

VMware Horizon FLEX

AT A GLANCE

VMware Horizon® FLEX™ provides the flexibility IT needs to serve end users, while maintaining security and compliance with centrally managed, containerized desktops. With Horizon FLEX, you can finally deliver a reliable Windows experience to BYO users, Mac users, contractors and road warriors – whether offline or online.

KEY BENEFITS

- **Embrace BYO and Macs:** Easily deliver local virtual desktops to Mac and PC users with incredible flexibility.
- **Simplify desktop management with desktop containers:** Easily entitle, control and secure Windows virtual desktops for your Mac users, contractors and road-warriors.
- **Work from anywhere, even when disconnected:** Get access to a rich desktop experience through our industry leading clients, ensuring productivity even when on the road or disconnected from the network.
- **Easily manage, backup or patch virtual desktops:** Manage, backup or patch Windows virtual desktops using the Mirage for Horizon FLEX layering technology or continue to use your own Windows image management tools.
- **Reduce costs:** Minimize the training needs of your workforce with our streamlined user-experience. Deploying virtual desktops is significantly less expensive than shipping laptops to onboard your new employees or contractors.

The Evolving Workforce

Traditionally, IT administrators have protected corporate data and applications and controlled costs by providing workers with company-issued, Windows-based laptops or desktops and by defining how and from where workers could access corporate applications and data.

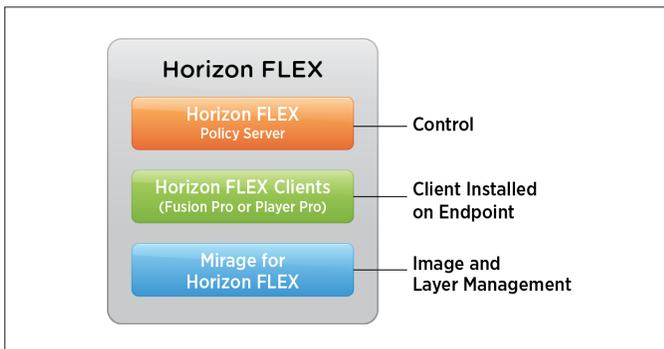
However, the evolving workforce of today puts new demands on IT administrators. Road warriors must be productive when disconnected from the corporate network. More and more users demand Macs, even in organizations where Windows is the corporate computing standard. In addition, many companies are moving a significant percentage of their workforce from permanent to temporary or contract roles, eliminating traditional IT controls over corporate applications and data.

The VMware Horizon FLEX Advantage

VMware Horizon FLEX is a policy-based, containerized desktop solution that allows IT administrators to create, secure, and manage local desktops to meet the needs of workers with their own computers, road warriors, and Mac users in the enterprise. End users work within a restricted virtual machine on their endpoints and can be either connected or disconnected from the enterprise network.

With Horizon FLEX, administrators have everything they need to create multiple restricted virtual machines (Horizon FLEX virtual machines) and entitle them to a variety of end users.

The Horizon FLEX solution complements existing VMware virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) environments by allowing administrators to cater to both online and offline user requirements. Because the Horizon FLEX virtual machine is stored locally, corporate applications are accessible to the user even when offline.



Horizon FLEX serves end users while maintaining security and control.

VMware Horizon FLEX Benefits

Embrace BYO and Macs in the Enterprise

Easily deliver local virtual desktops to Mac or PC users with incredible flexibility.

- **Embrace BYO:** Deliver, manage and secure Windows virtual desktops on Macs or PCs from a single solution, keeping personal and corporate information separated.
- **Support Macs without the costs:** Open the door to Macs in the enterprise without having to manage the devices.
- **Empower your mobile workforce:** Give remote and mobile employees the freedom to work from wherever they need to with a standardized corporate desktop, while keeping control over security.
- **Protect your data:** Easily disable virtual desktops remotely in case of theft, termination of employees or lack of compliance with the main server.

