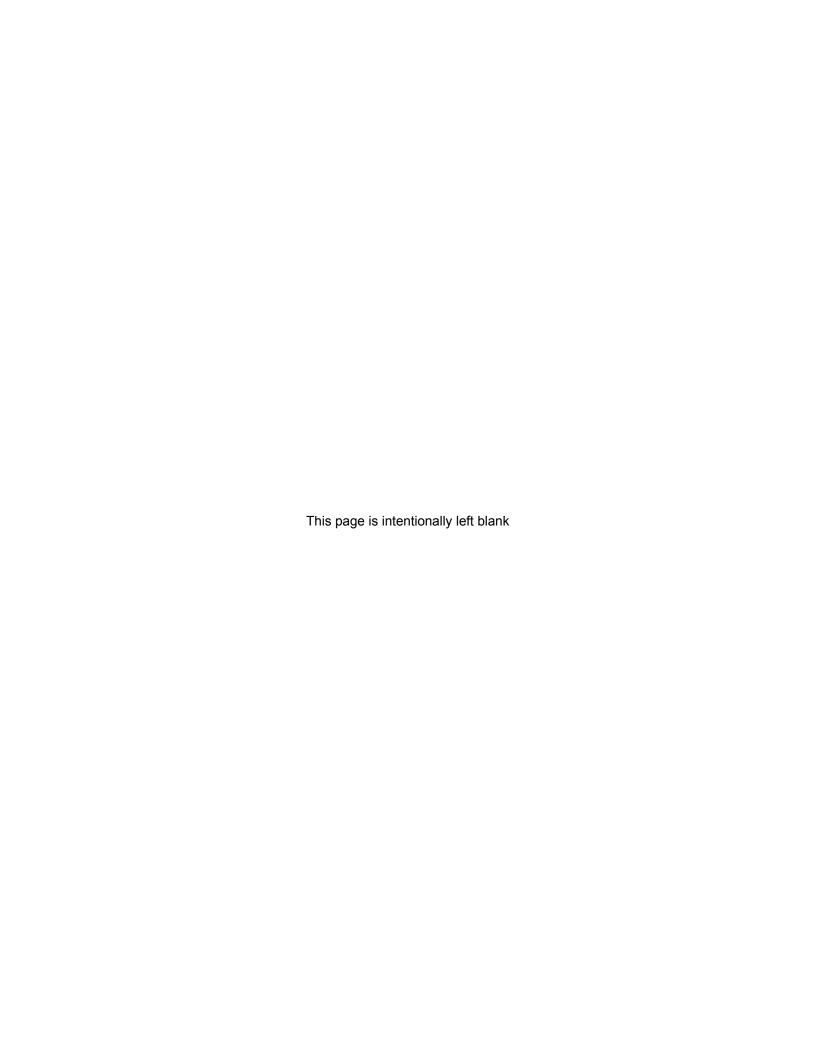


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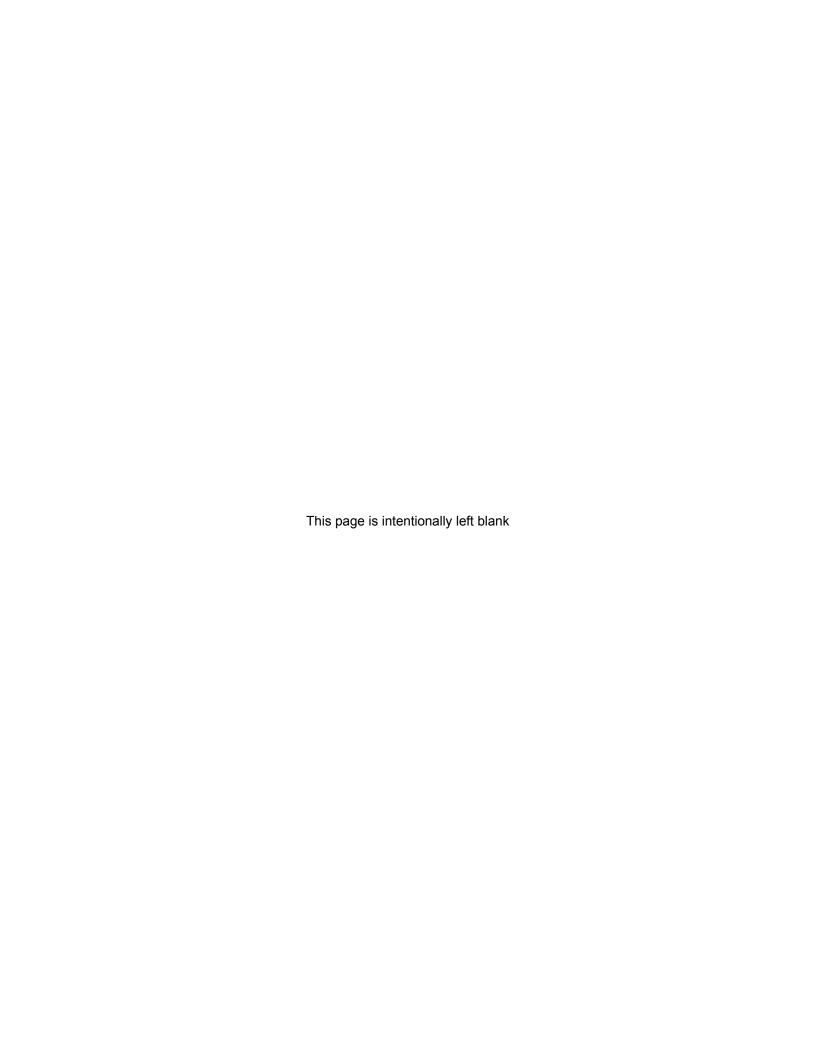
The Microsoft Official Academic Courses are mapped to Microsoft's extensive research and job-task analysis, the same research and analysis used to create the Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) exam. The textbooks focus on real skills for real jobs. As students work through the projects and exercises in the textbooks and labs, they enhance their level of knowledge and their ability to apply the latest Microsoft technology to everyday tasks. These students also gain resume-building credentials that can assist them in finding a job, keeping their current job, or in furthering their education.

The concept of life-long learning is today an utmost necessity. Job roles, and even whole job categories, are changing so quickly that none of us can stay competitive and productive without continuously updating our skills and capabilities. The Microsoft Official Academic Course offerings, and their focus on Microsoft certification exam preparation, provide a means for people to acquire and effectively update their skills and knowledge. Wiley supports students in this endeavor through the development and distribution of these courses as Microsoft's official academic publisher.

Today educational publishing requires attention to providing quality print and robust electronic content. By integrating Microsoft Official Academic Course products, MOAC Labs Online, and Microsoft certifications, we are better able to deliver efficient learning solutions for students and teachers alike.

