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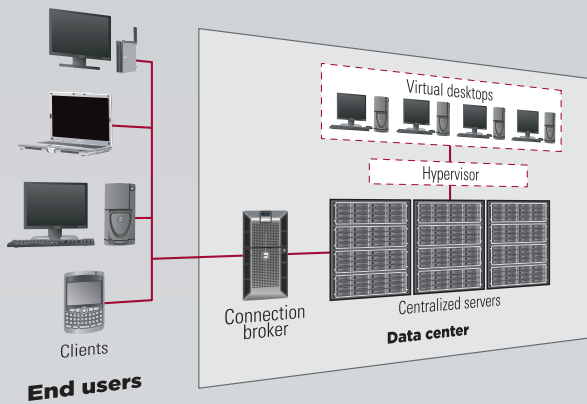
As server virtualization continues to transform the data center, enterprises have some critical decisions to make. How will they migrate to a fully virtualized environment? How should the IT infrastructure be configured for maximum business benefit? Dell is partnering with other industry leaders to build a flexible, industry-standard approach that helps simplify the transition.

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Microsoft® Hyper-V™ technology provides a simplified virtualization platform integrated directly into the Microsoft Windows Server® 2008 OS. This article provides an introduction to Hyper-V virtualization, discusses the overall architecture and underlying technologies, and offers guidance on best practices for deployment on Dell™ PowerEdge™ servers.



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By Todd Muirhead

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