

Virtual Assessment

Explaining the value of virtualisation

Overview

Introducing virtualisation into your IT environment can prove challenging. Although many organisations have tested evaluation copies of virtualisation platforms, it can be unclear as to how virtualisation will impact performance, manageability and most importantly cost. This consulting service gives you a clear view of server consolidation opportunities within your existing physical IT infrastructure. We assess your current server landscape to determine your potential costs and savings and better prepare you to roll out Virtual Infrastructure.

Target Audience

Companies planning server consolidation projects who need guidance on sizing requirements and justification of expenditures to facilitate consolidation via virtualisation.

Deliverables

- Up to 30 days of system and performance data on existing servers in your environment. To collect the data, a consultant installs Capacity Planning software at one site (One collector)
- Data analysis of up to 200 existing servers
- Server consolidation and virtualisation assessment report including a preliminary total cost of ownership analysis of the sampled environment and recommendations

Benefits

- Estimate potential server consolidation cost savings
- Estimate required server hardware and virtual infrastructure licences
- Capacity Planning software for data collection, scenario creation, and optimisation analysis
- Accelerate the assessment process with proven server consolidation experience

Action	Owner
Kickoff call	All
Data collector installation	Consultant
Gather server inventory and performance data	Consultant
Interview key stakeholders	Consultant
Assessment report creation	Consultant
Presentation of report findings	Consultant
Wrap up session	All

Roles & Responsibilities

- Certified Professional Consultant*: Leads assessment efforts; provides best practice knowledge of ongoing datacentre and infrastructure issues over the course of the workshop
- Customer IT Management: Plans and coordinates all IT projects
- Systems Administrator: Responsible for server hardware, storage and networking
- Server administrator: Responsible for operating system and applications

Requirements

- Dedicated networked (inc. Internet access) Windows 2000 Server SP3 or higher machine with at least 500 MHz CPU, 256MB RAM, and 2GB free disk space
- Local and domain administrator (root) access to existing servers to gather data for use in analysis

Pricing and Scope

- Up to 2 days on-site
- Assessment Report created/delivered
- Analysis conducted on up to 200 servers selected by the customer
- Assessment delivered by a Prolinx Authorised Consultant*
- Pricing from £2,995

*VCP or equivalent

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