



90 Day XenDesktop Implementation Methodology



Overview

The Citrix Consulting 90 day XenDesktop implementation methodology is one option for customers to get assistance with XenDesktop implementations. Customers wishing to leverage this methodology must meet certain requirements and can expect implementation for the first one thousand users in as little as 90 days.

Benefits

The 90 day implementation methodology leverages the extensive experience of Citrix Consulting and uses a highly standardized system architecture. This allows customers to realize the benefits of XenDesktop much faster compared to a self-managed implementation.

Key activities

The 90 day implementation methodology consists of four distinct project phases:

Phase 1: Preparation phase

This phase is not included in the 90 day implementation target. It prepares the project and sets the stage for the next phase.

Key activities:

- Work jointly with Citrix Consulting on a pre-ADBV (analyze, design, build and validate) phase assessment to determine hardware requirements and customer specific project parameters.
- Identify key personnel (at least one Citrix Certified Administrator [CCA] each for XenDesktop, Provisioning Services and XenApp).
- Procure and prepare hardware.

Phase 2: Analyze, design, build and validate phase

The ADBV phase consists of 12 short working sessions, which are led by the Citrix Consulting team. The commencement of this phase starts the clock for the 90 day implementation target. Citrix Consulting guides customers through the key topic area of the ADBV session and makes best practice design recommendations for the implementation based on the customer's requirements.

The team then builds and documents the system according to the agreed upon design, and performs validation steps. The system build may be tweaked until it meets stated objectives.

Targeted duration for each ADBV session varies, but is generally between one and four days.

Key activities:

- The customer's appropriate subject matter experts actively participate in the ADBV discussions.



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- Customer subject matter experts actively participate in decision-making, system build activities, documentation and validation.

Phase 3: System build

The ADBV phase provides a working XenDesktop system, which needs to be built out to full scale for the first one thousand users. Customers who build the system in a designated non-production network during the ADBV phase will migrate the system to the production network during this phase.

Key activities:

- Perform system build-out.
- Complete system documentation.

Phase 4: Pre-go live

During this phase, the system is going through final checks in preparation for the user go-live. The go-live is at the end of this phase and concludes the project.

Key activities:

- Conduct user acceptance testing (UAT).
- Develop user and support staff documentation.
- Prepare go-live and cutover plan.

Deliverables

The output of the 90 day implementation project is a fully functional, one thousand user production XenDesktop environment along with appropriate documentation, which is jointly developed by Citrix Consulting and customer resources.

Project scope

This service is a 960 hour consulting engagement delivered by a team of two consultants. Citrix Consulting activities include:

- Conduct project kickoff meeting.
- Conduct interactive meetings.
- Lead ADBV sessions.
- Make design recommendations.
- Assist in system build activities and design documentation.

Delivery assumptions

- The required customer technical and business stakeholders for the meetings and ADBV sessions are available for the duration of the project.



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- Appropriate workspace is available for meetings.
- Customer resources perform significant portions of system build and validation/test phase.

Project requirements

To qualify for the 90 day XD implementation methodology, customers must meet the following general requirements:

- The project scope applies only to a new XenDesktop environment. No integration with an existing XenDesktop environment will be provided.
- An existing XenApp farm can be leveraged for application delivery as long as it is in good working order and free of issues that would require resolution steps at the time of the project kickoff.
- Branch offices are connected to the datacenter with adequate network resources prior to project kickoff.
- The XenDesktop implementation is based on a single datacenter. Secondary datacenters can be included in the project scope for disaster recovery purposes only. In this case, the Citrix components and the architecture in the secondary datacenter must match the Citrix architecture in the primary datacenter. NetScaler Global Server Load Balancing (GSLB) is leveraged to direct users between datacenters.
- Remote and traveling users connect to the XenDesktop environment through Citrix Access Gateway Enterprise in ICA proxy mode.
- Customers work with their Citrix Consulting Area Manager on a pre-project assessment to validate suitability for the rapid implementation methodology, hardware requirements and the specific project scope.

Engaging Citrix Consulting for the 90 day XenDesktop implementation methodology

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