

# Virtualizing Your Design Users: The Facts

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### **IMSCAD**



- UK based
- Global customer base
- We guarantee performance
- Remote installation + support
- Consulting support

Our business focuses solely on virtualizing CAD/3D apps.



### Credentials

- Autodesk cert + channel
- Citrix/VMware capable
- NVIDIA GRID testing
- OEMs (HP/Intel/IBM)

Many 3D apps tested and deployed Over 500x deployed solutions





# **Design & IT Challenges**

**Many 3D Applications** 

**Huge Files/Data** 

Collaboration

Reduce hardware footprint





## Virtualization

Centralized

Management

Mobility

Security





### Solution stack

Citrix + NVIDIA GRID

**VMware + NVIDIA GRID** 

one size does not fit all

vGPU or GPU pass through?

**Depends on the mix of Applications** 





### **KPF Architects**

- Global business with over 600 staff
- 300 CAD users (NY/UK/China)

**Challenge** - To not purchase anymore CAD workstations and to provide staff mobile working, accessing systems/designs remotely, on any device and deliver real performance.

**Solution** - Cisco UCS, NVIDIA GRID K1s & K2s, Citrix XenDesktop 7+, delivering XenApp published desktop. **Apps** - Revit, AutoCAD, Microstation, Rhino, Adobe CS5, Sketch up, MS Office.

#### **Outcome**

Staff mobility + flexible working (even on a plane!)
Fantastic ROI vs traditional desktops



# **ESA Engineering**

- Civil engineers with over 350 staff
- multiple offices across US and diverse technical specialties

**Challenge** - To deploy new site offices quickly and to enable workers to edit/see designs while on-site. Reduce overall IT support costs.

**Solution** - Dell R720 servers, NVidia Grid K1/K2, Citrix XenDesktop 7.5 + Netscaler.

Apps - ACAD Civil 3D, ACAD, ACAD Map 3D

#### **Outcome**

Reduced IT management + Sped up deployments Empowered mobile workers



# M+W Group

- A German based global business multi-disciplined
- M+W Group have offices globally with over 7000 staff

**Challenge** - To centralise all IT in Germany giving remote access for staff across Europe/US real performance.

**Solution** - HP servers, NVidia Grid K2, Citrix XenDesktop 7 + Netscaler.

Apps - Revit, Navisworks, ACAD, Adobe Pro and MS office

#### **Outcome**

Delivering graphical and application performance across Europe/US from central .

Design IP protection was key.



# It's all about the Apps!

- AutoCAD
- AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Revit
- Inventor
- Projectwise
- Microstation
- Solidworks
- Catia

+ many 3<sup>rd</sup> party software plug-ins









### Summary

- Citrix/VMware + NVIDIA GRID is the best solution for virtualizing CAD/3D Apps
- 20-30x CAD users per physical server (GPU sharing).
- 16-32x vGPU VDI per physical host.
- Always be clear of what you want to achieve
- Manage customer/user expectations.
- Always run a POC.
- Try our demo servers out.







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