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What is VDI?

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, or VDI, refers to the process of running a user desktop inside a virtual machine that lives on a server in the datacenter. It's a powerful form of desktop virtualization because it enables fully personalized desktops for each user with all the security and simplicity of centralized management.

VDI enables customers to streamline management and costs by consolidating and centralizing the desktops while delivering end-users mobility and the freedom to access virtual desktops anytime, from anywhere, on any device. It's important to understand, however, that VDI is only one form of desktop virtualization.

How does Citrix help with VDI?

Most companies have a broad variety of users, including task workers, power users, guest workers, contractors, and mobile employees. While **VDI** works great for some of these use cases, it's entirely unsuitable for others. This is why Citrix offers a wide portfolio of desktop virtualization solutions.

For simple IT organizations, Citrix VDI-in-a-Box makes VDI easy and affordable by making virtual desktops less expensive than PCs. For customers with diverse users and needs, XenDesktop is the market-leading enterprise-complete comprehensive desktop virtualization solution. Customers no longer have to take a one-size-fits-all approach to desktop virtualization. The Citrix desktop virtualization portfolio enables businesses of all sizes to deliver the right type of virtual desktop for every user, every time.

Related terms: application management, client virtualization, desktop virtualization, enterprise app store, virtual desktop

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