Simplify Desktop Management with Desktop Containers

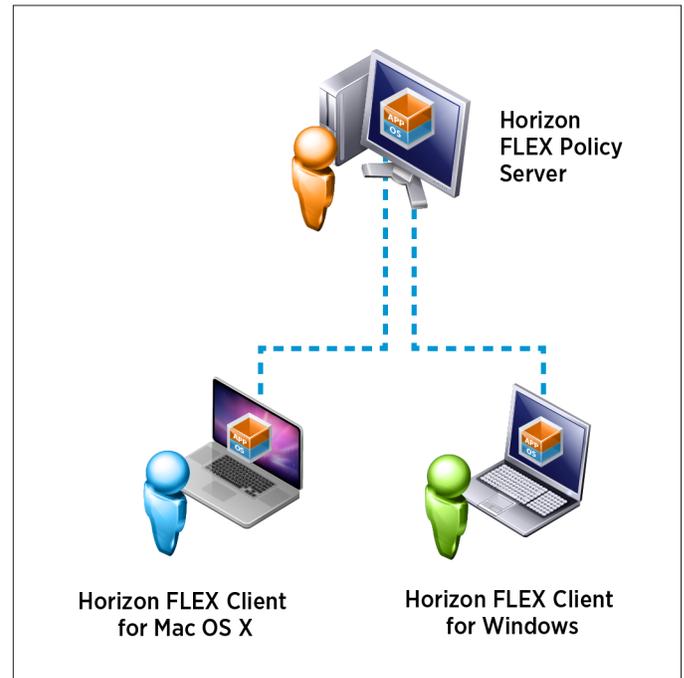
Easily entitle, control and secure the Windows virtual desktops for your Mac users, contractors and road-warriors.

- **Ensure fast and secure onboarding:** Easily entitle users to the applications and desktops they need to get their jobs done with advanced authentication, group policies and virtual disk encryption
- **Provide flexible deployments:** Quickly and securely provide corporate-standard desktop access to customers, contractors and vendors via the network or with a USB key, eliminating the need for expensive additional distribution systems.
- **Easily manage virtual desktops:** Manage virtual desktops as a set of logical layers, simplifying desktop image management and easily deploying applications or patches to end users.
- **Stay in control:** Centrally control desktops and settings available to your workforce with robust security features and granular control, including restricting virtual machine settings or disabling access to USB devices
- **Enable temporary workers:** Configure virtual desktops to expire at a pre-determined dates and times for workers assigned to short-term projects, temporary employees or for delivering software evaluations.

Work from Anywhere, Even When Disconnected

Get access to a rich desktop experience through our industry-leading clients and ensure productivity, even when on the road or disconnected from the network.

- **Reliability and stability:** VMware Horizon FLEX leverages the power of award-winning clients with VMware Fusion® Pro on the Mac and VMware Player Pro™ on the PC to deliver the reliability and stability you would expect from the worldwide virtualization leader.



Horizon FLEX delivers local virtual desktops to Mac or PC users.

- **Local execution:** Give users access to corporate data and applications whether they are online, offline or don't have access to a reliable network connection.
- **Rich desktop experience:** Whether your users are running standard office productivity applications or highly demanding 3D applications, VMware Horizon FLEX delivers a full desktop experience for instant productivity.
- **Unmatched OS support for ultimate compatibility:** VMware Horizon FLEX clients run on the latest releases of Windows and Mac OS X, and support prevalent operating systems like Windows XP and Windows 7 in virtual environments, so you can continue to run the applications you need in a virtual machine for as long as you want.
- **Efficiency designed for mobile users:** Horizon FLEX clients are type-2 hypervisors that have been designed to ensure that every watt of power coming out of a laptop battery is used as efficiently as possible so users can have access to their corporate applications without worrying about their battery life.

Easily Manage, Backup or Patch Virtual Desktops

Manage, backup or patch Windows virtual desktops using the Mirage for Horizon FLEX layering technology or continue to use your own Windows image management tools.

- **Manage virtual desktops with dynamic layering:** Easily manage virtual desktops as a set of logical layers, simplifying desktop image management and the deployment of applications to any collection of end users.
- **Automated backup and full system recovery:** Store full desktop backups in the datacenter so you can recover partial or full desktops when needed and allow self-service file recovery across devices for enhanced productivity.
- **Designed for distributed environments:** Mirage Branch Reflectors allow IT to distribute updates once from the Mirage server and subsequently from the Branch Reflectors to other clients in the branch office. IT can manage devices at scale with minimal infrastructure and controlled bandwidth.
- **Compatible with your existing Windows image management tools:** If you are already using an image management solution such as Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager or Altiris, you can use the Horizon FLEX policy server to control your virtual desktops while continuing to use your existing imaging solutions within the virtual desktops.

Reduce Costs by Decreasing Training Needs and Eliminating Provisioning of Physical Laptops

Minimize the training needs of your workforce with our streamlined user-experience. Deploying virtual desktops is significantly less expensive than shipping laptops to onboard your new employees or contractors.

- **Cut capital costs:** Easily onboard new employees or contractors by letting them use their own Macs or PCs.
- **Decrease training needs:** Giving your employees a familiar and rich desktop experience inside a simple intuitive interface decreases the need to have them trained on new computing environments.
- **Reduce shipping expenses:** Eliminate the need to send new laptops to new employees or contractors by remotely entitling your users wherever they are in the world.
- **Simplify license management:** Purchase licenses in volume and configure them so your end users are productive using Windows on a Mac from their first power-on. Use the My VMware® licensing portal to easily manage all your license keys and support entitlements.

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