VMware[®]Horizon Mirage[®] simplified endpoint management



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Managing the wide variety of notebooks and desktops in an organization has its challenges. If your IT staff rolls out upgrades and updates manually or uses sub-par management software to automate the process, the resulting user downtime and burden on IT time can be very expensive for your business. Among other features, a complete management solution can complete migrations, deliver upgrades, and recover backed up system data for a variety of devices with little IT intervention—it instead lets the management tool do the work.

VMware Horizon Mirage is one such solution for endpoint management that can scale to manage thousands of devices. In our lab tests of VMware Horizon Mirage, we tested a variety of 20 Windows XP notebooks and found that it took minimal IT staff intervention to migrate them to Windows 7, update an application, revert to a previous snapshot, and to perform a complete desktop recovery. Horizon Mirage minimized user downtime to an average of just 24 minutes for the OS migration, with an endpoint reboot of less than two minutes for the application upgrade and reverting to a previous snapshot. What's more, Horizon Mirage was able to do all this while minimizing the effect on network and storage resources, which can save you money in the long run.

As these results show, VMware Horizon Mirage can be a valuable tool for endpoint management that can help free up IT staff and minimize user downtime.



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THE CHALLENGES OF ENDPOINT MANAGEMENT

For an organization with thousands, or even hundreds, of employees, managing the systems on which they work can be an enormous task—one that burdens IT staff and creates excessive downtime for end users. An image management solution, such as Horizon Mirage, can streamline standard management tasks such as OS migrations with little disruption for the end user.

OS migrations

Upgrading a Windows XP device to Windows 7 or migrating an end user's profile and files to a new Windows 7 machine are the two most common approaches to Windows 7 migrations. Horizon Mirage can not only accelerate the process but simultaneously lower risk. Because Mirage takes a full snapshot of the Windows XP system prior to the migration, it is easy to restore the end user to the pre-migration state should anything go wrong. These features can lead to savings in end-user productivity and IT staff time.

Upgrading or adding applications

Most often, an organization isn't rolling out a new operating system to devices, but instead upgrading or adding new applications for users to access. With Horizon Mirage, administrators can update or deploy new applications to end users with as little intervention as a reboot. This ensures that employees have the latest tools they need to complete their work and be productive, while minimizing IT staff requirements.

Backup and recovery

There are occasions when it is necessary to restore a desktop—the hard drive fails, the operating system is corrupted, or the PC is lost, stolen, or damaged. Because Horizon Mirage takes regular snapshots of a PC's configuration—including OS, applications, files, and personalization—administrators can efficiently restore an image of the end user's old system to any replacement device and the user can rapidly get back to work.

Image management

The deduplication capabilities of Horizon Mirage don't just make it efficient in storage—they also apply to wide area network (WAN) transfers. This is a great boon for the IT staff that manage the laptop and desktop systems used by remote office workers, those who work at home, and traveling employees. Horizon Mirage centralizes data from these endpoint PCs into the datacenter so that when one of these devices becomes unusable for any reason, IT can rapidly get a replacement device with the image back in the user's hands. This means that work isn't lost, as of up to the last synchronization, and business can continue with minimized interruption.

HOW VMWARE HORIZON MIRAGE WORKS FOR YOU

Horizon Mirage is an endpoint management solution designed to ease administration of the variety of endpoint devices that an organization typically uses, including notebooks and desktops. Horizon Mirage uses a layered image management scheme capable of separating physical and virtual endpoints into multiple logical layers that the Mirage server then stores and manages. The Horizon Mirage server usually resides in the datacenter. IT manages certain layers, while some layers are uploaded from the endpoints. This technology allows IT staff to determine what goes into the layers IT is managing. The separate layers help because IT can update endpoints while protecting and retaining important end-user files and individual personalization on those endpoints. Horizon Mirage keeps uploading user layers to the Mirage server via a background process on the end-user devices while the devices are online. When an offline user comes back online, synchronization is automatically initiated. A quick scan of an endpoint by Horizon Mirage identifies new and unique data that needs to be synchronized, and compresses it before it is sent across the network. The Mirage deduplication engine stores files only once per storage volume, which can provide significant storage savings over products without deduplication.



Figure 1 shows the VMware Horizon Mirage process.

Figure 1: VMware Horizon Mirage allows IT staff to make updates to independent layers for maximum efficiency.

A BRIEF LOOK AT OUR TESTING PROCESS

We used a variety of 20 clients as a sample Horizon Mirage deployment (though it can scale to thousands of devices). We tested the effect Horizon Mirage had on network and storage space, as well as how it handled OS migration, application upgrades, reverting to snapshots, and disaster recovery. We looked at the time it took for IT to complete the tasks and the downtime the end user would experience.

After completing the Windows 7 migration and both the app layer update and revert to snapshot tasks, restarting the endpoint is necessary to apply the new changes. Either the end user or system administrator can restart the endpoint at any time after completing a task. If necessary, the endpoint restart can be delayed. Performing the reboot will cause some temporary user downtime, and we calculated user downtime from when we chose to reboot the endpoint to when the Windows login screen reappeared, allowing the end user to resume working. The migration completes while the end user is back up and working, which means that the total time for the migration is still completing after the reboot. The user can start working *after* they log into the machine.

For detailed information on our test systems, see <u>Appendix A</u>. For step-by-step details on how we tested, see <u>Appendix B</u>.

THE PROOF: SAVING NETWORK AND STORAGE SPACE

Did you know? VMware Horizon Mirage uses deduplication to save you up to 44.5 percent in bandwidth and storage space for your endpoint management server, which can help you meet your targets and save you money in infrastructure costs. A common concern with centralizing data is what effect passing user data over will have on the network. Another issue is the storage space that end users' data takes up. If your server is constantly backing up end user desktops, you might worry about the strain on both resources.

As we found in our hands-on tests, Horizon Mirage addresses these concerns by using deduplication to back up only new or changed user data. This means that it doesn't send and store copies of things you've already saved, which would waste network resources and storage space by passing and saving duplicate data.

