Citrix Extends Open Source Strategy with XenServer

XenServer 6.2 and New Community Portal Provides Strategic Path to the Cloud

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Citrix today announced the next step in its commitment to driving the development of open source platforms with the availability of a full featured, open-source, freely available XenServer® 6.2 offering. Citrix is also introducing a new XenServer.org community portal to foster innovation, collaboration and third-party integration from a diverse developer and partner ecosystem. Today's announcement follows the recent contributions of the hypervisor to the Linux Foundation and CloudStack to the Apache Software Foundation, accelerating the Citrix vision for building the best virtualization and cloud platforms based on a proven model of open source technology development.

A key part of the Citrix "Path to the Cloud" strategy - which spans servers, networking and desktops - is ensuring customers can seamlessly migrate their most important workloads to a cloud environment. With XenServer 6.2, Citrix is delivering the best open source virtualization platform and continuing the momentum of powering leading clouds across all major cloud orchestration platforms, including Apache CloudStack, Citrix CloudPlatform® and OpenStack. XenServer 6.2 provides performance, scalability and density improvements for private and public clouds, as well as enhanced features to support existing and new desktop and server virtualization deployments for those customers who are still determining their cloud strategy and want to future proof for the cloud.

Highlights

XenServer 6.2 brings cloud-ready features, openness and simplicity with the following enhancements:

- **Massive Horizontal Scale and Increased Performance** - XenServer 6.2 delivers best of breed capabilities while running 500 virtual machines and 4,000 vCPUs per host, and significantly improving boot storm performance. As a result, customers can drastically improve their desktop virtualization density and performance, and more easily future proof their infrastructure for the cloud.
- **Windows 8 and Windows 2012 Support** - XenServer 6.2 leverages platform enhancements in Windows 8 and Windows 2012 to bring even greater server consolidation when virtualizing workloads.
- **Desktop Virtualization Integrations** - XenServer is already optimized for XenDesktop®, offering IntelliCache, Dynamic Memory Control, lowest TCO and best-in-class performance. XenServer 6.2 continues to be optimized for desktop virtualization, adding new Desktop Director alerts for low resources (memory, CPU, disk, network) and preemptive actions to prevent hosts from becoming unusable.

Availability and Pricing

A free, open source XenServer 6.2 option is available today to any user from the new XenServer.org community portal. Citrix also offers a fully supported commercial option of XenServer 6.2, downloadable on its website, which includes packaged updates and maintenance, 24x7 worldwide support and commercial license protections. Citrix XenServer 6.2 introduces new per-socket license pricing, and will enable existing server licenses to be easily converted to socket licenses for free.

Quotes

Sameer Dholakia, group vice president and general manager, Cloud Platforms Group, Citrix

"The Cloud Era has brought a lot of exciting opportunities for data center infrastructure, but the reality is that one size doesn't fit all when it comes to virtualization. By empowering our users and partners with a committed open source strategy and community for XenServer - which already powers some of the largest clouds in the world - we are moving the needle in innovation to help customers of all sizes, and at all stages of their cloud strategies, to maximize the benefits they gain from virtualization and the cloud."

Mark Bowker, senior analyst, Enterprise Strategy Group

"On premise, off premise and hybrid cloud computing architectures demand an open approach to help IT efficiently drive innovation further and faster. Citrix XenServer 6.2 highlights the effectiveness open source is having in enterprise IT and how
Citrix is driving the success of virtualization and cloud into today's modern datacenter."

Ian Rae, CEO, CloudOps

"Open source clouds are our business and XenServer has been part of our vision for quite some time. The Citrix commitment to fully open sourcing XenServer is a strong message to the market that they are serious about providing the virtualization platform for the next datacenter shift being driven by cloud."

Jason Waxman, VP & GM of Cloud Platform Group, Intel

"The ongoing commitment from Citrix to open source product development is driving increased adoption in our enterprise customer base. An open source XenServer accelerates the ability of both Intel and Citrix to bring the value of our collaborations and access to advanced Intel technologies, like hardware assisted security with Intel TXT, to XenServer users."

Iain Balmer, global head of Instacompute Architecture & Engineering, Tata Communications

"Citrix has outlined a strong open source strategy for XenServer. Providing a simple path for customers and partners to impact the future of XenServer should enable accelerated innovation and ensure we are providing the best possible virtualization platform to our cloud customers."

Related Links

- Blog: XenServer 6.2 is now fully open source!
- Blog: Introducing XenServer the Project
- Partner Blog (Intel): Not Your Mother's Open Source
- Partner Announcement (Goliath Technologies): Goliath Technologies Announces MonitorIT® Support for Citrix XenServer 6.2
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