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BUILDING THE BEST USER EXPERIENCE WITH CITRIX XENAPP & NVIDIA GRID

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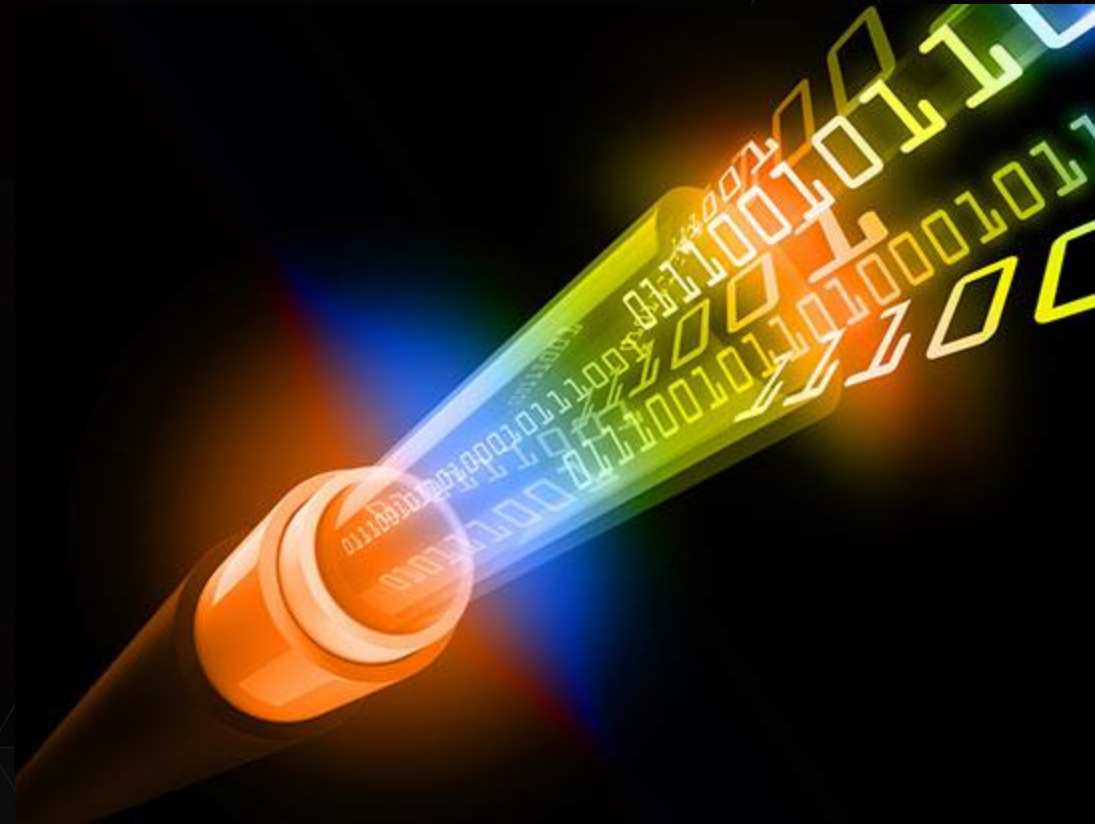
WHO AM I

- ▶ Thomas Poppelgaard,
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- ▶ SME in Remote Graphics, Visualization (VR/AR)
- ▶ Awarded "CTP" Citrix Technology Professional in 2013, 2014, 2015
- ▶ Awarded "RSVP" RES Software Valued Professional

- ▶ Worked with Citrix HDX 3D Pro since 2008,
Worked with NVIDIA GRID since 2012



CITRIX XENAPP ANO 2015





WHAT IS CITRIX XENAPP

- ▶ WinFrame Server
- ▶ Citrix Metaframe Server
- ▶ Citrix Presentation Server
- ▶ Citrix XenApp

**HDX**

- ▶ The product is an application virtualization product that allows users to connect to their corporate applications from a wide range of computer systems and mobile devices. XenApp can host applications on central servers and allow users to interact with them remotely or stream and deliver them to user devices for local execution. Learn in this session customer cases, how and why NVIDIA GRID provided the best user experience. Learn how to build better user experience with application such as Google Earth, Adobe Reader, MS Office in a Citrix XenApp with NVIDIA GRID

