### 4 Ways to Ensure a Smooth Windows 10 Migration

Migrating your operating system (OS) company-wide can be a daunting task. As Windows 7 reaches its end-of-life in 2020, Gartner predicts 50% of companies will adopt Windows 10 in early 2017, and by 2019, 100% of companies will have made the switch. From app migration to data security, Citrix Workspaces can help ensure a smooth transition with this 4-pronged approach.

#### After your apps migrate, will they work?

**Challenge**

Since Windows 10 launched, bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policies have enabled employees to upgrade their devices to the new operating system without IT oversight, removing IT’s ability to test app compatibility prior to OS migration.

**Solution**

Consider launching applications from a centralized data center running the compatible OS. This will:

- **Provide your IT team** with time to test and update apps as needed
- **Reduce costs and complexity of application upgrades**, migration, and updates when using a Citrix Workspace.

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#### Managing Windows 10 Desktops

**Challenge**

With the frequent updates Windows 10 demands, managing desktops across your organization will be an ongoing process.

**Solution**

Take advantage of desktop virtualization and manage all desktops from a central location. A virtual desktop will:

- **Roll out updates to hundreds or thousands of desktops at once** and easily manage them from a single admin console
- **Simplify ongoing management and maintenance** by ensuring the entire business is on the same operating system.

#### Manage All Devices

**Challenge**

BYOD programs require innovative approach to enterprise client management. Beyond simply delivering Windows 10 to employee-owned devices, IT teams must ensure device compatibility and security compliance.

**Solution**

Use unified endpoint management to coordinate updates and migration with ease. This allows your team to easily:

- **Deliver application upgrades across devices and manage them from a single console**
- **Evaluate data availability on all devices**
- **Ensure ongoing device compliance with company security policies**

#### Secure Company Data

**Challenge**

Data loss during your migration is a huge concern. Finding and backing up information that will potentially be affected is time consuming.

**Solution**

Free your data from devices with the cloud. Using a secure cloud storage solution that connects to all the different places where users store files (e.g., network drives, cloud applications, file sharing services, and more) will:

- **Learn how Citrix can make migration to Windows 10 easier for your IT team at http://now.citrix.com/windows10**

Sources:

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