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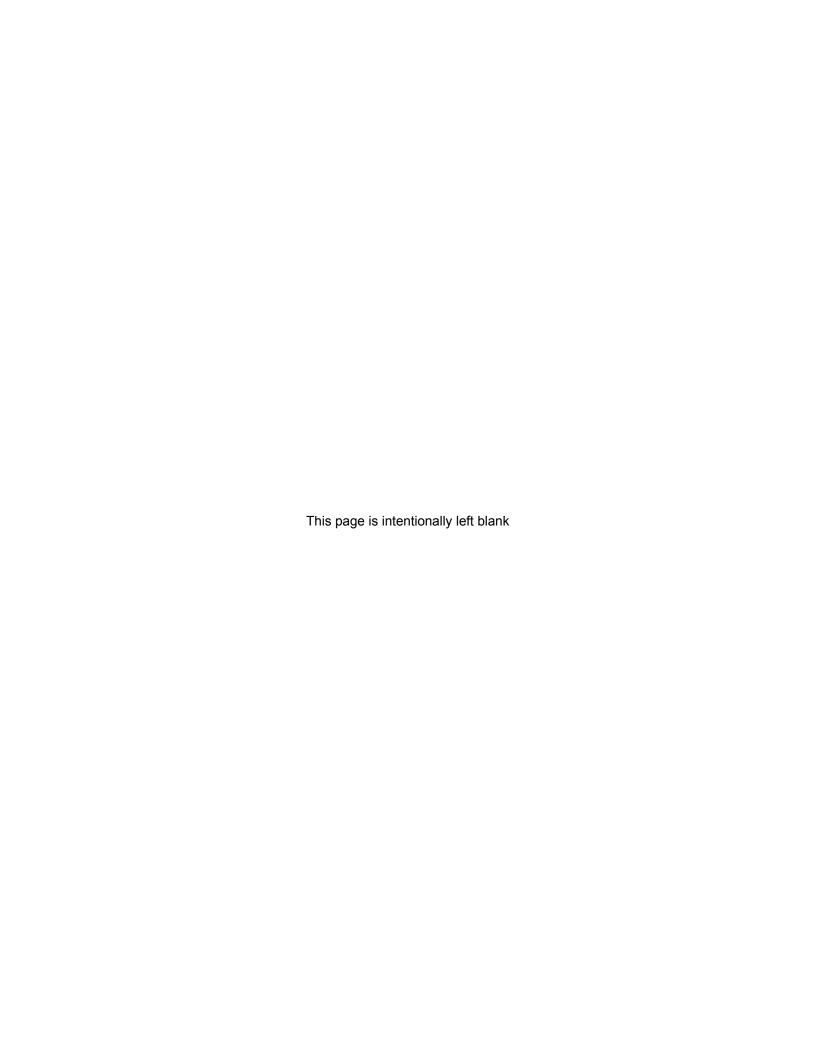
Welcome to the Microsoft Official Academic Course (MOAC) program for becoming a Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate for Windows 8. MOAC represents the collaboration between Microsoft Learning and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Microsoft and Wiley teamed up to produce a series of textbooks that deliver compelling and innovative teaching solutions to instructors and superior learning experiences for students. Infused and informed by in-depth knowledge from the creators of Windows 8, and crafted by a publisher known worldwide for the pedagogical quality of its products, these textbooks maximize skills transfer in minimum time. Students are challenged to reach their potential by using their new technical skills as highly productive members of the workforce.

Because this knowledgebase comes directly from Microsoft, architect of Windows 8 and creator of the Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate exams, you are sure to receive the topical coverage that is most relevant to students' personal and professional success. Microsoft's direct participation not only assures you that MOAC textbook content is accurate and current; it also means that students will receive the best instruction possible to enable their success on certification exams and in the workplace.

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Illustrated Book Tour

■ Textbook Organization

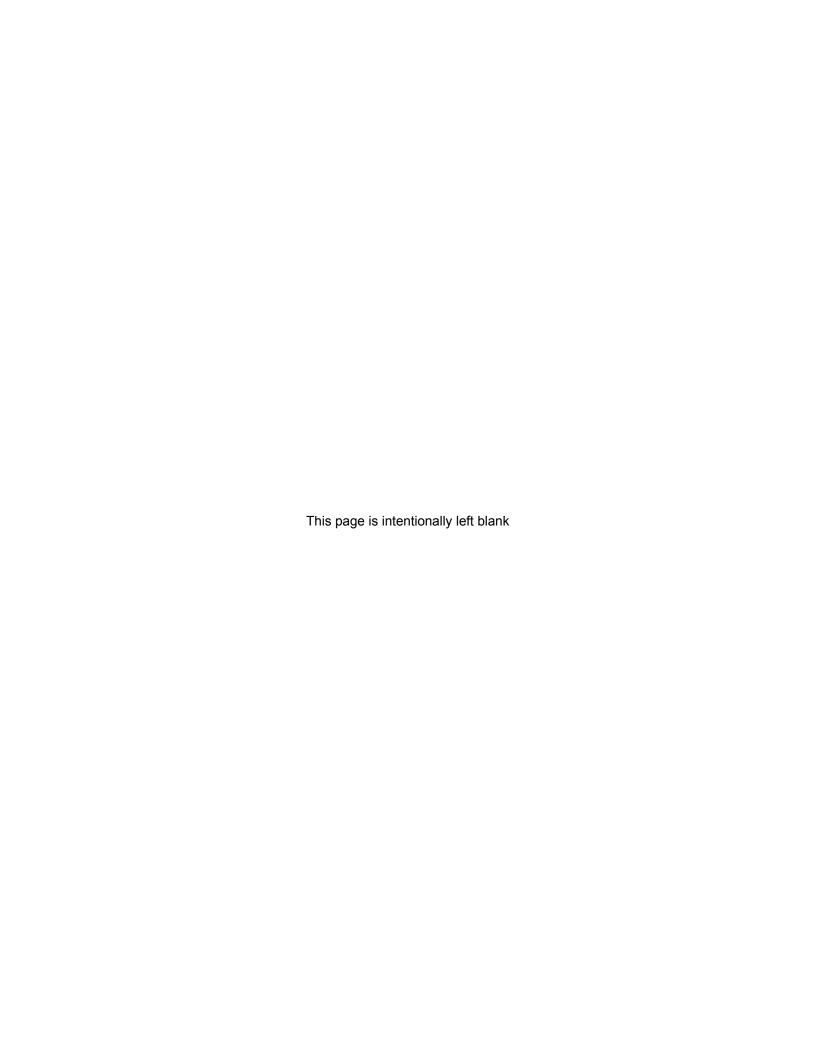
This textbook is organized in sixteen lessons, with each lesson corresponding to a particular exam objective for the 70-688 Managing and Maintaining Windows 8 exam. This MOAC textbook covers all the learning objectives for the 70-688 certification exam, which is the second of two exams needed in order to obtain a Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) certification. The exam objectives are highlighted throughout the textbook.

