

FIND SUCCESS IN DIVERSIFIED VIRTUALIZATION STRATEGY

A Multi-hypervisor Strategy Guide

ESG interviewed IT professionals with varying levels of responsibility for their organizations' server virtualization and cloud computing environment and strategy.

SERVER VIRTUALIZATION IS A TOP IT PRIORITY



32%
of senior IT decision makers chose increased use of **SERVER VIRTUALIZATION** as one of their **TOP IT PRIORITIES**



CURRENT SERVER VIRTUALIZATION STRATEGIES

We asked IT professionals which of the following statements best describes your organization's server virtualization strategy?

 **5%**
currently use multiple hypervisors, but plan to standardize on one

 **31%**
currently use multiple hypervisors and plan to continue doing so



39% 
have standardized on a single hypervisor

24% 
currently use one hypervisor, but we plan to support additional hypervisors

EMBRACE A MULTI-HYPERVISOR STRATEGY



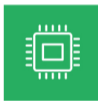
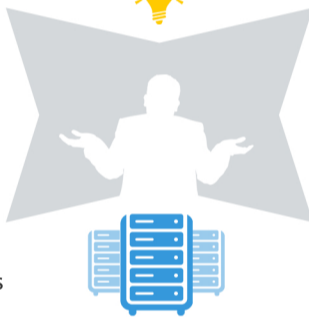
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FLEXIBILITY



DIFFERENT WORKLOADS REQUIRE A DIFFERENT TOOLSET



QUICKLY EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

CHALLENGES A MULTI-HYPERVISOR STRATEGY CAN PRESENT



SILO MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES



LACK OF VISIBILITY ACROSS ENTIRE INFRASTRUCTURE



DIFFICULTIES ACHIEVING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

HOW TO ELIMINATE MULTI-HYPERVISOR CHALLENGES



SELECT VIRTUALIZATION TECHNOLOGY BASED ON PRICE/PERFORMANCE ECONOMICS BY WORKLOAD.



LOOK FOR MODULAR, STANDARDS-BASED, AND INTEROPERABLE TECHNOLOGIES FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY.



INTRODUCE AN INTEROPERABLE CLOUD MANAGEMENT PLATFORM THAT:

- Optimizes capacity and utilization for the virtual infrastructure.
- Provides visibility and control across the entire virtual infrastructure.
- Extends into public and private cloud capabilities when you're ready.
- Integrates well with dev/ops platforms coming online.



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