



Virtualisation Health Check

Qualified consultants will assess current virtualisation deployments and identify both positive and negative findings through a health check report.

Business Challenge

In recent years, virtualisation of the datacentre has moved from a niche market to become mainstream technology and widespread adoption has been prolific. The well documented benefits of virtualisation have proven attractive to both small and large enterprises where the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) and Return on Investment (ROI) are compelling.

In most cases, organisations begin by introducing this technology within test and development environments to establish its capabilities and become familiar with the operational practices. Once the flexibility and ease of deployment become apparent, production systems are then introduced.

If, however, an organisation begins deployment of production systems into an environment potentially designed and implemented during an evaluation of the technology, or by unqualified technicians, the stability and best practices could be deemed as questionable.

Even where organisations carefully plan deployments and apply strict change management across the environment, it is possible that best practices can change or standards lapse.

IT Managers now face a challenge to understand, control and apply best practices across an ever changing part of their infrastructure to ensure the stability of what has become a key technology.

Similar to a vehicle M.O.T. test, it is recommended a proactive check-up of the environment is conducted at least once a year.

Key Benefits

The Computacenter Virtualisation Health Check ensures your environment is optimally configured for performance and efficiency.

This offers the following benefits:

- Ensures best practices are being followed
- Identifies areas of concern during audit
- Makes recommendations for improvements in design where necessary
- Reduces risk by leveraging the knowledge from experienced consultants

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Deliverables

Computacenter will deliver knowledge on best practices for virtual infrastructure configuration, processes and operations. This will primarily be accomplished by briefly reviewing material on standard best practices through an interactive workshop discussion.

The deliverables of this service are:

- Conduct a workshop to capture current design and discuss best practices
- Perform an audit of the virtual infrastructure. This includes data collection through specialised tools and manual observation of servers running in the environment, as well as interviews with key members of staff to ascertain customer objectives and procedures
- Delivery of the audit findings through a Health Check report and presentation

Why Computacenter?

Independent

Computacenter is a leading European independent provider of IT infrastructure services. We help our customers maximise the value of IT by advising on IT strategy, deploying and integrating appropriate technologies, and managing elements of their infrastructures on their behalf. At every stage we help them minimise the cost and maximise the business value of their IT expenditure.

Our corporate and government clients are served by a network of branch offices across the UK, Germany, France and Benelux and, through our international partners, at locations across the globe.

Experience

Computacenter has unrivalled experience in the virtualisation space. We have rolled out production virtualisation platforms for many public sector organisations, financial institutions and other FTSE100 companies. Combining this with our wider experience of datacentre migration and consolidation exercises, we are acknowledged by both vendors and our customers as being virtualisation experts in the UK.

Partnerships

We are a vendor-independent organisation with the highest level of accreditations with key players in the virtualisation space as follows:

- Citrix Platinum Solution Advisor
- Microsoft Certified Gold Partner
- VMware Premier Partner
- HP Gold Preferred Partner
- Sun Executive Partner
- IBM Business Partner

What next?

To find out how Computacenter's Virtualisation Healthcheck can help you, please contact your account manager or email: enquiries@computacenter.com