Figure 2 shows the total network and storage savings for each client when centralizing using Horizon Mirage. It shows the total size for each centralized image, which includes Windows XP data and user data. When we centralized the clients, which means we added them to the Horizon Mirage Pool, VMware Horizon Mirage needed to store only data that was different between end users. That meant that Horizon Mirage could create a complete system image while only transferring and storing an average of 44.5 percent of the data.

| Client number | Client | Total personal user data (GB) | Total image size (MB) | Transferred (MB) | Savings |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Client 01 | Dell Vostro 1000 | 15.7 | 19,431 | 11,244 | 42% |
| Client 02 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 15.6 | 19,649 | 8,291 | 58% |
| Client 03 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 15.2 | 18,828 | 8,000 | 58% |
| Client 04 | Dell Inspiron E1505 | 15.6 | 20,323 | 10,203 | 50% |
| Client 05 | Sony VGN-FS550 | 15.6 | 20,132 | 8,250 | 59% |
| Client 06 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 32.4 | 36,423 | 21,034 | 42% |
| Client 07 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 32.2 | 35,082 | 17,304 | 51% |
| Client 08 | Dell Precision M2300 | 32.2 | 36,324 | 17,854 | 51% |
| Client 09 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 32.0 | 36,474 | 21,029 | 42% |
| Client 10 | Dell Inspiron 1520 | 31.9 | 36,383 | 18,021 | 50% |
| Client 11 | HP Compaq 6910p | 46.7 | 51,541 | 29,707 | 42% |
| Client 12 | Dell Latitude D630 | 46.1 | 50,857 | 31,413 | 38% |
| Client 13 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 46.6 | 52,113 | 29,001 | 44% |
| Client 14 | Lenovo ThinkPad T510 | 46.7 | 52,215 | 28,441 | 46% |
| Client 15 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 46.4 | 51,988 | 32,894 | 37% |
| Client 16 | Dell Latitude D630 | 64.8 | 71,119 | 47,116 | 34% |
| Client 17 | Dell Latitude E5500 | 64.7 | 70,245 | 45,113 | 36% |
| Client 18 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 65.2 | 70,811 | 45,245 | 36% |
| Client 19 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 65.1 | 69,797 | 44,108 | 37% |
| Client 20 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 65.3 | 70,476 | 44,974 | 36% |
| Average savings | 44.5% | | | | |

Figure 2: Migration times and user downtime for each of the client systems in our tests.

THE PROOF: MIGRATING TO A NEW OPERATING SYSTEM

Did you know? Using VMware Horizon Mirage to reduce the hands-on time for IT to complete migration tasks frees up staff to innovate elsewhere in the datacenter and focus on improving infrastructure in other ways. By minimizing end-user downtime, the business can keep on moving while you make OS upgrades.

While some management tools can automate minor processes, a powerful tool can handle big tasks such as migrating all of an organization's systems to an upgraded operating system. In a traditional scenario where IT staff need to update each system manually, the cost to the business is high. IT staff must physically retrieve each device and then upgrade the operating system. This can leave employees without their systems for hours and possibly even days. In many cases, IT provides the employee with a loaner system, which only adds to the complexity of the upgrade.

In our labs, we used VMware Horizon Mirage to migrate 20 client notebooks simultaneously from Windows XP operating system to the more recent Windows 7 operating system. This is a common migration that many organizations are currently making or will be making soon.

Completing the migration was easy; it took our technicians only minutes to set up the migration to the notebooks. As Figure 3 shows, the migration was complete on all systems in an average of 1 hour 49 minutes. After IT rolled out the migration, end users could choose when to restart their systems and incur minor downtime to get their systems running Windows 7. Using VMware Horizon Mirage, the user downtime to complete the update was an average of only 24 minutes 3 seconds.

Time to migrate from Windows XP to Windows 7

Average time to migrate 1:49:40

Average end user downtime 24:03

Figure 3: Even large tasks like migrating operating systems didn't take long with VMware Horizon Mirage, which minimized user downtime to just 24 minutes.



THE PROOF: UPDATING APPLICATIONS

Did you know? Using Horizon Mirage can also minimize IT staff time and user downtime when you make normal application updates or upgrades. Organizations frequently add new applications to enhance productivity or upgrade applications from older versions. In a manual scenario, this would again take an enormous amount of IT effort and end-user downtime while the upgrades occur. Some solutions that automate this process still require significant effort and downtime, which can further burden the business. Horizon Mirage allows IT staff to update the application layer for each system rather than the entire desktop, which speeds up the process and reduces network contention.

For our hands-on testing, we used Horizon Mirage to deploy Microsoft Office 2010, via a Mirage app layer, on the 20 client systems simultaneously. We found that VMware Horizon Mirage simplified this task and kept downtime to a minimum.

As in the migration scenario, Horizon Mirage did not require significant intervention from our technicians to set up the application layer update with the new application. As Figure 4 shows, the application layer update was complete on all systems in an average of 21 minutes 05 seconds. After IT rolls out the update, users can choose when to restart their systems and incur the minor downtime they need to get their systems running the new app. Using VMware Horizon Mirage, user downtime to complete the Microsoft Office 2010 update was an average of only 1 minute 16 seconds.

Time to update App layer

Average time to update 21:05

Average end user downtime 1:16

Figure 4: Rolling out a new application to all systems didn't take long with VMware Horizon Mirage, which minimized user downtime to just over 1 minute.





With such little downtime for end users when using Horizon Mirage, business productivity no longer has to take a hit when it's time to send out application upgrades.

THE PROOF: REVERTING TO A SNAPSHOT AND RECOVERING DATA

Did you know? Horizon Mirage lets you decide how often you would like to back up user data. Horizon Mirage then uses intelligent deduplication technologies to reduce the impact on your valuable network and storage resources. Mistakes happen every day. Sometimes they are relatively small—a user deletes a document that he or she is working on and can't recover it. Other times, mistakes are larger—a user leaves his or her notebook behind at the coffee shop, and it's gone when they head back to get it. Either way, Horizon Mirage can help users pick back up working wherever they left off. Horizon Mirage takes snapshots of each system image and stores that data on the central server. As a result, end-user can access their personal data from their systems using the latest available snapshot in Mirage.

In our labs, we simultaneously rolled back the system images of our 20 clients to a previous version, as if these users all needed to revert to get back lost user data and applications. Again, the setup for this was a simple process.

We found that Horizon Mirage could revert all 20 systems to a previous complete image snapshot in just over 22 minutes on average, and end users had to experience an average of only 1 minute 16 seconds of downtime (see Figure 5). All of this occurred with no data loss.

Time to revert to snapshot

Average time to revert 22:28

Average end user downtime 1:16

Figure 5: Reverting the systems to a previous snapshot didn't take long with VMware Horizon Mirage, which minimized user downtime to just over 1 minute.



In the event that you don't have a system left to revert to a previous snapshot, such as when a system is lost or stolen or irreparably damaged, Horizon Mirage again provides a solution. IT staff can simply take a replacement notebook, locate a snapshot from the old system, and update the new system with the user data so that there would be no difference in data between the old system and the new one.

We tested Horizon Mirage in a disaster recovery scenario, executing a full system restore on three sample client notebooks from different generations running Windows 7 Enterprise as their base OS and using different processors. We found that it took Horizon Mirage an average of 48 minutes, 59 seconds to complete this process on the devices (see Figure 6). This means that even in the worst-case disaster scenario, an employee would be back to work with little downtime—something unheard of with traditional endpoint management. Keeping data safe and employees working in such cases can help you meet project deadlines and help your bottom line.

| Original device | New device | Total image size to restore (MB) | Total time to restore |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Intel Core 2 Duo T8100 | Intel Core 2 Duo P8400 | 10.421 | 0.12.12 |
| @2.10 GHz | @2.26 GHz | 15,431 | 0.43.15 |
| Intel Core Duo T2050 @ | Intel Core 2 Duo T7700 @ | 20 222 | 0.47.27 |
| 2.00 GHz | 2.40 GHz | 20,323 | 0.47.27 |
| AMD Turion TL-56 @ 1.80 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7250 @ | 10.640 | 0.56.17 |
| GHz | 2.00 GHz | 19,049 | 0.50.17 |
| Average time | | | 0:48:59 |

Figure 6: Total full system restore times for three clients in our disaster recovery scenario.