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XENAPP: INFRASTRUCTURE

Universal client

High-Definition
User Experience

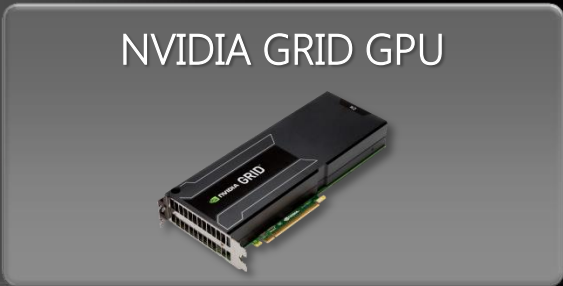
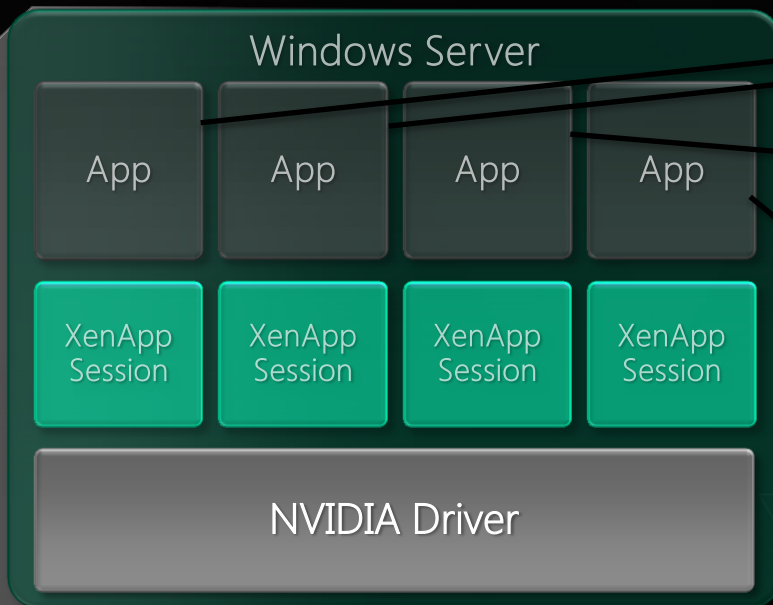
Enterprise
app store

