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Redirecting Storage Platform

Overview

Virtual Desktop Service deployment technologies allow for a variety of storage options depending on the underlying infrastructure, this guide addresses how to make a change post-deployment.

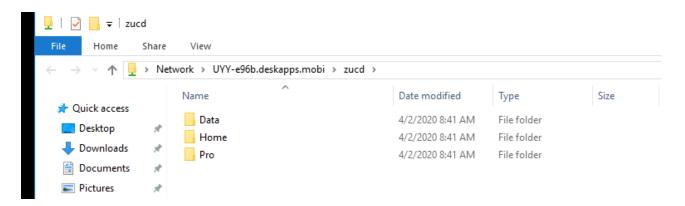
Virtual desktop performance depends on a variety of key resources, storage performance is one of the primary variables. As requirements change and workloads evolve, the need to change the storage infrastructure is a common task. In nearly all cases this involves migrating from a file server platform to NetApp storage technology (such as Azure NetApp Files, NetApp Cloud Volumes Service in Google or NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP in AWS) since these technologies typically offer the best performance profile for end user computing environments.

Creating the new storage layer

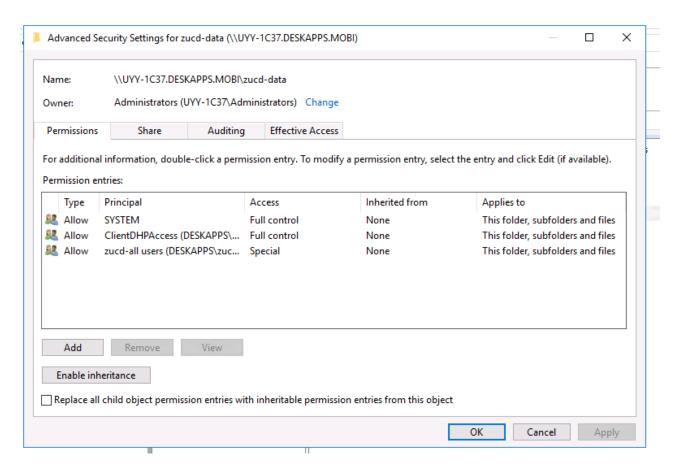
Due to the wide variety of potential storage services across a wide variety of cloud and HCI infrastructure providers, this guide assumes a new storage service has already been established and with the SMB path(s) known.

Create storage folders

- 1. In the new storage service, create three folders:
 - ∘ /Data
 - ∘ /Home
 - ∘ /Pro



- 2. Set Folder Permissions
 - a. On Folder Properties, select Security, >Advanced > Disable Inheritance



b. Adjust the remaining settings to match the settings on the original storage layer as originally created by the deployment automation.

Moving data

The directories, data, files and security settings can be moved a variety of ways. The following robocopy syntax will achieve the necessary changes. The paths need to be changed to match your environment.

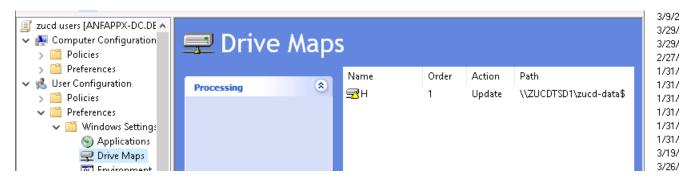
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robocopy c:\data\zucd \\uyy-1c37.deskapps.mobi\zucd-data /xd ~snapshot
/MIR /CopyAll /R:1 /W:1 /tee /log:C:\temp\roboitD.txt
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Redirecting the SMB path at cutover

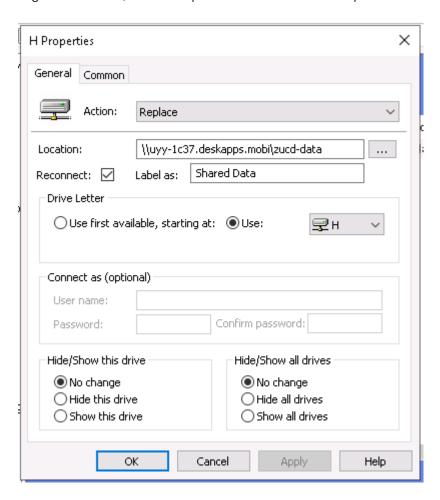
When the time for cutover comes, a few changes will redirect all the storage functionality across the VDS environment.

Update GPOs

1. The Users GPO (named <company-code>-users) needs to be updated with the new share path. Select User Configuration > Windows Settings > Preferences > Drive Maps



2. Right Click on H:, select Properties > Edit > Action: Replace and enter the new Path



3. With Classic or Hybrid AD update the share defined in ADUC in the company OU. This is reflected in VDS folder management.

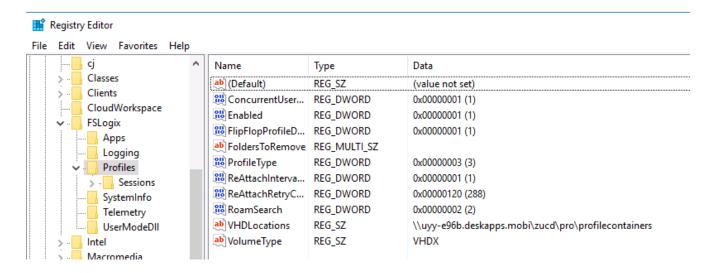


Update FSLogix profile paths

1. Open Regedit on the original file server and any other provisioned Session Hosts.

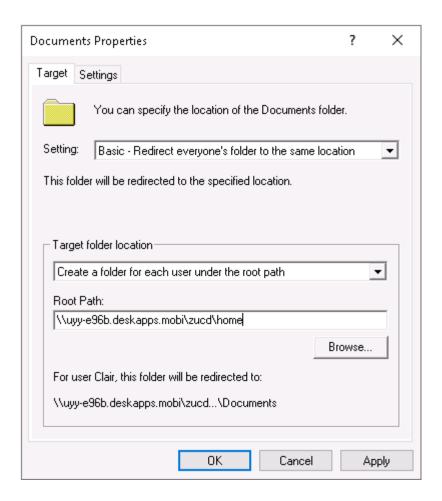


2. Edit the *VHDLocations* value with the new value. This should be the new SMB path plus *pro/profilecontainers* as shown in the screenshot below.