IN CONCLUSION

Abandoning manual endpoint management or subpar endpoint administration solutions can reduce user down time and have a significant effect on your bottom line. By switching to a comprehensive, automated image management solution, like Horizon Mirage, you can reduce the burden on IT staff and minimize the impact on your end users. In addition, Horizon Mirage provides centralized backup and OS/HW migration.

Through our hands-on tests, we found that Horizon Mirage offered significant advantages for managing end user devices. It didn't take our technicians much time to get the software working to migrate operating systems, update application layers, revert to previous snapshots, and recover a desktop. With Horizon Mirage, the new OS was available to all systems in an average of just 1 hour 49 minutes; the new application update took 21 minutes, the snapshot reversion took 22 minutes, and the desktop recovery took 48 minutes. And that's just the time the software was working to make these updates—end users' work was not affected during this time. Horizon Mirage minimized end-user downtime as well, with the migration causing just 24 minutes of downtime, and the other updates taking just a few minutes. And by using deduplication, the software was able to reduce data actually transferred from the endpoint to the Mirage Server by 44.5 percent, by only sending new or changed information over the network to be stored.

As our tests show, Horizon Mirage can be a valuable tool for endpoint management that helps free up IT staff and minimize user downtime.

APPENDIX A – SYSTEM CONFIGURATION INFORMATION

Figure 7 provides detailed configuration information for the test systems.

| | Brand/model | CPU | Memory | Disk | Network adapter |
|----------|-------------------------|---|--------------|---|------------------------------|
| Client01 | Dell Vostro 1000 | AMD Turion 64 X2 TL-60 2 GHz | 3GB PC2-4300 | Seagate ST980811AS 80GB | Broadcom 440x 100Mbps |
| Client02 | Dell Latitude E6400 | Intel Core 2 Duo P8600 2.4 GHz | 4GB PC2-4300 | Western Digital WD1600BJKT-75F4T0 160GB | Intel 82567LM 1 Gbps |
| Client03 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | AMD Turion 64 X2 TL-50 2.4 GHz | 1GB PC2-4300 | Fujitsu MHV2080BH 80GB | Broadcom 440x 100Mbps |
| Client04 | Dell Inspiron E1505 | Intel Core Duo T2050 1.6 GHz | 1GB PC2-4200 | Fujitsu MHV2080BH 80GB | Broadcom 440x 100Mbps |
| Client05 | Sony VGN-FS550 | Intel Pentium M730 1.6 GHz | 1GB PC-2700 | Hitachi DK23FA-80 80GB | Intel PRO 100 Mbps |
| Client06 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | AMD Turion 64 X2 Mobile TL-56 1.8 GHz | 1GB PC2-4200 | Hitachi HTS51680J9SA00 80GB | Broadcom 440x 100Mbps |
| Client07 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | Intel Mobile Core 2 Duo T7700 2.4 GHz | 2GB PC2-5300 | Hitachi HTS51680J9SA00 80GB | Intel 82566MM 1 Gbps |
| Client08 | Dell Precision M2300 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7500 2.2 GHz | 1GB PC2-5300 | Seagate ST9160411ASG 160GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |
| Client09 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7100 1.8 GHz | 2GB PC2-5300 | Hitachi HTS541680J9SA00 80GB | Intel 82566MM 1 Gbps |
| Client10 | Dell Inspiron 1520 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7500 2.2 GHz | 2GB PC2-5300 | Toshiba M8037GSX 80GB | Broadcom 440x 100Mbps |
| Client11 | HP Compaq 6910p | Intel Core 2 Duo T7300 2.0 GHz | 1GB PC2-5300 | Seagate ST980811AS 80GB | Intel 82566MM 1 Gbps |
| Client12 | Dell Latitude D630 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7250 2 GHz | 1GB PC2-5300 | Hitachi HTS542516K9SA00 160GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |
| Client13 | Dell Latitude E6400 | Intel Core 2 Duo P8600 2.4 GHz | 4GB PC2-6400 | Seagate ST9160411ASG 160GB | Intel 82567LM 1 Gbps |
| Client14 | Lenovo ThinkPad T510 | Intel Core i5 560m 2.6 GHz | 4GB PC3-8500 | Hitachi HTS725032A9A364 320GB | Intel 82567LM 1 Gbps |
| Client15 | Dell Latitude E5400 | Intel Core 2 Duo T8400 2.4 GHz | 1GB PC2-6400 | Samsung HM250HI 250 GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |
| Client16 | Dell Latitude D630 | Intel Core 2 Duo T8100 2.1 GHz | 1GB PC2-5300 | Hitachi HTS722080K9A300 80GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |

| | Brand/model | CPU | Memory | Disk | Network adapter |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Client17 | Dell Latitude E5500 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7250 2.0 GHz | 2GB PC2-6400 | Seagate ST9120312AS 120GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |
| Client18 | Dell Latitude E5400 | Intel Core 2 Duo T7250 2.0 GHz | 2GB PC2-6400 | Seagate ST9120312AS 120GB | Broadcom NetXtreme 1 Gbps |
| Client19 | Dell Latitude E6400 | Intel Core 2 Duo P8700 2.5 GHz | 2GB PC2-6400 | Seagate ST9120312AS 120GB | Intel 82567LM 1 Gbps |
| Client20 | Dell Latitude E6400 | Intel Core 2 Duo P8400 2.3 GHz | 2GB PC2-6400 | Seagate ST9120312AS 120GB | Intel 82567LM 1 Gbps |

Figure 7: System configuration information for the test systems.

Figure 8 provides detailed information for the test storage. We configured a 1TB LUN on a hybrid Dell EqualLogic PS-6110XS storage array to host all Horizon Mirage infrastructure.

| Storage array | Dell EqualLogic PS-6110XS |
|---|---------------------------|
| Number of storage arrays | 1 |
| Number of storage controllers per array | 2 |
| RAID level | 6 (accelerated) |
| Firmware version | 6.0.0 |
| Number of drives, type 1 | 7 |
| Model number | LB400M |
| Drive size (GB) | 400GB |
| Drive buffer size (MB) | N/A |
| Drive RPM | N/A |
| Drive type | SSD |
| Number of drives, type 2 | 17 |
| Model number | ST9600205SS |
| Drive size (GB) | 600GB |
| Drive buffer size (MB) | 16MB |
| Drive RPM | 10К |
| Drive type | 6Gb SAS 2.5" |

Figure 8: Detailed configuration information for the Dell EqualLogic PS-6110XS storage array.

