

VMware Takes on DaaS With Horizon

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VMware launches what it claims is the first hybrid desktop-as-a-service (DaaS) solution-- Horizon DaaS, a solution allowing IT to provision, deploy and manage Windows desktops users can access from any connected device.



Based on technology from 2013 acquisition Desktime, Horizon DaaS blends on-premise and cloud-based virtual desktops running on the vCloud hybrid service. It supports both Windows server and Remote Desktop Services (RDS) environments, and provides what VMware says is "an adaptive user experience across devices, locations, and media for consistent quality and exceptional user experience."

Supported devices include PCs (Windows or Mac), zero/thin clients, Chromebooks and mobile devices (Android or iOS).

"Our experience working with customers deploying DaaS the last several years have shown that the majority prefers a blended environment with both on-premise and cloud desktops," the company says. "However, very few solutions in the market can deliver a seamless end-user experience across multiple clouds."

Horizon DaaS is available now from VMware partners.

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