Update the folder redirection settings for the home directories

- 1. Open Group Policy Management, select Users GPO linked to DC=domain,DC=mobi/Cloud Workspace/Cloud Workspace Companies/<company-code>/<company-code>-desktop users.
- 2. Edit folder redirection paths under User Configuration>Policies>Windows Settings>Folder Redirection.
- 3. Only Desktop and Documents needs updated and the paths should match the new SMB path mount point for Home volume.

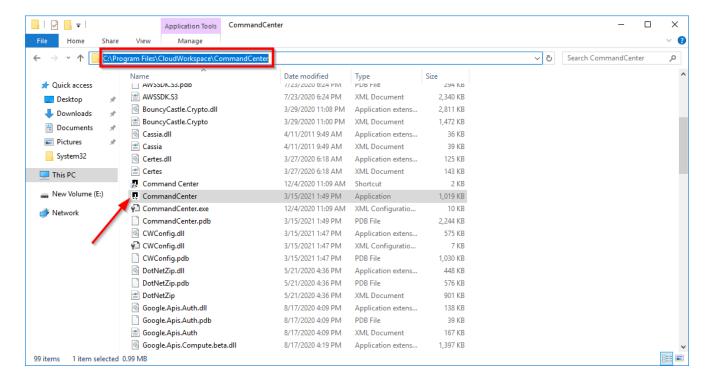


Update the VDS SQL database with Command Center

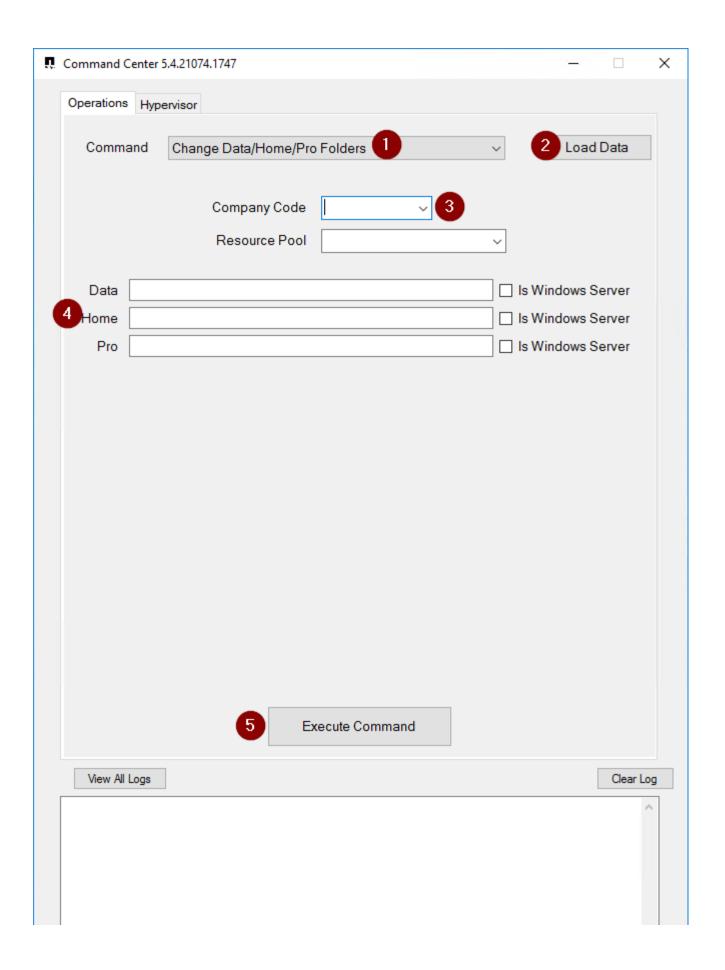
CWMGR1 contains a helper utility applications called Command Center which can bulk update the VDS database.

To make the final database updates:

1. Connect to CWMGR1, navigate and run CommandCenter.exe



2. Navigate to the *Operations* tab, click *Load Data* to populate the Company Code drop down, select the company code, and enter the new storage paths(s) for the storage layer then click *Execute Command*.



Redirecting Storage Platform to Azure Files

Overview

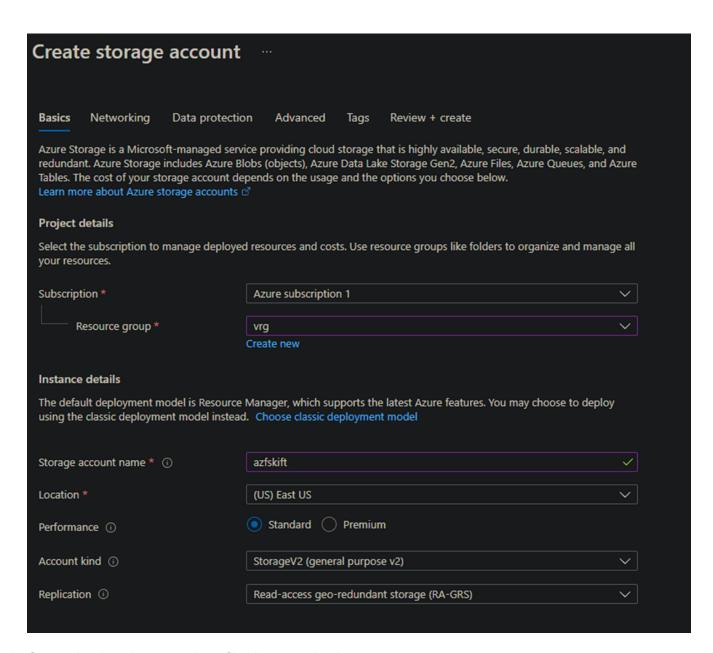
Virtual Desktop Service deployment technologies allow for a variety of storage options depending on the underlying infrastructure. This guide addresses how to make a change to using Azure Files post-deployment.