Figure 9 provides detailed information for the test server.

| System | Cisco UCS B200 M3 server |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| General | |
| Number of processor packages | 2 |
| Number of cores per processor | 8 |
| Number of hardware threads per core | 2 |
| System power management policy | OS Control |

| System | Cisco UCS B200 M3 server |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CPUs | |
| Vendor | Intel |
| Name | Xeon |
| Model number | E5-2690 |
| Stepping | 6 |
| Socket type | LGA2011 |
| Core frequency (GHz) | 2.90 |
| Bus frequency | 8.0 GT/s |
| L1 cache | 32 KB + 32 KB |
| L2 cache | 256 KB (per core) |
| L3 cache | 20 MB |
| Platform | |
| Vendor and model number | Cisco UCS B200 M3 |
| Motherboard model number | Cisco FCH153271DA |
| BIOS name and version | Cisco B200M3.2.0.2a.0.0.22420121123 |
| BIOS settings | Default |
| Memory module(s) | |
| Total RAM in system (GB) | 192 |
| Vendor and model number | Samsung M393B2G70BH0-YK0 |
| Туре | PC3L-12800R |
| Speed (MHz) | 1,600 |
| Speed running in the system (MHz) | 1,333 |
| Size (GB) | 16 |
| Number of RAM module(s) | 12 |
| Chip organization | Double-sided |
| Rank | Dual |
| Hard disk | |
| Vendor and model number | Seagate ST9146803SS |
| Number of disks in system | 2 |
| Size (GB) | 146 |
| RPM | 15,000 |
| Туре | SAS |
| RAID controller | |
| Vendor and model | LSI MegaRAID SAS 2004 |
| Controller firmware | 20.10.1-0061 |
| Operating system | |
| Name | VMware ESXi 5.5.0 |
| Build number | 1331820 |
| Language | English |
| Operating system power profile | Maximum Performance |
| I/O Adapters | |
| Vendor and model number | Cisco UCS-VIC-M82-4P |
| Туре | mLOM |

Figure 9: Detailed configuration information for the server we used in our tests.

Figure 10 presents the infrastructure layout we used to configure the VMware Horizon Mirage environment.

| VM name | Hosted OS | Role (s) | Server | Memory | # of vCPUs |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| AD01 | Win 2008 R2 x64 Enterprise | AD Domain controller, DHCP, DNS, NTP | Infrastructure | 4 GB | 2 |
| Mirage Server | Win 2008 R2 x64 Enterprise | Mirage server, SQL server | Infrastructure | 12 GB | 8 |
| FileServer01 | Win 2008 R2 x64 Enterprise | File Server | Infrastructure | 8 GB | 4 |
| Windows 7 Master | Win 2008 R2 x64 Enterprise | Mirage Windows 7 reference VM | Infrastructure | 2 GB | 1 |

Figure 10: Layout of the infrastructure environment in out tests.

APPENDIX B – HOW WE TESTED

Figure 11 shows a diagram of our test bed.



Figure 11: Test bed diagram.

Configuring the Dell EqualLogic PS6010 storage

Configuring the array RAID

- 1. Using a Web browser, log into EqualLogic Web interface.
- 2. Enter the EqualLogic storage group IP address into a Web browser and use the administrator credentials to log into the EqualLogic Group Manager.
- 3. Select the storage group, and in the left pane, expand the members (arrays).
- 4. Select the first member (array), which will show as unconfigured, and click Yes to configure the RAID.
- 5. At the General Settings screen, leave the default name and storage pool assignment, and click Next.
- 6. At the RAID configuration screen, select RAID 6, and click Next.
- 7. At the Summary screen, click Finish.

Creating a volume

- 1. In the left pane, click Volumes, and, in the adjacent pane, click Create volume.
- 2. Name the first volume, and click Next.
- 3. Enter the appropriate volume size, and click Next.
- 4. On the iSCSI Access screen, check the Limit access to iSCSI initiator name checkbox, and enter the appropriate iSCSI initiator names.
- 5. Click Finish.

Installing VMware vSphere (ESXi) 5.1 on infrastructure server

- 1. Insert the installation media, and select Boot from disk.
- 2. At the VMware Installer screen, press Enter.
- 3. At the EULA screen, press F11 to Accept and Continue.
- 4. Under Storage Devices, select the appropriate virtual disk, and press Enter.
- 5. Select US as the keyboard layout, and press Enter.
- 6. Enter the Root password twice, and press Enter.
- 7. Press F11 to start installation.
- 8. After the server reboots, press F2, and enter root credentials.
- 9. Select Configure Management Network, and press Enter.
- 10. Select the appropriate network adapter, and select OK.
- 11. Log into the server using the VMware vSphere client.
- 12. Select the Configuration tab, and click Networking.
- 13. Click Add Networking...
- 14. Create a virtual machine network called PRIV-NET and storage network called Storage-NET.
- 15. Click on the Configuration tab, and select Time configuration to configure server time.
- 16. Click DNS and Routing, and confirm the settings.

Configuring datastore on VMware ESXi 5.1 infrastructure server

- 1. Click Configuration tab→Storage Adapters→Add...
- 2. Select Add Software iSCSI Adapter, and click OK.

- 3. Select the iSCSI adapter, and click Properties...
- 4. Select the Dynamic Discovery tab, and click Add...
- 5. Enter the iSCSI Server IP, and click OK.
- 6. Select Rescan All...
- 7. Select the newly discovered volume.
- 8. For Datastore name, type LUN1 and click Next.
- 9. For Capacity, select Maximum Available Space, and click Next.
- 10. Click Finish to create the datastore.

Setting up a VM to host Microsoft Windows Active Directory[®] server AD01

- 1. Connect to the infrastructure sever via the VMware vSphere client.
- 2. Log in as root.
- 3. In the VMware vSphere client, under Basic Tasks, select Create a new virtual machine.
- 4. Choose Custom, and click Next.
- 5. Assign the name AD01 to the virtual machine, and click Next.
- 6. Select infrastructure as the host, and click Next.
- 7. Select the appropriate storage, and click Next.
- 8. Choose Virtual Machine Version 8, and click Next.
- 9. Choose Windows, select Microsoft Windows Server® 2008 R2 (64-bit), and click Next.
- 10. For CPUs, select one virtual processor socket and two cores per virtual socket, and click Next.
- 11. Choose 4 GB of RAM, and click Next.
- 12. Click 1 for the number of NICs, select VMXNET3, connect to the PRIV-NET network, and click Next.
- 13. Leave the default virtual storage controller, and click Next.
- 14. Choose to create a new virtual disk, and click Next.
- 15. Make the OS virtual disk size 40 GB, choose thick-provisioned lazy zeroed, specify external storage, and click Next.
- 16. Keep the default virtual device node (0:0), and click Next.
- 17. Click Finish.
- 18. Right-click the VM, and choose Edit Settings.
- 19. Click the Resources tab, and click Memory.
- 20. Select Reserve all guest memory, and click OK.
- 21. Connect the VM virtual CD-ROM to the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 installation disk.
- 22. Start the VM.

