

Extend the App Model to Support your User Centric XenDesktop in the Data Center

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Agenda

- ConfigMgr 2012 AppModel overview
- Citrix XenDesktop Connector for ConfigMgr 2012
- Installation
- Troubleshooting
- Demo time
- Q&A

Citrix vs Microsoft Remote App



ConfigMgr AppModel

Application Model Overview

- User-Centric Application Deployment/Management
- Deployment Types
- Dependencies
- Requirements
- Detection Methods
- Supercedence

AppModel Workflow



Demo Application Model

XenDesktop 7.5 Connector

XenDesktop 7.5 Connector for SCCM

• Extends System Center reach to new users, devices, and locations



What does the Connector do for you?



Unifies management of application deployments via XenApp/XenDesktop alongside with the current ways via MSI, App-V, Appx, OS-X, and more in SCCM



Extends the admin's ability to deliver any app to any user on any device via Receiver - > (king of the world! ③)



Improves service levels for XenApp/XenDesktop by gracefully orchestrating software distribution on servers, eliminating user downtime



Leverages all existing infrastructure, skills, and process investments in XenApp/XenDesktop and SCCM all from the ConfigMgr Console

A Comprehensive Desktop Strategy



Use case

- Synchronize XenDesktop Catalog & Delivery structures within Configuration Manager
- Deploy software to XenApp 7.6 and XenDesktop 7.6 catalogs
- Leverage MSI and App-V applications already defined in Configuration Manager thru global conditions

Use Case

- Deploy applications to both MCS and PVS managed catalogs through Configuration Manager
- Inventories your Xenapp / Xendesktop farm
- Report application deployment success and failure
- Publish applications to StoreFront and Receiver
- Deploy HDX delivered applications to Managed PCs
- Work side-by-side with the XenApp 6.5 Connector

Installation steps

What do we need?

- ConfigMgr 2012 R2 Site
- XenDesktop 7.5+, XenApp 7.5+ farms
 - Delivery Controller(s)
 - MCS + System Center Virtual Machine Manager 2012 R2
 - or PVS
 - Virtual Desktop Agent (VDA)
 - Citrix StoreFront
 - Deployment Type Handler (client + server)
 - Citrix Studio Extensions (Citrix Group Policy Management)

Architecture



Installation steps

ConfigMgr Site / Server

Install Citrix Connector Service

Install Console Extensions

Citrix Studio

Install Connector Group Policy

Installation steps

Master Images for XenDesktop / XenAppp

Install Connector Agent

Install Deployment Type Handler

Managed Clients

Install Deployment Type Handler

Our lab (ConfigMgrLab)

ConfigMgr 2012 R2	ConfigMgr 2012 R2	Citrix XenDesktop 7.6	SQL + DC + ETC
CM01	CM02 (HTTPS)	Citrix01	
XenApp 7.5 CTX01	Windows 8.1 VDI VWXX		
Windows 8.1	Windows 8.1	Windows 8.1	Windows 8.1
WSO2	WS04	WS07	WS08

Windows 2012 R2 Hyper-V + System Center 2012 R2 Virtual Machine Manager

Demo

A look at the infrastructure side of things

What happens after install?

What do we get extra?

- 1. Additional node (Citrix Application Publication)
- 2. Additional Deployment Type (.Xendesktop/.Xenapp)
- 3. User/device Collections \rightarrow Updated by the Citrix connector himself
- 4. Additional Global condition
- 5. Custom Client setting
- 6. Custom hardware classes

New virtual desktop attributes

Citrix_VirtualDesktopInfo

- AssignmentType
- Broker Site Name
- Desktop Catalog Name
- Desktop Group Name
- Hostidentifier
- IsAssigned
- IsMasterImage

Citrix_VirtualDesktopInfo

- IsProvisioned
- IsVirtualMachine
- OSChangesPersist
- OSImageOutOfDate
- PersistentDataLocation
- PersonalvDiskDriveLetter
- ProvisioningType

Demo

ConfigMgr console

App deployment workflow



5 Reader icon placed on start menu. When clicked, app delivered by XenApp

Login on Primary Device

Demo will show that the MSI Deployment Type will be started

Login on not primary device

Demo will show that the MSI Deployment Type will be started

Login on kiosk PC

Demo will show that the XenDesktop Deployment Type will be started

Login on internet PC

Demo will show the published App can be started from Storefront web page

CM12 Client tips & tricks?

Create your Master PVS VM with care

- Install the Configuration Manager client software on the golden image as part of your automated Configmgr Task Sequence
- Stop the SMS Agent Host service (CCMExec.exe) on the reference computer (net stop ccmexec).
- Delete the C:\Windows\SMSCFG.INI file
- Delete the current certificates in the "SMS" certificate store. (open an MMC.exe)
- Change the provisioning image from private to standard.
- Stream the vdisk to target computers.

Unique Machine IDs for shared image desktops

Check http://scug.be/sccm/2013/03/27/citrix-provisioning-services-and-microsoft-system-center-configuration-manager-2012-sp1/

- Shared image virtual desktops register uniquely with ConfigMgr
- Machine IDs persist across VM reboots
- Provides accurate inventory info for shared image desktops



Log files

• Client with Deployment Type Handler:

- C:\Program Files\Citrix\Connector for ConfigMgr\DT Handler\Logs\Citrix.ConfigMgr.XenDesktopDTHandler.<date>.log
- C:\windows\ccm\logs\AppEnforce.log
- C:\windows\ccm\logs\AppDiscovery.log
- Site Server:
 - C:\Program Files\Citrix\Connector for ConfigMgr\Connector Service\Logs
 - Citrix.ConfigMgr.OrchestrationTask.<date>.log
 - Citrix.ConfigMgr.PublishingTask.<date>.log
 - Citrix.ConfigMgr.SynchronizationTask.<date>.log
 - Citrix.ConfigMgr.XenDesktopConnector.<date>.log

Q&A



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