Pre-requisites

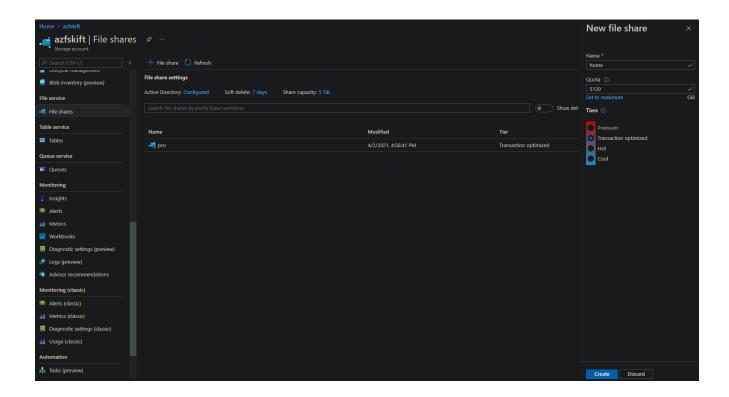
- AD Connect installed and set up
- · Azure global admin account
- AZFilesHybrid PowerShell module https://github.com/Azure-Samples/azure-files-samples/releases
- AZ PowerShell module
- · ActiveDirectory PowerShell module

Create the new storage layer

- 1. Log in to Azure with the global admin account
- 2. Create a new Storage Account in the same location and resource group as the workspace

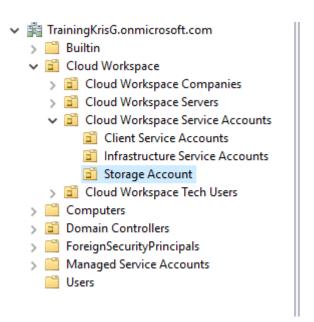


3. Create the data, home, and pro file shares under the storage account



Set Up Active Directory

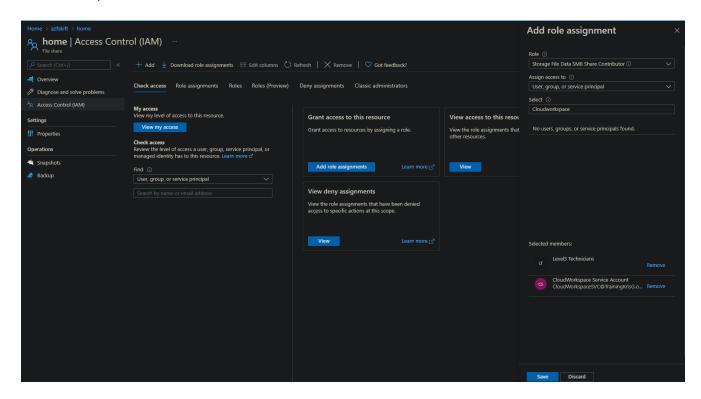
Create a new Organization Unit named "Storage Account" under the Cloud Workspace > Cloud



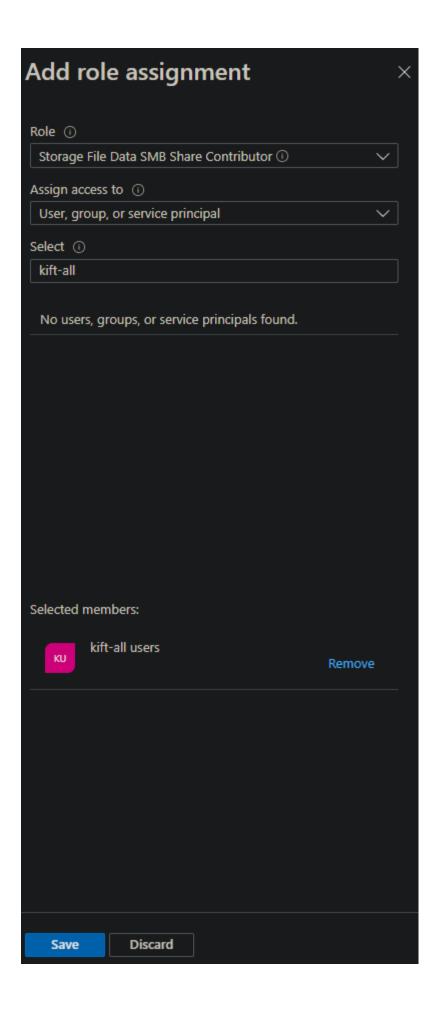
- 2. Enable AD DS authentication (must be done using PowerShell) https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/storage/files/storage-files-identity-ad-ds-enable
 - a. DomainAccountType should be "ServiceLogonAccount"
 - b. OraganizationalUnitDistinguishedName is the distinguished name of the OU created in the previous step (ie "OU=Storage Account,OU=Cloud Workspace Service Accounts,OU=Cloud Workspace, DC=TrainingKrisG, DC=onmicrosoft, DC=com")

Set the Roles for the Shares

1. In the Azure portal, give "`Storage File Data SMB Share Elevated Contributor`" role to CloudWorkspaceSVC and Level3 Technicians