Installing the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system on the VM

- 1. Open a virtual machine console on AD01.
- 2. Choose the language, time and currency, and keyboard input. Click Next.
- 3. Click Install Now.
- 4. Choose Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise (Full Installation), and click Next.

- 5. Accept the license terms, and click Next.
- 6. Click Custom.
- 7. Click the Disk, and click Drive options (advanced).
- 8. Click New \rightarrow Apply \rightarrow Format, and click Next.
- 9. After the installation completes, click OK to set the Administrator password.
- 10. Enter the administrator password twice, and click OK.
- 11. Install VMware Tools. For more information, see kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=340.
- 12. Reboot the server.
- 13. Connect the machine to the Internet, and install all available Windows updates. Restart as necessary.
- 14. Enable remote desktop access.
- 15. Change the hostname to AD01, and reboot when the installation prompts you.
- 16. Set up networking for the data network:
 - a. Click Start→Control Panel, right-click Network Connections, and choose Open.
 - b. Right-click the VM traffic NIC, and choose Properties.
 - c. Uncheck TCP/IP (v6).
 - *d.* Select TCP/IP (v4), and choose Properties.
 - e. Set the IP address as 172.0.0.10/255.255.0.0
 - f. Default gateway as 172.0.0.1
 - g. Preferred DNS server as 127.0.0.1

Installing Active Directory and DNS services on AD01

- 1. Click Start→Run, type dcpromo and click OK.
- 2. At the Active Directory Domain Services Installation Wizard welcome screen, check the Use advanced mode installation option, and click Next.
- 3. In the Choose a Deployment Configuration dialog box, select Create a new domain in a new forest, and click Next.
- 4. At the FQDN page, type vdi.com and click Next.
- 5. At the NetBIOS name prompt, leave the name VDI, and click Next.
- 6. At the Forest Functionality level, select Windows Server 2008 R2, and click Next.
- 7. At the additional Domain Controller Options, leave DNS server selected, and click Next.
- 8. At the System Folder Location screen, change to $E : \setminus$ leave the default options, and click Next.
- 9. Assign a Directory Services Restore Mode Administrator account password, and click Next.
- 10. At the Summary screen, review your selections, and click Next.
- 11. Once Active Directory Domain Services finishes installing, click Finish, and restart the system.
- 12. Click Start→Run, and type dnsmgmt.msc
- 13. Create a reverse lookup zone for AD01.
- 14. Create static entries for the infrastructure server and the servers under test.

Configuring the Windows time service on AD01

To ensure reliable time, we pointed our Active Directory server to a physical NTP server.

