses and pay only for what you use, with free[1] support options to help your migration

- With an eligible[2] Windows or Microsoft 365 license, which many businesses already have, you can access Windows Virtual Desktop for free and pay only for what you use. This also includes using the recommended User Profile Management solution, Microsoft FSLogix.

- No RDS Client Access License (CAL) is required with Windows 10 multisession, which means instant licensing savings.

- Free Extended Security Updates (ESU) until January 2023 are included with Windows Virtual Desktop and you can also make use of the Microsoft *App Assure program*[3] in case you experience any application compatibility issues.

3. Save on total cost of ownership

Windows Virtual Desktop supplies a managed VDI, advanced monitoring, and other tooling that reduces manual updates and overall cost of ownership

- Windows Virtual Desktop manages the VDI for you, so you don't have to worry about managing infrastructure components such as brokering, Gateway, and Web Access like you do with RDS.

- Simplify IT management with advanced monitoring tools, such as Log Analytics and Azure Monitor, that help you understand performance and proactively identify issues.

- Gain efficiency by using Azure Resource Manager (ARM) and Azure DevOps to implement automation for your Windows Virtual Desktop deployment.

Learn more

To explore more benefits and migration guidance, download the free e-book *Windows Virtual Desktop Migration Guide for Remote Desktop Services*.