Pedagogical Features

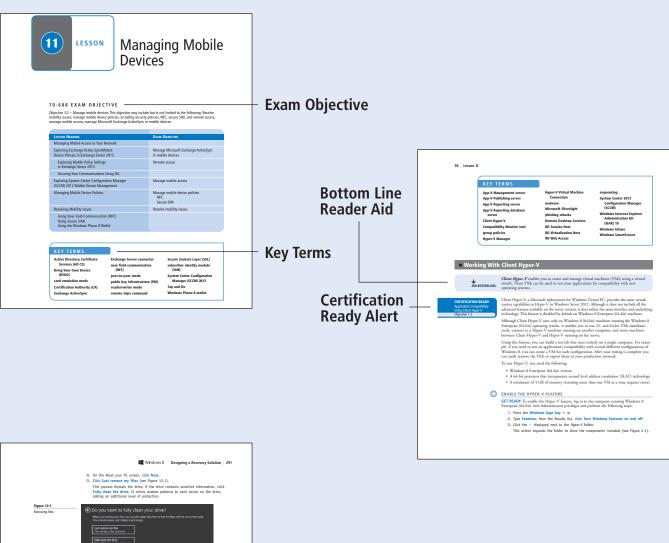
Many pedagogical features have been developed specifically for Microsoft Official Academic Course programs.

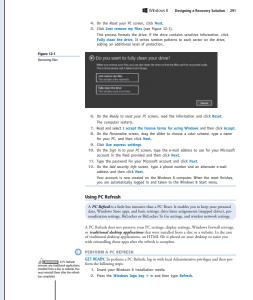
Presenting the extensive procedural information and technical concepts woven throughout the textbook raises challenges for the student and instructor alike. The Illustrated Book Tour that follows provides a guide to the rich features contributing to Microsoft Official Academic Course program's pedagogical plan. Following is a list of key features in each lesson designed to prepare students for success on the certification exams and in the workplace:

- Each lesson begins with an overview of the skills covered in the lesson. More than a standard list of learning objectives, the overview correlates skills to the certification exam objective.
- Illustrations: Screen images provide visual feedback as students work through the exercises. The images reinforce key concepts, provide visual clues about the steps, and allow students to check their progress.
- Key Terms: Important technical vocabulary is listed at the beginning of the lesson. When these terms are used later in the lesson, they appear in bold italic type and are defined.
- Engaging point-of-use reader aids, located throughout the lessons, tell students why this topic is relevant (*The Bottom Line*), provide students with helpful hints (*Take Note*), or show cross-references to where content is covered in greater detail (*X Ref*). Reader aids also provide additional relevant or background information that adds value to the lesson.
- Certification Ready features throughout the text signal students where a specific
 certification objective is covered. They provide students with a chance to check their
 understanding of that particular exam objective and, if necessary, review the section of
 the lesson where it is covered.
- Knowledge Assessments provide lesson-ending activities that test students' comprehension and retention of the material taught, presented using some of the question types that they'll see on the certification exam.
- An important supplement to this textbook is the accompanying lab work. Labs are
 available via a Lab Manual, and also by MOAC Labs Online. MOAC Labs Online
 provides students with the ability to work on the actual software simply by connecting
 through their Internet Explorer web browser. Either way, the labs use real-world
 scenarios to help students learn workplace skills associated with managing and
 maintaining Windows 8 in an enterprise environment.

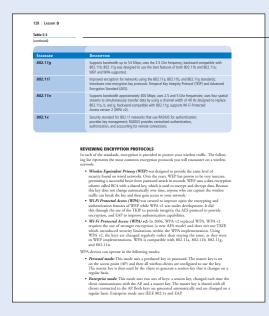


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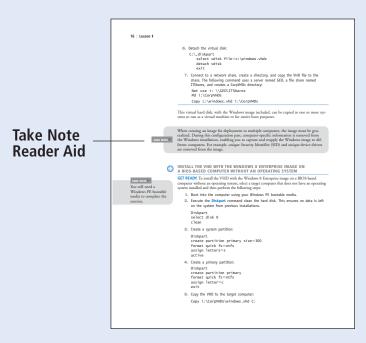


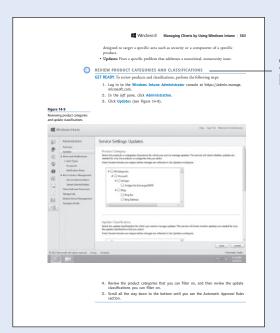


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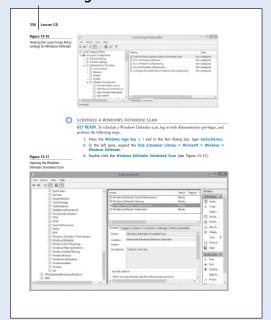
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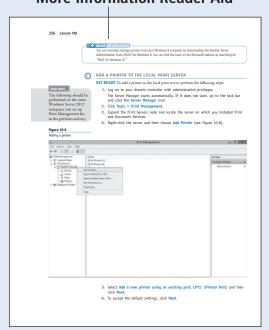
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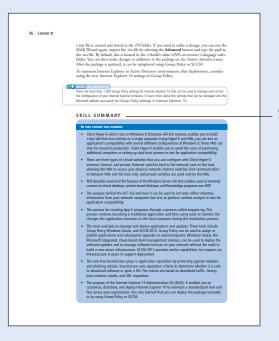




