The Modern Desktop Playbook

A Strategic Guide to Secure, Cloud-First IT

IT SHOULD WORK FOR YOU, NOT AGAINST YOU

Traditional IT setups are no longer enough. If your business still relies on VPNs, on-premises servers, or manually configured devices, you're losing time, security, and productivity. The way we work has changed—your IT needs to change with it.

The **Modern Desktop Experience** is designed for **efficiency, security, and simplicity**. It eliminates IT roadblocks and ensures seamless, secure work from anywhere.

In this playbook, we'll break down:

- Why traditional IT is holding you back
- What the Modern Desktop Experience is and how it works
- A step-by-step plan for adopting a **cloud-first, Zero Trust approach**

If you're ready to reduce IT complexity, improve security, and boost employee productivity, this guide is for you.

THE PROBLEM: WHY TRADITIONAL IT NO LONGER WORKS

Legacy IT infrastructures were built for a different era—before cloud computing, widespread remote work, and modern cyber threats. Sticking with outdated IT leads to unnecessary costs, inefficiencies, and security risks.

Common IT Roadblocks

- **Slow Onboarding & Device Setup** – New employees wait days for IT to configure their machines.
- **Unreliable VPNs** – Lagging, disconnecting, and vulnerable to cyberattacks.
- **Unpatched, Unmanaged Devices** – A security risk waiting to happen.
- **IT Bottlenecks** – Support teams spend more time fixing issues than improving IT strategy.
- **Compliance Risks** – Outdated security policies leave businesses exposed to data breaches.

These issues don't just slow IT down—they slow your entire business down.

THE SOLUTION: WHAT IS THE MODERN DESKTOP EXPERIENCE?

The **Modern Desktop Experience** is a **cloud-first, security-driven IT model** that eliminates legacy complexity. It is built on three core pillars:

1. Cloud Identity & Device Management

No more on-prem servers or local Active Directory. Employees authenticate through **cloud identity solutions** like Azure AD (Entra ID) or Google Workspace, ensuring secure, centralized access. Every device is **pre-configured, secured, and managed remotely**, reducing IT overhead.

2. Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)

Forget slow, vulnerable VPNs. **SASE** delivers seamless, encrypted access to company resources without performance issues. Built-in threat detection automatically blocks unauthorized access, keeping your network secure.

3. Zero Trust Security Model

With **Zero Trust**, every user, device, and access request is verified **before** being granted access. Even if credentials are stolen, attackers can't get in. **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), automated access controls,** and **continuous monitoring** ensure security without adding friction for employees.

THE BUSINESS IMPACT: FASTER, SAFER, MORE PRODUCTIVE IT

The **Modern Desktop Experience** doesn't just improve IT—it improves **business operations** across the board.

Reduced IT Workload

- Pre-configured devices eliminate manual setup.
- Automated updates reduce the need for IT intervention.
- Security policies are enforced automatically.

Stronger Security & Compliance

- No more blind spots—every device, user, and login is verified.
- No ex-employees retaining access due to poor offboarding.
- Built-in compliance enforcement for finance, healthcare, and legal industries.

Better Employee Experience

- New hires receive ready-to-go devices on day one.
- No frustrating VPN issues—fast, seamless remote access.
- Secure work from any location, without IT slowdowns.

THE 5-STEP MIGRATION PLAN

Transitioning to a **Modern Desktop Experience** doesn't have to be complex. Follow these steps to implement a **cloud-first IT model** with minimal disruption:

Step 1: Assess Your Current IT Setup

- Identify outdated infrastructure and pain points.
- Evaluate security gaps and compliance risks.

Step 2: Standardize & Secure Devices

- Deploy pre-configured, security-hardened workstations.
- Implement cloud-based device and identity management.

Step 3: Replace VPNs with SASE

- Deploy a **cloud-first, Zero Trust** access solution.
- Improve performance and security with **real-time threat detection.**

Step 4: Enforce Zero Trust Security

- Automate security controls and MFA enforcement.
- Continuously monitor and verify all access attempts.

Step 5: Automate IT Security & Compliance

- Enable automated patching and threat detection.
- Ensure compliance policies are enforced across all devices.

HOW NEXT PERIMETER HELPS

We don't just recommend the **Modern Desktop Experience**—we implement it.

- **Pre-configured, secure workstations** shipped directly to employees.
- **Zero Trust security model** to eliminate unauthorized access risks.
- **24/7 security monitoring, SIEM integration, & IT lifecycle management.**
- **No VPNs, no manual IT headaches—just secure, seamless IT.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MODERN DESKTOP EXPERIENCE

Visit **NextPerimeter.com** to explore how our **Modern Desktop Experience** helps businesses secure, optimize, and streamline their IT operations. The Modern Desktop Experience eliminates outdated IT struggles, strengthens security, and improves business productivity.

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About Us

Next Perimeter simplifies IT and security for growing businesses by eliminating complexity, boosting productivity, and ensuring seamless, secure experiences.

We streamline onboarding to get new hires up and running on day one, replace outdated systems with cloud-first, zero-trust solutions, and deliver unified IT and security services that protect your business while enabling smarter work.