

Server Consolidation Services from IBM: Optimizing your IT infrastructure for greater savings, flexibility and resiliency





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In today's volatile business environment, forward-thinking organizations are striving to create innovative ways to stay competitive. They must be strongly positioned for growth with an IT infrastructure aligned with business goals and able to seamlessly introduce new functionality for smooth expansion into new marketplaces.

At the same time, with tighter budgets, organizations must increase efficiencies, reduce overall costs and complexities, and gain greater flexibility to meet the needs of an evolving business.

Server Consolidation Services from IBM can help you reduce IT infrastructure complexity to optimize performance, reduce operational management costs, and increase adaptability to facilitate business growth and change.

IBM's tested methodology and tools coupled with deep expertise, experience and leadership in server consolidation projects enables you to reduce IT complexity and operating costs, while allowing you to embrace change and seize new opportunities for growth.



Industry situation



In today's environment, it is essential to create alignment between IT and your business goals.





Sprawl can have many causes, including:

Mergers and acquisitions Integration of applications Multiple locations New applications Multiple hardware platforms Multiple operating systems Demand or growth New customers New employees Web traffic



When you add servers as a stopgap measure to address a short-term demand, it creates an immediate and lasting increase in cost including:

Hardware costs

More servers, more racks, more storage systems

Distributed computing environments

that mostly sit idle, with as little

as

eight percent of capacity utilized

Software and application costs

More servers that require more licenses

Management tools required to maintain performance

Management costs IT staff Ongoing training Site and facilities costs Data center space, rack space Power, cooling, security, monitoring



As server total cost of ownership continues to grow, you need to reduce the number of servers without sacrificing computing power



US\$140B in unutilized server assets*

Source: IDC, Preparing for Change: Architecture and Infrastructure Considerations for the Data Center of the Future, Doc # DR2008_1MB, March 2008



With complexity, you limit IT flexibility.

Increases difficulty of deploying new technologies and supporting advanced IT initiatives

Requires disproportionate management resources to maintain appropriate levels of performance, security and availability

With complexity, you limit business flexibility.

Saps budgetary and personnel resources Reduces capacity to rapidly respond to changing business conditions, due to unpredictable or poor application performance



Consolidation approaches





Consolidation means you need to:

- Reduce the number of sites.
- Reduce the number of servers.
- Migrate to better performing, more expandable servers.
- Optimize the performance of remaining servers.
- Integrate new server investments with the broader infrastructure.



The ability to add new functionality and achieve further efficiencies from additional optimization solutions include:

Virtualization Provisioning Service Oriented Architectures Streamline processes Energy efficient data centers



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Server consolidation techniques include:

Centralization	Consolidating multiple servers within fewer sites
Physical consolidation	Reducing the actual number of servers by replacing many servers with fewer, more powerful servers or clustered systems
Application integration	Consolidating multiple applications into fewer servers and operating system instances, enabling business process integration and automation
Data integration	Combining data from different sources across the same or disparate data types and architectures into a central resource



Delivers design, strategy, planning, implementation and testing services—For creating a consolidated environment from heterogeneous server infrastructures

Provides access to consolidation methodologies and tools and a center of competency—To help you take advantage of the expertise of highly skilled IBM professionals

Creates a foundation for more advanced optimization initiatives —Including virtualization, Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), cloud computing and green data center initiatives



Savings





Cost savings: Based on IBM's experience, the following represents the typical savings that organizations may realize*:

Hardware costs: Reduced 33 to 70 percent

Maintenance costs: Reduced up to 50 percent

Support costs: Reduced by as much as 33 percent

Floor space and facility costs: Reduced up to 33 to 50 percent

IBM can help you*:

Realize return on investment in six months or less

Reduce total cost of ownership by 30 percent to 70 percent

Increase server utilization rates of up to 80 percent (compared with the typical 5 to 15 percent)

Realize consolidation ratios ranging from 8 to 1 to 30 to 1

Lower power and cooling costs because fewer servers are needed



Higher utilization rates and improved performance from existing investments

Extended return on investment for existing servers

The ability to add new functionality and achieve further efficiencies from additional optimization investments

Virtualization Provisioning Service Oriented Architectures Cloud computing



A consolidated server environment can optimize your IT infrastructure energy efficiency.





Before consolidation (based on IBM's experience)

Servers account for 50 to 75 percent of the data center's total floor space

Server sprawl is a challenge, resulting in high maintenance and support costs

Server utilization is only 5 to 15 percent on average

After consolidation (based on IBM's experience)

Servers typically account for 20 to 50 percent of the data center's total floor space

Consolidation ratios from 6:1 to 20:1

Typical total cost of ownership (TCO) savings from 30 to 70 percent

Server utilization rates up to 80 percent

Data source: American Power Conversion Corporation (APC) white paper, Implementing Energy Efficient Data Centers, #114, by Neil Rasmussen, 2006.



Actions to take:

How IBM Global Financing can help:

Manage liquidity and risk while making investments necessary to drive business success



Economic Uncertainty? IBM funds IT.

Don't let the economic downturn and dwindling credit options stop clients from getting the capital they still need to operate and improve their businesses. While many lenders have drastically curtailed credit availability, IBM Global Financing remains well positioned to support clients' technology investment needs and help them mitigate financial risk.





Business case



Case Study (based on real client case)







Continue with current infrastructure 45 logical servers and 27 physical servers

Change for consolidation 45 logical servers and 2 physical servers

5 year cost scenario







How do we deliver?



Consolidation projects comprise three stages:

Solution Framing	AssessmentStrategySolution approach		
Plan and Design	 Detailed client environment analysis Business case Macro design Micro design Detailed assessment Detailed transition plan 		
Implement	Solution buildTestingDeploy		

Standard tool: Cirba

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