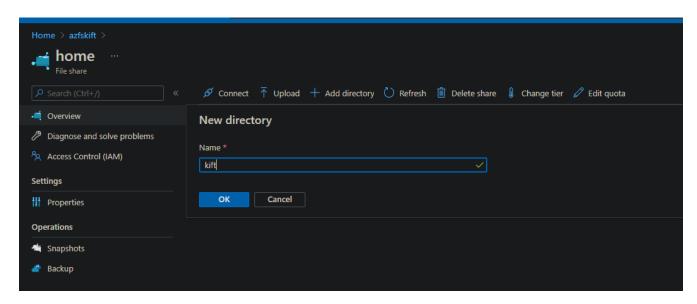


2. Give "Storage File Data SMB Share Contributor" role to the "<company code>-all users" group

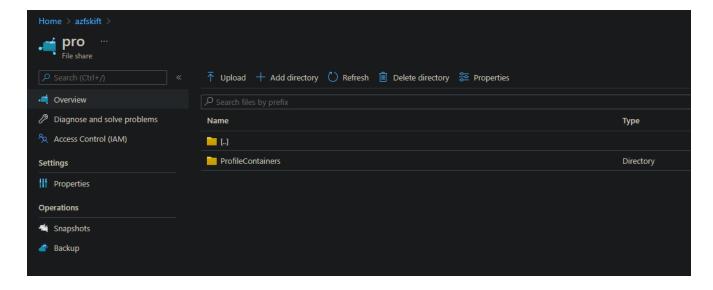


Create the directories

1. Create a directory in each share (data, home, pro) using the company code as the name (In this example, the company code is "kift")

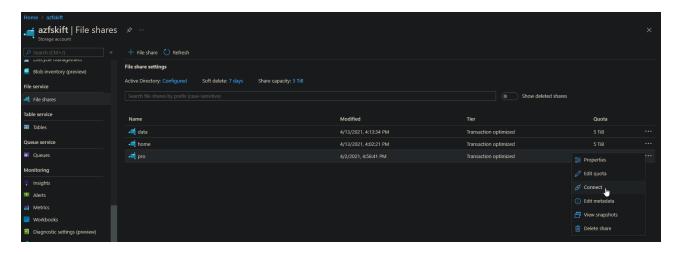


2. In the <company code> directory of the pro share, create a "ProfileContainers" directory

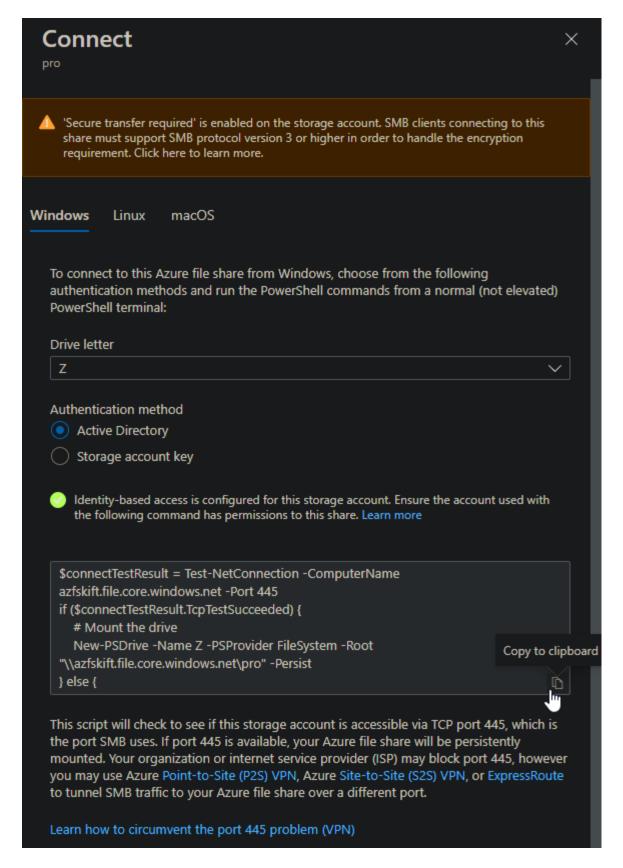


Set the NTFS Permissions

- 1. Connect to the shares
 - a. Navigate to the share under the storage account in the Azure portal, click the three dots, then click Connect

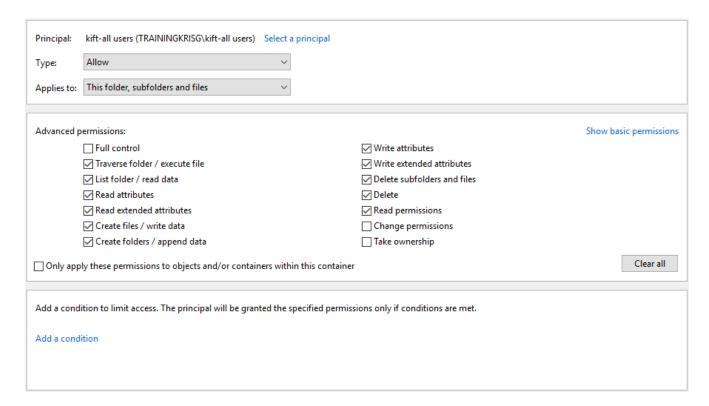


b. Choose Active Directory for Authentication method and click the Copy to clipboard icon in the lower right corner of the code



- c. Log in to the CWMGR1 server with an account that is a member of the Level3 Technicians group
- d. Run the copied code in PowerShell to map the drive
- e. Do the same for each share while choosing a different drive letter for each

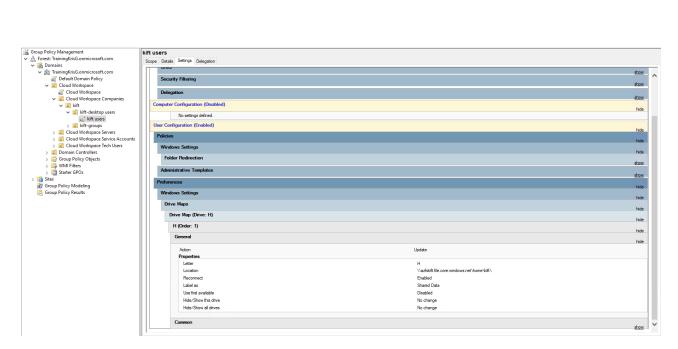
- 2. Disable inheritance on the <company code> directories
- 3. System and the AD Group ClientDHPAccess should have Full Control to the <company code> directories
- 4. Domain Computers should have Full Control to the <company code> directory in the pro share as well as the ProfileContainers directory within
- 5. The <company code>-all users AD group should have List folder/read data permissons to the <company code> directories in the home and pro shares
- 6. The <company code>-all users AD group should have the below Special permissions for the directory in the data share



