



## Desktop Virtualisation

“Desktop Virtualisation is a key area of technology that will drive down the costs of delivering your desktop over the next few years.”

Well, only if your strategy for desktop virtualisation is well planned and matched to the requirements of the user community. Yes, there are significant opportunities for ROI through reduced support, centralised desktop management, power consumption savings, increased client lifecycle and MTBF, an improved break/fix model and improved security. But, if real savings are to be made the solution has to be cost effective, have sufficient coverage to realise savings and deliver a good experience to the users.

Is the time right to appraise the way you deliver your desktop and is there real substance behind the promises being made by Citrix, VMware, Microsoft, etc. Has much actually changed in the last 10 years from the original Metaframe and WinTerms offerings and can we now deliver something that is better than the PC?

It is easy to become confused with the latest concepts and ways of delivering desktops. This is one market place where no one product or delivery method fits all. However, it is clear that the use of Thin Desktops is a major growth area and it will be of significant importance over the next 2-3 years particularly given budget cuts and staff efficiencies required.

Foresight Consulting offer a number of packages from initial reviews through to complete roll-outs. We are also able to offer project resource such as Technical Project Managers, Architects and Thin Client Technicians, everything from a few tactical days to long-term assignments. During 2010 our clients have included London Borough of Redbridge, Eastleigh Borough, Essex Fire & Rescue, Southend-on-Sea Borough and Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority. Project have included Assessments, Proof of Concept, Design/Builds, and Roll-outs using Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop, Microsoft TS/RDS and VMware View/ThinApp products. We have also tested all the major Thin Clients on the market including Zero Clients, Teradici, Linux and Windows embedded devices and have built up considerable experience of which device works best with which design.

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