VMware and NVIDIA Announce First Participants in Tech Preview of NVIDIA GRID vGPU

Airbus, CH2MHILL, MetroHealth Among Initial Customers to Use Virtualized GPUs for Delivering Rich Graphics Applications Into Secure Virtual Workspaces

BARCELONA, SPAIN -- (Marketwired) -- 10/14/14 -- Airbus Group, CH2MHILL and MetroHealth are among the first companies to join VMware and NVIDIA's early access program to try the latest technology for GPU virtualization and virtual application and desktop infrastructure, ahead of its general availability.

Customers selected to participate in the early access program have deployed a technology preview of the solution. They get to work directly with the engineering teams from both NVIDIA and VMware, and provide direct input about their experiences -- influencing future products, training, documentation and services. Interested parties can register for the program at www.nvidia.com/grid-vmware-vgpu.

NVIDIA GRID vGPU technology allows multiple virtual machines to share the power of a single GPU to deliver rich graphics experiences with professional 2D and 3D applications. Combined with VMware Horizon, the technology can deliver a great user experience and the scalability that IT teams require for the most demanding users in their organizations.

*Early Customer Reactions*

Initial users of the technology include Airbus, the European aircraft-manufacturing giant; CH2MHILL, a global construction and engineering firm; and MetroHealth, a major healthcare provider.

"Airbus decided to implement virtual desktops to streamline end-user access and easily enable suppliers to access major applications supporting Airbus aircraft development. We're strongly interested in using VMware Horizon with NVIDIA GRID vGPU to offer a scalable and cost-effective solution. The power of the combined offering will allow us to achieve even more efficient business cases."

- Philippe Muhlhause, Head of EE M&A Architecture and Standards, Airbus

"We've had great success to date testing GRID vGPU. The vGPU technology improves scalability and performance for our high-end design engineers, and promises to give a fluid experience to anyone in our company. We are confident that it is now finally economically viable for CH2MHILL to provide a VDI farm for graphically demanding workloads across the globe. This could truly transform the way we do business."

- Craig Fletcher, chief technology officer at CH2MHILL

"With GRID vGPU, the graphical compute demands our applications require work exactly as expected, but can now be delivered with VMware Horizon® instead of a physical desktop. This is a key development that brings us one large step closer to delivering on the promise of virtualizing the desktop for all of our users."

- Aivars Apsite, technology strategist of MetroHealth

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This is a limited access program for organizations worldwide that meet certain requirements, including being a current VMware Horizon and NVIDIA GRID customer. Additional requirements and more information are available on the early access program website.

Earlier this year at NVIDIA's GPU Technology Conference, NVIDIA and VMware announced their intention to collaborate to bring NVIDIA GRID vGPU to VMware products. A technology preview of GRID vGPU combined with VMware solutions was showcased at the VMworld conference in San Francisco.

"Through this technology preview, we are looking to learn from organizations on how we can continue to provide them greater value through best-in-class solutions. Participants in the early access program are in the unique position of being part of the solution development process, giving them a competitive and first-mover advantage,” said Erik Frieberg, vice president, Product Marketing, End-User Computing, VMware. "This joint offering promises to provide customers and service providers with high performance for complex and graphics-intensive applications."
“Global manufacturing, design and engineering businesses are putting vGPU on VMware Horizon to the test, running the most sophisticated applications and complex models virtually without compromising the graphics experience,” said Jeff Brown, vice president and general manager of Professional Visualization and Design at NVIDIA. "The initial response has been tremendous, and we will continue to work with VMware to help enterprises improve employee productivity and streamline the management of their hardware resources.”

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