- 1. Open a command prompt.
- 2. Type the following:

```
W32tm /config /syncfromflags:manual /manualpeerlist:"<ip address of a NTP server>"
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W32tm /config /reliable:yes

W32tm /config /update

W32tm /resync

Net stop w32time

Net start w32time

Setting up DHCP services on AD01

- 1. Click Start \rightarrow Administrative Tools \rightarrow Server Manager \rightarrow Add Roles.
- 2. Select DHCP Server, and click Next.
- 3. At the Introduction to DHCP Server screen, click Next.
- 4. At the Specify IPv4 DNS Settings screen, type vdi.com for the parent domain.
- 5. Enter the preferred DNS server IPv4 address, and click Next.
- 6. At the Specify IPv4 WINS Server Settings screen, select WINS is not required for applications on the network, and click Next.
- 7. At the Add or Edit DHCP Scopes screen, click Add.
- 8. At the Add Scope screen, enter the Name DHCP Scope name.
- 9. In the next box, set the following values, and click OK.
 - Start IP address=172.0.0.20
 - End IP address=172.0.10.200
 - Subnet mask=255.255.0.0
- 10. Check Activate This Scope.
- 11. At the Add or Edit DHCP Scopes screen, click Next.
- 12. Click Enable DHCP v6 Stateless Mode, and click Next.
- 13. Leave the default IPv6 DNS Settings, and click Next.
- 14. At the Authorize DHCP server dialog box, select Use current credentials.
- 15. At the Confirm Installation Selections screen, click Next. If the installation is set up correctly, a screen displays saying the DHCP server install succeeded.
- 16. Click Close.

Setting up a VM to host the file server

1. Connect to the infrastructure sever via the VM ware vSphere client.

- 2. Log in as root.
- 3. In the VMware vSphere client, under Basic Tasks, select Create a new virtual machine.
- 4. Choose Custom, and click Next.
- 5. Assign the name FileServer to the virtual machine, and click Next.
- 6. Select infrastructure as the host, and click Next.
- 7. Select the appropriate storage, and click Next.
- 8. Choose Virtual Machine Version 8, and click Next.
- 9. Choose Windows, choose Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit), and click Next.
- 10. For CPUs, select one virtual processor socket and four cores per virtual socket, and click Next.
- 11. Choose 8 GB of RAM, and click Next.
- 12. Click 1 for the number of NICs, select VMXNET3, connect to the PRIV-NET network, and click Next.
- 13. Leave the default virtual storage controller, and click Next.
- 14. Choose to create a new virtual disk, and click Next.
- 15. Make the OS virtual disk size 40 GB, choose thick-provisioned lazy zeroed, specify external storage, and click Next.
- 16. Keep the default virtual device node (0:0), and click Next.
- 17. Click Finish.
- 18. Right-click the VM, and choose Edit Settings.
- 19. Click Add...
- 20. Select Hard Disk, and click Next.
- 21. Select Create a new virtual disk, and click Next.
- 22. Select 1.5 TB, Thick Provision, and click Next.
- 23. Select (1:0) virtual device node, and click Next. Click Finish.
- 24. Click the Resources tab, and click Memory.
- 25. Select Reserve all guest memory, and click OK.
- 26. Connect the VM virtual CD-ROM to the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 installation disk.
- 27. Start the VM.

Installing the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system on the VM

- 1. Open a virtual machine console on Mirage Server.
- 2. Choose the language, time and currency, and keyboard input. Click Next.
- 3. Click Install Now.
- 4. Choose Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise (Full Installation), and click Next.
- 5. Accept the license terms, and click Next.
- 6. Click Custom.
- 7. Click the Disk, and click Drive options (advanced).
- 8. Click New \rightarrow Apply \rightarrow Format, and click Next.
- 9. After the installation completes, click OK to set the Administrator password.
- 10. Enter the administrator password twice, and click OK.

- 11. Install VMware Tools. For more information, see <u>kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=340.</u>
- 12. Reboot the server.
- 13. Connect the machine to the Internet, and install all available Windows updates. Restart as necessary.
- 14. Enable remote desktop access.
- 15. Change the hostname to FileServer, and reboot when the installation prompts you.
- 16. Set up networking for the data network:
 - a. Click Start \rightarrow Control Panel, right-click Network Connections, and choose Open.
 - b. Right-click the VM traffic NIC, and choose Properties.
 - c. Uncheck TCP/IP (v6).
 - d. Select TCP/IP (v4), and choose Properties.
 - e. Set the IP address as 172.0.0.6/255.255.0.0
 - f. Default gateway as 172.0.0.1
 - g. Preferred DNS server as 172.0.0.10

Creating a Shared folder

- 1. Click Start→Run..., type diskmgmt.msc and click OK.
- 2. Click OK to initialize the new disk.
- 3. Right-click the new disk, select New Simple Volume..., and click Next.
- 4. Select the maximum available capacity, and click Next.
- 5. Assign drive letter (E), and click Next.
- 6. Click OK to perform a quick format. Click Finish.
- 7. Create a folder on the root of the (E) drive, and name it Shared.
- 8. Right-click the folder, and select Properties.
- 9. Under Sharing, select Advanced Sharing, and select Share this folder.
- 10. Select Permissions, select the Everyone group, and grant Full Control to the shared folder.
- 11. Click OK. Click Close.

Setting up a VM to host the VMware Mirage server

- 1. Connect to the infrastructure sever via the VMware vSphere client.
- 2. Log in as root.
- 3. In the VMware vSphere client, under Basic Tasks, select Create a new virtual machine.
- 4. Choose Custom, and click Next.
- 5. Assign the name Mirage Server to the virtual machine, and click Next.
- 6. Select infrastructure as the host, and click Next.
- 7. Select the appropriate storage, and click Next.
- 8. Choose Virtual Machine Version 8, and click Next.
- 9. Choose Windows, choose Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit), and click Next.
- 10. For CPUs, select one virtual processor socket and eight cores per virtual socket, and click Next.
- 11. Choose 12 GB of RAM, and click Next.

- 12. Click 1 for the number of NICs, select VMXNET3, connect to the PRIV-NET network, and click Next.
- 13. Leave the default virtual storage controller, and click Next.
- 14. Choose to create a new virtual disk, and click Next.
- 15. Make the OS virtual disk size 40 GB, choose thick-provisioned lazy zeroed, specify external storage, and click Next.
- 16. Keep the default virtual device node (0:0), and click Next.
- 17. Click Finish.
- 18. Right-click the VM, and choose Edit Settings.
- 19. Click the Resources tab, and click Memory.
- 20. Select Reserve all guest memory, and click OK.
- 21. Connect the VM virtual CD-ROM to the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 installation disk.
- 22. Start the VM.

Installing the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system on the VM

- 1. Open a virtual machine console on Mirage Server.
- 2. Choose the language, time and currency, and keyboard input. Click Next.
- 3. Click Install Now.
- 4. Choose Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise (Full Installation), and click Next.
- 5. Accept the license terms, and click Next.
- 6. Click Custom.
- 7. Click the Disk, and click Drive options (advanced).
- 8. Click New \rightarrow Apply \rightarrow Format, and click Next.
- 9. After the installation completes, click OK to set the Administrator password.
- 10. Enter the administrator password twice, and click OK.
- 11. Install VMware Tools. For more information, see

kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=340.

- 12. Reboot the server.
- 13. Connect the machine to the Internet, and install all available Windows updates. Restart as necessary.
- 14. Enable remote desktop access.
- 15. Change the hostname to Mirage, and reboot when the installation prompts you.
- 16. Set up networking for the data network:
 - h. Click Start→Control Panel, right-click Network Connections, and choose Open.
 - i. Right-click the VM traffic NIC, and choose Properties.
 - j. Uncheck TCP/IP (v6).
 - k. Select TCP/IP (v4), and choose Properties.
 - I. Set the IP address as 172.0.0.5/255.255.0.0
 - m. Default gateway as 172.0.0.1
 - n. Preferred DNS server as 172.0.0.10

Installing Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2

- 1. Insert installation media, and click OK to install .NET framework.
- 2. Wait for the SQL Installer to launch. On the left menu, click Installation.
- 3. Click New installation or add features to an existing installation. Click OK.
- 4. Enter the Product Key, and click Next.
- 5. Check the I accept the license terms checkbox, and click Next.
- 6. Click Install to install the Setup Support Files (required).
- 7. Resolve any issues displayed in the setup wizard, and click Next.
- 8. At the Setup Role screen, select SQL Server Feature Installation, and click Next.
- 9. Select the Database Engine Services, Full-Text Search, Client tools Backwards Compatibility, Management Tools Basic and Complete, and click Next twice.
