

VIRTUALIZATION ASSESSMENT SERVICE

SunGard helps you maximize the benefits of virtualization and minimize the risks.

You're aware of the benefits of virtualization: optimized server utilization, cost savings and higher information availability. Yet, you may not have been able to step back and analyze how to achieve your virtualization goals and maintain disaster recovery capabilities. Competing IT priorities, limited staff and tight budgets prevent you from taking the next steps toward virtualization. SunGard's Virtualization Assessment Service can determine which applications and hardware could best deliver virtualization's benefits to your IT environment. The service includes a full analysis of your existing IT infrastructure, so you can make the case for migrating to a virtual infrastructure and present a solution including implications for robust business continuity.

Make the business case for virtualization

SunGard's Virtualization Assessment goes far beyond simply planning and implementing virtualization technology. The analysis helps you build a business case for consolidating servers and other devices to a virtual infrastructure. Consequently, you make sound business decisions while raising the level of your information availability program. A comprehensive analysis with SunGard identifies the risks, gaps and necessary future actions. At the same time, it helps ensure your organization's critical business-processing capabilities are available and recoverable.

A solution in a month or less

SunGard's Virtualization Assessment is a phased process taking up to one month to complete, depending on the size of your organization, the number of servers and the availability of your key employees to provide information. SunGard works directly with your IT staff to discover and document the applications, servers, network and storage devices that would benefit from a virtual infrastructure. Next, we balance your business requirements against possible alternative solutions. In the final phase, we build the business case for virtualization and make recommendations.

Virtualization alone is not disaster recovery

It's simple: a virtualized server in a compromised data center is probably a compromised server. Virtualization may provide fault tolerance, but SunGard believes that assured business continuity is about much more than fault tolerance. Our service outlines how you can reduce the severity and duration of IT-related outages, which lessens business risks while enhancing IT processes, including change management and problem notification.

Go "green" without increasing vulnerability

You want to build and run a data center with less environmental impact – while "saving some green" at the same time – but you're concerned about reliability. SunGard understands. That's why we link our virtualization study and recommendations to the overriding need for a robust IT environment. With SunGard's recommendations, you'll enjoy "green" IT savings, including reduced power and cooling, hardware and space requirements while lowering risk. >

Why you should do it now

Now is the time to find a trusted partner who can make the technical and business case for a virtualized environment, particularly if you are considering a data center move or a consolidation. Not taking advantage of the savings that virtualization can generate prevents you from allocating stretched IT funds to other business priorities.

What we deliver

SunGard Technology Solutions' consultants understand virtualization and the principles of robust business continuity. The report we deliver includes a list of which applications, servers, storage devices and network devices would benefit from a virtualized infrastructure; an architectural diagram; a projected TCO analysis and an executive summary of the design report targeted to the business side and senior technical managers.

What you need to do

To develop a Virtualization Assessment, you should have the following: documented information from a business and technology profile engagement; identified availability requirements for business processes and systems, application data flows and interdependencies, along with a recovery objective timeline; an understanding of business drivers, technical environment and financial parameters; the participation of business and IT to validate details regarding information availability; and a dedicated server to install, configure, test and run the Virtualization Assessment software.

Take advantage of SunGard's total package of services

To fully leverage our expertise, combine the Virtualization Assessment Service and Virtualization Strategy and Design Service with a data center consolidation or move – along with AdvancedRecoverySM Solutions, a Technology Profile and Managed Hosting services. This combination provides a “concept-to-implementation” solution by an industry leader in these skill sets.

About SunGard Availability Services

SunGard Availability Services is the pioneer and leading provider of information availability services, helping to ensure that 10,000 customers in North America and Europe have access to their business-critical information systems. With four million square feet of operational space, SunGard offers a complete range of information availability services for more than 30 technology platforms, from 48-hour disaster recovery hotsites to always-on, high-availability infrastructure, and electronic vaulting services. SunGard also provides technology and systems management services for application and data center outsourcing, as well as business continuity consulting services and planning software.

For more information about SunGard Availability Services, visit www.availability.sungard.com or call 1-800-468-7483.

SUNGARD[®] | Keeping People
Availability Services | and Information
Connected.[®]

680 East Swedesford Road | Wayne, PA 19087
800-468-7483 | www.availability.sungard.com