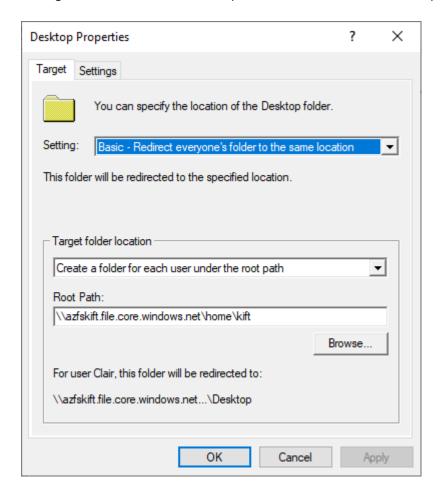
7. The <company code>-all users AD group should have the Modify permission on the ProfileContainers directory

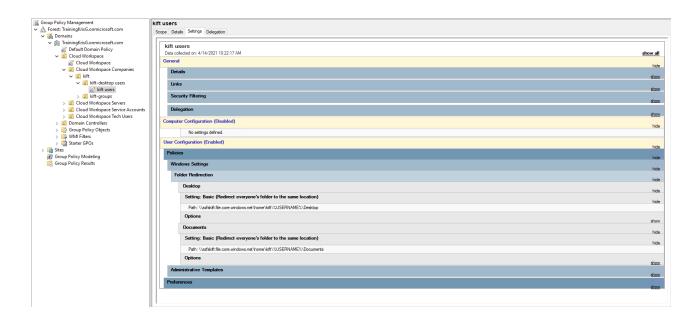
Update Group Policy Objects

- 1. Update the GPO <company code> users located under Cloud Workspace > Cloud Workspace Companies > <company code> > <company code> company code> > <company code> company code> > <company code> <company
 - a. Change the Home drive mapping to point the new home share



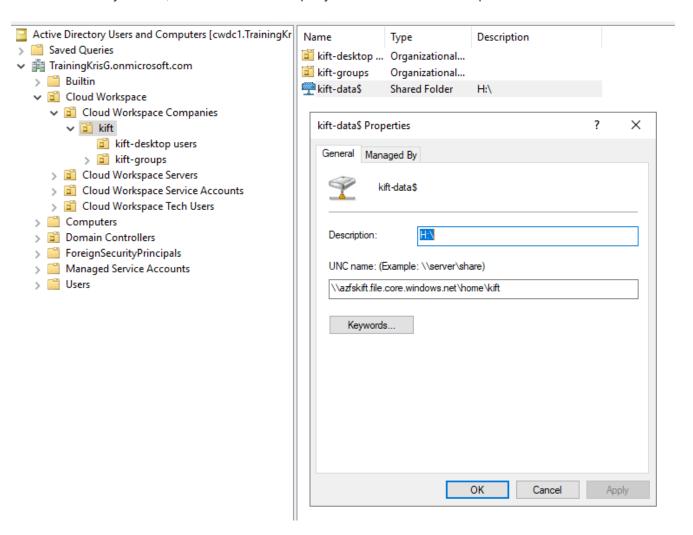
b. Change the Folder Redirection to point the home share for Desktop and Documents





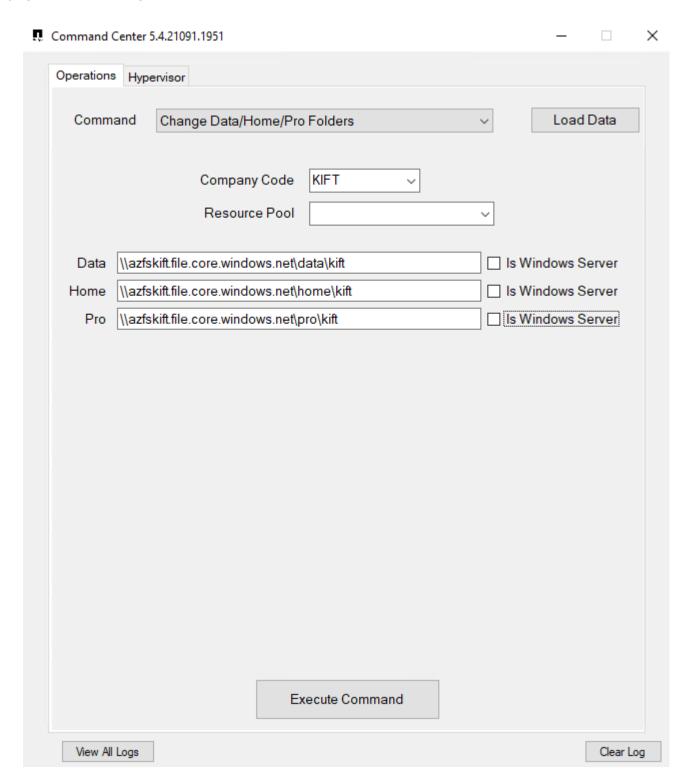
Update the share in Active Directory Users and Computers

1. With classic or hybrid AD, the share in the company code OU needs to be updated to the new location



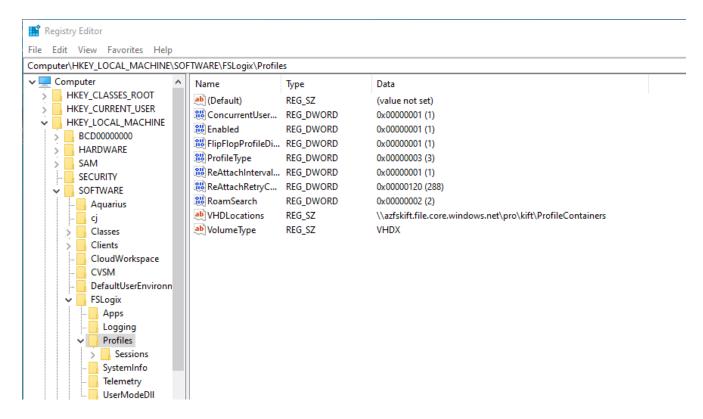
Update Data/Home/Pro paths in VDS

- 1. Log in to CWMGR1 with an account in the Level3 Technicians group and launch Command Center
- 2. In the Command drop down, select Change Data/Home/Pro Folders
- 3. Click the Load Data button, then be sure the proper company code is selected from the drop down
- 4. Enter the new patsh for the data, home, and pro locations
- 5. Uncheck the Is Windows Server box
- 6. Click the Execute Command button