- 10. Accept instance configuration defaults, and click Next.
- 11. Accept defaults for disk space requirements, and click Next.
- 12. Click Use the same account for all SQL Server services, select NT Authority\System, and click OK. Click Next.
- 13. Select Mixed Mode, and enter a password for the SA account. Click Add Current User, and click Next.
- 14. Accept defaults for error reporting, and click Next.
- 15. Review installation configuration rules check, and click Next.
- 16. To begin installation, click Install.
- 17. At completion screen, click Close.
- 18. Run Windows Update to receive all updates and security patches.

Installing the Horizon Mirage management server

- 1. Run the Mirage.management.server.x64.xxx.msi installer.
- 2. At the welcome screen, click Next.
- 3. Accept the end user agreement, and click Next.
- 1. When prompted, write the hostname of the SQL Server.
- 2. Leave the instance name blank, and click Next.
- 3. Select Create new storage areas.
- 4. Put the network file share you created earlier in the field for Horizon Mirage data, and click Next.
- 5. If prompted, type the username and password to access the file share.
- 6. Choose the domain group to access the Horizon Mirage Management Console (we selected Administrators), and click Next.
- 7. At the ready to install screen, click Install.
- 8. Click Finish.

Installing Mirage Management Console (MMC)

- 1. Run the Mirage.management.console.x64.xxx.msi installer.
- 2. At the welcome screen, click Next.
- 3. Accept the end user agreement, and click Next.

4. At the ready to install screen, click Install.

Installing the Horizon Mirage license

- 1. In the MMC tree, right-click System Configuration, and select Settings.
- 2. Select the License tab, and select Use license key.
- 3. Enter the license key number, and click OK.

Installing Horizon Mirage Server

- 1. On your Horizon Mirage server, run the Mirage.server.x64.xxx.msi installer.
- 2. At the welcome screen, click Next.
- 3. Accept the end user agreement, and click Next.
- 4. When prompted, type the hostname of the SQL Server.
- 5. Leave the instance name blank, and click Next.
- 6. Put the network file share you created in the field for Horizon Mirage data, and click Next.
- 7. If prompted, type the username and password to access the file share.
- 8. Click Finish to complete the server setup.
- 9. Reboot your Mirage server.

Configuring your Horizon Mirage Server

To allow Windows XP to Windows 7 migrations, you need to procure the Microsoft User State Migration Tools (USMT) from the Windows Automated Installation Kit. You can get them by performing the following steps:

- Download the Automated Installation Kit files from <u>http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=5753.</u>
- 2. Install the Automated Installation Kit on a system (as you only care about the USMT files, it does not matter which system you install it on, as long as you copy the C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows AIK\Tools\USMT folder from that server).
- 3. Open the MMC on your management server.
- 4. On the left pane of the MMC (near the bottom), right-click System configuration, and select Settings.
- 5. In the System Configuration window, select the USMT tab.
- 6. Click the Import USMT button, navigate to the USMT files, and click OK.

Setting up a Windows 7 Enterprise (x86) ESXi reference virtual machine

- 1. In the vSphere client, connect to the infrastructure host.
- 2. Click the Virtual Machines tab.
- 3. Right-click, and choose New Virtual Machine.
- 4. Choose Custom, and click Next.
- 5. Assign the name as Windows 7 Master, and click Next.
- 6. Select the infrastructure host, and click Next.
- 7. Select the appropriate storage.
- 8. Choose Virtual Machine Version 8, and click Next.
- 9. Choose Windows, choose Microsoft Windows 7 (32-bit), and click Next.

- 10. For CPUs, select one virtual processor socket and two cores per virtual socket, and click Next.
- 11. Choose 1GB of RAM, and click Next.
- 12. Click 1 for the number of NICs, select VMXNET 3, and click Next.
- 13. Leave the default virtual storage controller, and click Next.
- 14. Choose to create a new virtual disk, and click Next.
- 15. Make the OS virtual disk size 24 GB, choose Thick Provision, specify the OS datastore on the external storage, and click Next.
- 16. Keep the default virtual device node (0:0), and click Next.
- 17. Click Finish.
- 18. Click the Resources tab, click Memory, and check the Reserve all guest memory checkbox.
- 19. Click the Hardware tab, CD/DVD Drive, and Connect the VM virtual CD-ROM to the Microsoft Windows 7 x86 installation disk.
- 20. Click OK.
- 21. Power on the machine.

Installing Windows 7 Enterprise (X86) on reference virtual machine

- 1. When the installation prompts you, press any key to begin setup.
- 2. Enter your language preferences, and click Next.
- 3. Click Install.
- 4. Accept the license terms, and click Next.
- 5. Select Custom, and select the drive that will contain the OS.
- 6. Click Install.
- 7. Type user for the username, and click Next.
- 8. Enter no password, and click Next.
- 9. At the system protection screen, select Use recommended settings, and click Next.
- 10. Enter your time zone, and click Next.
- 11. Select the Work Network setting, and click Next.
- 12. Install VMware Tools, and select Complete Installation. For more information, see

kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=340.

- 13. Reboot.
- 14. Connect the machine to the Internet, and install all available Windows updates. Restart as necessary.
- 15. Join the domain and restart the VM.

Installing the Mirage client on reference virtual machine

- 1. On the reference virtual machine, run the MirageClientx86.xxxxx.msi installer.
- 2. At the welcome screen, click Next.
- 3. Accept the end user agreement, and click Next.
- 4. At the Mirage Client Configuration, enter the Mirage server location, and click Next.
- 5. At the ready to install window, click Install.

6. Click Finish.

Capturing the Windows 7 X86 base layer

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Capture Base Layer.
- 2. Select Create a new reference CVD. Click Next.
- 3. Select the Windows 7 master machine, and click Next.
- 4. At the Capture Base Layer screen, enter a layer name, and click Next.
- 5. At the Compatibility screen, click Next.
- 6. Click Finish.

Capturing the Microsoft Office Professional plus 2010 application layer

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Capture App Layer.
- 2. Select the Windows 7 master machine, and click Next.
- 3. Choose the Mirage default CVD policy, and click Next.
- 4. At the Compatibility screen, click Next.
- 5. Click Finish.
- 6. Start installing Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 after the capturing pre-installation system has finished.
- 7. Once the installation is completed, in the Mirage Management Console, expand reference CVDs, right-click the Windows 7 reference image, and select Finalize App Layer Capture.
- 8. At the Review Recorded Applications screen, click Next.
- 9. At the Capture App Layer screen, enter a new layer name, and click Next.
- 10. At the Compatibility screen, click Next.
- 11. Enter the Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 licenses, and click Next.
- 12. Click Finish.

Installing Windows XP Professional SP3 (X86) on endpoints (clients 1 – 20)

- 1. Power on the endpoints and install the installation media.
- 2. Select boot from CD.
- 3. At the welcome screen, press Enter.
- 4. At the EULA screen, press F8.
- 5. Select the partition for installation, and press Enter.
- 6. Select Format the partition using NTFS file system (Quick), and press Enter.
- 7. Press F to format the drive.
- 8. After the system reboots, select Language Options, and click Next.
- 9. At the Personalize your software screen, enter name and organization. Click Next.
- 10. At the Your Product Key screen, enter the product key, and click Next.
- 11. Enter a computer name and Password.
- 12. Select Date and Time settings, and click Next.
- 13. Reboot the system.
- 14. After the system reboot, at the Welcome screen, click Next.

- 15. At the help protect your PC prompt, select Not right now, and click Next.
- 16. Enter a user name, and click Next.
- 17. At the Thank you screen, click Finish.
- 18. Install all necessary system drivers.
- 19. Repeat steps 1 through 18 on all endpoints.

Configuring Windows XP endpoints

- 1. Using the Microsoft Windows Update feature, install all available updates.
- 2. Click Start, and right-click My Computer.
- 3. Select Properties.
- 4. Select the Computer Name tab, and click Change...
- 5. Enter the domain credentials to join the domain.
- 6. Restart the endpoint.
- 7. After the machine restarts, log in using domain administrator credentials, and add the user data set to the My Documents folder.
- 8. Repeat steps 1 through 7 on all endpoints.

Installing Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 on Windows XP endpoints