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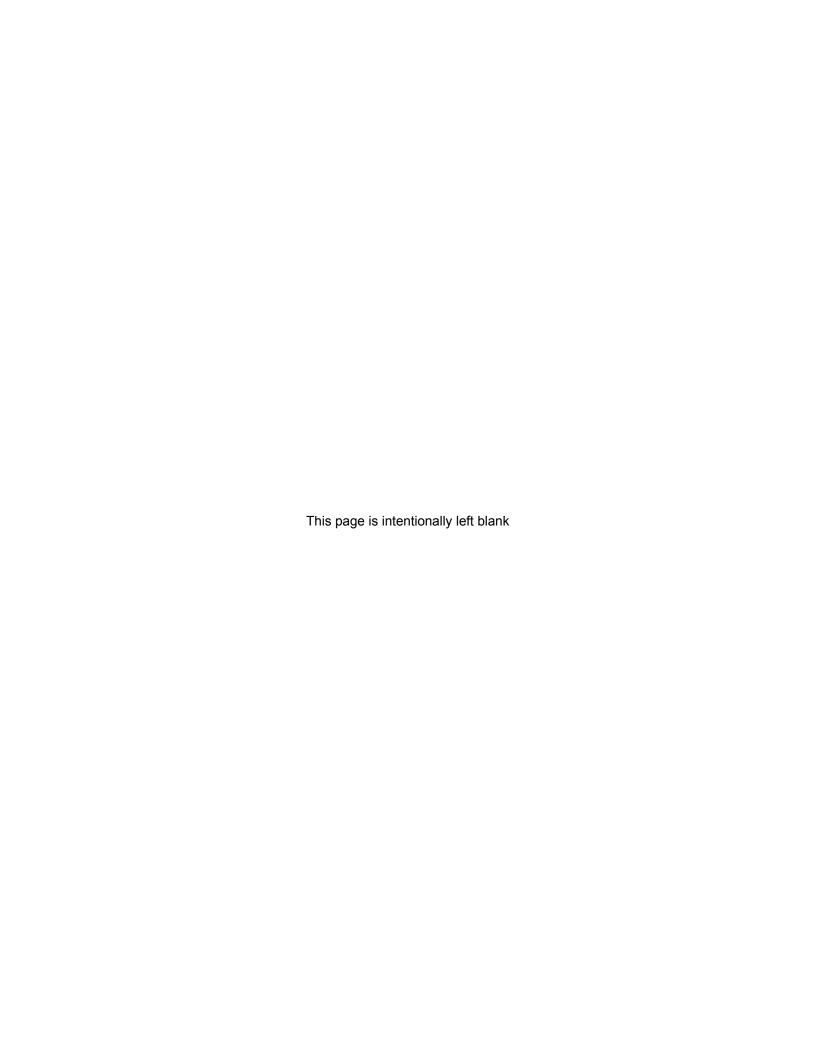




Conventions and Features Used in This Book

This book uses particular fonts, symbols, and heading conventions to highlight important information or to call your attention to special steps. For more information about the features in each lesson, refer to the Illustrated Book Tour section.

Convention	Meaning
THE BOTTOM LINE	This feature provides a brief summary of the material to be covered in the section that follows.
CERTIFICATION READY	This feature signals the point in the text where a specific certification objective is covered. It provides you with a chance to check your understanding of that particular exam objective and, if necessary, review the section of the lesson where it is covered.
TAKE NOTE* + MORE INFORMATION	Reader aids appear in shaded boxes found in your text. Take Note and More Information provide helpful hints related to particular tasks or topics.
WARNING	Warning points out instances when error or misuse could cause damage to the computer or network.
X REF	These <i>X Ref</i> notes provide pointers to information discussed elsewhere in the textbook or describe interesting features of Windows 8 that are not directly addressed in the current topic or exercise.
A shared printer can be used by many individuals on a network.	Key terms appear in bold italic.
cd\windows\system32\ ServerMigrationTools	Commands that are to be typed are shown in a special font.
Click Install Now.	Any button on the screen you are supposed to click on or select will appear in blue.



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 Companion site. By using these visuals in class discussions, you can help focus students'
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Microsoft Certification

Microsoft Certification has many benefits and enables you to keep your skills relevant, applicable, and competitive. In addition, Microsoft Certification is an industry standard that is recognized worldwide—which helps open doors to potential job opportunities. After you earn your Microsoft Certification, you have access to a number of benefits, which can be found on the Microsoft Certified Professional member site.

Microsoft Learning has reinvented the Microsoft Certification Program by building cloud-related skills validation into the industry's most recognized certification program. Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD) are Microsoft's flagship certifications for professionals who want to lead their IT organization's journey to the cloud. These certifications recognize IT professionals with broad and deep skill sets across Microsoft solutions. The Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) is the certification for aspiring IT professionals. These new certifications integrate cloud-related and

on-premise skills validation in order to support organizations and recognize individuals who have the skills required to be productive using Microsoft technologies.

On-premise or in the cloud, Microsoft training and certification empowers technology professionals to expand their skills and gain knowledge directly from the source. Securing these essential skills will allow you to grow your career and make yourself indispensable as the industry shifts to the cloud. Cloud computing ultimately enables IT to focus on more mission-critical activities, raising the bar of required expertise for IT professionals and developers. These reinvented certifications test on a deeper set of skills that map to real-world business context. Rather than testing only on a feature of a technology, Microsoft Certifications now validate more advanced skills and a deeper understanding of the platform.

Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA)

The Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) certification is for students preparing to get their first jobs in Microsoft technology. Whether in the cloud or on-premise, this certification validates the core platform skills needed in an IT environment. Earning an MCSA: Windows 8 certification will qualify you for a position as a computer support specialist.

The MCSA Windows 8 certification shows that you have the primary set of Windows 8 skills that are relevant across multiple solution areas in a business environment. Candidates for the 70-688 exam will show their knowledge in configuring and supporting Windows 8 computers, devices, users, and associated network and security resources. These networks are configured as a domain-based or peer-to-peer environment with access to the Internet and cloud services. This exam will validate the skills necessary to administer Windows 8-based computers and devices as a portion of broader technical responsibilities.

If you are a student new to IT who may not yet be ready for MCSA, the Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification is an optional starting point that may be available through your school.

You can learn more about the MCSA certification at the Microsoft Training & Certification website.

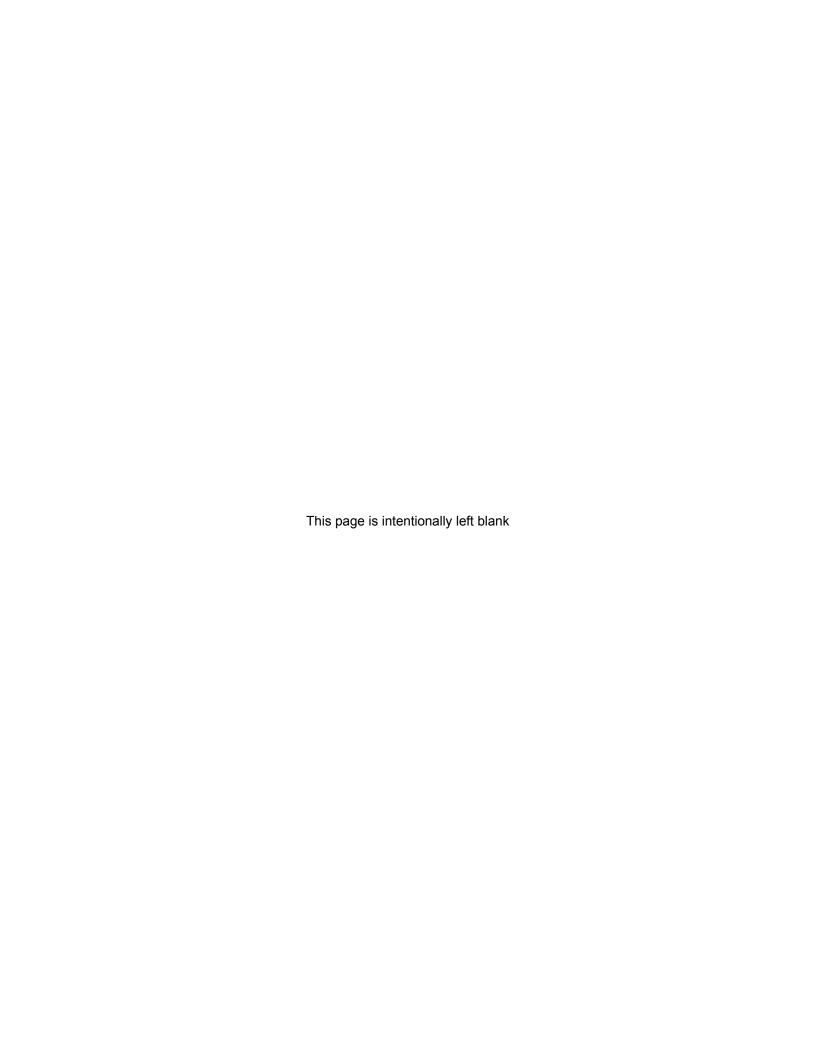
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Unless you are a very experienced user, you will need to use test preparation materials to prepare to complete the test correctly and within the time allowed. The Microsoft Official Academic Course series is designed to prepare you with a strong knowledge of all exam topics, and with some additional review and practice on your own, you should feel confident in your ability to pass the appropriate exam.

