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Azure Virtual Desktop - Quickstart

A managed desktop virtualisation solution in the cloud, combining the familiarity and compatibility of Windows 11, in as little as 5 days.

Businesses are adapting to meet the demands of a remote, peripatetic workforce that needs 'work from anywhere' capabilities, while maintaining the local performance, user experience and productivity, while keeping corporate data highly secure. Azure Virtual Desktop or AVD leverages the benefits of the public cloud to deliver virtual apps and multi-session desktops, enabling your workforce to be as productive at home, in the office or anywhere with an internet connection.

Ultima have over twenty years experience integrating virtual apps and desktops with the myriad of functions and services required to provide a complete service. As part of our AVD Quickstart service, we can take you from zero to a fully managed environment in a little as 5 days. We take the best that cloud has to offer, including Infrastructure as Code, Azure DevOps and evergreen desktop imaging, providing a baseline framework which you can extend for production deployment. Using our deployment framework, we introduce you to the cloud management concepts which can be used to deploy light-touch managed desktops.



Deliver Azure Virtual Desktop in as little as 5 days



Access apps and desktop securely from anywhere



Introduces Azure DevOps for agile planning & delivery



Deployed using Infrastructure-as-Code / Terraform



Deploy evergreen builds in Azure. No more patching!



* Microsoft AMMP funding available for Essentials tiers

What is Azure Virtual Desktop?

Microsoft AVD provides a fully managed desktop virtualisation solution in the cloud, combining the familiarity and compatibility of Windows 11, with highly scalable multi-session resources available with Azure and individual ownership via persistent desktops.

Designed to work with existing apps and devices (including native client support for Windows, MacOS, iOS and Android), you can save deployment costs by leveraging existing eligible Windows licences, while managing the end-to-end AVD deployment alongside other services within the Azure portal.

Finally, you can access remote desktops and applications from any HTML5 supported browser, receiving the same UX as if you were on a local PC.

Prerequisites

- Windows 10 or 11 Enterprise via Microsoft 365 - E3, E5, A3, A5, F3 and Premium or Windows E3, E5, A3 and A5
- Windows Server 2012-2022 via RDS CAL with Software Assurance
- Azure Active Directory
- An Azure Subscription parented to the same Azure AD domain

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Assess - Using industry leading tools, we will conduct an assessment of your existing desktop estate or Virtual Apps and Desktops solution to determine which workloads are best suited for Azure Virtual Desktop and identify the ideal configuration for your deployment and ensure that existing infrastructure is suitable.

Design - We'll conduct a design workshop to agree the deployment and configuration options for an AVD solution. Requirements will be captured, and a high-level solution design will be created.

Deploy - Based on the agreed high level design, we will deploy AVD.

- Deployments will be performed using Azure DevOps and Infrastructure as Code using HashiCorp Terraform.
- 1 evergreen build will be created using Azure Image Builder or Packer, to include <3 apps, pre-packaged for silent installation
- Profile management will be configured using FSLogix and Azure Files, with knowledge sharing over how they can be extended.
- We perform functional testing to ensure we meet design criteria, with issues resolved and the design updated to reflect any changes.

Automate - We will implement automated release management to update your AVD environment workloads based on your release schedule.

Test - We will support the UAT testing of the AVD solution, providing escalation support for any issues reported during user testing.

Review - Following completion of testing we will review the deployment outcomes with you and agree any next steps or expansion requirements.

New to Azure? - We can take you through the fundamentals from setting up a new tenant and landing zone in line with Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework, through to Azure AD, networking and security.

Stage	Essentials *	Ultimate
Assess	Optional	✓
Design	✓	✓
Deploy	✓	✓
Automate	Optional	Optional
Test	Optional	✓
Review	✓	✓
New to Azure	Optional	Optional
Total	From £5k	From £9k

About Ultima

As a 14 x Microsoft Gold Partner, we provide licensing support as an LSP, CSP and Enterprise Software Advisor, and hold expert specialisations across Azure and associated technologies. AMMP certified, Ultima continually demonstrate excellence in assessment and planning, landing zone builds, and migration and modernisation. We also provide follow-the-sun support, alongside our Managed Cloud and IA-Cloud platforms, enhancing the out of the box Azure experience.



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