- 1. Click the dotnetfx35 installation package.
- 2. At the Welcome to Setup screen, select I have read and accept the license terms of the license agreement.
- 3. Click Install.
- 4. Reboot the endpoint after the installation completes.
- 5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 on the remaining endpoints.

Installing the Mirage client on endpoints

- 1. On the reference virtual machine, run the MirageClientx86.xxxxx.msi installer.
- 2. At the welcome screen, click Next.
- 3. Accept the end user agreement, and click Next.
- 4. At the Mirage Client Configuration, enter the Mirage server location, and click Next.
- 5. At the ready to install window ,click Install.
- 6. Click Finish.
- 7. Reboot the machine.
- 8. Repeat steps 1 through 7 on the remaining endpoints.

Centralizing Windows XP endpoints

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Centralize Endpoints.
- 2. Select all 20 endpoints, and click Next.
- 3. Select the Mirage Default CVD Policy, and click Next.
- 4. Select a Collection, and click Next.
- 5. At the summary screen, click Finish.

Migrating Windows XP endpoints to Windows 7

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Windows 7 Migration.
- 2. Choose all 20 endpoints, and click Select.
- 3. At the Select Base Layer screen, select Download and Apply Base Layer.
- 4. Choose the reference Windows 7 Base Layer, and click Next.
- 5. At the Target Machine Name screen, select Domain and enter domain name, OU, and domain credentials.
- 6. At the image Validation, click Next.
- 7. At the summary screen, click Finish.

Updating App Layers on Windows 7 endpoints

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Update App Layers.
- 2. Choose all 20 endpoints, and click Select. Click Next.
- 3. Select the Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010 layer, and click the right arrow to move it to the Assigned Layers pane. Click Next.
- 4. At the Image validation screen, click Next.
- 5. At the summary screen, click Finish.

Restoring a file with the Revert to Snapshot feature

We intentionally deleted essential system and application files to test the Revert to Snapshot feature.

- 1. Delete the essential files on all 20 endpoints.
- 2. In the Mirage Management Console, select Inventory \rightarrow All CVDs.
- 3. Right-click on the first endpoint and select Revert to Snapshot...
- 4. Accept the default restoring option, and select the latest snapshot. Click Next.
- 5. Enter domain credentials, and click Next.
- 6. At the Validation screen, click Next.
- 7. At the summary screen, click Finish.
- 8. Repeat Steps 2 through 7 on the remaining endpoints.

Performing a disaster recovery to a replacement device

- 1. In the Mirage Management Console, select Common Wizards \rightarrow Disaster Recovery.
- 2. At the Select Action prompt, select Replace the User Machine. Click OK.
- 3. Select the endpoint to would like to restore, and click Next.
- 4. Select a target device, and click Next.
- 5. Select the Full System Restore (Operating System, Applications, User Data and Settings).
- 6. Select Maintain current Base Layer, and click Next.
- 7. At the Target Machine Name screen, select to keep CVD Name.
- 8. At the Validation screen, click Next.
- 9. At the summary screen, click Finish.
- 10. Repeat steps 1 through 9 on two more endpoints.

APPENDIX C – DETAILED TEST RESULTS

Figure 12 shows the time it took to migrate each client from Windows XP to Windows 7. The migration completed in an average of 1 hour 49 minutes, with an average of 24 minutes 3 seconds user downtime.

| Client number | Client | Migration time | User downtime |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Client 01 | Dell Vostro 1000 | 1:55:41 | 0:25:03 |
| Client 02 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 1:04:42 | 0:15:50 |
| Client 03 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 2:07:44 | 0:28:32 |
| Client 04 | Dell Inspiron E1505 | 2:23:37 | 0:29:24 |
| Client 05 | Sony VGN-FS550 | 2:47:03 | 0:35:13 |
| Client 06 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 2:11:30 | 0:29:34 |
| Client 07 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 1:27:07 | 0:20:17 |
| Client 08 | Dell Precision M2300 | 1:27:27 | 0:20:35 |
| Client 09 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 1:41:48 | 0:26:18 |
| Client 10 | Dell Inspiron 1520 | 1:29:57 | 0:21:01 |
| Client 11 | HP Compaq 6910p | 1:47:20 | 0:23:34 |
| Client 12 | Dell Latitude D630 | 1:31:28 | 0:21:05 |
| Client 13 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 1:23:45 | 0:18:58 |
| Client 14 | Lenovo ThinkPad T510 | 1:06:21 | 0:15:42 |
| Client 15 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 1:32:31 | 0:20:15 |
| Client 16 | Dell Latitude D630 | 2:05:45 | 0:23:01 |
| Client 17 | Dell Latitude E5500 | 1:51:27 | 0:35:30 |
| Client 18 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 2:15:14 | 0:37:12 |
| Client 19 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 2:10:49 | 0:16:51 |
| Client 20 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 2:12:03 | 0:17:12 |
| Average time | | 1:49:40 | 0:24:03 |

Figure 12: Migration times and user downtime for each of the client systems in our tests.

Figure 13 shows the time it took to roll out Microsoft Office 2010 on each client. The application layer update completed in an average of 21 minutes 05 seconds, with an average of 1 minute 16 seconds user downtime.

| Client number | Client | Update time | User downtime |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Client 01 | Dell Vostro 1000 | 0:17:13 | 0:01:32 |
| Client 02 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:10:52 | 0:01:14 |
| Client 03 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 0:31:27 | 0:01:13 |
| Client 04 | Dell Inspiron E1505 | 0:31:31 | 0:01:12 |
| Client 05 | Sony VGN-FS550 | 0:44:22 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 06 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 0:31:17 | 0:01:25 |
| Client 07 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 0:17:20 | 0:01:22 |
| Client 08 | Dell Precision M2300 | 0:20:09 | 0:01:24 |
| Client 09 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 0:20:13 | 0:01:24 |
| Client 10 | Dell Inspiron 1520 | 0:17:11 | 0:01:14 |
| Client 11 | HP Compaq 6910p | 0:25:26 | 0:01:29 |
| Client 12 | Dell Latitude D630 | 0:25:17 | 0:01:19 |
| Client 13 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:11:16 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 14 | Lenovo ThinkPad T510 | 0:11:22 | 0:01:06 |

| Client number | Client | Update time | User downtime |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Client 15 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 0:21:11 | 0:01:04 |
| Client 16 | Dell Latitude D630 | 0:20:32 | 0:01:03 |
| Client 17 | Dell Latitude E5500 | 0:20:51 | 0:01:26 |
| Client 18 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 0:16:47 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 19 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:13:38 | 0:01:07 |
| Client 20 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:13:45 | 0:01:07 |
| Average time | | 0:21:05 | 0:01:16 |

Figure 13: Update times and user downtime for each of the client systems in our tests.

Figure 14 shows the time it took to revert to a snapshot on each client. This took an average of 22 minutes 28 seconds, with an average of 1 minute 16 seconds user downtime.

| Client number | Client | Time to revert | User downtime |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Client 01 | Dell Vostro 1000 | 0:17:18 | 0:01:32 |
| Client 02 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:11:21 | 0:01:14 |
| Client 03 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 0:24:55 | 0:01:13 |
| Client 04 | Dell Inspiron E1505 | 0:26:00 | 0:01:12 |
| Client 05 | Sony VGN-FS550 | 0:33:29 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 06 | Dell Inspiron 1501 | 0:26:23 | 0:01:25 |
| Client 07 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 0:29:52 | 0:01:22 |
| Client 08 | Dell Precision M2300 | 0:30:07 | 0:01:24 |
| Client 09 | Lenovo ThinkPad T61 | 0:18:09 | 0:01:24 |
| Client 10 | Dell Inspiron 1520 | 0:31:22 | 0:01:14 |
| Client 11 | HP Compaq 6910p | 0:21:17 | 0:01:29 |
| Client 12 | Dell Latitude D630 | 0:17:34 | 0:01:19 |
| Client 13 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:10:34 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 14 | Lenovo ThinkPad T510 | 0:11:05 | 0:01:06 |
| Client 15 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 0:13:53 | 0:01:04 |
| Client 16 | Dell Latitude D630 | 0:15:13 | 0:01:03 |
| Client 17 | Dell Latitude E5500 | 0:17:18 | 0:01:26 |
| Client 18 | Dell Latitude E5400 | 0:34:26 | 0:01:15 |
| Client 19 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:30:42 | 0:01:07 |
| Client 20 | Dell Latitude E6400 | 0:28:30 | 0:01:07 |
| Average time | | 0:22:28 | 0:01:16 |

Figure 14: Reverting to snapshot times and user downtime for each of the client systems in our tests.

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