Flexible Desktop and
App delivery





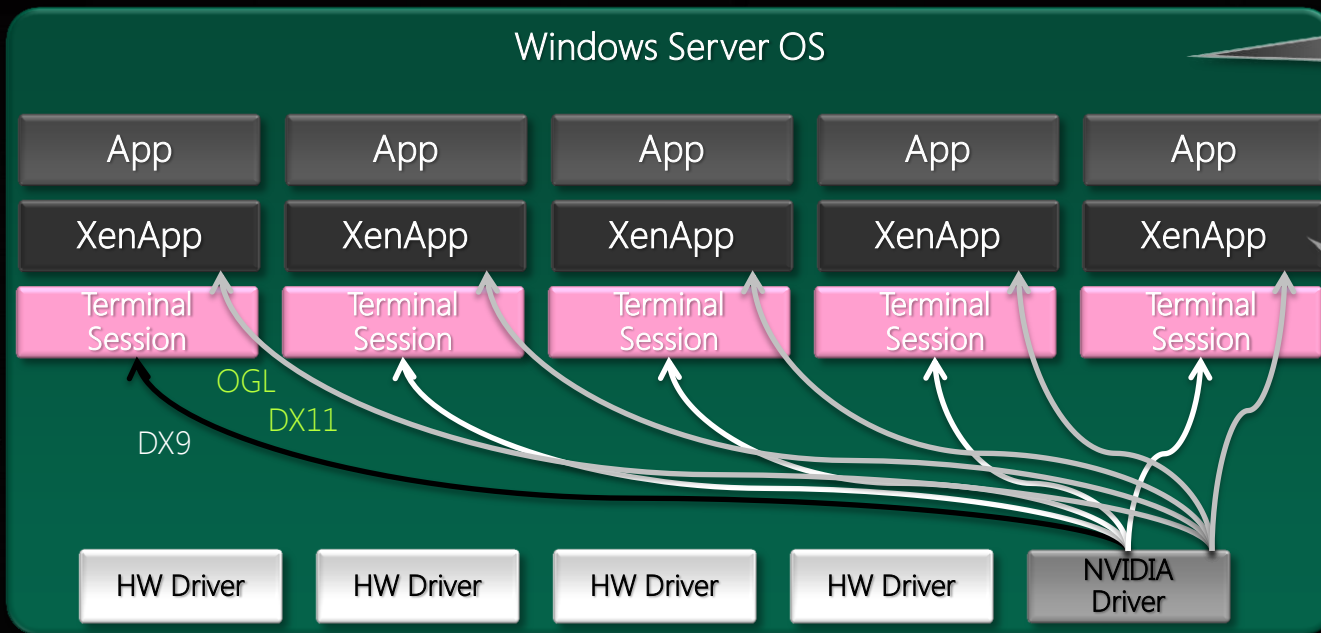
POWERED BY
NVIDIA GRID™



XENAPP 7.6 ON BARE METAL

Software

Hardware



Windows Server 2008 R2 (XA6.5-7.6)
 Windows Server 2012 (XA 7 & 7.1 & 7.5)
 Windows Server 2012R2 (XA 7 & 7.1 & 7.5)

Citrix XenApp 6.5
 DX 9

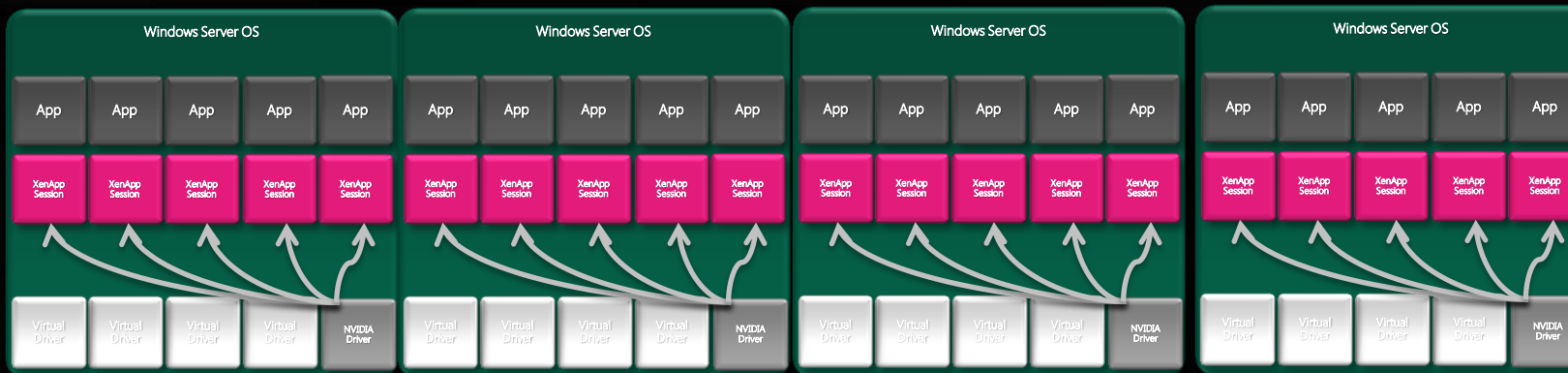
Citrix XenApp 6.5 FP2
 DX 11, OGL 4.4

Citrix XenApp 7&7.1&7.5/7.6
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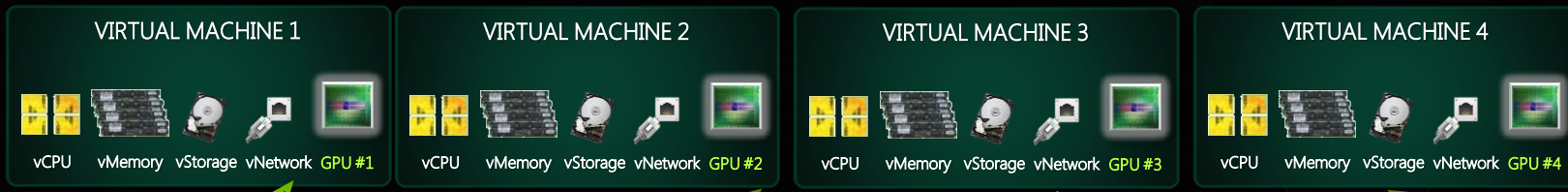


