

Workspace 365: an adaptive unified workspace to deliver Windows Virtual Desktop applications

Deliver Windows Virtual Desktop-enabled applications conditionally

Workspace 365 unites all your applications, information, documents, and more in an adaptive unified workspace. In Workspace 365 you can integrate Yammer, Exchange, and Power BI, while also combining all your documents from SharePoint, OneDrive, and your file server in one easy-to-use document app.

Workspace 365 integrates all your applications, wherever they are. The solution's aim is to offer a simplified and consistent experience, no matter what technology lies below the surface. The same applies to its integration with Windows Virtual Desktop.

Many organizations are considering the move from their traditional remote desktop to Windows Virtual Desktop for a variety of reasons, including to relieve IT admins of management effort, to leverage the familiar Windows 10 experience, to work with Office 365 more easily, and/or to save costs.

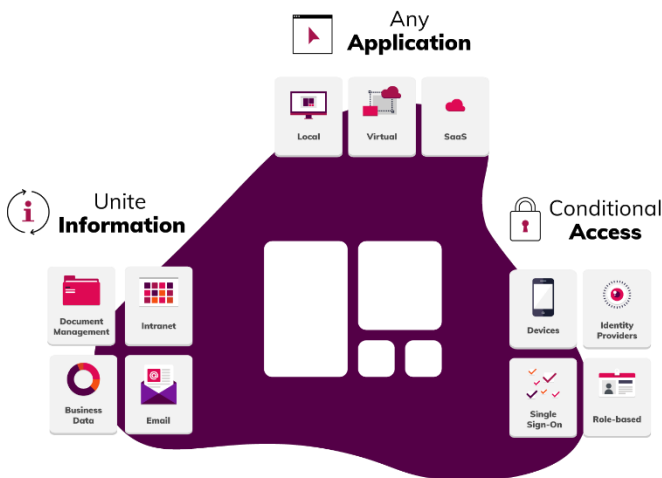
If you still need applications that are not available in the cloud and you don't want to install them locally, Windows Virtual Desktop can be an excellent way to offer these apps to people. Workspace 365 offers an even more simplified way to work with these applications, by uniting them with everything else people need to work and making the applications from Windows Virtual Desktop available with one click on a desktop as well as Android and iOS devices without any installations.

So how does Windows Virtual Desktop work in Workspace 365? Simply put, IT admins can make the Windows Virtual Desktop-enabled applications available to people based on permissions. The admin can then add those applications to a shared application group. If the admin doesn't add it to the shared application group, people who have permissions can add them to their personal workspace as well. Once the application is visible in their workspace, people can click on and open it from their workspace.

"Workspace 365 makes it easier to access Windows Virtual Desktop applications on any device. The workspace offers a unified and personal experience integrating all your services including many Microsoft services like Office 365, Yammer, Teams, and Power Apps all in one platform."

Stefan Georgiev, Microsoft

Workspace 365 and Windows Virtual Desktop integration



How it works

Workspace 365 uses the multi-resource refresh token from Azure AD to retrieve a token for authentication on Windows Virtual Desktop. With this token, it sends a request to the Windows Virtual Desktop webfeed discovery URL to retrieve the specific webfeed which is applicable for that user.

If that succeeds, it sends a request to the webfeed to retrieve the workspaces and applications for that user and - based on the name of the application - retrieves the RDP file for that application, serving that RDP file to a user.

This all happens on the backend without the user noticing, and is only served with the RDP file, making it easy to open files and work with key applications.

Workspace 365 simplifies Windows Virtual Desktop access



Adaptive unified workspace

With one login (SSO) people can open any application and access information which is most relevant to their role, location, device, OS, and more.



Direct access to applications

Let people access specific Windows Virtual Desktop-enabled applications from one workspace that integrates Office 365, file servers, and more.



Work from any device

Access your Windows Virtual Desktop-enabled applications, Office 365 live tiles, and document app from any device.

The benefits of using Workspace 365 with Windows Virtual Desktop

Application management

Workspace 365 allows you to publish applications to shared app groups or shared spaces. The workspace is completely role based and even allows you to delegate application or group management. Easily set conditions or a maintenance window on any application (web, hosted, or local).

Save costs on your remote desktop

Since Workspace 365 simplifies Office 365 access it is a great web-based workspace for mobile workers. For those workers who still need a remote desktop, you can integrate specific applications into the same interface. By combining Windows Virtual Desktop and Workspace 365 you will only pay for the desktop usage of those people who need it.

Seamlessly switch

Because Workspace 365 allows you to integrate web, local, and hosted applications, you can migrate the back-end without impacting the user experience. The people in the workspace will get the same tile regardless of the underlying technology. This makes it easier to migrate to Windows Virtual Desktop.

Optimal end-user experience

Combine the document storage of SharePoint, OneDrive for Business, and file servers in one easy interface. Open all your documents from one document app within Workspace 365. By integrating all your document solutions, people can access all their documents, applications, and information from one adaptive unified workspace.

Learn more about how Microsoft and Workspace 365 work together to deliver a great end-user experience

"We've offered the same Remote Desktop service since we started with our first customer back in 2002.... Then last year, we came across Workspace 365, a new concept in IT delivery – something that would flip the remote desktop IT solution on its head."

Paul O'Brien
CEO, Lucidity Cloud Services – partner of Workspace 365

About Windows Virtual Desktop

Windows Virtual Desktop offers the best virtual desktop experience delivered on Azure. Windows Virtual Desktop enables organizations to deliver a virtual desktop experience and remote apps to any device. Microsoft 365 and Azure together provide users with the only multi-session Windows 10 experience — with exceptional scale and reduced IT costs.

About Workspace 365

Since 2010, Workspace 365 boosts people by simplifying work with an adaptive workspace. Workspace 365 defines the digital workspace for organizations by helping them break free from IT restrictions, saving hours dealing with burdensome processes. As this applies to organizations around the globe, we work together with the partners they trust: their Managed Service Provider (MSP). This empowers people to have a happier, more productive work life. And how do we do that? By simplifying work – and everything people need to do it. No matter what technologies you already use or want to use in the future, Workspace 365 integrates and simplifies them in one adaptive workspace. We make sure you won't be held back by past IT decisions and support you every day by making your work life easier.

For more information, visit www.workspace365.net.