



# W07 – Virtualizing the Desktop

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# **Speaker intro**

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### Dell Services

- 30000 consultants worldwide
  - Focusing upon infrastructure services
  - Enterprise architecture, Datacenter and End-user computing

# Agenda

- VDI Levelset
- VDI vs Sessions?
- RDS Roles used to enable VDI scenarios
- Setup steps & considerations
- Putting it all together
- Tips & Tricks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Value & the MS VDI stack
- Licensing
- Setting the scene (the numbers behind)



# Microsoft VDI Solutions Stack



**Microsoft:** typically departmental / simple scenarios **Partners:** typically enterprise wide / complex scenarios

# Sessions Virtualization VS Centralized Desktop Virtualization HyperVisor



# Client OS 1Admin ToolsRDS APIsSession ManagerSession Manager





Session Memory Space

Win32k Graphical Subsystem

(NTUSER & GDI)

User Apps

**Connection Manager** 

RDP

Winlogon

Devices

CSRSS

**IP** Virt



## **Centralized Desktops: RDS vs. VDI**

	RDS (Session-Based)	VDI (VM-Based)
Technology Maturity	Proven	Emerging
Scalability	Higher ratio of users/server	Lower ratio users/server
Isolation/Security	Session-based isolation	VM-based isolation
	Shared OS across users	Dedicated OS per user
	Must run as standard user	Can run as admin
Remote User Experience	Protocol-dependent	Protocol-dependent
User Flexibility	User is running as a user	User can have full rights
Application Compatibility	Windows Server OS	Windows Client desktop

- User requirements should dictate mode chosen
- Remoting protocol is common factor for both models
- Expect to have mix of both models

<b>RDS Roles Explained</b>		
RD Session Host	<ul> <li>Provides Multi-Session Virtualization (f.k.a terminal server)</li> <li>Sessions for both remote desktops &amp; RemoteApp</li> </ul>	
RD Virtualization Host	<ul> <li>Orchestrates Hyper-V hosted client VMs</li> <li>Enables VDI Scenarios</li> <li>Connection broker drives RD Virtualization Requests</li> </ul>	
RD Connection Broker	<ul> <li>Combines Session Directory, Publishing &amp; Connection Broker in single service</li> <li>Aggregates RemoteApp hosts, Personal VDI VMs &amp; Shared VDI VM</li> <li>Redirects user to right resource at right time, informs RD Virtualization Host</li> </ul>	
RD Web Access	<ul> <li>Provides publishing not connectivity.</li> <li>Two modes points at either multiple RemoteApp hosts OR connection broker</li> <li>Aggregates multiple RemoteApp hosts in either mode</li> </ul>	
RD Gateway	<ul> <li>Provides HTTPS based access</li> <li>Enables accessing corporate resources from internet</li> <li>Can provide endpoint &amp; redirection based security service</li> </ul>	

# **RD Virtualization Host**

- Responsible for Orchestrating VDI VMs
  - Startup
  - Shutdown
  - Freeze/Unfreeze
  - Rollback
- Install Remote Desktop Virtualization Host Role service (Installs the Vmhostagent Service (tsvmhasvc.dll)
- Receives command from Connection broker to start VMs
- Collects Information on VMs and sends to Connection Broker (Session information and VM-state (i.e. is it running or hibernated)



# **RD** Connection Broker



# **RD** Connection Broker

- Multiple Capabilities
  - Connection Broker
  - Publishing Service
  - Redirector
- Connection broker & redirector can be separate



### **Connection Broker Role Service**

### Installs 2 services

- Connection Broker : tssdis
- Centralized Publishing (Officially RemoteApp and Desktop Management Service) : tscpubrpc
- Connection broker
  - Processes all RDS and RDV connections
  - Stores all session information without this, users can't get back to disconnected sessions.
  - Calls into Centralized Publishing to connect to your personal VM

# **Centralized Publishing Service**

- Aggregates RemoteApp programs from RD servers
- Maintains list of VM Pools and queries AD for the Personal VM assignments
- RD web access calls into this service to get the list of RemoteApps and Desktops for the user.
- Looks up the users assigned personal VM for Connection broker.
- By default listens on Port 5504

# **Redirector component**

- Redirector is a Session Host in 'drain / dedicated redirector mode'
  - Forwards the RDP client connection request to the connection broker and returns the list of IP addresses received from the broker.
  - Only 1 redirector is needed for both Personal virtual desktops and VM pools.
  - Users <u>never</u> 'TS' into the redirector, but they do need to be in the 'Remote Desktop Users' security group.
  - Drain mode mean users on this server or users will not be able to connect as desktop or RemoteApp
  - For administrative access, start mstsc with the /admin switch to connect.

