

WINDOWS 7 MIGRATION GUIDE

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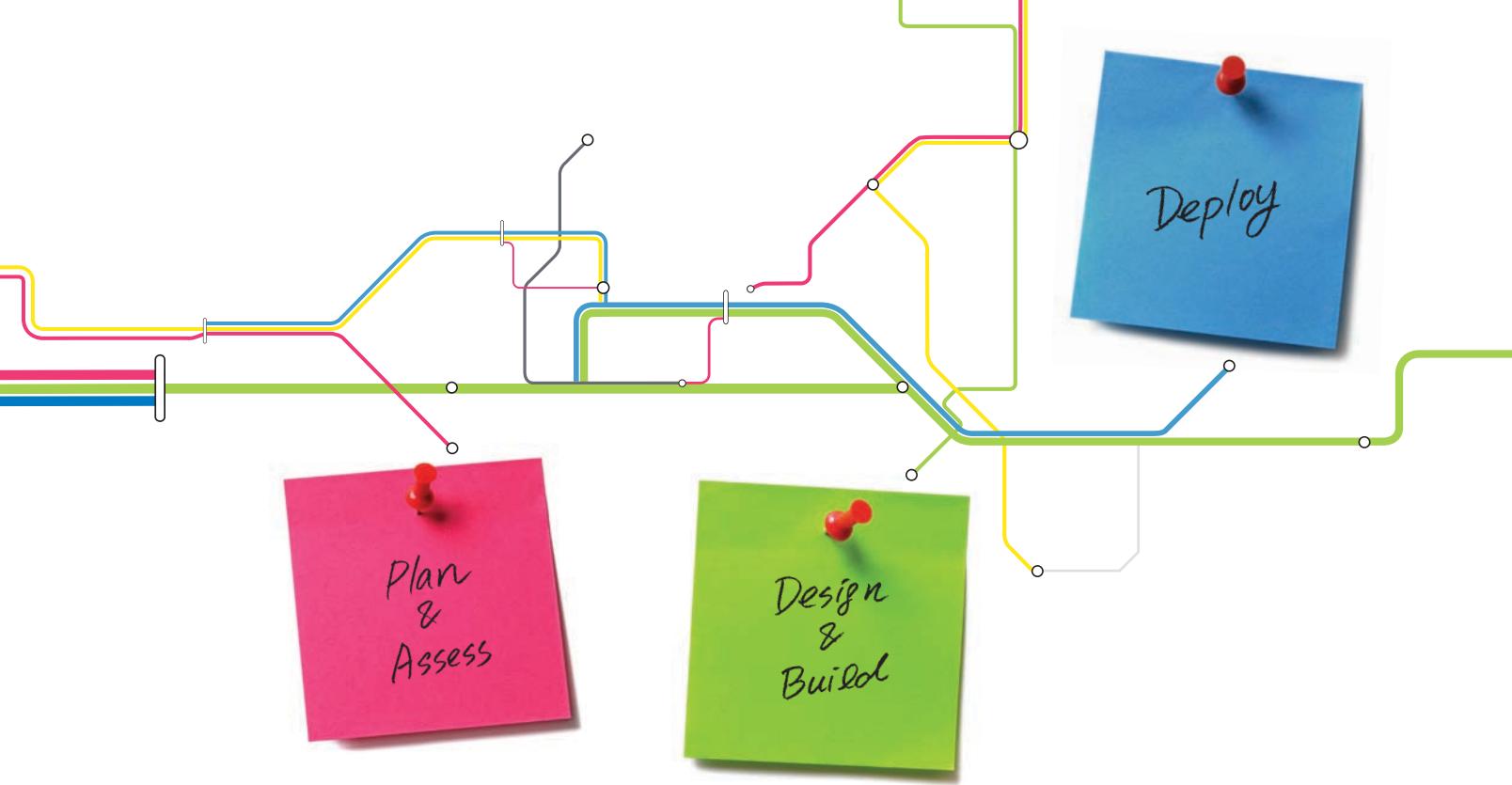
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The Microsoft Windows Server® 2008 R2 OS offers a powerful feature set that is designed to work specifically with client computers running Windows 7 Enterprise. By running Windows 7 on clients in conjunction with Windows Server 2008 R2 in the data center, IT groups can enhance mobile and remote user productivity while tightening security and streamlining management.



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