

Cisco WAAS Optimized For High Performance Citrix XenDesktop



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Business Challenges

In typical branch-office scenarios, the WAN can adversely affect the user experience while using virtual desktops for applications, data and video, and require costly bandwidth upgrades for scaling virtual desktops over the WAN. Overcoming these challenges can accelerate the enterprise-wide deployment of desktop virtualization and improve the return on investment (ROI).

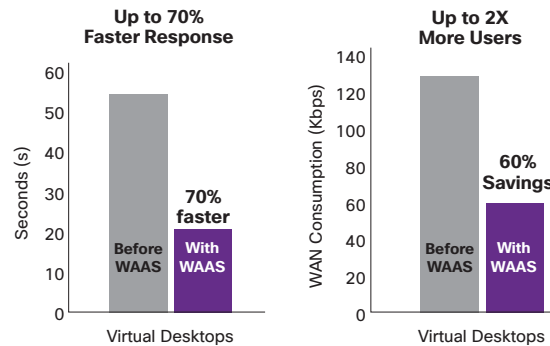
Cisco and Citrix Supported Solution

Citrix XenDesktop transforms Microsoft Windows desktops and applications into on-demand services available to any user, anywhere, on any device. Cisco WAAS accelerates applications over the WAN, delivers video to the branch office, and enables IT centralization in data centers and clouds. Cisco and Citrix have collaborated so that customers can deploy Cisco WAAS to optimize Citrix XenDesktop over the WAN, with the following benefits (Figure 1):

High-Quality User Experience

Cisco WAAS accelerates Citrix XenDesktop, improving the end-user experience by up to 70 percent while accessing applications, data, video, and printing using virtual desktops.

Figure 1. Cisco WAAS Optimizations for Citrix XenDesktop



Greater Scalability and Lower WAN Costs

Cisco WAAS reduces the bandwidth consumed by virtual desktop sessions by up to 60 percent, enabling support for up to twice the users without costly WAN upgrades.

Rapid Deployment

Cisco WAAS optimizations for Citrix require no changes to the virtual desktop client or server and offers automated interoperability with Citrix XenDesktop encryption and compression. This joint solution is validated and supported by Citrix and Cisco, so customers can deploy it with confidence for enterprise-wide rollouts of virtual desktops.

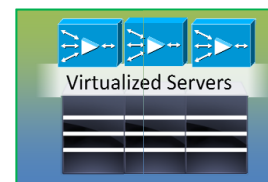
For more information, please visit www.cisco.com/go/waas or <http://www.citrix.com/xendesktop>

Cisco WAAS

Performance at scale for Citrix XenDesktop delivered to enterprise branch offices



Cisco WAAS Modules in Cisco ISR G2 Routers



Cisco Virtual WAAS with Cisco UCS™ Servers



Cisco WAAS Appliances



Cisco WAAS will be jointly tested, validated, supported and verified as a Citrix Ready™ solution at the time of availability of Cisco WAAS 4.5 software release.

“Citrix and Cisco’s strategic alliance agreement will allow our two companies to enable customers to scale their virtual desktop deployments with increased confidence and security, while also ensuring a high-quality desktop, voice and video experience for their users.”

–Sumit Dhawan, Group VP/GM, Citrix