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To register for the 70-688 exam, visit Microsoft Training & Certifications Registration webpage for directions on how to register with Prometric, the company that delivers the MCSA exams. Keep in mind these important items about the testing procedure:

- What to expect. Microsoft Certification testing labs typically have multiple workstations, which may or may not be occupied by other candidates. Test center administrators strive to provide a quiet and comfortable environment for all test takers.
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- Nondisclosure agreement. At the testing center, Microsoft requires that you accept the terms of a nondisclosure agreement (NDA) and complete a brief demographic survey before taking your certification exam.



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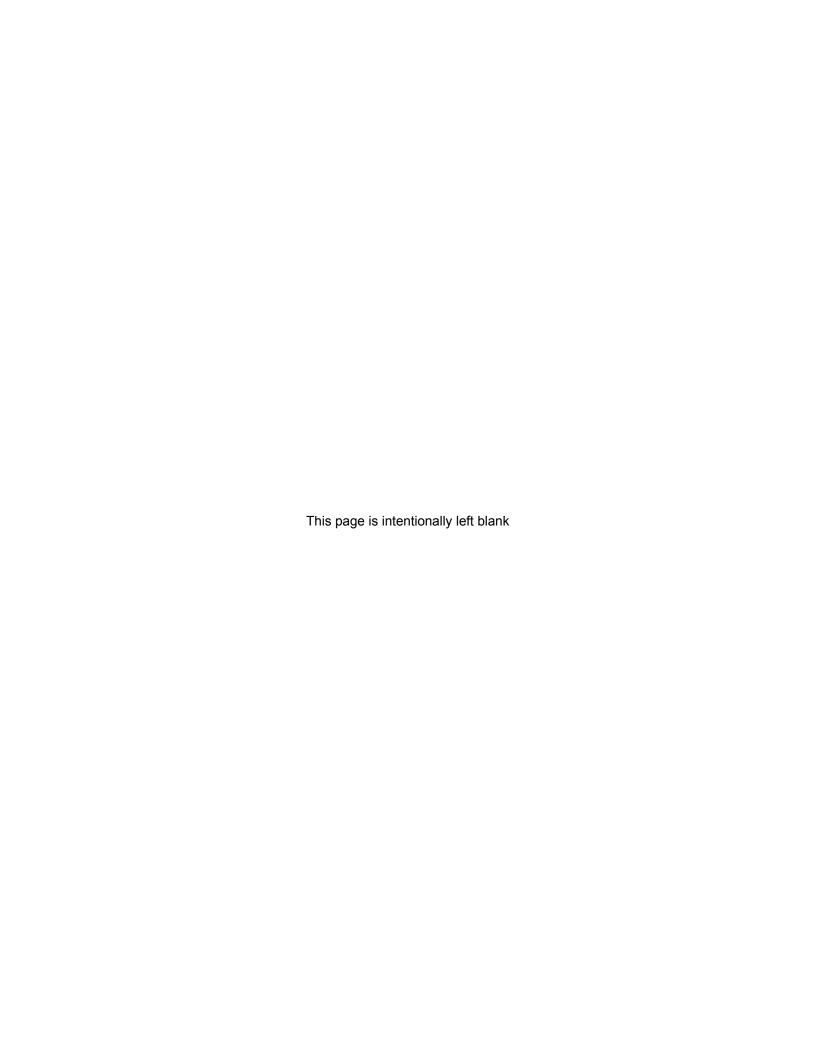
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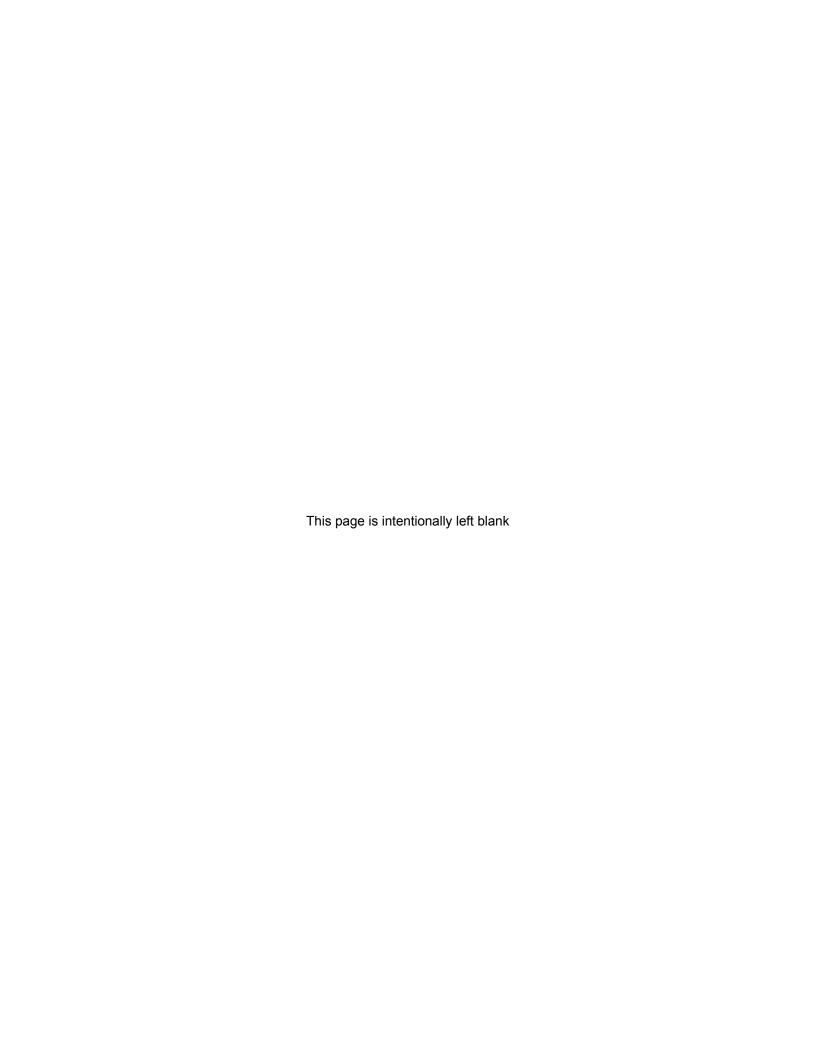
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Designing an Operating System Installation Strategy



