



Windows 7 Assessment and Readiness



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Reduce risk, maximize deployment efficiencies and control cost with proper assessment and planning

With any major operating system upgrade, readiness assessment and proper planning is necessary to reduce risk, maximize deployment efficiencies and control deployment costs. Migrating to Windows 7 is no exception. Whether you're upgrading from Windows XP or Vista, Catapult Systems has the expertise and skill to help you understand the challenges associated with moving to Windows 7.

Based on Microsoft best practices, we've developed a series of assessments on image engineering, application compatibility image deployment, and application virtualization to create a deployment roadmap that will serve as a detailed blueprint to reduce risk and uncertainty for your Windows 7 deployment:

Image Engineering

Planning for a new client operating system is a balance between client architecture and supporting infrastructure architecture. To leverage all the Windows 7 features, new functionality must be implemented and/or modifications made to the supporting infrastructure. In this assessment we conduct image engineering and security workshops to create the foundation for clear functional specifications and a master image design.

Application Compatibility

The amount of effort to ensure application compatibility can be reduced by as much as 90% working through best practices to prioritize and rationalize your application portfolio. Using Microsoft's Application Compatibility Toolkit, the Catapult team will help you create both an application inventory and functional specifications. With Office Planning Deployment Manager (OPDM) we assess Office documents that use third-party tools and identify applications and/or files that will require remediation. Lastly, we provide training and processes for mitigating application compatibility issues so that older applications can run on Windows 7.



Our personalized approach takes into account your organization, existing processes and vision for improving your business.

Image Deployment

This assessment is focused on designing and implementing a Windows 7 deployment infrastructure. It includes an image deployment workshop, creation of functional specifications and image deployment design and validation. The goal of this effort is to define key management components of the enterprise desktop lifecycle. It includes decision points for selecting the deployment approach; zero or light touch installation, hardware and software update strategies, Microsoft Deployment Toolkit settings, and User State Migration Tool requirements.

Application Virtualization

With this assessment we determine if a virtualized infrastructure makes sense for your environment. It includes creating functional specifications for building an App-V environment, as well as identifying the best sequencing approach.

In Summary

With outputs from each critical assessment area the Catapult team compiles a detailed engagement report which includes functional specifications, designs and recommendations for your Windows 7 deployment approach. This roadmap includes a preliminary project plan, schedule, resource requirements and next steps to ensure you're ready to begin execution of your Windows 7 deployment.



How can we help you?

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