Update FSLogix profile paths

- 1. Open registry editory on the session hosts
- 2. Edit the VHDLoccations entry at HKLM\SOFTWARE\FSLogix\Profiles to be the UNC path to the new ProfileContainers directory



Configure Backups

- 1. It is recommended to set up and configure a backup policy for the new shares
- Create a new Recovery Services Vault in the same resource group
- 3. Navigate to the vault and select Backup under Getting Started
- 4. Choose Azure for where the workload is running and Azure file share for what you want to back up then click Backukp
- Select the storage account used to create the shares
- 6. Add the shares to back up
- 7. Edit and Create a backup policy that fits your needs

Data Migration Considerations

Overview

Migrating data is a near-universal requirement when migrating to a cloud solution of any type. While Admins are responsible for migrating data into their Virtual Desktops, NetApp's experience is available and has proven invaluable for innumerable Customer migrations. The Virtual Desktop environment is simply a hosted Windows environment, so any methods desired can likely be accommodated.

Data that is typically migrated:

- User profiles (Desktop, Documents, Favorites, etc...)
- · File Server Shares
- Data Shares (App data, databases, backup caches)

In the Virtual Desktop environment there are two primary places where data is stored and organized:

- The User (typically H:\) drive: This is the mapped drive visible for each User.
 - This is mapped back to the <DRIVE>:\home\CustomerCode\user.name\ path
 - ∘ Each user has their own H:\ drive and can not see another User
- The Shared (typically I:\) drive: This is the shared mapped drive visible for all users
 - This is mapped back to the <DRIVE>:\data\CustomerCode\ path
 - All users can access this drive. Their level of access to contained folders/file is managed in the Folders section of VDS.

Generic migration process

- 1. Replicate data to the Cloud Environment
- 2. Move data to the appropriate path for H:\ and I:\ drives
- 3. Assign appropriate permissions in the Virtual Desktop environment

FTPS transfers & considerations

Migration with FTPS

- 1. If the FTPS server role was enabled during the CWA deployment process, gather FTPS credentials by logging into VDS, navigating to Reports and running the Master Client Report for your organization
- 2. Upload data
- 3. Move data to the appropriate path for the H:\ and I:\ drives
- 4. Assign appropriate permissions in the Virtual Desktop environment via the Folders module



When transferring data via FTPS, any interruption will prevent the data from being transferred as intended. Since servers managed by Virtual Desktop Services are rebooted nightly, the standard overnight transmission strategy will likely be interrupted. To get around this, admins can enable Migration Mode to prevent VMs from being rebooted for 1 week.

Enabling Migration Mode is easy – navigate to the organization, then scroll down to the Virtual Desktop Settings section and check the box for Migration Mode, then click Update.



NetApp recommends that Admins enable a compliance setting that helps organizations meet PCI, HIPAA and NIST controls via hardening the deployment's gateways, etc. This also disallows the default FTP server role, if enabled, from accepting default, unencrypted transmissions via port 21. FileZilla does not allow SFTP, which means that connections should be made using FTPS over port 990.

To enable that setting, connect to CWMGR1 and navigate to the CwVmAutomationService program, then enable PCI v3 compliance.

Sync tools and considerations

Enterprise File Sync and Share, often referred to as EFSS or sync tools, can be extremely useful in migrating data, as the tool will capture changes on each side until cutover. Tools like OneDrive, which comes with Office 365, can help you sync fileserver data. It is also useful for VDI User deployments as well, where there is a 1:1 relationship between the User and the VM, as long as the User doesn't attempt to sync shared content onto their VDI Server when shared data can be deployed once to the Shared (typically I:\) drive for the whole organization to use.

Migrating SQL and Similar Data (Open Files)

Common sync and/or migration solutions do not transfer open files, which includes file types like:

- · Mailbox (.ost) files
- · QuickBooks files
- · Microsoft Access files
- · SQL databases

This means that if one single element of the entire file (1 new email appears, for example) or database (1 new record is entered into a app's system) then the entire file is different and standard sync tools (Dropbox, for example) will think it is an entirely new file and needs to be moved again. There are specialized tools available for purchase from 3rd party providers, if desired.

Another common way these migrations are handled is via providing access to a 3rd party VAR, who often have streamlined of importing/exporting databases.

Shipping drives

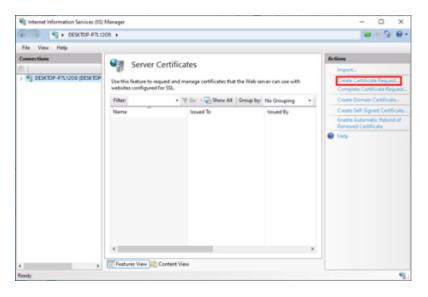
Many data center providers no longer ship hard drives – either that, or they require you to follow their specific policies and procedures.

Microsoft Azure is enabling organizations to use Azure Data Box, which Admins can take advantage of by coordinating with their Microsoft representatives.

