Expanding learning resources for students

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is one of Australia’s top universities with more than 40,000 students. Traditionally, students had to be on campus to access resources and services such as class-required software, which limited the amount of studying they could do at home and increased maintenance workloads for IT staff. To improve the academic experience, UTS wanted an easier way to virtually connect students to these tools.

Business needs
• Broaden access to university software and resources to boost student collaboration, helping them study more effectively
• Reduce IT staff workloads for maintaining workstations and licensing software
• Maintain necessary bandwidth to support substantial student virtual environment usage

Impact
• Improves student learning by delivering seamless and secure application access through VMware Horizon® Cloud on Microsoft Azure, helping them study from anywhere
• Reduces OpEx by 40% after moving to cloud infrastructure, refocusing IT on improving student services
• Gives students professional confidence in remote and digital collaboration

“I think the keyword here is ‘seamlessness’ – not just seamless access to all necessary software, resources or apps, but also seamless transition, in terms of mind-set and methods, for our students.”

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