

BLP Berwin Leighton Paisner



BLP Law Firm Deploys 1,400 Remote Desktops in Less Than Two Weeks

Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), the 13th largest law firm in the UK, provides legal services to customers across 130 countries with offices in eight countries. In 2011 BLP won over 10 awards including Best Legal Employer, Legal Adviser of the Year and has been named Law Firm of the Year 5 times.

Storage Bottleneck Stalls VMware View Deployment

BLP selected VMware View to provide remote desktop access for mobile users in the UK and international offices as part of their Windows 7 and Office 2010 rollout. BLP wanted to provide its lawyers remote access to their corporate desktop environment to avoid commuting to the central business district during the London Olympics games. During their rollout, IT encountered a storage performance bottleneck that caused poor desktop performance. The shared storage infrastructure was not capable of delivering IO performance required by the virtual desktops.

Accelerating VMware View Deployment with Atlantis

The BLP IT teams reached out to Atlantis Computing for help with the VDI project under a tight deadline as the Olympics were approaching. Within two weeks of contacting Atlantis Computing, the BLP IT team deployed 1,400 virtual desktops using Atlantis Diskless VDI. The virtual desktops running on ILIO delivered hundreds of IOPS per desktop using only the server RAM as primary storage for the virtual desktop images. BLP was able to eliminate shared storage from the VDI implementation and reclaim it for other projects. The IT team was thrilled to have their VMware View deployment completed in less than 2 weeks while providing a desktop experience that was significantly faster than a physical PC for its attorneys.

Atlantis Diskless VDI eliminated the need to size, install, and manage storage, lowering the overall project risk and cutting all storage operational costs. In addition, Atlantis Diskless VDI deployment is fully automated, and works in conjunction with VMware View Composer to complete the desktop provisioning process.

With Atlantis, BLP was successful in delivering high performance virtual desktops, enabling all their lawyers to telecommute in time for the 2012 London Olympics.



INDUSTRY: LEGAL

Business Drivers

- Remote desktops expansion project
- 2012 London Olympics telecommuting

Challenges

- IO performance bottleneck
- Storage deployment complexity

Atlantis Benefits

- Faster-than-PC desktop experience
- Low CAPEX and OPEX with storageless deployment
- Accelerated deployment — 1400 desktops in 2 weeks
- Reclaim storage for other projects



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