NVIDIA GRID K1 COMBINED WITH CITRIX XENAPP 7.6

Software

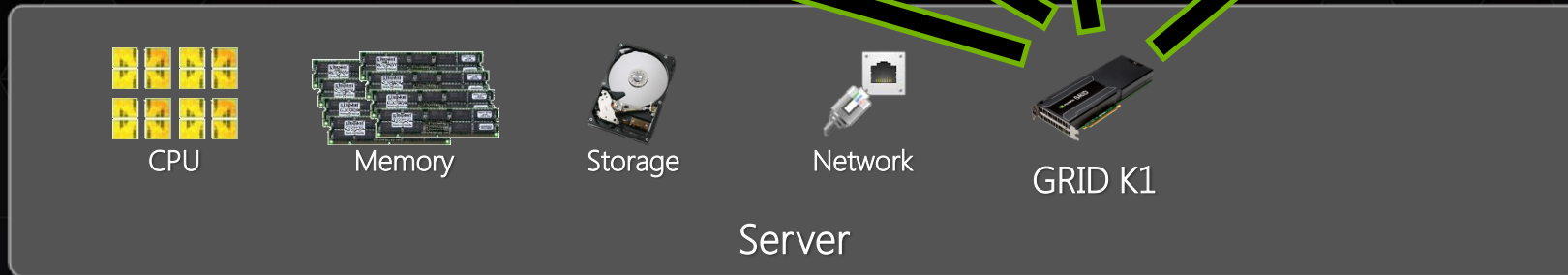


Virtualization



HYPERVISOR

Hardware



SOLUTION OFFERING

- ▶ NVIDIA GRID™ vGPU™ with Citrix XenApp & VMware vSphere 6

- ▶ NVIDIA GRID vGPU with Citrix XenApp & Citrix XenServer 6.5

SESSION SHARING (GPU, MEMORY, CPU, RAM)

- ▶ Haswell CPU's for more user density
- ▶ If apps uses single thread use high clock frequency CPU's
- ▶ If apps uses multi thread CPU use CPU with many cores (8-14)
Best practices is to use high clock frequency CPU with highest cores
- ▶ Memory is best practice using min. DDR3 or DDR4 and dedicate min. 50 GB memory for each XenApp
- ▶ Storage is best practice to use Allflash or if possible in memory for highest performing iOPS

ANY DEVICE - FOLLOW ME USER EXPERIENCE

PUBLISHED APPS VS PUBLISHED DESKTOPS

NVIDIA GRID GPU PASS-THROUGH VS VGPU

- ▶ When to choose
- ▶ Case scenarios (1. Maximum servers, 2. Maximum density, 3. Maximum user experience)
- ▶ Multiple GPU pass-through of GPU's to 1 XenApp
- ▶ Does applications support GPU pass-through
- ▶ Single thread CPU vs Multi thread CPU

MICROSOFT OFFICE

- ▶ Which apps utilize GPU (DirectX / OpenGL)
- ▶ Hardware acceleration



POWERPOINT IMPACT ON GPU



INTERNET BROWSERS (IE, CHROME, FIREFOX...)

- ▶ Hardware acceleration is enabled by default in physically virtually servers. With non GPU environments... look at impact
- ▶ With GPU enabled look at user experience, look at impact of CPU cycles
- ▶ IE, Chrome and Firefox are “Heavy” using GPU why, HTML5, WebGL, Flash, Video



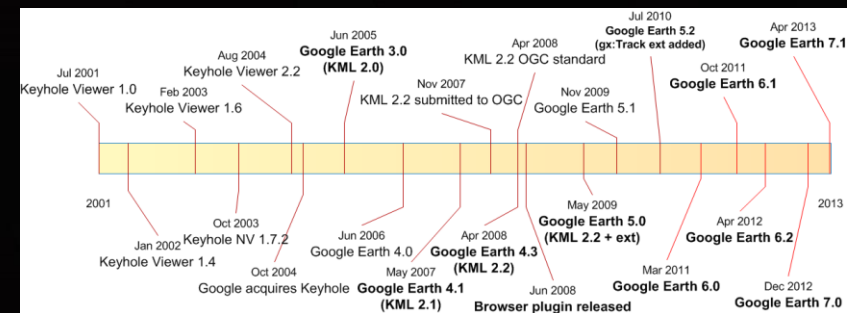
ADOBE READER

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Adobe Reader

GOOGLE EARTH + PRO



- ▶ DirectX / OpenGL, which option do you choose?
- ▶ Hardware acceleration or not, what is the answer

Google Earth is one of the applications that have enable Multihook and this disallows the application to be running in a RDS/XenApp environment. I fixed this together with fellow CTP Remko.