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Objective 1.1 – Design an operating system installation strategy. This objective may include but is not limited to the following design considerations: Windows To Go; operating system virtualization; native VHD boot; multi-boot; upgrade vs. migration.

Lesson Heading	Exam Objective
Creating a Windows To Go Workspace	Windows To Go
Creating and Deploying a Windows To Go Workspace Drive	
Booting into a Windows To Go Workspace	
Virtualizing Operating Systems	Operating system virtualization
Exploring Operating System Virtualization	
Exploring User State Virtualization	
Exploring Application Virtualization (App-V)	
Configuring a Native VHD Boot File	Native VHD boot
Understanding VHD Formats	
Installing Windows 8 on a VHD with an Operating System Present	
Using BCDEdit and BDCBoot	
Configuring a Multi-Boot System	Multi-boot
Setting Up a Multi-Boot System	
Upgrading Versus Migrating to Windows 8	Upgrade vs. migration
Exploring the Application Compatibility Toolkit (ACT)	
Exploring the User State Migration Tool (USMT)	

KEY TERMS

ACT Log Processing Service (LPS)

ACT database

ACT LPS share

Application Compatibility Manager

Application Compatibility Toolkit

(ACT), 6.0

Application Virtualization (App-V)

Boot Configuration Data (BCD)

store

BCDboot (bcdboot.exe)

BCD Editor (bcdedit.exe) or

bcdedit

BitLocker To Go

Client Hyper-V

Deployment Image Services and

Management (DISM)

Disk Management console

(diskmgmt.msc)

Diskpart

Dynamically Expanding

Fixed Size

Group Policy Object (GPO)

Group Policy Management console

(gpmc.msc)

guest operating system

hardlink folder

Hyper-V

hypervisor (or virtual machine

manager)

inventory-collector package

Microsoft Compatibility

Exchange

Microsoft Desktop

Optimization Pack

(MDOP)

Microsoft Enterprise Desktop

Virtualization (MED-V)

MED-V workspace

multi-boot (dual boot)

native VHD boot

operating system

virtualization

personal virtual desktop

RD Connection Broker servers

RD Gateway servers

RD Licensing servers

RD Session Host servers

RD Web Access servers

RemoteApps

Remote Desktop Protocol

(RDP)

Remote Desktop Services (RDS)

runtime-analysis package

session virtualization

thin client

User State Virtualization (USV)

User State Migration Tool

(USMT) 5.0

User Experience Virtualization (UE-V)

virtual hard disk (VHD)

virtual machine

virtual machine manager (or

hypervisor)

VHD format

VHDX format

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

(VDI)

virtual desktop pool

Windows Easy Transfer

Windows 8

Pre-installation

Environment (PE) disk

Windows To Go workspace

Workspace to Go Creator (pwcreator.exe)

Creating A Windows To Go Workspace



Windows To Go is a feature available with Windows 8 Enterprise clients that allows you to boot a full version of Windows 8 Enterprise from an external USB drive on a host computer.

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Windows To Go is a feature in Windows 8 Enterprise edition that allows you to create a Windows To Go workspace on an external USB 3.0 drive. This enables your users to boot a full version of Windows 8 from removable media. The drive uses the same image installed on a corporate desktop and laptop; therefore, you can manage them in the same manner and use the same tools. The drive itself must be connected to a host computer running on a Windows 7 or later certified operating system to function.



Creating and Deploying a Windows To Go Workspace Drive

You can create a Windows to Go workspace drive for employees working from home, contractors on temporary assignment and for employees who travel between sites and need access to corporate resources and applications. This provides them with mobility while also allowing you to manage the devices as part of your corporate policies.

The *Workspace to Go Creator (pwcreator.exe)* is used to create Windows To Go workspaces. You can also use a USB duplicator product but that will require you to duplicate the drive before it is booted and initialized.

To create a Windows To Go workspace, you will need:

- A USB drive that supports Windows To Go (32GB or larger).
- A computer running Windows 8 Enterprise edition.
- A Windows 8 Enterprise ISO, Windows 8 Enterprise installation media, or a corporate Windows image (.wim) created from Windows 8 Enterprise media.
- Local administrator access on the computer.

To protect the drive in case it is lost or stolen, you have the option to configure BitLocker To Go during the setup of the workspace. BitLocker To Go allows you to encrypt a removable drive and restrict access with a password or a smart card.

Once your removable drive is setup, you can deploy the Windows To Go workspace centrally or by allowing individual users to create their own workspaces. Central management and deployment requires System Center Configuration Manager 2012 Service Pack 1.



CREATE A WINDOWS TO GO WORKSPACE

GET READY. To create a Windows to Go workspace, log on as an administrator to a computer running Windows 8 Enterprise edition and then perform the following steps:

- 1. Connect a Windows To Go USB certified device to the host.
- 2. Press the Windows logo key + w.
- 3. Type Windows To Go and then select it from the Results list.
- 4. Select the USB drive you connected earlier and then click Next.
- 5. Click the Windows image that appears or click Add search location to locate one. Click Next to continue.
- 6. Click Create to format the drive.
- 7. (Optional) Select the Use BitLocker with my Windows To Go workspace checkbox and then type a password. Click Next.

TAKE NOTE

Enabling BitLocker on the Windows To Go workspace will protect the drive if it is lost or stolen. Using this feature will require you to type a password each time you use the workspace.

- 8. Click Create to setup the Windows To Go workspace.
- 9. Click Yes to automatically boot from the USB drive when you restart the host or click No if you want to change the PC's firmware settings to use the workspace.

Figure 1-1

Selecting the Windows To Go Startup Option



If you click Yes, your computer will automatically boot to the Windows To Go workspace every time a USB drive is detected. If you click No, you will need to change startup options in your computer's firmware. You do this by entering your firmware setup using the appropriate function key for your specific type of BIOS. This is usually the F12 key but you may need to check the manufacturer's website to determine the appropriate key.