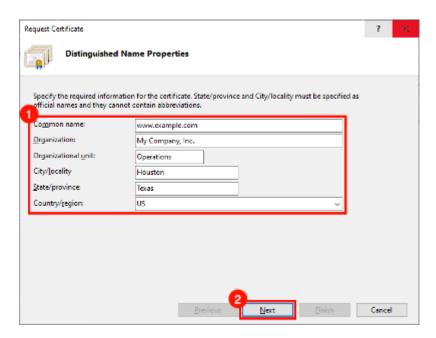
Wildcard SSL Certificate Renewal Process

Create a certificate signing request (CSR):

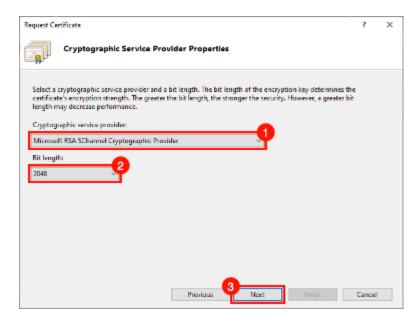
- 1. Connect to CWMGR1
- 2. Open IIS Manager from Administrator Tools
- 3. Select CWMGR1 and open Server Certificates
- 4. Click on Create Certificate Request in the Actions pane



- 5. Fill out the Distinguished Name Properties in the Request Certificate Wizard and click Next:
 - a. Common Name: FQDN of Wildcard *.domain.com
 - b. Organization: Your company's legally registered name
 - c. Organizational unit: 'IT' works fine
 - d. City: City where company is located
 - e. State: State where company is located
 - f. Country: Country where company is located



6. On the Cryptographic Service Provider Properties page, verify the below appears and click Next:



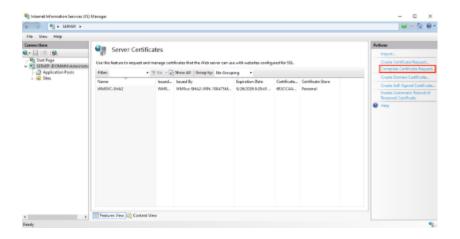
7. Specify a file name and browse to a location where you want to save the CSR. If you do not specify a location, the CSR will be in C:\Windows\System32:



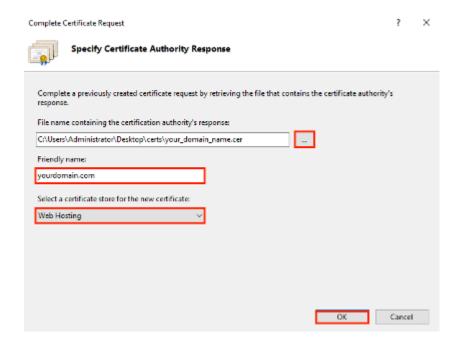
- 8. Click Finish when completed. You will use this text file to submit your order to certificate registrar
- 9. Reach out to registrar support to purchase a new Wildcard SSL for your certificate: *.domain.com
- After receiving your SSL certificate, save the SSL certificate .cer file in a location on CWMGR1 and follow the below steps.

Installing and configuring CSR:

- 1. Connect to CWMGR1
- 2. Open IIS Manager from Administrator Tools
- Select CWMGR1 and open 'Server Certificates'
- 4. Click on Complete Certificate Request in the Actions pane



5. Complete the below fields in the Complete Certificate Request and click OK:



- a. File Name: Select .cer file that was saved previously
- b. Friendly name: *.domain.com
- c. Certificate store: Select either Web Hosting or Personal

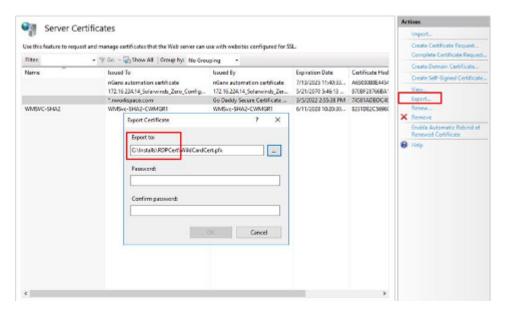
Assigning SSL certificate:

1. Verify that Migration Mode is not enabled. This can be found on the Workspace Overview page under Security Settings in VDS.

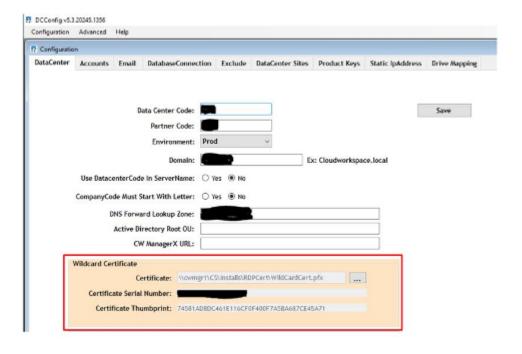


2. Connect to CWMGR1

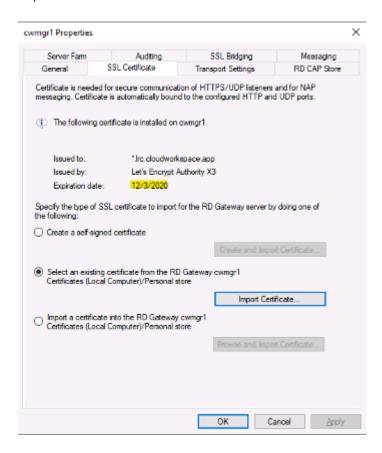
- 3. Open IIS Manager from Administrator Tools
- 4. Select CWMGR1 and open 'Server Certificates'
- 5. Click on Export in the Actions pane
- 6. Export the certificate in .pfx format
- 7. Create a password. Store password as it will be needed to import or re-use .pfx file in the future
- 8. Save .pfx file to the C:\installs\RDPcert directory
- 9. Click OK and close IIS Manager



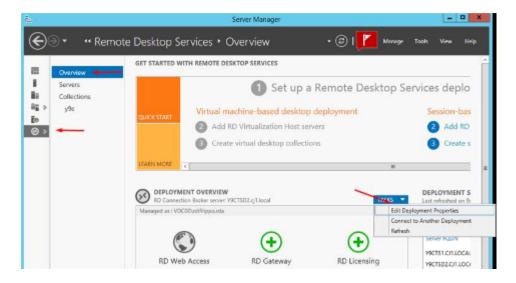
- 10. Open DCConfig
- 11. Under Wildcard Certificate, update the Certificate path to new .pfx file
- 12. Enter .pfx password when prompted
- 13. Click Save