Use case VDI is not the answers, some like just XenApp to simplify user experience and image management

HINT Come to Citrix Synergy and see our session with CTP Remko and Magnar @GPU virtualization version 2.0



LEARN MORE AT CITRIX SYNERGY IN MAY 2015 HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH GPU VIRTUALIZATION V2.0

- ▶ Joined session with fellow CTP Remko Weijnen and good GPU friend Magnar Johnsen
- ▶ • How to fix applications that are not working for SBC environments, case study Google Earth
- ▶ • How to scale, test and monitor virtual 3D applications
- ▶ • About time-saving tools and the pitfalls to watch for in GPU virtualization projects

METHODOLOGY FOR SUCCESSFULL INTEGRATING YOUR APP IN XENAPP WITH NVIDIA GRID

Assessment

- Lakeside Systrack
- Uberagent

Application analysis

- AppDNA

POC/Scale test

- Login VSI

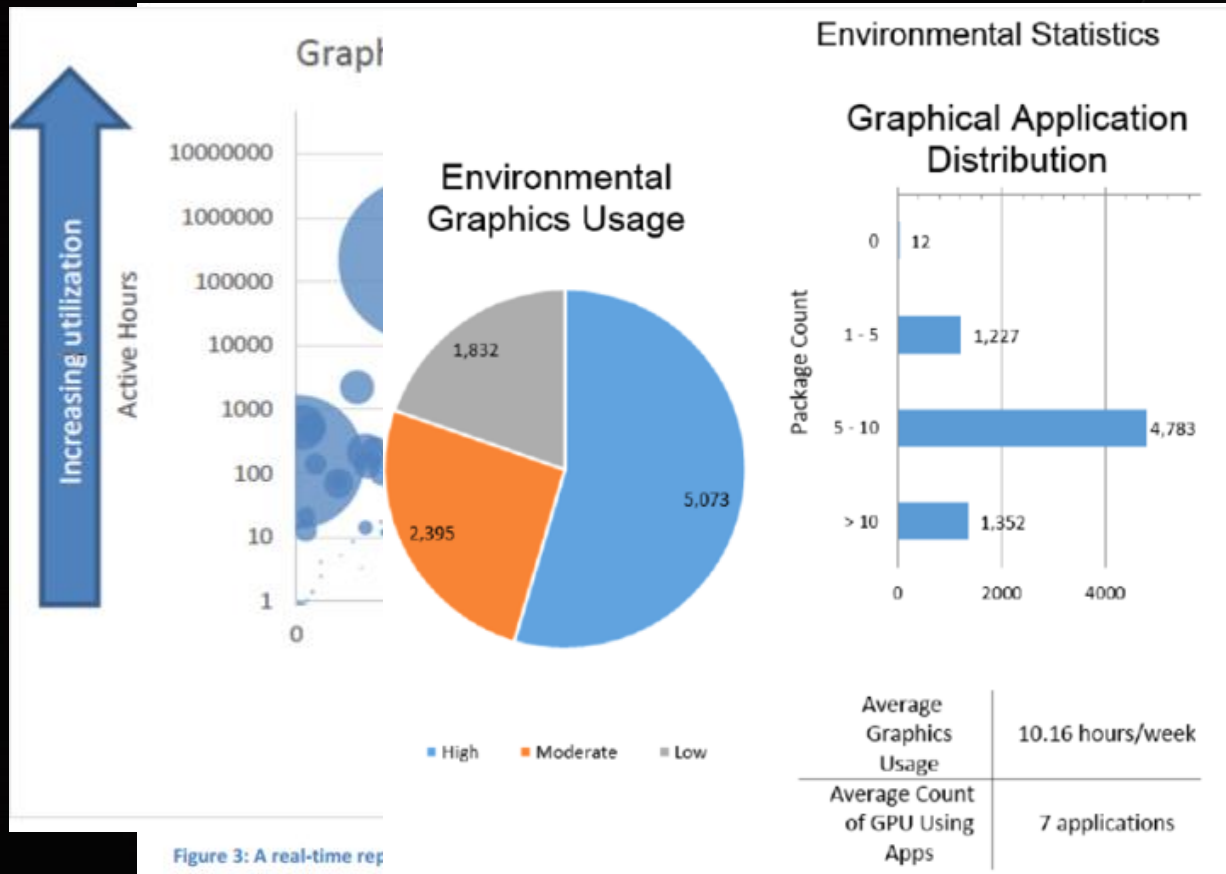
Validation

- Lakeside Systrack
- Uberagent

EUC test

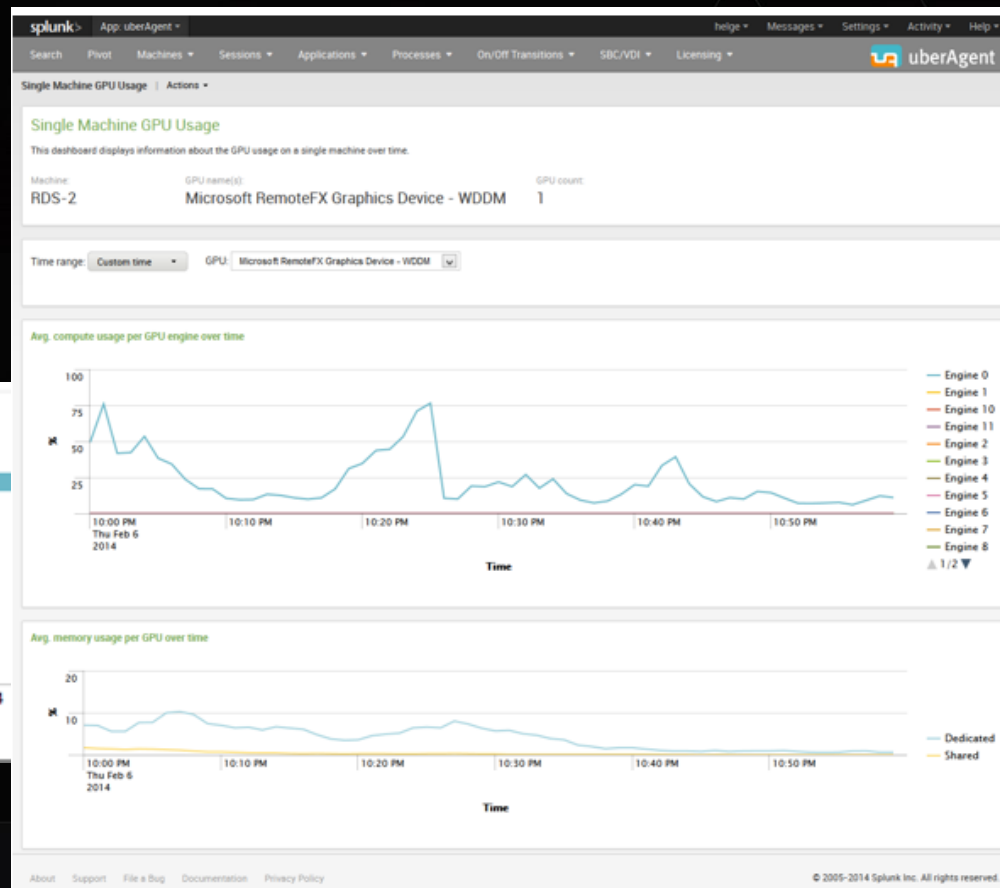
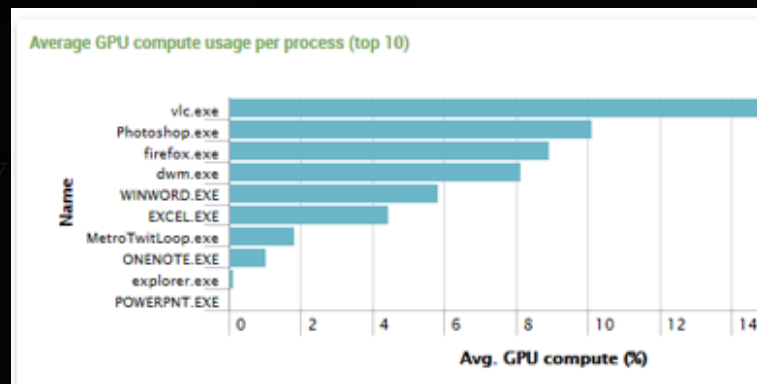
- User validation

- Monitoring Tools
- Lakeside Software
 - SysTrack



DEPLOY, MONITOR, AND MANAGE

- ▶ Monitoring Tools
- Monitoring Tools
- Splunk with UberAgent



USER

- ▶ From Road Trip via 3G (80-400MS latency) to datacenter in Denmark Driving 80-100 mph access real-time HDX3DPro

QUESTIONS?

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