

## **The Reality of Virtualization for Windows Servers**

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This paper discusses the performance and capacity concerns that arise when Windows servers are run as virtual machine guests on current virtualization solutions.

It reviews the advantages and disadvantages of virtualization as a server consolidation strategy. It describes the major sources of performance degradation that applications running on guest machines face today and discusses the prospects to resolve these problems as new hardware emerges in the near future.