# **Demo environment**

- Host hardware
  - Dell Precision M2400
    - Intel Centrino 2 T9400 (Dual core)
    - 8 GB Ram
    - 128 GB SSD HDD

# **Demo setup**



Demo

# **RD WEB ACCESS**

# Setup

- 0 importance of SSL certificates
- 1 Preparing Hyper-V & RD Virtualization Host
- 2 Preparing Client OS Vms
- 3 Configuring Redirector & Broker
- 4 Configuring Web Access
- 5 Setup Pools

### **Step 0 – Importance of Certificates**

- RDP signing enables many cool features
  - Single sign-on (for Web Accessed RemoteApp)
  - Trusted behaviors
  - RemoteApp & Desktop Connections
  - Etc
  - Make sure you have an SSL certificate you can use
    - Cert used by RD Web Access

or

- Trusted root cert for enterprise / know 3rd party authority
- Deploy cert to all client machines
  - Not needed if cert issues from known 3rd party authority
  - Deploy with GP for managed clients
  - Will need to be manually installed on a non-trusted clients

### **Step 1 – Preparing Hyper-V / Virtualization Host**

- Install Hyper-V role
- Install Remote Desktop Virtualization Host sub role



## Sizing your Hyper-V Server?

- Q. How many VDI VMs can I get on my Hyper-V server
- A. It depends (just like sessions)!
  - Depends on applications
  - Depends on data used
  - Depends on demand cycle of user
  - Depends on OS use Windows 7

Test, Test, Test – with \***real**\* users

### **Step 2 - Preparing Client OS VMs**

- Support XP SP3, Vista and Windows 7 clients
- If using XP SP3 or Vista, in the Hyper-V management tool install Hyper-V enlightment (Integration Services)
- This is the most commonly misconfigured part of the VDI solution and involves 5 manual steps.

## **VM Guest Configuration**

- Enable Remote Desktop Services (Group Policy)
- Add user groups to Remote Desktop Users Group
- Enable Remote RPC (Group Policy)
  - Or set HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server\AllowRemoteRPC from 0 to 1.
- Allow Remote Service Management through firewall (Group Policy)
- Modify RDP Permissions (manual or script)
  - Add the VM Host machine account to the RDP Listener permissions. This must be done by a VB script or a PowerShell script as the UI is not available on client SKUs
  - The RDVH Server computer account needs the WINSTATION\_QUERY,
     WINSTATION\_LOGOFF, and WINSTATION\_DISCONNECT permissions on each virtual machine in the virtual desktop pool
  - Can only be done after domain join

# **Modify RDP-TCP Perms - WMIc**

- •wmic /node:localhost RDPERMISSIONS where TerminalName="RDP-Tcp" CALL AddAccount ``<*domain*>\<*rdvh server*>\$",1
- •wmic /node:localhost RDACCOUNT where "(TerminalName='RDP-Tcp' or TerminalName='Console') and AccountName='<domain>\\<rdvh\_server>\$'" CALL ModifyPermissions 0,1
- wmic /node:localhost RDACCOUNT where "(TerminalName='RDP-Tcp' or TerminalName='Console') and AccountName='<domain>\\<rdvh\_server>\$'" CALL ModifyPermissions 2,1
- wmic /node:localhost RDACCOUNT where "(TerminalName='RDP-Tcp' or TerminalName='Console') and AccountName='<domain>\\<rdvh\_server>\$'" CALL ModifyPermissions 9,1
- • Net stop termservice
- • Net start termservice

#### Script at ScriptCenter

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### CONFIGURING CLIENT – USE GPO WHERE POSSIBLE (PLEASE)

### **Step 3 - Configure Connection Broker & Redirector**

- Untangling the broker & redirector
- Connection Broker is RD Server Role Responsible for
- Redirector is RD Session Host configured as a dedicated redirector.
- add RDWA Server(s) to the TS Web Access Computers group on the connection broker

## **Step 4 - Configuring Web Access**

- Two modes of operation
- Must use Connection Broker mode



# **Step 5 - Configuring Web Access**

- Two modes of operation •
- Point mode •
  - Good for session based RemoteApp & **Desktops**
- Centralized Publishing Mode ٠
  - Single view of both VDI and session \_ based resources
- Must use Centralized Publishing Mode • for VDI.



# **Redirector Configuration**

- Installed by Installing Remote Desktop Services Role
- This puts the RDSH in drain mode so RemoteApp programs should not be setup on this server or users will not be able to connect.
- The only manual configuration is to add the authorized users to the "Remote Desktop Users" security group.

