

Data Center Migration

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One thing is clear: moving some or all of your data center functions to Linux can reduce costs, increase flexibility, improve security and simplify IT management issues. But the devil is in the details: how do you go about doing it?

The first step is to migrate core IT functions like file, print, directory, messaging, identity, database and Web servers and services to a Linux platform. And since this touches almost every part of your organization, most companies are hesitant to start, since few companies have the in-house expertise and resources to carry out such a migration successfully. You need to have all the bases covered—business and technical requirements, a sound strategy, careful planning, systematic implementation, training, support—just to name a few.

To assist you with the transition, Novell® has created the Data Center Migration solution, a comprehensive offering that helps you manage the various resources, processes, applications, data and risks associated with moving your core operational functions to a Linux platform.

MOVING YOUR CORE SERVICES

The Novell Data Center Migration solution begins by helping you migrate your core services to Linux, moving generally stable and well-defined corporate

IT services to a Linux platform. Using proven methodologies, best practices and automated productivity tools, we guide you through the migration process, from initial requirements gathering and planning through testing, deployment and configuration. And we provide both Web-based and resource-management tools for target Linux environments.

The Data Center Migration solution is divided into three well-coordinated process stages—Requirements Planning, Design and Deployment—that minimize operational risks and unnecessary disruptions to your organization.

FIRST: REQUIREMENTS PLANNING

We build on high-priority initiatives identified in a Direction Setting workshop and examine the requirements in greater depth. We help you identify and communicate with key stakeholders to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed, confirm objectives, determine which services should be migrated and work with you to develop a migration plan. We assess such factors as:

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“It is obvious to many that Linux is at least as good a server operating system, based on capabilities, as any operating system out of Redmond. And that’s before you factor in cost.”

—“Long Road Ahead for Linux,”
cnet.news.com,
January 24, 2003

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- Corporate strategy
- Which services to begin with
- Overall environment readiness
- Stakeholder and business requirements
- Available Linux-compatible services

SECOND: DESIGN

Working closely with you, we develop design recommendations, cost estimates and timelines. We help you identify and evaluate the Linux services and systems that best meet your needs. We also help you develop detailed training and support plans.

Best of all, we help you design—and test—a comprehensive migration plan that addresses all aspects of your data center move to Linux.

THIRD: DEPLOYMENT

Once the design is proven sound, the migration begins. This includes setting up the system and

conducting pilot tests. We work closely with your IT and support staff to deploy and configure targeted Linux services in a limited production environment, and then we help you initiate a phased production rollout.

MOVING FORWARD

Once you’ve moved your data center services to a Linux platform, you’ll be ready to take the next step: moving your business applications such as payroll, order entry and inventory—to a Linux environment. We will analyze your data center needs and work with you to find Linux alternatives, determine where you can consolidate systems, design a migration strategy and establish training and support systems. We can also help you effectively manage a heterogeneous environment, allowing you to move your data center applications to Linux smoothly and without disrupting services.

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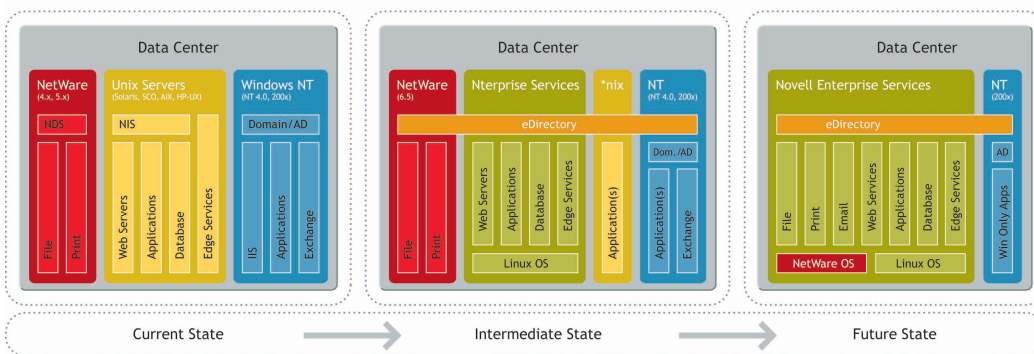
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