

Citrix Key Play: management and high availability

Key Play: Enhance management of Citrix XenApp™ with vSM 2008^{R2}

For the most stable Citrix XenApp farms, use visionapp Server Management 2008^{R2} (vSM)

The most stable XenApp farms are built with vSM

Citrix estimates that 75% of existing XenApp installations would benefit immediately from enhanced server management. vSM creates the most stable build for Citrix server farms because it enforces a standardized way to build the farms.

With the visionapp software in place, one customer estimates that he is able to create, build, update and maintain the server farm four times faster than he could before, and without hiring costly consultants: "Building new servers takes less than 15 minutes instead of multiple days like before. visionapp's ease of management makes it very simple to make changes in the environment."

Supports Citrix best practices, including XenServer and NetScaler

XenServer plays a critical role in XenApp server farms. Running XenApp on XenServer makes it easier to configure, service, upgrade, and add servers. To energize XenApp even more, add NetScaler for the best high-availability solution. NetScaler provides global server load-balancing to XenApp server farms, providing a seamless user experience when server farms go offline. vSM supports XenServer technology, and NetScaler is part of visionapp's recommended architecture.

Enforcing best practices for XenApp farm builds

vSM automates and enforces the best-practice of building the images that go onto these XenServer-built servers. Even with XenServer, the initial build—and any build that's different from that

initial build—is still time-consuming. vSM saves 75% of the time needed to build, update, and maintain images.

When you require a new application update or new patch, simply add the new package to the stack—your previous configuration and licensing information can be automatically added—and click to rebuild the server, whether it's a XenServer-based virtual server, or physical server. You'll be able to take full advantage of the XenServer software you've invested in, and you'll see the savings not only on initial deployment but also every time you update.

Centralize administration of all systems

With the powerful visionapp console, you can manage both virtual and physical servers and clients, as well as the XenServer images that are applied. This central management can save days or even weeks of time when image updates and changes are made.

