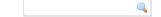
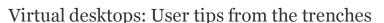
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He uses the surplus sessions to give him a back-off option when deploying VDI upgrades. So if he deploys a new View version to a department and there is a problem with it, users can call up a virtual desktop from a pool of the previous version until the problem is fixed. It's as simple as logging off and logging back on, he says. He recommends having a third of the environment available in this way for migration planning.

Make sure the required applications are supported before any upgrades are made to the virtual desktop operating system, he says. The center is still migrating to Windows 7 from Windows XP, and that is being done with full support from all the required applications that

Windows 8 is probably a long way off because all the medical applications will have to support it first. "The user interface for Windows 8 is slick," he says. "A lot of us like it but a lot of our core apps have to get their heads around it first."

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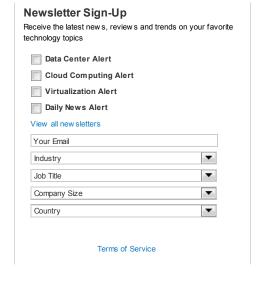
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There is only a brief mention of the need to evaluate the network infrastructure. This is an important point, and I'd also add the importance of testing end user access from the LAN, WAN and VPN. Each of these connections will have varying access speeds and where access speeds from the LAN may be sufficient, the other two may not. -- Crystal Bedell, http://tinyurl.com/cd5gtuw

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