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The graphic features three server racks on a blue background with a perspective effect. A large red arrow curves from the right side of the servers towards the left. In the foreground, there is a white analog clock with a red needle pointing to approximately 1:50. The text 'visionapp OpsQuick' is displayed on the left side of the graphic. At the bottom, there is a red bar with the text 'Product Information' and a grey bar with the website address 'www.visionapp.com'.

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Microsoft's Windows Deployment Services (WDS) is the updated and redesigned version of Remote Installation Services (RIS). WDS assists with the rapid adoption and deployment of Microsoft Windows operating systems. It can be used to set up new computers through a network-based installation without an admin having to be physically present at each computer and without having to install directly from CD or DVD media. When you add OpsQuick to WDS, you gain ease of use, a faster learning curve, and powerful extra features.

The biggest difference is the **learning curve**. With OpsQuick, an admin can be deploying systems in a couple of hours. With WDS, many IT admins discuss in forums and blogs that it takes them about two weeks to get up to speed, even if they know RIS.

OpsQuick also enhances the **ease of use** for deploying Windows. OpsQuick has the ability to manage an unlimited amount of servers and workstations inside the GUI that the admin organizes to fit their infrastructure. Images, servers, workstations, and sysprep settings can be organized inside of folders and sorted by OS, Department, Hardware type, or customized sorting criteria.

While WDS is powerful, OpsQuick adds some **extra features**. For example, WDS does not give the admin the option to assign different images to different machines and deploy them simultaneously. For an unattended install in WDS, only one image can be selected for distribution. That means that ANY machine that boots to the network at that time will get the same image and image distribution has to be staged by target type. Distribution of different machine types is not possible with plain WDS. OpsQuick allows for the assignment of a different image to each machine if necessary. Start the deployment process, reboot the machine and the correct image is delivered. If you don't want to network boot in OpsQuick, don't start a deployment and the server object will boot to the next device.

In difference to WDS, OpsQuick can also deploy an OS image with a bootable DVD. This is applicable when setting a machine to PXE boot is not possible.

OpsQuick adds the ability to naming of machines based on current naming conventions and determined by the company. WDS requires that each machine be named based on static and specialized, very limited wildcard values set in the WDS Console.

OpsQuick adds the ability to have OS customizations link to server objects, workstation objects, and OS images. One scenario: WDS could deploy a Windows 2008 Presentation Server to a workstation that the user has just rebooted because it froze. In this scenario, WDS would have wiped the workstation hard drive clean. This cannot happen with OpsQuick.

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