- On the redirector to manually configure the role:
  - Open Remote Desktop Session Host Configuration snapin
  - Set the Server purpose to Virtual machine redirection

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RD WEB ACCESS IN PUBLISHING MODE



### **Step 5: Personal or Pooled Virtual Desktops?**



Personal Virtual Desktops

#### **Personal Virtual Desktops**

- One OS image per user
- Administrator access, desktop customizable
- User state typically part of the image



#### **Pooled Virtual Desktops**

- Shared OS images, identically configured
- No administrator access
- User state temporary (discarded at session end)

#### Pooled Virtual Desktops

### **Discovery Architecture**



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# **Connection Sequence**



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# **CONFIGURE POOLS**

### **Tips and Tricks: Common Issues**

### Common Issues

- RD Web Access machine account not in the TS Web Access
   Computers security group
- Certificates and Kerberos delegation issues
- DCOM and WMI security groups no longer have TS Web Access
   Computers security group listed with Remote Access
- TCP port 5504 not open in the firewall
- WMI Port not open
- Server can't connect to AD (Not in a domain, no network access or trust relationship issue)

# **Tips & Tricks: Connection Broker**

- If clustering Connection broker. The VM Host and Connection broker can't be installed on the same machine.
- For Thin Client support, check "Enable redirection for earlier RDC versions" and add the IP address of the redirector.
- Top 2 issues seen in deployments
  - Configuration of Guest VM was incorrect. A symptom of this is the user sees a message about "Waking Machine" for a long time.
  - Users complaining they couldn't connect to a personal domain desktop, but no desktop was assigned.

# MS or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Broker?

Low-Complexity Environment

Microsoft VDI with Remote Desktop Connection Broker

- ✓ Single site/location
- ✓ Static image placement
- ✓ Single virtual desktop pool
- ✓ Single, non-clustered broker
- ✓ LAN-only connectivity

✓ USB support limited to PnP devices

Enterprise-ready Environment

Microsoft VDI with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Connection Broker

- ✓ Multiple sites/locations
- ✓ Dynamic image placement
- ✓ Multiple virtual desktop pools
- Multiple brokers in failover configuration
- ✓ LAN & WAN connectivity

✓ Generic USB support

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# **SETTING THE SCENE**

### Windows Optimized Desktop Client, server, security, and management infrastructure

#### **Management Infrastructure**







Deployment – Application management – PC monitoring – Security management

#### **Server Infrastructure**



Active directory – Group policy – Networking – Server-based client virtualization



#### **Client Infrastructure**

#### Windows 7 Enterprise

for Software Assurance



### Windows Optimized Desktop Scenarios Task worker



### Windows Optimized Desktop Scenarios Contract worker



### Windows Optimized Desktop Scenarios Access from home



### Windows Optimized Desktop Scenarios Mobile worker



### Windows Optimized Desktop Scenarios Office worker



# **Optimizing the Enterprise desktop**

#### **Rich Desktop Scenarios**





**Replaceable PC** flexibility, easy to migrate users

Bitlocker + BitLocker To Go

Folder Redirection

**BranchCache** 

**Application Virtualization** 



Extending PC life security, low cost, carbon–neutral









older Redirectio



Match technologies with your

business needs of your people

#### **VDI Scenarios**

Working from home

Home -on

# Choose the different desktop virtualization technologies effectively



# How well do you manage ?

#### DESKTOP CONFIGURATION



Image Management



Patch Management



HW/SW Inventory



Roles/Profiles/Personas



**OS or App Deployment** 



Application Lifecycle



# The market is looking at two ways to solve this "new" problem



### How has the thin client market grown ...

### **2008 Worldwide Shipments**

Thin Clients – 3 Million units (1% WW) PCs – 248 <u>million</u> units Source : Gartner, 2008 PC Market Size WW June 2009

### Thin client remain 1% of the market

#### **1999 Worldwide Shipments**

Thin Clients – 700,000 units (0.6% WW) PCs – 113 million units Source : IDC 1999 Enterprise Thin Client Year in Review – Jan 2000 Update IDC, 9/7/01

# 8 Years of Analyst's TCO Data



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Unmanaged

Somewhat

Managed

Unmanaged Typically managedWell managed Terminal Server Terminal Server Rich Client Rich Client Rich Client 32 bit 64 bit

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Locked and Well

Managed

Moderately

Managed

### **Summary: Centralized Desktop Options**



#### Session Virtualization (fka TS)

- Low cost image management
- Easiest admin management
- Least resources required
- Good compatibility for legacy apps



#### **Personal Virtual Desktop**

- High cost image management
- Administrator access (user can install programs)
- High Resource cost
- Better Compatibility for legacy apps



#### **Pooled Virtual Desktop**

- Medium cost image management.
- Easier admin management than Personal VM Desktops
- Less Resources than personal
- Better compatibility for legacy

#### Mix & match your options - based on end user needs

# Next session at Xx.xx

- Sessionslokale 1 Session title - Sessionslokale 2 Session title - Sessionslokale 3 Session title - Sessionslokale 4 Session title





# Questions

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# **THANK YOU!**