If you decide to modify this setting later or want to use the Windows To Go workspace drive on another computer and need to make sure it is configured appropriately, access the Windows To Go control panel using the steps in the following exercise.



CHANGE WINDOWS TO GO STARTUP OPTIONS

GET READY. To change Windows to Go startup options, perform the following steps:

- 1. Log in to your Windows 8 client device with administrative privileges.
- 2. Press the Windows log key + r.
- **3.** In the Run dialog box, type **control panel**.
- 4. Click the Hardware and Sound category.
- 5. In the Devices and Printers category, click Change Windows To Go startup options.
- **6.** Click **Yes** to automatically boot from an attached USB drive or click **No** to configure the settings manually.

Booting into a Windows To Go Workspace

To take full advantage of the Windows To Go Workspace, you need to have a good understanding of what the requirements for the host computer are and the resources that can and cannot be accessed on the host.

When deciding on the host to use for a Windows To Go workspace drive, you should make sure it has been certified for use with Windows 7 or Windows 8.

Table 1-1 lists the hardware requirements for Windows To Go workspace hosts.

Table 1-1 Hardware Requirements for Windows To Go Workspace Hosts

Hardware	REQUIREMENT
Firmware	Must support booting from USB.
Processor architecture	Must support the image on the Windows To Go drive.
External USB hubs	USB hubs are not supported; you must connect the drive directly to the host computer.
Processor	1 Ghz or faster.
Memory	2 GB or greater.
Graphics	DirectX 9 graphics device with a WDDM 1.2 or greater driver.
USB ports	USB 2.0 or greater. Using a USB 3.0 port will result in increased performance in both drive provisioning and when the drive is used as a workspace.

In addition to the information listed Table 1-1, the Windows To Go image on the USB drive must be compatible with the processor architecture and the firmware on the host PC.

Table 1-2 lists the processor/firmware types and Windows To Go image requirements for Windows To Go workspace hosts.

Table 1-2 Windows To Go compatibility with Host firmware and processor types

Host PC Firmware	Host Processor	WINDOWS TO GO IMAGE THAT CAN BE USED
32-bit Legacy BIOS 64-bit Legacy BIOS	32-bit 64-bit	32-bit image only
32-bit UEFI BIOS 64-bit UEFI BIOS	32-bit 64-bit	32-bit image only 64-bit image only

Once you have identified a suitable host for your Windows To Go workspace drive, insert the drive and power on the computer. If you configured a BitLocker to Go password, you will need to enter it before you can access the drive. The first time you boot a host from the Windows To Go workspace, it will scan for hardware devices and then install the appropriate drivers. The information it finds is cached; therefore, the next time you boot from the same computer the process will be faster because drivers are loaded automatically. Windows To Go workspace operates just like any other installation of Windows but there are a few differences you will need to be aware of.

Once you log in, you will notice the internal disks on the host system are offline to protect against accidental exposure of data. If you insert the USB drive into a system that is already running, you will also notice that it will not be listed in File Explorer. The Hibernate feature is disabled to prevent data corruption during roaming and the Windows Store is disabled by

default. The Windows Store application is disabled because applications licensed through the store are linked to your hardware.

MANAGING WINDOWS TO GO WORKSPACES USING GROUP POLICY

A Group Policy Object (GPO) that controls the behavior of Windows To Go workspaces can be created and managed at the enterprise level using the Group Policy Management console (gpmc.msc) and Active Directory. A GPO is a collection of settings that determine how the system for a group of users and/or computers will function. The GPO is then associated with Active Directory containers such as sites, domains, or organizational units.

The settings that are applicable to Windows To Go workspace can be found in the following section of a GPO:

Computer Configuration\Policies\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Portable Operating System

- Allow hibernate (S4) when starting from a Windows To Go workspace: Specifies whether the PC can go into hibernation mode when started from a Windows To Go workspace.
- · Windows To Go Default Startup Options: This policy controls whether the PC will boot to Windows To Go if a USB device containing a Windows To Go workspace is connected and also controls whether users can make changes to the startup options in the Windows To Go Startup Options Control Panel.
- Disallow standby sleep states (S1-S3) when starting from a Windows To Go workspace: Determines if the PC can use standby sleep states (S1-S3) when starting from a Windows To Go workspace. S1 through S4 are sleeping states. When your Windows 8 client computer is in one of these states it is not performing computational tasks and will appear to be off. With each successive sleep state (S1-S4), more of the computer is shut down.

The Windows Store application is disabled by default when booting into a Windows 8 client computer using a Windows To Go workspace. You should enable this policy setting when the workspace will only be used with a single Windows 8 computer.

Virtualizing Operating Systems



Developing a strategy to virtualize your desktops, isolate legacy applications and maintain user settings and data will require that you have a good understanding of the tools provided along with their capabilities.

Microsoft solutions in the area of desktop virtualization are designed to allow you to access your applications and Windows environment from anywhere while at the same time, keeping your personal settings when changing to another device. Desktop virtualization focuses on three key deployment models:

- Operating system virtualization (VDI, Client Hyper V, and MED-V)
- Application virtualization (App-V and Remote App)
- User State virtualization (UE-V)

Operating system virtualization is designed to provide your users with the ability to use a single computer to run one or more virtual operating systems. These virtual operating systems can be delivered locally or from a centralized data center. Application virtualization (App-V) provides your users with the ability to run applications side-by-side that would normally cause conflicts or run multiple versions of the same application on the same computer. It also

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provides end users with access to virtually any application anywhere without having to install the application directly on their computers. User State virtualization (UE-V) allows your user's data and personal settings to follow them as they login to Windows 7 and Windows 8 client computers.

Exploring Operating System Virtualization

When determining the appropriate strategy to use for virtualizing your operating systems, you will need to take into consideration hardware, bandwidth, network latency, and costs. You will also need to determine if you want your users to be able to customize their personal desktops and how you will handle application incompatibility issues when moving to Windows 8.

When it comes to operating system virtualization, Microsoft categorizes operating system virtualization according to Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), Session Virtualization, and Microsoft Enterprise Desktop Virtualization (MED-V).

VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE (VDI)

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) is desktop delivery model that allows users to access centrally managed desktops running in a data center.

