Hosted Desktop Virtualization Solutions with SoftLayer, an IBM company
Many IT organizations are looking at desktop virtualization to upgrade their entire approach to desktop management. Today, individual desktops are hard-coded combinations of operating systems, applications, and user settings, and they are managed one-by-one on an ongoing basis. IT executives are looking for a better way to address the needs of all their enterprise users. The end game is a solution where one moving part doesn’t disrupt any of the other moving parts when making changes—that means the device, operating system, applications, and user settings are all shielded from each other.

Citrix® XenDesktop®—the Clear Choice in Virtual Desktops
Citrix® XenDesktop® can dramatically reduce desktop total cost of ownership (TCO) and improve data security by centralizing desktop lifecycle management in the data center. XenDesktop delivers a high-definition user experience over any connection, including high-latency wide area networks (WANs).

The open architecture of XenDesktop offers choice and flexibility for virtualization platforms and endpoints. For IT, desktop management is simplified by using a single image to deliver personalized desktops to users anywhere.

Hosted Desktop Solutions on SoftLayer Infrastructure
The SoftLayer infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) offering is ideally suited for providing hosted desktop solutions based on XenDesktop. SoftLayer is the only on-demand infrastructure provider offering dedicated, cloud, and seamless hybrid environments, letting customers strike the ideal balance of performance, flexibility, and cost.
This model of a hosted desktop solution provides these benefits:

- **Standardization:** For predictability in scenarios such as demos and training
- **Flexibility and cost savings:** Easily tailor desktops for different audiences while still allowing personalization options and access from any location on any device
- **Cost savings:** An on-demand cost model that provides additional return on investment (ROI) as a hosted solution

**Citrix Virtual Demo Center on SoftLayer**

Citrix Virtual Demo Center provides a dashboard interface for managing Citrix® XenDesktop® demo environments that are provisioned on demand using the SoftLayer provisioning APIs. Citrix partnered with SoftLayer to offer a hosted desktop solution, designed and architected from the ground-up to run in the cloud.

This scalable system provides great performance and access for internal employees globally to host guided demos. With the superior Citrix XenDesktop HDX™ experience over a WAN environment, customers can use their virtual desktop environments from anywhere on the globe, connecting to the multiple SoftLayer data center locations globally. Now, Citrix systems engineers no longer need to spend several hours configuring demos and traveling with multiple laptops to perform guided demos.

**Get Started with Your Hosted Desktop Virtualization Solution Today**

Offering the best possible infrastructure solution to deploy hosted Citrix applications, SoftLayer provides a suite of on-demand resources to build out a XenDesktop installation—including cloud computing instances and dedicated servers fully integrated in one seamless environment. Virtual computing and network resources can be ordered and provisioned in a few simple steps through the SoftLayer Customer Portal or incorporated into a customer user interface through API extensibility.
Contact SoftLayer sales at sales@softlayer.com or 214-442-0602 to build out your hosted Citrix XenDesktop installation.