



# Citrix CloudConnect for Microsoft Azure

## At a glance

Many businesses are beginning to recognise that a cloud computing model can lend itself well to the user workspace, providing on demand access to desktops, applications and resources whilst providing the flexibility required to support today's mobile workforce.

Citrix® have provided market leading application and desktop virtualisation for some years with their XenApp® & XenDesktop® products, as well as secure access solutions via Citrix NetScaler® platforms. But how do you get started in evaluating whether Citrix Cloud delivers the required performance and management for your business?

The **Citrix Cloud Connect for Microsoft® Azure** service delivers a Citrix Cloud solution, which enables traditionally on premise services to be hosted and delivered via public cloud, and provides the following:

- Expert assessment, design and deployment for a Citrix Cloud implementation using Microsoft Azure public cloud
- Best practice platform for a real-world assessment of the solution, as well as delivering knowledge transfer into your internal teams

## Feature Benefits

- **Gain greater insight:** In-depth understanding of your user workspace requirements covering desktops, applications, resources, user experience and mobility
- **Achieve best practice:** Receive design services for a Citrix Cloud solution on Microsoft Azure, aligned with recommended industry standards and vendor specifications
- **Recieve expert support:** Hands on deployment assistance to enable the Citrix Cloud solution on Microsoft Azure and ensure integration with existing systems
- **Save time:** Accelerate the transition of service to the Citrix Cloud on Microsoft Azure through effective project planning and engagement
- **Expand business knowledge:** Receive documentation and knowledge transfer from Xtravirt's expert cloud consultants and draw comparison between performance and management of the solution against business requirements
- **Drive long term strategy:** Move with advances in modern workspace technology and practices, ensuring business efficiency

## Deliverables

Xtravirt's Citrix Cloud Connect with Microsoft Azure service delivers an end to end best practice implementation of a Citrix Cloud solution, hosted on Microsoft Azure's public cloud for a trial period.

The solution provides an ideal platform for businesses with a cloud first or cloud migration strategy to perform proof of concept and pilot activity to validate whether this is a viable option for their user workspace beyond the trial period.

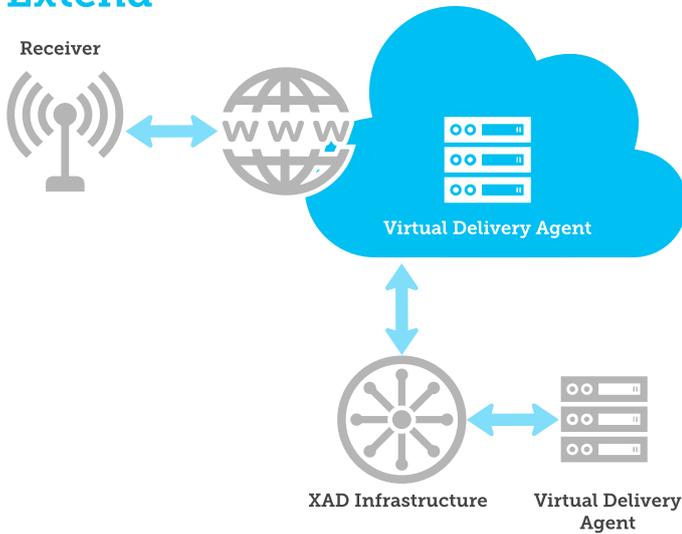
Citrix Cloud can also manage access to existing Citrix XenApp & XenDesktop environments that may reside on premise or in an existing public cloud.

Xtravirt will employ a proven methodology and approach to facilitate the introduction to the solution for target user groups, and track their progress throughout a defined testing period.

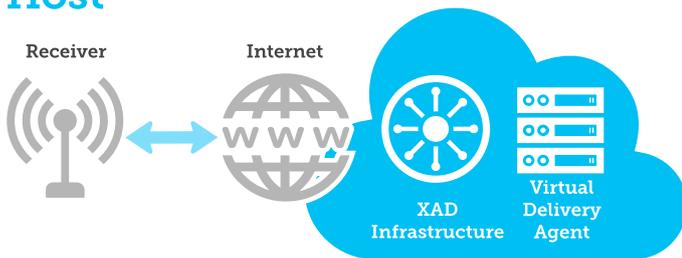
## Activities and Outcomes

- Introductory workshops to gain a deeper understanding of the workspace requirements and concerns
- Design sessions with technical and business teams to produce an architectural design aligned to validated use cases
- Build, enablement and integration of Citrix Cloud and Microsoft Azure platforms, as per best practice lead designs
- Provision of Citrix compute workloads with Azure Resource Manager
- Definition of user groups and migration planning programme of work
- Initiation of user testing, project support and solution optimisation
- Documented test analysis and future recommendations
- Solution documentation and knowledge transfer throughout

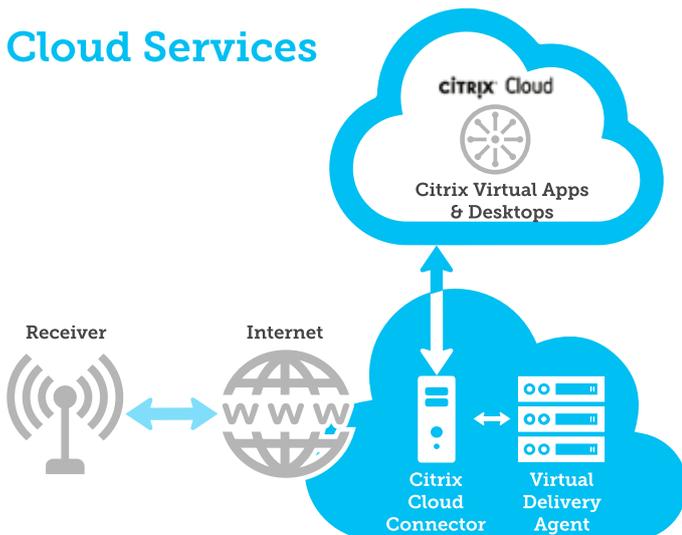
## Extend



## Host



## Cloud Services



## Schedule

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiation and discovery workshops</li> </ul>
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use case definition and validation</li> <li>Design sessions and high level design creation</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citrix and Microsoft subscription acquisition</li> <li>Solution build, feature enablement and workload provisioning</li> <li>Integration via Citrix Cloud Connector</li> <li>Transition test users to the platform</li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct testing and review performance</li> <li>Create solution documentation, knowledge transfer and presentation of findings</li> </ul>

## Additional Services

We deliver end-to-end outcomes, from cloud strategy through to solution implementation, including designing and building private/hybrid clouds for user workspaces with self-service provisioning and management.

Related services delivered by Xtravirt include, [Cloud Readiness Assessment for Citrix](#) and [Health Check Service for Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops](#). Alternatively, services can be tailored to fit specific customer requirements.

## About us

Xtravirt is an experienced consulting firm dedicated to delivering outcomes to help customers solve their IT challenges. We design and build strategies to help customers unlock the full potential of cloud, datacentre and workspace technology.

Our core business covers digital infrastructure, hybrid cloud, digital workspace and cybersecurity. Our services include advising strategy and direction, optimising and integrating technology and teams through to delivering end-to-end IT transformation programmes.

## Partners

Xtravirt partners with leading technology companies to deliver infrastructure, cloud, workspace and security transformation solutions.

Citrix enables customers to achieve the highest levels of efficiency, manageability and agility for all IT services - from enabling mobile workstyles to delivering cloud services, ensuring business is consistently moving forwards.