With VDI, the user has access to a virtualized instance of a client operating system such as Windows 8 that is running on a back-end server instead of on the user's computer. VDI can be deployed by in the form of a personal virtual desktop (PVD) or a virtual desktop pool (VDP). In a PVD deployment, each of your users, within Active Directory, will be assigned their own dedicated virtual desktop. The user can customize this desktop and it is for their exclusive use. The means there is a one-to-one relationship between VDI users and PVDs on server running Hyper-V. PVDs can be managed using the same tools used for physical computers and users can have full administrative control over their PVD. In a VDP deployment, users share a pool of virtual desktops that identical in configuration. These are located on servers running Hyper-V in a data center. VDP are dynamically assigned from the pool to users when they log on. Since all of these virtual desktops are the same, the user will see the same desktop regardless of which one they use. When they log off, the virtual desktop is reset to its original state. This represents a many-to-one relationship between VDI users and virtual desktops.

VDI works by virtualizing an entire desktop environment (operating system, user data and applications) on a server that can be accessed by multiple users. VDI then presents the user interface to users' devices by using the *Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)*. RDP is a set of rules that specify how the image on the screen of one computer is encoded and sent over a network connection to be displayed on another. The protocol also encrypts data being sent across the connection and increases performance over slow or unreliable connections by only sending data when something on the screen changes.

When combined with App-V and User State Virtualization (USV), users can connect to any available VDI session and access the applications, files, and folders they need while still maintaining their familiar desktop settings.

The typical components of an enterprise VDI include the following:

- A Windows Server running the Hyper-V role. Hyper-V is a role that provides the tools and services needed to create virtual machines which run multiple operating systems that are isolated from each other on a single physical server.
- A library/repository that contains the virtual machines, the virtual hard disks (VHD), and the hardware and software profiles. A virtual hard disk is an image format that

- allows you to encapsulate the hard disk into an individual file for use by the operating system as a virtual disk.
- A vehicle to deploy applications (App-V) based on user profiles. App-V provides access to applications from any device without the need to install or configure the application on the local device.
- A tool to help manage the VDI, such as Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP). MDOP is a suite of monitoring, perform emergency recovery, application and desktop virtualization tools.
- The *Remote Desktop Services (RDS)*. Remote Desktop Services (RDS), formerly known as Terminal Services, allow a Windows 2008/2012 server to host multiple, simultaneous client sessions.

The are several advantages to implementing the VDI model:

- It allows your users to access the virtual desktop environment from several different devices such as a desktop PC, a laptop, or a *thin client*. A thin client is a computer that relies heavily on another computer to process data, save files and in itself does not perform the tasks normally handled by a computer.
- If the device the user is working on fails, the desktop will continue to run and the user can reconnect from another device providing business continuity.
- The virtual desktops are maintained on a server in the central data center instead of on each of your users' computers providing enhanced security and centralized backup capabilities.

Although there are several advantages to designing and implementing a VDI strategy, you will need to keep in mind the cost of the high-end hardware needed to build the infrastructure, the bandwidth (capacity of connection) available and network latency (time it takes for the packets to traverse WAN links). If you have slow WAN links to branch offices and/or a large number of mobile workers, VDI may not be the solution for your organization. In that case, you might want to consider session virtualization as an alternate strategy.

SESSION VIRTUALIZATION

With session virtualization, your users can access individual applications (RemoteApps) or entire desktops (remote desktops or "sessions"). RemoteApps are programs that are accessed through Remote Desktop Services (RDS) and appear as if they are running on the client's local computer. RemoteApps removes the need to deliver the entire desktop to the remote system in order to launch an application. Instead, you can launch individual applications from your local computer. Each application will appear in its own window just like a locally running application would. You can also run RemoteApps side by side with local apps; they can be integrated into the Start menu to make it easier for your users to find them. These resources (applications/remote desktops) are running on a server located in a central data center.

The typical components of a session-based deployment include the following:

- RD Session Host servers: Servers running this role host RemoteApp programs or session-based desktops. Users connect a RD Session Host server to run programs, save their files and use other resources on those servers.
- RD Licensing servers: Servers running this role manage the licenses required to connect ot the RD Session Host server or a virtual desktop.
- **RD Connection Broker servers:** Servers running this role are used to distribute the load across multiple RD Session Host servers and allow users to reconnect to their RemoteApp programs, session-based desktops, and virtual desktops.
- RD Gateway servers: Servers running this role allow authorized users connecting from the Internet to gain access to their virtual desktops, RemoteApp programs, and sessionbased desktops located on the internal network.

 RD Web Access servers: Servers running this role provide the ability for users to access RemoteApp and desktop connection through the Start menu on Windows 7/8 or through a web browser. Both RemoteApp and Desktop Connection provide a custom view of the RemoteApp programs and session-based desktops.

Compared to VDI, session-based virtualization requires fewer resources to implement and is lower in cost to implement. It does not allow users to personalize their environments and in most implementations does not allow users to install their own applications.

MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE DESKTOP VIRTUALIZATION (MED-V)

Microsoft Enterprise Desktop Virtualization (MED-V), another desktop delivery model, is designed to remove barriers from upgrading to a newer version of the Windows operating system due to incompatible or legacy applications. By creating a virtual environment called a MED-V workspace you can run a legacy application that has not been supported or tested on Windows 8. A *MED-V workspace* is the desktop environment your user interacts with and consists of both an image and a policy which defines the rules and how the workspace functions. From an administrator perspective, using a MED-V workspace will allow you to move forward with a rollout of Windows 8 instead of getting sidetracked addressing applicationcompatibility issues.

For example, if you have a user who needs to run an earlier version of an application that is not supported on Windows 8, you can use MED-V to deploy the earlier version as part of a virtual image. The user will then have two copies of the application running simultaneously on her Windows 8 client computer. The current version runs on her host computer and the legacy version runs in the MED-V workspace. To the user, it will appear as if both are running on the local computer. She accesses the legacy application from the desktop of the virtual desktop or by using an application window that is integrated into the local desktop of their host computer.

The typical components of Med-V include:

- MED-V Management Server associates virtual images (located in the Image Repository) with administrator usage policies to Active Directory users and groups. It also stores event information for reporting and monitoring purposes.
- MED-V Management console is used by administrators to control the management server and the image repository.
- MED-V Image Repository stores the virtual images on a standard Internet Information Server (IIS) and handles virtual image version management and requests from authenticated MED-V clients for images.
- MED-V Client allows you to start, stop and lock virtual machines and runs seamlessly on the desktop, making applications appear as if they are running on the local desktop's operating system.

With the MED-V client installed on a desktop computer, the user connects to the MED-V Management Server. The MED-V Management Server queries Active Directory for security settings and access control information. Once approved, the client retrieves the MED-V workspace image from the MED-V Image Repository server.

Administrators use the MED-V Management console to connect to the Management Server where they can update policies; create, manage, and update virtual machines; and provision workspaces to users. The image delivered to the client uses a seamless mode to present the application to the user.

HYPER-V AND CLIENT HYPER-V

The Hyper-V role in Windows Server 2012 provides you with the tools needed to create a virtualized environment. By virtualizing hardware, you can create and manage virtual