# 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 our test setup, see <u>Appendix B</u>. For complete details on how we conducted our testing, see the complete version of this report.<sup>1</sup>

### 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>www.principledtechnologies.com/vmware/Mirage\_endpoint\_management\_1113\_v2.pdf</u>

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	0.43.13	
Intel Core Duo T2050 @	Intel Core 2 Duo T7700 @	20 222	0:47:27	
2.00 GHz	2.40 GHz	20,323		
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	10K
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 – OUR TEST BED**

Figure 11 shows a diagram of our test bed.



Figure 11: Test bed diagram.

For complete details on how we conducted our testing, see the complete version of this report at www.principledtechnologies.com/vmware/Mirage endpoint management 1113.pdf.

# **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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