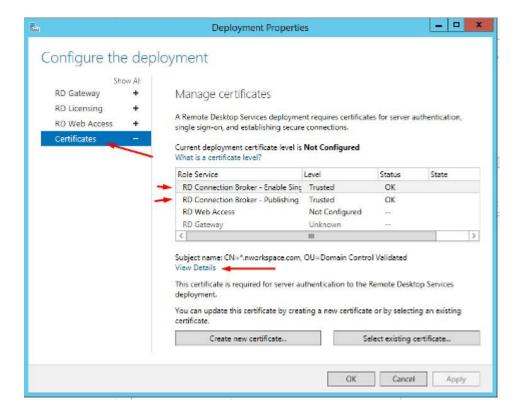
- 14. If the certificate is valid for 30 more days, allow automation to apply the new certificate during the morning Daily Actions task throughout the week
- 15. Periodically check the Platform servers to verify that the new certificate has propagated. Validate and test user connectivity to confirm.
 - a. On the server, go to Admin Tools
 - b. Select Remote Desktop Services > Remote Desktop Gateway Manager
 - c. Right click on gateway server name, select Properties. Click on the SSL Certificate tab to review expiration date



- 16. Periodically check the client VMs that are running the Connection Broker role
 - a. Go to Server Manager > Remote Desktop Services
 - b. Under Deployment Overview, select Tasks dropdown and choose Edit Deployment Properties

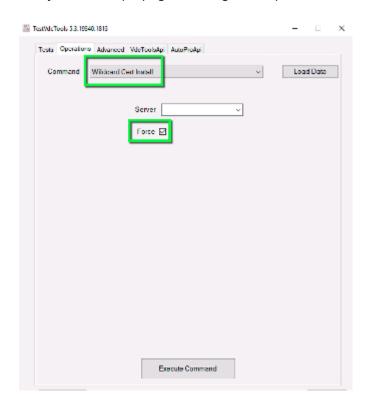


c. Click on Certificates, select certificate and click View Details. Expiration date will be listed.





- 17. If less than 30 days or you prefer to push out the new certificate immediately, force the update with TestVdcTools. This should be done during a maintenance window as connectivity for any users logged in and your connection to CWMGR1 will be lost.
 - a. Go to C:\Program Files\CloudWorkspace\TestVdcTools, click the Operations tab and select the Wildcard Cert-Install command
 - b. Leave the server field blank
 - c. Check the Force box
 - d. Click Execute Command
 - e. Verify certificate propagates using the steps listed above



AVD Teardown Guide

Overview

This article covers the removal of VDS and NetApp control while maintaining AVD end user access. Going forward management would be with native Azure/Windows administration tools. After this process is complete it is recommended to contact VDSsupport@netapp.com so that NetApp can clean up our back-end and billing systems.

Initial state

- AVD Deployment
- TDS1 is FS Logix Fileshare
- TS1 is Session Host
- · User has logged in and FS Logix disk was created in:

```
\\****TSD1\****-Pro$\ProfileContainers (**** = Unique Company Code)
```

Delete CW Agent service

The CW Agent runs on every machine in the environment. The service that starts this process should be uninstalled with the following command on every VM in the environment. CWMGR1 can be skipped as that VM will be shut down and eventually deleted in most cases. Ideally this action would be run via scripted automation. The video below shows it done manually.

```
C:\Program files\CloudWorkspace\CwAgent\CwAgent.exe -u
```

Delete CW Agent service video

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Delete CW agent directory

The previous uninstall removed the service that launches CW Agent but the files remain. Delete the directory:

```
"C:\Program Files\CloudWorkspace"
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Delete CW Agent directory video

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Remove startup shortcuts

The startup items directory contains two shortcuts to files deleted in the previous step. To avoid end user error messages, these files should be deleted.

"C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp\Pen.lnk"
"C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start
Menu\Programs\StartUp\CwRemoteApps.lnk"

Remove startup shortcuts video

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Unlink 'Users' and 'Companies' GPOs

There are three GPOs implemented by VDS. We recommend un-linking two of them and reviewing the content of the third.

Unlink:

- AADDC Users > Cloud Workspace Companies
- AADDC Users > Cloud Workspace Users

Review:

AADDC Computers > Cloud Workspace Computers

Unlink 'Users' and 'Companies' GPOs video

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Shutdown CWMGR1

With the GPO Changes applied we can now shut down the CWMGR1 VM. Once continued AVD functionality is confirmed this VM can be deleted permanently.

In extremely rare cases there is a need to maintain this VM if another server role is running (e.g. DC, FTP Server...). In that event, three services can be disabled to disable the VDS functionality on CWMGR1:

- CW Agent (See Above)
- · CW Automation Service
- CW VM Automation

Shutdown CWMGR1 video

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Delete NetApp VDS service accounts

The Azure AD service accounts used by VDS can be removed. Login in the Azure Management Portal and delete the users:

- CloudWorkspaceSVC
- CloudWorkspaceCASVC

Other user accounts can be retained:

- · End users
- Azure administrator
- · .tech domain admins

Delete NetApp VDS service accounts video

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Delete app registrations

Two App Registrations are made when deploying VDS. These can be deleted:

- Cloud Workspace API
- Cloud Workspace AVD

Delete app registrations video

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Delete enterprise applications

Two Enterprise Applications are deployed when deploying VDS. These can be deleted:

- Cloud Workspace
- Cloud Workspace Management API

Delete enterprise applications video

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Confirm CWMGR1 is stopped

Before testing that the end users can still connect, confirm the CWMGR1 is stopped for a realistic test.

Confirm CWMGR1 is stopped video

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Login and end user

To confirm success, login as an end user and confirm functionality is maintained.

Login and end user video

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